

Welcome to the On the Table Data Set!

This April, thousands of Lexington residents gathered all across Fayette County to talk about Lexington's neighborhoods, environment, jobs, transportation, and land during On the Table. Each table included a survey that asked participants to answer multiple choice and open response questions about these topics. The following posters contain some of the data collected from this survey.

This is the largest publicly-available data set of local resident sentiment, with over 15,000 usable question responses and 20,000+ codes tagged. This amounts to **over 50,000 data points** about how Lexington is growing and changing.

Please Remember: this data is a work in progress!

There is lots of work left to do with this data set. To process all of this information, we read through every single response and assigned it one of 32 codes. We created these codes by reading a sample of 700 random question responses and grouping them into key topics. However, each of our 32 codes reflects just that the theme or topic was raised in the response - not how people actually feel about those topics. Think about it this way... both "*I want my neighborhood to have more trees*" and "*My neighborhood has too many trees*" would both be tagged with the **Trees** code.

Why did we do this? The main reason is time, to keep up with the timeline of the Comprehensive Plan, we had to have all of our responses coded by theme by mid-May. Over the next 6 months, we plan to do a more robust sentiment analysis of this information, but luckily, this data is now officially available for anyone to start digging through and reading responses.

In short: the data does not reflect positive or negative feelings towards the codes - it just counts how many times they were mentioned.

If you want to support the continued analysis of this data, please consider donating to CivicLex today!



The Comprehensive Plan

Survey data from On the Table and other inputs will be used to inform **Imagine Lexington**, Lexington's Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is an important long-range planning document for the city of Lexington that is updated every five years.

The Comprehensive Plan governs how the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government makes policy around five key topics: **neighborhoods, the environment, jobs & prosperity, transportation, and how we balance use of our rural and urban land.** It affects everything from the cost of housing to parks, from what kind of jobs are available to where we put sidewalks and bike lanes.

- **Early Spring 2022**
LFUCG Planning Staff gathers public input on community needs and plan themes.
- **Late Spring 2022**
Planning Staff presents public input and other data to the Planning Commission, which is a resident board/
- **Summer 2022 - We are here!**
The Planning Commission drafts **Goals & Objectives**, which are the guiding recommendations of the Comprehensive
- **Late Summer / Early Fall 2022**
The Planning Commission holds a **public hearing** on its draft Goals & Objectives, which is open for public comment. Resident-recommended changes are incorporated and recommended
- **Fall / Early Winter 2022**
CivicLex will release our full OTT Data report. Council reviews the **Goals & Objectives**, public input, and data/research. The public can attend these meetings and provide comment.
- **2023**
The Planning Staff drafts the **Implementation Strategies** for the Council-adopted Goals & Objectives, determining how the priorities in the Comprehensive Plan are enacted across Lexington.

Want to learn more about the **Comprehensive Plan**? Check out this video from Lexington's **Division of Planning!**



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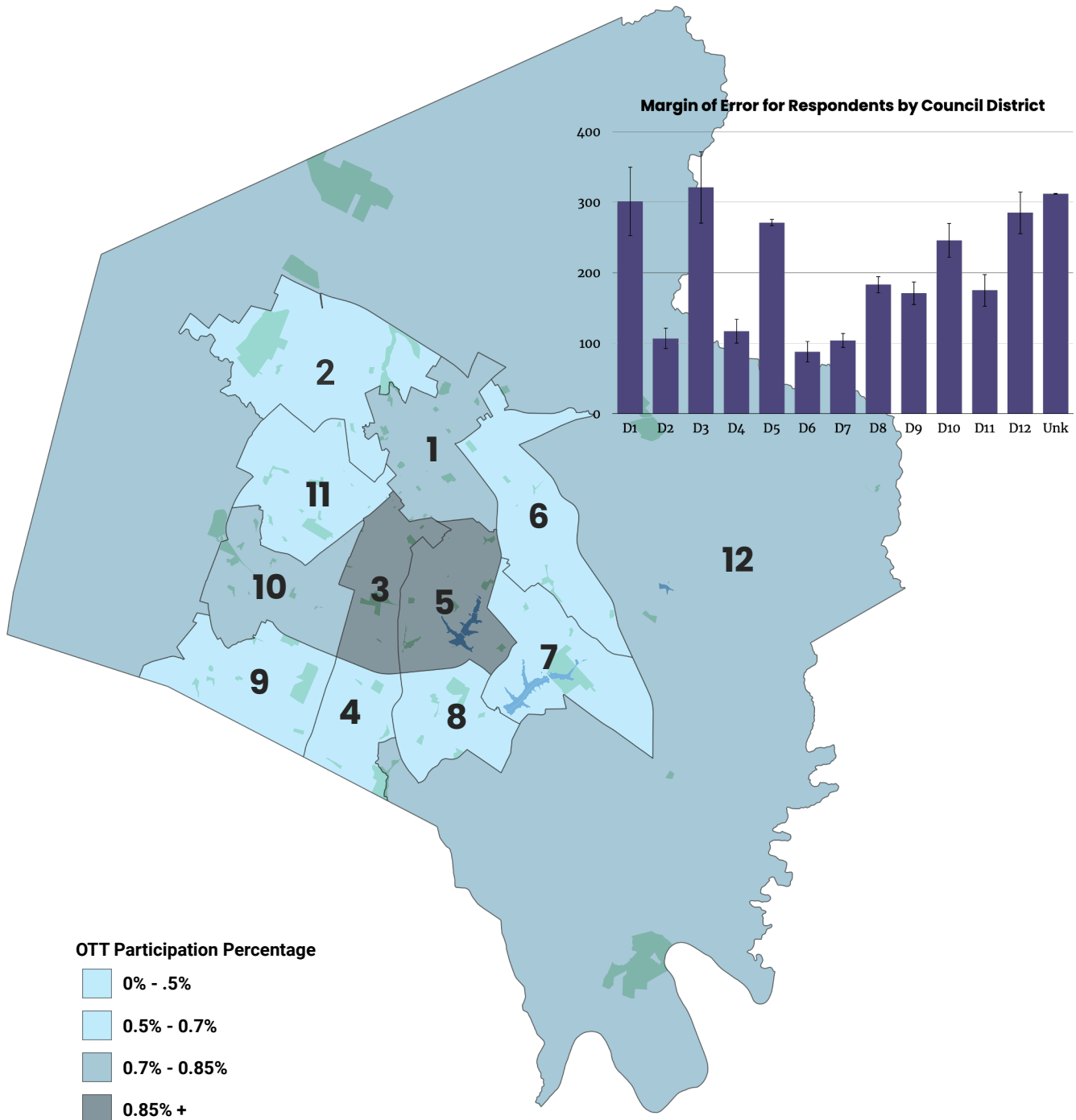


