

# City of Dunkirk, NY Comprehensive Plan Update

## Community Survey Results

December 5, 2018

### INTRODUCTION

A Community Survey was conducted for the City of Dunkirk Comprehensive Plan Update process. The Survey was prepared by the Planning Advisory Committee in conjunction with the City of Dunkirk Department of Planning and Development and the Laberge Group Team. Questions 1 through 11 were developed covering a variety of issues, including, but not limited to: parks and recreation; economic development, jobs and the local economy, rating of City services, and major issues facing the City. In addition, questions 12 through 24 inquired about survey respondent details, including, but not limited to years residing in Dunkirk, employment status, family size, income, and race/ethnicity in order to better understand respondent profiles and to allow for cross tabulation. Opportunities for respondents to offer additional comments was also provided.

The survey was made available in both English and Spanish, and could be completed online through SurveyMonkey or on paper copies. The surveys were made available at the Public Visioning Open House held on July 31, 2018 and remained open through November 30, 2018. A total of 148 surveys were completed. The following is a summary of the results which begins with a breakdown of survey respondent profiles. The full results of the survey are attached to the end of this document.

### RESPONDENTS PROFILE

Survey Questions 12 through 24 inquired about the respondents' gender, age, employment status, income and other socio-demographic elements. Based on the responses, the survey was completed by a relatively older, more affluent population that has lived in the City for 11 or more years and own their own home. The majority of respondents live in Ward 2, with the remaining Wards fairly evenly represented. Only 5% of respondents identified themselves as Hispanic or Latino, with over 92% identifying as White. Two-person households make up just over 50% of the respondents with over 65% of the families including children under the age of three. Almost 50% of respondents are working full-time with almost 40% retired. Almost 35% of respondents work within the City of Dunkirk with approximately 16% working in the Village of Fredonia. City of Dunkirk business owners make up 6% of the respondents.

The following is a more detailed breakdown of the 148 survey respondents:

- Male and female respondents are equally represented at 50% each.
- The majority (79.4%) of respondents have been living in the City for 11 or more years. Just over six percent of the respondents have been living in the City for six to ten years with the same percentage of respondents living in the City five or less years. The remaining respondents are part-time residents (1.4%) or not residents (6.3%) which may account for some business owners that do not live in the City.

- Approximately 33% of respondents live in Ward 2 followed by Ward 3 (22%), Ward 1 (21%) and Ward 4 (19%).
- The survey represented older residents, with almost 44% of respondents ages 45-65 and approximately 34% of respondents over the age of 65. The third highest age cohort of respondents were 35-44 year olds, followed by the 18-34 age cohort at over 11%. There were no respondents under the age of 18.
- Only 5% (7) of respondents identified themselves as Hispanic or Latino of any race with almost 93% of respondents identifying as White. Less than one percent (1 respondent) identified as Asian and just over 1% chose “Other.”
- The majority (51%) of respondents live in two-person households, with almost 23% living alone. Families of four made up approximately 12% of respondents, followed by families of three at almost 11%. Five and six or more person households make up 2% and just over 1% of respondents respectively.
- Children within families of respondents are overwhelmingly young with almost 67% of the families having children under three years of age. Families with children between 6 and 17 years old accounted for just under 27% of respondents followed by families with children between the ages of three and five at almost 7%.
- The vast majority of survey respondents (91%) earn \$20k or more, with slightly over 50% earning \$60k or more.
- Over 90% of respondents own their home, with approximately 88% of respondents living in single-family homes and slightly over 9% in two or three family homes. Two respondents live in Dunkirk Housing Authority accommodations.
- A total of nine (6%) respondents own a business in the City.
- Over 46% of respondents are employed full-time and just over 36% retired. Almost 5% of respondents are working part-time, with less than 2% of respondents identifying as underemployed and looking for more work with slightly over 2% unemployed and looking for work. Almost 6% stated that they were disabled and not able to work.
- For employed respondents, almost 35% work in the City of Dunkirk, with the Village of Fredonia ranked second at 16%, followed by the City of Buffalo/Hamburg/Orchard Park/Cheektowaga area at just over 8%, Jamestown at almost 7% and the Town of Dunkirk at almost 6%. Over 25% of respondents identified other locations of employment including, but not limited to Angola, Persia, Sinclairville, Brockton and Pennsylvania.

## SURVEY RESULTS OVERVIEW

The following is a brief overview of responses to each of the 14 primary questions. The full survey results are attached to this document.

### **Q1. How would you rate the City’s effort in providing the following facilities and services?**

- Answered: 146 Skipped: 2
- Response Choices: 19 different City services and facilities were provided. Respondents were asked to rank them as: Excellent, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory, and Do Not Know or N/A.
- Respondents provided high marks for overall City government services and management, snow removal, parks and recreation, City-sponsored festivals and entertainment, police/fire/emergency services, water and sewer services, and trash removal and recycling.

- Low marks were given for road and sidewalk maintenance, code enforcement, the Downtown/Business District, the selection of stores and the level of business activity.
- Senior and youth services/activities and the planning and zoning approval process were given positive support, but there appears to be room for improvement.
- Comments provided include: Need to clean up housing units; need for increased restaurant variety, more local businesses and shopping options, need for a recreation center, recommendation for sidewalks to be repaired and maintained by the City, should hold events for disabled residents, need for increased tourism support, Central Ave. from LSD to 4<sup>th</sup> Street is in very poor shape including stores, most are vacant, suggest providing incentives to bring businesses back.

**Q2. Rank the importance of why you choose to live in the City of Dunkirk:**

- Answered: 144 Skipped: 4
- Response Choices: 16 different choices were provided, including, but not limited to: natural beauty, the school district, diversity of the population, City parks, and the size of the City. Respondents were asked to rank them as Very Important, Somewhat Important, Not Very Important and Not Applicable.
- The top five “Very Important” responses:
  1. The Lake (68%);
  2. Natural beauty and Housing costs (51%);
  3. Grew up here (48%);
  4. City parks (41%); and
  5. Sense of Community (40%).
- Investment opportunities, public transportation and the proximity to SUNY Fredonia/Village of Fredonia were the bottom three reasons provided.
- Comments provided include: Downtown, proximity to Erie Pa., Toronto, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, and Syracuse, along with the low probability of natural disasters, ability to walk to many locations, and low property taxes.

**Q3. Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements. The City should:**

- Answered: 145 Skipped: 3
- Response Choices: 14 different statements were provided, including, but not limited to, encourage retail/commercial and industrial developments, repair existing and construct new sidewalks, construct a community center and encourage a mix of residential and commercial development along the Lake. Respondents were asked to state their level of agreement as: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree and No Opinion.
- The top five elements that respondents Strongly Agreed with are as follows:
  1. Increase economic development efforts that create new job opportunities (76%);
  2. Encourage retail/commercial development (stores that provide for daily/weekly shopping needs) (73%);
  3. Improve the quality and appearance of homes (68%);
  4. Encourage institutional/education developments (health services, museums, cultural attractions and schools/higher education) (65%); and

5. Repair existing and construct new sidewalks (60%).

- There was additional support for focusing economic development efforts on tourism and associated development along the lakeshore, encouraging industrial developments, encouraging office developments and continuing to improve City parks and recreation areas.
- At the bottom of the list, less than 50% choosing “Strongly Agree:” Improving public transportation, constructing a community/recreation center, and encouraging a mix of residential and commercial development including in appropriate areas along the Lake.
- Relevant comments provided include: Need for improvements to housing, especially east of Central Ave., request for public restrooms (dawn to dusk) at parks and downtown, continue improving parks and recreation areas but not at the expense of losing the boat launch and parking for boaters, need for childcare, add a splash pad to Point Gratiot, need for senior housing geared towards retired with moderate to high income levels, improve the south side of Rt. 5 from Main St. to Memorial Park “depressing and embarrassing,” Dunkirk should become an Arbor Day Tree City, have our young local talent create murals, and more waterfront attractions are needed, not more residential.

**Q4. What portion of your shopping/personal service needs or entertainment takes place in the City?**

- Answered: 145 Skipped: 3
- Response Choices: 16 different shopping/personal service needs and entertainment choices were provided. Respondents were asked to identify how often they visit these stores/services/entertainment as Almost All, Some, Very Little and None.
- The majority of respondents (63%) indicate that they do almost all of their Banking/financial business within the City.
- Combining responses “Almost All” and “Some,” the top five responses were:
  1. Banking/financial: 87%
  2. Restaurants/Food establishments: 75%
  3. Groceries: 72%
  4. Medical/dental and Home repair/hardware: 70%
- Retail – clothing, large scale/big box, social service needs, and home furnishings were ranked the lowest.
- Relevant comments provided include: Most stores are outside the City limits, there is a need for more retail (grocery) and a “full sized” retail store, opportunity for small-scale stores as big box stores are going out of business, more stores needed to support tourism, and a need for quality clothing store was identified.

**Q5. How often do you shop or seek services in cities, villages or town other than the City of Dunkirk?**

- Answered: 132 Skipped: 16
- Response Choices: Several times a week, At least once a week, Once every few weeks, Once a month, Once a year, and Never.
- Almost 48% of respondents indicated that they shop outside of the City several times a week.
- Approximately 33% at least once a week.
- Almost 13% once every few weeks.
- 6% once a month
- Less than 2% once a year.

**Q6. What kind of new businesses would you like to see in the City of Dunkirk?**

- Answered: 142 Skipped: 6
- Response Choices: 20 separate types of businesses and services were provided, including, but not limited to: Antique stores, bakery, coffee shop, grocery store, upscale restaurants, and winery.
- Top five responses:
  1. Waterfront restaurant: 70%
  2. Retail shops: 67%
  3. Tourist attractions: 64%
  4. Clothing shop: 61%
  5. Family restaurant: 56%
- Additional support for a bike shop (47%), with bakery, grocery store and movie theater each receiving 46%, followed by upscale restaurant (45%), and brewery and ethnic restaurant both at 44%.
- Relevant comments include: Request for “artsy shops,” deli, indoor recreational facility, outdoor sporting shops, year-round opportunities for children, find ways to support the existing grocery store, more industry, concert venue, and botanical garden.

**Q7. How much of a concern are the following issues in the City of Dunkirk?**

- Answered: 143 Skipped: 5
- Response Choices: 21 different choices were provided, including, but not limited to: access to medical care, availability of child care, condition of City streets and sidewalks, job opportunities, local shopping opportunities, and environmental sustainability. Respondents were asked to rank them by: Major Concern, Minor Concern, Not a Concern, and Do not know.
- The biggest issues identified by respondents as Major Concerns were downtown image and vacant/abandoned homes, both at 87%. These were followed by job opportunities (86%), perception of the City (83%), condition of housing (79%) and condition of City streets and sidewalks (78%).
- The lack of shopping opportunities, unkempt properties/junk in yards, home values and community character are also Major Concerns for the vast majority of respondents.
- Availability of quality housing is a Major Concern for 50% of respondents while access to medical care is a Major Concern for 58%.
- The lack of summer and year round youth activities are a Major Concern with 38% and 42% of respondents respectfully.
- Only 28% of respondents state that the availability of child care are a Major Concern, followed by 35% concerned with adequate public transportation.
- Relevant comments regarding concerns include: Absentee landlords (especially in the historic district), clean up lower Franklin Ave., improved code enforcement needed, home ownership, positive comments on recent blight reduction, concern that creating more low income housing is an issue as they are “never kept up,” and keep the hospital.

**Q8. Would you describe the City of Dunkirk as in need of more:**

- Answered: 141 Skipped: 7
- Response Choices: Eight choices were provided, including, but not limited to: parks facilities, senior services and facilities, public transportation choices, and employment opportunities. Respondents were asked to answer Yes or No.
- Respondents indicated that the City is in need of more employment opportunities (97%) and business and shopping in Downtown (96%). Over 73% believe that youth, teen programs and facilities are needed, followed by recreational programs at 65% and senior services and facilities at 62%.
- Park facilities (34%) early childhood education (46%) and public transportation choices (57%) were ranked the lowest in terms of need in the City by respondents. However, it is still important to recognize these findings, especially for early childhood education and public transportation.

**Q9. Which City Facilities, Events and Parks do you use/visit? Please mark multiple responses.**

- Answered: 142 Skipped 6
- Response Choices: 20 choices were provided, including, but not limited to farmers' market, the City's numerous parks, the Senior Center, Dunkirk City Pier, and the recreation center at the Chautauqua County Fair Grounds.
- Approximately 87% of respondents regularly visit Point Gratiot Park and the Dunkirk City Pier.
- Memorial and Wright Parks are the second most visited park facilities each receiving 61%.
- Less than 10% of the respondents visit Kosciuszko and Franklin Avenue Boulevard Parks, New York Ave. Playground and Fourth Street, Bicentennial and Pangolin Parks.
- Point Gratiot Beach is the most visited of the City beaches (60%) followed by Wright Park Beach (47%) and Main Street Beach (26%).

**Q10. Is there a lack of childcare in Dunkirk?**

- Answered: 119 Skipped 29
- Response Choices: Yes, No
- Almost 59% of respondents believe there is not a lack of childcare in the City, with 40% stating that there is a lack of childcare.
- The survey as asked respondents to provided their contact information if they believe there is a lack of childcare and would like to be part of the solution. A total of eight respondents would like to offer their assistance.

**Q11. If you are currently unemployed/underemployed, what obstacles stand in your way of getting/keeping the job you desire? Check all that apply.**

- Answered: 52 Skipped: 96 (assuming the majority are employed or retired)
- Response Choices: Child Care, Transportation, Training, Language, Other
- Almost 83% of respondents chose "Other" with health and disabilities the top responses, followed by a lack of opportunities. Child care was also mentioned several times in the comments.

- Only a total of 14 respondents chose a particular obstacle for getting/keeping the desired job. Of these respondents, almost 10% chose Training, followed by child care at just under 8%. Transportation received almost 6% and Language just under 4%.

## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

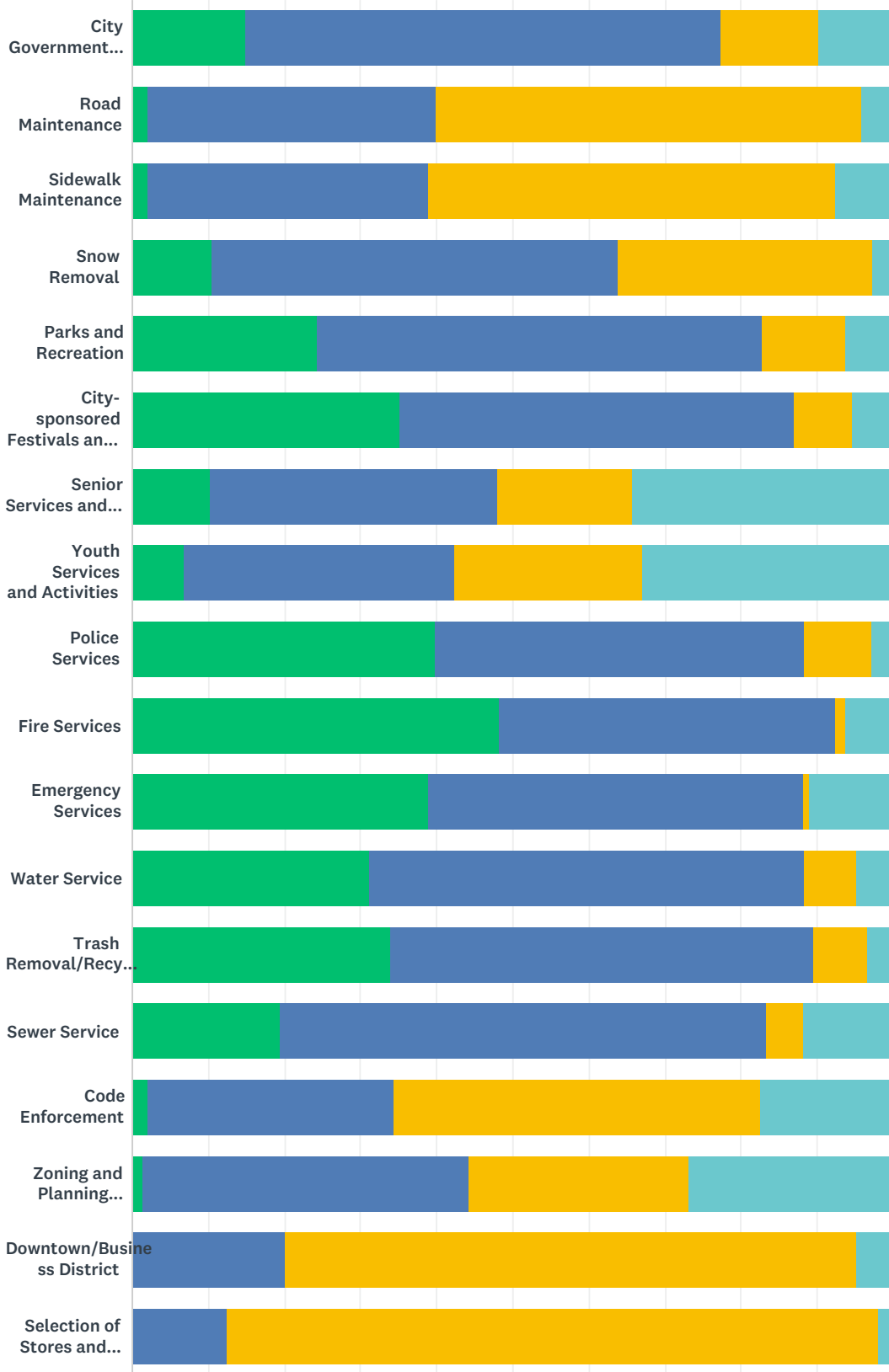
Question 25 asked for any additional comments the respondents would like to offer. A total of 80 respondents provided additional comments which touched on a variety of topics including the City Pier, Parks, Housing and Businesses. All 80 responses are attached to this document.

