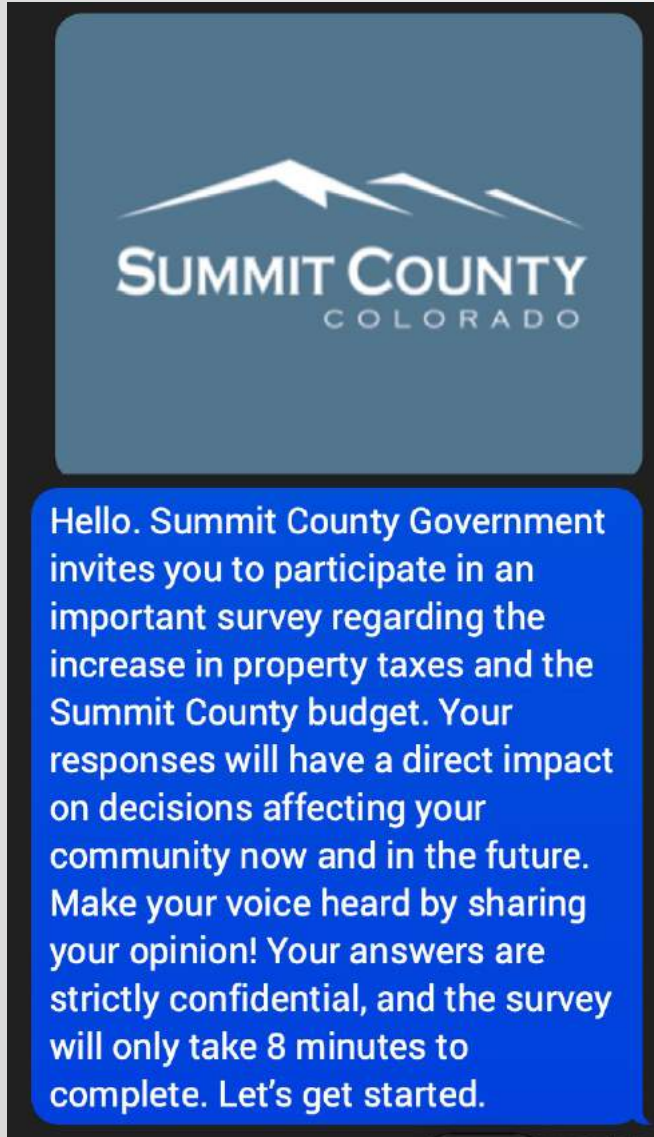


Summit County Budget Opinion Survey

December 5th to 12th, 2023



Methodology

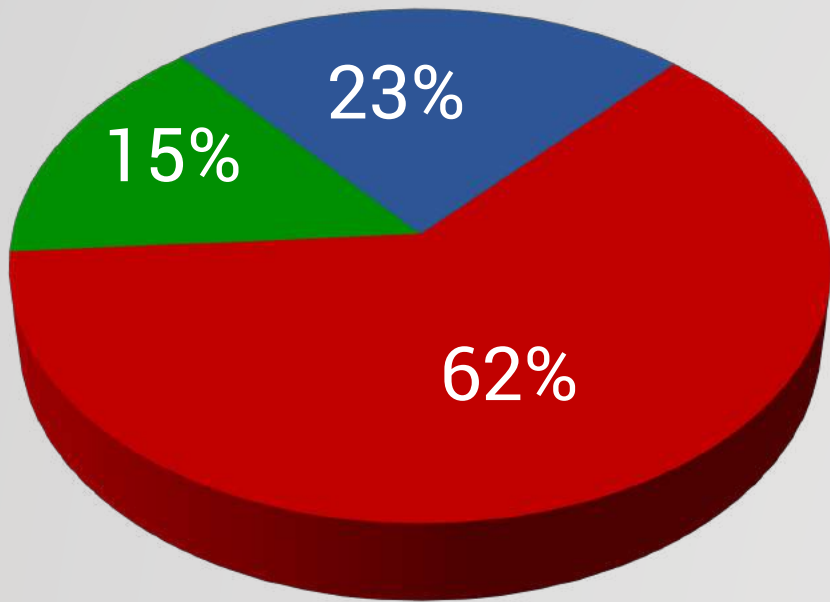


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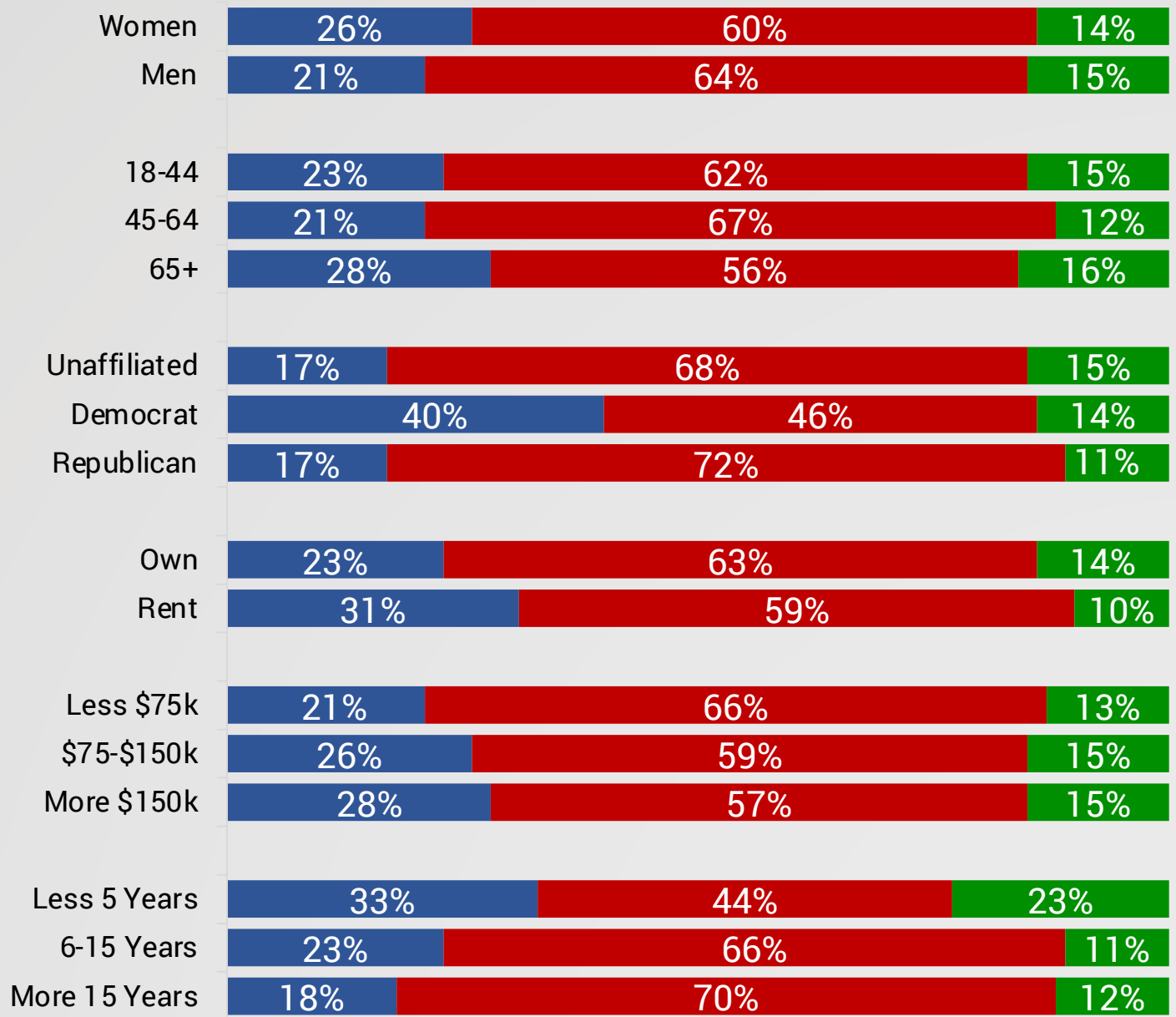
The overall survey responses have a margin of error of +/- 3.3% at the 95% confidence interval. Population subgroups will have a higher margin of error than the overall sample.

The survey data were weighted to be representative of the voter registration demographics in Summit County.

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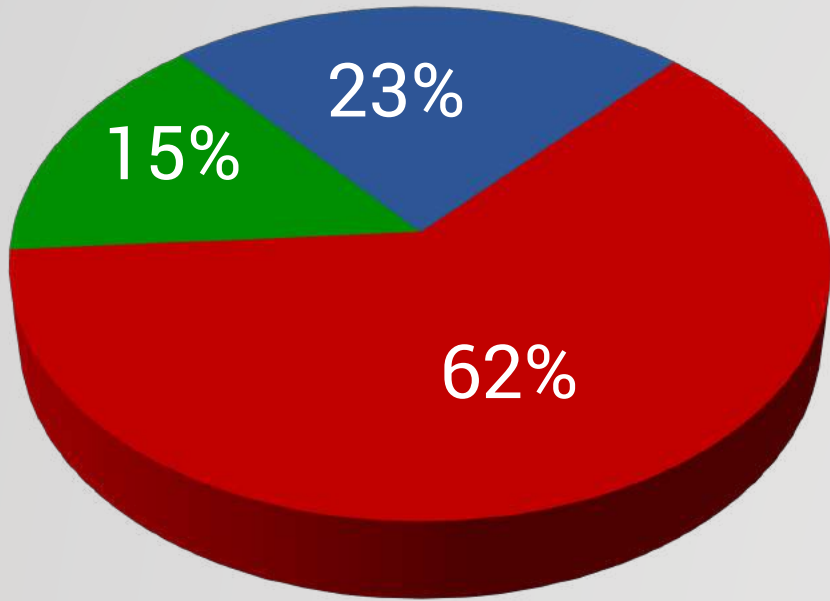


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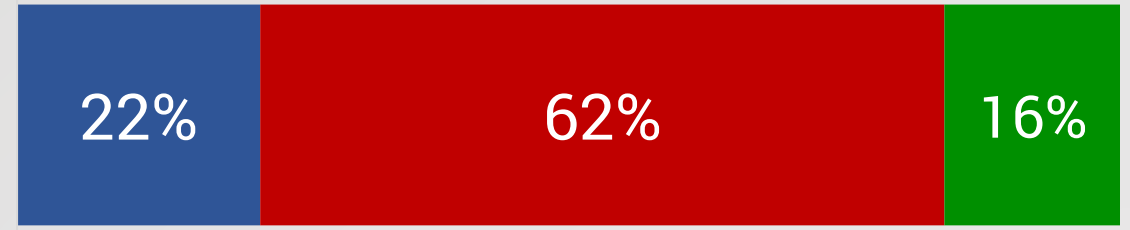
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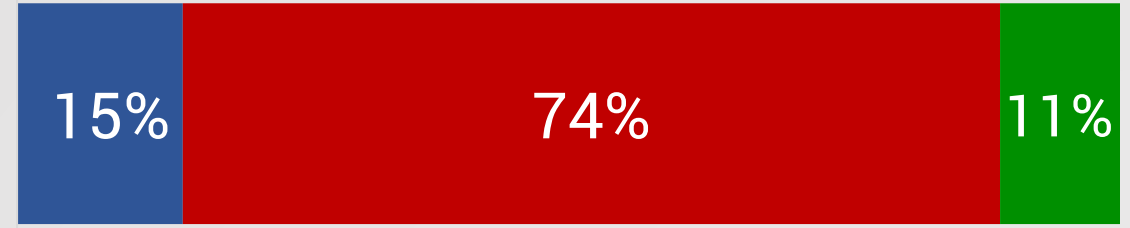


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Breckenridge



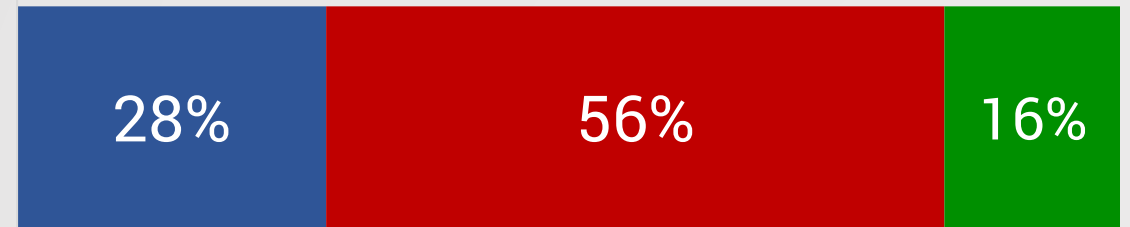
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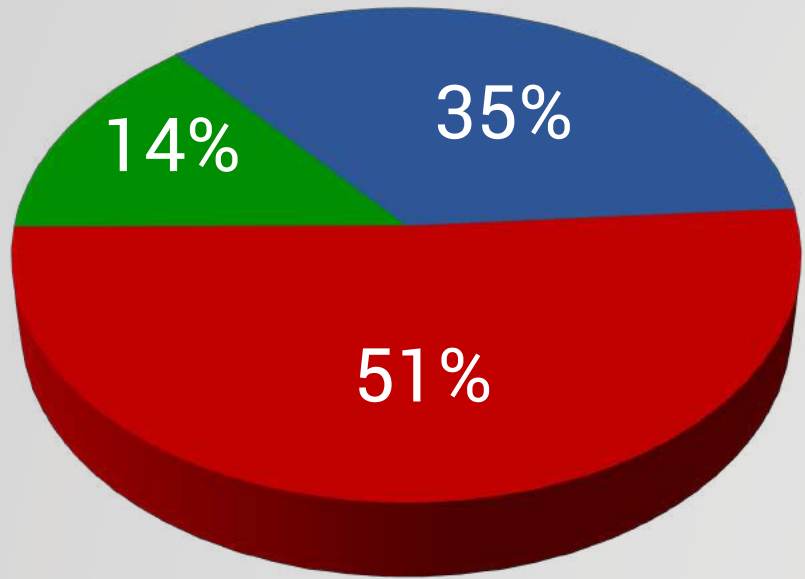


