

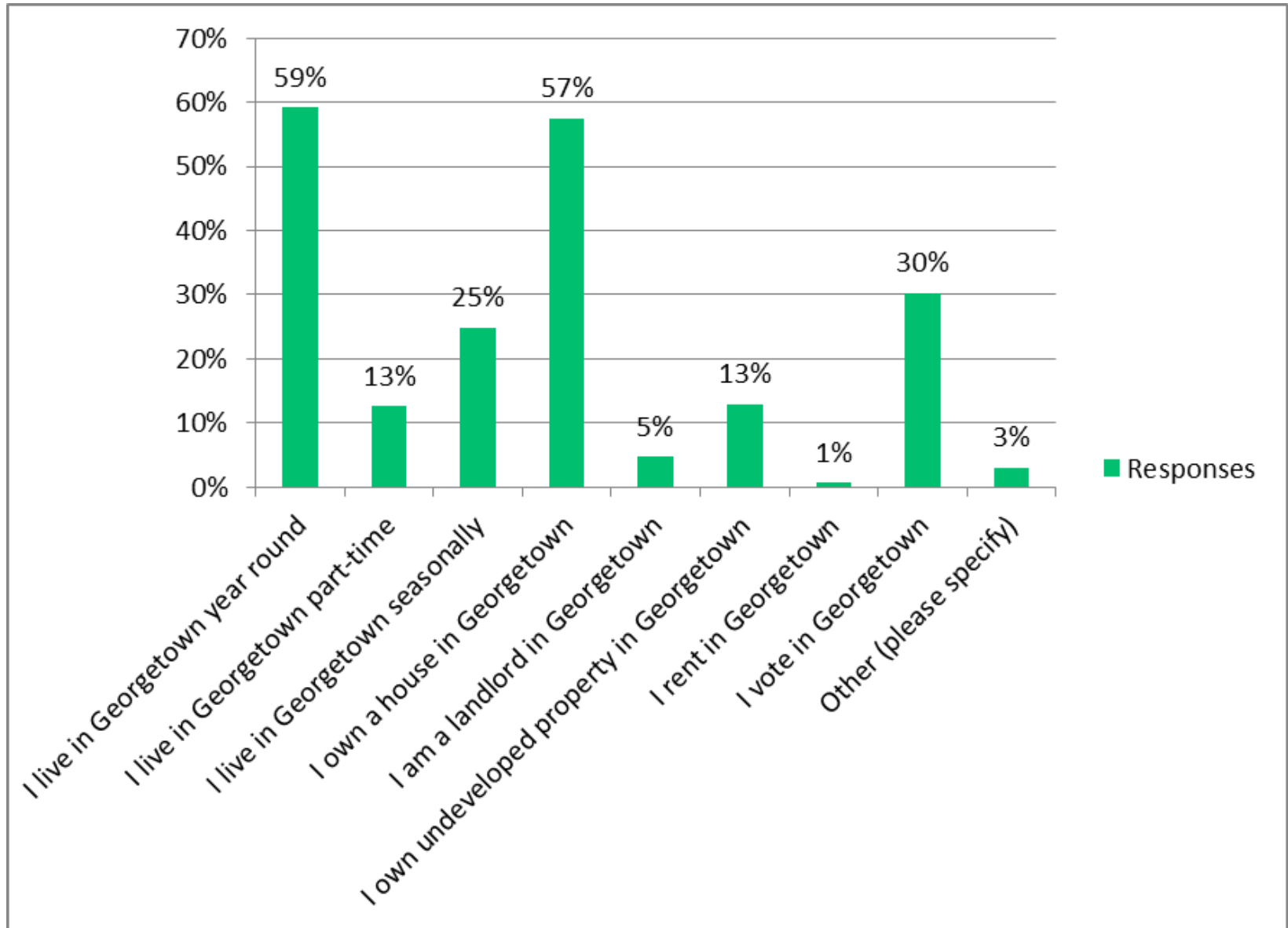
A photograph of a red wooden building with a dark roof, situated on a wooden pier. A white metal walkway with railings leads from the foreground to the building. The building has several windows and a chimney. The background shows a clear blue sky and some trees.

# Results of *Georgetown Community Survey*

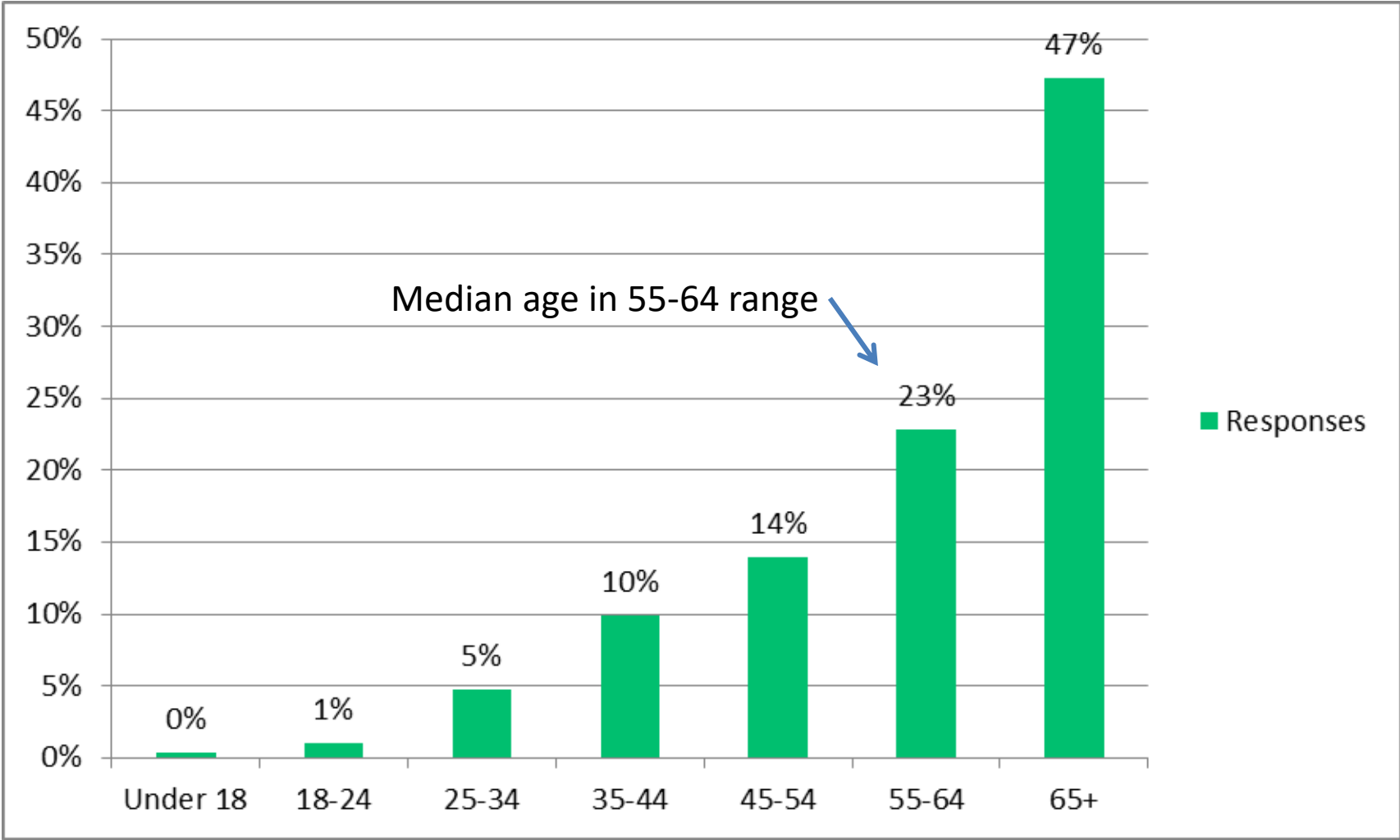
Survey conducted by Georgetown  
Comprehensive Planning Committee  
Data as of September 7, 2018

- Purpose:
  - Feedback survey results to the Community
    - 295 Residents responded to the Survey
  - Initiate further dialog of *issues* of significant interest