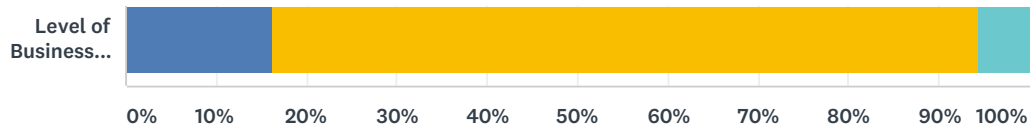
## FULL SURVEY RESULTS



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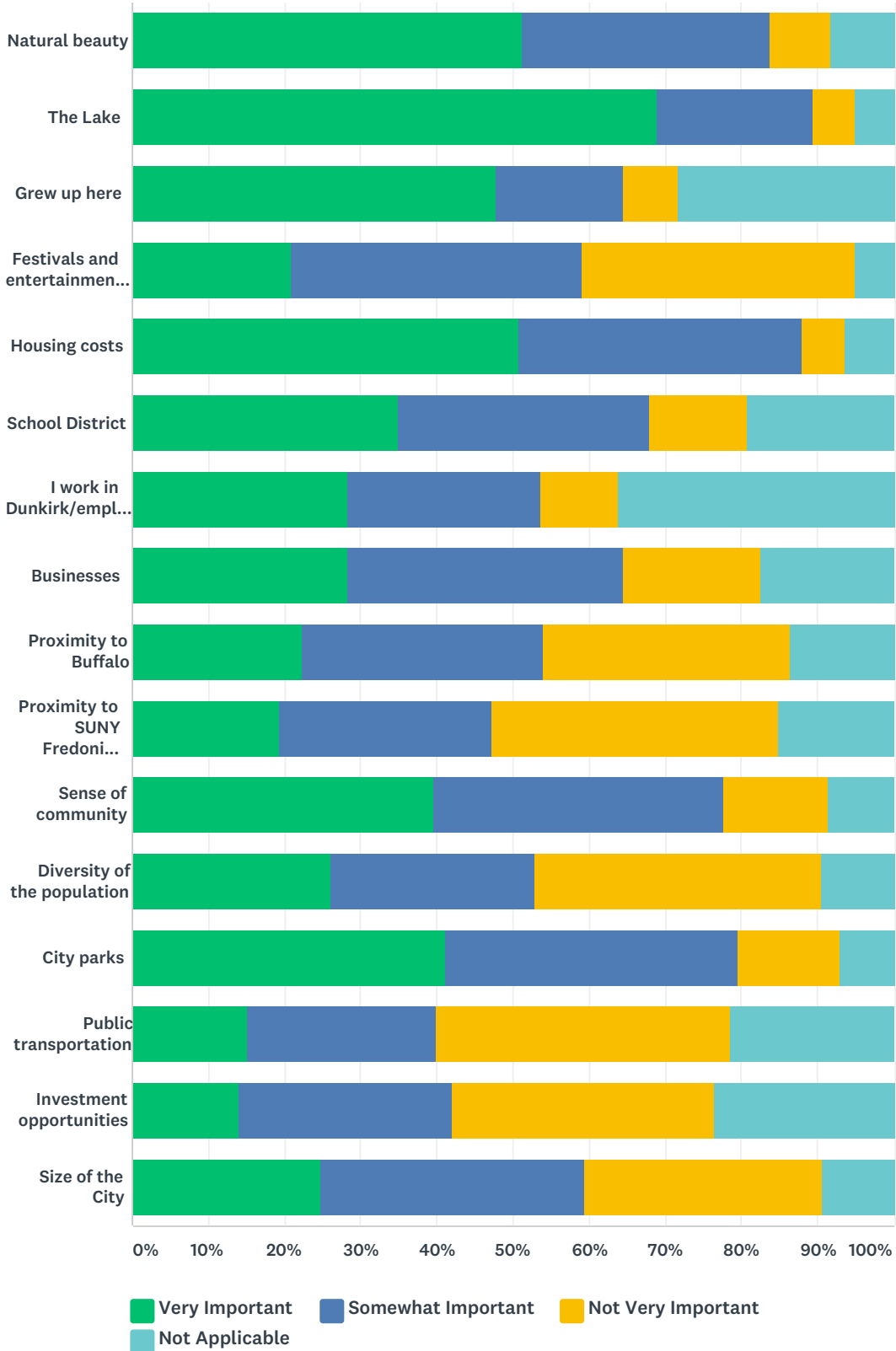
■ Excellent 
 ■ Satisfactory 
 ■ Unsatisfactory 
 ■ Do Not Know or N/A

	EXCELLENT	SATISFACTORY	UNSATISFACTORY	DO NOT KNOW OR N/A	TOTAL
City Government Services /Management	14.89% 21	62.41% 88	12.77% 18	9.93% 14	141
Road Maintenance	2.10% 3	37.76% 54	55.94% 80	4.20% 6	143
Sidewalk Maintenance	2.08% 3	36.81% 53	53.47% 77	7.64% 11	144
Snow Removal	10.42% 15	53.47% 77	33.33% 48	2.78% 4	144
Parks and Recreation	24.31% 35	58.33% 84	11.11% 16	6.25% 9	144
City-sponsored Festivals and Entertainment	35.17% 51	51.72% 75	7.59% 11	5.52% 8	145
Senior Services and Activities	10.27% 15	37.67% 55	17.81% 26	34.25% 50	146
Youth Services and Activities	6.85% 10	35.62% 52	24.66% 36	32.88% 48	146
Police Services	39.73% 58	48.63% 71	8.90% 13	2.74% 4	146
Fire Services	48.28% 70	44.14% 64	1.38% 2	6.21% 9	145
Emergency Services	38.89% 56	49.31% 71	0.69% 1	11.11% 16	144
Water Service	31.03% 45	57.24% 83	6.90% 10	4.83% 7	145
Trash Removal/Recycling	34.03% 49	55.56% 80	6.94% 10	3.47% 5	144
Sewer Service	19.44% 28	63.89% 92	4.86% 7	11.81% 17	144
Code Enforcement	2.10% 3	32.17% 46	48.25% 69	17.48% 25	143
Zoning and Planning Approval Process	1.38% 2	42.76% 62	28.97% 42	26.90% 39	145
Downtown/Business District	0.00% 0	20.14% 29	75.00% 108	4.86% 7	144
Selection of Stores and Shopping	0.00% 0	12.41% 18	85.52% 124	2.07% 3	145
Level of Business Activity	0.00% 0	16.20% 23	78.17% 111	5.63% 8	142
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)				DATE

1	metered parking in business district	11/8/2018 1:41 PM
2	Restaurants/ Variety, ethnicity	8/10/2018 2:44 PM
3	Clean up housing units	8/10/2018 10:13 AM
4	An alternative movie house (foreign films)	8/10/2018 9:27 AM
5	high quality licensed childcare	8/10/2018 9:02 AM
6	More business local, restaurant choices local.	8/10/2018 8:45 AM
7	Code Enforcement & Zoning/Planning: ' need to grow here'	8/9/2018 1:19 PM
8	Need Rec Center, Sewer Services - do not unclog receivers	8/9/2018 11:42 AM
9	Businesses left when Social Services too the city as their iwn	8/9/2018 8:16 AM
10	Sidewalks should be repaired and maintained by City for uniform upkeep and quality. This includes those in front of residential homes as well.	8/8/2018 5:23 PM
11	Having events for disbled people. In the city of Dunkirk	8/7/2018 2:57 PM
12	Dogs should not be allowed at festivals, music on the pier ever!!!	8/1/2018 12:27 PM
13	More places for younger and childs and more helper for people in public housing i think more help to low rent in public housing in my opinion i paid a lot of rent but i let in your hands but for me i love Dunkirk	7/31/2018 4:01 PM
14	In order to get people to live in Dunkirk, there must be shopping options otherwise they will live closer to Buffalo and commute. Especially with the new addition of the Athenex.	7/31/2018 1:54 PM
15	Need for increased Tourism Support	7/30/2018 10:05 AM
16	Need more parking at the pier (move employees!!)	7/28/2018 4:37 PM
17	The Central Ave. cooridor from LSD to 4th Street is pitiful. The store fronts are in terrible shape and most are vacant. Give incentives to bring business back to this area.	7/28/2018 12:16 PM
18	The Police Don't Care Or Respond To Calls Anymore. They Have Very Bad Attitudes	7/27/2018 6:58 PM
19	Please use property near water front to bring in tourist, not low income housing.	7/27/2018 4:17 PM

## Q2 Where applicable, rank the importance of why you choose to live in the City of Dunkirk:

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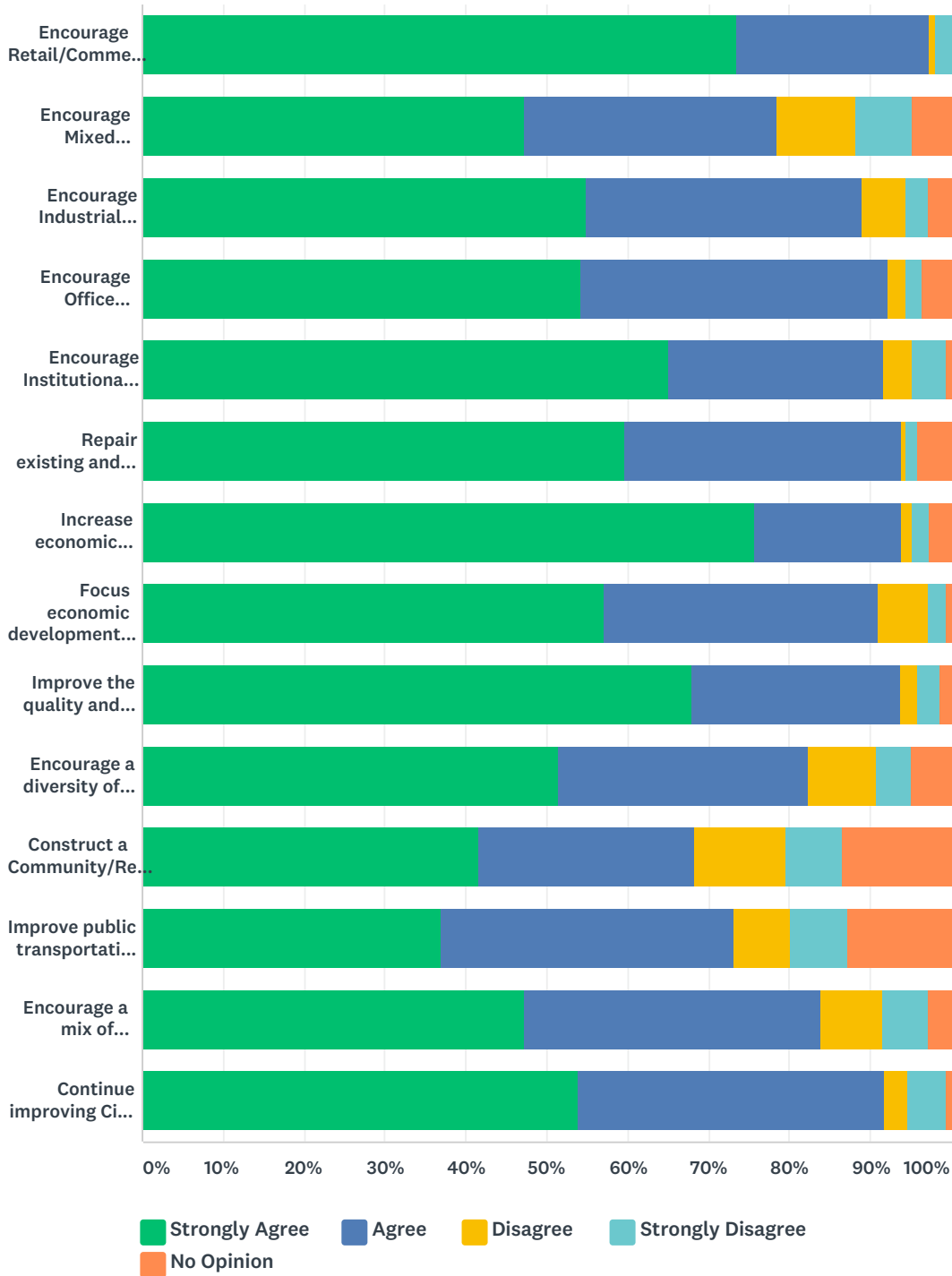
	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT VERY IMPORTANT	NOT APPLICABLE	TOTAL
Natural beauty	51.11% 69	32.59% 44	8.15% 11	8.15% 11	135
The Lake	68.79% 97	20.57% 29	5.67% 8	4.96% 7	141
Grew up here	47.83% 66	16.67% 23	7.25% 10	28.26% 39	138
Festivals and entertainment choices	20.86% 29	38.13% 53	35.97% 50	5.04% 7	139
Housing costs	50.70% 72	37.32% 53	5.63% 8	6.34% 9	142
School District	35.00% 49	32.86% 46	12.86% 18	19.29% 27	140
I work in Dunkirk/employment opportunities	28.26% 39	25.36% 35	10.14% 14	36.23% 50	138
Businesses	28.26% 39	36.23% 50	18.12% 25	17.39% 24	138
Proximity to Buffalo	22.30% 31	31.65% 44	32.37% 45	13.67% 19	139
Proximity to SUNY Fredonia/ Village of Fredonia	19.29% 27	27.86% 39	37.86% 53	15.00% 21	140
Sense of community	39.57% 55	38.13% 53	13.67% 19	8.63% 12	139
Diversity of the population	26.09% 36	26.81% 37	37.68% 52	9.42% 13	138
City parks	41.13% 58	38.30% 54	13.48% 19	7.09% 10	141
Public transportation	15.00% 21	25.00% 35	38.57% 54	21.43% 30	140
Investment opportunities	13.97% 19	27.94% 38	34.56% 47	23.53% 32	136
Size of the City	24.64% 34	34.78% 48	31.16% 43	9.42% 13	138

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1	Proximity to Toronto, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Syracuse within 150 mile radius, low volatility of weather extremes: floods/tornado/wildfire/earthquake/sinkholes	11/8/2018 1:41 PM
2	playgrounds	8/10/2018 1:30 PM
3	Downtown area	8/10/2018 10:32 AM
4	Proximity to Erie	8/10/2018 10:02 AM
5	Celebrate this diversity with ethnic festivals, holiday events, etc that welcomes others and/or out-of-towners.	8/10/2018 9:27 AM
6	Change with the times	8/10/2018 8:45 AM
7	I may bed more business to Fredonia. My choice was move or close. Social Service enveloped the city. Sad but true, all other businesses had already evacuated, I was left with no parking and lots of people looking for their benefits. It's the sad truth	8/9/2018 8:16 AM
8	I don't drive due to my eyesight. Having most of my needs within walking distance is a big reason why I moved here.	8/8/2018 5:23 PM

9	Having a small city. Help me make new friends	8/7/2018 2:57 PM
10	what public transportation?	8/1/2018 12:27 PM
11	This is "home". The city is small enough that fixes can be made if the right effort is made. Agreeing on the right effort is difficult. Fix the problem, don't just make it look nice and push the problem on the next generation. Always leave it better then you found it.	8/1/2018 8:17 AM
12	I live in Dunkirk as my family mostly resided here. At this point there is little family left. My concern is with the majority of the Dunkirk population not maintaining their property. This does not require money, just some pride which seems to be lacking. Driving around Dunkirk is depressing especially on the East of Central Avenue below Newton Street. There needs to be some incentive for these families to clean up their yards.	7/31/2018 1:54 PM
13	low property taxes & housing costs for retiree	7/30/2018 9:48 AM
14	More attention to Point Gratiot beach/parking	7/28/2018 4:37 PM