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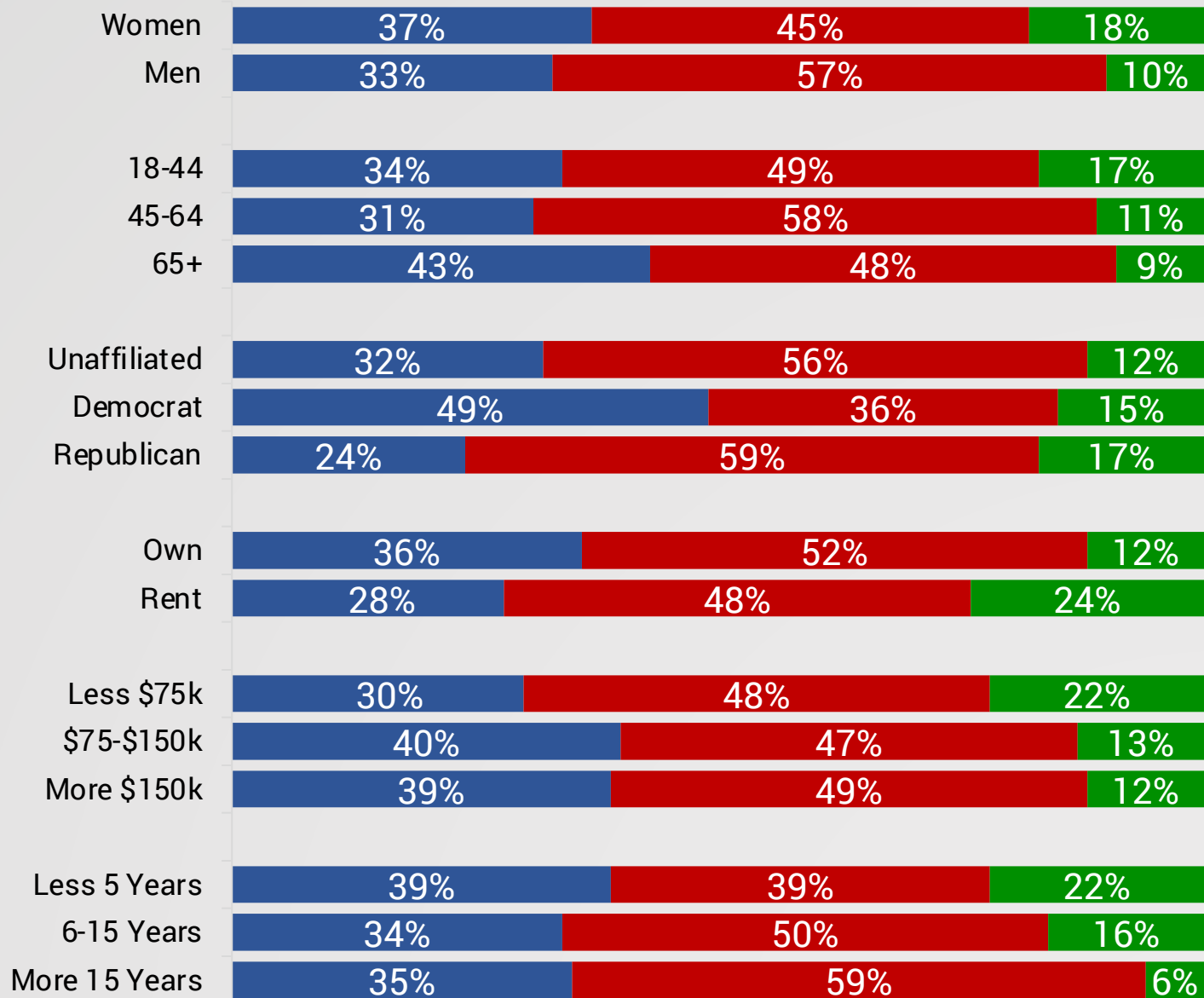
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Do you approve or disapprove of the job Summit County's Board of County Commissioners is doing providing services to residents?



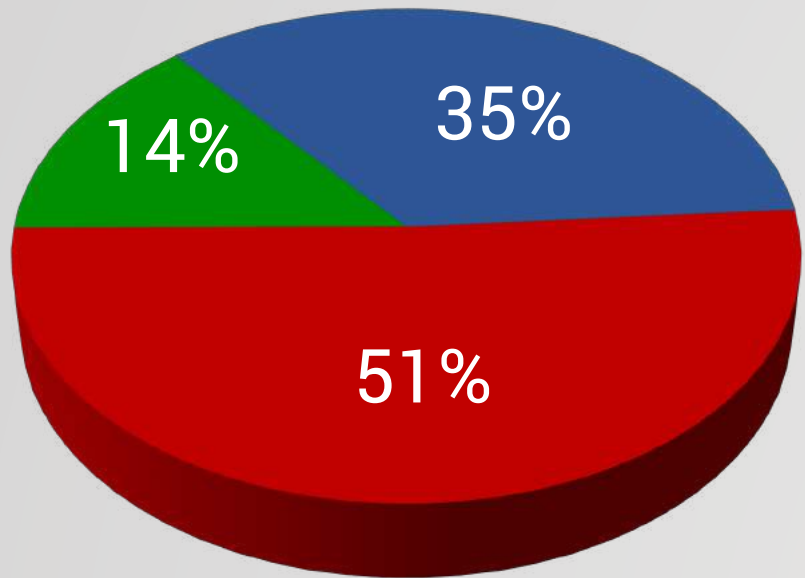
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Strongly Approve	5%
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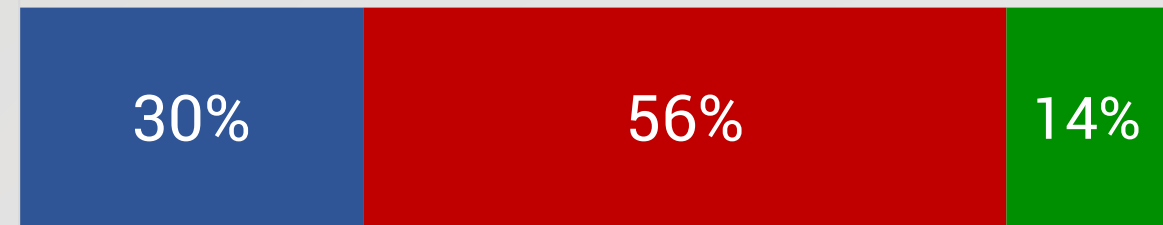
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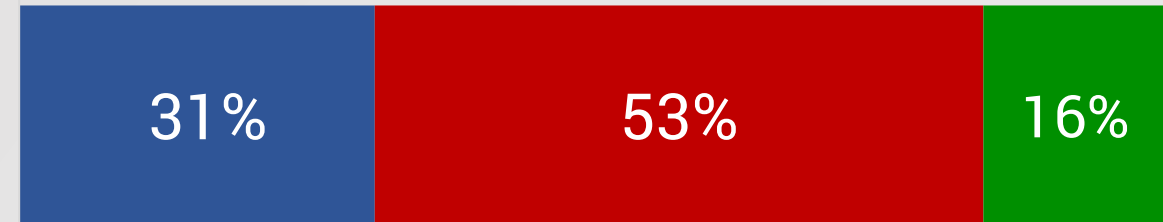
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Breckenridge



Dillon



Frisco



Silverthorne



- Total Approve
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- No Opinion

Reasons why 35% of respondents approve of the job the Summit County Board of Commissioners is doing providing services to residents.

Themes
Efforts to address the housing crisis
Residents have good access to services
Regulation and taxing of short-term-rentals
Balancing concerns of residents and businesses

“1. Your attempt to control the short-term rental growth. Without control, we would totally lose our neighborhood. 2. The growth of workforce housing.”

-Male, 65+, Unaffiliated, Breckenridge

“I feel the commissioners are doing a good job of trying to balance the local economy with respect to STR’s and the zones/license limits. I also feel the amenities in this county are unparalleled to other counties.” **-Male, 55-64, Unaffiliated, Dillon**

“I think that this is generally the right direction when it comes to helping the people who live here with taxing second homeowners at a higher rate for renting their properties. I also think that the housing program is very useful as it provides housing for full-time workers up here. However, I think that things are so unaffordable for people who live up here full time that some of the tax increases are very worrisome.” **-Female, 18-34, Unaffiliated, Silverthorne**

“Generally, infrastructure is well maintained and continuously improved.”

-Female, 55-64, Democrat, Frisco

“I can tell our commissioners are passionate about making Summit County the best it can be. They work hard addressing the most important issues facing our community such as housing costs and transportation issues.” **-Male, 18-34, Democrat, Silverthorne**

“Taking into consideration the need for affordable housing is a good path. Limiting and restricting use for people’s personal property is overstepping.”

-Female, 35-44, Unaffiliated, Breckenridge

“I mostly like the efforts to minimize and/or stop the effects of STRs in the county as well as policies directed at alleviating the high cost of housing.”

-Male, 45-54, Unaffiliated, Dillon

Reasons why 52% of respondents disapprove of the job the Summit County Board of Commissioners is doing providing services to residents.

Themes

Tax increases/Cost of living too high

Wrong priorities, not focusing on essential services

Disagree with short-term rental restrictions

Lack of affordable housing

“Excessive amount of new construction (not affordable housing) , which drives large property tax payments plus a 60% increase on property taxes for homeowners. Where is all this money going?” -**Female, 65+, Republican, Silver.**

“Taxes are too high for the level of services. The recreation centers are too expensive. Food taxes are too high.” -**Male, 45-54, Republican, Frisco**

“The short-term rental regulations were enacted by the BOCC despite opposition from the citizens and local real estate professionals.” -**Female, 65+, Unaffiliated, Breckenridge**

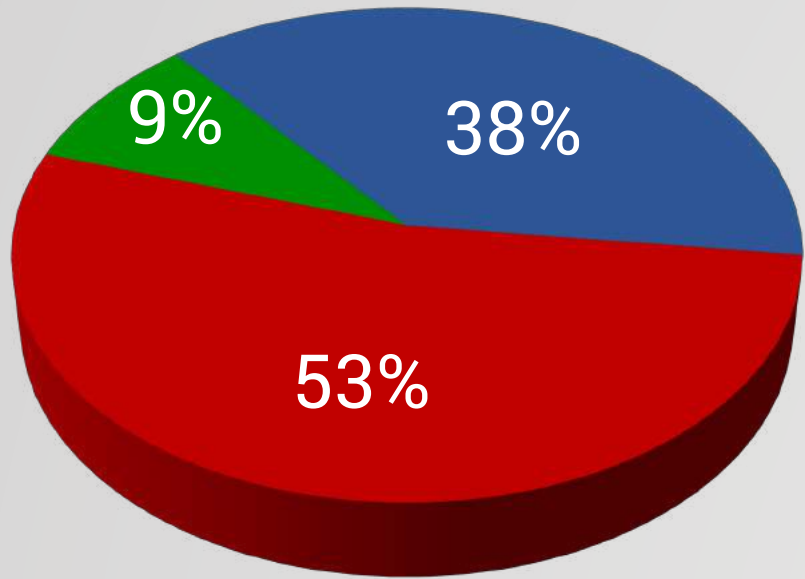
“Focusing on political agendas that don't help the people of Summit County. Voting against the 2nd homeowners that bring TONS of money to our county.”
-**Female, 55-64, Republican, Dillon**

“Addiction to increasing revenue and putting it to ST landlords and our lifeblood - tourists.” -
Male, 65+, Unaffiliated, Frisco

“I feel we do need affordable housing, but I'm not sure the restrictions on STR licenses are the correct solution. It has made it hard for my neighbors to sell their homes and has limited our homes from increasing in value. I feel the lease to locals program or other incentives for homeowners, and deed restrictions, are better solutions.” -**Female, 35-44, Unaffiliated, Silverthorne**