# 1. Residency – All That Apply

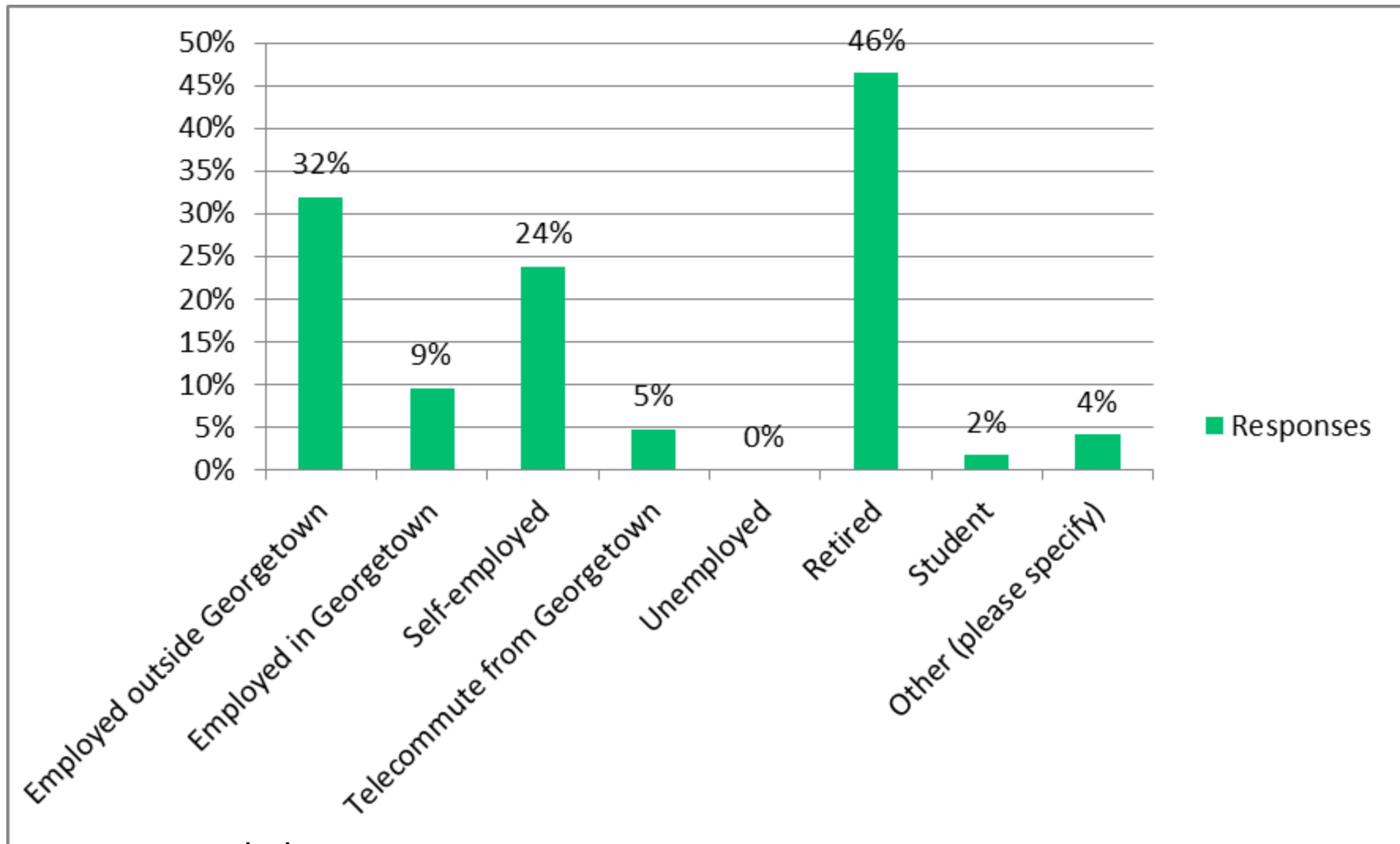


# 2. Age



# 3. Employment

Check All that Apply



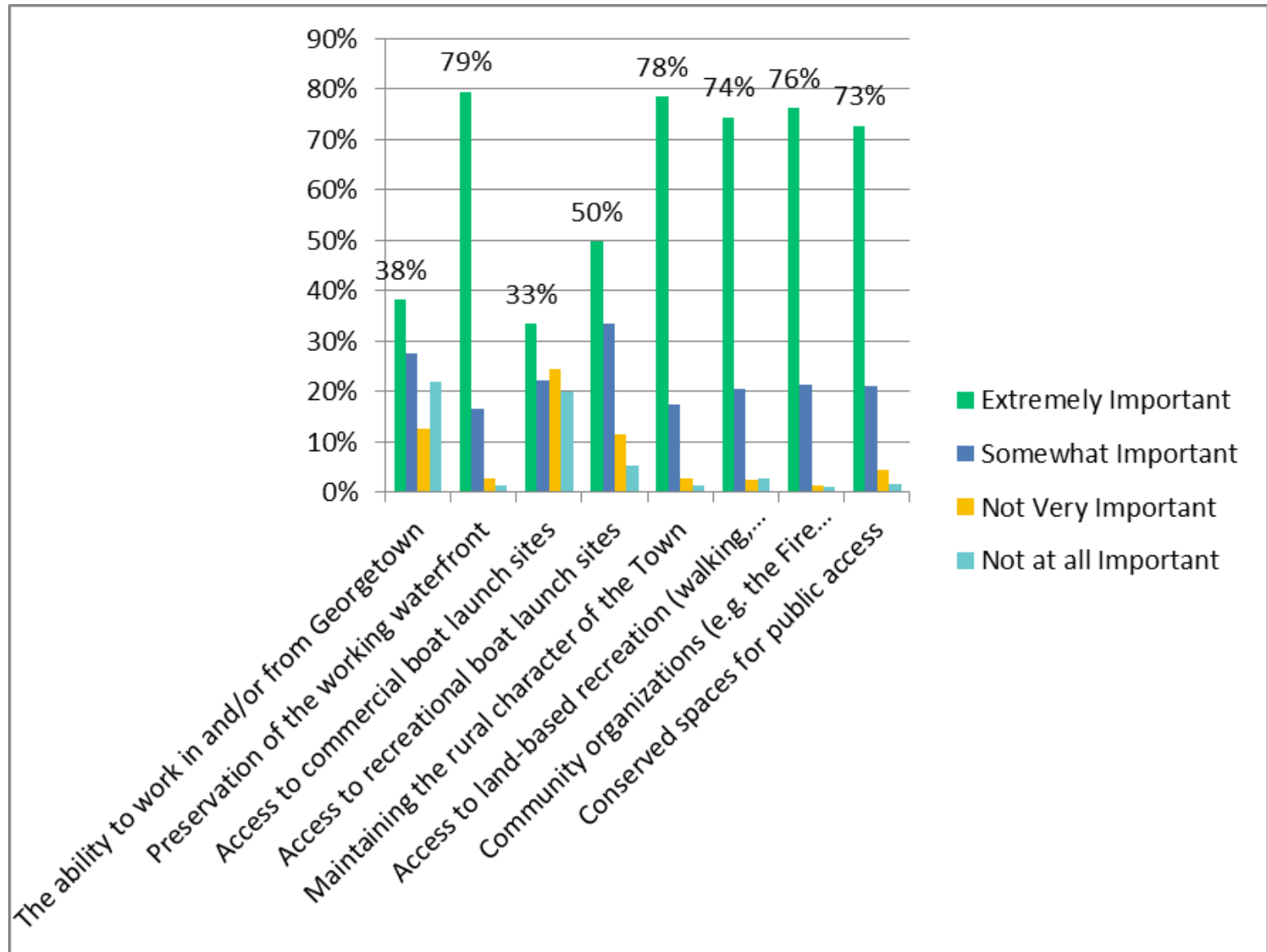
Includes:

25 Fishermen

9 Clammers

# 4. Georgetown Life

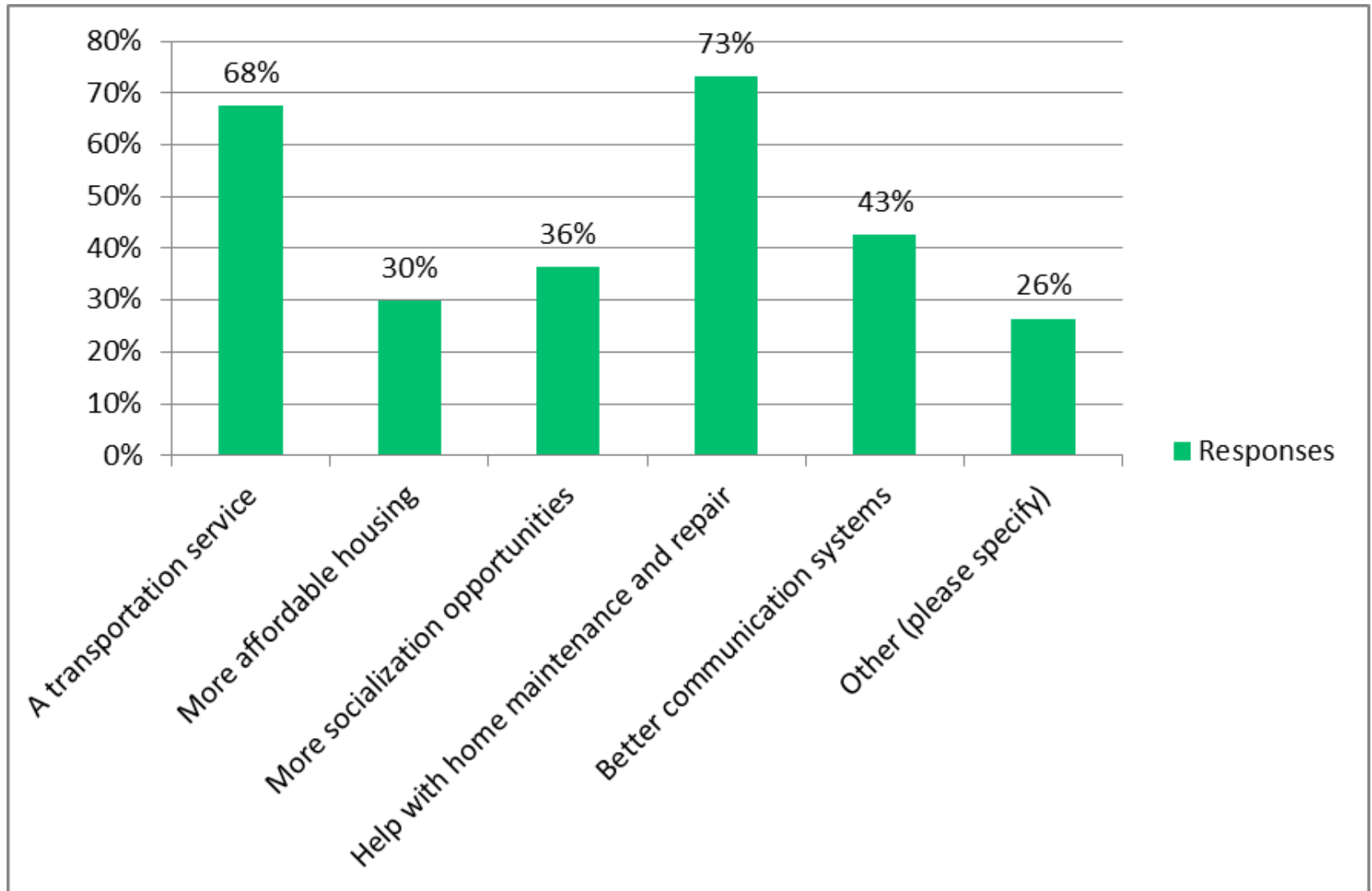
## How Important are These Features to You?



## 5. a. Changing Demographics – What Initiatives could the Town take to Increase School Enrollment? (184)

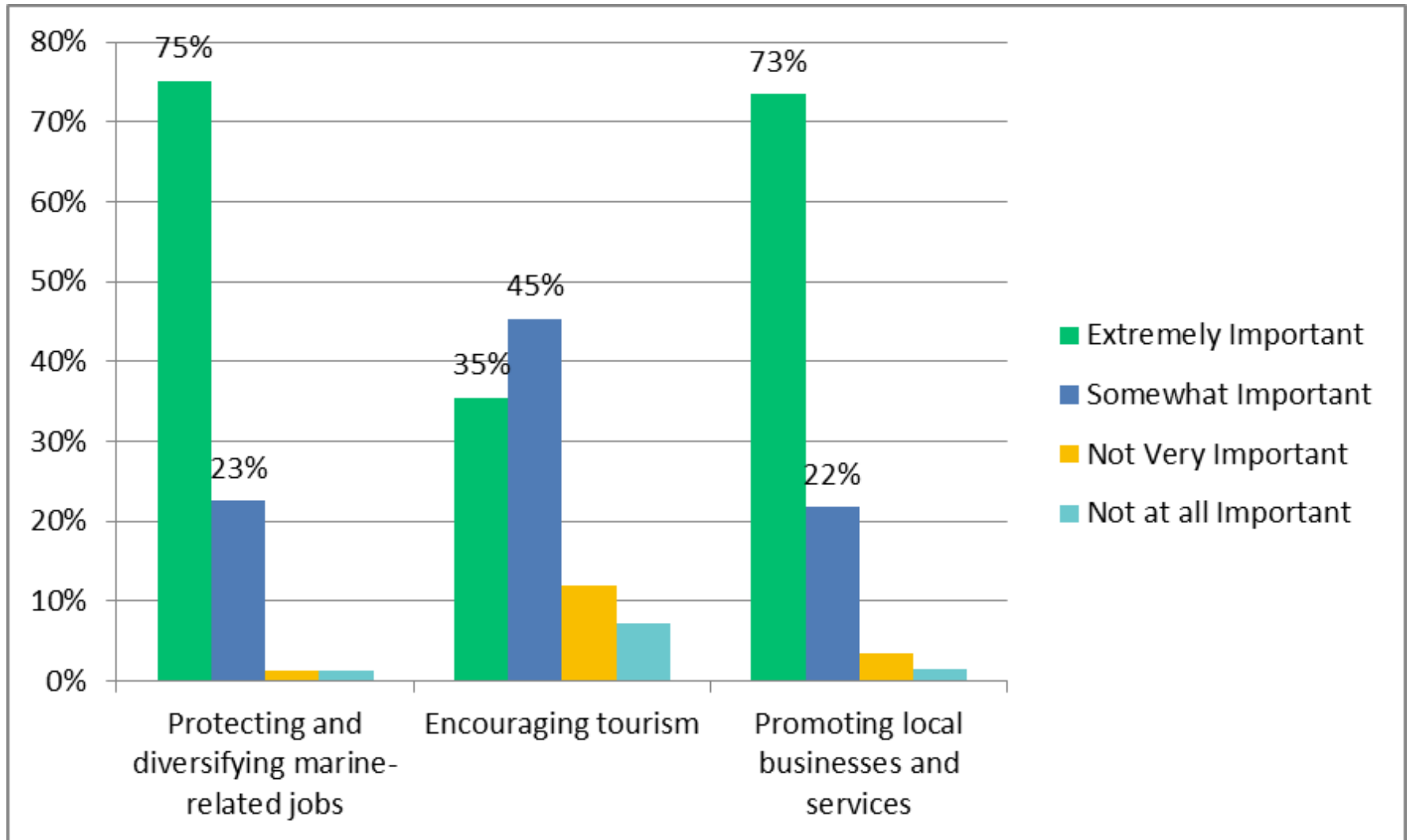
- Create More Affordable Housing – (60)
- Attract Students - Advertise School Strengths (academics, improve state test scores, quality, personalized, excellent teachers)
- Establish a Magnet or Charter School – Outdoor Based Education - Create Unique Programs (e.g. Marine/Ecology)
- Improve Internet – enable telecommuting (10) – “I for one would immediately consider moving to Georgetown year-round with my partner to build our family if I could work in my field from there (telecommute)”.
- Increase Availability of Local Jobs – (10)
- Establish Preschool Child Care
- Bring grades 7 & 8 back to Georgetown
- Invite Immigrant Families
- Negative (10) – Recommend Closing the School if its not Economically Viable – “Town should not be attempting to fabricate ways to justify maintaining this expensive school to the benefit of a few”