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Council Districts & Neighborhood Clusters

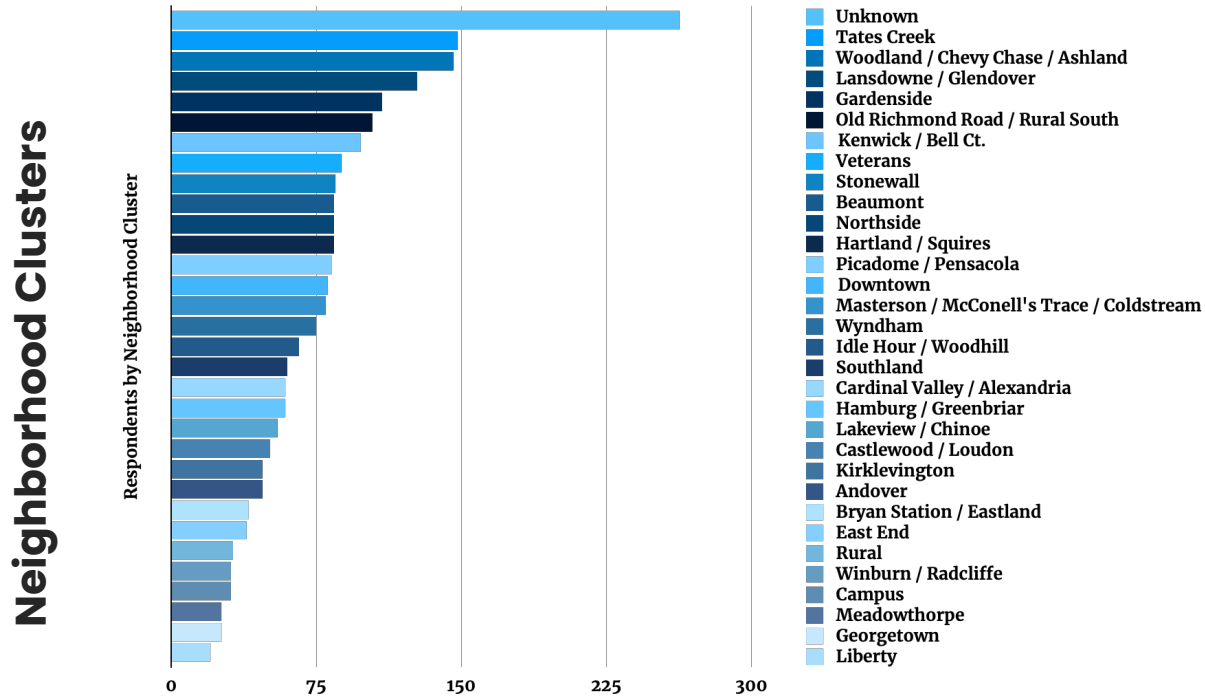
There are a lot of different ways to group the OTT Dataset. The two main methods that we used are Council Districts and Neighborhood Clusters. You can find your **Council District** with the map below, or on LFUCG's website.

