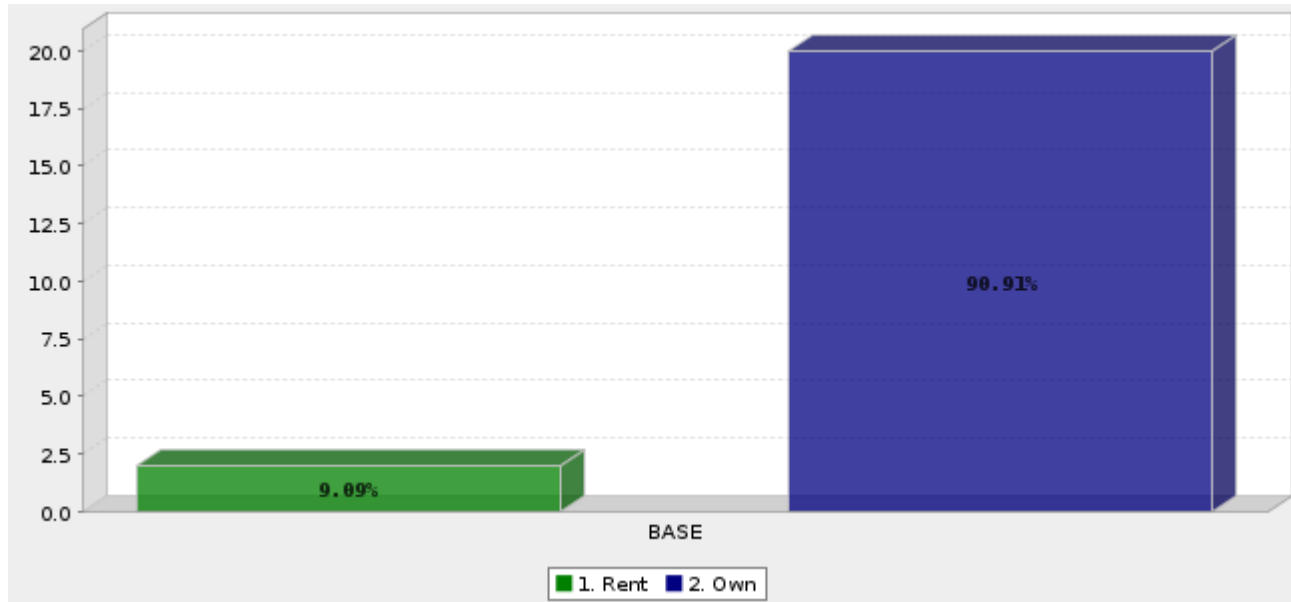


Alleghenies Ahead Survey

Fulton County Resident Responses

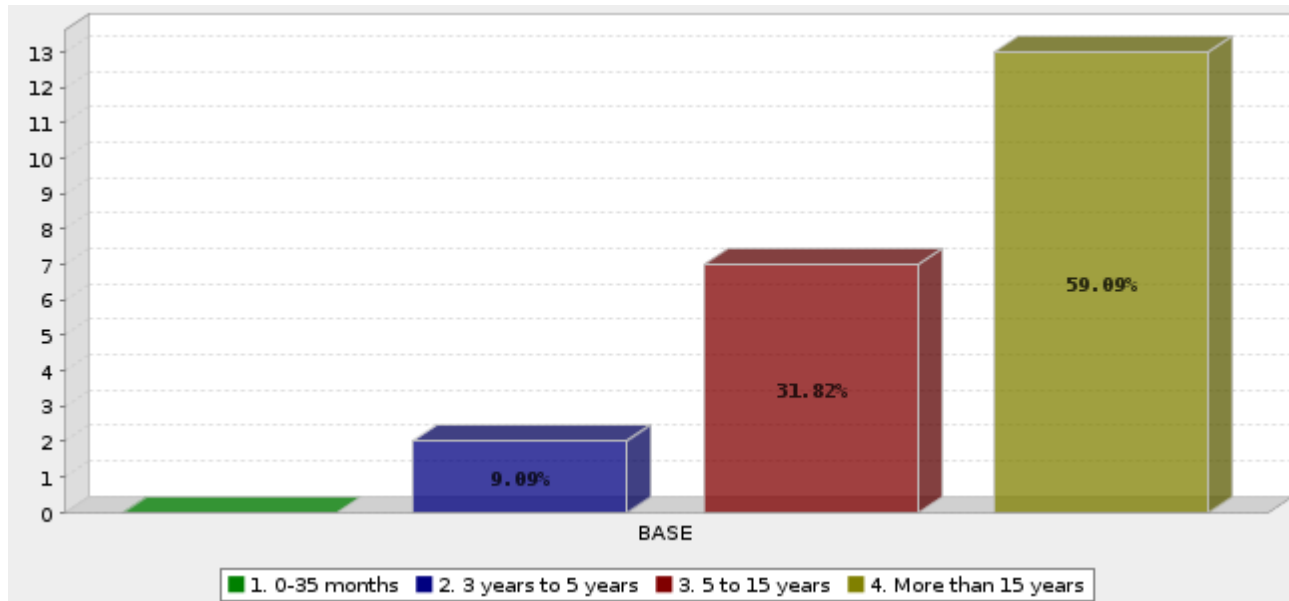
Results Based on 22 Completed Surveys

1. Do you rent or own your home?



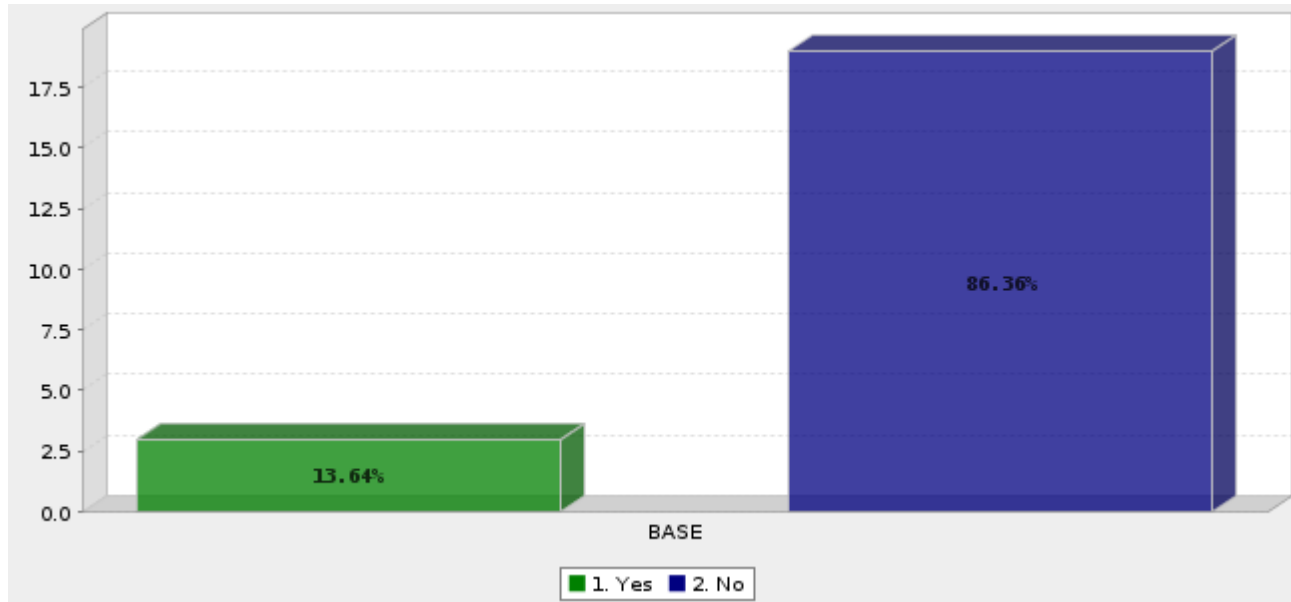
	Answer	Count	Percent
	1. Rent	2	9.09%
	2. Own	20	90.91%
	Total	22	100%
Mean : 1.909		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [1.786 - 2.032]	
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2. How long have you lived at your current address?



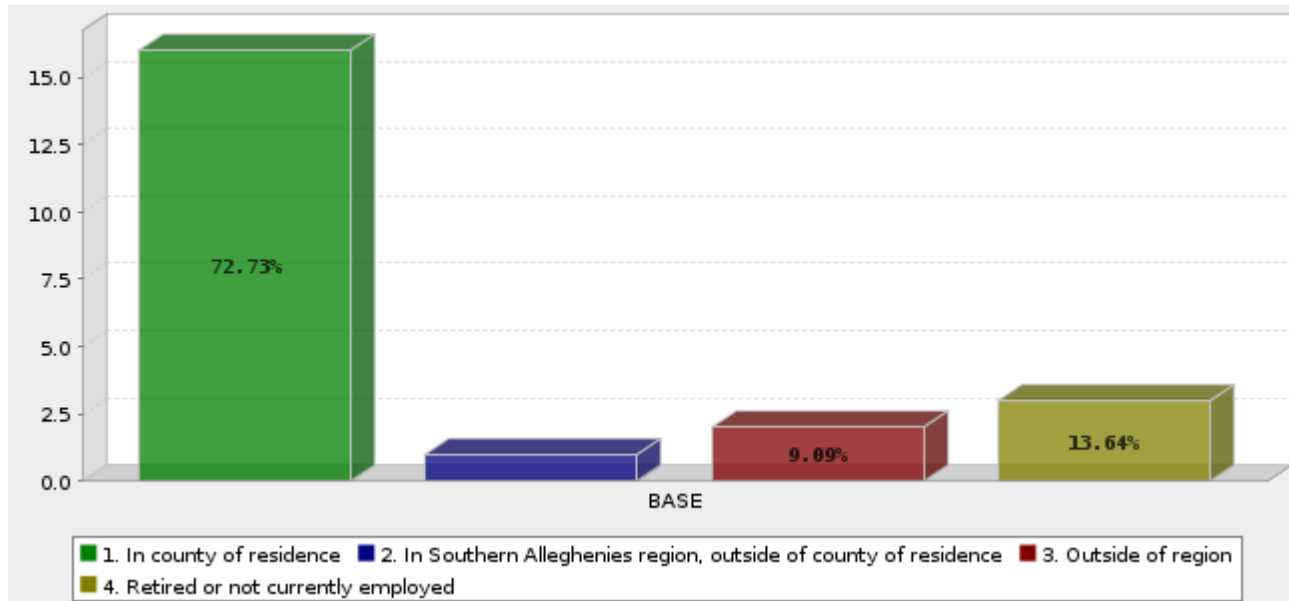
	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	0-35 months	0	0.00%
2.	3 years to 5 years	2	9.09%
3.	5 to 15 years	7	31.82%
4.	More than 15 years	13	59.09%
	Total	22	100%
Mean : 3.500		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [3.219 - 3.781]	
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		Standard Error : 0.143	

3. Do you have children in grades K-12?



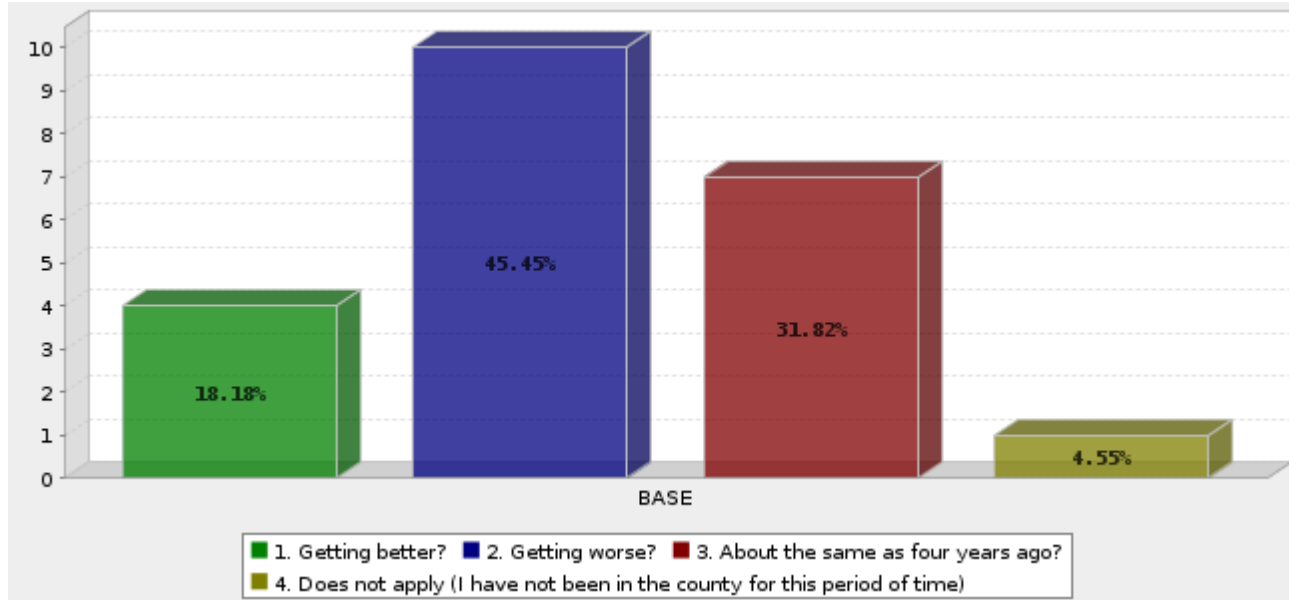
	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	Yes	3	13.64%
2.	No	19	86.36%
	Total	22	100%
Mean : 1.864		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [1.717 - 2.010]	
		Standard Deviation : 0.351	
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4. Are you employed in your county of residence or elsewhere?