## 5.b. What Changes in Town would make it Easier for Elders to Stay in their Homes Longer?



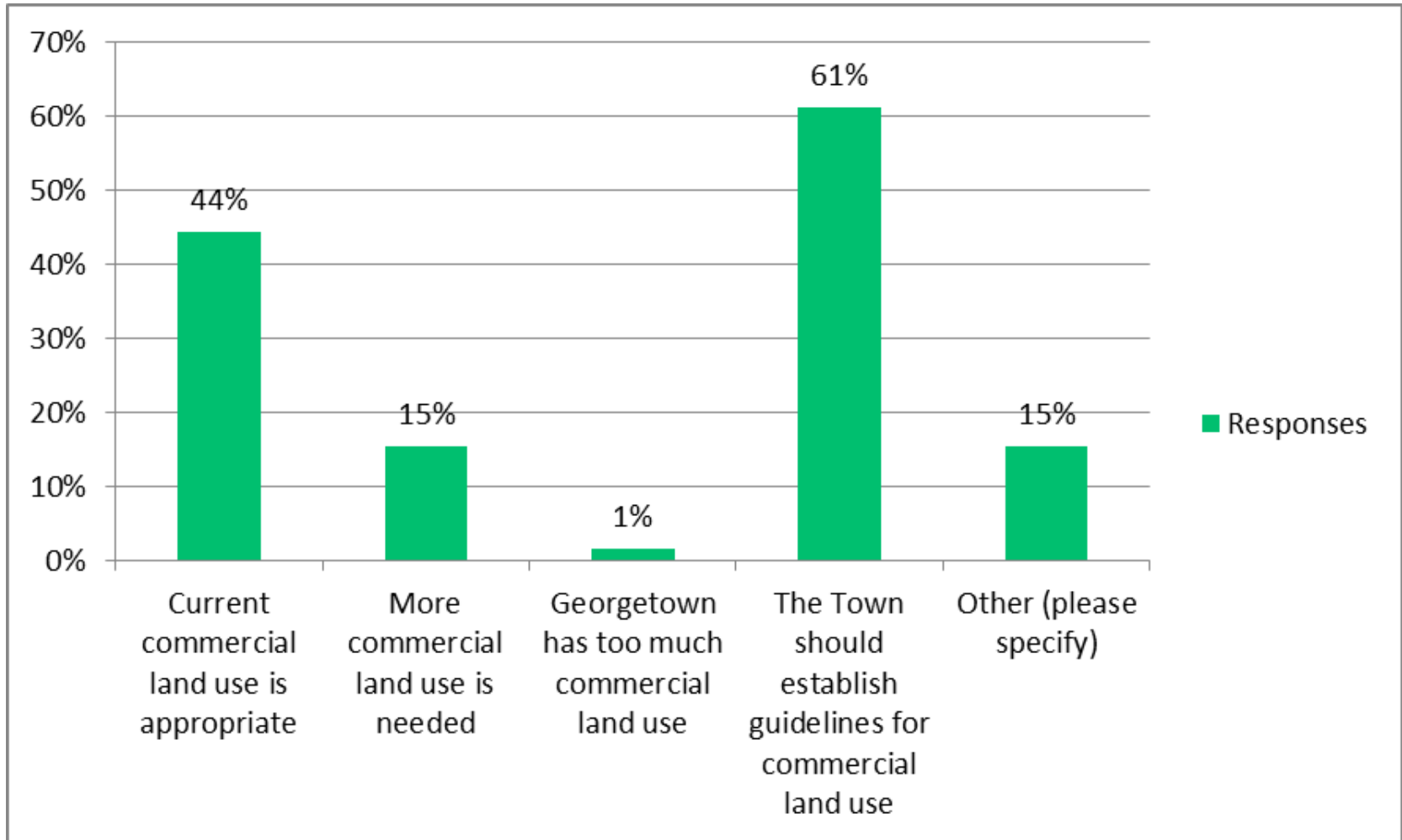


## 6. Economy



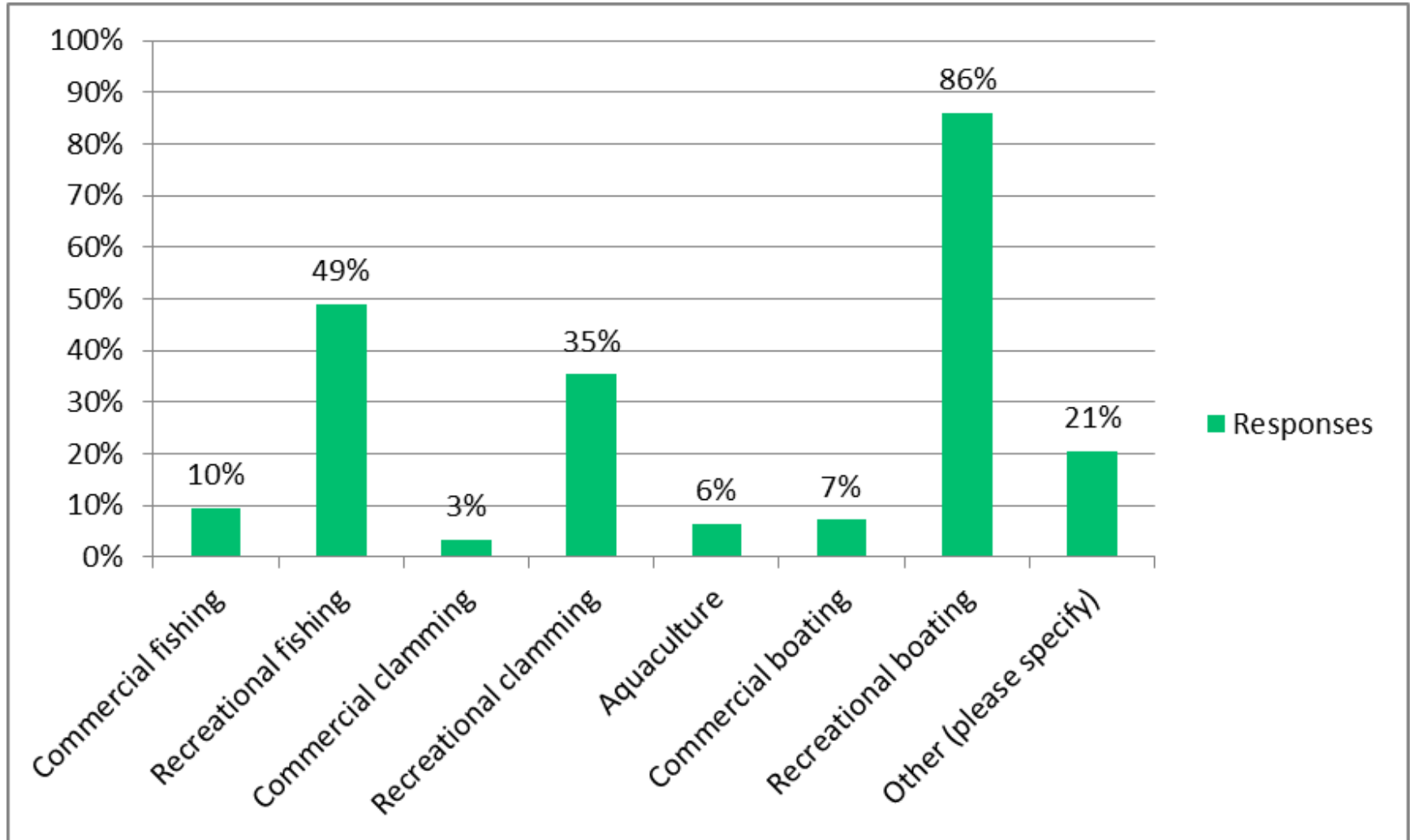
# 7. Land Use

## How Do You Feel about the Current Level of Commercial Land Use?



# 8. Marine Resources

## How do You Utilize Marine Resources in Georgetown?

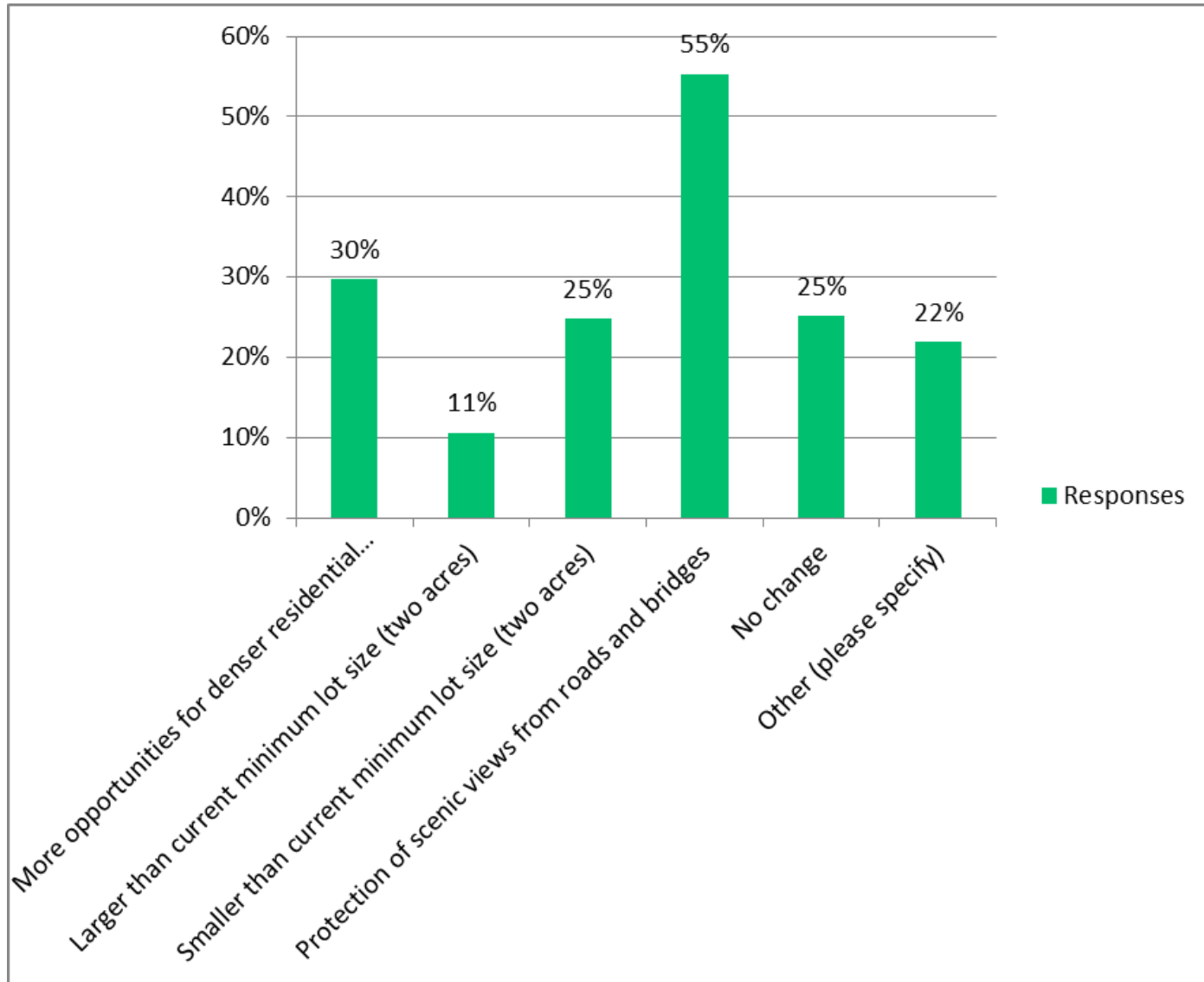


## 8. b. Marine Resources – Future Impact (196)

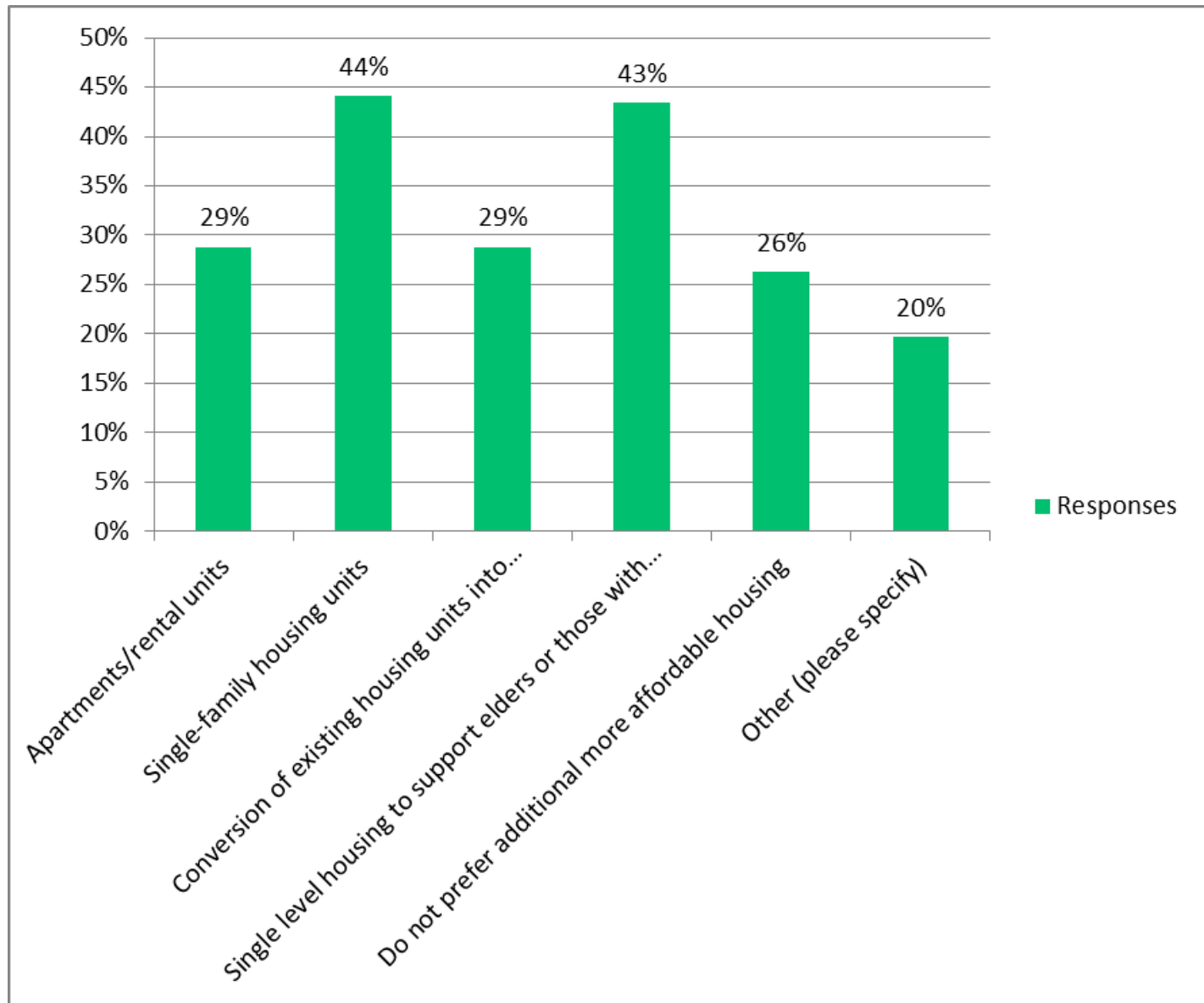
- Climate Change – Global Warming, Ocean Warming, Sea Level Increase, Increased Storm Activity/Damage, Destruction of Salt Marshes, Water Acidity
- Access to the Waterfront – Moorings, Fees
- Depletion of Some Fish Stocks – Overfishing, Climate Changes, Government Restrictions, Urchins, Shrimp,
- Invasive Species – Green Crabs, Plankton, Ribbon Worms
- Too Many Aquaculture Farms in Robinhood Cove
- Pollution – Trash, Human Waste, OBDs, Outhouses, Animal Waste, Plastics, Fertilizers, Pesticides
- Increasing Property Taxes – Especially on Ocean Front Land – Fishermen Unable to Afford Living in Georgetown
- Rich People from away Buying Up Waterfront, Too Much Construction, Cutting Down Too Many Trees
- Town Dock (Wharf) originally Purchased by Town Fundraising and Grant for Commercial Fishermen's Use