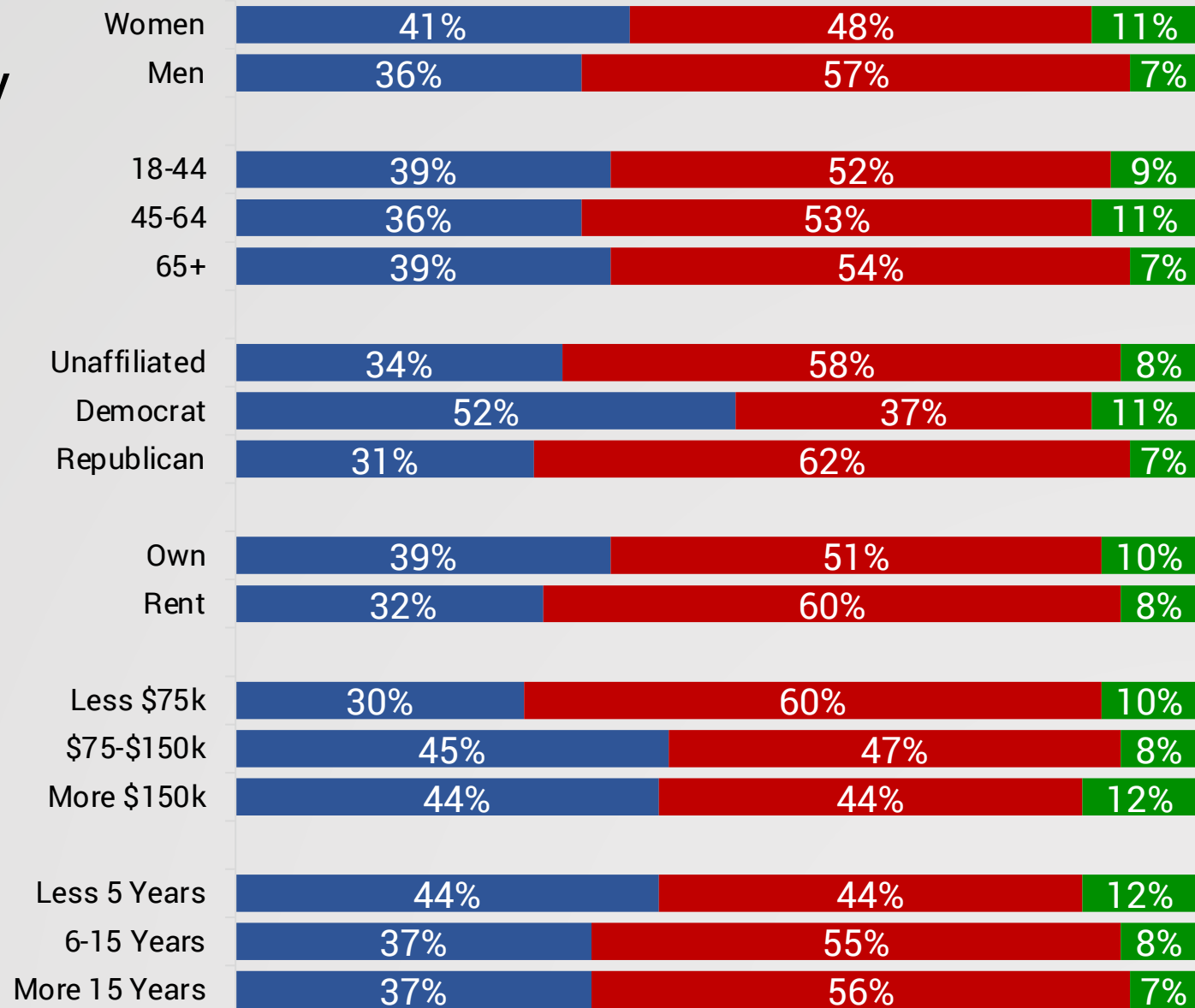
“Housing is ridiculous. The county and state just put band-aids on and hope for the best. I work multiple jobs while raising three kids, and it is never enough. Then, on top of housing, my children are suffering in an underperforming school. Really thinking of leaving the community that cares more about tourists than the people who make it a community.” -**Female, 35-44, Democrat, Dillon**

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "Summit County Government is fiscally responsible and spends taxpayer money wisely."



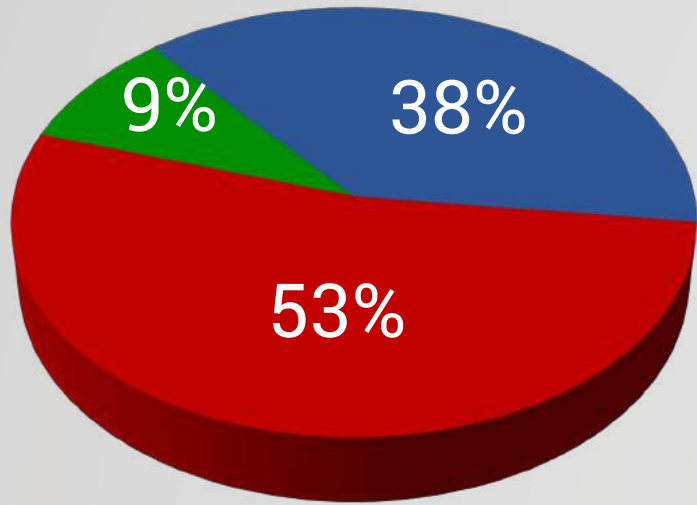
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Strongly Agree	7%
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Strongly Disagree	26%
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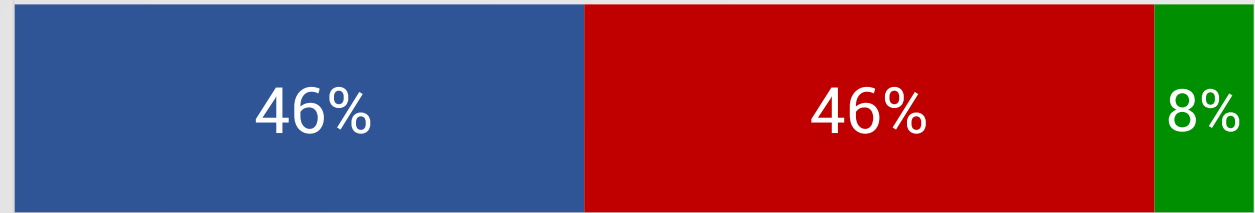
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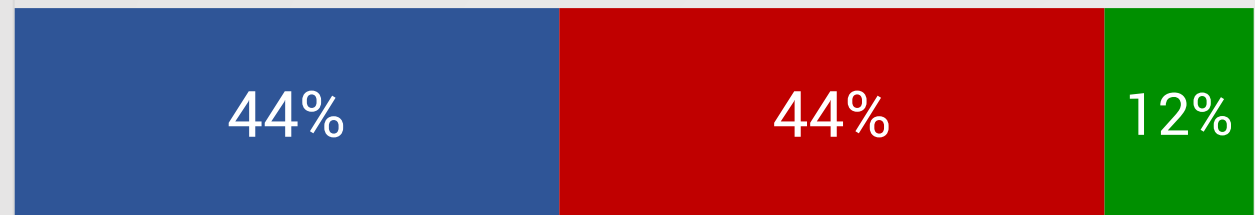
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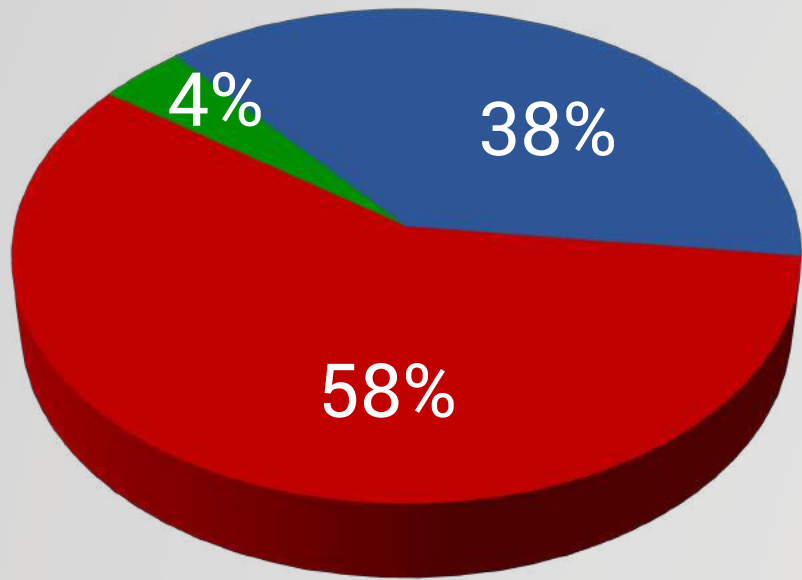


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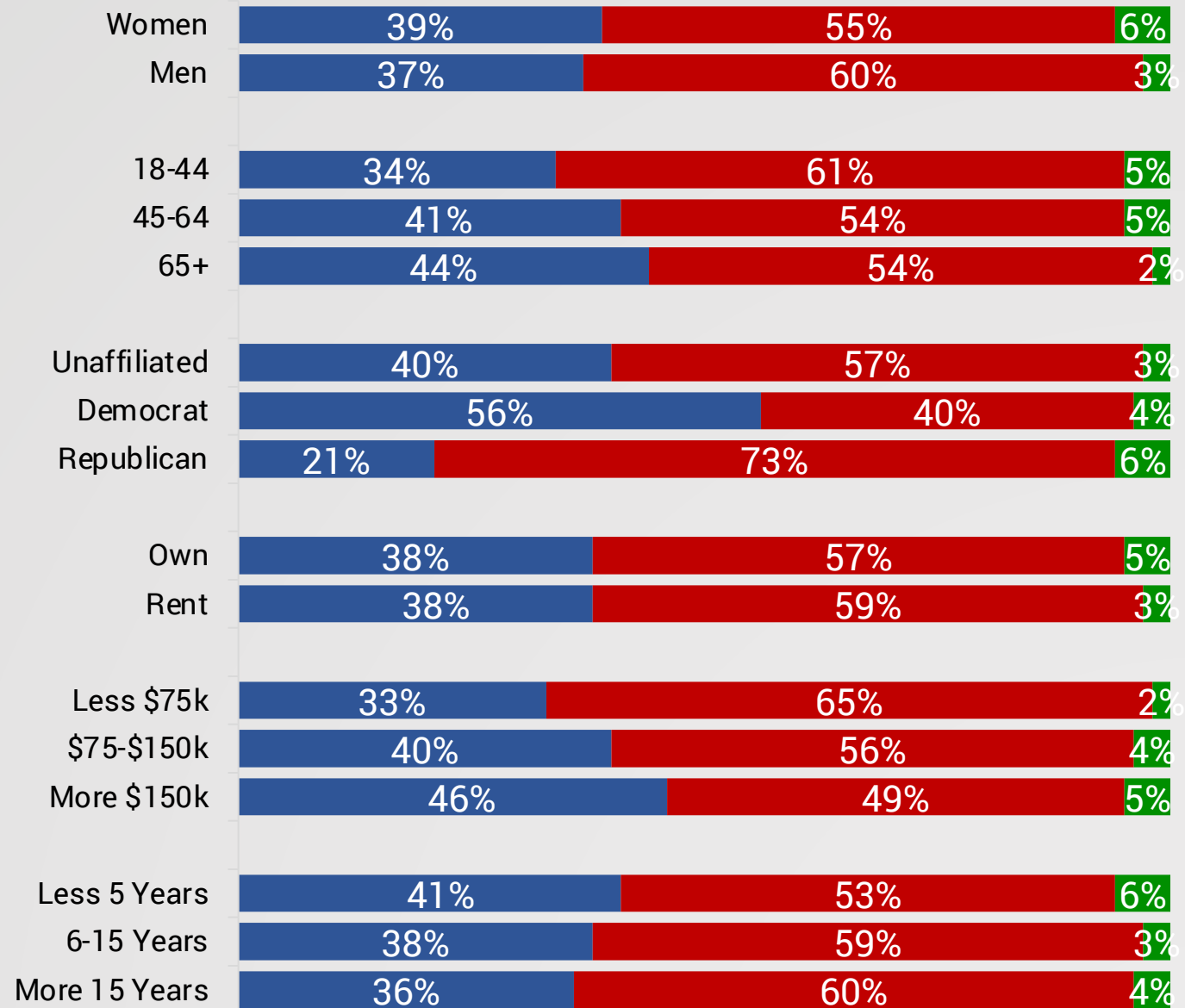
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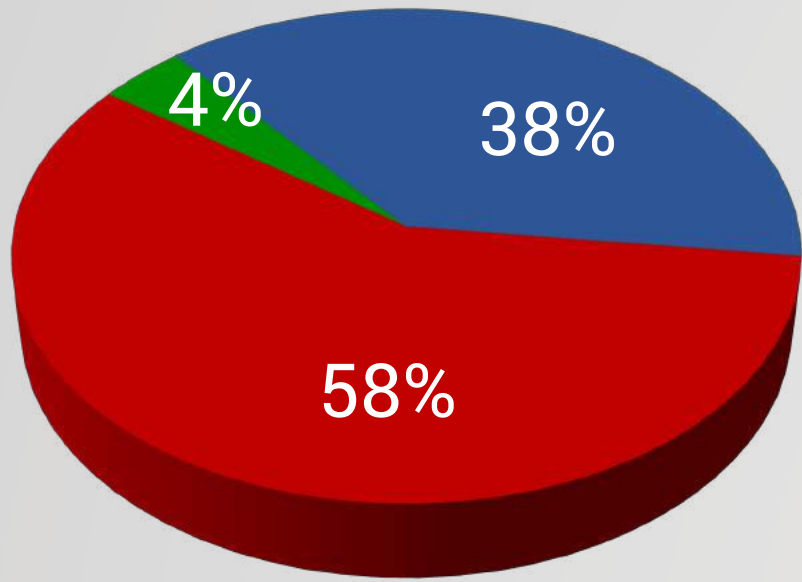
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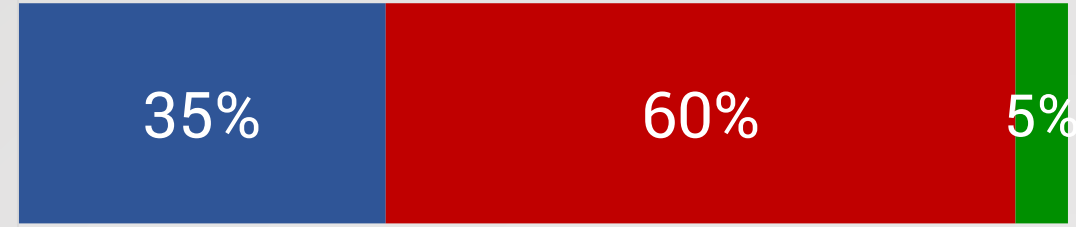
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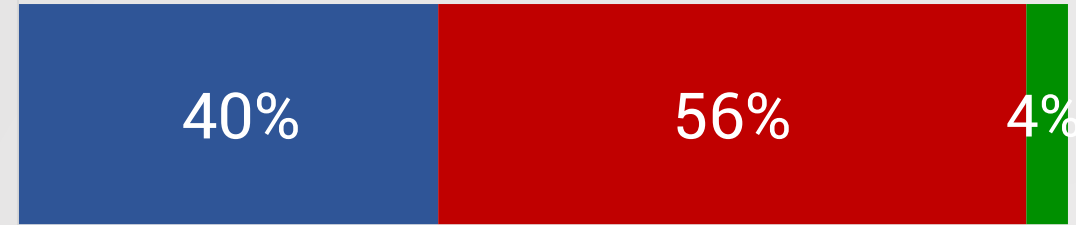
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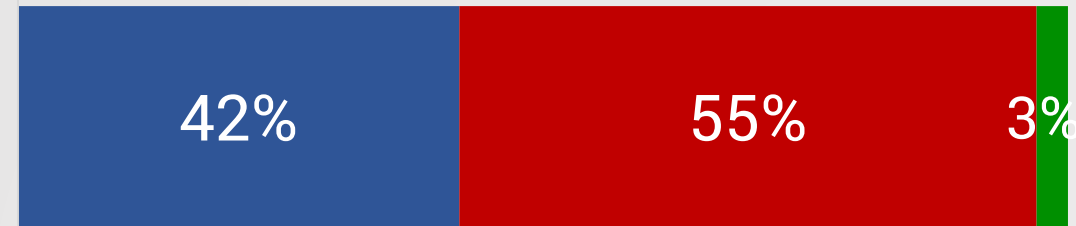
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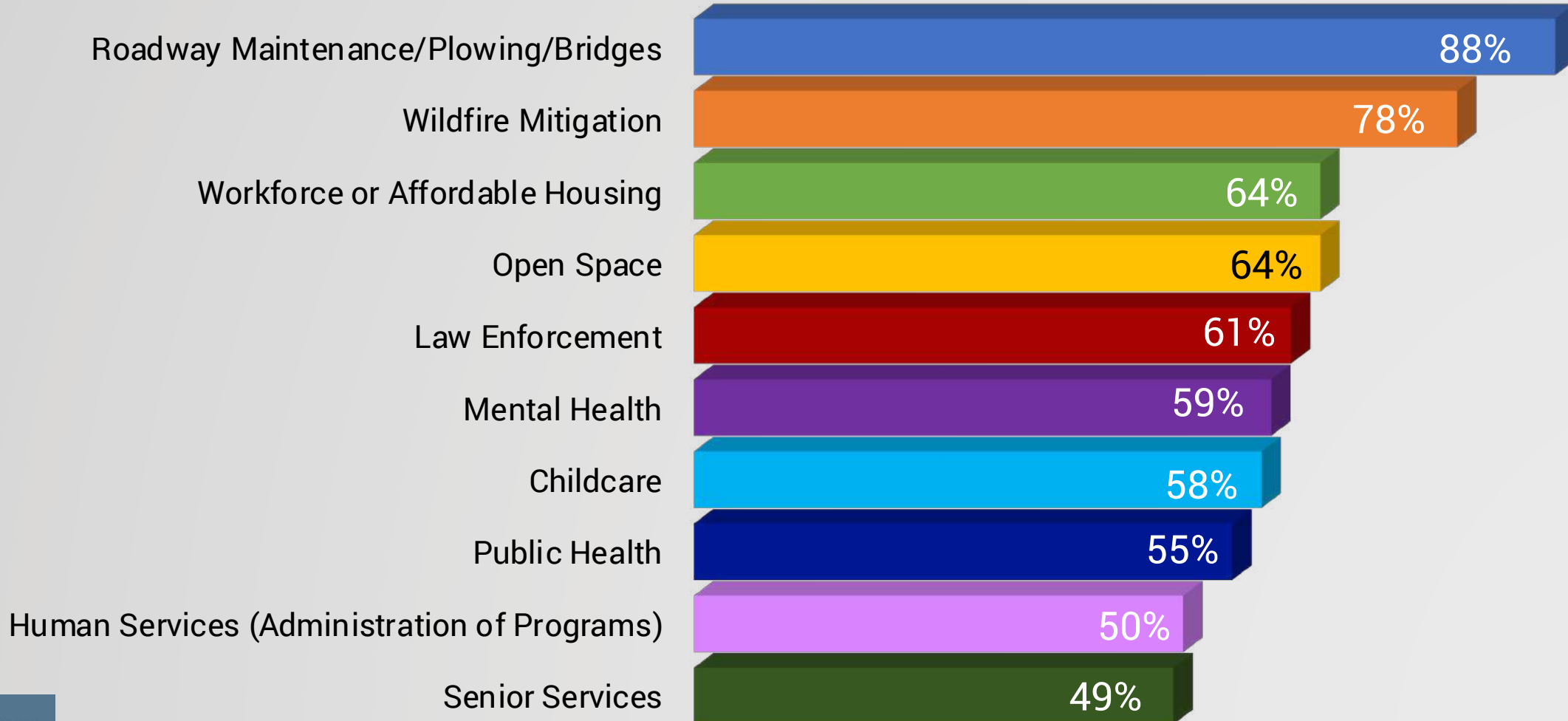