### Q3 Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements. The City should:

Answered: 145 Skipped: 3



	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	NO OPINION	TOTAL
Encourage Retail/Commercial Developments (Stores that provide for daily and weekly shopping needs)	73.43% 105	23.78% 34	0.70% 1	2.10% 3	0.00% 0	143

Encourage Mixed Residential/Commercial Developments (Buildings that house both apartments and stores/restaurants)	47.22% 68	31.25% 45	9.72% 14	6.94% 10	4.86% 7	144
Encourage Industrial Developments (Light/heavy industrial and manufacturing uses)	54.86% 79	34.03% 49	5.56% 8	2.78% 4	2.78% 4	144
Encourage Office Developments (Medical and professional offices)	54.23% 77	38.03% 54	2.11% 3	2.11% 3	3.52% 5	142
Encourage Institutional/Educational Developments (Health services, museums, cultural attractions and schools/higher education facilities)	65.03% 93	26.57% 38	3.50% 5	4.20% 6	0.70% 1	143
Repair existing and construct new sidewalks.	59.72% 86	34.03% 49	0.69% 1	1.39% 2	4.17% 6	144
Increase economic development efforts that create new job opportunities.	75.69% 109	18.06% 26	1.39% 2	2.08% 3	2.78% 4	144
Focus economic development efforts on tourism and associated development along the lakeshore.	56.94% 82	34.03% 49	6.25% 9	2.08% 3	0.69% 1	144
Improve the quality and appearance of homes.	67.83% 97	25.87% 37	2.10% 3	2.80% 4	1.40% 2	143
Encourage a diversity of housing types (for singles, families, recent graduates, "empty nesters," seniors, etc.)	51.41% 73	30.99% 44	8.45% 12	4.23% 6	4.93% 7	142
Construct a Community/Recreation Center.	41.55% 59	26.76% 38	11.27% 16	7.04% 10	13.38% 19	142
Improve public transportation opportunities throughout the City and to regional destinations.	36.88% 52	36.17% 51	7.09% 10	7.09% 10	12.77% 18	141
Encourage a mix of residential and commercial development in appropriate areas along the Lake.	47.22% 68	36.81% 53	7.64% 11	5.56% 8	2.78% 4	144
Continue improving City parks and recreation areas.	53.79% 78	37.93% 55	2.76% 4	4.83% 7	0.69% 1	145

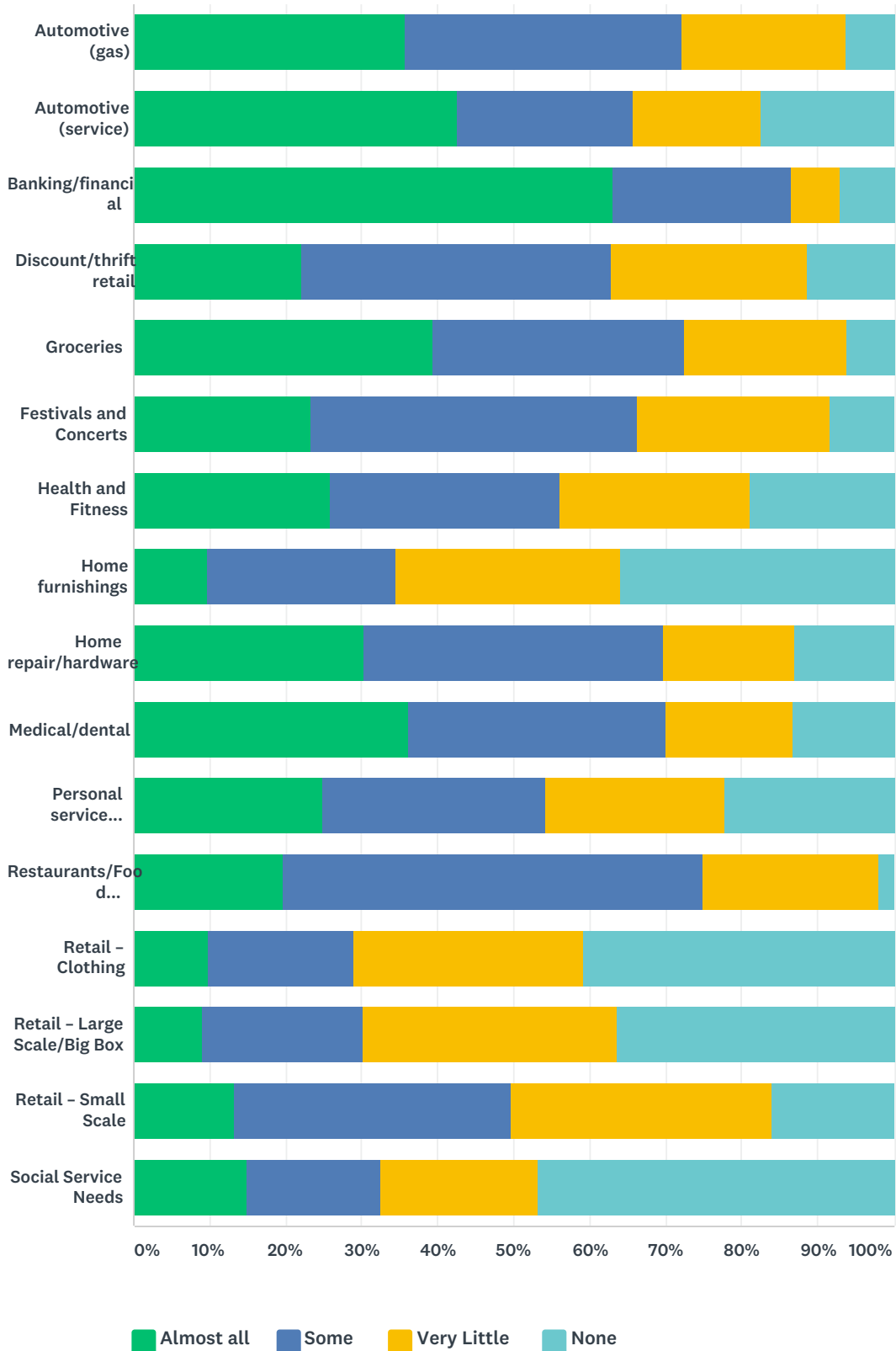
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1	but more transparent in communication City decisions-making to the public	11/8/2018 1:41 PM
2	from central ave going east, the housing visual conditions are run down and reflect owner neglect and abandonment	8/13/2018 12:20 PM
3	More restaurants like Mcdonalds next to Tim Hortons	8/10/2018 1:30 PM
4	Provide public restrooms that are open from dawn to dusk at the parks and downtown on Central Ave.	8/10/2018 10:07 AM
5	Develop battery point as nature/education area development along lakeshore needs to be for the benefit of residents as well as visitors.	8/10/2018 10:02 AM
6	Continue improving parks and recreation areas BUT not at the expense of losing launch and parking for boaters.	8/10/2018 9:44 AM
7	Create a welcoming, accurate, up-to-date website.	8/10/2018 9:27 AM
8	Childcare	8/10/2018 8:37 AM
9	Keep green space	8/9/2018 1:55 PM
10	Develop Battery Point as a park, walking/bike trails in a natural setting.	8/9/2018 11:35 AM
11	As everyone with a plan and in business knows, we must make our lakefront properties feature income generating facilities. Housing, business and recreation. The lake is our most valuable resource	8/9/2018 8:16 AM
12	Having a splash pad at point garoit	8/7/2018 2:57 PM
13	The mix along the lake should preserve the lake side of the waterfront.	8/2/2018 3:09 PM



14	Building up and promoting the lakefront is a primary factor in enticing other developers to consider Dunkirk for a business venture. This does NOT mean another hotel in a prime area. What about some chain restaurants on the lakefront? What about a venue in the prime location that provides hall rental services, as well as, an ice skating rink, water park or outdoor movies?	7/31/2018 3:39 PM
15	Provide winter recreation for outside enjoyment.	7/31/2018 1:54 PM
16	The water front should be developed with commercial use ie store fronts, restaurants, night life, water front community oriented visit some water front destinations, ie Clearwater fl, putt in bay Ohio. And build like that.	7/31/2018 1:44 PM
17	Would love to see a maritime/ shipwreck/ fire museum near the lakefront as well as brewery/ restaurant	7/31/2018 9:25 AM
18	There is a growing need for senior housing that is geared towards retired with a moderate - high income.	7/30/2018 10:05 AM
19	Government shouldn't be involved in most of these functions. Just get out of the way.	7/30/2018 8:56 AM
20	please build up the waterfront like Buffalo or even bemus point, we have a great chance w the pier etc but the south side of rt 5 from main street to memorial park is depressing and an embarrassment	7/29/2018 8:46 PM
21	Leave the Pier as is with driving capability	7/28/2018 4:37 PM
22	I would love to see Dunkirk become an Arbor Day Tree City, and I would love to see our young local talent create murals for visitors to enjoy.	7/27/2018 7:40 PM
23	Make waterfront an attraction, not for residential use.	7/27/2018 4:17 PM

### Q4 What portion of your shopping/personal service needs or entertainment takes place in the City of Dunkirk?

Answered: 145 Skipped: 3



	ALMOST ALL	SOME	VERY LITTLE	NONE	TOTAL
Automotive (gas)	35.66% 51	36.36% 52	21.68% 31	6.29% 9	143
Automotive (service)	42.66% 61	23.08% 33	16.78% 24	17.48% 25	143
Banking/financial	63.12% 89	23.40% 33	6.38% 9	7.09% 10	141
Discount/thrift retail	22.14% 31	40.71% 57	25.71% 36	11.43% 16	140
Groceries	39.31% 57	33.10% 48	21.38% 31	6.21% 9	145
Festivals and Concerts	23.24% 33	42.96% 61	25.35% 36	8.45% 12	142
Health and Fitness	25.87% 37	30.07% 43	25.17% 36	18.88% 27	143
Home furnishings	9.66% 14	24.83% 36	29.66% 43	35.86% 52	145
Home repair/hardware	30.34% 44	39.31% 57	17.24% 25	13.10% 19	145
Medical/dental	36.11% 52	34.03% 49	16.67% 24	13.19% 19	144
Personal service (barber, beauty/nail salon, accounting, legal, etc.)	25.00% 36	29.17% 42	23.61% 34	22.22% 32	144
Restaurants/Food establishments	19.58% 28	55.24% 79	23.08% 33	2.10% 3	143
Retail – Clothing	9.86% 14	19.01% 27	30.28% 43	40.85% 58	142
Retail – Large Scale/Big Box	9.09% 13	20.98% 30	33.57% 48	36.36% 52	143
Retail – Small Scale	13.29% 19	36.36% 52	34.27% 49	16.08% 23	143
Social Service Needs	14.89% 21	17.73% 25	20.57% 29	46.81% 66	141

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I online shop because I refuse to drive a hour in every direction to go shopping.	8/10/2018 8:37 AM
2	Could use another retail store; Wegman's	8/10/2018 8:27 AM
3	Boardwalk Businesses	8/9/2018 11:04 AM
4	Sad statement. Sweet Perfections Bakery, Nichols, Save a Lot and the Boardwalk are it!	8/9/2018 8:16 AM
5	I think need help people with no insurance like me	7/31/2018 4:01 PM
6	The only options in Dunkirk are 'junk stores'. One good full sized retail store would be very welcome.	7/31/2018 3:39 PM
7	With big box stores going out of business - opportunity for small stores to make a comeback. Need especially for stores to support tourism.	7/30/2018 10:05 AM
8	live here but rarely shop here. Use to shop walmart but very little, do moost grocery shopping/retail out of town.	7/29/2018 8:46 PM
9	This area is in need of a large department store like JC Penney. There is no place to buy quality clothing for men or women.	7/28/2018 12:16 PM

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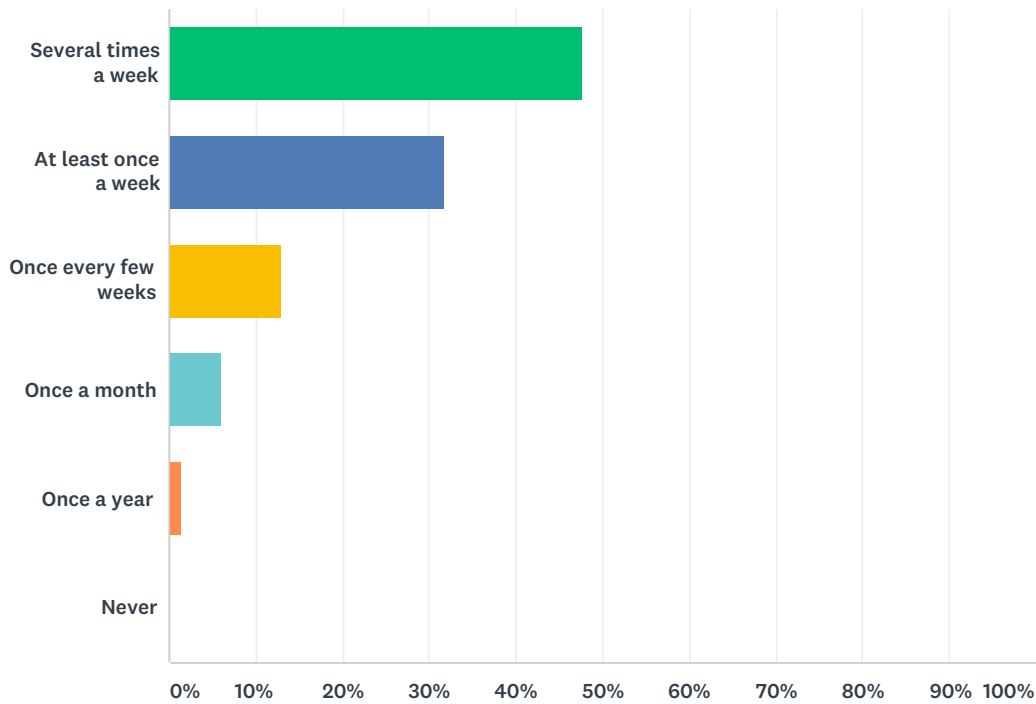
Most of the shops are outside the city limits.

7/27/2018 12:44 PM

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### Q5 How often do you shop or seek services in cities, villages or towns other than the City of Dunkirk?

