



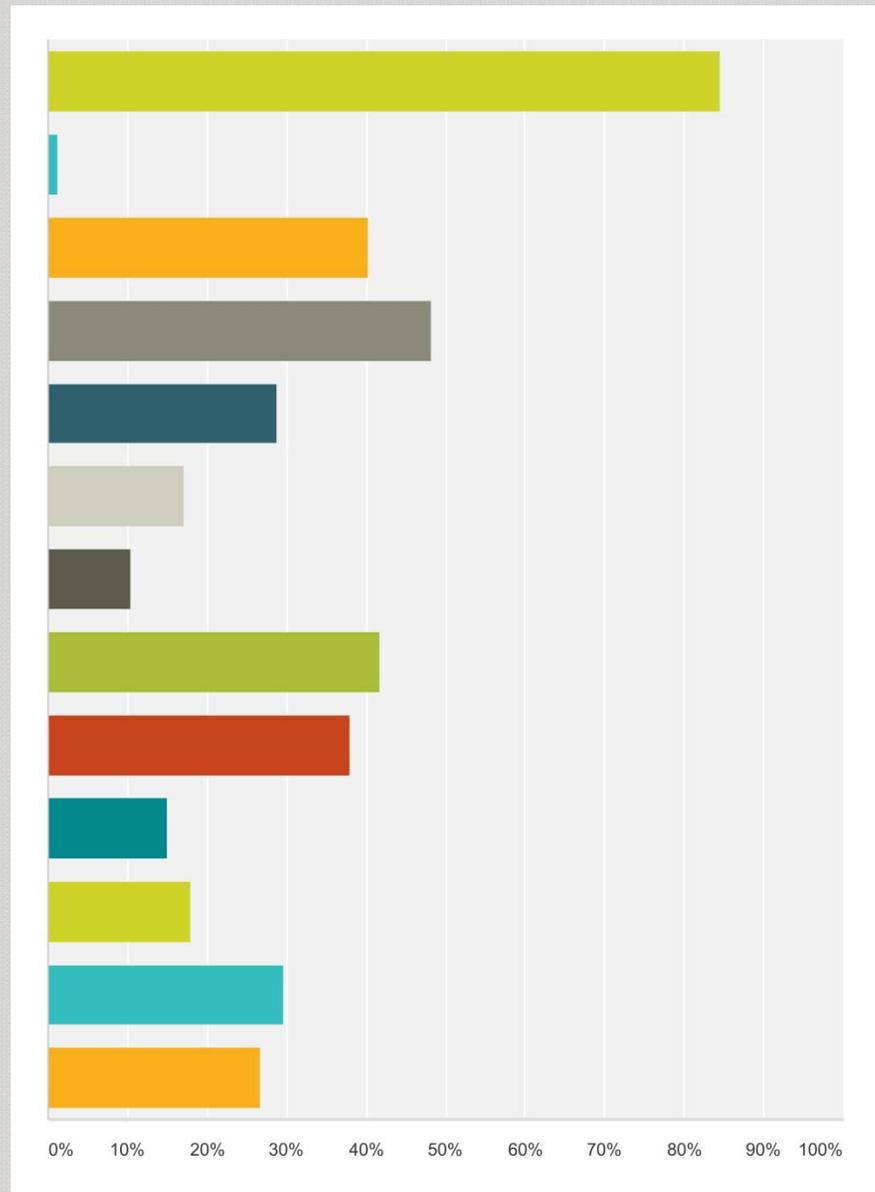
AMELIA

# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

# Comprehensive Plan Survey

- Open to All Residents
- Began August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- Included in Amelia Bulletin Monitor
- Available Online and at Public Buildings
- Closed September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- 528 Responses

Rural Character & Open Space  
Job Opportunities  
Low Population  
Low Taxes  
Proximity to Family & Friends  
Affordable Housing  
Quality of Public Schools  
Clean Air & Water  
Low Crime Rate  
Good Roads & Moderate Traffic  
Agriculture & Timber Industries  
Proximity to Larger Towns & Cities  
Hunting & Fishing Opportunities