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Ranking Budget Priorities

As you know, each year, Summit County Government makes budget decisions allocating taxpayer dollars toward county services and programs. With that in mind, using a scale from 1 to 10, with 10 indicating your top budgeting priority and 1 indicating your least or last budgeting priority, please indicate your opinion.

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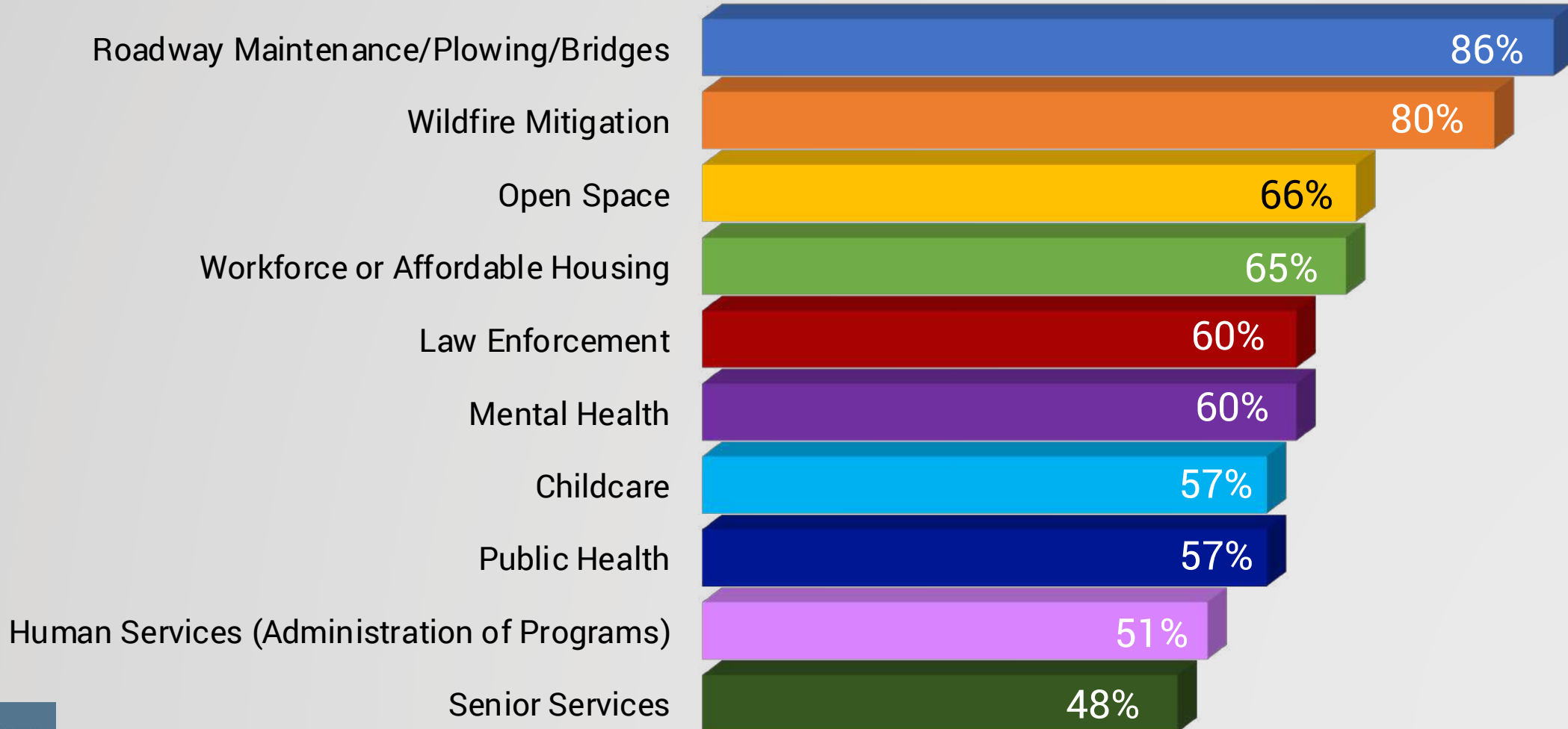


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Ranking Budget Priorities – Unincorporated Summit County

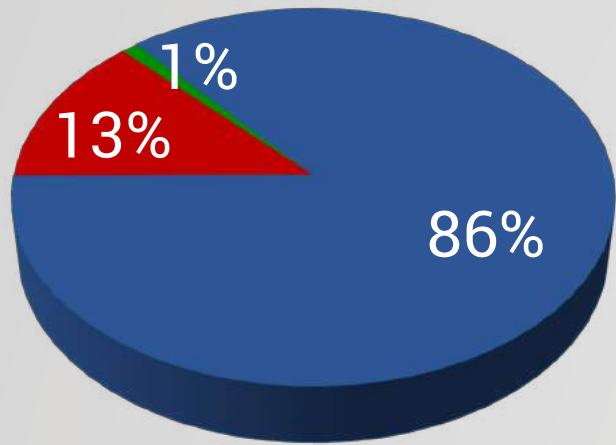
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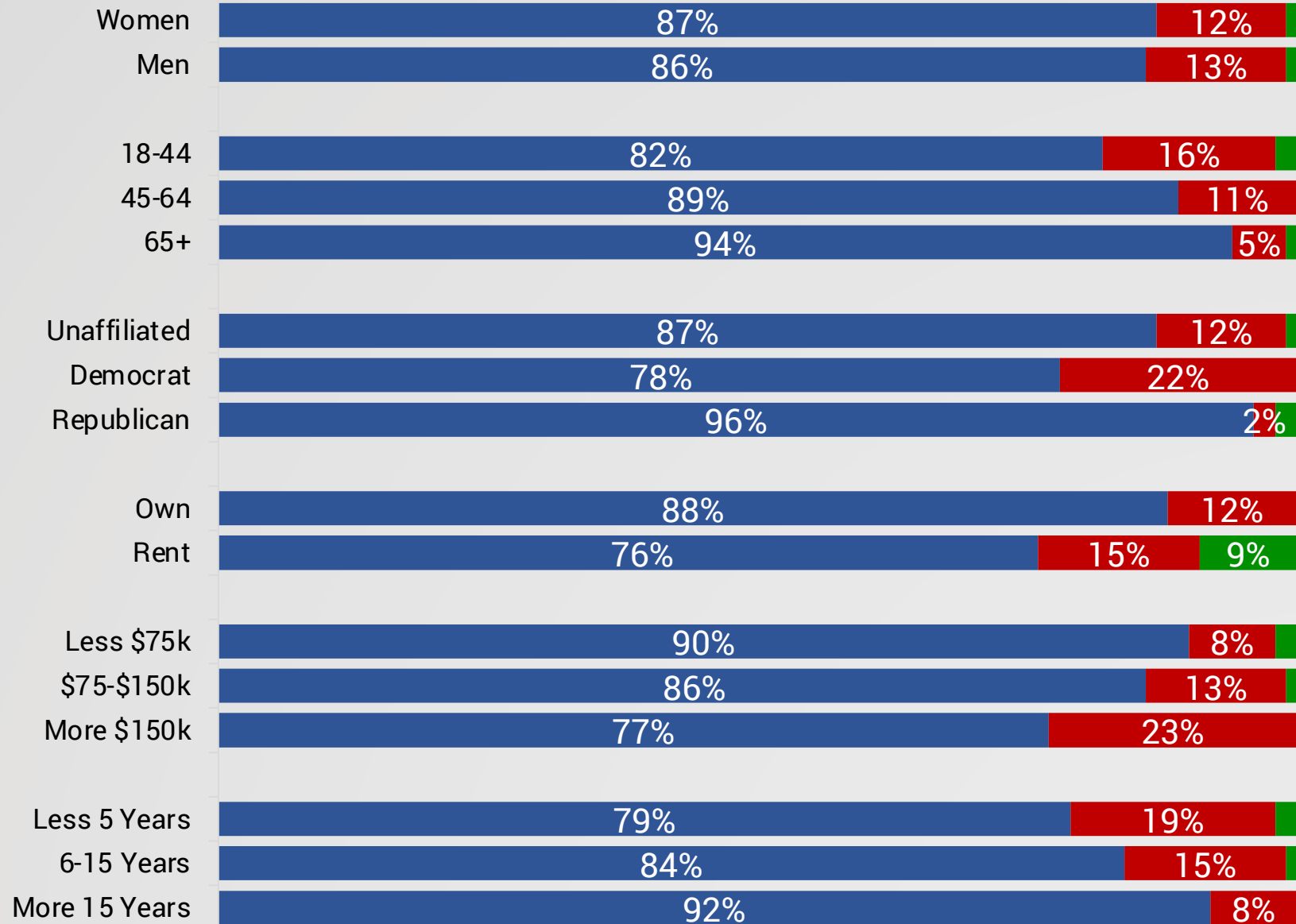
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How much of a concern is rising residential property taxes to you and your family?