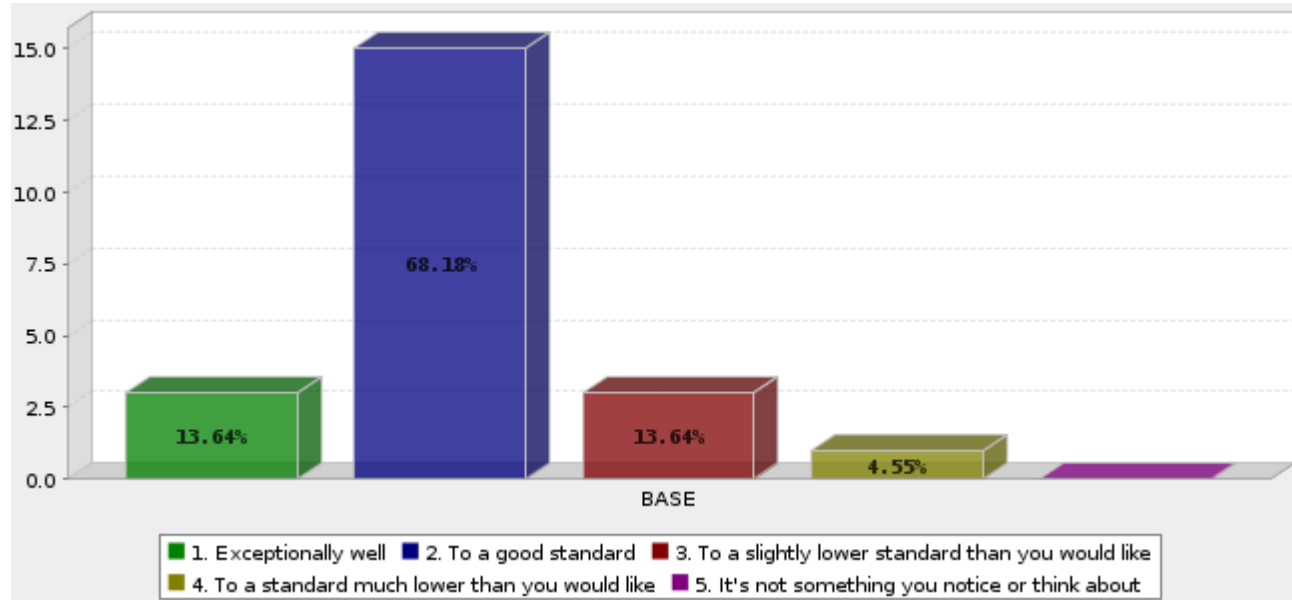
	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	In county of residence	16	72.73%
2.	In Southern Alleghenies region, outside of county of residence	1	4.55%
3.	Outside of region	2	9.09%
4.	Retired or not currently employed	3	13.64%
	Total	22	100%
Mean : 1.636		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [1.162 - 2.111]	
		Standard Deviation : 1.136	
		Standard Error : 0.242	

5. Think about the last four years... in general, is the county where you live...



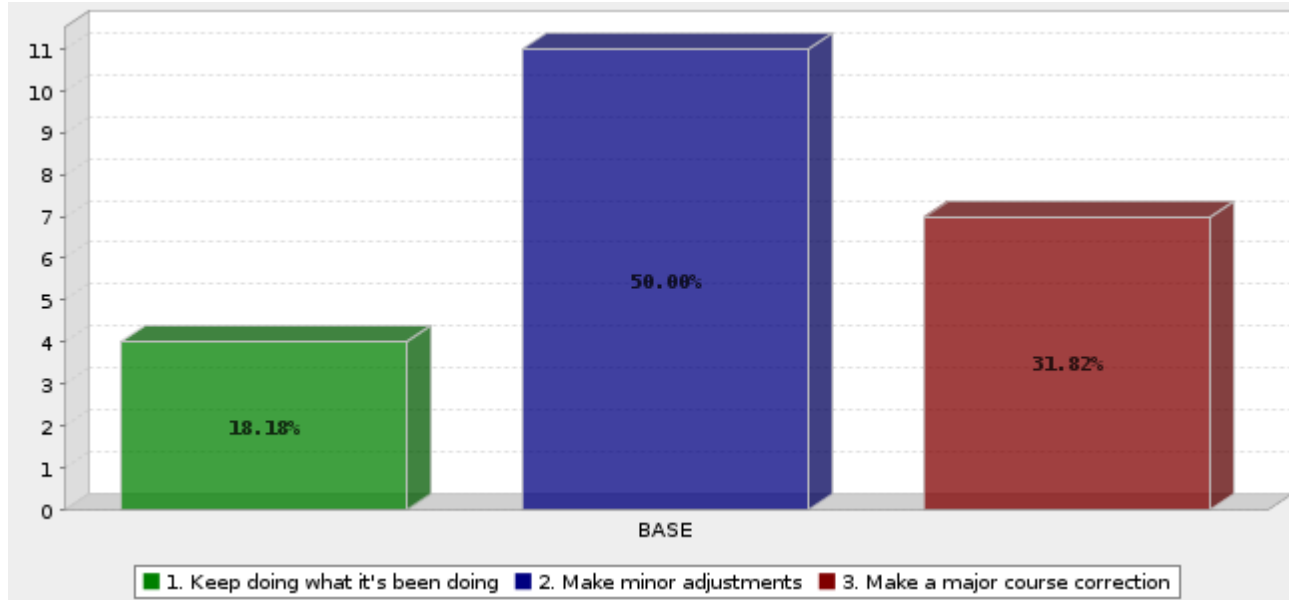
	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	Getting better?	4	18.18%
2.	Getting worse?	10	45.45%
3.	About the same as four years ago?	7	31.82%
4.	Does not apply (I have not been in the county for this period of time)	1	4.55%
	Total	22	100%
Mean : 2.227		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [1.888 - 2.567]	Standard Deviation : 0.813
			Standard Error : 0.173

6. In the area where you live, neighbors on your street or road maintain their homes...



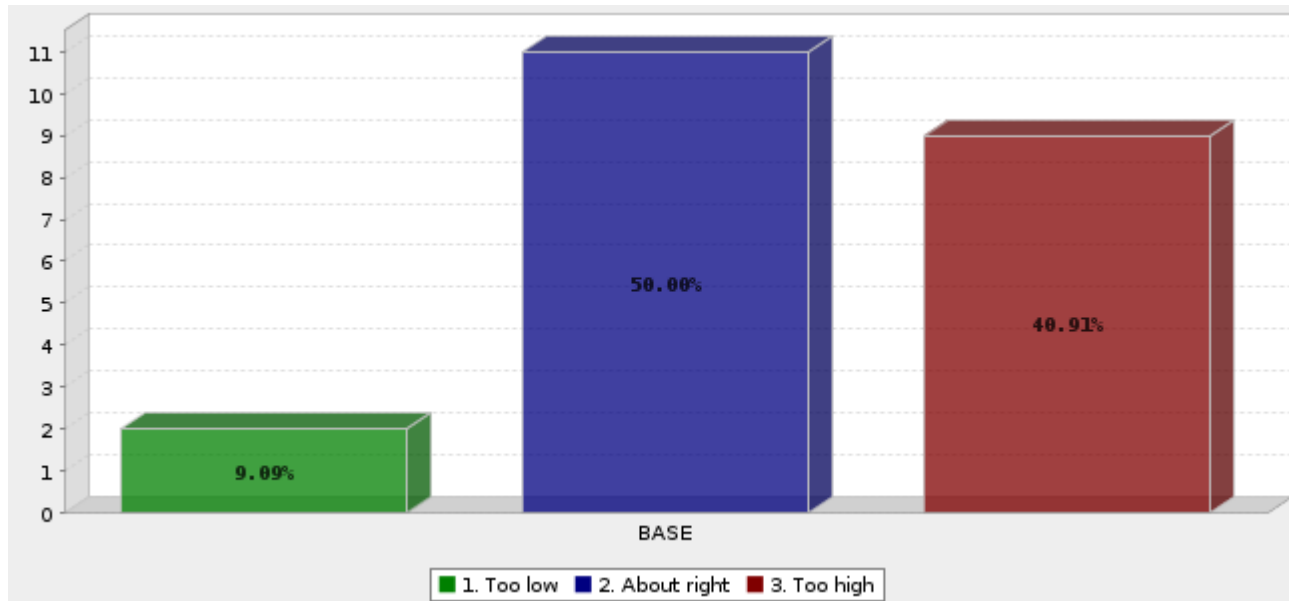
	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	Exceptionally well	3	13.64%
2.	To a good standard	15	68.18%
3.	To a slightly lower standard than you would like	3	13.64%
4.	To a standard much lower than you would like	1	4.55%
5.	It's not something you notice or think about	0	0.00%
	Total	22	100%
Mean : 2.091		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [1.805 - 2.377]	
		Standard Deviation : 0.684	
		Standard Error : 0.146	

7. For your county and community to become the best it can be, it needs to...



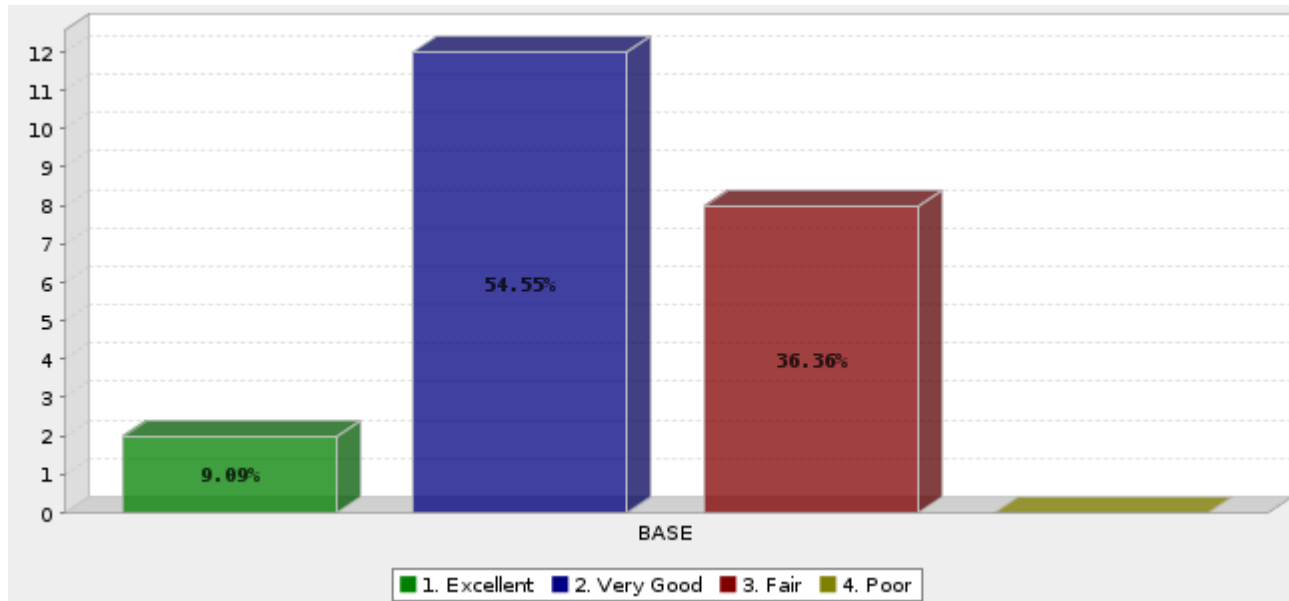
	Answer	Count	Percent
	1. Keep doing what it's been doing	4	18.18%
	2. Make minor adjustments	11	50.00%
	3. Make a major course correction	7	31.82%
	Total	22	100%
Mean : 2.136		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [1.840 - 2.433]	
		Standard Deviation : 0.710	
		Standard Error : 0.151	

8. Taxes (local) are:



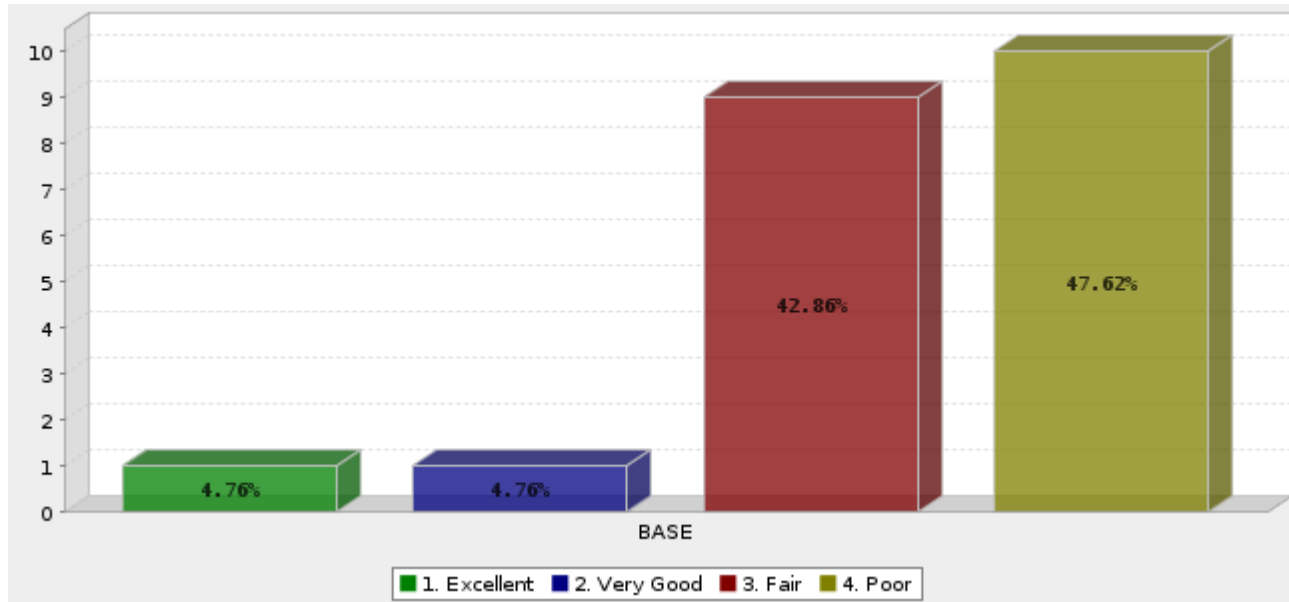
	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	Too low	2	9.09%
2.	About right	11	50.00%
3.	Too high	9	40.91%
	Total	22	100%
Mean : 2.318		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [2.048 - 2.588]	Standard Deviation : 0.646
			Standard Error : 0.138

9. Housing quality for the price



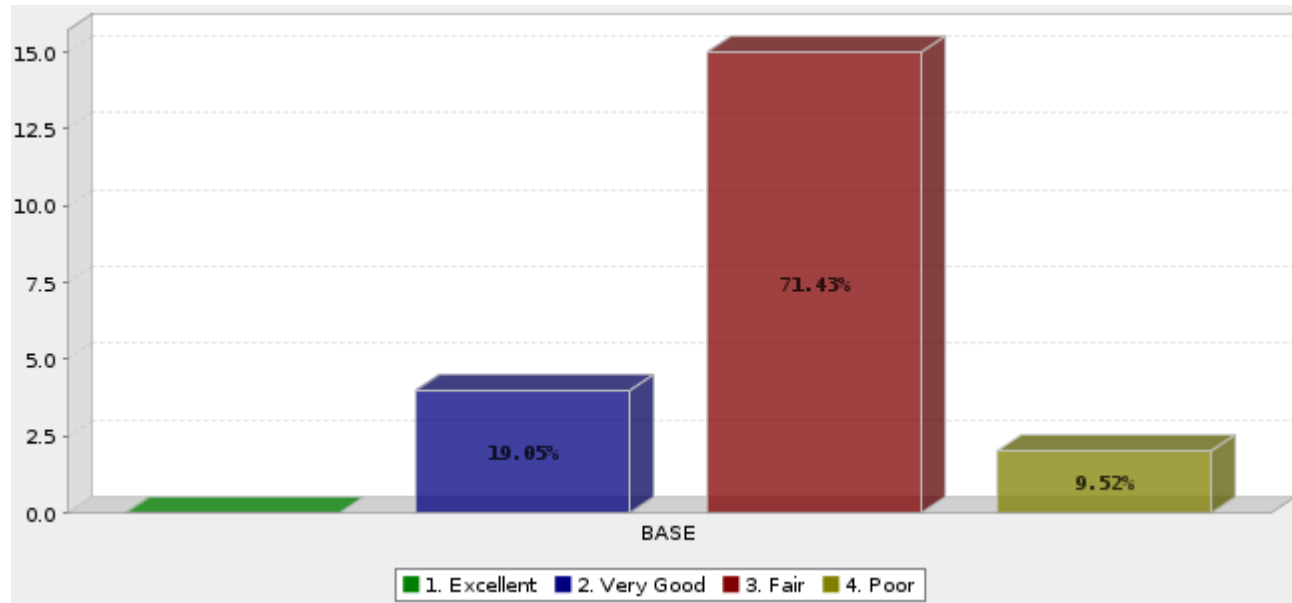
	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	Excellent	2	9.09%
2.	Very Good	12	54.55%
3.	Fair	8	36.36%
4.	Poor	0	0.00%
	Total	22	100%
Mean : 2.273		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [2.009 - 2.536]	
		Standard Deviation : 0.631	
		Standard Error : 0.135	