Survey Response by District



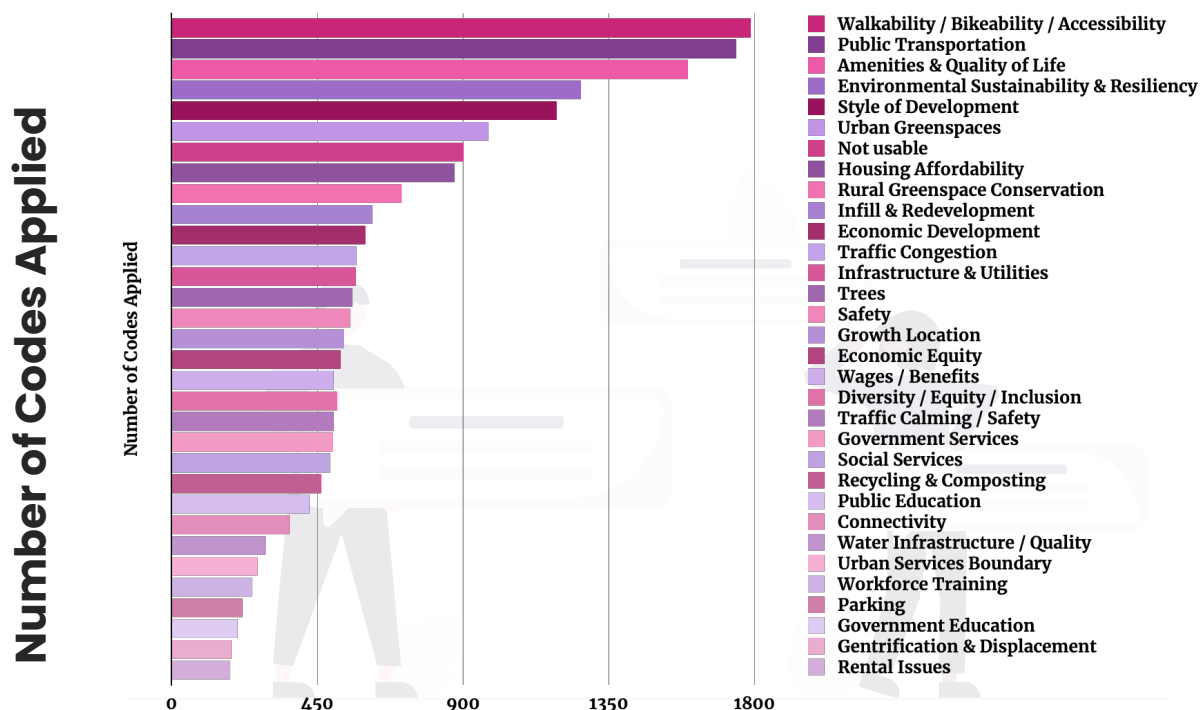
Neighborhood Clusters

To understand resident sentiment by neighborhood, we organized each self-identified neighborhood response into one of 32 Neighborhood Clusters.



Open Response Codes

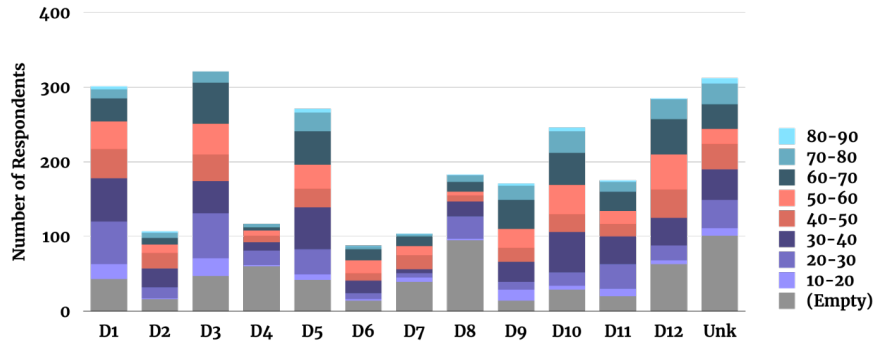
In addition to creating neighborhood clusters, we also created 32 open response codes, which we manually applied to every single open response answer (over 15,000!).



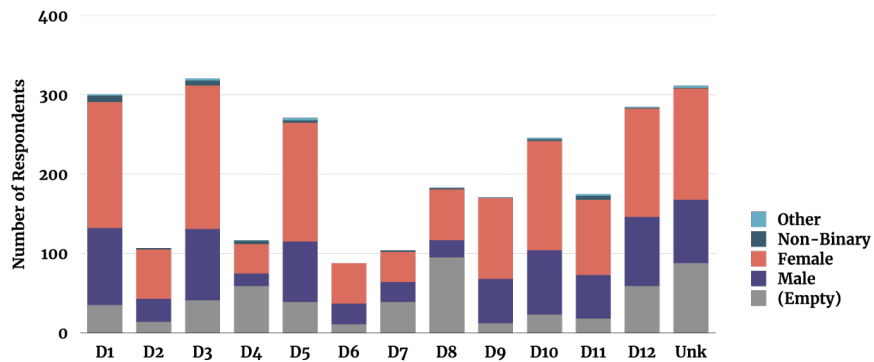
Respondent Demographics

We estimate that about a quarter to one third of On the Table participants completed the survey. Of those who did complete the survey, the demographics were slightly more white, female, older, and more educated than Lexington overall. Some respondents left demographic questions **empty**.