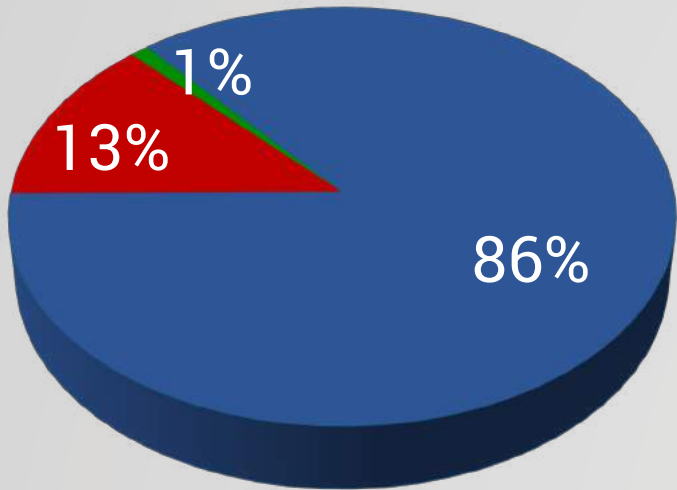
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■ Unsure or No Opinion

Big Concern	64%
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Not a Concern at All	7%
Not Too Much of a Concern	6%



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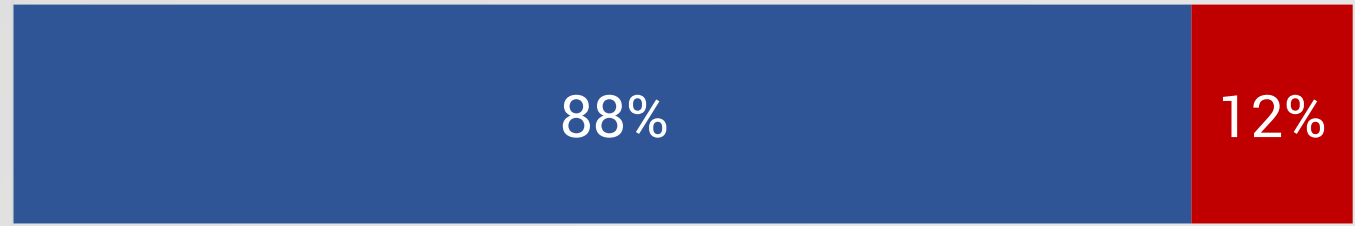
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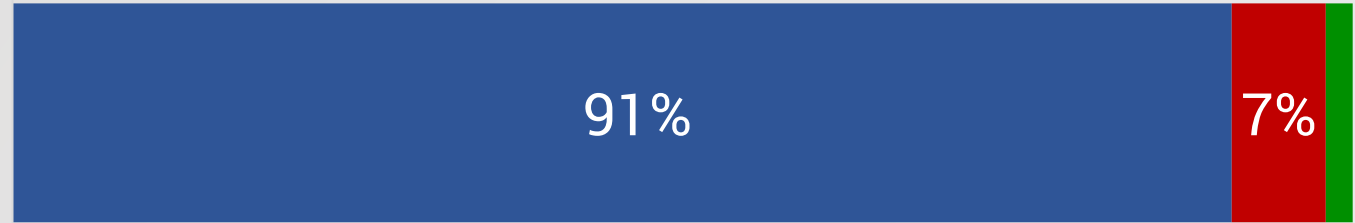
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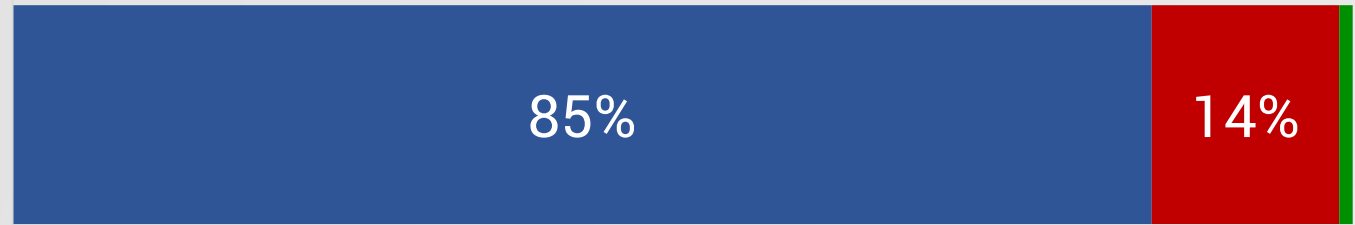
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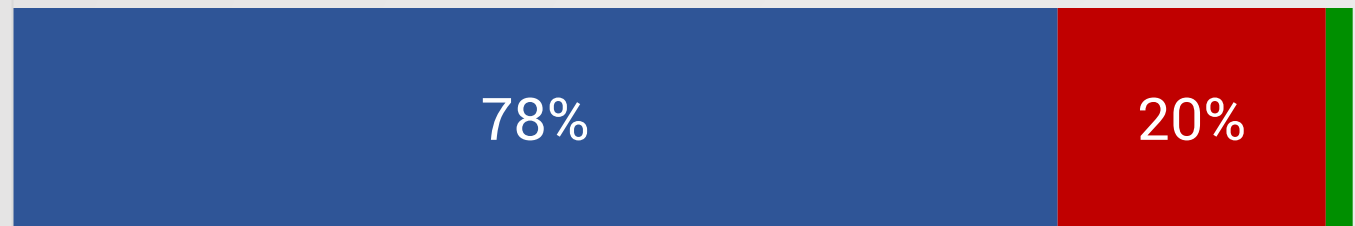
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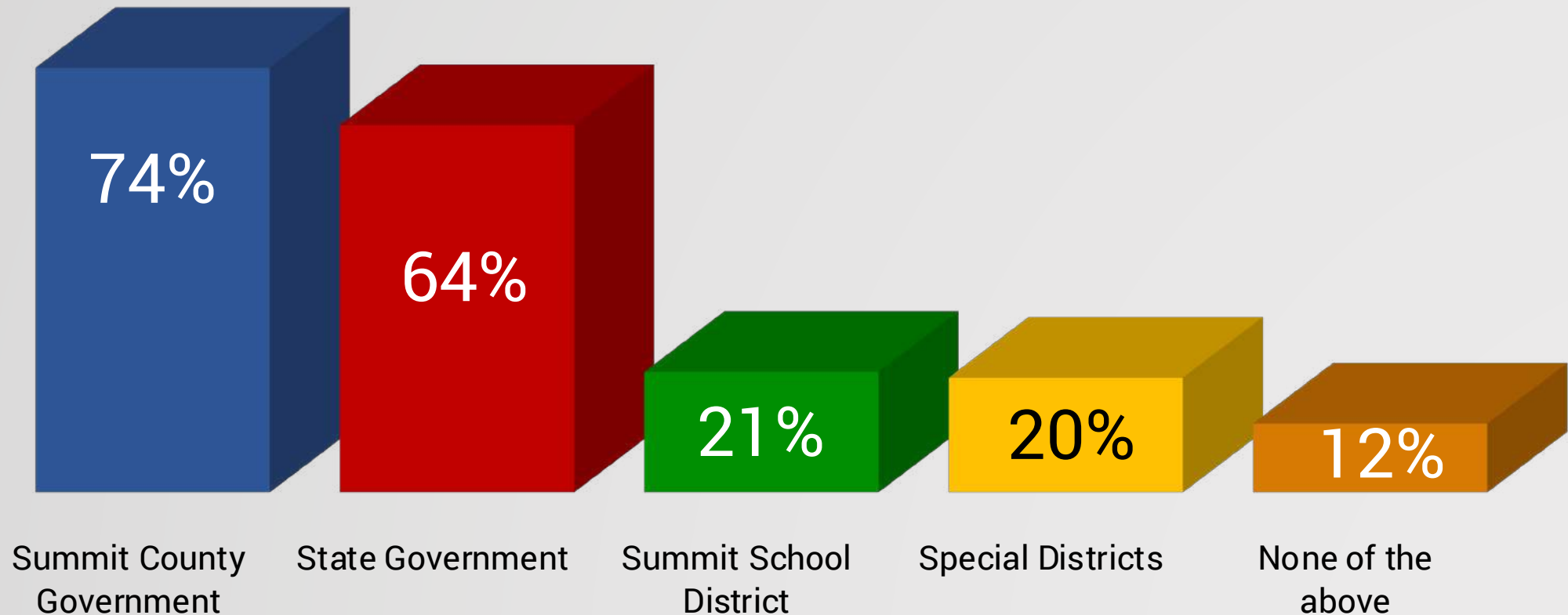


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Considering the rise in residential property taxes in Summit County, in your opinion, whose responsibility is it to provide property tax relief for Summit County homeowners? *Please check all that apply.*



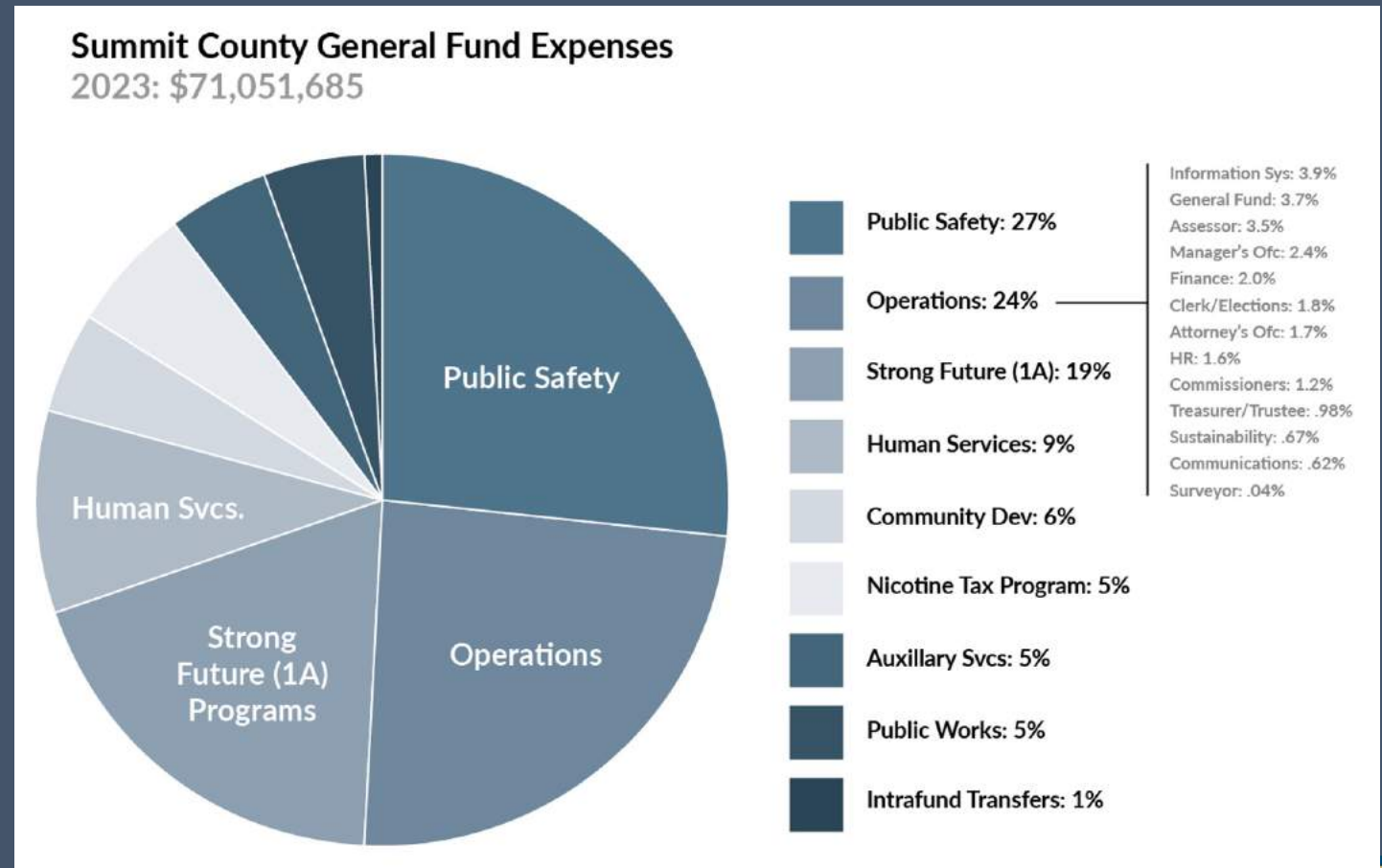
How are Property Taxes Allocated in Summit County?