10. Commercial activity and shopping



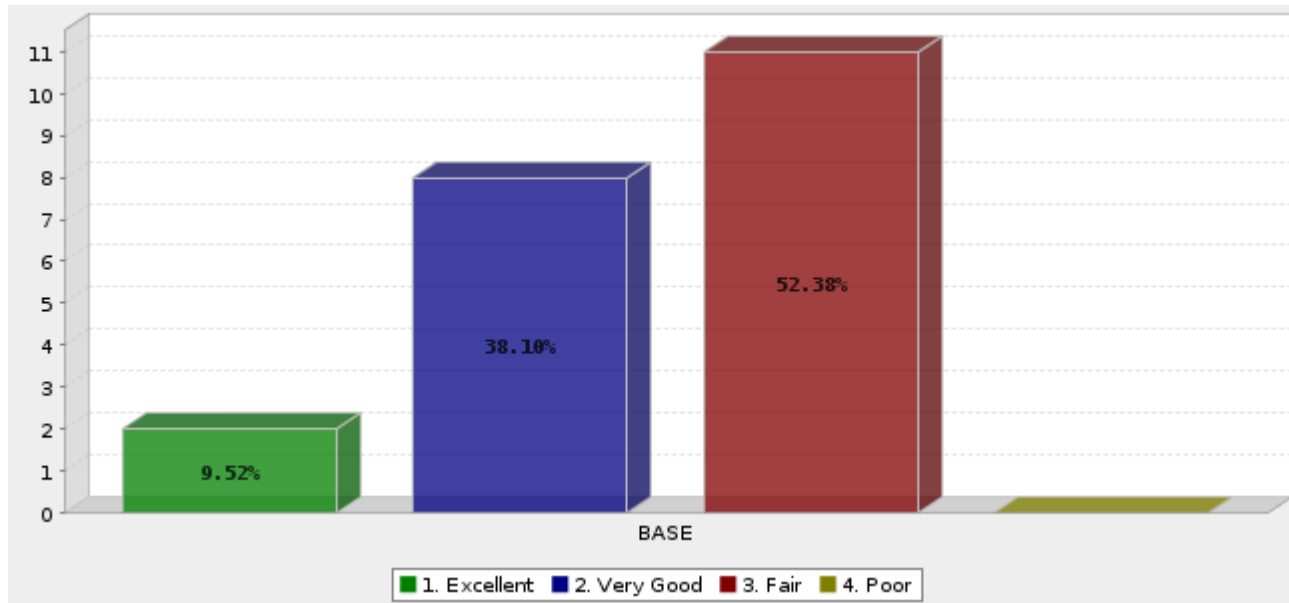
	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	Excellent	1	4.76%
2.	Very Good	1	4.76%
3.	Fair	9	42.86%
4.	Poor	10	47.62%
	Total	21	100%
Mean : 3.333		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [2.993 - 3.674]	Standard Deviation : 0.796
		Standard Error : 0.174	

11. Civic life (engagement in politics, public events, and culture)



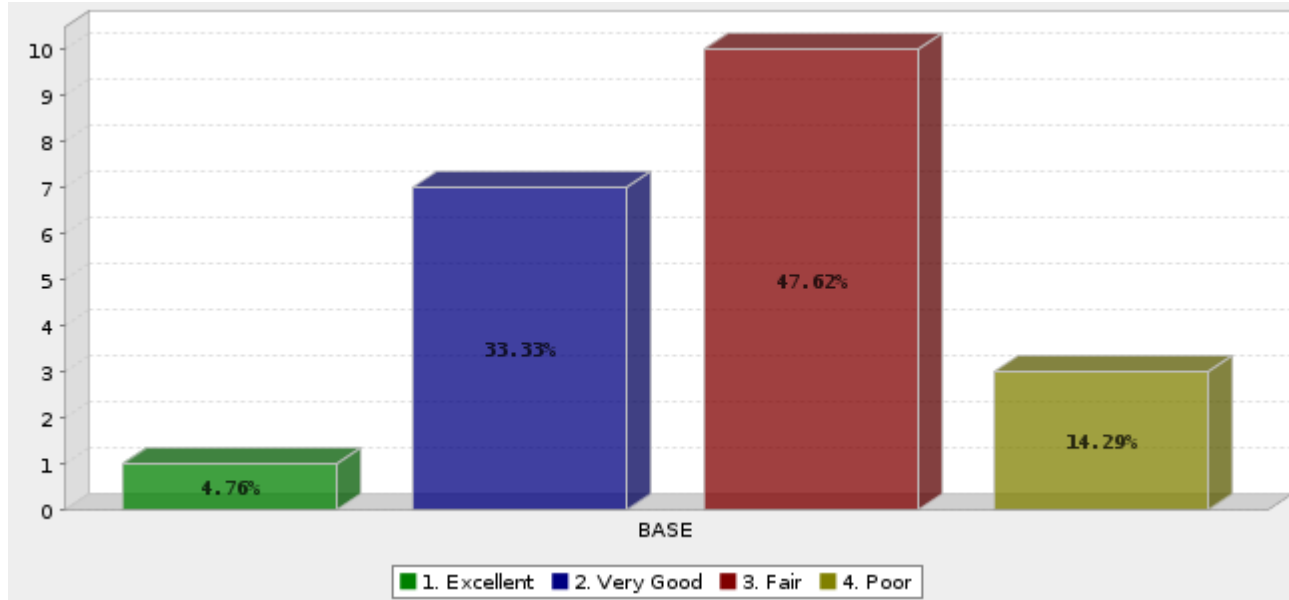
	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	Excellent	0	0.00%
2.	Very Good	4	19.05%
3.	Fair	15	71.43%
4.	Poor	2	9.52%
	Total	21	100%
Mean : 2.905		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [2.674 - 3.135]	Standard Deviation : 0.539
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12. Schools



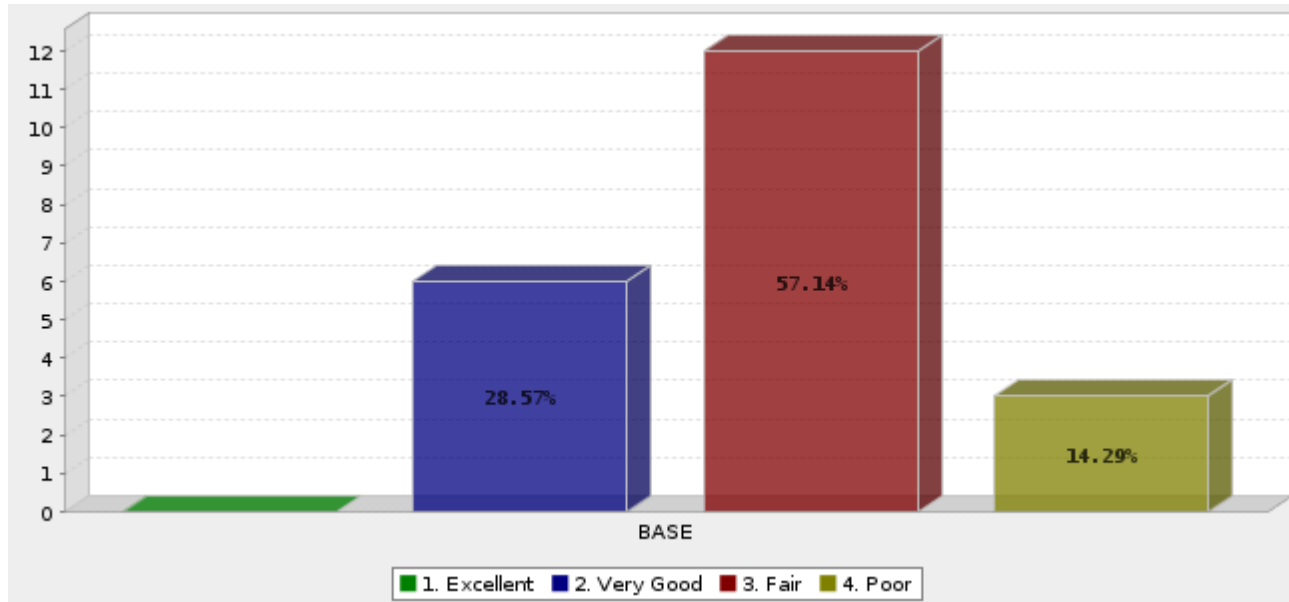
	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	Excellent	2	9.52%
2.	Very Good	8	38.10%
3.	Fair	11	52.38%
4.	Poor	0	0.00%
	Total	21	100%
Mean : 2.429		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [2.139 - 2.718]	Standard Deviation : 0.676
		Standard Error : 0.148	

13. Quality of life amenities (parks, recreation, parades, festivals, restaurants)



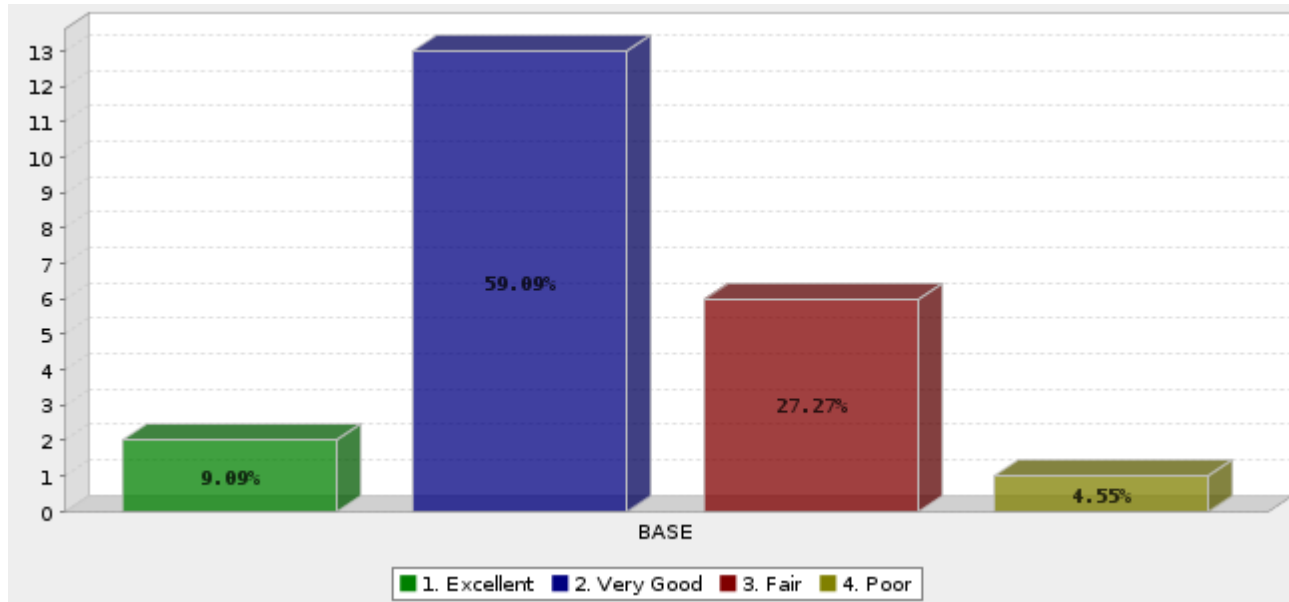
	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	Excellent	1	4.76%
2.	Very Good	7	33.33%
3.	Fair	10	47.62%
4.	Poor	3	14.29%
	Total	21	100%
Mean : 2.714		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [2.379 - 3.050]	Standard Deviation : 0.784
		Standard Error : 0.171	

14. Government (quality of services, expertise)



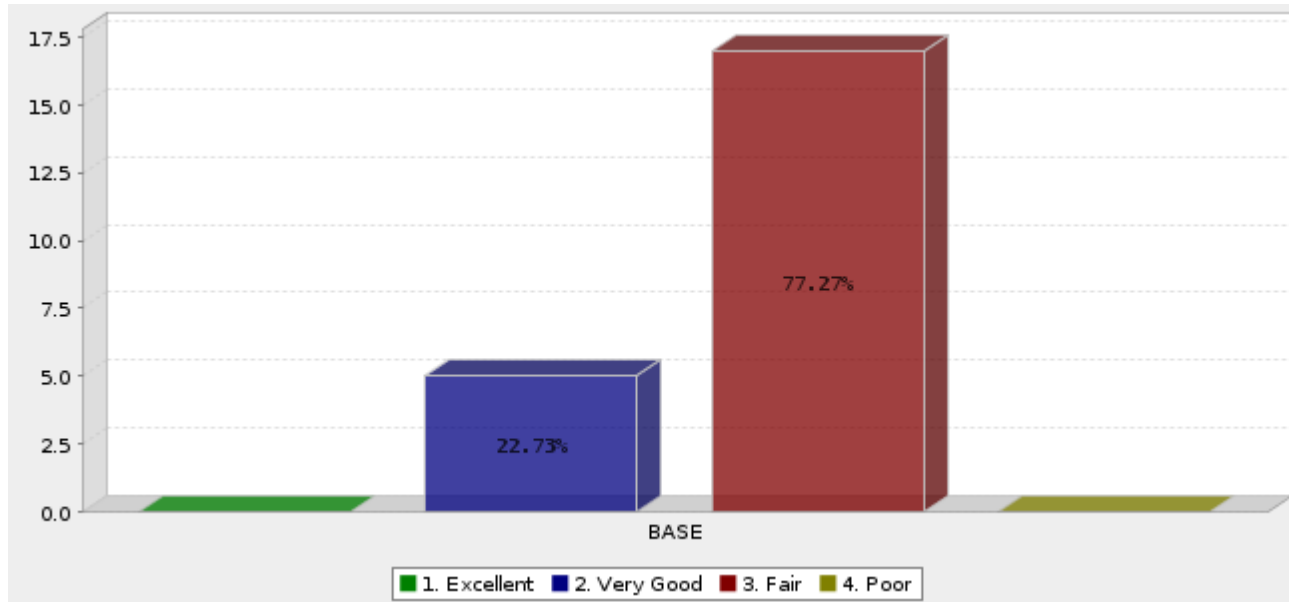
	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	Excellent	0	0.00%
2.	Very Good	6	28.57%
3.	Fair	12	57.14%
4.	Poor	3	14.29%
	Total	21	100%
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15. Public safety



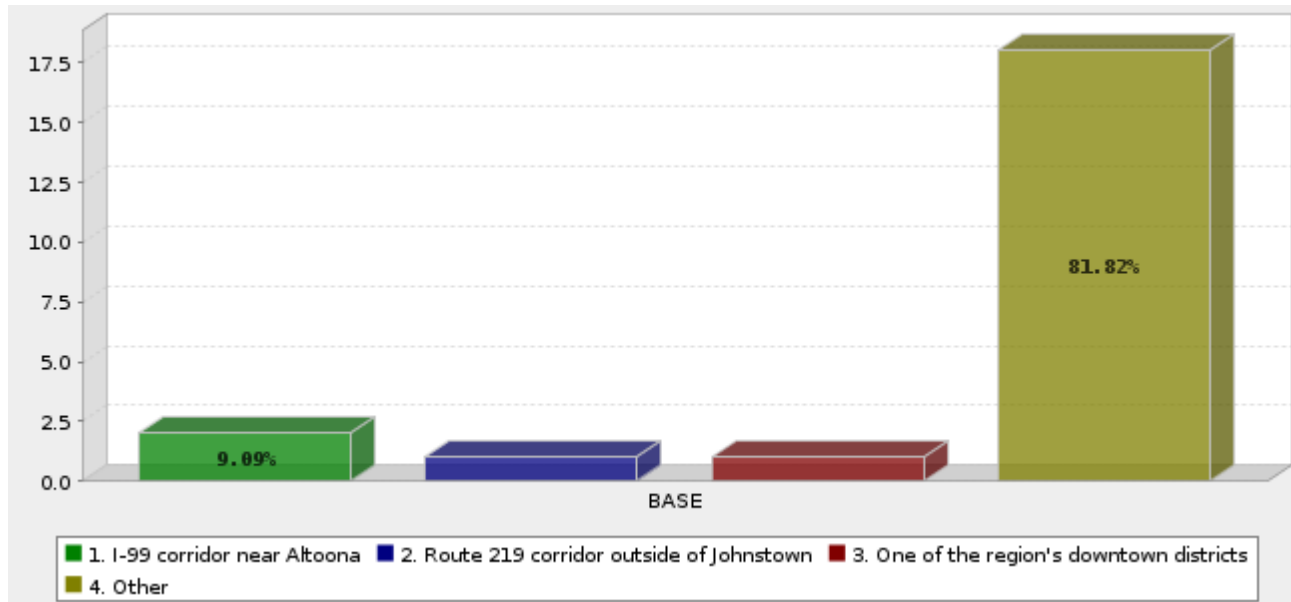
	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	Excellent	2	9.09%
2.	Very Good	13	59.09%
3.	Fair	6	27.27%
4.	Poor	1	4.55%
	Total	22	100%
Mean : 2.273		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [1.979 - 2.566]	
		Standard Deviation : 0.703	
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16. Strength of the overall housing market (stability, equity)