# 9.a. Housing

## Which Future Housing Alternatives do You think the Town Should Encourage?

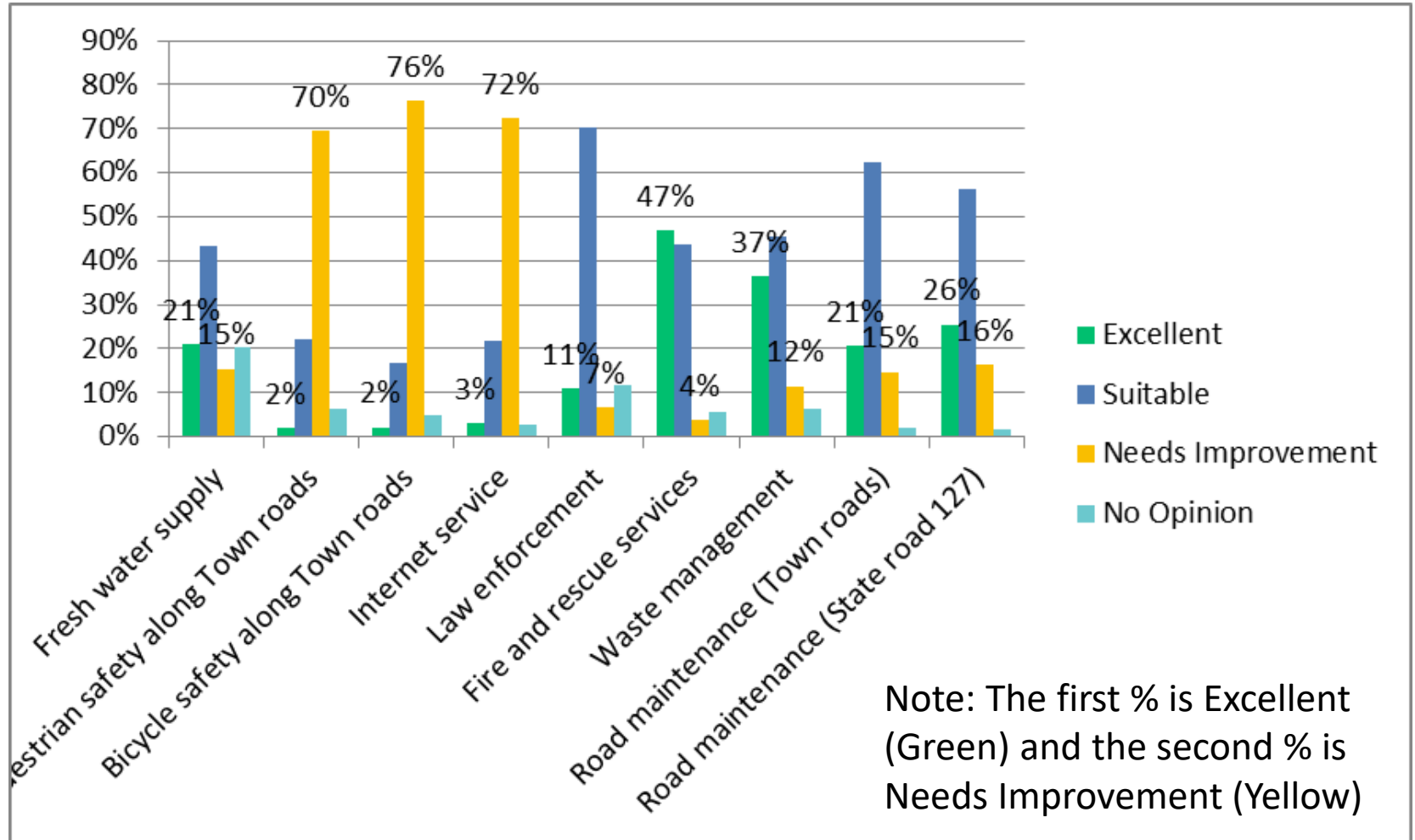


## 9.b. Which of the Following Opportunities for More Affordable Housing in Georgetown Would You Prefer?



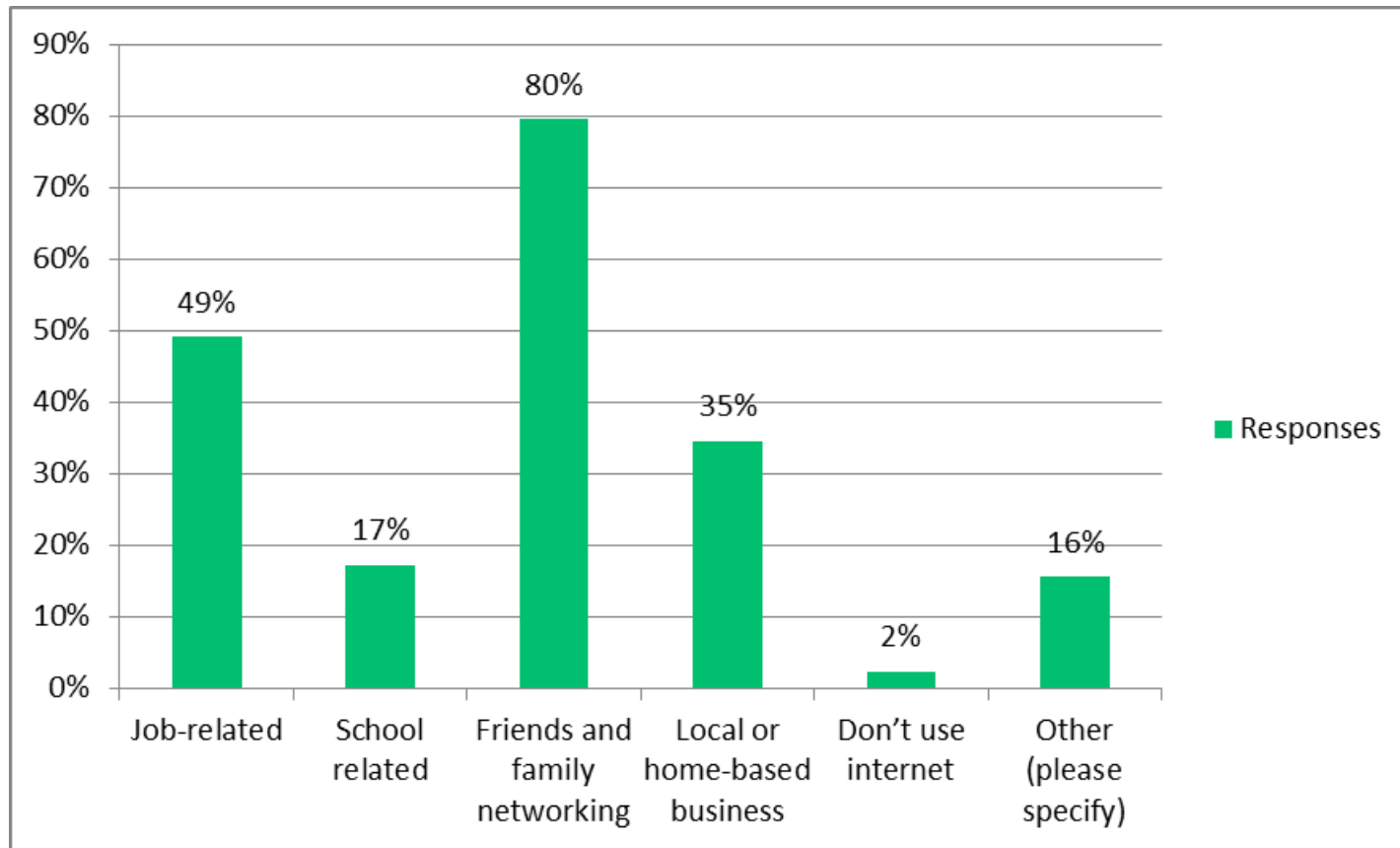
# 10. Infrastructure

## How Well do Georgetown's Infrastructure and Municipal Services Meet Your Needs?



# 11.a. Internet Communications in Georgetown

Which Use of the Internet is Most Important to You?