As you may know, Summit County government receives about 1/3 of the property taxes collected within the county. For every dollar collected through Summit County property taxes, the funding goes to the following:

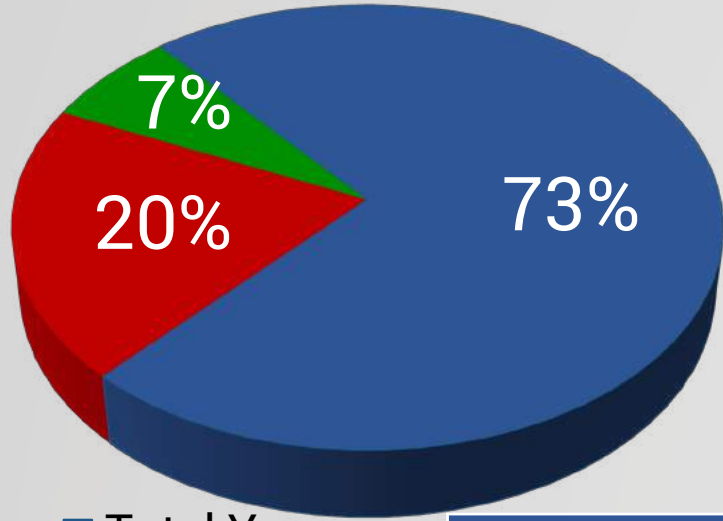


How are Property Taxes Allocated in Summit County?

Of the \$0.33 per dollar the County receives, \$0.22 per dollar funds ballot initiatives that have been previously approved by voters. This includes funding for mental health, open space, wildfire, public facilities, childcare, housing, and public safety.

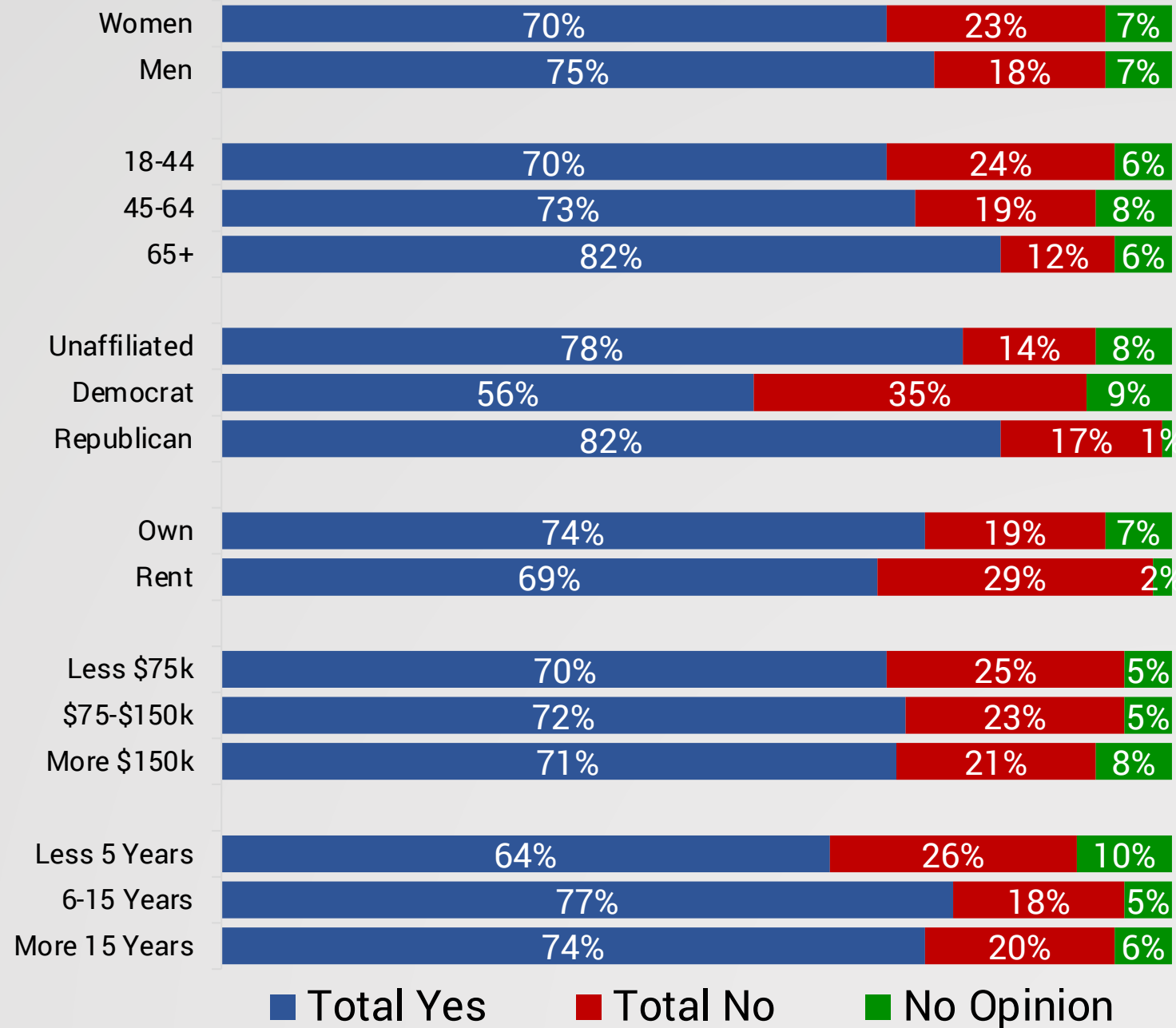


Knowing that approximately 11 cents of every dollar collected funds the operations of Summit County government, do you think Summit County has the financial resources needed to provide adequate services and programs to the residents within the county?

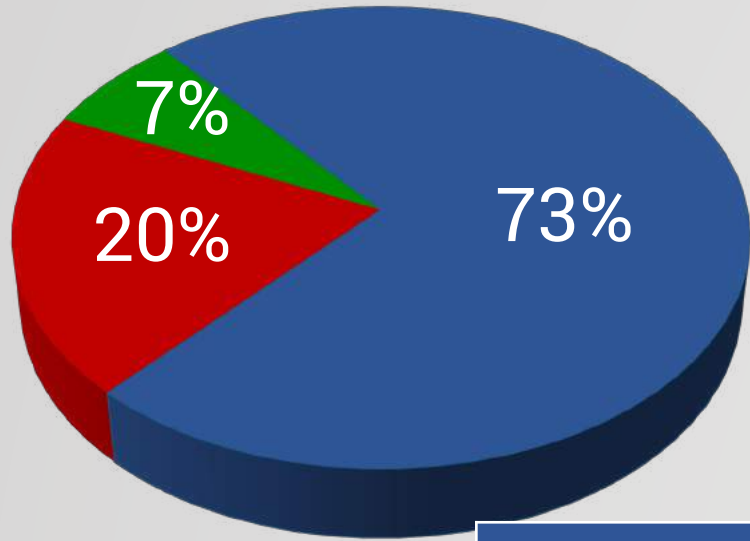


■ Total Yes
■ Total No
■ No Opinion

Yes, Definitely	34%
Yes Probably	39%
No, Probably Not	3%
No, Definitely Not	17%



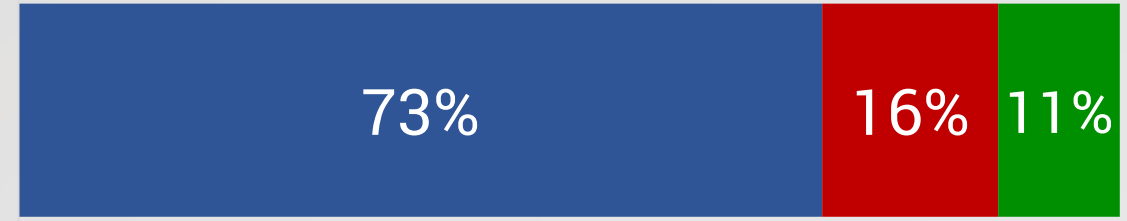
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Breckenridge



Dillon



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■ Total Yes ■ Total No ■ No Opinion

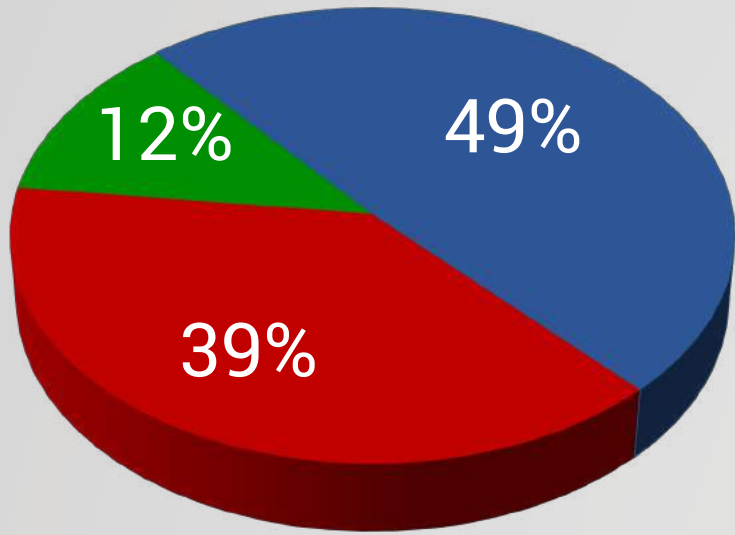
Possible Temporary Mill Levy Reduction

In 2023, Summit County Government will collect 19.809 mills from homeowners in the county, which equals \$1,377 dollars annually for homeowners with a home valued at \$1 million.

Summit County government is considering reducing its portion of the property taxes collected through a temporary mill levy reduction.

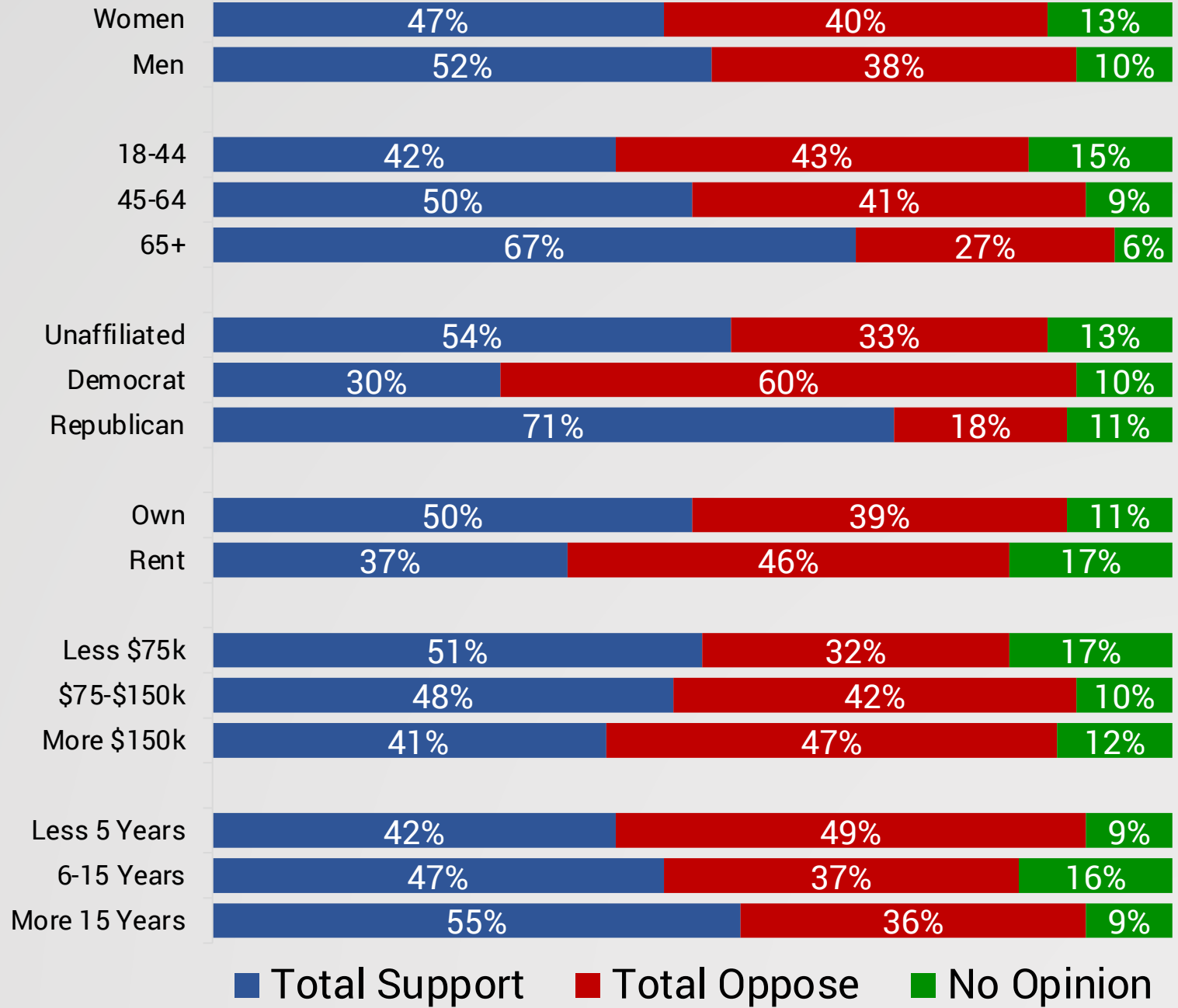
This would save the average property taxpayer \$22 per year for a home valued at \$1,100,000 (average home value).

Knowing this information, would you support or oppose a temporary mill levy reduction?