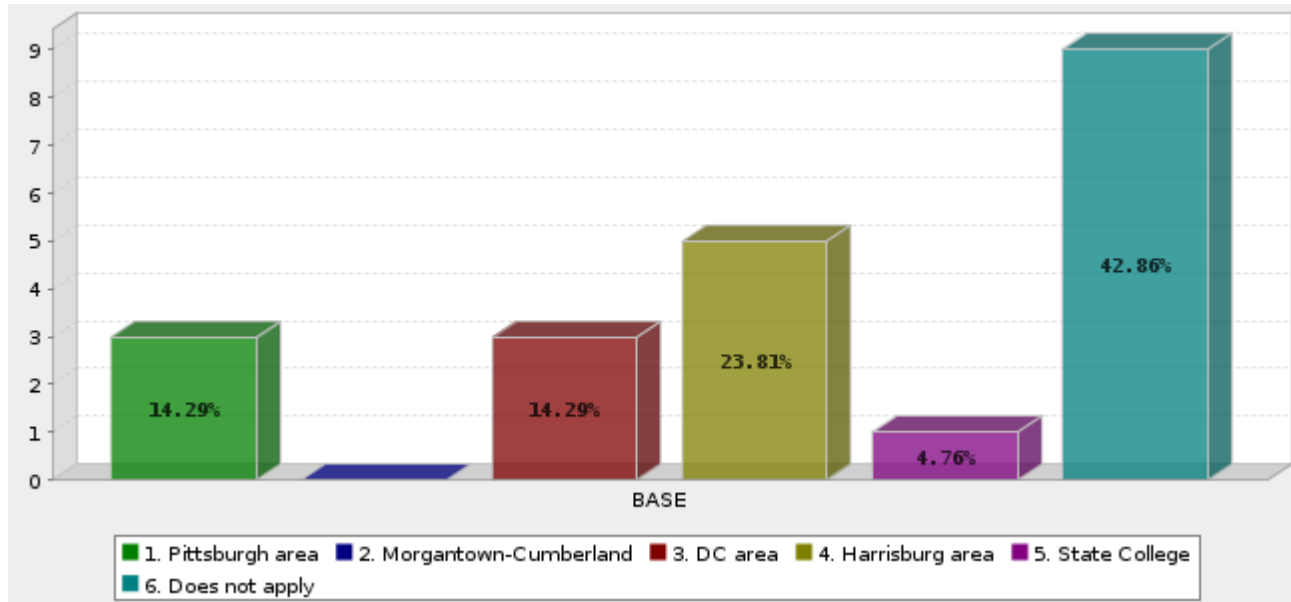
	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	Excellent	0	0.00%
2.	Very Good	5	22.73%
3.	Fair	17	77.27%
4.	Poor	0	0.00%
	Total	22	100%
Mean : 2.773		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [2.593 - 2.952]	Standard Deviation : 0.429
		Standard Error : 0.091	

17. Think about the places in the region where you prefer to shop because of convenience, selection, atmosphere, or whatever most influences your shopping habits. What place is at the top of your list?



	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	I-99 corridor near Altoona	2	9.09%
2.	Route 219 corridor outside of Johnstown	1	4.55%
3.	One of the region's downtown districts	1	4.55%
4.	Other	18	81.82%
	Total	22	100%
Mean : 3.591		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [3.190 - 3.992]	Standard Deviation : 0.959
			Standard Error : 0.204

18. When you need to leave the region for goods, services, or entertainment, where do you typically go?



	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	Pittsburgh area	3	14.29%
2.	Morgantown-Cumberland	0	0.00%
3.	DC area	3	14.29%
4.	Harrisburg area	5	23.81%
5.	State College	1	4.76%
6.	Does not apply	9	42.86%
	Total	21	100%
Mean : 4.333		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [3.564 - 5.102]	Standard Deviation : 1.798
		Standard Error : 0.392	

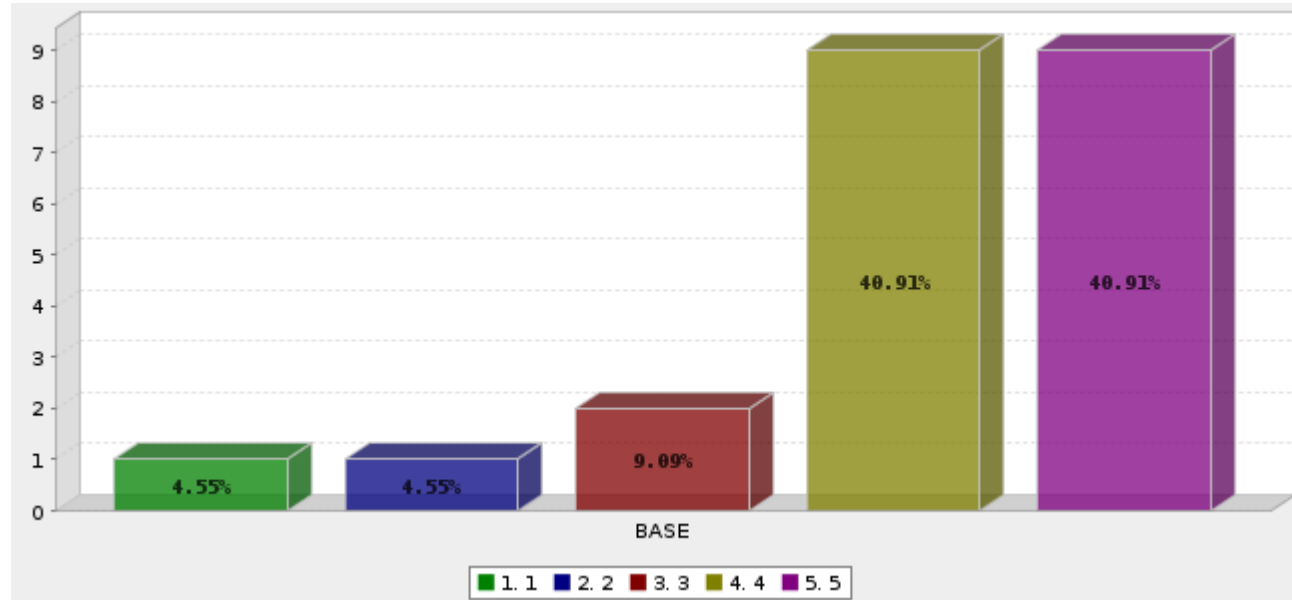
19. Please give 1 to 5 stars (5 being very important to you; 1 being not important to you) to the following...

Note: Scores represent averages of responses. Issues considered most important have the highest average scores. Detailed break-down of responses to each issue can be found in 19a through 19-q.

	Question	Score	
1.	Investment of today's tax dollars for the long-term, even if I am not around to see or benefit from the improvements	4.091	
2.	The quality of public education	4.333	
3.	The vibrancy of downtowns (in the region's cities and boroughs)	3.682	
4.	Having a fund balance after all expenses are paid (rainy day fund)	3.864	
5.	Your county being able to take care of itself without too much reliance on the state or federal government	3.773	
6.	Low taxes	3.545	
7.	Low levels of municipal debt	3.773	
8.	The region's colleges	3.158	
9.	The natural environment	4.190	
10.	Small town life where everybody knows everybody	4.182	
11.	Public safety	4.136	
12.	Stable housing market	3.545	
13.	Historic preservation	3.409	
14.	Architectural beauty	3.318	

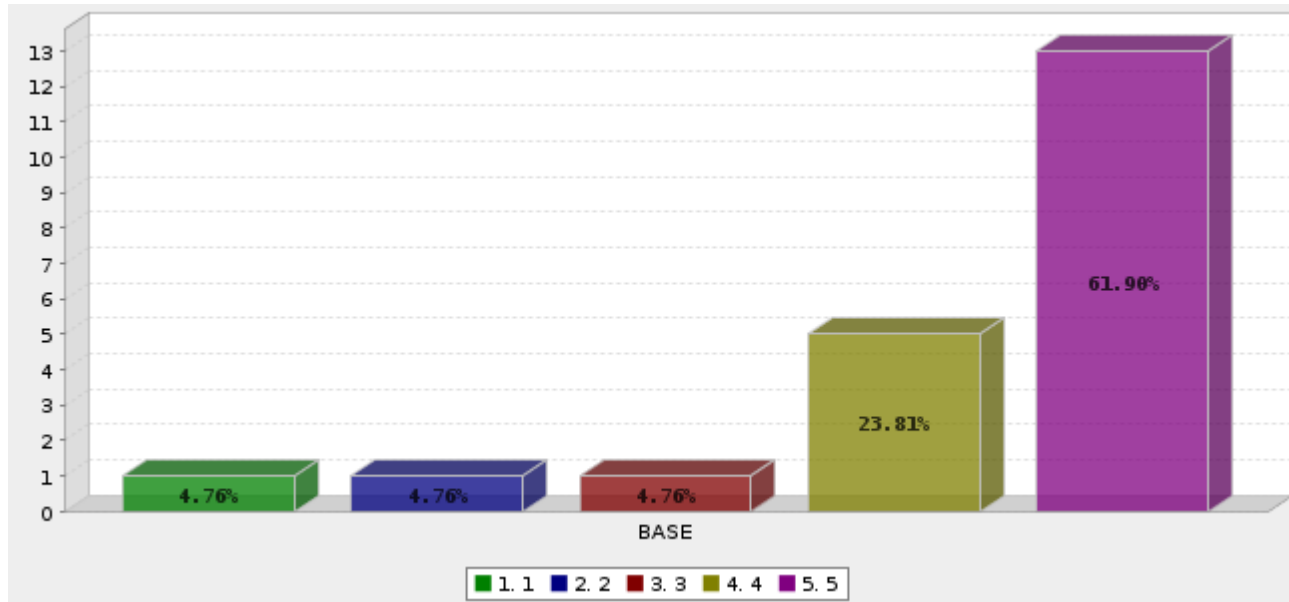
15.	Collaboration between the region's governments	3.773	
16.	Outdoor recreational opportunities	3.591	
17.	Farmland preservation	4.318	
Average		3.805	

19-a. Investment of today's tax dollars for the long-term, even if I am not around to see or benefit from the improvements



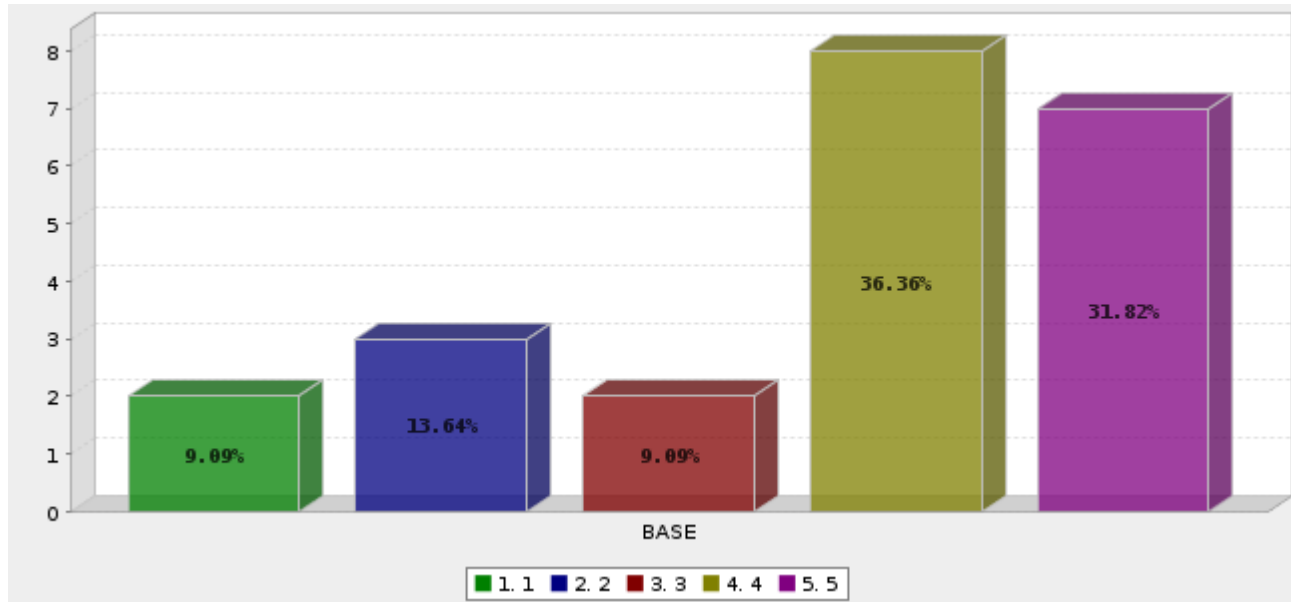
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	3.3	2	9.09%
	4.4	9	40.91%
	5.5	9	40.91%
	Total	22	100%
Mean : 4.091		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [3.646 - 4.536]	
		Standard Deviation : 1.065	
		Standard Error : 0.227	

19-b. The quality of public education



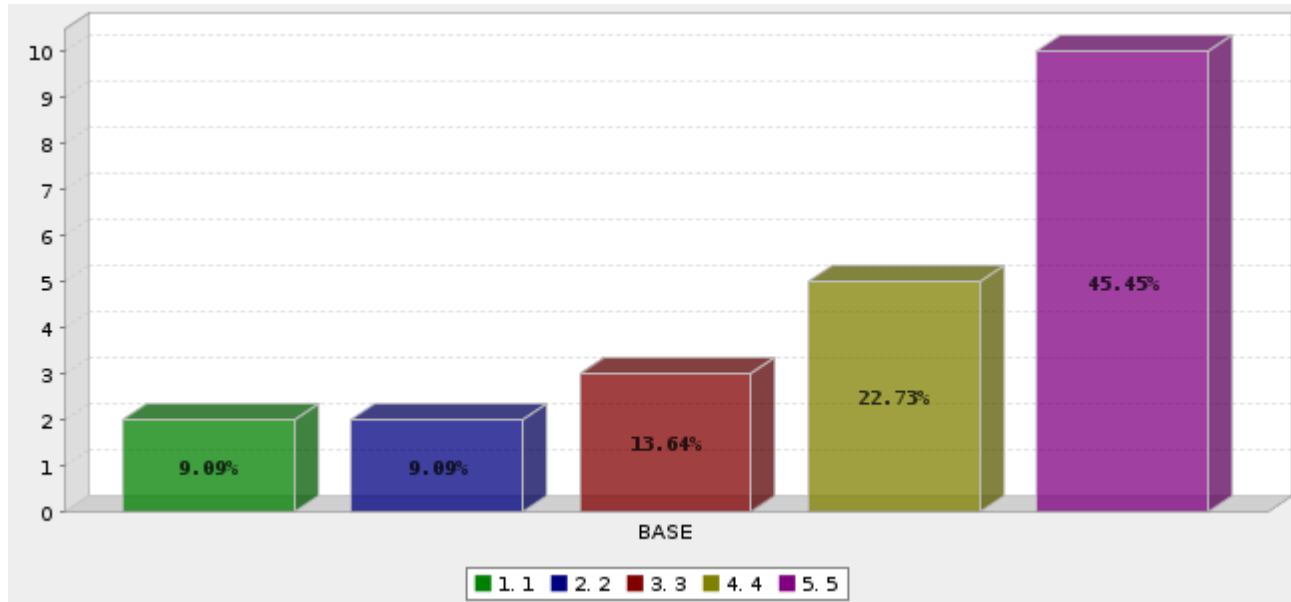
	Answer	Count	Percent
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	3.3	1	4.76%
	4.4	5	23.81%
	5.5	13	61.90%
	Total	21	100%
Mean : 4.333		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [3.858 - 4.808]	
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		Standard Error : 0.242	

19-c. The vibrancy of downtowns (in the region's cities and boroughs)