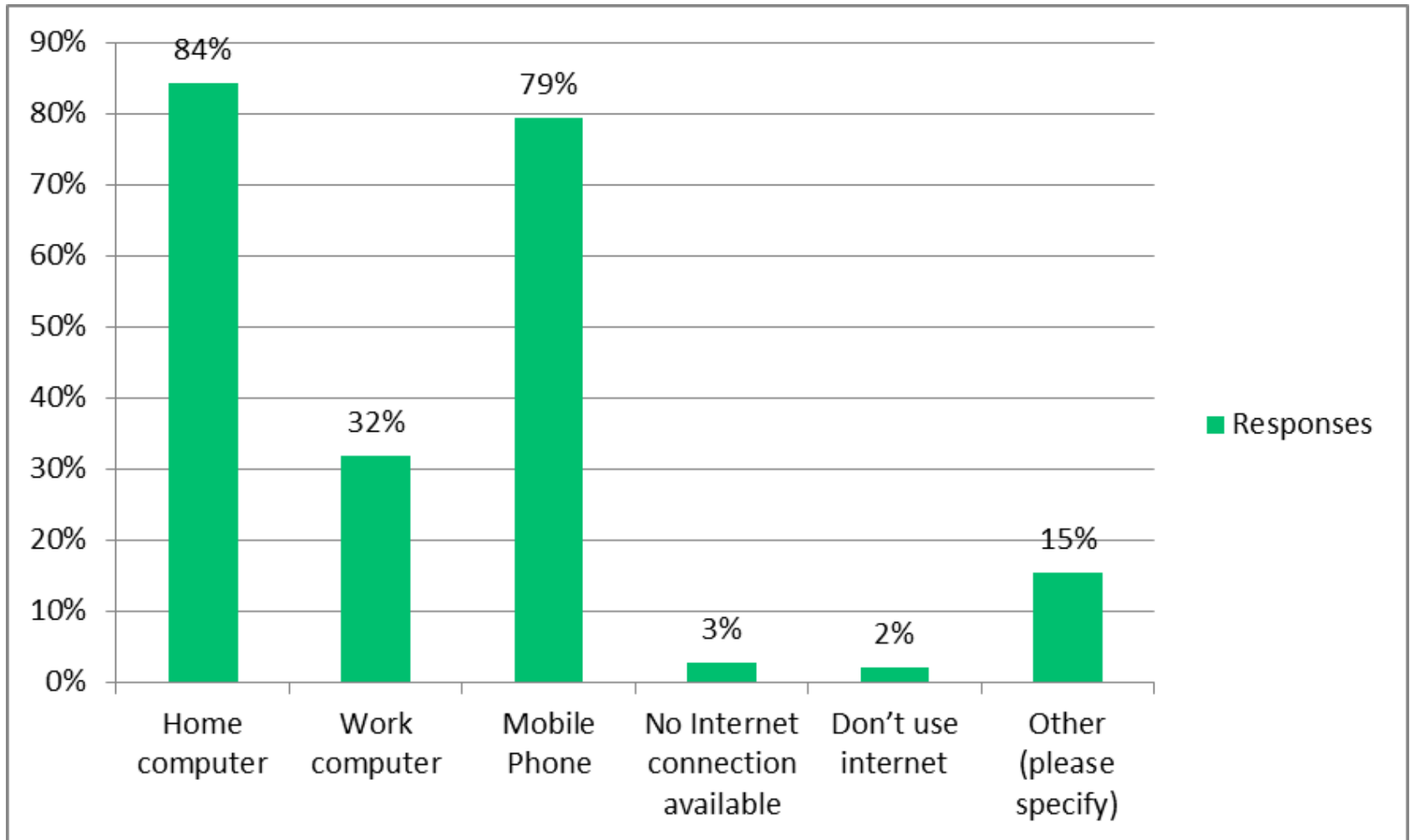
Other:

- Research, Volunteer Support, News and Information, Newspapers and Magazines, Video Access/Streaming (Netflix, Roku, Amazon, Hulu, etc), Entertainment, Genealogy, Shopping, Remote Security Cameras, TV (instead of Satellite), Banking



# 11.b. Internet Communications in Georgetown

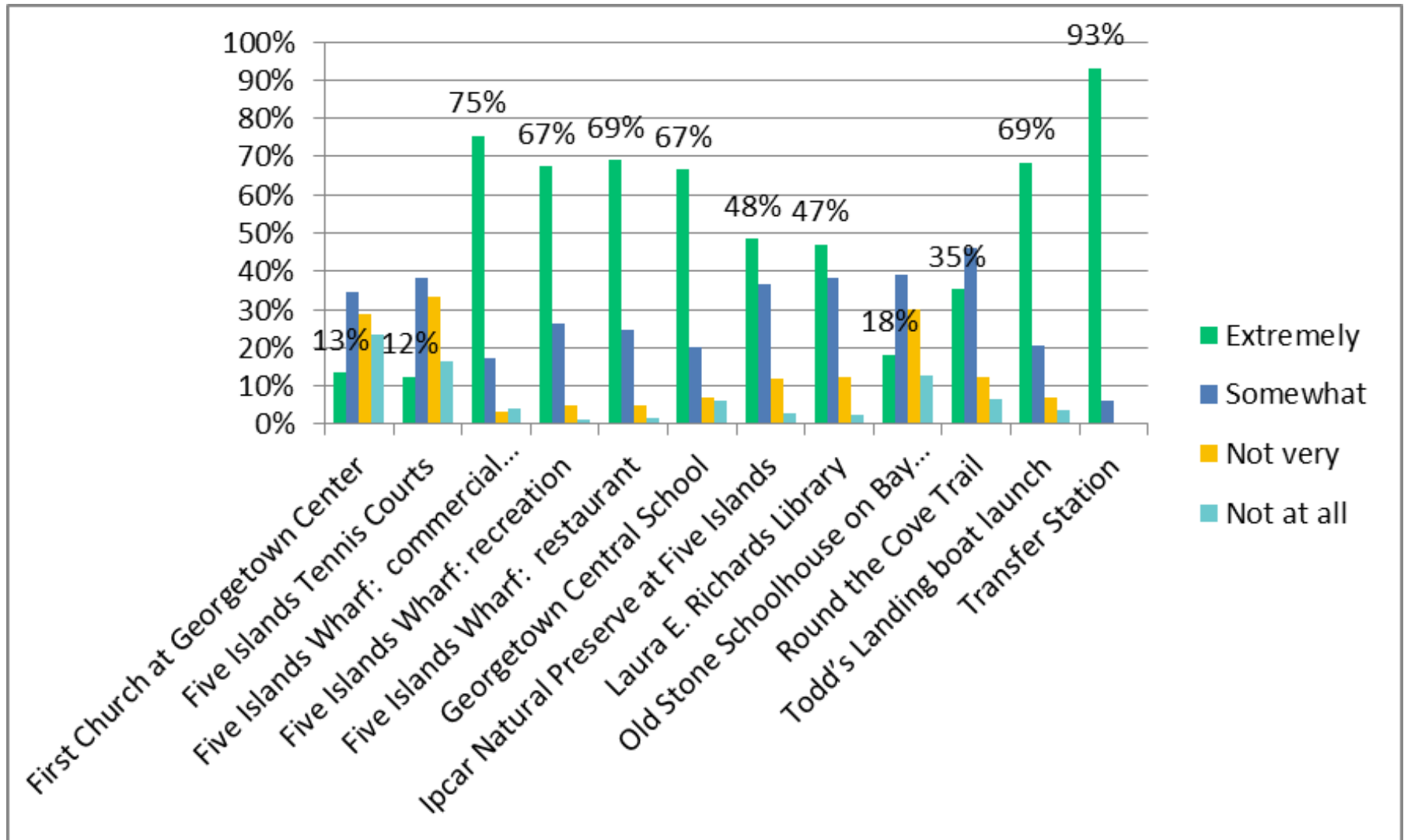
What Devices do You Use to Connect to the Internet?