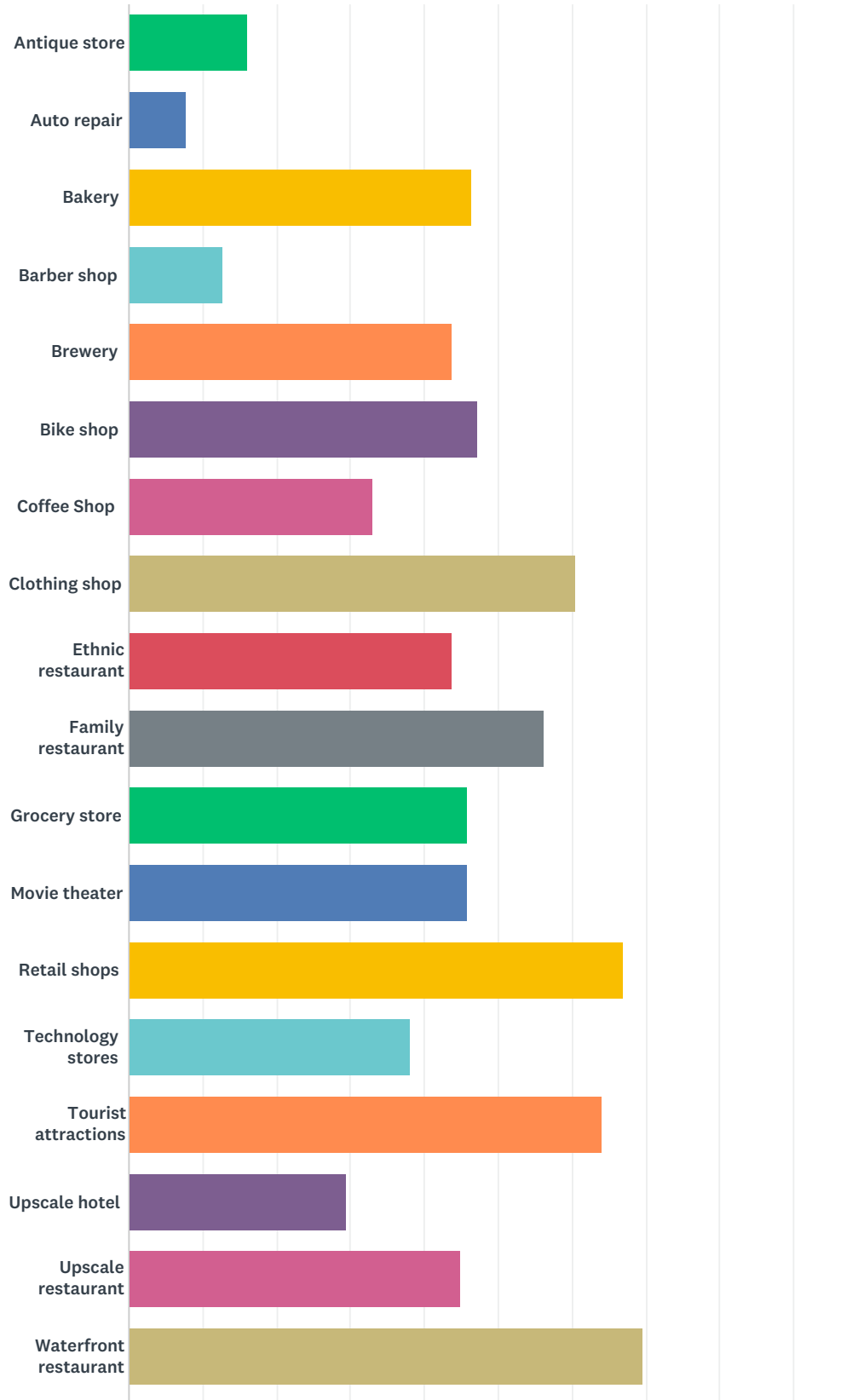
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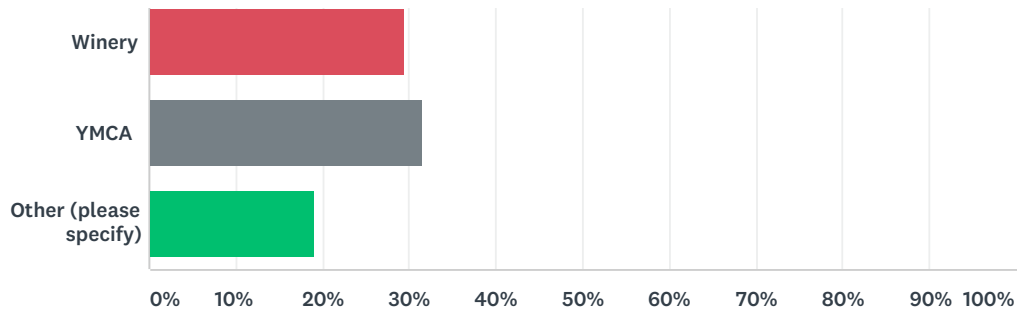


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Several times a week	47.73%	63
At least once a week	31.82%	42
Once every few weeks	12.88%	17
Once a month	6.06%	8
Once a year	1.52%	2
Never	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>132</b>

### Q6 What kind of new businesses would you like to see in the City in Dunkirk (Check all that apply)?

Answered: 142 Skipped: 6





ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Antique store	16.20%	23
Auto repair	7.75%	11
Bakery	46.48%	66
Barber shop	12.68%	18
Brewery	43.66%	62
Bike shop	47.18%	67
Coffee Shop	33.10%	47
Clothing shop	60.56%	86
Ethnic restaurant	43.66%	62
Family restaurant	56.34%	80
Grocery store	45.77%	65
Movie theater	45.77%	65
Retail shops	66.90%	95
Technology stores	38.03%	54
Tourist attractions	64.08%	91
Upscale hotel	29.58%	42
Upscale restaurant	45.07%	64
Waterfront restaurant	69.72%	99
Winery	29.58%	42
YMCA	31.69%	45
Other (please specify)	19.01%	27
Total Respondents: 142		

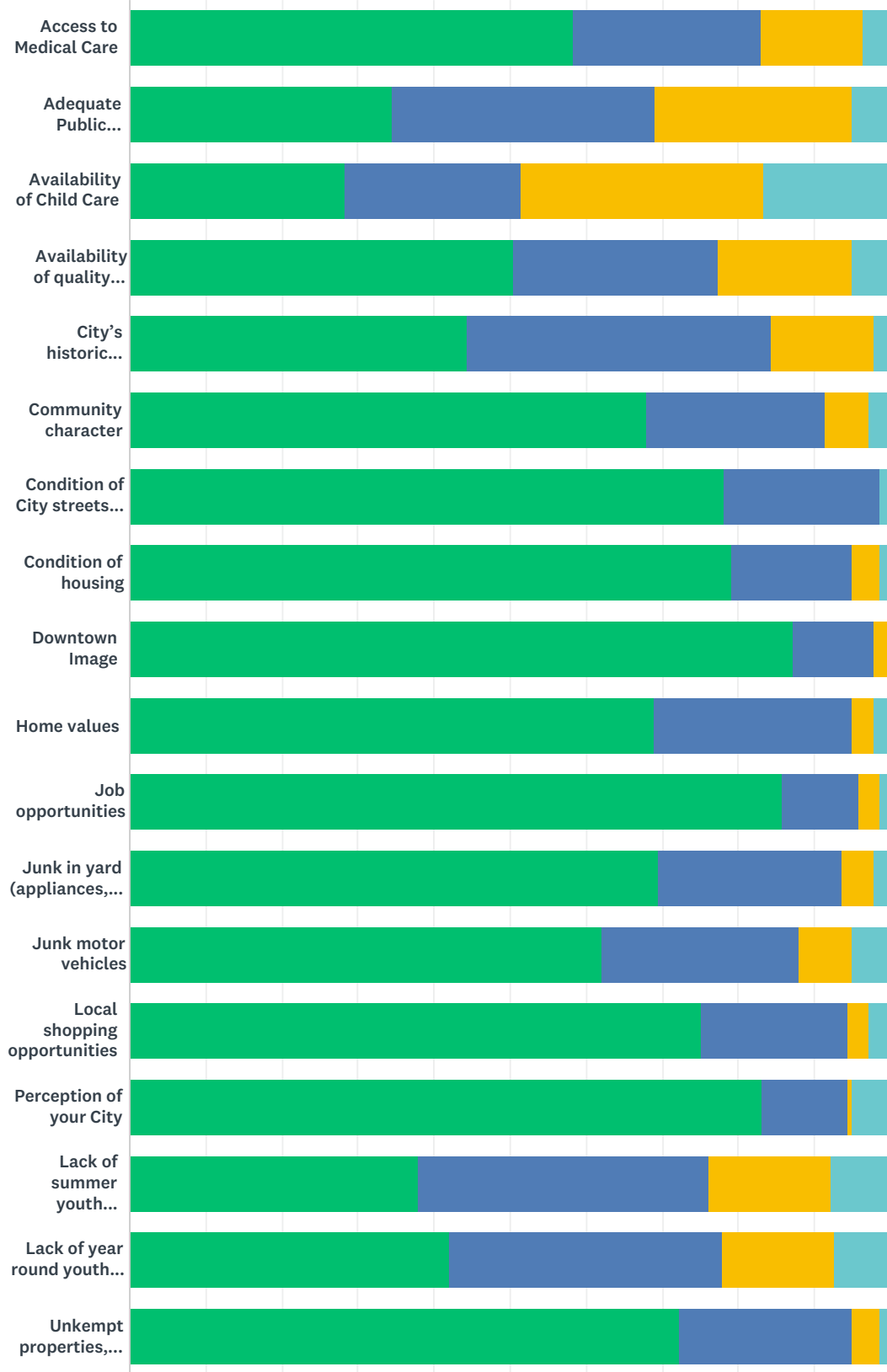
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	downtown dunkirk, for the most part is full of empty store fronts and social services that don't belong in the main business district	8/13/2018 12:20 PM
2	New age shops, ice cream shops, Artsy shops, a goodwill store.	8/10/2018 3:02 PM
3	Youth hostel	8/10/2018 10:23 AM
4	Childcare Center with emphasis on In/Todd	8/10/2018 9:02 AM

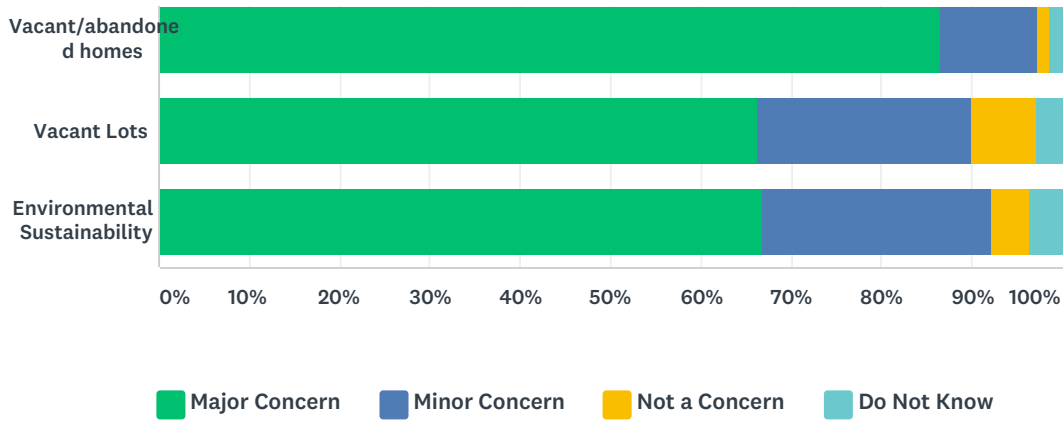
5	YES! (for the YMCA)	8/10/2018 8:37 AM
6	Boutique Hotel	8/10/2018 8:27 AM
7	It take a huge investment from those opening a business, deli would be nice	8/9/2018 8:16 AM
8	Something for children, like a rec center or an indoor facility that can have children be active while in winter months	8/8/2018 3:25 PM
9	Bobek autotrans 222 eagle street of Dunkirk 14048	8/7/2018 2:57 PM
10	specific: outdoor sporting shops	8/1/2018 12:27 PM
11	SOMETHING FOR CHILDREN YEAR ROUND--WATER PARK HOTEL	8/1/2018 11:45 AM
12	Activities for children and teens	7/31/2018 4:51 PM
13	Indoor Entertainment (Playground, Paintball, Laser Tag)	7/31/2018 4:33 PM
14	Omg like Golden Corral be nice	7/31/2018 4:01 PM
15	Water front oriented.	7/31/2018 1:44 PM
16	fitness center for women only-Curves is closing	7/31/2018 10:10 AM
17	shipwreck museum/ nautical center, fire history museum	7/31/2018 9:25 AM
18	Already have a local grocery store - P&G - find ways to support it to stay in Dunkirk	7/30/2018 10:05 AM
19	take a ride to bemus point and see the resturants near the water, what do we have? that's why all money earned by locals goes out of town.	7/29/2018 8:46 PM
20	The city is run down no one really wants to come here, no draw. Not many people can afford to shop at a Wegmans or eat at a nice resturant. City is known as low income.	7/29/2018 6:45 PM
21	Childrens entertainment like Chuckie Cheese, Bounce Magic or Childrens interactive museum.	7/28/2018 12:16 PM
22	Industry produces the good paying jobs and pays taxes. Get industry and the rest will follow.	7/28/2018 11:10 AM
23	Any other stores other than cheap dollar stores.	7/27/2018 9:52 PM
24	no chickens	7/27/2018 9:18 PM
25	Gluten free bakery	7/27/2018 7:40 PM
26	You need something that will draw people, not more of the same mediocre Walmart type crap	7/27/2018 5:19 PM
27	concert venue, botanical garden, indoor waterpark	7/27/2018 4:17 PM



# Q7 How much of a concern are the following issues in the City of Dunkirk?

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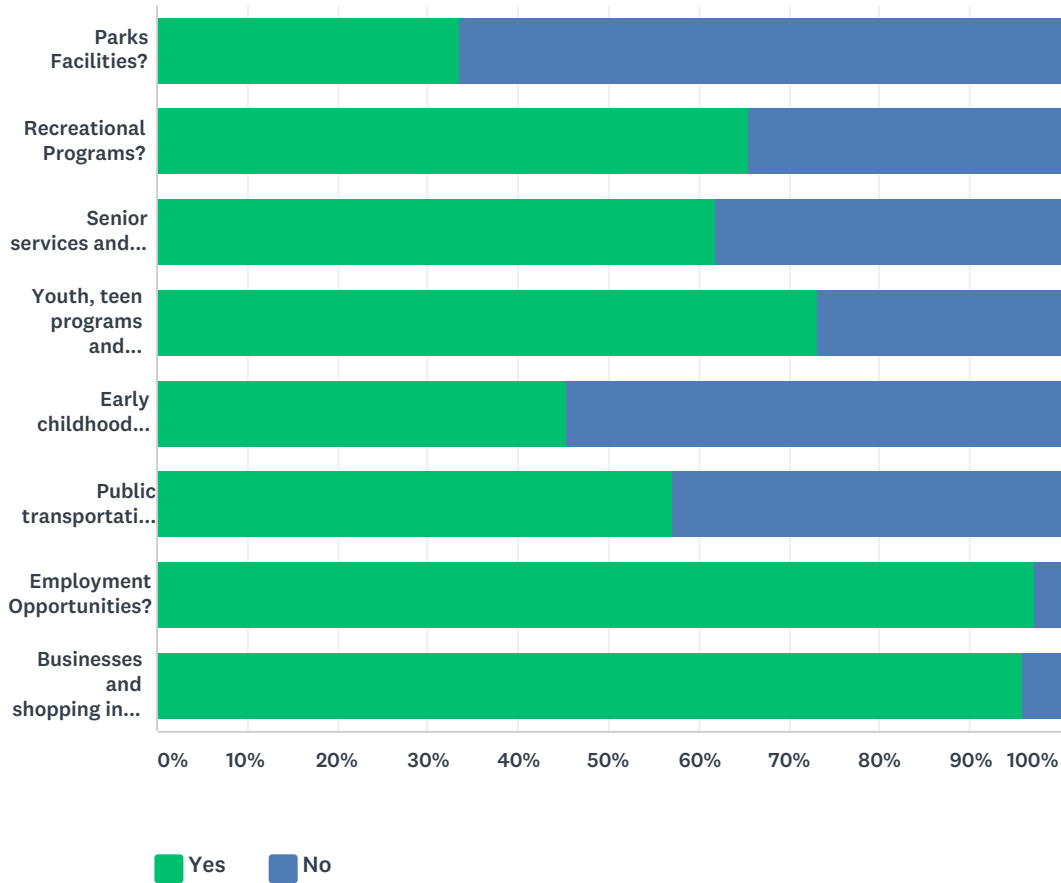
	MAJOR CONCERN	MINOR CONCERN	NOT A CONCERN	DO NOT KNOW	TOTAL
Access to Medical Care	58.16% 82	24.82% 35	13.48% 19	3.55% 5	141
Adequate Public Transportation	34.51% 49	34.51% 49	26.06% 37	4.93% 7	142
Availability of Child Care	28.26% 39	23.19% 32	31.88% 44	16.67% 23	138
Availability of quality housing	50.35% 71	26.95% 38	17.73% 25	4.96% 7	141
City's historic buildings	44.29% 62	40.00% 56	13.57% 19	2.14% 3	140
Community character	67.86% 95	23.57% 33	5.71% 8	2.86% 4	140
Condition of City streets and sidewalks	78.17% 111	20.42% 29	0.00% 0	1.41% 2	142
Condition of housing	79.14% 110	15.83% 22	3.60% 5	1.44% 2	139
Downtown Image	87.23% 123	10.64% 15	2.13% 3	0.00% 0	141
Home values	68.79% 97	26.24% 37	2.84% 4	2.13% 3	141
Job opportunities	85.71% 120	10.00% 14	2.86% 4	1.43% 2	140
Junk in yard (appliances, furniture and other debris)	69.50% 98	24.11% 34	4.26% 6	2.13% 3	141
Junk motor vehicles	62.14% 87	25.71% 36	7.14% 10	5.00% 7	140
Local shopping opportunities	75.18% 106	19.15% 27	2.84% 4	2.84% 4	141
Perception of your City	83.10% 118	11.27% 16	0.70% 1	4.93% 7	142
Lack of summer youth activities	38.03% 54	38.03% 54	16.20% 23	7.75% 11	142
Lack of year round youth activities	41.91% 57	36.03% 49	14.71% 20	7.35% 10	136
Unkempt properties, tall grass, peeling paint, etc.	72.34% 102	22.70% 32	3.55% 5	1.42% 2	141