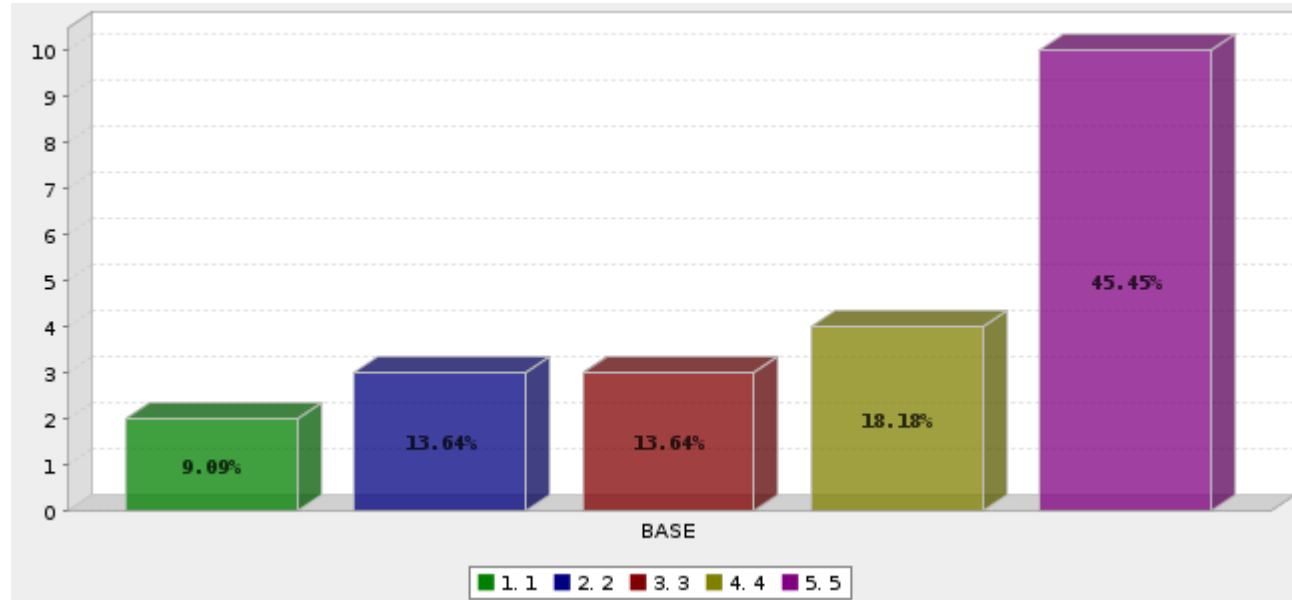
	Answer	Count	Percent
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2.2		3	13.64%
3.3		2	9.09%
4.4		8	36.36%
5.5		7	31.82%
	Total	22	100%
Mean : 3.682		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [3.129 - 4.235]	
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19-d. Having a fund balance after all expenses are paid (rainy day fund)



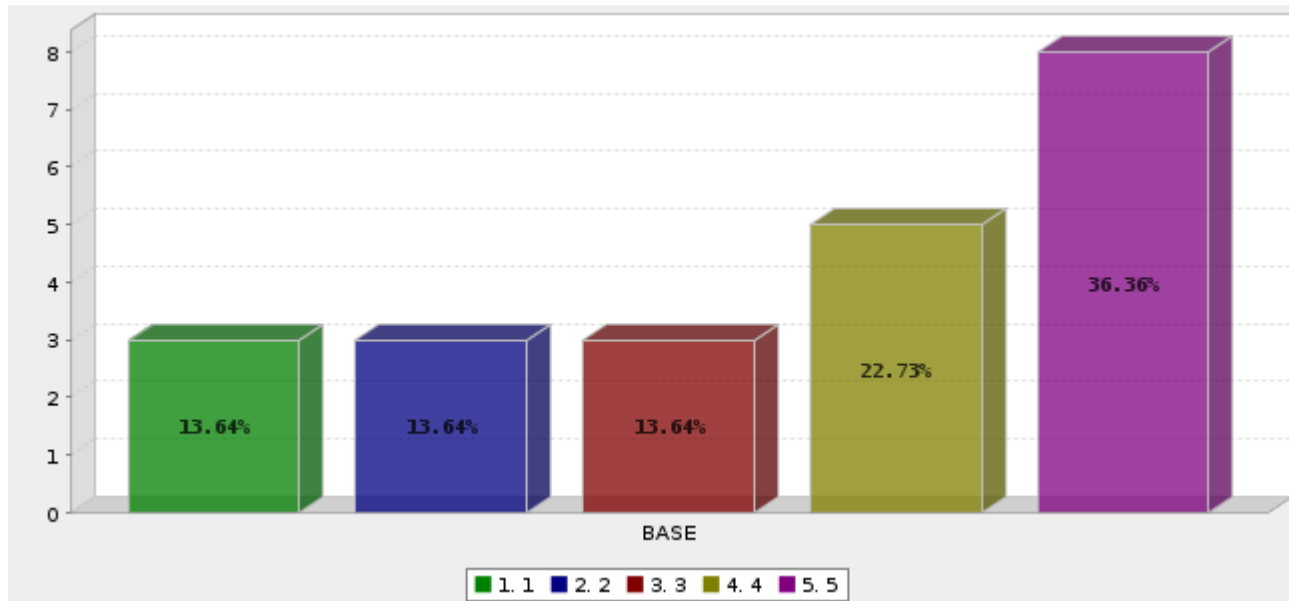
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2.	2	2	9.09%
3.	3	3	13.64%
4.	4	5	22.73%
5.	5	10	45.45%
	Total	22	100%
Mean : 3.864 Confidence Interval @ 95% : [3.297 - 4.430]		Standard Deviation : 1.356 Standard Error : 0.289	

19-e. Your county being able to take care of itself without too much reliance on the state or federal government



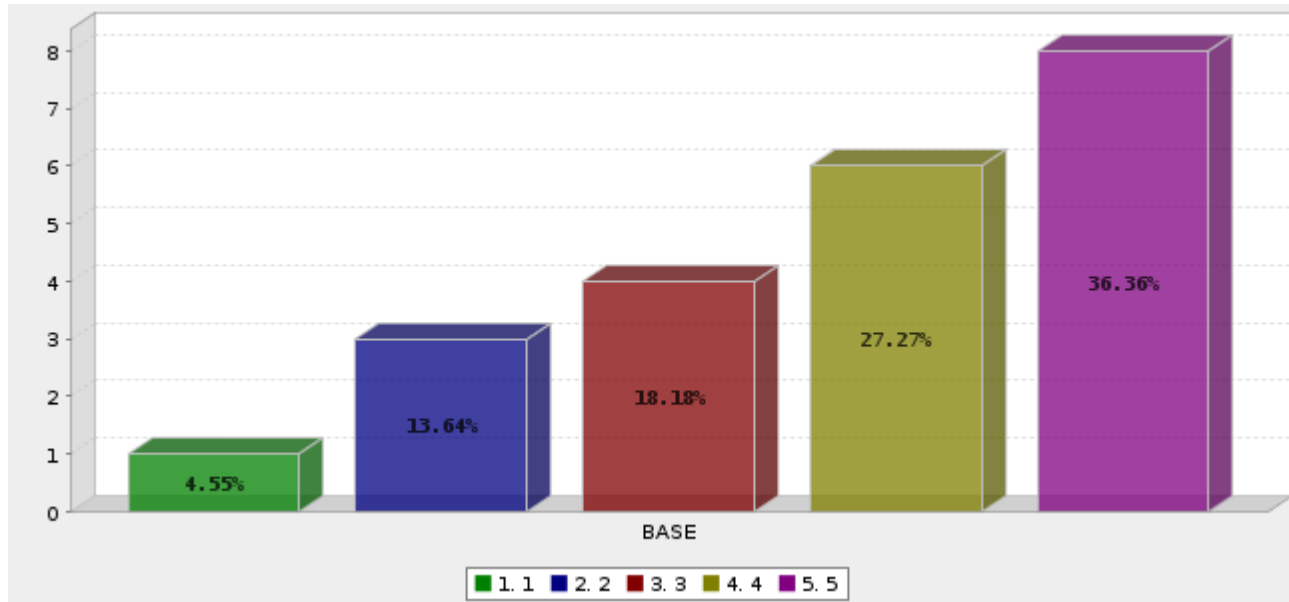
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	2.2	3	13.64%
	3.3	3	13.64%
	4.4	4	18.18%
	5.5	10	45.45%
	Total	22	100%
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19-f. Low taxes



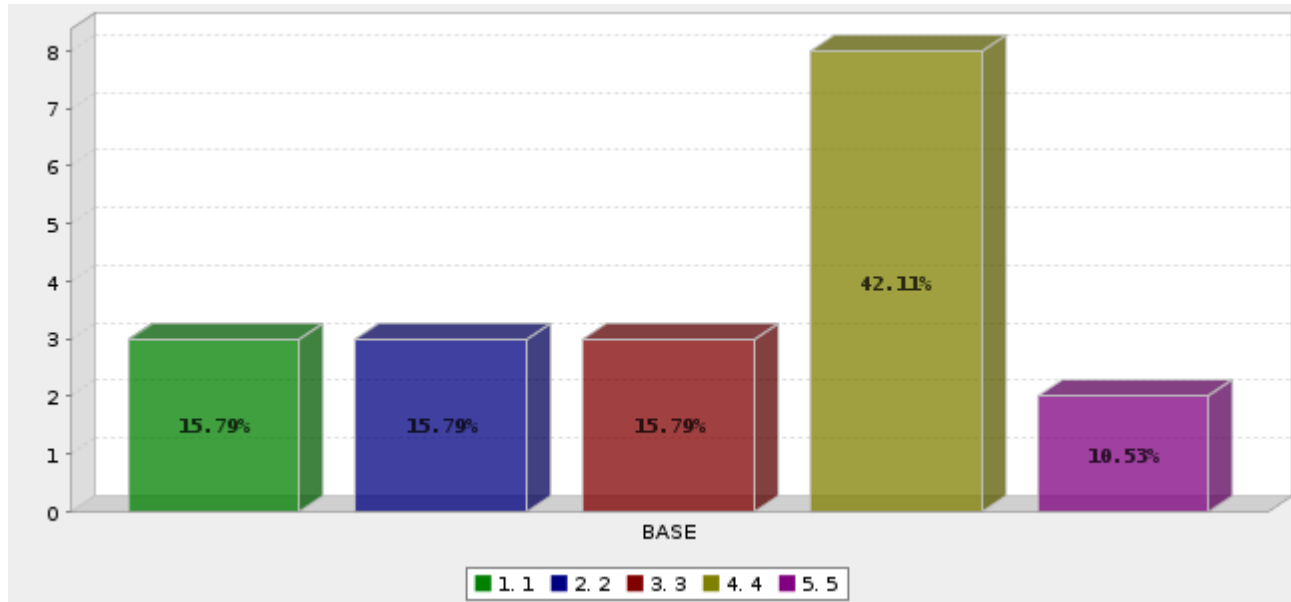
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2.	2	3	13.64%
3.	3	3	13.64%
4.	4	5	22.73%
5.	5	8	36.36%
	Total	22	100%
Mean : 3.545		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [2.931 - 4.160]	Standard Deviation : 1.471
		Standard Error : 0.314	

19-g. Low levels of municipal debt



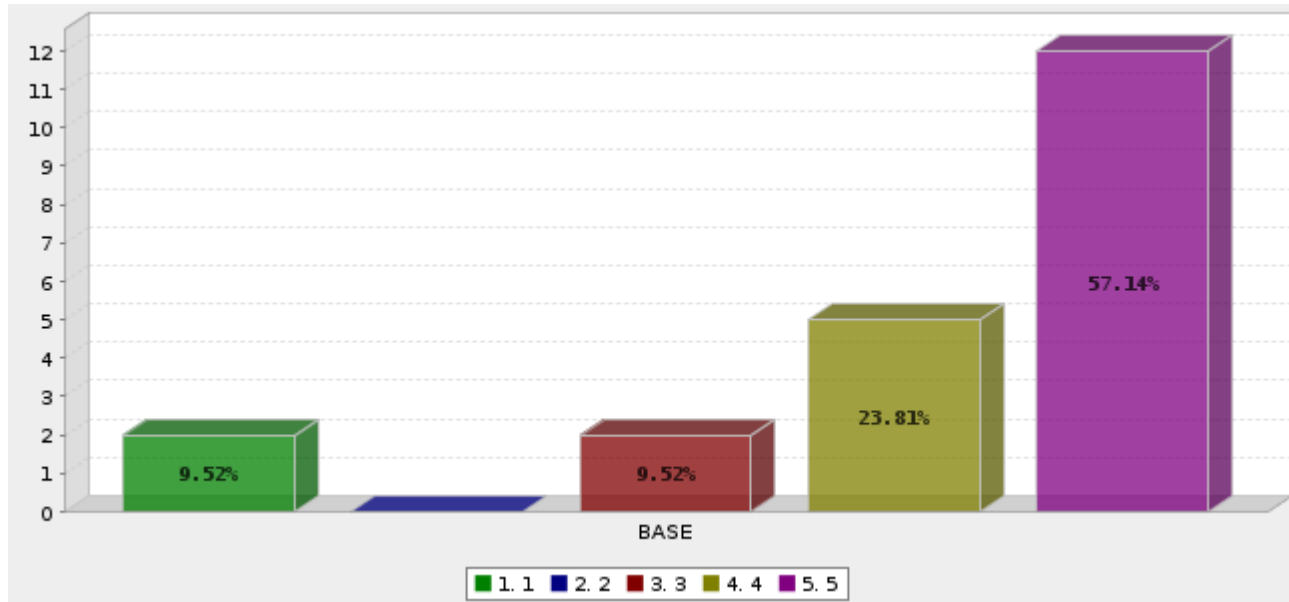
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4.4		6	27.27%
5.5		8	36.36%
	Total	22	100%
Mean : 3.773		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [3.258 - 4.287]	Standard Deviation : 1.232
		Standard Error : 0.263	

19-h. The region's colleges



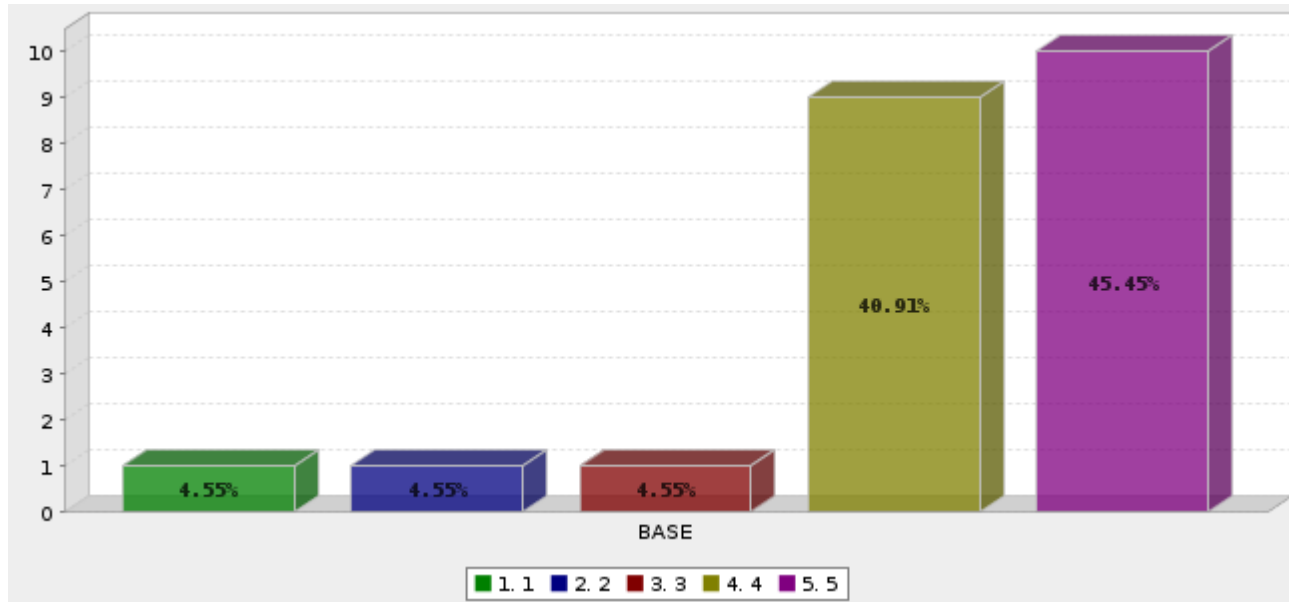
	Answer	Count	Percent
1.1		3	15.79%
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3.3		3	15.79%
4.4		8	42.11%
5.5		2	10.53%
	Total	19	100%
Mean : 3.158		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [2.572 - 3.743]	
		Standard Deviation : 1.302	
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19-i. The natural environment