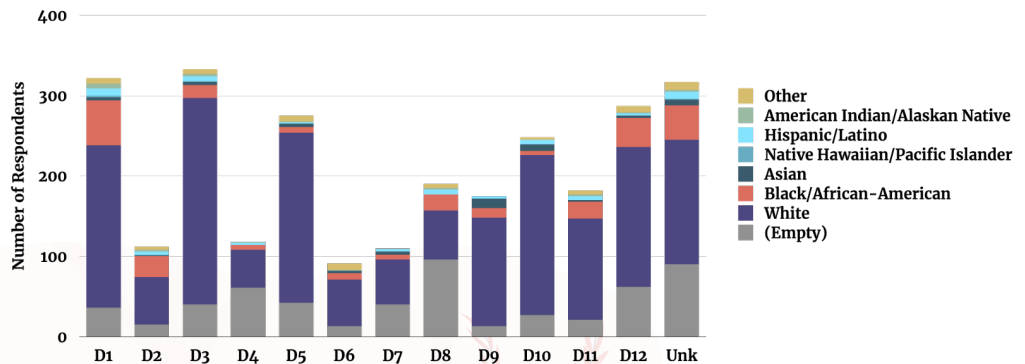
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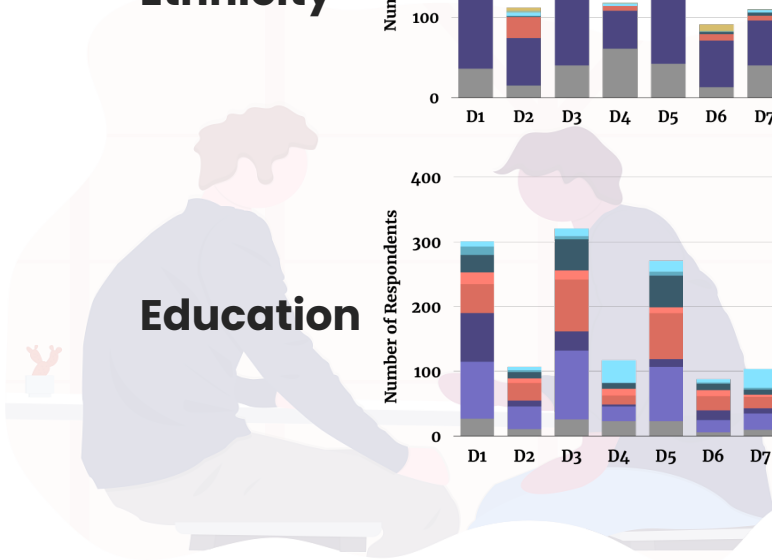
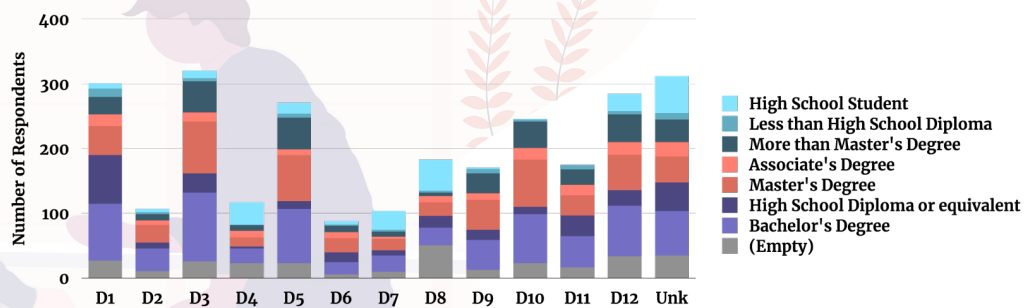
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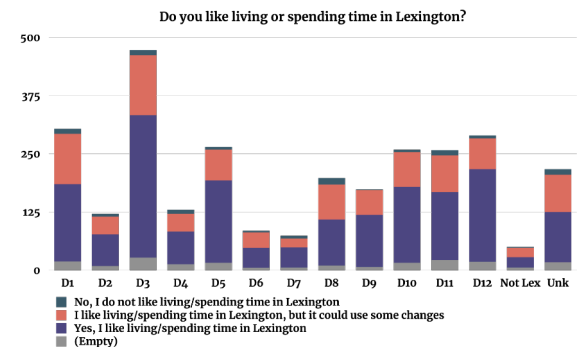
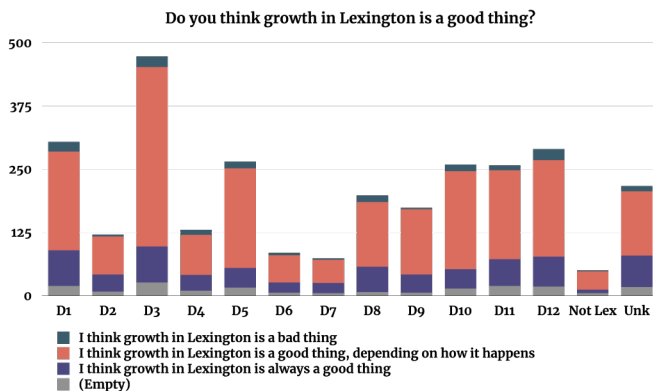
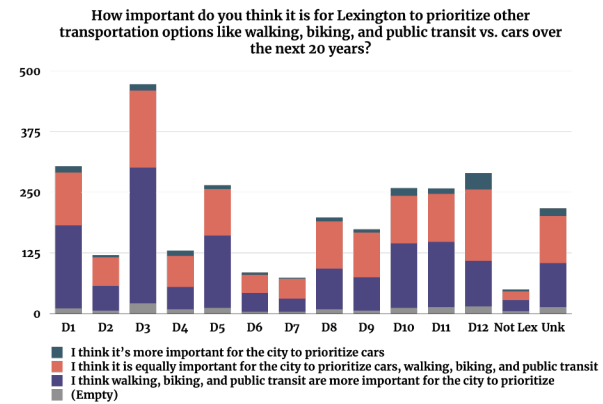
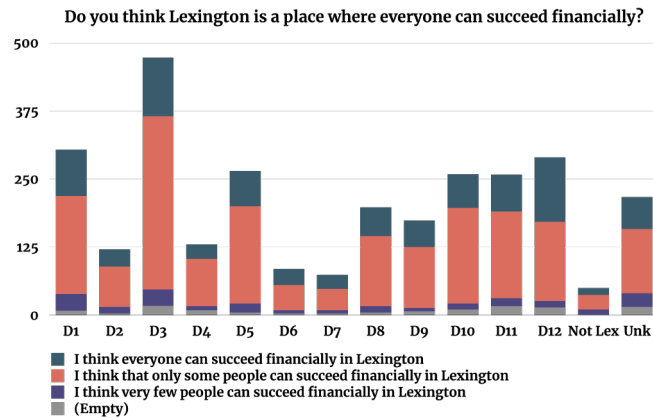
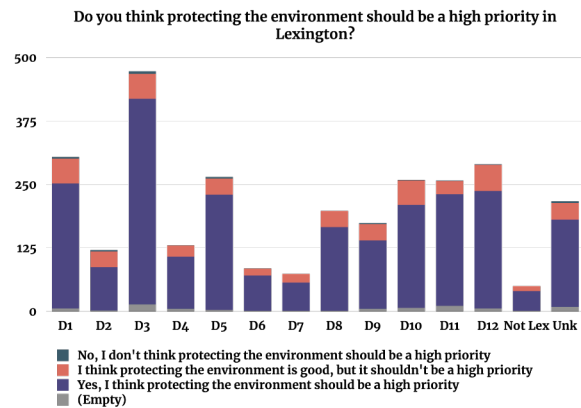
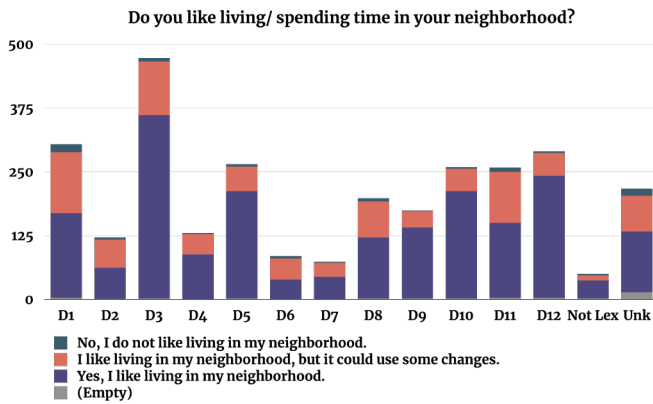