Vacant/abandoned homes	86.52% 122	10.64% 15	1.42% 2	1.42% 2	141
Vacant Lots	66.19% 92	23.74% 33	7.19% 10	2.88% 4	139
Environmental Sustainability	66.91% 93	25.18% 35	4.32% 6	3.60% 5	139

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Absentee landlords especially in historic district	8/10/2018 3:02 PM
2	Create a Historic Preservation Working Group	8/10/2018 9:27 AM
3	Clean up lower Franklin Ave between Doughti and Tenney	8/9/2018 1:39 PM
4	Building inspector making up his own codes; Not following up on complaints. Being selective	8/9/2018 12:57 PM
5	Home Ownership - Major Concern	8/9/2018 11:42 AM
6	Trashy houses on main roads; ingress-egress to city	8/9/2018 11:16 AM
7	Need a facility for kids 3-12 in winter months ie; skyzone, interactive museum, etc	8/8/2018 3:38 PM
8	Disbled housing in Dunkirk	8/7/2018 2:57 PM
9	Increasing taxes with no employment opportunities	8/2/2018 3:09 PM
10	Lack of education and encouragement on recycling.	7/31/2018 10:10 AM
11	Excellent work on blight reduction as well as new housing builds - Never saw so much positive work in that direction in any community in WNY!!!	7/30/2018 10:05 AM
12	why continue to create low income housing opportunities when they are never kept up. bring retail to compete w walmart, it was a shame to lose JCP. The D & F plaza is a joke	7/29/2018 8:46 PM
13	Keep hospital here, and keep drug clinics out.	7/28/2018 3:57 PM
14	building inspector must be blind	7/27/2018 9:18 PM
15	Litter anywhere makes me sad	7/27/2018 7:40 PM
16	Stop Dog Breeding In Dunkirk. And The Number Of Dogs People Have	7/27/2018 6:58 PM
17	Don't turn unkempt properties or issues into an excuse to start enforcing bullshit policies	7/27/2018 5:19 PM

### Q8 Would you describe the City of Dunkirk as in need of more:

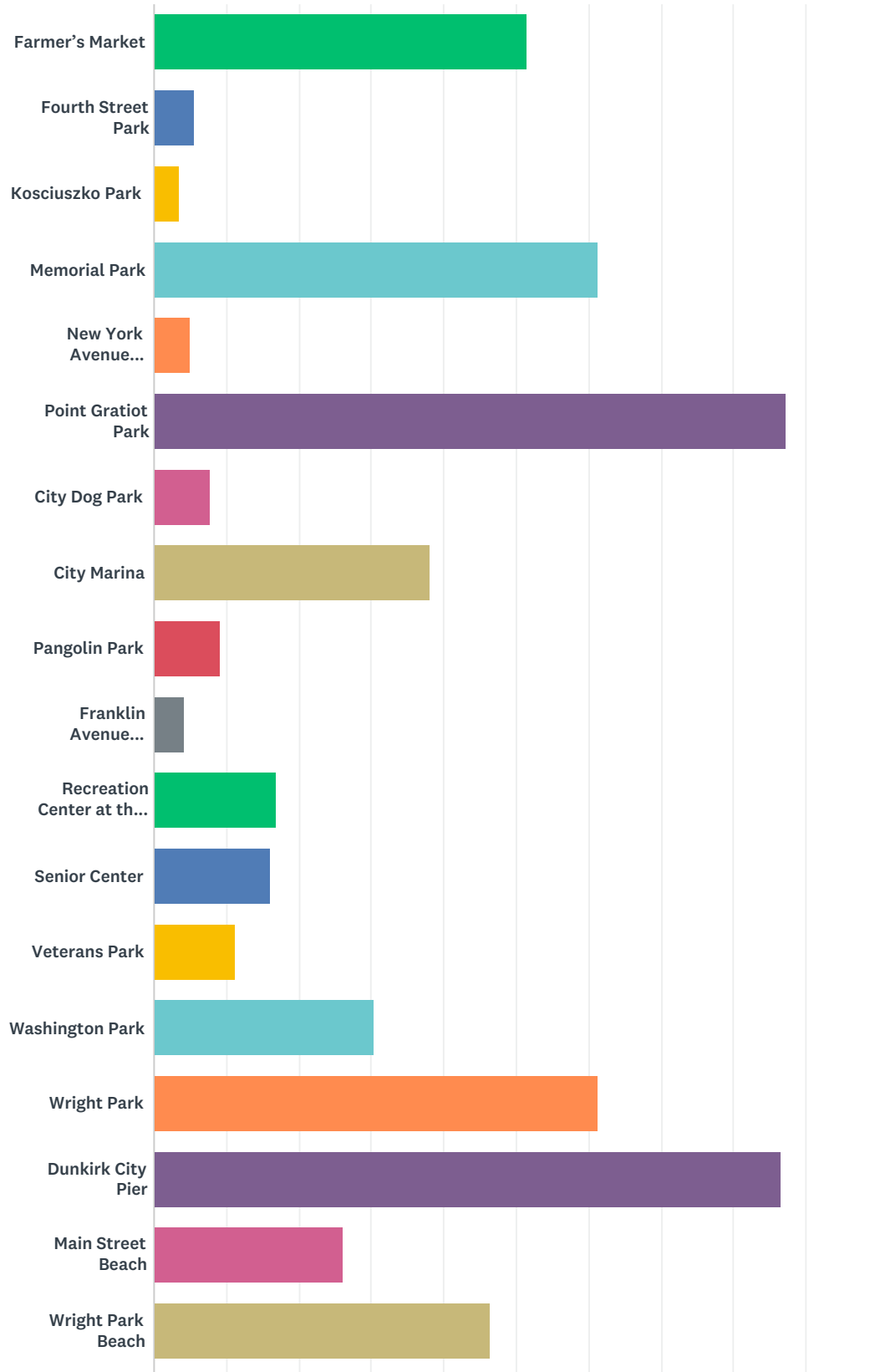
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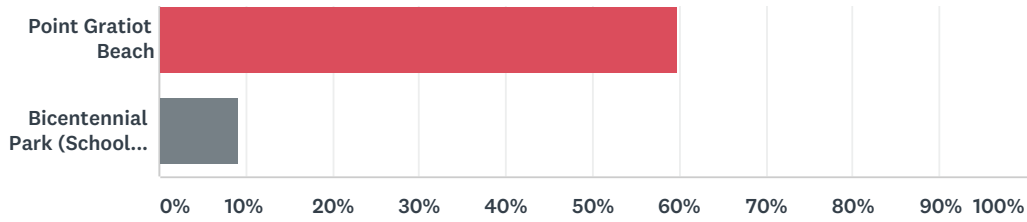


	YES	NO	TOTAL
Parks Facilities?	33.58% 46	66.42% 91	137
Recreational Programs?	65.44% 89	34.56% 47	136
Senior services and facilities?	61.83% 81	38.17% 50	131
Youth, teen programs and facilities?	73.13% 98	26.87% 36	134
Early childhood education?	45.45% 60	54.55% 72	132
Public transportation choices?	56.93% 78	43.07% 59	137
Employment Opportunities?	97.10% 134	2.90% 4	138
Businesses and shopping in Downtown?	95.68% 133	4.32% 6	139

### Q9 Which City Facilities, Events and Parks do you use/visit? Please mark multiple responses if applicable.

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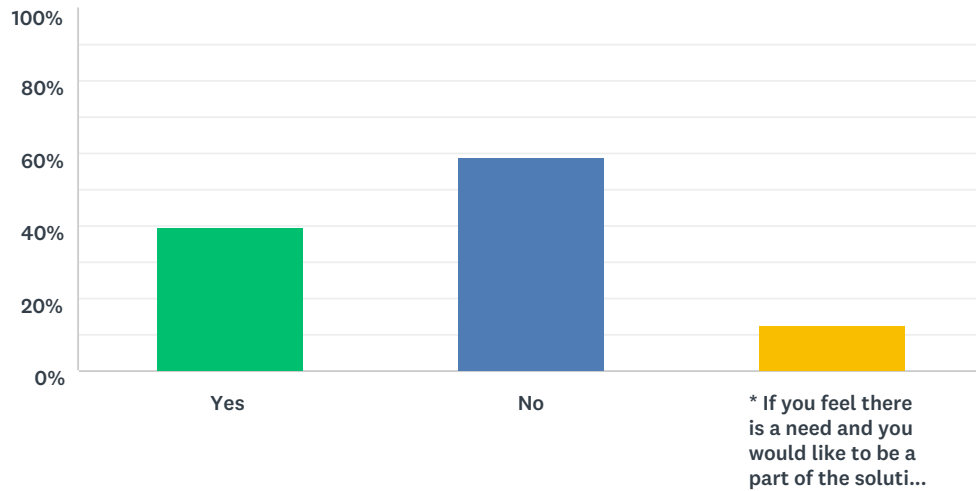




ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Farmer's Market	51.41%	73
Fourth Street Park	5.63%	8
Kosciuszko Park	3.52%	5
Memorial Park	61.27%	87
New York Avenue Playground	4.93%	7
Point Gratiot Park	87.32%	124
City Dog Park	7.75%	11
City Marina	38.03%	54
Pangolin Park	9.15%	13
Franklin Avenue Boulevard Park	4.23%	6
Recreation Center at the Chautauqua County Fair Grounds	16.90%	24
Senior Center	16.20%	23
Veterans Park	11.27%	16
Washington Park	30.28%	43
Wright Park	61.27%	87
Dunkirk City Pier	86.62%	123
Main Street Beach	26.06%	37
Wright Park Beach	46.48%	66
Point Gratiot Beach	59.86%	85
Bicenennial Park (School District)	9.15%	13
Total Respondents: 142		

## Q10 Is there a lack of childcare in Dunkirk?

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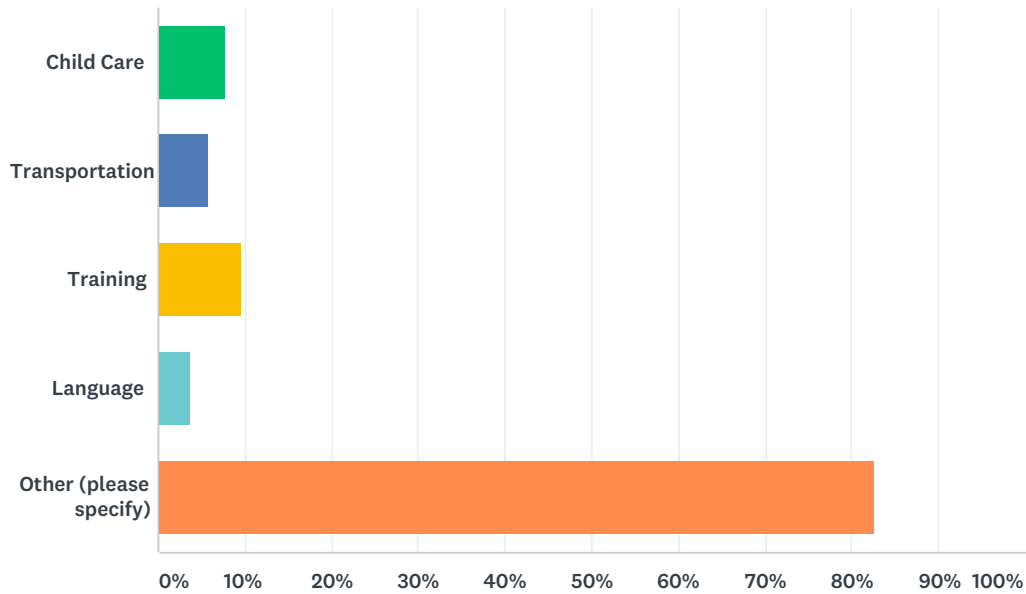


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	39.50% 47
No	58.82% 70
* If you feel there is a need and you would like to be a part of the solution please include your e-mail address:	12.61% 15
Total Respondents: 119	

#	* IF YOU FEEL THERE IS A NEED AND YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS:	DATE
1	cchurjeng@chautopp.org	8/10/2018 3:25 PM
2	cwigren@chautopp.org	8/10/2018 3:19 PM
3	Vmmiller@hotmail.com	8/10/2018 9:02 AM
4	hrosey5@gmail.com	8/10/2018 8:37 AM
5	Too many families leave; reasons why people should stay	8/10/2018 7:28 AM
6	pdudenhoeffler@chautopp.org	8/9/2018 1:12 PM
7	hwoodard@chautopp.org	8/9/2018 1:03 PM
8	Tons of subsidized child care in private homes. I think if childcare's is subsidized it should be in a licensed facility	8/9/2018 8:16 AM
9	I don't know the answer to this question	7/31/2018 3:39 PM
10	I am unsure whether there is a need or not	7/30/2018 10:05 AM
11	not actually sure	7/29/2018 8:46 PM
12	leave the city pier alone	7/27/2018 9:18 PM
13	I don't know the childcare situation. I work full time so I am sorry, but I can't help you here.	7/27/2018 7:40 PM
14	dkarpinske.keyser@gmail.com	7/27/2018 4:10 PM
15	cpflatley@gmail.com	7/27/2018 1:43 PM

### Q11 If you are currently unemployed/underemployed, what obstacles stand in your way of getting/keeping the job you desire? Check all that apply

Answered: 52 Skipped: 96



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Child Care	7.69%	4
Transportation	5.77%	3
Training	9.62%	5
Language	3.85%	2
Other (please specify)	82.69%	43
Total Respondents: 52		

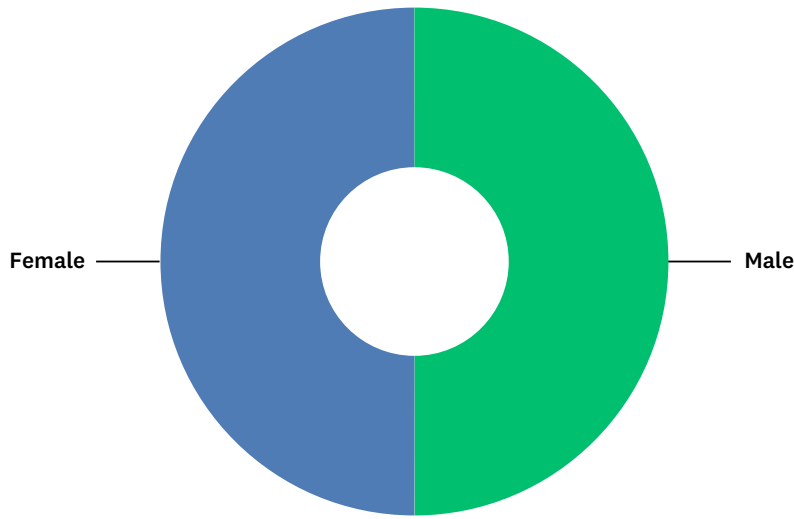
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	none	9/17/2018 7:34 AM
2	need a huge emphasis for spanish speaking residents to learn to speak and write english	8/13/2018 12:20 PM
3	Knee surgery	8/10/2018 1:30 PM
4	Opportunities	8/10/2018 12:15 PM
5	Hard for young single women to find daycare for off hours. 1st and 3rd shift daycare cover.	8/10/2018 11:11 AM
6	No good jobs	8/10/2018 10:32 AM
7	I am disabled veteran and senior citizen over seventy.	8/10/2018 10:07 AM
8	Retired	8/10/2018 9:44 AM
9	Have worked continuously for 30+ years	8/10/2018 9:38 AM
10	Age discrimination; fair-paid opportunities	8/10/2018 9:27 AM
11	retired	8/9/2018 2:01 PM



12	none	8/9/2018 11:23 AM
13	retired	8/9/2018 10:54 AM
14	eyesight	8/8/2018 5:23 PM
15	NA	8/8/2018 3:38 PM
16	I am employed	8/2/2018 3:39 PM
17	Employment openings/vacancies/positions	8/2/2018 3:09 PM
18	busing for school aged child. can't work 8-2 to be able to drop off and pick up kids	8/2/2018 10:30 AM
19	n/a	8/2/2018 9:40 AM
20	CURRENTLY WORKING	8/1/2018 11:45 AM
21	employed out of dunkirk	8/1/2018 3:21 AM
22	Lack of competitive employment opportunities	7/31/2018 4:51 PM
23	Health Problems	7/31/2018 4:33 PM
24	Im disable	7/31/2018 4:01 PM
25	Not unemployed	7/31/2018 3:39 PM
26	retired	7/31/2018 2:55 PM
27	Retired	7/31/2018 1:54 PM
28	NA	7/31/2018 11:28 AM
29	I am employed	7/31/2018 10:42 AM
30	Affordable childcare is an issue for many. Training that gives an introduction or hands on training on computer programs.	7/31/2018 10:10 AM
31	employed	7/31/2018 9:46 AM
32	Na	7/31/2018 2:09 AM
33	Age	7/30/2018 11:13 AM
34	retirement age	7/29/2018 8:46 PM
35	retired	7/29/2018 5:40 PM
36	Health	7/28/2018 4:13 PM
37	NA	7/28/2018 3:57 PM
38	I am employed full time...thank God!	7/27/2018 7:40 PM
39	n/a I am employed	7/27/2018 4:17 PM
40	n/a	7/27/2018 3:34 PM
41	Retired	7/27/2018 2:12 PM
42	Disability	7/27/2018 1:43 PM
43	employed	7/27/2018 12:07 PM