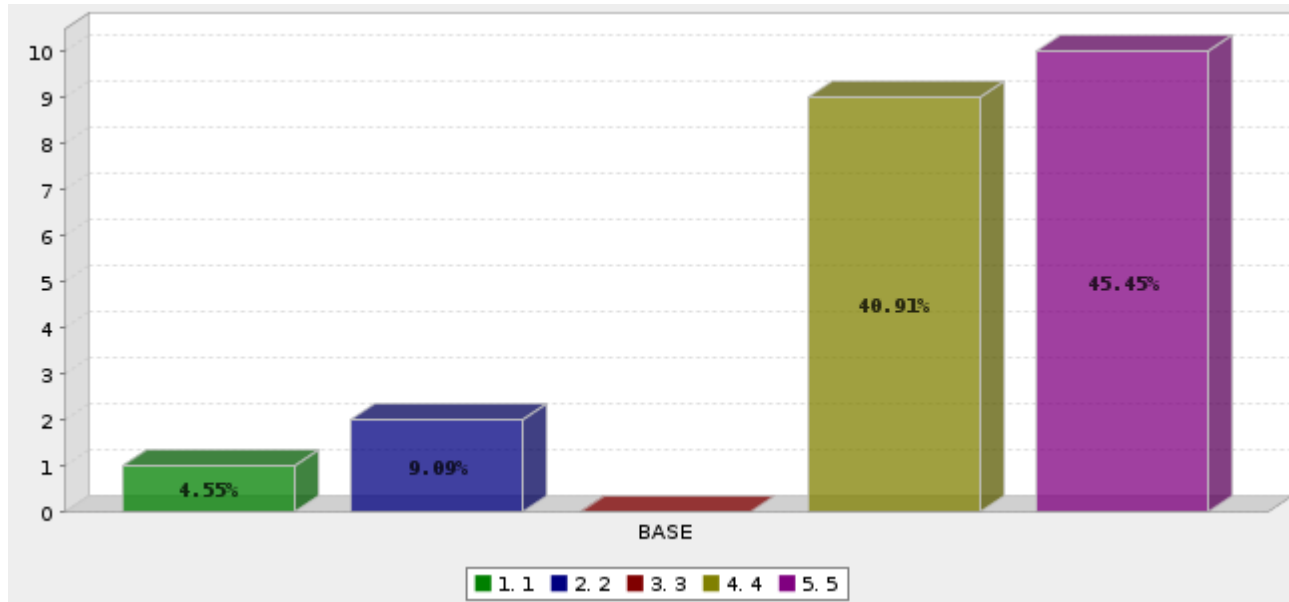
	Answer	Count	Percent
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	2.2	0	0.00%
	3.3	2	9.52%
	4.4	5	23.81%
	5.5	12	57.14%
	Total	21	100%
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			Standard Error : 0.273

19-j. Small town life where everybody knows everybody



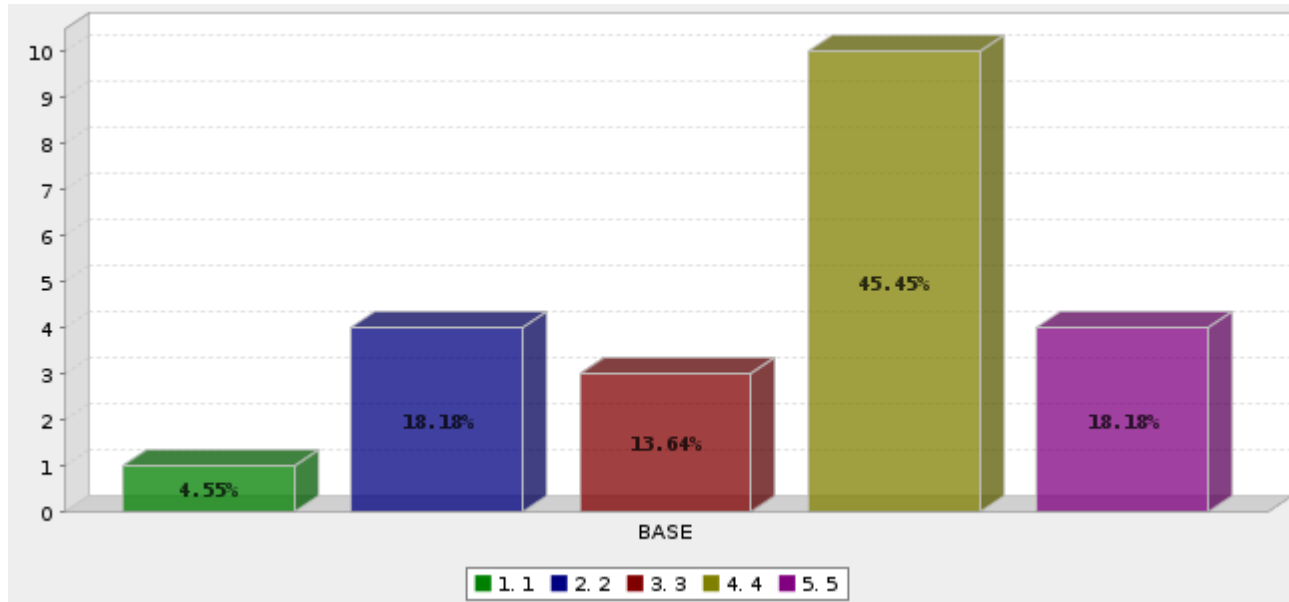
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	4. 4	9	40.91%
	5. 5	10	45.45%
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19-k. Public safety



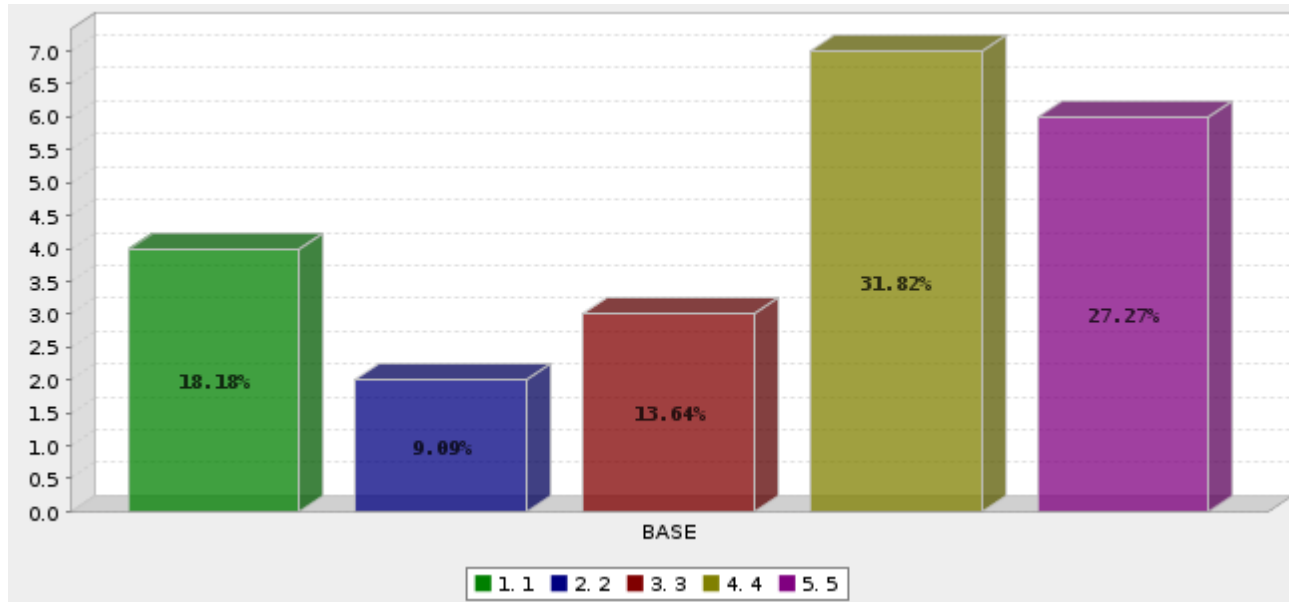
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	4.4	9	40.91%
	5.5	10	45.45%
	Total	22	100%
Mean : 4.136		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [3.666 - 4.607]	
		Standard Deviation : 1.125	
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19-I. Stable housing market



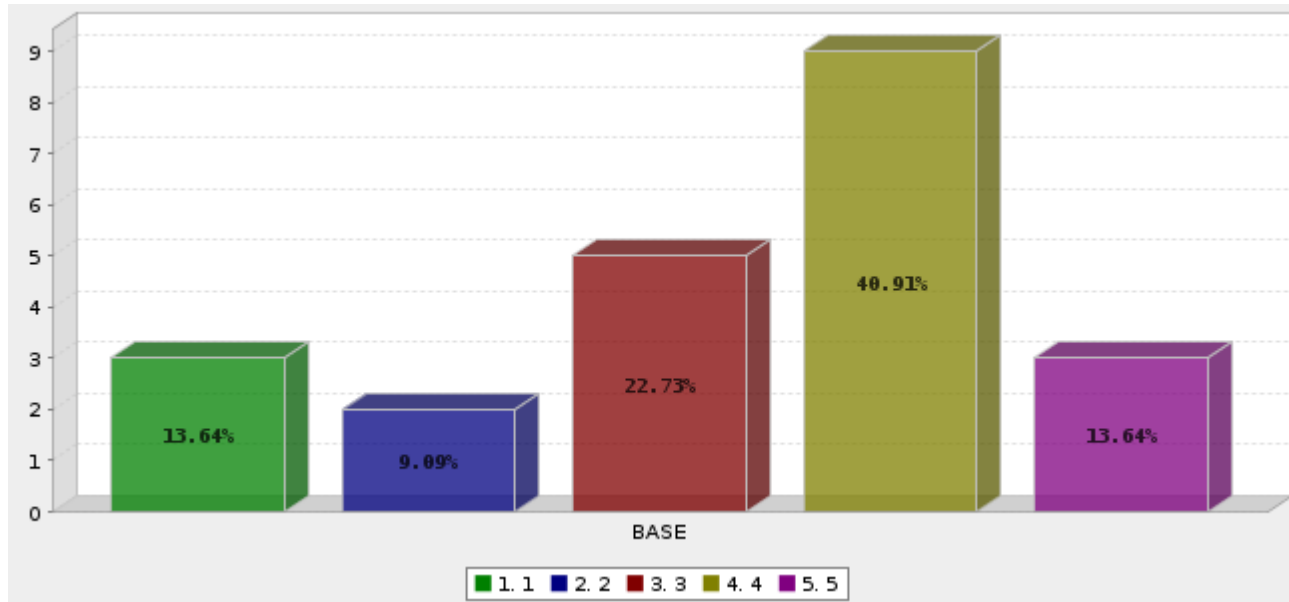
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3.3		3	13.64%
4.4		10	45.45%
5.5		4	18.18%
	Total	22	100%
Mean : 3.545		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [3.068 - 4.023]	Standard Deviation : 1.143
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19-m. Historic preservation



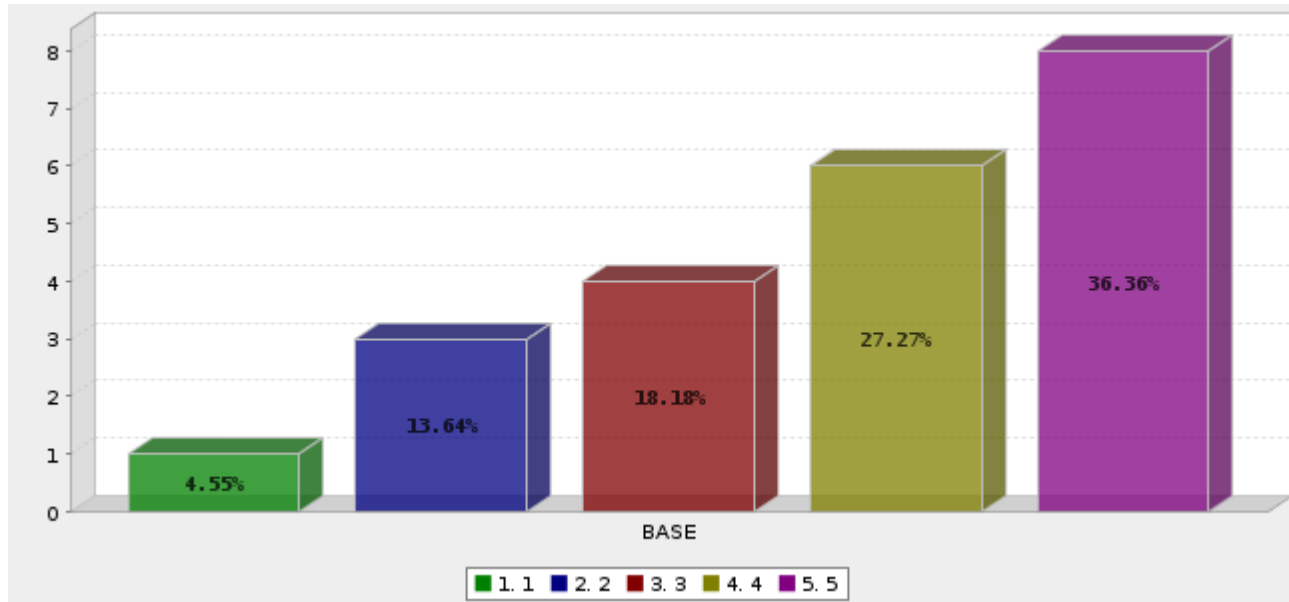
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	4.4	7	31.82%
	5.5	6	27.27%
	Total	22	100%
Mean : 3.409		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [2.795 - 4.023]	
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19-n. Architectural beauty



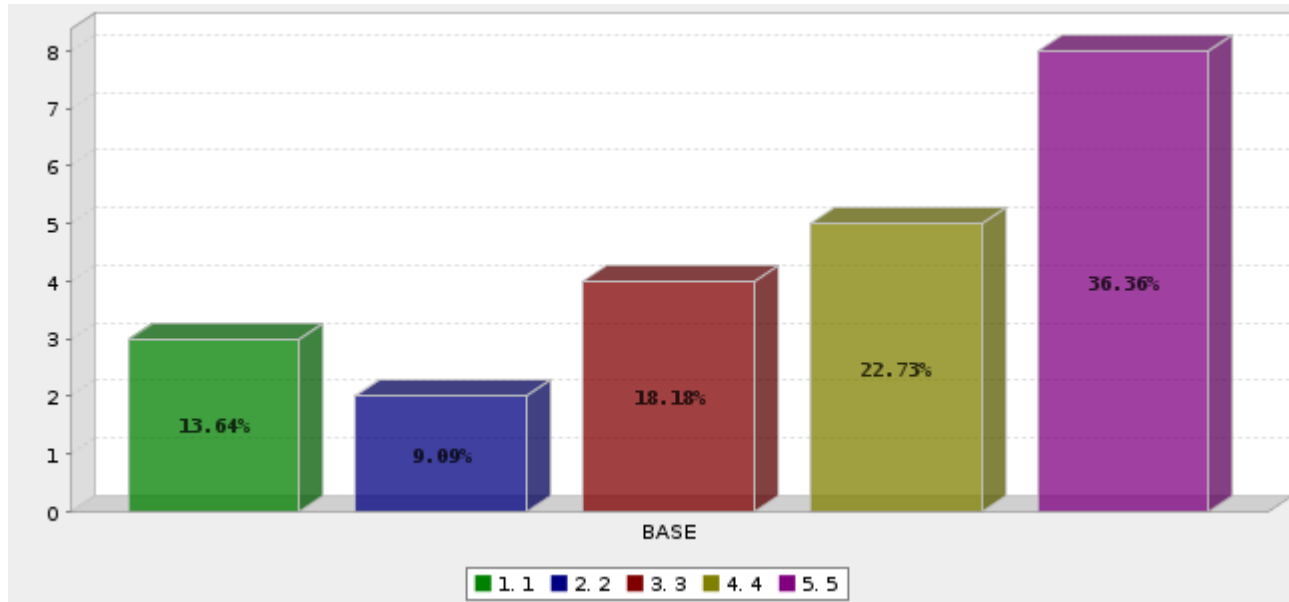
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2.	2	2	9.09%
3.	3	5	22.73%
4.	4	9	40.91%
5.	5	3	13.64%
	Total	22	100%
Mean : 3.318		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [2.796 - 3.840]	Standard Deviation : 1.249
		Standard Error : 0.266	