Education



Multiple Choice Answers

The OTT survey contained six multiple choice questions related to the main themes of the Comprehensive Plan. These questions are not meant to be robust, standalone data – it is best to think of them as context for the open response questions and codes displayed on the remaining posters.

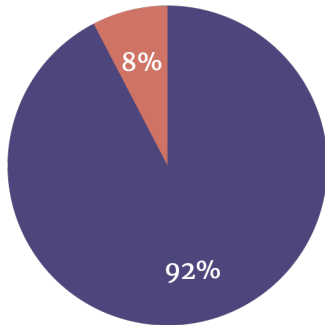


Walkability, Bikability, and Accessibility

We assigned the Walkability, Bikability, and Accessibility code to any response that mentioned walking or biking trails, sidewalks (location, condition, or need for), bike lanes, or physical accessibility to walking or biking for people with disabilities (e.g. sidewalk condition, ramps, and curb height).

8% of all OTT codes

With 1731 total mentions



The neighborhoods that mentioned this code the most frequently were ...

1. Picadome / Pensacola - 20% of codes
2. Woodland / Chevy Chase - 20% of codes
3. Kenwick / Bell Court - 19% of codes
4. Liberty - 18% of codes
5. Lakeview / Chinoe - 15% of codes
6. Cardinal Valley / Alexandria - 14% of codes
7. Northside - 14% of codes

This code was mentioned in...



37% of responses to the Transportation Question



14% of responses to the Neighborhoods Question

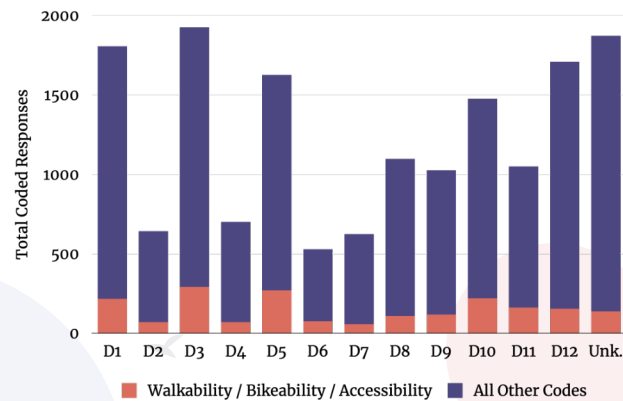


9% of responses to the Environment Question



8% of responses to the Lexington Overall Question

Coded Responses by Council District



Quotes from Residents

"More neighborhood amenities. Being able to walk to grocery or have small businesses that are accessible ... Also bike lanes on Richmond Rd need improvement and protection. They are not cleaned regularly, trees block the path and it is too dangerous for me to ride my bike."

- Idle Hour Resident

"Better sidewalk and easement maintenance; many pedestrians use this neighborhood and it's impossible for wheelchairs or people with disabilities to navigate."

- Northside Resident

"I would love to be more connected to nearby parks like McConnell Springs or the one across Versailles Road. The parks are so close but they are completely closed off to our neighborhood."