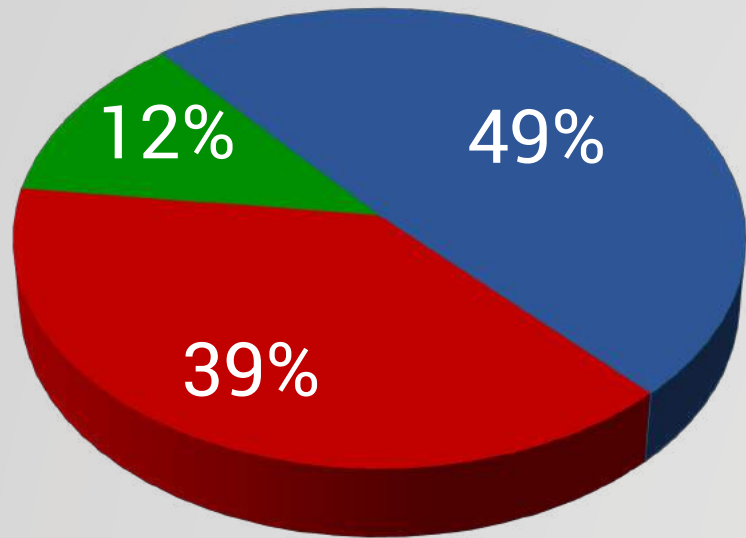


■ Total Support
 ■ Total Oppose
 ■ No Opinion

Strongly Support	28%
Somewhat Support	21%
Somewhat Oppose	21%
Strongly Oppose	18%



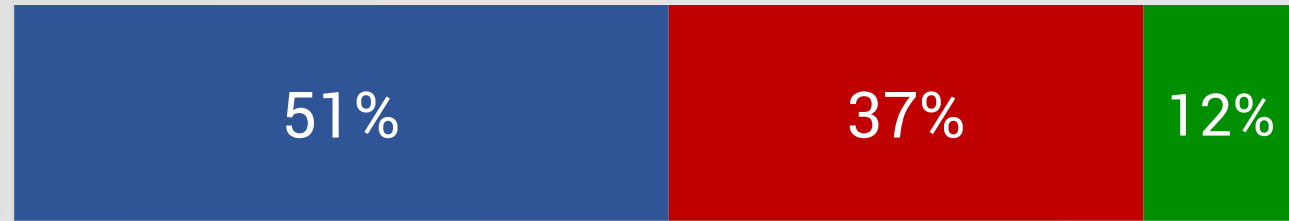
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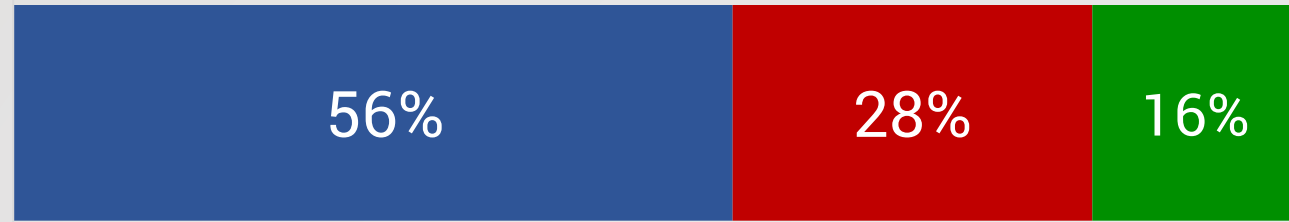
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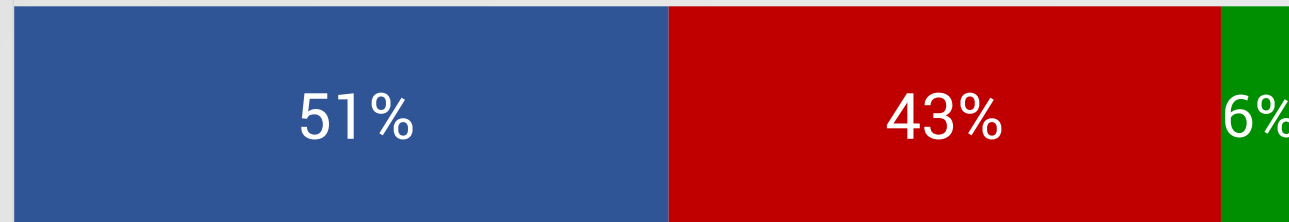
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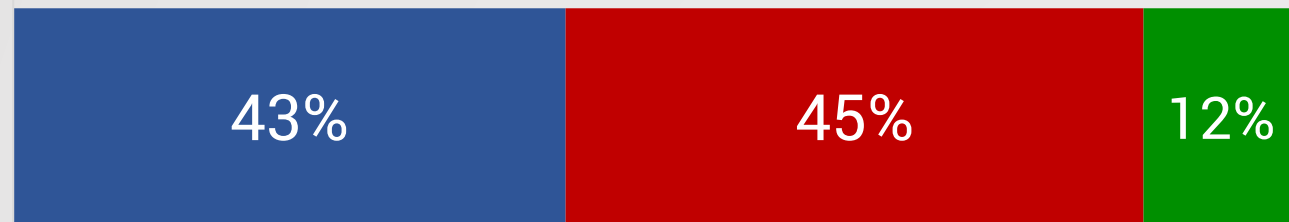
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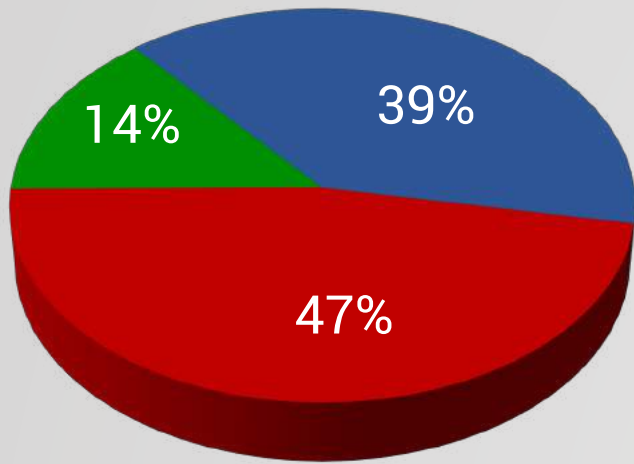
Effects of Reducing Taxes Collected

As mentioned, the temporary mill levy reduction would save the average homeowner approximately \$22.

It would also reduce the total amount of property taxes collected by the Summit County Government by \$1.05 million.

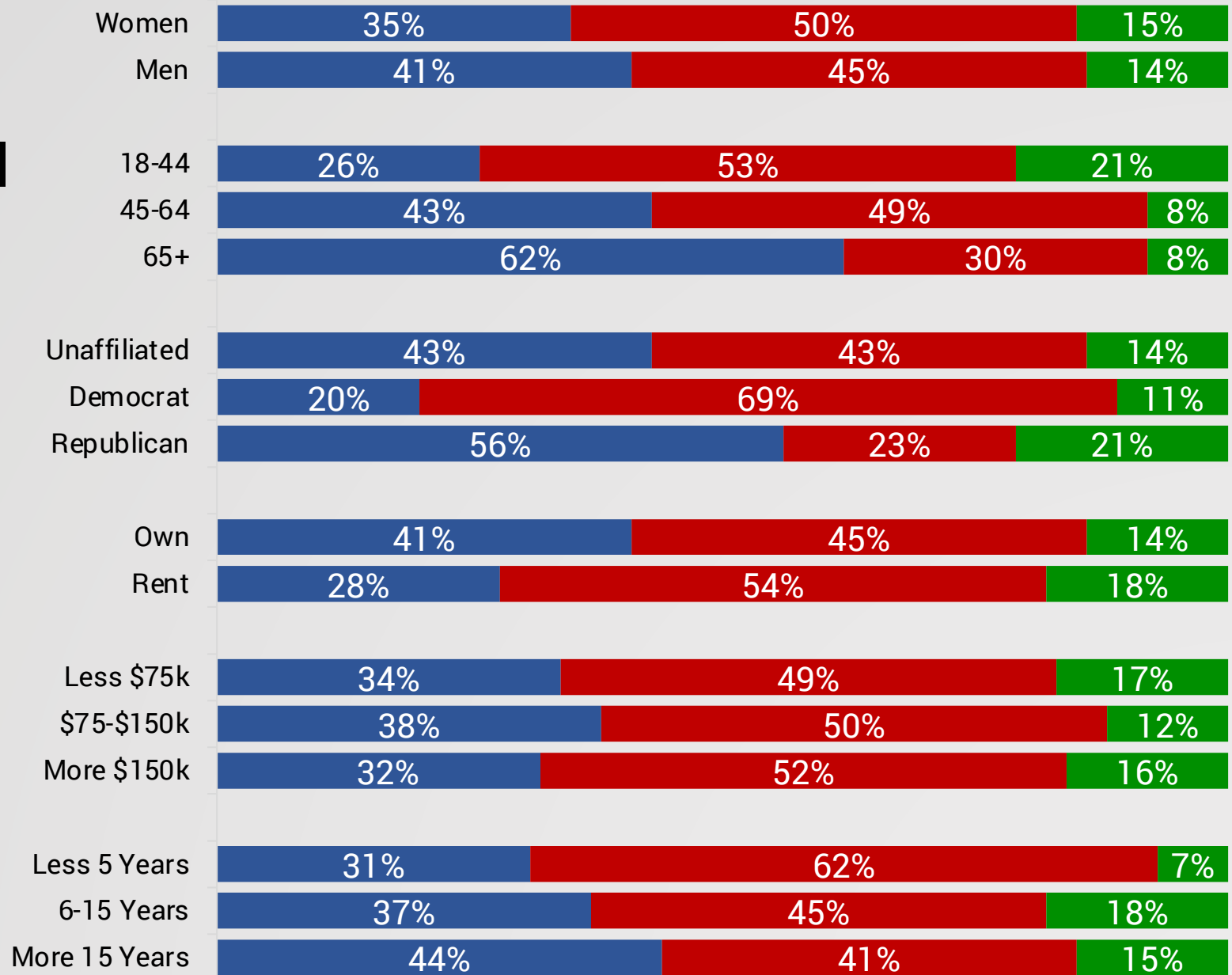
That reduction would likely be from Strong Future – which funds behavioral health, early childhood, wildfire mitigation, recycling, and public facilities.

Knowing this, are you more or less likely to support the temporary mill levy reduction in property taxes?



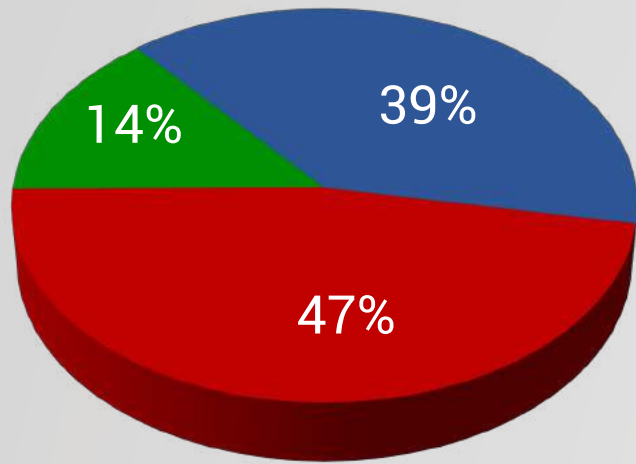
■ Total More Likely to Support
■ Total More Likely to Oppose
■ No Opinion

Much More Likely to Support	22%
Somewhat More Likely to Support	17%
Much More Likely to Oppose	31%
Somewhat More Likely to Oppose	16%



■ Total Support
 ■ Total Oppose
 ■ No Opinion

Knowing this, are you more or less likely to support the temporary mill levy reduction in property taxes?