### Q12 What is your Gender?

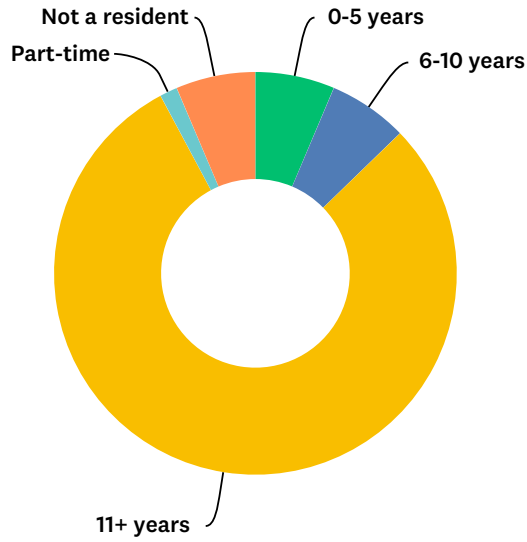
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male	50.00%	69
Female	50.00%	69
TOTAL		138

### Q13 1. How long have you lived in Dunkirk?

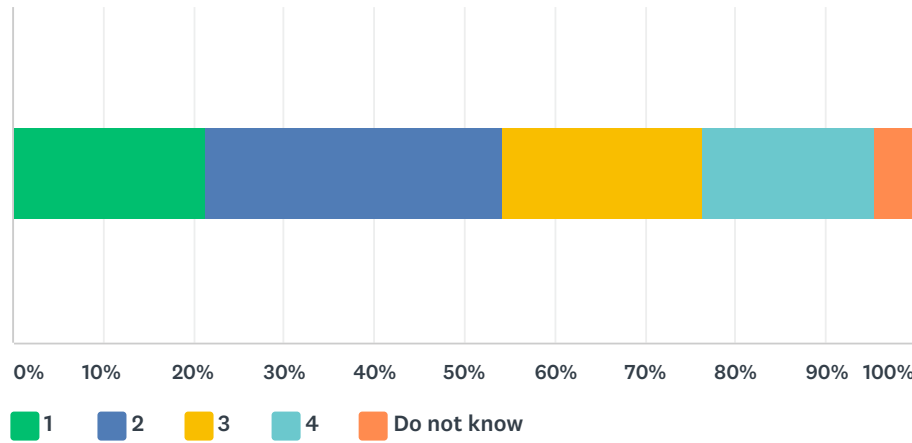
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-5 years	6.38%	9
6-10 years	6.38%	9
11+ years	79.43%	112
Part-time	1.42%	2
Not a resident	6.38%	9
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>141</b>

### Q14 Using the map below, please indicate where (City Ward) you live in the City of Dunkirk.

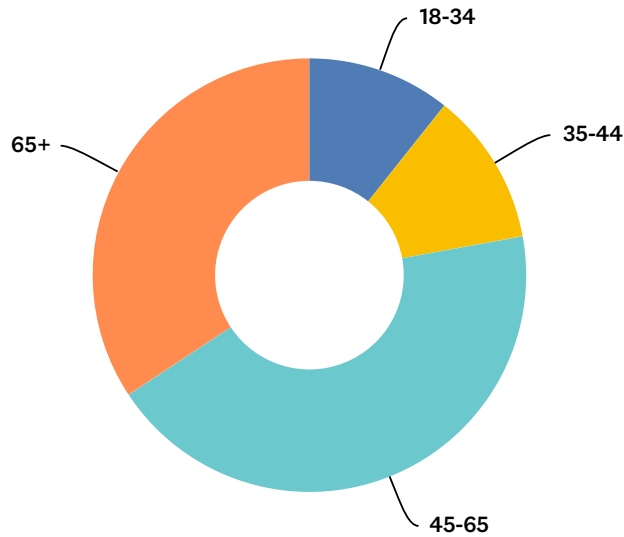
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	21.37%	28
2	32.82%	43
3	22.14%	29
4	19.08%	25
Do not know	4.58%	6
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>131</b>

### Q15 What is your age?

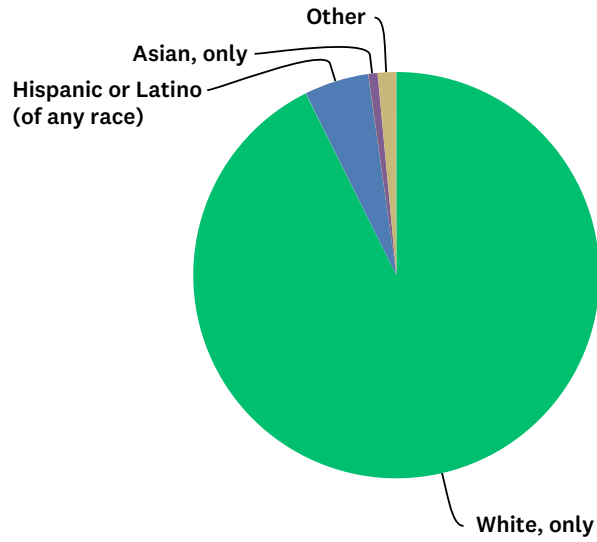
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-34	10.71%	15
35-44	11.43%	16
45-65	43.57%	61
65+	34.29%	48
TOTAL		140

### Q16 What is your race? (optional)

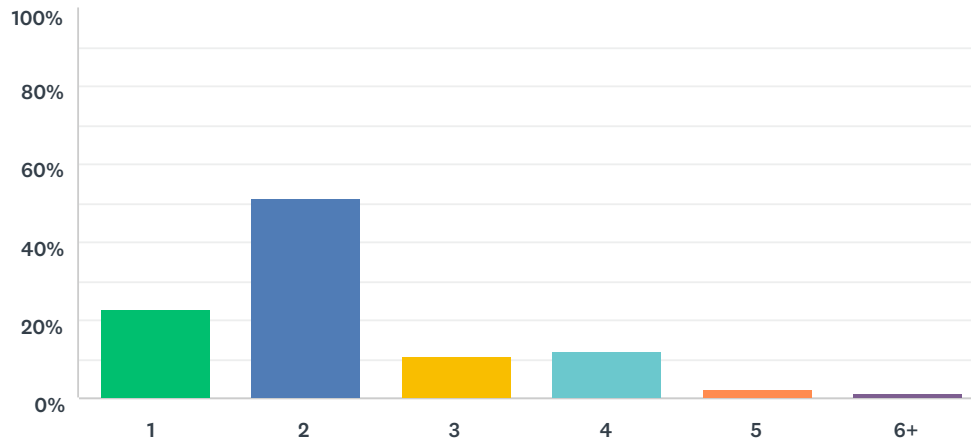
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
White, only	92.65%	126
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	5.15%	7
Black or African American, only	0.00%	0
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.00%	0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.00%	0
Asian, only	0.74%	1
Two or more races	0.00%	0
Other	1.47%	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>136</b>

## Q17 How many people live in your household?

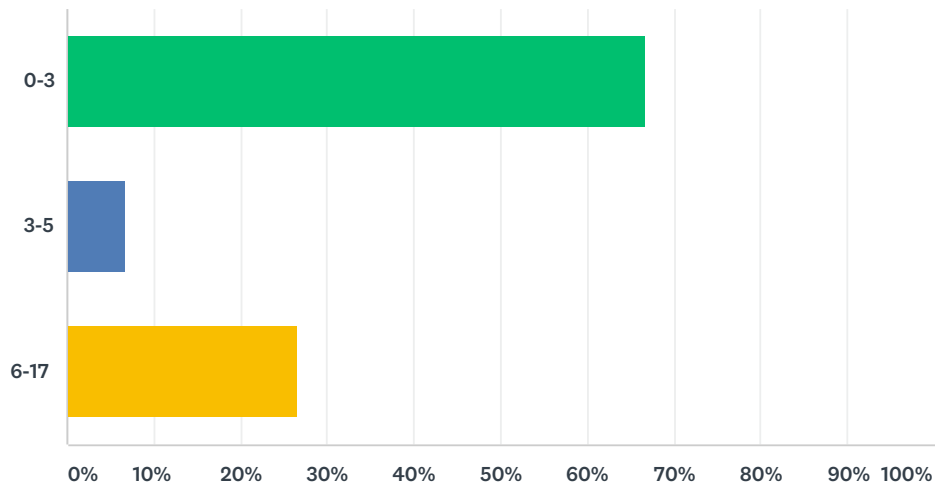
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	22.70%	32
2	51.06%	72
3	10.64%	15
4	12.06%	17
5	2.13%	3
6+	1.42%	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>141</b>

### Q18 Identify the age range of children under the age of 18 in your household:

Answered: 60 Skipped: 88

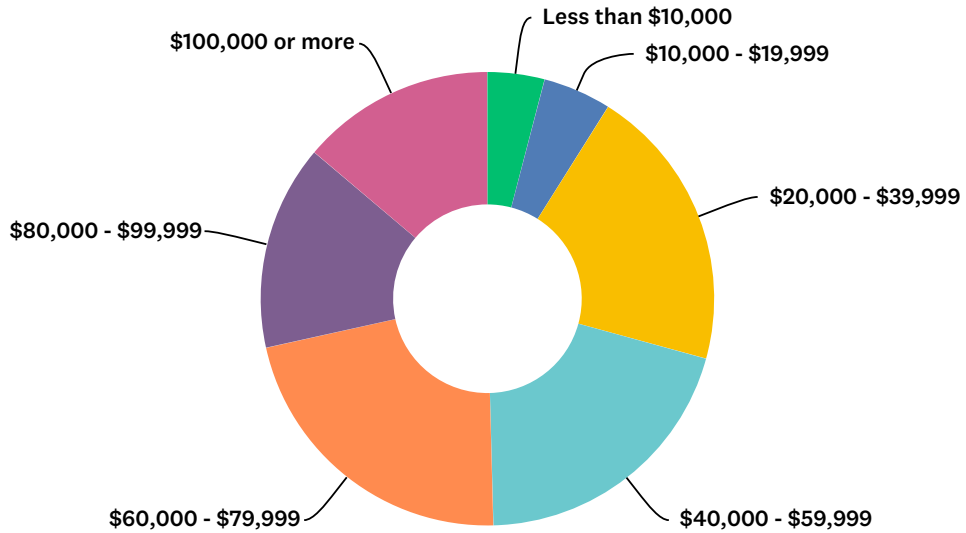


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
0-3	66.67% 40
3-5	6.67% 4
6-17	26.67% 16
TOTAL	60



# Q19 What is your approximate combined household income?

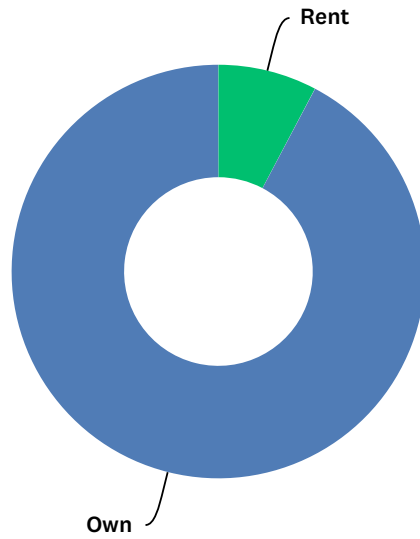
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than \$10,000	4.07%	5
\$10,000 - \$19,999	4.88%	6
\$20,000 - \$39,999	20.33%	25
\$40,000 - \$59,999	20.33%	25
\$60,000 - \$79,999	21.95%	27
\$80,000 - \$99,999	14.63%	18
\$100,000 or more	13.82%	17
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>123</b>

## Q20 Do you rent or own your home?

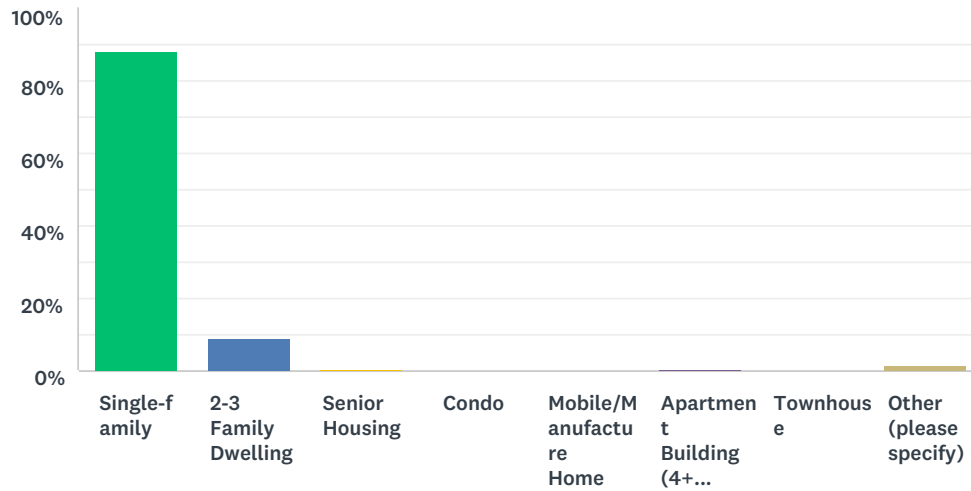
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Rent	7.75%	11
Own	92.25%	131
TOTAL		142

## Q21 What type of structure is your home?

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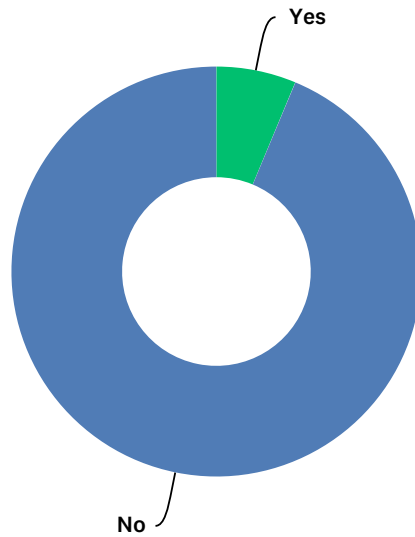


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Single-family	87.94% 124
2-3 Family Dwelling	9.22% 13
Senior Housing	0.71% 1
Condo	0.00% 0
Mobile/Manufacture Home	0.00% 0
Apartment Building (4+ units)	0.71% 1
Townhouse	0.00% 0
Other (please specify)	1.42% 2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>141</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	question # 14 - stop with the Ward thing its ridiculous	8/1/2018 12:27 PM
2	Dunkirk Housing Authority	7/31/2018 4:01 PM

## Q22 Do you own a business in the City of Dunkirk?

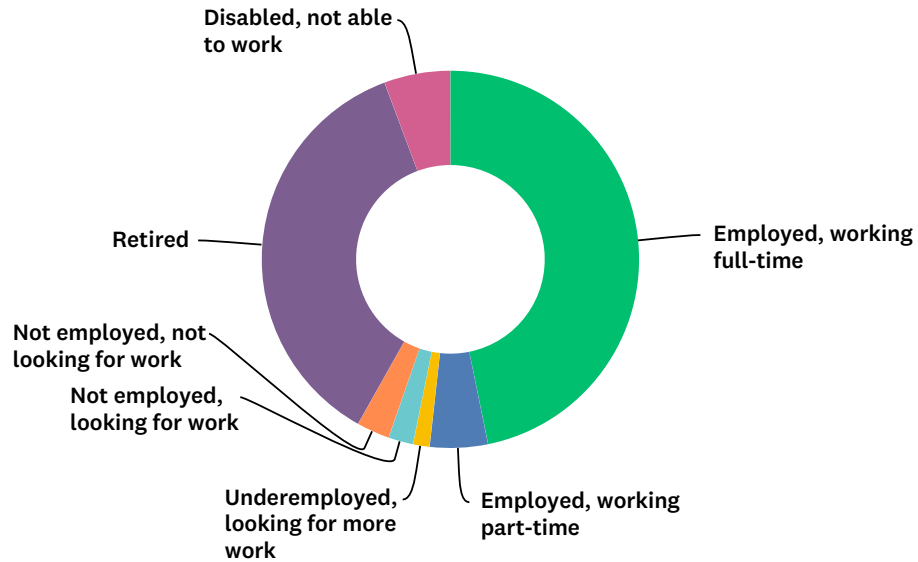
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	6.29%	9
No	93.71%	134
TOTAL		143