- Other: Tablets, Kindle, iPad, Smart TV, Game Console

# 12. Town Assets and Facilities

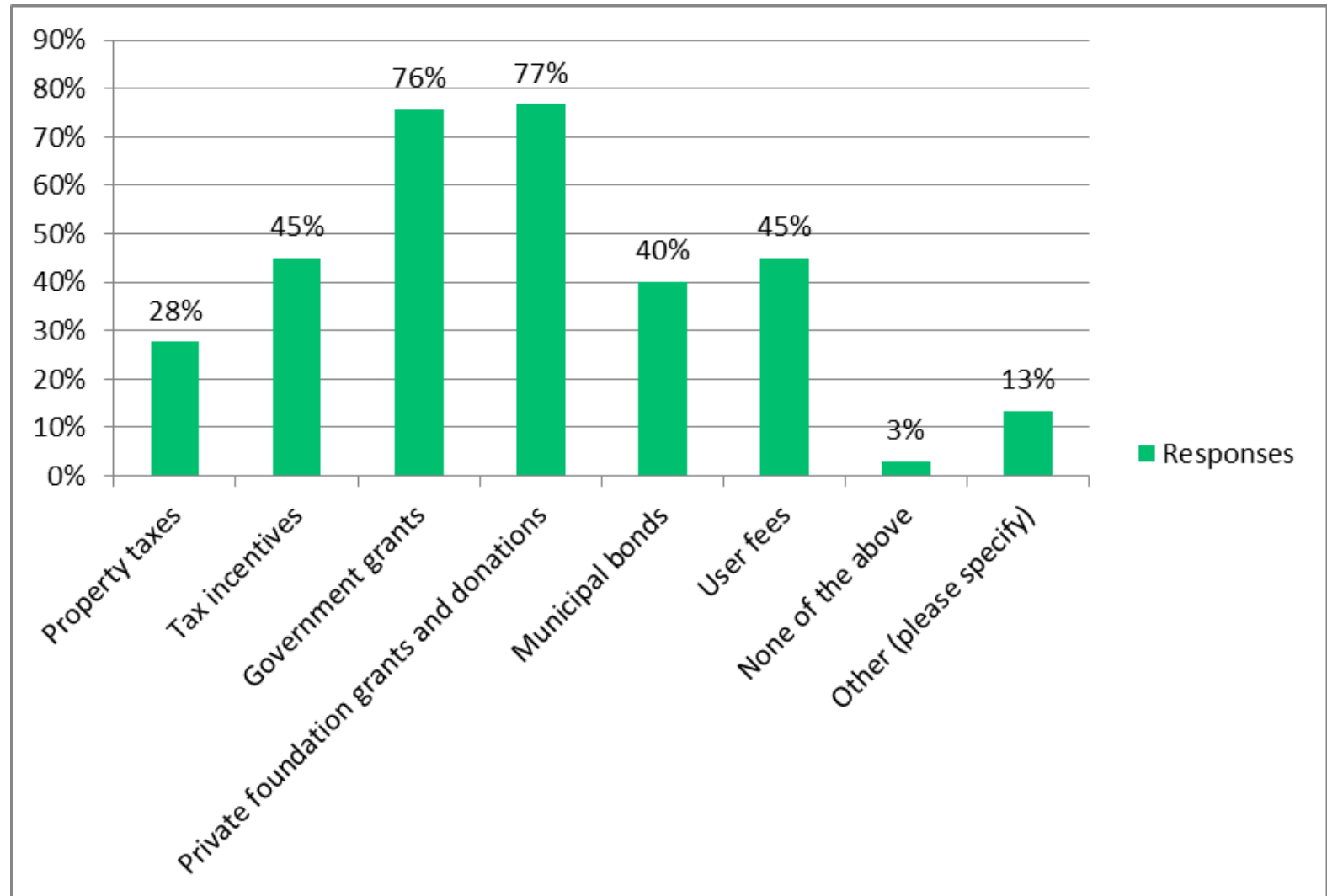
How Important are the Following Assets and Facilities to the Town?



Other Facilities Respondents asked to Add: Reid State Park, Store, Community Center, Post Office, Historical Society, Fire Stations, Town Office

# 13. Fiscal Capacity

Which of the Following Financial Options do You Think the Town should Explore to Implement Community Objectives that May Be Identified in the Updated Comprehensive Plan?



# Open Ended Questions

## 14. What makes you excited for Georgetown's Future? (198)

- Community/People of Georgetown - Shared Theme Expressed by Many – Quality, Good Nature, Friendly and Dynamic Characteristics of the people of Georgetown.
- Preserving and Respecting the Existing Character of the Town
- Continuation of Respect for the Quality of Life and Character of the Town for Future Generations - Making Sure the Town Retains its Rural Island Atmosphere
- Natural Beauty of the Environment and Location on the Coast - Appreciation of our Natural Beauty and How it Shapes Our Shared Quality of Life
- Comprehensive Plan and Other Community Efforts to Work Together - Appreciation for Undertaking the Process/Plan and for Many Other Efforts and Community Undertakings that address Town Issues and Concerns
- New businesses, expanded internet and the future of aquaculture and other marine activities
- A future with More Young Families with Children Living in Georgetown

# 15. What do you like most about living in Georgetown? (247)

- Natural Beauty – Forests & Water – Coastline – Rural – Reid State Park – Rustic – Beaches, Bays & Ocean – Conserved Land & Hiking Trails – Quiet Nights – “Tech Free” Environment in Summer
- Sense of Community – Friendliness – Not Overcrowded – Family Activities – Volunteer Organizations (GWL, GHS, GCC, GIEF, etc) – Engaged Population – “Love it As-Is” – Independent People Taking Care of Themselves & Neighbors When Needed
- School – Unique Opportunities (boatbuilding, clamming, bee keeping)
- Arts – Community Gatherings, Functions, & Events
- Small Town Living – Fishing Community – Slow Pace of Change
- Low Crime & Taxes
- Close Enough to Bath, Brunswick & Portland – Culture & Services

## 16. What is your biggest concern for Georgetown's future? (242)

- That “We try too hard to change and become like so many places that people came here to get away from.”
- Concern Over Loss of a Diverse Population – Georgetown Becoming a Retirement/Tourist Community
- School – Worried about it being Closed – Burden it puts on the Town to Keep It Open
- Climate – How Will It Effect the Town – Roads, Property, Ability to Make a Living in the Marine Industry
- Overdevelopment – Lack of Planning to Deal with Future Development
- Concern about the Lack of Young People/Families in Town

## 17. What do you like least about living in Georgetown? (224)

- Environmental Factors and Nuisances - mosquitoes, ticks, black flies, brown tail moth caterpillars and snow/winters
- Travel Distance and Time to obtain Goods, Services or Employment - shopping, medical appointments, recreation, work or services
- Traffic and Unsafe Roadways, Especially for Pedestrians and Cyclists - Summer traffic - Lack of safe/adequate road shoulders
- Tension among Various People in the Community – “Newcomers” and “Long-Time” residents - Seasonal and Year-Round residents - Different Points of View
- Inadequate Internet, Cell Telephone and Television Service
- Increased Population and Traffic in the Summer - Impact of tourist activity
- Lack of Local Services and Businesses - Gas Station, Laundro-mat, etc.
- Isolation and Remoteness during the Winter - Empty Houses, Long Snowy Winters - Feeling of Being Isolated during Winter and during Storms



# Please list any other issues you feel should be in the Comprehensive Plan (97)

- Climate Change
  - Sea Level Rise
  - Infrastructure Hardening
  - Lobster/Fish/Shellfish impact
  - Tics & Mosquitoes (deer population)
- Speeding on 127
- Support for SOLAR, green energy
- Plan for School's Future
- Tax Relief
  - Shore Owners
  - Seniors
  - Fishermen
- Communications
  - Town Issues
  - Events
  - Fire Station /Robinhood Rd Signs
- Performing Arts Center
- Task Force to examine Rental Market
  - Regulation & Tax
- Survey doesn't address Town businesses
- Protect Waterfront from Over-development (condos)
- Parking in many areas
- Vote on TOPMB Priorities
- Updated Hydrology Survey
  - Verify Water Supply
- Attract More Volunteers
  - GVFD
  - Boards & Committees
- What We Want vs Need
  - Cannot Afford it All
- Survey what young people want/need
- Chemical Pesticide use

# Finally

137 People Left their Name  
and/or Contact Information