19-o. Collaboration between the region's governments



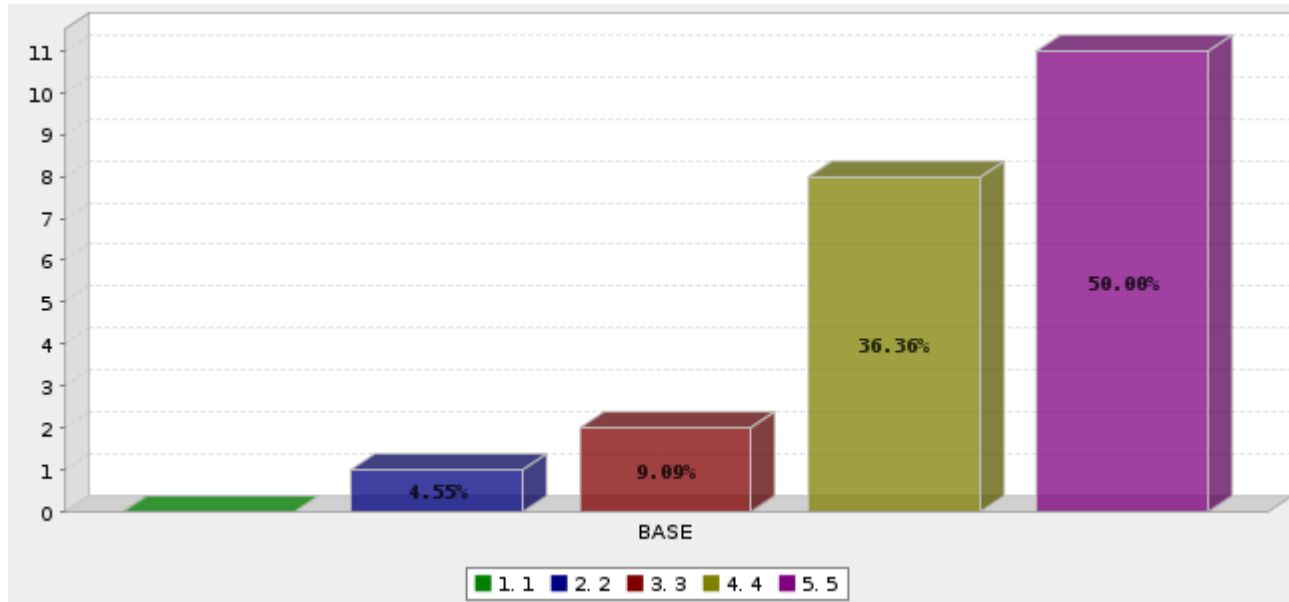
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4.	4	6	27.27%
5.	5	8	36.36%
	Total	22	100%
Mean : 3.773		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [3.258 - 4.287]	Standard Deviation : 1.232
		Standard Error : 0.263	

19-p. Outdoor recreational opportunities



	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	1	3	13.64%
2.	2	2	9.09%
3.	3	4	18.18%
4.	4	5	22.73%
5.	5	8	36.36%
	Total	22	100%
Mean : 3.591		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [2.991 - 4.191]	Standard Deviation : 1.436
		Standard Error : 0.306	

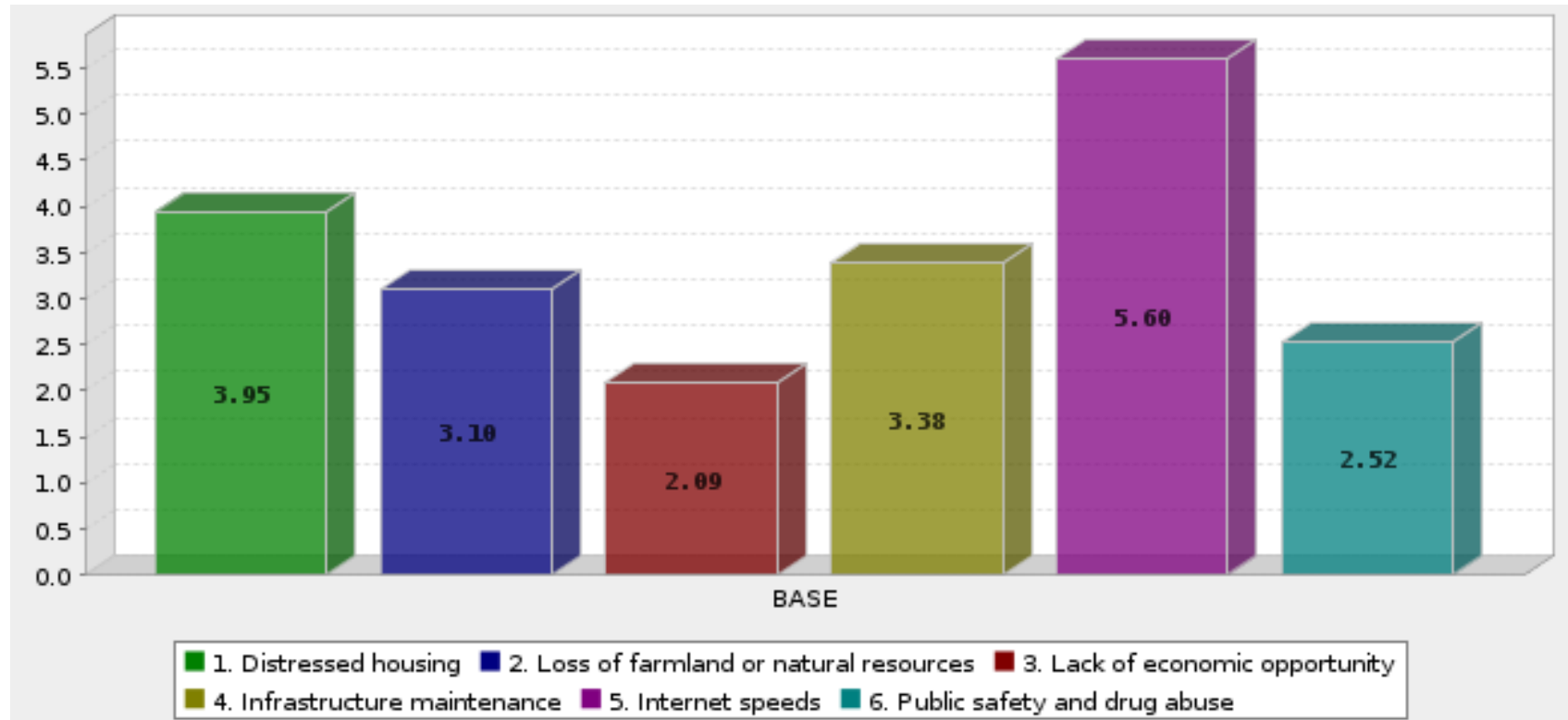
19-q. Farmland preservation



	Answer	Count	Percent
	1. 1	0	0.00%
	2. 2	1	4.55%
	3. 3	2	9.09%
	4. 4	8	36.36%
	5. 5	11	50.00%
	Total	22	100%
Mean : 4.318		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [3.968 - 4.669]	
		Standard Deviation : 0.839	
		Standard Error : 0.179	

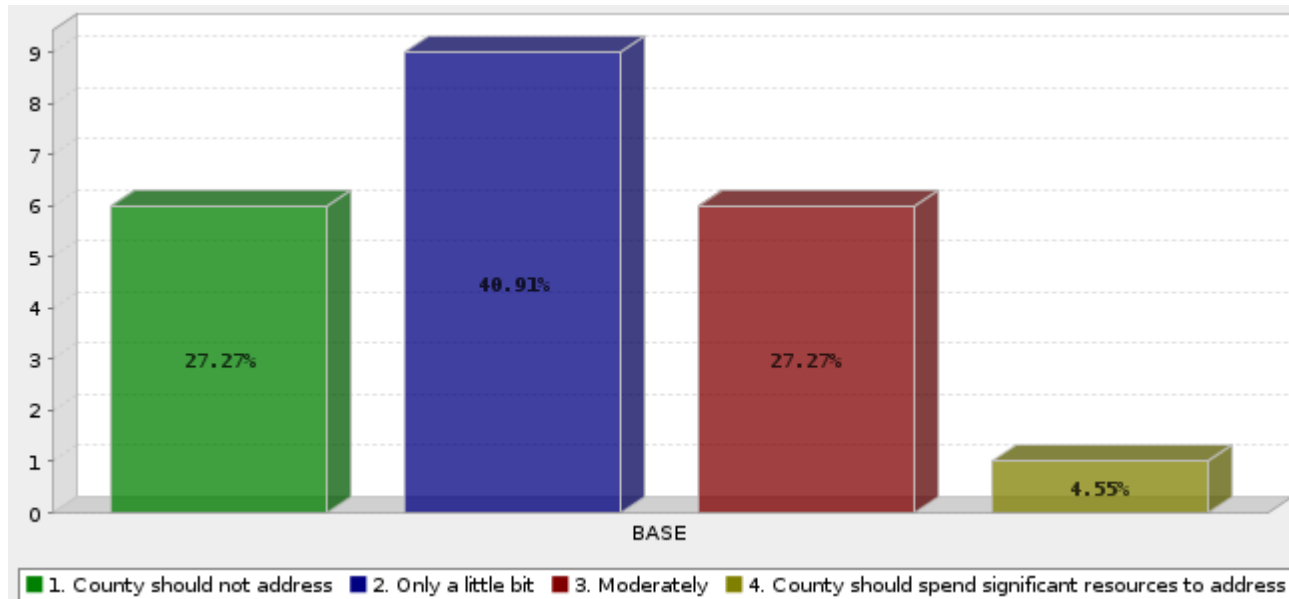
20. Please rank the following possible issues or concerns with the most important issue ranked first, then second most, and so on (1-6):

Note: Scores represent averages of responses. Issues considered most important have the lowest average scores.



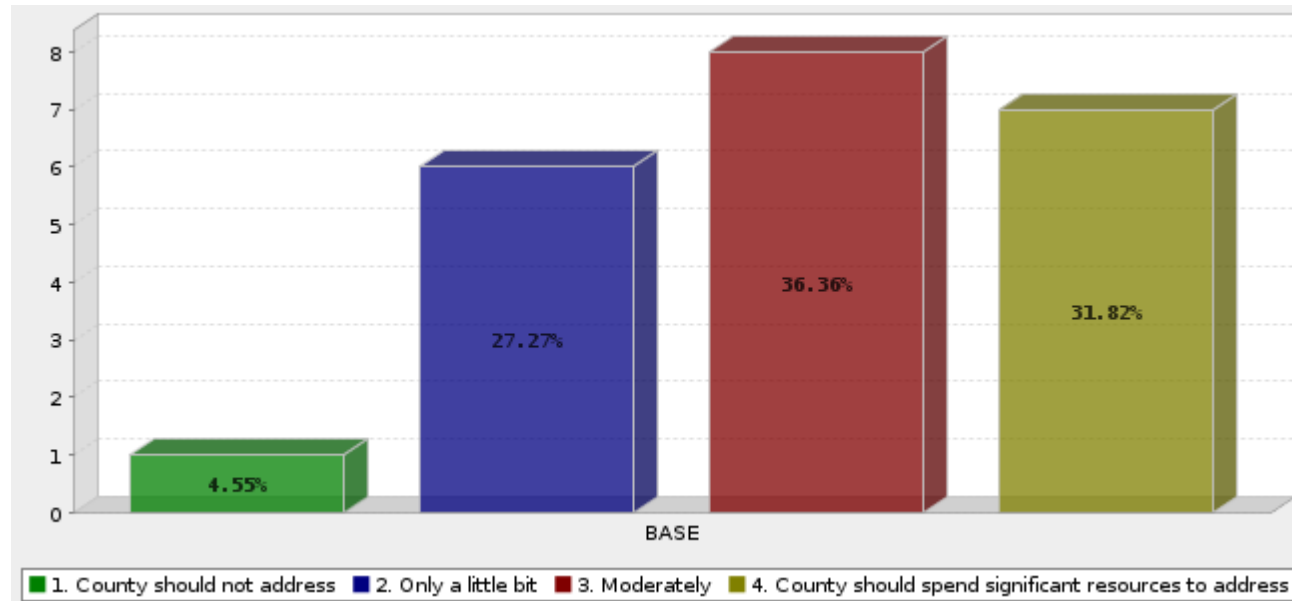
21. For each item mentioned in the previous question, please say whether you think it is something your county should dedicate resources to address:

21-a. Distressed housing



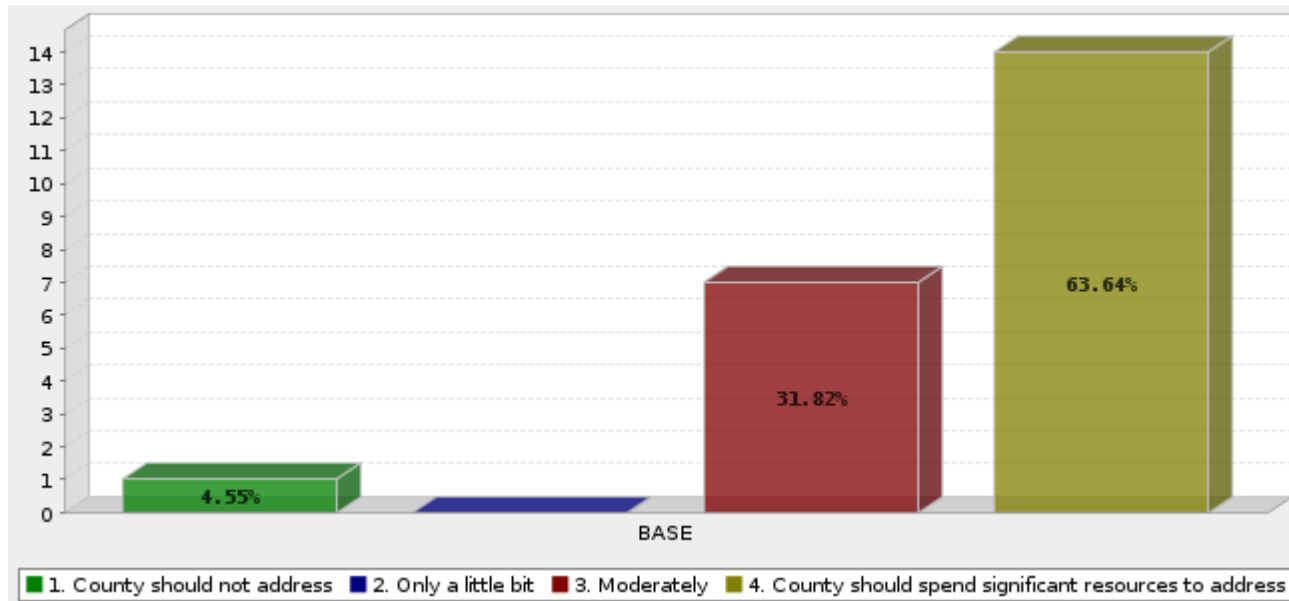
	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	County should not address	6	27.27%
2.	Only a little bit	9	40.91%
3.	Moderately	6	27.27%
4.	County should spend significant resources to address	1	4.55%
	Total	22	100%
Mean : 2.091		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [1.728 - 2.454]	Standard Deviation : 0.868
		Standard Error : 0.185	