## Q23 Which of the following categories best describes your employment status?

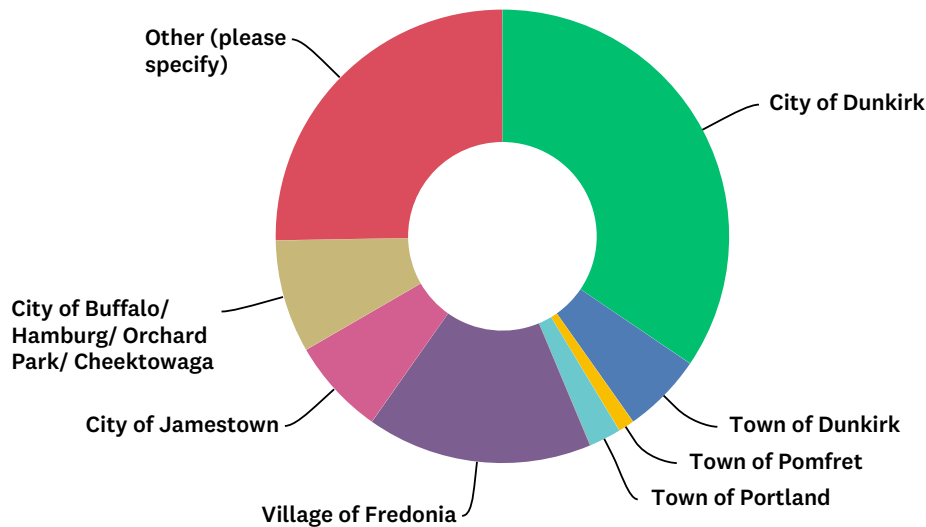
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Employed, working full-time	46.81%	66
Employed, working part-time	4.96%	7
Underemployed, looking for more work	1.42%	2
Not employed, looking for work	2.13%	3
Not employed, not looking for work	2.84%	4
Retired	36.17%	51
Disabled, not able to work	5.67%	8
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>141</b>

## Q24 If you are employed, where is your place of employment?

Answered: 87 Skipped: 61



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
City of Dunkirk	34.48%	30
Town of Dunkirk	5.75%	5
Town of Pomfret	1.15%	1
Town of Portland	2.30%	2
Town of Arkwright	0.00%	0
Village of Fredonia	16.09%	14
City of Jamestown	6.90%	6
City of Buffalo/ Hamburg/ Orchard Park/ Cheektowaga	8.05%	7
Other (please specify)	25.29%	22
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>87</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Self employed in retirement in DK.	11/8/2018 1:41 PM
2	Not	9/30/2018 5:00 PM
3	Angola	8/19/2018 7:35 AM
4	Many volunteer projects	8/10/2018 2:24 PM
5	Town of Persia	8/10/2018 1:23 PM
6	Various	8/10/2018 12:15 PM
7	Self	8/10/2018 11:11 AM
8	NYS Thruway	8/10/2018 7:28 AM
9	Sinclairville	8/9/2018 1:27 PM
10	Williamsville	8/9/2018 11:42 AM

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11	Brocton	8/9/2018 11:35 AM
12	NA	8/9/2018 11:23 AM
13	Bobek autotrans 222 eagle street Dunkirk 14048	8/7/2018 2:57 PM
14	Village of Westfield	8/1/2018 9:38 PM
15	nonya	8/1/2018 12:27 PM
16	My husband in Forestville	7/31/2018 4:01 PM
17	Out of State	7/28/2018 8:18 PM
18	Retired	7/28/2018 4:13 PM
19	I travel to various locations in northern Chautauqua county	7/28/2018 4:10 PM
20	Cheektowaga NY	7/28/2018 10:29 AM
21	Pennsylvania	7/27/2018 9:52 PM
22	None	7/27/2018 6:58 PM

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## Q25 Please add any additional comments:

Answered: 80 Skipped: 68

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Enforcement of existing City code by a competent code officer is badly needed. Current situation reflects badly on City The City website out-of-date, lacks information, is NOT user friendly, lacks useful search feature and drives people away from seeking info. City needs a competent website manager who really understands IT and social media The City must do away with the antiquated, irreparable parking meters that dissuade visitors from using many locations. Best guess is that half of the metered spaces lack working meters or have no meter in the space at all. 4th; 500 block of Central noted. The level of racism evidenced in this community is a real threat to any future progress In general, City employees deal well with the public but there are some who need lessons in interpersonal relations. I HATE having to communicate through one-way glass at the police walk-up windows.	11/8/2018 1:41 PM
2	Our City has deep roots in the transportation industry and trains specifically. Maybe a "Train" museum or transportation museum might be a good fit for our city! The "dream rails" might be a good place to showcase historic and futuristic train, like the one at the Chautauqua County Fair Grounds	8/24/2018 8:03 AM
3	Need outdoor lighting on Swan Street. There's hardly any light which is a dangerous situation. Also sinkholes should be paid for by the City of Dunkirk no by the individual homeowners. Mayor Rosas has worked extremely hard to make our City a place to be proud of. Suggestions to have "Music on the Pier" at Memorial Park. (Less of a change for little children to fall into the lake.)	8/21/2018 10:52 AM
4	Mayor, council, and development office have been doing fantastic work!	8/19/2018 7:35 AM
5	There is a lack of quality childcare for the county in general. Dunkirk is one area that the Chautauqua child care council receives many calls for in regards to childcare and providers to care for children. The council would appreciate awareness to this gap and are the city to help promote this growth. Thank you.	8/10/2018 3:25 PM
6	High quality early childcare is vital to children and their families. Education cannot wait until kindergarten. Families need affordable can as well to be able to work and to grow the local economy. Thank you!	8/10/2018 3:19 PM
7	I believe the city is moving in the right direction. Finally taking advantage of the lake, festivals and concerts have put us on the map (along with fishing) with out of towners. I have never seen the harbor area as busy as this year, kudos to all city employees. Bike path and walkways must be maintained before falling into disrepair. Park improvements were great! City Parks are a blessing to all. Need more money for road work, the roads are bad. State or Feds should supply more money for this. Need jobs but changing the city's image thru its waterfront and parks will do this for us. More green areas in downtown area.	8/10/2018 3:13 PM
8	To maintain an image attractive to new people, I feel the houses within the historic district should remain single family dwelling or at the very least have an onsite or local landlord. Nothing deteriorates a neighborhood more quickly than absentee landlords who rent to people who have no reason to keep the property in a good neighborly fashion. I've lived in historic districts before, they can be difficult to maintain but it can be done. I'm new to Dunkirk, chose to retire here. I must say in the short time I'm here, I love the Mayor. He has genuine concern for the city & wants it to thrive.	8/10/2018 3:02 PM



9	I was born in Dunkirk in 1946. Left in 1967. Reside in Toronto, Ontario but stay connected with DK by owning the house I grew up in on Dove Street. That house is now a seasonal cottage-like house. I close it in the winter, open from about April to November. It is used off and on in the summer by myself and my 3 adult children as a get away from Toronto. We have often though Dunkirk could do more to promote its great beaches and location among the Towns of north Chautauqua Co as a destination for people to own a small property like I have. I tell folks in Toronto about the cost of real estate here, a 3-hour drive from TO and usually they do not believe me. Average price here of \$40k would just about get a parking unit in a Toronto condo. The cottage properties north of Toronto are all very expensive. A carefully targeted real estate program for the Toronto market could likely sell off a lot of the empty properties in Town. Buying an old house as a cottage for what one can put on their Visa card would not be a bad idea for a lot of young couples who are totally locked out of the market in Toronto, where the average price for a house is about \$800,000. Good luck and thanks for the great beaches and safe city!	8/10/2018 2:43 PM
10	Be the leader in Regional Planning efforts - Create win-win scenarios - Stay positive with your meetings - Consider a Regional Sports Commission for youth & adults; look at Cortland County example; centralize youth sports programming, follow a club model- NOT individual communities - Facilitate better partnering with the city school district, get them to lighten up on strict residency requirements and lead an effort to expand youth opportunities - Improve partnering with SUNY Fredonia, academic/sports/theater Prioritize pedestrian opportunities: parking; attractive and positive signage (especially along Lake Front Blvd from Wright Park to Pier) Improve amenities at the Main St. foot bridge and eliminate fencing.	8/10/2018 2:24 PM
11	Keep moving forward and don't look back!	8/10/2018 1:48 PM
12	We need a Tour Boat at the city pier like they have in Buffalo. Amtrak train stop in Dunkirk. Better recreation areas around the city. Have a McDonald's or Burger King come to Dunkirk.	8/10/2018 1:30 PM
13	Dunkirk has an identity crisis. We either need to be Chadwick Bay or Dunkirk. I believe we should be Dunkirk and proud of it. The lake is a great resource and community needs 360 days to be _____. Lake Erie is 180 days. Water activities and venues - see our lake as a resource! The lake can drive our economy. We have a beautiful hotel. The outside has some lovely spaces, it is peaceful and comfortable, the deck is active. Do not make it more commercial by putting another hotel next to it. The hotel is unique as it is, another hotel next to it would break the charm. Calling the dock a pier was a great idea. Leave the pier basically as it is - We have green space in other places. I love the idea that the pier is open 360 days a year and that I can drive around it. We have a wonderful police department in Dunkirk and we need to maintain that. We need places to shop for basic items. We need gift stores like at the boardwalk. We need rental halls for events, weddings, etc. Down size, but leave Brooks where it is. Build mid-income and upper income homes. We have enough low income housing. Maybe consolidate fire company's, but keep a strong fire department.	8/10/2018 11:06 AM
14	Take a ride in the City of Dunkirk - Go to Ruggles St, Lincoln Ave, Lower Middle Road, 2nd street between Main and S Roberts Road Many homes are implorable and owned by absentee landlords who collect rent and let homes become run down. Get your building inspector (Zurawaski) off his ass and start handing out citations for home improvements- We need another Charlie Poland back in Dunkirk. Does he give reports to the mayor and city officials? He must be held accountable for his job or do us a favor and retire, and get someone who will enforce the building codes. Our city is a shame with housing in various wards!	8/10/2018 10:32 AM
15	The police dept is unfriendly and inefficient. Schools need improvement if young families are to choose to live here. We need to preserve our historic buildings. Highlight our interesting history. Save the Adams Art Gallery and support programs there. Maintain and support gardens- flowers and incorporate the garden walk or put on city activities. Most essential: enforce code for properties and appearance of city. Find solutions to cramped parking in neighborhoods.	8/10/2018 10:23 AM
16	- All houses in the City should be up to appearances - No garbage on front area of houses, no bbq grills on front porches, no inside the house furniture used as porch/lawn furniture - Better snow removal: training needs to be done in this area. - Move all county offices off of Central Ave to bring in businesses, ex: clothing store. - Jobs for our youth- not McDonald's, burger king or any other fast food business. Real work.	8/10/2018 10:13 AM

17	- Battery point needs to be developed as a nature walk/education center, and left in a natural state (rather than the cookie cutter parks we have around the city). - Nee sidewalks on all streets in the city, and have them connect to other sidewalks, permitting people to get to places with minimum difficulty. - Pocket parks, so people have areas to rest while walking from one part of the city to another. - During the summer there should be a 'circulator; to help people get from wright park to the pier to memorial park to point gratiot and back again. - Aid in the establishment of a 'friends of the parks' to allow for a citizen engagement in establishment/development of park to keep the parks from the vagaries of politics. - Ice skating trails through the point & wright park for 4 season use. - Train viewing platform to bring in railfans around the region. - Movie Theaters: city code carves out a rule and fee specifically for movie theaters. Movie theater operations have bizarre enough economics without having the city file on. Consider creating parking garages both for increased parking spaces in some areas and for making parking more environmentally friendly.	8/10/2018 10:02 AM
18	I love my city & Lake Erie. Keep up the good work. Please avoid green space on the north end of city pier. Keep year round access to the entire length of pier. We need continued access to pier & boat /trailer parking. More wallbye and bass fishing tournaments.	8/10/2018 9:44 AM
19	As a lifelong resident who acme back after college I remember how it used to be. That time is gone, but there is an opportunity to take advantage of what is still here and use that to attract new things to help the city grow for the future. Use the waterfront 'central - main - up to tracks.' Get rid of residential in that area and bring things that attract people to area (stores, restaurants, water rec store, etc). Things that people have to go out of town for. Fix the infrastructure throughout the city, not just low income areas. It looks pretty bad when you have beautiful home and keep up your property and the street looks like a mind field. I think a multi-purpose rec center, ice rink, auditorium, etc at the fairground would be a big draw. Our parks are big as well, they need to be maintained after the investment. I have gone on long enough. I guess what needs to be done is listen to the people who live here- there is ALOT of good ideas, but your not gonna please everyone. *Born, raised, educated here, and its where they will bury me. Good luck!	8/10/2018 9:38 AM
20	- Bring Neptune back to Dunkirk. Use him and a logo of him etc to attract tourists. - Develop Battery Point into public space for residents and visitors. - Plant trees in planters along sidewalk and/or news median at Main Street and Wright Park benches. - Replace trees that the City (or storms) has/have taken down. - Support new efforts to re-open Adams Art Gallery/access to the arts. - Develop NRG property into multi-use/functional Great Lakes Science History Museum, and space for picnics, biking, festivals, bocce, sunset watches, wedding/party venues, etc.	8/10/2018 9:27 AM
21	As a lifelong resident of the E. Town, I attended Catholic School (SEAS) and the Dunkirk High School. This city has a unique quality in its 'hometown' feel that is combined with its opportunity, inclusivity, diversity, and opportunity. I have always been amazed and proud of this city and the ability of its residents to overcome challenge and adversity. I applaud the efforts that have been made (and will continue to make) that have embraced public opinion and suggestion. Thank you for allowing our input to be a part of the solution.	8/10/2018 9:02 AM
22	We should run the power plant ourselves, like Jamestown.	8/10/2018 8:54 AM
23	Positive change. Bring more restaurants to the area. More youth recreation for all year around. Stores/retail to the area. More jobs. NEED TO MOVE WITH THE 'TIMES.' Pier improvements - a great idea. Great presentation!	8/10/2018 8:45 AM
24	- We need a bigger hospital, and an urgent care, these should be in the City for accessibility. We lack good medical practices. - Childcare is a very big deal - Early Ed, Before/After school, Summer and Winter breaks - If you build a child care facility don't skimp on space, kids need space and lots of outdoor space. - We under utilize our outdoor spaces, they should be filled with kids, and kids should be taught how to take care of it. They need to be allowed to play in safe environment outside with trusting adults.	8/10/2018 8:37 AM
25	- What is really needed to attract retirees here is more retirement small housing, 2 bedroom or small lots, new builds. - More cafes, a newer upscale restaurant - Pit bulls should be outlawed - strict leash laws - More benches to sit on for retirees - Have the Observer get rid of mug shots of the so called criminals. - Continue to have these workshops and give out more promotion for them.	8/10/2018 8:27 AM
26	- Do not want pier made into a park; make it bigger. More sanitation facilities near all parks. - More attention to slum landlords - clean up houses - Have things more like Key West - get around very easily, walk or bike. - Not like Canalside with so many people at once and parking far away.	8/10/2018 7:28 AM