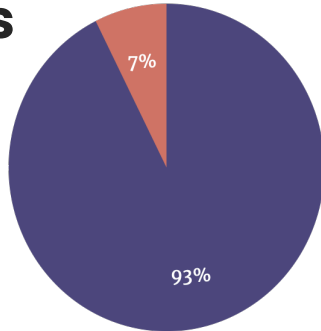
- Cardinal Valley Resident

Public Transportation

We assigned the **Public Transportation** code to any response that mentioned public transit or transportation by name, in addition to Buses, Trains, Trolleys, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), Light rail, Ride shares, Bike Shares, and Scooters.

7% of all OTT codes

With 1672 total mentions



The neighborhoods that mentioned this code the most frequently were ...

1. Picadome / Pensacola - 18% of codes
2. Kenwick / Bell Court - 16% of codes
3. Woodland / Chevy Chase - 16% of codes
4. Cardinal Valley / Alexandria - 15% of codes
5. Liberty - 15% of codes
6. Lakeview / Chinoe - 15% of codes
7. Lansdowne / Glendover - 13% of codes

Public Transportation was mentioned in...



41% of responses to the Transportation Question



10% of responses to the Environment Question

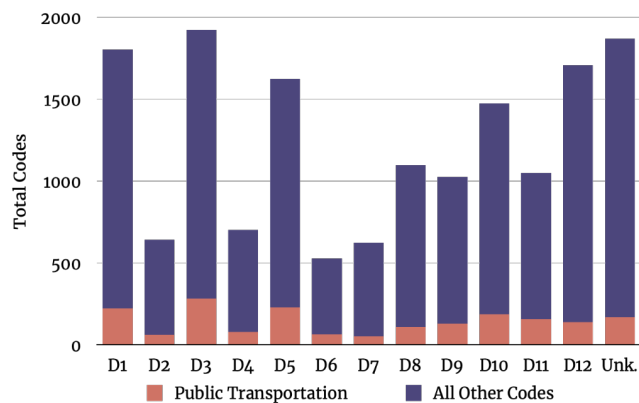


4% of responses to the Lexington Overall Question



4% of responses to the Neighborhoods Question

Coded Responses by Council District



Quotes from Residents

"Lexington provides many job opportunities. Greatest problem is getting to the jobs due to the lack of sufficient public transportation."

- Georgetown Street Resident

"Better, shorter routes with Lextran."

- Lexington Resident, 49

"Transit that is easily accessible to all suburbs to encourage walking and less cars, as well as more bike and walking paths that extend outside of downtown. Public transit can become green as well."

- Student, Tates Creek High School

"More ways to pay for public transportation, not everyone carries cash, need to be able to pay by debit card."

- Cardinal Valley Resident, 25

"Make public transportation more accessible."

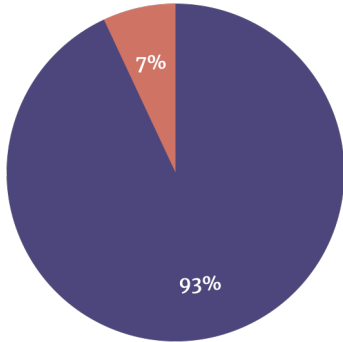
- Wyndham Resident, 53

Amenities & Quality of Life

We assigned the **Amenities and Quality of Life** code to any response that mentioned Neighborhood Facilities, General Food Access (grocery store, Farmer's Market), Events, Sense of Community, Public Art, Noise, and Neighborhood Associations. City parks and trails are **not** included in this code.

7% of all OTT codes

With 1567 total mentions



The neighborhoods that mentioned this code the most frequently were ...

1. Masterson / McConnell's Trace - 15% of codes
2. Georgetown Street - 14% of codes
3. Castlewood / Loudon - 14% of codes
4. Tates Creek - 14% of codes
5. Veterans - 13% of codes
6. Cardinal Valley / Alexandria - 13% of codes
7. Southland - 13% of codes

This code was mentioned in...



29% of responses to the Lexington Overall Question

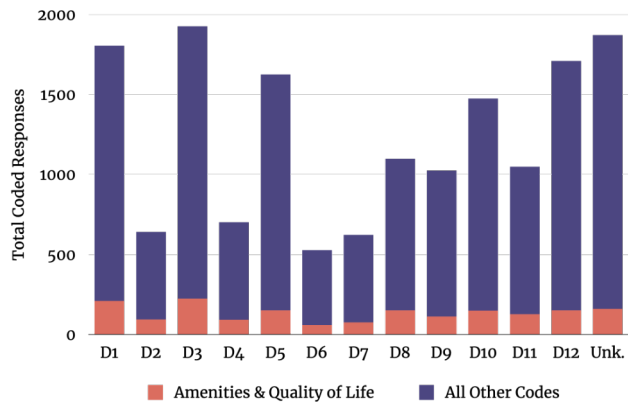


23% of responses to the Neighborhoods Question



5% of responses to the Urban/ Rural Balance Question

Coded Responses by Council District



Quotes from Residents

"A grocery store within walking distance! We have a nice park, walkable sidewalks, but there is no grocery store within waking distance. There are also no sidewalks from Red Mile to Versailles Road!"

- Gardenside Resident

"More diversity and some social events that would allow us to connect with our neighbors!"

"Access to entertainment for seniors."
- Lansdowne Resident

- West End Resident, 82

"More than one entry/exit to the neighborhood, streets repaved, a community center for youth in the neighborhood."