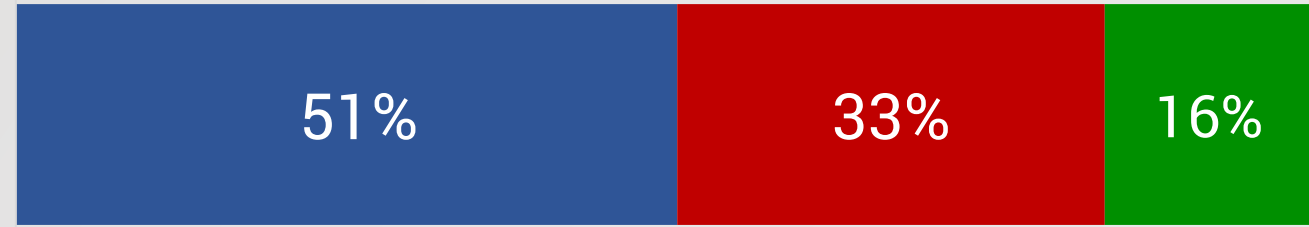
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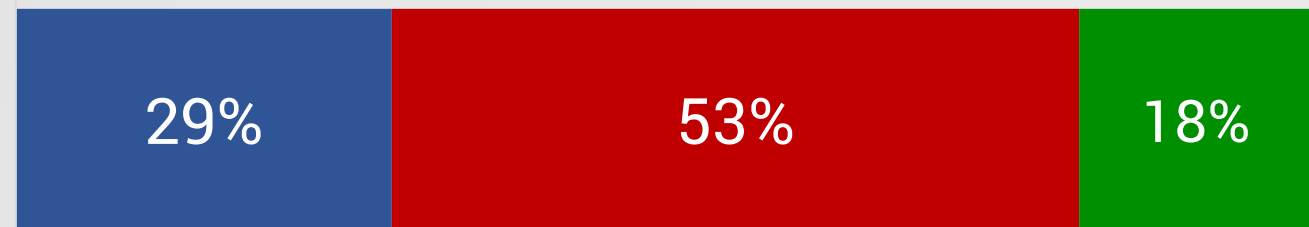
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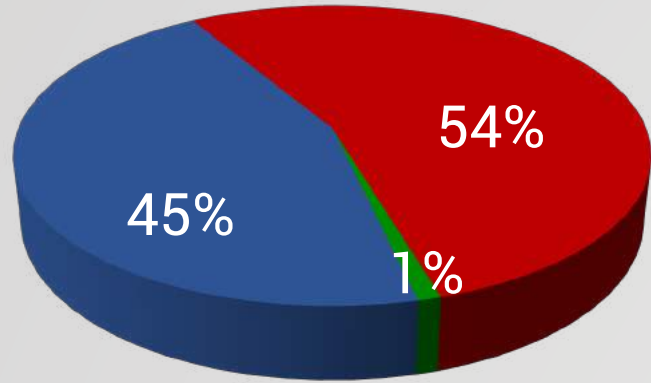
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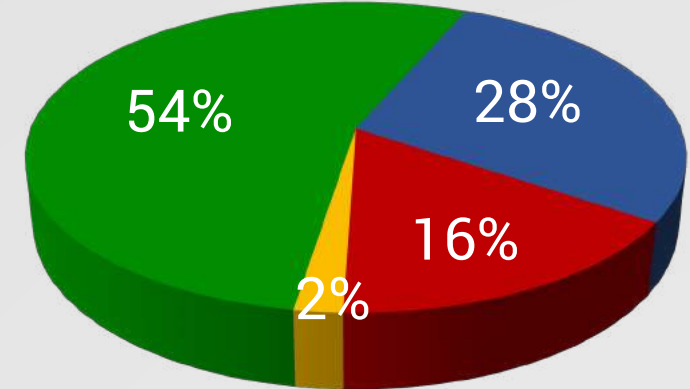
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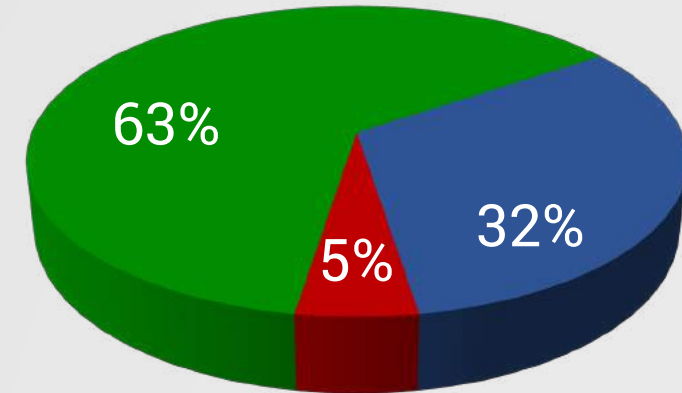
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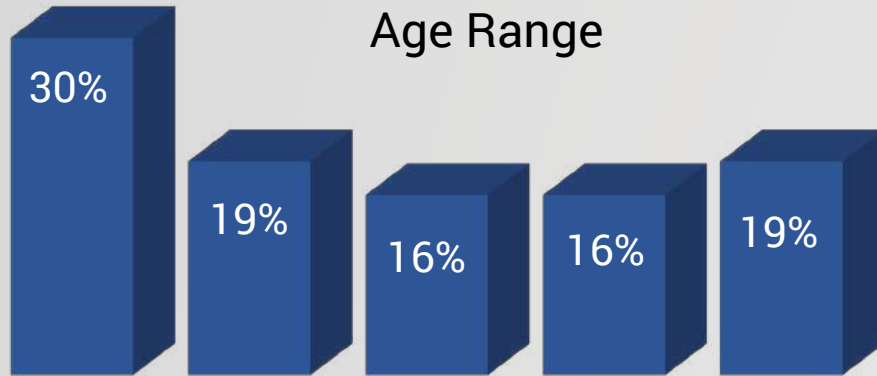


■ Unaffiliated ■ Democrat
■ Republican ■ Other Party

Marital Status



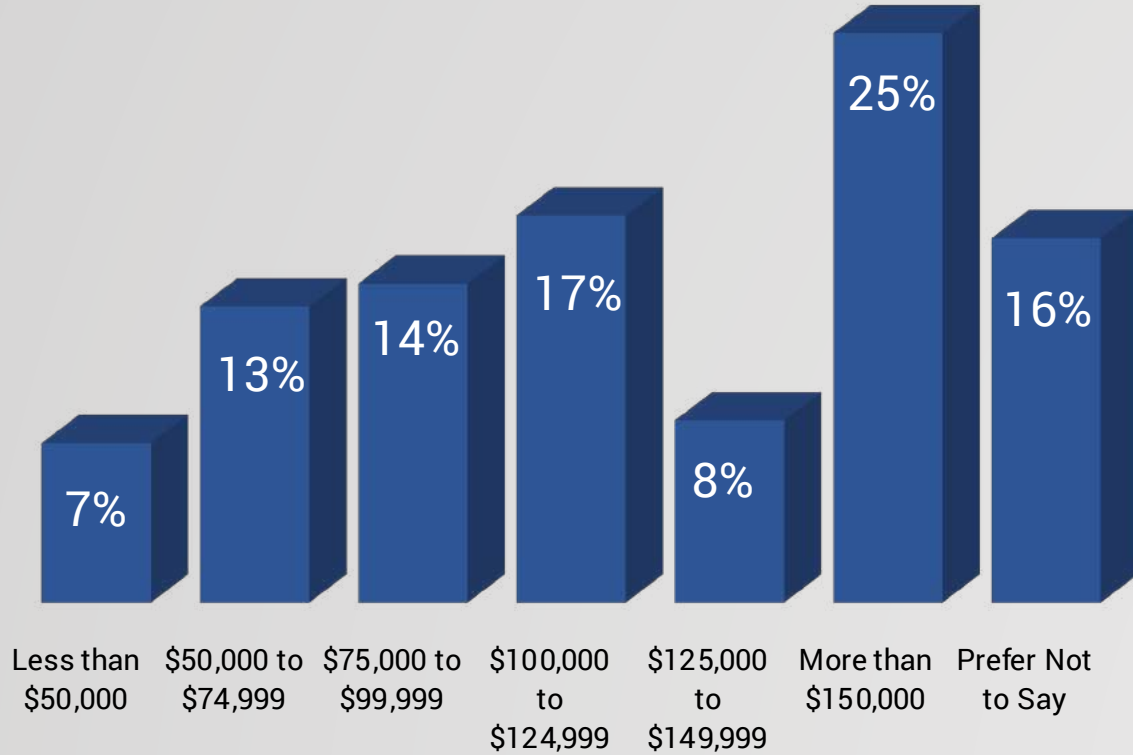
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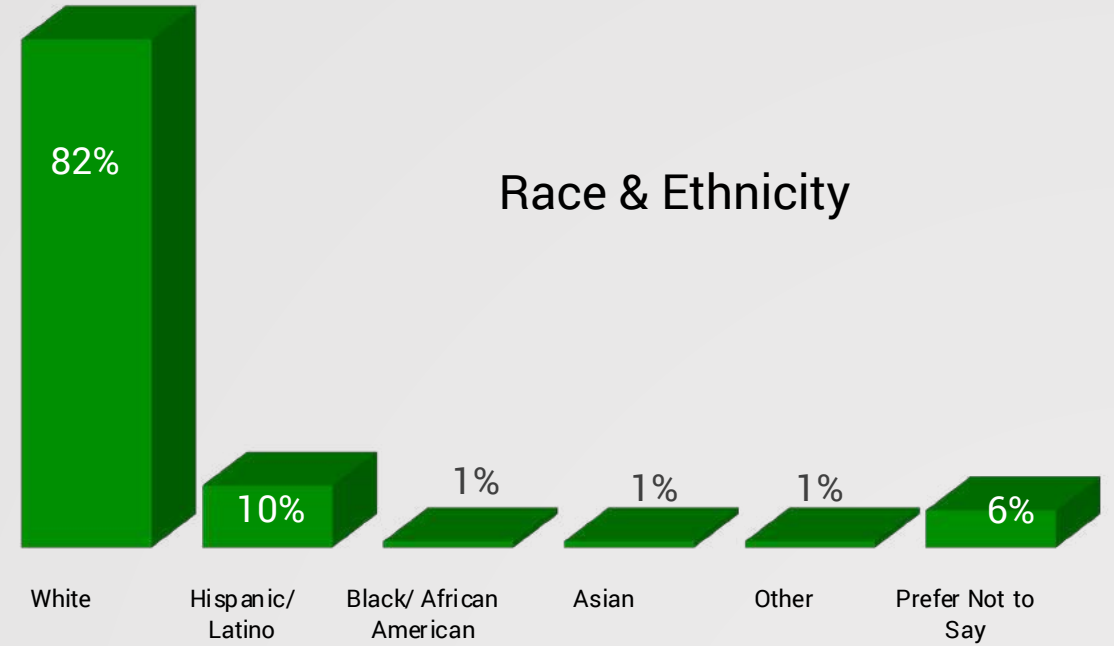
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Survey Demographics

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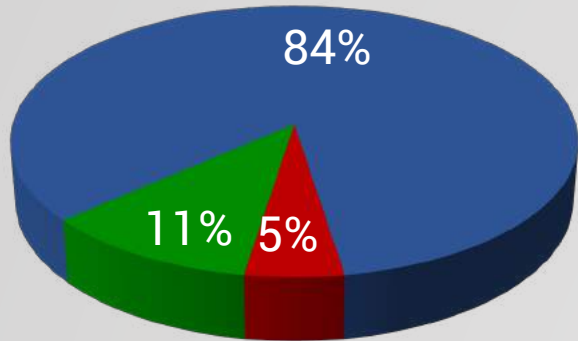


Race & Ethnicity



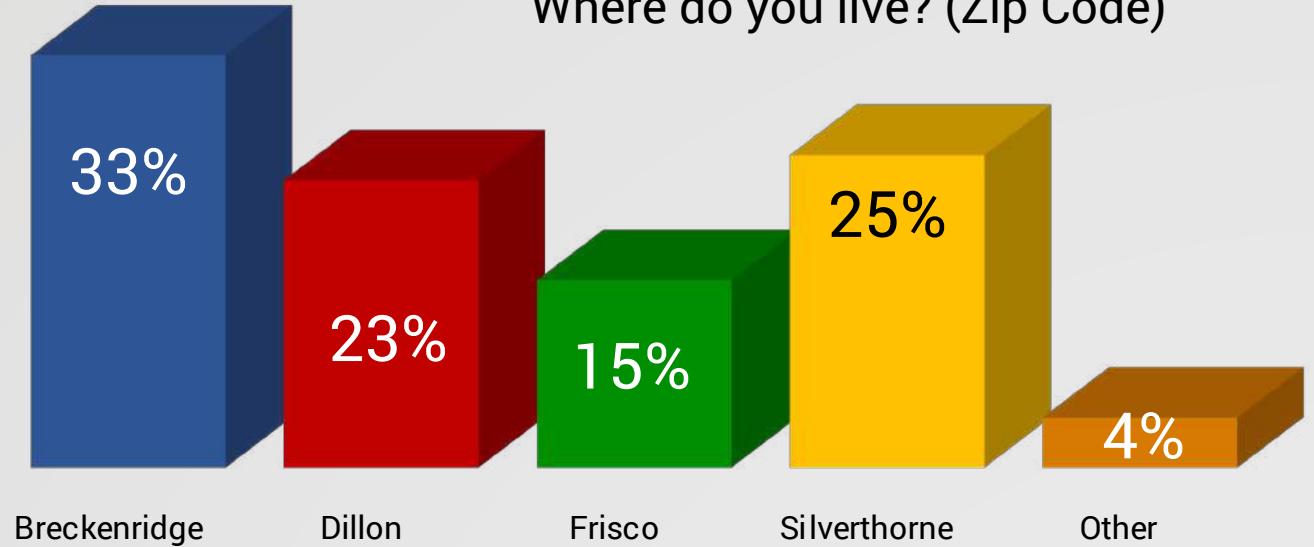
Survey Demographics

Rent or Own Home

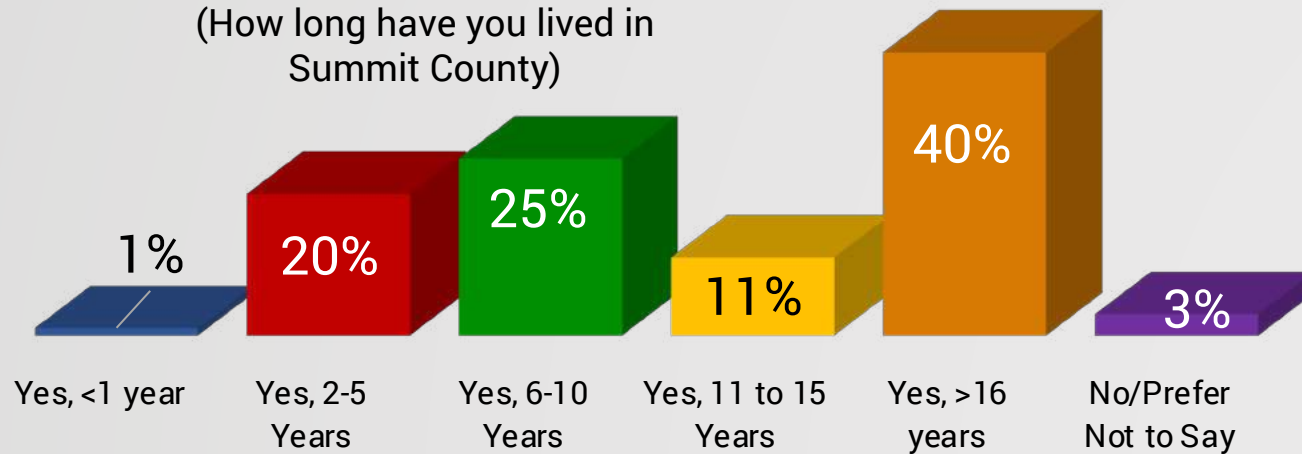


- Rent
- Own
- Other/Prefer Not to Say

Where do you live? (Zip Code)



Year-Round Resident & Tenure
(How long have you lived in Summit County)



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