21-b. Loss of farmland or natural resources



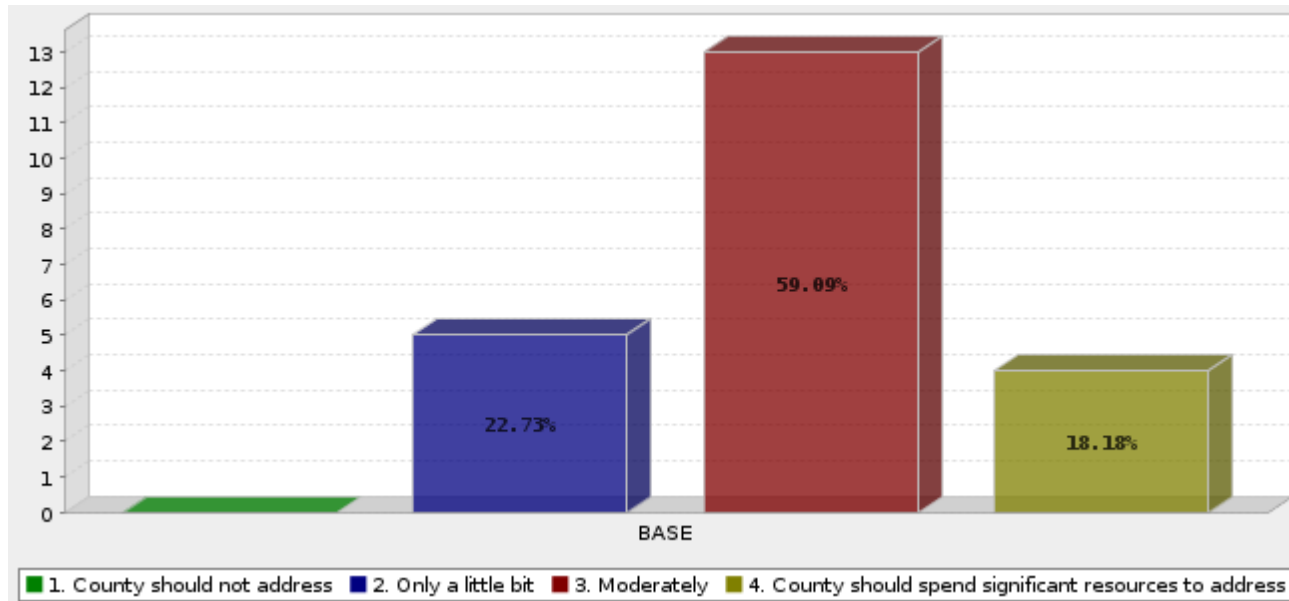
	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	County should not address	1	4.55%
2.	Only a little bit	6	27.27%
3.	Moderately	8	36.36%
4.	County should spend significant resources to address	7	31.82%
	Total	22	100%
Mean : 2.955		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [2.579 - 3.330]	
		Standard Deviation : 0.899	
		Standard Error : 0.192	

21-c. Lack of economic opportunity



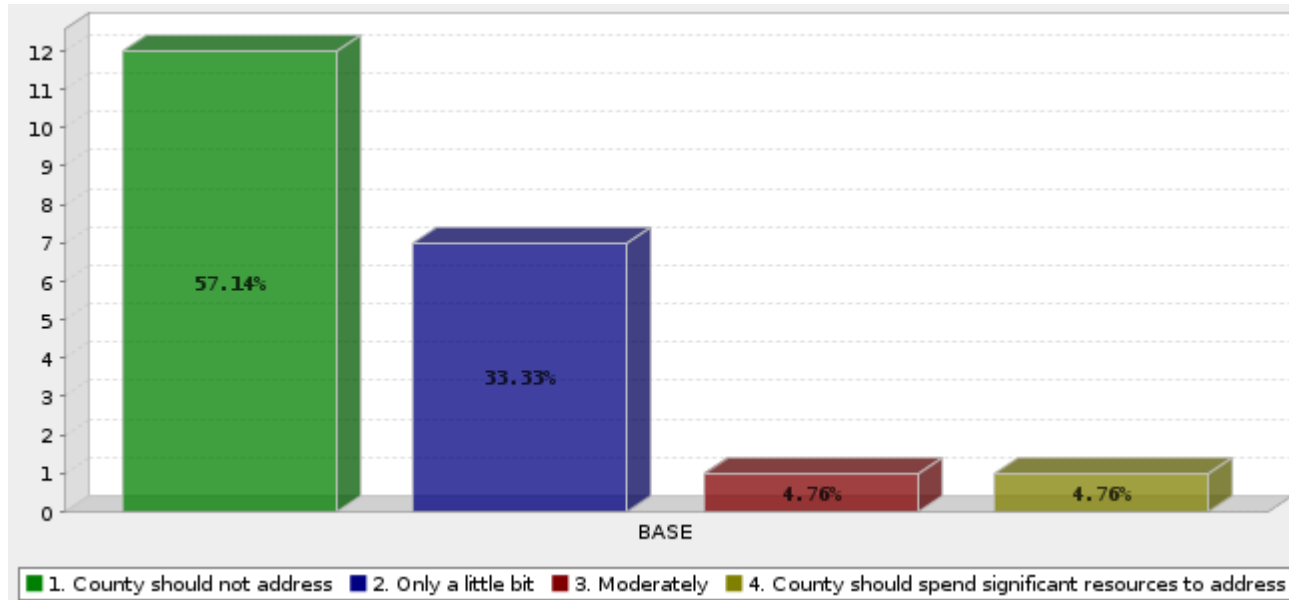
	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	County should not address	1	4.55%
2.	Only a little bit	0	0.00%
3.	Moderately	7	31.82%
4.	County should spend significant resources to address	14	63.64%
	Total	22	100%
Mean : 3.545		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [3.237 - 3.854]	Standard Deviation : 0.739
			Standard Error : 0.157

21-d. Infrastructure maintenance



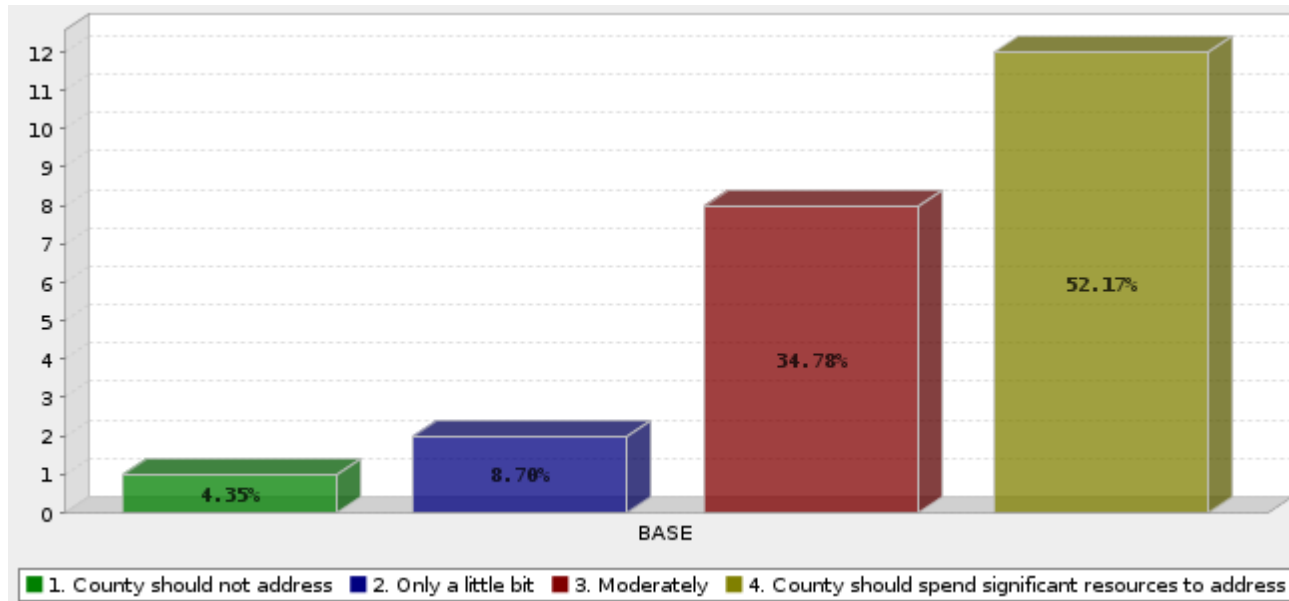
	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	County should not address	0	0.00%
2.	Only a little bit	5	22.73%
3.	Moderately	13	59.09%
4.	County should spend significant resources to address	4	18.18%
	Total	22	100%
Mean : 2.955		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [2.682 - 3.227]	
		Standard Deviation : 0.653	
		Standard Error : 0.139	

21-e. Internet speeds



	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	County should not address	12	57.14%
2.	Only a little bit	7	33.33%
3.	Moderately	1	4.76%
4.	County should spend significant resources to address	1	4.76%
	Total	21	100%
Mean : 1.571		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [1.225 - 1.918]	
		Standard Deviation : 0.811	
		Standard Error : 0.177	

21-f. Public safety and drug abuse



	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	County should not address	1	4.35%
2.	Only a little bit	2	8.70%
3.	Moderately	8	34.78%
4.	County should spend significant resources to address	12	52.17%
	Total	23	100%
Mean : 3.348		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [3.008 - 3.688]	
		Standard Deviation : 0.832	
		Standard Error : 0.173	

22. What planning concepts are most important to you?

Please rank (1-5, with 1 being most important) the following in order of interest:

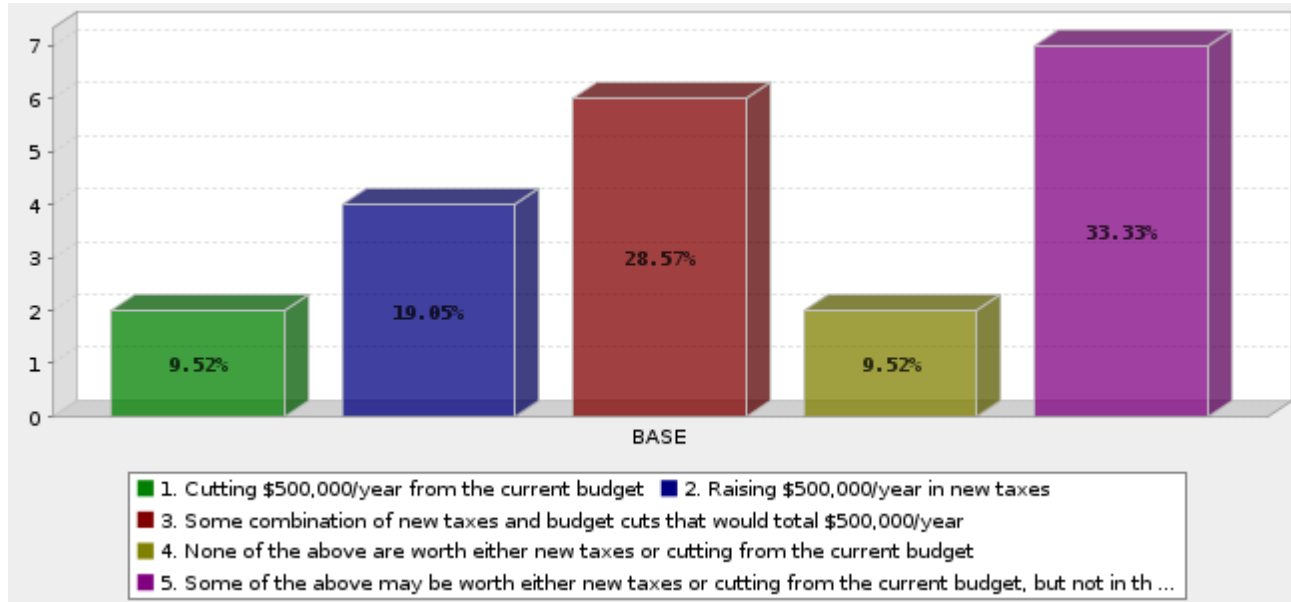
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	Score
Economics	1.95
Aesthetics	4.10
Environmental	2.43
Transportation	2.86
Outdoors / Recreation	3.60

23. If you were in charge of spending \$5M over the next ten years to improve your county from an economic, social, or physical perspective and these were your options (including ones you wish to add), please allocate the amounts you think make most sense.

Spending Options	% of funding allocated
Fund the demolition of vacant and blighted properties	0.8%
Incentives for recent college graduates in the region to live in your county	4.5%
Incentives for existing businesses to expand	18.0%
Improvements in sidewalks, signage, bike lanes, recreational trails, or beautification of public spaces	9.8%
Incentives for existing home owners to upgrade their homes	7.0%
Incentives for renters living in your county to buy a home	3.2%
Funds to preserve and protect farmland	20.0%
Incentives for collaboration/coordination between local governments	5.2%
Expansion of drug abuse treatments programs	15.5%
Other	16.0%

24. Suppose that a \$5M budget over ten years works out to about \$5/month in either extra taxes for each household (or \$60/year), or a cut from the current county budget of \$500,000 per year to pay for these new things. To obtain the above selections, would you prefer...



	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	Cutting \$500,000/year from the current budget	2	9.52%
2.	Raising \$500,000/year in new taxes	4	19.05%
3.	Some combination of new taxes and budget cuts that would total \$500,000/year	6	28.57%
4.	None of the above are worth either new taxes or cutting from the current budget	2	9.52%
5.	Some of the above may be worth either new taxes or cutting from the current budget, but not in the order of \$500,000	7	33.33%

Question 25: Please describe any other issue(s) that you would like to add to the list of issues under Question 21. To what extent should your county devote resources to them?

Lower taxes, not pay for criminal defense over and over, not pay welfare from one generation on to the next. Cut welfare benefits, get a job. Have regular drug testing for everyone on welfare. If tested positive for drugs no more welfare.

County should devote more resources to children and teens that allow them a safe environment for them to do in there spare time.

public health and focus on healthy living and available medical care

Less regulation

Question 26: A plan for the future of your county would fail, in your view, if it neglected to...

take action

Bring business/jobs into Fulton County. A business park near I-70 or I-76 would be a great start.

Plan ahead economically

Aggressively improve REAL job opportunities - not service jobs at Sheetz, Giant, Dollar General. Some of our problems will self-correct if wage earners have the opportunity to take good-paying, LOCAL jobs.

Encourage farming, environmental protection of our water supply and air quality. Encourage business opportunity, stores to move in.

address anything other than money/taxes. That always seems to come first at the detriment of everything else.

be enforced

Properly plan for a real business park; located near Interstate 70 and/or PA Turnpike. That would bring jobs along with providing a real tax base. Those tax dollars could then be used to combat the drug issues and Fulton County's limited funds to properly empower the local criminal justice system to improve public safety.

pursue more economic opportunities for residents and protect our environment and farm land.

Address the hollowing out of our communities...the loss of the best educated and most industrious of each generation.

If the costs would burden the taxpayers. If it forced more regulation onto the citizens. If private property would be seized through eminent domain to provide any Agenda 21 schemes.

consider the overall cost to the taxpayers

Question 27: The best thing about your county or your community is...

safe, rural setting

Shared heritage/ability to work together for a common goal

It is a close-knit community that helps each other.

Slower pace of life

Ruralness

I love the rural, country setting and knowing your neighbors.

Its Beautiful.

It is quiet, traffic volume is low and it is scenic and environmentally clean.

The rural community.

Small

That small town feel and how the community works together to support others.

the rural lifestyle

the people and being a small community where you know almost everyone.

Plenty of opportunities to volunteer and participate as part of the community.

Being rural