- Winburn Resident, 32

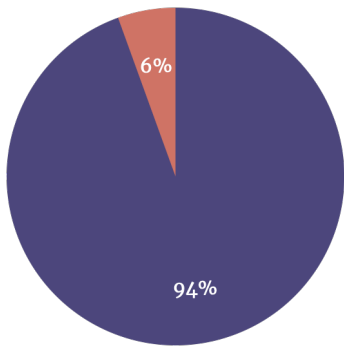


Environmental Sustainability & Resiliency

We assigned the Environmental Sustainability & Resiliency code to any response that mentioned Emissions Reduction (including vehicles), Electric Vehicles, Carbon Footprint, Litter and Pollution, Green Regulations & Incentives, Green Energy, Green Infrastructure, and Native Plants.

6% of all OTT codes

With 1224 total mentions



The neighborhoods that mentioned this code the most frequently were ...

1. Gardenside - 12% of codes
2. Kenwick / Bell Court - 11% of codes
3. Picadome / Pensacola - 10% of codes
4. Kirklevington - 10% of codes
5. Castlewood / Loudon - 10% of codes
6. Tates Creek - 10% of codes
7. Bryan Station/ Eastland - 10% of codes

This code was mentioned in...



37% of responses to the Environment Question

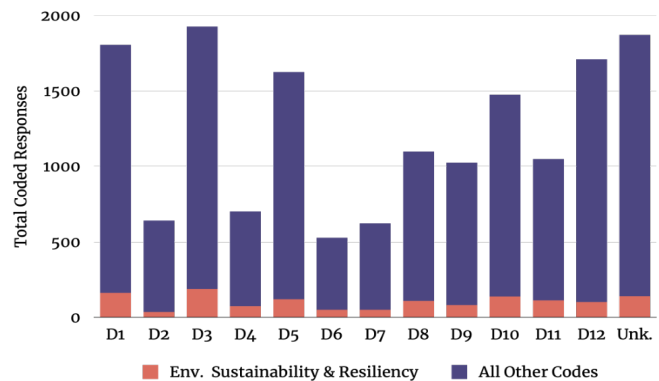


4% of responses to the Neighborhoods Question



4% of responses to the Transportation Question

Coded Responses by Council District



Quotes from Residents

"City-wide residential and business curbside composting, or minimally incentivize backyard/ neighborhood composting. Connect residents to urban ecology through a more expansive community gardening program."

- Downtown Resident, 33

"Si yo pudiera daría consejería en la importancia del medio ambiente y el respeto la confianza seguridad y la gratitud..."

"Translation: If I could, I would give advice on the importance of the environment and respect, trust, safety and gratitude..."

- Winburn Resident, 38

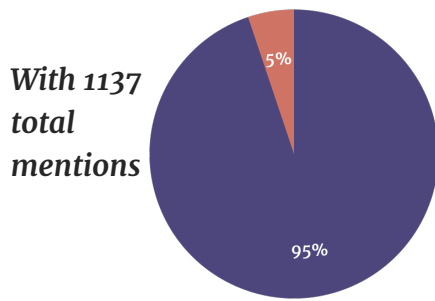
"Protect and expand our tree canopy with diverse tree species, particularly native trees. Reduce the areas that are mowed in our county parks and expand plant diversity in parks to aid our pollinators."

- Glendover Resident, 67

Style of Development

We assigned the Style of Development code to any response that mentioned a specific type of building development or characteristic, including Density (high or low), Aesthetics, Housing Options and Types, Sprawl, "Missing Middle" housing, Mixed Use, Single Family, Overlays, and ADUs.

5% of all OTT codes



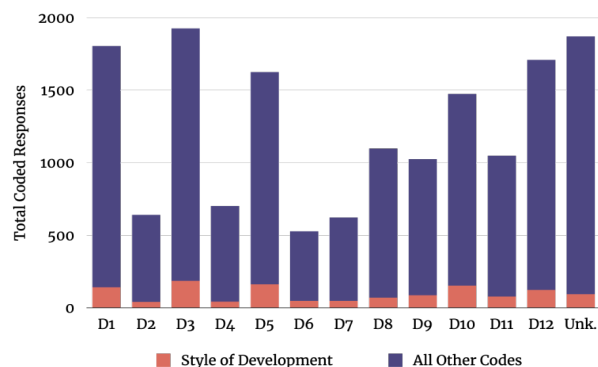
The neighborhoods that mentioned this code the most frequently were ...

1. Liberty - 13% of codes
2. Kenwick / Bell Court - 13% of codes
3. Woodland / Chevy Chase - 12% of codes
4. Beaumont - 12% of codes
5. Picadome/Pensacola - 11% of codes
6. Downtown - 11% of codes
7. Wyndham - 10% of codes

This code was mentioned in...

- 22% of responses to the Urban / Rural Balance Question
- 8% of responses to the Environment Question
- 7% of responses to the Neighborhoods Question

Coded Responses by Council District



Quotes from Residents

"We need high density, mixed use development in flexible zoning that is accessible via public transportation. We need cohousing--neighborhoods with private dwelling spaces, but also shared, common spaces ... nearby to groceries, schools, workplaces, shops, services."

- Castlewood Resident, 33

"Less rental properties and more family-owned homes"

- Lakeview Resident, 51

"Less surface parking, more residential units."

- Downtown Resident, 43

"Wherever new growth occurs, it should be in context with the existing built environment. It is important to protect and preserve our beautiful rural land; we should give equal importance to protecting and preserving our existing vibrant neighborhoods."