27	1. I am disappointed in the splash pad. My grand kids went there an after 20 minutes were ready to leave. For the amount of money that was spent, I would of thought it would have been bigger. 2. City pier needs to stay as a city pier for recreation and not a green space. Add benches and lighting. 3. Longer camp program - only 5 weeks. 4. Open up youth programs at school playgrounds in summer. Adding arts and crafts to keep kids off streets in summer. Add more movies w/ popcorn.	8/9/2018 2:12 PM
28	Great efforts by festivals, planning & development committees. Don't get discouraged.	8/9/2018 2:01 PM
29	The community should be clean and safe. Keep the hospital in the city. Develop a plan to maintain/improve the infrastructure. Community green space is much more needed than a hotel on the lake. Make and enforce proper building codes. Too many distracting signs on Lake Shore Drive. Get rid of LED sign on corner of Central & Lake Shore Drive, and replace it with a City Information Map. Continue to allow parking & driving on the pier.	8/9/2018 1:55 PM
30	The City has suffered greatly since the 50's, 60's, 70's. The city had a real future but now it's a crying shame. Such a lack of care and respect. Codes not enforced and properties left in ruins. The influx of new people seem to care so little since welfare takes care of all their needs. They have had no proper upbringing and so they have little appreciation of the work ethic. It's handed to them. Of course the lack of industry makes the few jobs available, still an uncertain future. So much welfare erodes at the funds needed for any sort of development. Why can't the welfare recipients do some kind of work for all the benefits they receive. The city needs to take over the power plant and bring down the cost of power for residents, and sell the remainder for profit.	8/9/2018 1:48 PM
31	The Lower Franklin Ave between Dougherty and Tenney Streets is a disgrace. It is so overgrown. It hasn't been trimmed for at least 10 years.	8/9/2018 1:39 PM
32	I love the direction this Administration is taking with this city. I've lived here my whole life and finally I'm seeing major progress. Please stay AGGRESSIVE in this pursuit.	8/9/2018 1:19 PM
33	As a Resource & Referral Counselor helping people find childcare so they can find and sustain employment, I know that a lack of childcare is a major concern here and all over the County. I have entered my email address if you are interested in contacting me to talk about numbers and specific concerns. pdudenhoeffer@chautopp.org	8/9/2018 1:12 PM
34	I do not live in the City of Dunkirk; however, I understand Dunkirk equates to the success of Chautauqua County. I live in Jamestown but come to Dunkirk once a month or more for work. I will buy lunch here or buy small things from stores. I would come here during my personal time if Dunkirk was more developed and gave me reasons to come here (restaurants, waterfront, activities).	8/9/2018 1:03 PM
35	I have put in several complaints to Building Inspector about run down houses in Ruggles/Talcott area, he does nothing about them. There should not be a trash company on Talcott, it attracts animals. He is very selective, he harasses us and tells us we need a building permit for siding which is not in building code because its not structural, but ignores me when questioned why there isn't one posted for the 24 houses being built. If you look at topix.com from Dunkirk I'm not the only one who feels he is abusing his power and ignoring run down houses. I have other with him making up his own codes that makes me want to move out of Dunkirk. 15W Talcott, 17W Talcott are condemned and run down, The house at the corner of Lincoln & Talcott fence is run down so many problems he does nothing about. See emails between myself and the city attorney. I have contacted news & commissioner about this. Heather Crowell. - Could use a stop light at Talcott & Lincoln, cars and tractor trailers run it all the time. - More fun things to do with kids. - The Splash Pad was a very nice addition.	8/9/2018 12:57 PM
36	- Have voting registration program for new residents - Need better medical service and an urgent care center - Develop the fairgrounds for multi-purpose activities - Encourage marketing of Dunkirk attractions to Fredonia & SUNY Fredonia; many visitors to Fredonia and students at SUNY don't know about Dunkirk's excellent waterfront & activities. - Develop the Arts Center, perhaps combining the Art Center, Historical Center & Library. - Have fun activities for children during events at waterfront - SUNY art students doing chariacture drawings, giant bubble blowing, face painting, rock painting. - Keep this excellent technique of citizen input going. Many people have great ideas, but are reluctant to attend city meetings. - Work with SUNY Fredonia students for art fairs, crafts, music, and other performances. - Thank you for the work and effort of getting our input!	8/9/2018 11:55 AM
37	Please stop people bringing dogs or animals to pier on Thursday nights. It's very dangerous. - Stop bicycles & skateboarders on pier also. - Leave Senior Citizen Center alone - don't need adult daycare or soup kitchen there.	8/9/2018 11:23 AM

38	- Continue to persevere. Change takes time. - Many improvements w/Rosas administration! - Work on infrastructure yearly. - Keep music on the Pier, on pier. - Jobs. Need to increase. - Litter. Address this. "Don't Litter, Show Pride" campaign - Schools. Year round calendar - Insist NRG remove remnants. Amusement Park!	8/9/2018 11:04 AM
39	They could do a better job snow plowing the streets. Also, there are holes that weren't filled in the 4th Ward. - Aevins Street near Benton St. - Liberty St behind the Water Tower off Roberts Rd & Benton - Roberts Rd between Benton & Market: There's a crack across the street that goes east and west!	8/9/2018 10:47 AM
40	I own a business that I moved from Dunkirk to Fredonia	8/9/2018 8:16 AM
41	Overall, Dunkirk needs to become more comparable to the rest of the area, specifically Erie County. There is so much possibility here that needs to be tapped into, and we are not "less than" Fredonia, Westfield, etc. We need to build up the access to Lake Erie for businesses and tourists. We need to be seen less "city" and "trashy". We need to encourage younger people to live here; right now it seems like it's an enclave of families that have lived here a long time (and their children) or diverse immigrants (and FYI, I work with immigrants, so this is not a bad thing nor meant to be taken negatively). My point is that we aren't encouraging younger, new people to live here (safety or the feeling of lack of safety is the #1 thing I hear about living here; which may be false perception on their part). The idea of building in businesses with higher-end residences above is great. Having a year-round facility that children / seniors can access is also great -- if staffed properly. I have a fabulous idea of providing summer camp care for children K-8th grade...if interested to hear about it, please email me kelilliework@gmail.com . Lastly, the biggest problem is information dissemination and social media presence -- Facebook is often not up to date or active; the website is pathetic and needs major updating and an overhaul; information and sites linked to our city need to be updated and *accurate*. The number of times I have tried to find information or looked for anything and have not found it is ridiculous, and I live here. Imagine the people turned off by or turned away from even the idea of Dunkirk if they are so limited in the information, resources, and web image that they find (or don't find).	8/8/2018 3:25 PM
42	Bobek autotrans is family owned business 1978 to 2018 . Close on Friday's at 222 eagle street Dunkirk 14048	8/7/2018 2:57 PM
43	I believe there needs more attention to property maintenance. It seems that if too many maintenance problems are not being enforced!!	8/6/2018 12:59 PM
44	Please clean up the cliffs at Point Gratiot. I want to see the lake and not grown in brush.	8/2/2018 3:39 PM
45	I have many concerns: 1. Preserving the lakefront while developing much needed business and tourism. 2. Increasing taxes on hard working people. Eventually, in my opinion, people will have to look elsewhere because taxes keep increasing while pay and opportunity stay stagnant. 3. Quality schools and healthcare because both bring new families to the area. 4. Promoting a healthier community. There are more, but this is a beginning. I look at cities like Ellicottville and wonder why Dunkirk cannot succeed. This place is beautiful and has much potential with the right plan!	8/2/2018 3:09 PM
46	I think we should focus on bringing more jobs to the city to help the people who already live here. we also need to make busing more available for children since many have a hard time finding jobs that would allow them to be able to drop off and pick up their children, plus if they have more than 1 child at home makes it hard especially if they have to pay for child care as well and can only work certain hours	8/2/2018 10:30 AM
47	Micro Brew Pubs are so hot right now. I'd love to see Dunkirk jump on that bandwagon, and soon !	8/2/2018 9:40 AM
48	Residential neighborhoods are being destroyed by unregulated rental properties. (Airbnb) I fear for the safety of my children and my quality of life has deteriorated since properties in my neighborhood have been turned into Airbnb rentals. The renters (and property owners!) have no respect for others. The noise is outrageous. The renters park on my lawn, leave trash in my yard, park illegally on the road and make noise late into the night. I have lived in the city for 12 years but am ready to move. How can properties be used commercially in areas zoned residential? Are the property owners collecting occupancy taxes as mandated by the county? Where are the police when lines of cars are parked illegally on the road? As I complete this survey at 10:30 PM on a Wednesday night, the Airbnb renters next door are having a party outside. Although they are on vacation, most residents in the neighborhood have to work tomorrow morning.	8/1/2018 9:38 PM
49	The 'street cleaner' is a waste of money & time. NO chickens in the city!	8/1/2018 12:33 PM

50	Clean up stuff and maintain what is already there, example the Boardwalk the bathrooms are filthy and haven't been cleaned good since it opened as had the walk in area. Outside is already falling apart because no-one maintains it, the steps are warping etc.. its going to look like another run down building soon	8/1/2018 12:27 PM
51	I BELIEVE DUNKIRK DOES LOTS FOR THE COMMUNITY. I INVITE MY FAMILY FROM OTHER TOWNS TO OUR HOUSE TO ALSO ENJOY THE FUN	8/1/2018 11:45 AM
52	I would also use the dog park if it was available. I feel that the city's best asset is the beautiful waterfront. Making this a destination for people to visit during the summer and even winter months would boost the city's economy. We have beautiful parks and beaches that should be advertised and promoted as a destination. Even Canalside in Buffalo doesn't have a beach. The development of the pier and bike paths are a great start. Continuing to attract businesses that provide recreational opportunities, shopping and dining as well as developing the parks (like the dog park) will change Dunkirk's reputation and make it a place where people will want to visit and live.	8/1/2018 9:42 AM
53	Ideas to draw people to Dunkirk: - Annual Heritage Festival(s): Puerto Rican, Polish - Lake Erie Fest: celebrate Dunkirk's waterfront, tie into annual Lighthouse Event/Fundraiser. Extend into Memorial Park and Pier areas. - Get the word out "outside of Dunkirk & Fredonia Areas" on all the good things and attractions going on in Dunkirk and on waterfront area. Figure out ways to get Fredonia College students downtown.....cheap housing? Future Ideas for Planning: - Enclosed community Ice Rink. Can be used as an event center in off season. - Beach Glass Museum (hard-core beach glass enthusiasts already go to your public beaches looking for glass) - Hard Structure "Event Center/Building" as part of Memorial Park (open air but with closeability for inclement weather times)...	8/1/2018 9:08 AM
54	City needs to find ways to attract and retain younger families, and encourage responsible and sustainable home ownership.	7/31/2018 4:51 PM
55	We need more help more places to enjoy it summer more helper for hispanic people and more bus school for all kids especially in winter to you think is fair kids walk to school in snow time for me is to sad wecan help kids in that way i love Dunkirk. Good luck	7/31/2018 4:01 PM
56	I hope these surveys will merit some improvements within the city as I feel that this city could be very attractive to newcomers if only improvements were made and made timely.	7/31/2018 1:54 PM
57	Recycling is a big concern of mine. There needs to be more grass roots groups that would be able to help the City get the word out to people of the excellent program the City has for recycling. I don't know if having a education program that gives people recycling binds would help. Maybe starting with the children in school who could encourage the parents to recycle. Also if the City would put binds out the are only for cans and water bottles, then maybe more people would recycle cans and bottles that could be sent to the redemption centers. Maybe a group could be developed that could assist those who need to do community service to pick up trash around the City since there are to many individuals who are not considerate and throw trash on the ground.	7/31/2018 10:10 AM
58	Na	7/31/2018 2:09 AM
59	N	7/30/2018 11:13 AM
60	Very excited to participate. This is long overdue. Thank you for having an On-Line survey. Dunkirk over the past 2-3 years is taking leaps and bounds towards revitalizing the City. Areas that in my opinion need most attention is Tourism Support and housing for moderate and above income seniors. As they look for maintenance free comfort, they may be forced to leave the area to do so. There needs to be a focus on this area as well as tourism support. Specifically for the lake (fishing, diving, environmental ...), and supporting the bicycle industry as there are major bike trails following route 5. There is nowhere for people to get help should they need it around the area. There needs to be a greater effort to capture tourist information and what they need. Perhaps a sign in at the boardwalk? There would need to be signage to direct someone there. Perhaps the electronic sign at the corner, asking / begging tourist to stop and register. Maybe a free giveaway for doing so.	7/30/2018 10:05 AM
61	This town is screwed as long as it's subject to the current developmental priorities of New York State	7/30/2018 8:56 AM
62	We don't need any more low income housing!	7/30/2018 8:50 AM
63	Downtown Dunkirk is a ghost town w too many empty lots. So many opportunities along the lake front beyond the pier, get a grand scheme. Get some retail business in town to compete w walmart, too much of the money earned in Dunkirk/Fredonia is spent in Erie and the southtowns. Nothing here to keep our youth here either. sad nothing has been done for so long	7/29/2018 8:46 PM

64	The City Charter needs to be revised.	7/28/2018 8:18 PM
65	Please do not allow chickens in our city. I believe it would be a mistake. I lived next door to a gentleman who had one. And believe me, the smell was awful, and it drew rats & other animals. I would also like to see more of the border patrol in our area. We could use it!!	7/28/2018 4:13 PM
66	Leave the city pier alone. No more low income housing. Set up radar on Brigham Rd near 5th Street. No farm animals in the city. If people want them move to the country. There is a person on 6th and Brigham who has sheep or goats have them gone.	7/28/2018 3:57 PM
67	Too many people living off the system here...not contributing to the taxes and just ruining and letting properties get run down...it's to the point where it's embarrassing to tell people your from Dunkirk...there's nothing here...i'm only here because i was lucky to have had a good paying job but now that i'm retired i'll be getting out before this city gets any worse and property values go down even more!!	7/28/2018 1:33 PM
68	Dunkirk needs to look at other communities on a lake to see why they are successful, for example, Bemis Point. Dunkirk has never recovered from Urban Renewal. A group of businessmen warned the city about accepting the government money and doing this plan, but the mayor and council went for it. Look where it got us!! Batavia also went through Urban renewal, but they have survived and developed, but Dunkirk didn't!!!! Why?? Could it be better leadership?	7/28/2018 11:10 AM
69	For the size of the city, we spend too much on fire and police dept. Fire Dept. should be mostly volunteer and cut down on professional members	7/28/2018 8:37 AM
70	Stop wasting money on festivals and spend it on beautification .	7/27/2018 9:52 PM
71	no chickens repair streets fire building inspector leave pier alone what you want is fine if you have two or more piers. Use money to lower taxes in the area. get rid of mayor and city council all useless'	7/27/2018 9:18 PM
72	You are doing a wonderful job trying to engage the community in growth. I applaud all of you!!! Would you consider growing/building specific watershed, pollinator, and community gardens to the growth of parks and walking/biking/hiking trails? I travel to parks a lot and I ALWAYS read the signs that explain the plant material that I am looking at...doesn't that sound cool? Would it be possible to do a controlled kill of the deer that live in the Point Gratiot Park range?...they are hugely invasive....I thought maybe the town would consider planting a fruit orchard on the forest edges of Point Gratiot Park to discourage them from ravaging neighboring yards...(like mine) sigh. I had to ask....carry on with your good work....	7/27/2018 7:40 PM
73	Why can't Central Ave stop lights be blinking from 8:00pm to 8:00 am weekdays & all day on weekends???	7/27/2018 7:21 PM
74	One of the main problems with the 'down-town' and nearby businesses in Dunkirk is the lack of support and help to those businesses.....particularly from the Fredonia Incubator. This despite their claims to have supported businesses and to have created (only) 60 jobs since they opened in 2007. Having been at several 'openings' at the Fredonia Incubator, I found out about these openings and the supposed 'trainings' offered for businesses through an email to faculty and staff at SUNY Fredonia where I also work part-time. Never.....repeat never....as a business owner in Dunkirk have I learned about anything happening at this establishment through the Incubator itself. ONLY as a faculty member at SUNY was I privy to this information. In discussions with many other businesses in Dunkirk at the Mayor's roundtable discussions for Dunkirk business owners, I learned that they too have never been contacted...this despite the Incubator's false claims that they are "concerned for the business community of Dunkirk". These claims of 'concern' were first voiced by videotaped propaganda by SUNY Fredonia's President, Virginia Horvath. When I pointed out to Mr. Kearns and Mr. Cornell from the Incubators staff, I received from them a lot of head nods and platitudes and promises to 'make this better'. The first time this happened was over six years ago.....and nothing has changed. As far as I can tell (also from these discussions with Mr. Kearns), what the Incubator offers mostly is office space to rent.....despite the plethora of empty spaces in Dunkirk.	7/27/2018 7:13 PM
75	Stop The Disrespect Of Whites Especially Women In Dunkirk. From Hispanics. ( Mostly The Young Hispanic People)	7/27/2018 6:58 PM
76	The waterfront will go nowhere due to its location being right next to an economically depressed area. You need to attract large employers such as Athenex, not tiny businesses. We need people to have good jobs for this area to take off. We need that major life blood otherwise this city is going to continue to wither	7/27/2018 5:19 PM
77	Thank you for providing this platform to express our opinions.	7/27/2018 4:17 PM

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78	Dunkirk on the waterfront is a gem- just needs some polishing	7/27/2018 3:14 PM
79	About time to get A New Ladder Truck	7/27/2018 2:12 PM
80	I think the city is coming around, and would like to see the progress continue. I would like to see the coal plant become a renewal energy source, training provided for those who use to work there, and for jobs to be created.	7/27/2018 1:36 PM

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