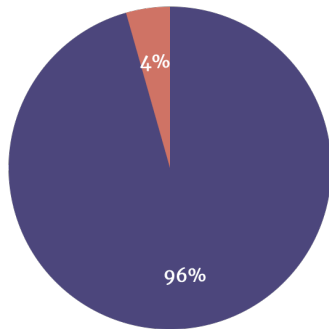
- Picadome Resident, 70

Urban Greenspace

We assigned the Urban Greenspace code to any response that mentioned a Park or Urban Greenspace, including Greenways, Plazas, Community Gardens, Public/Private open space, Urban Habitat and Naturalized Areas, and Yards.

4% of all OTT codes

With 962 total mentions



The neighborhoods that mentioned this code the most frequently were ...

1. **Beaumont** - 12% of codes
2. **Southland** - 9% of codes
3. **Gardenside** - 9% of codes
4. **Cardinal Valley/ Alexandria** - 9% of codes
5. **Veterans** - 9% of codes
6. **Kenwick / Bell Court** - 8% of codes
7. **Wyndham** - 8% of codes

This code was mentioned in...



15% of responses to the Environment Question

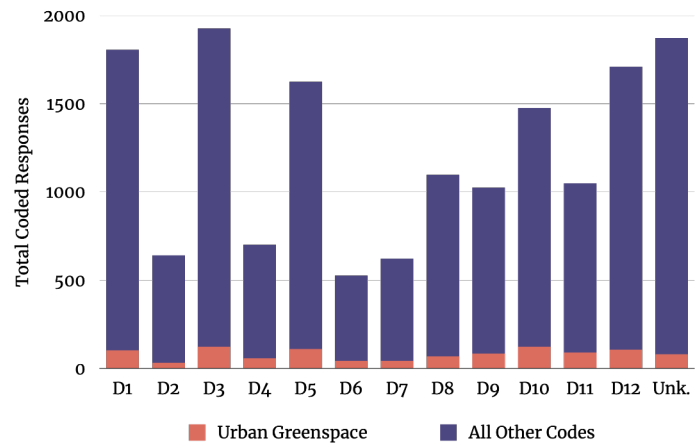


10% of responses to the Neighborhoods Question



9% of responses to the Lexington Overall Question

Coded Responses by Council District



Quotes from Residents

"Continue to build parks, including pocket parks. Continue to encourage public art: murals, statues, fountains and other types of waterways"

- Ashland Resident, 73

"More street trees/greenways to get to places near me. The sidewalk on Man of War would be great to use more regularly, but the lack of street trees in the easement between the road and sidewalk makes it loud, hot, and sometimes scary to walk or bike down."

- Veterans Park Resident, 22

"More options for families in walking distance (playground, splash pad, community garden, walking trail, farmers market, etc)"

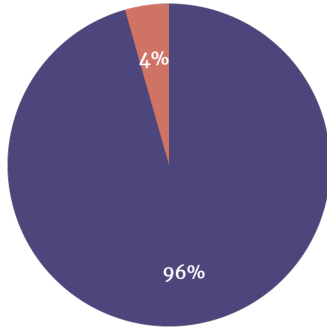
- Gainesway Resident, 38

Housing Affordability

We assigned the **Housing Affordability** code to any response that mentioned Affordable Housing, Housing Affordability, Section 8, Government Housing and Funding, Vouchers, and Land Trusts.

4% of all OTT codes

With 827 total mentions



The neighborhoods that mentioned this code the most frequently were ...

1. Liberty - 10% of codes
2. Meadowthorpe - 10% of codes
3. Kenwick / Bell Court - 10% of codes
4. Bryan Station / Eastland - 9% of codes
5. Stonewall - 8% of codes
6. Picadome / Pensacola - 8% of codes
7. Castlewood / Loudon - 8% of codes

This code was mentioned in...



18% of responses to the Jobs & Prosperity Question



8% of responses to the Urban/Rural Balance Question

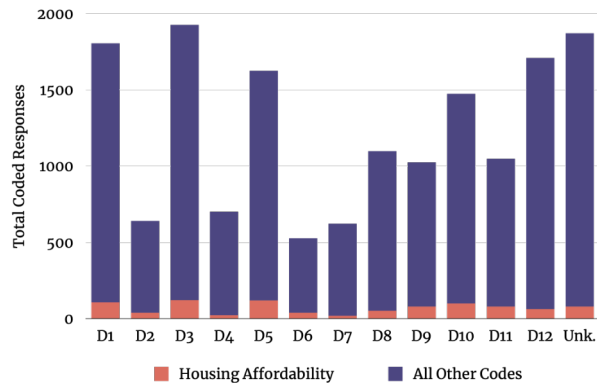


4% of responses to the Lexington Overall Question



4% of responses to the Neighborhoods Question

Coded Responses by Council District



Quotes from Residents

"I would like the people who live in my neighborhood to have more of a voice of what their needs are. Affordable housing is a must!"

- Georgetown Street Resident, 62

"Being able to own my home rather than rent. The cost of very small homes is still astronomical."

- Garden Springs Resident, 36

"Policy and programs that help lift those who need affordable housing and higher paying jobs."

- Hartland Resident, 55

"I think affordable housing is a problem. Rent is rising and the quality of the housing isn't in line with the rent. It takes an entire paycheck just to pay rent, let alone other bills, which still doesn't include any leisure activities."

- Hamburg Resident, 29