1. What do you like best about living in Amelia County?

Lack of Job Opportunities

Rapid Pace of Development

Rising or Potential Crime

Traffic & Road Maintenance

Quality of Public Schools

Keeping Taxes Low

Scattered Rural Subdivisions

Mobile Home Development

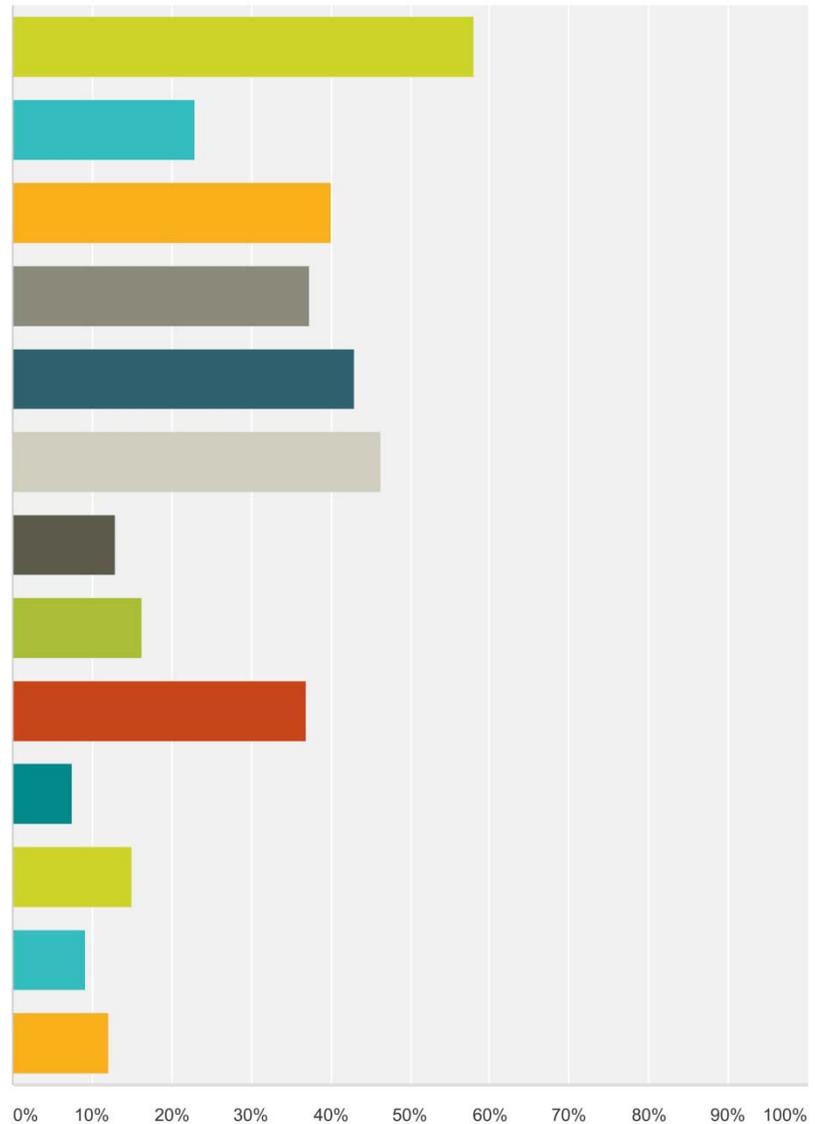
Lack of Recreational Opportunities

High Cost of Housing

Congestion on Route 360

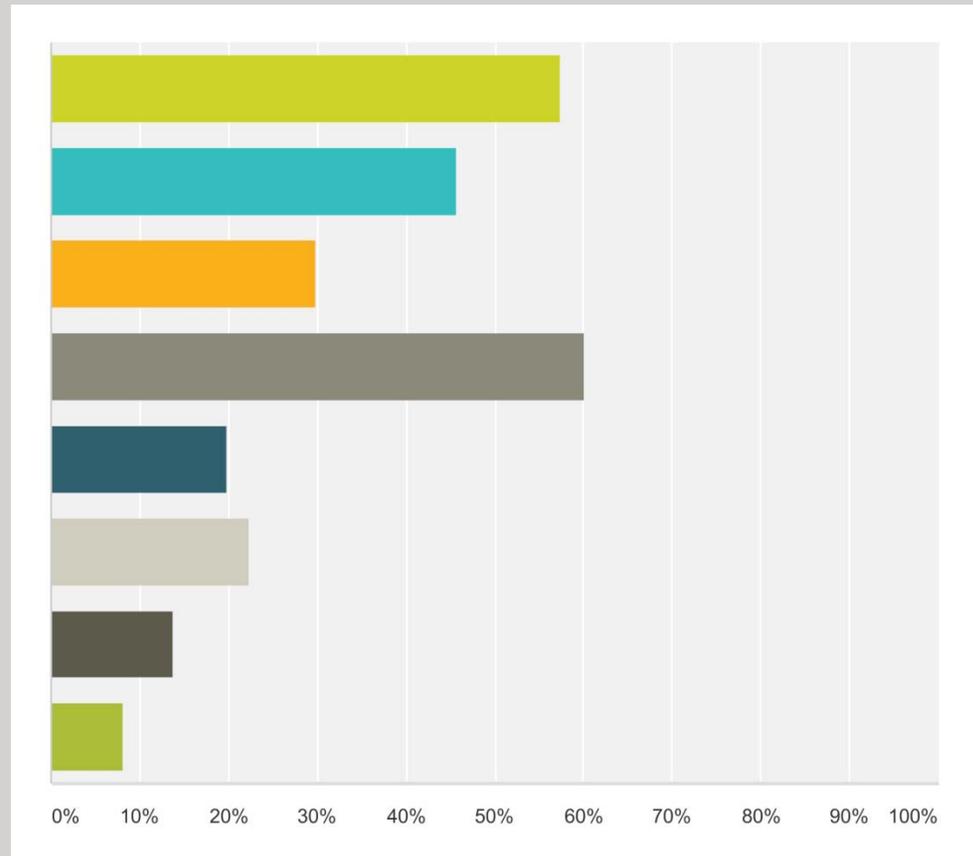
Problems with Hunters

Conflicts Between Farms & Residences

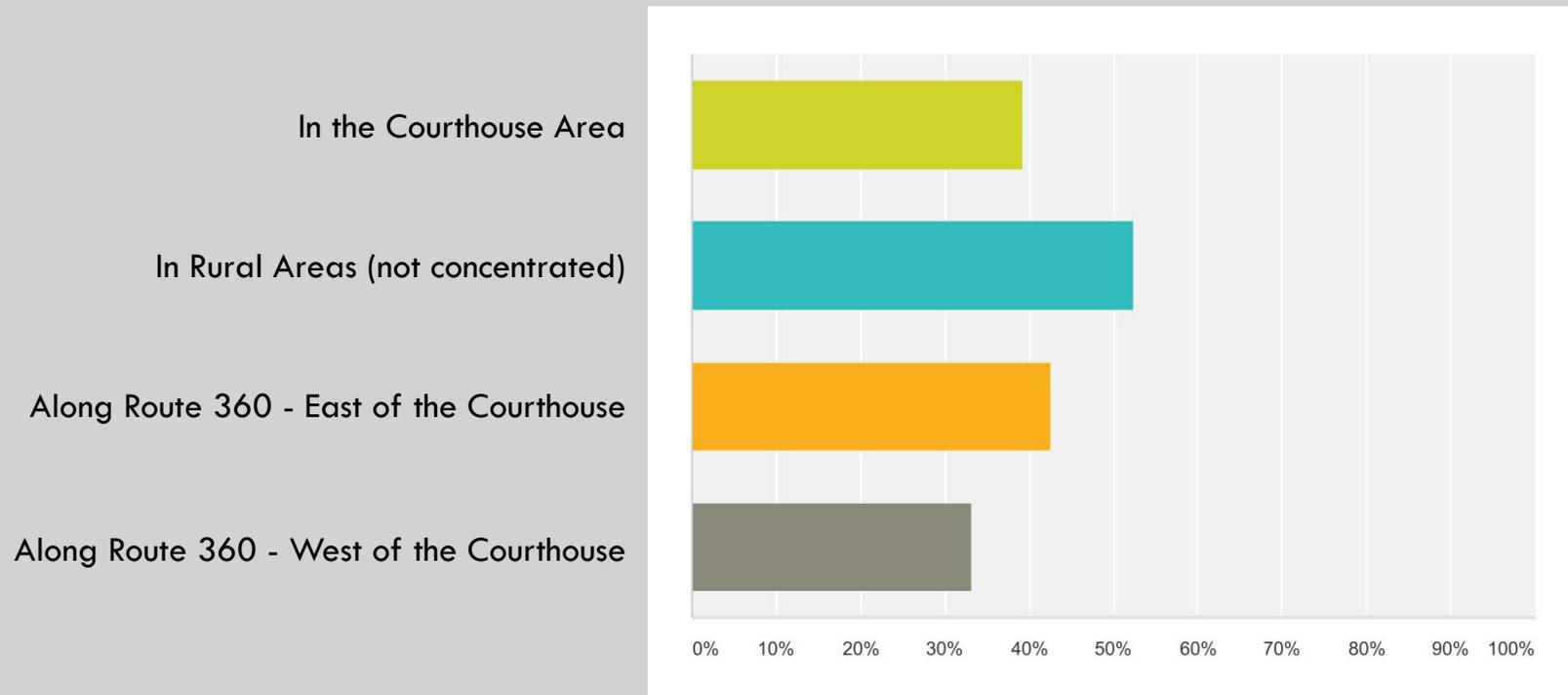


2. What are the things that concern you most that are facing Amelia County now or in the future?

Rural Homes on More Than 5 Acres  
Rural Homes on Less Than 5 Acres  
Small Lot Homes Served by Public Utilities  
Elderly Housing Served by Public Utilities  
Apartments Served by Public Utilities  
Townhouses Served by Public Utilities  
Mobile Homes in Rural Areas  
Mobile Home Parks



3. If the County's population continues to grow, what kinds of residential development would be desirable?



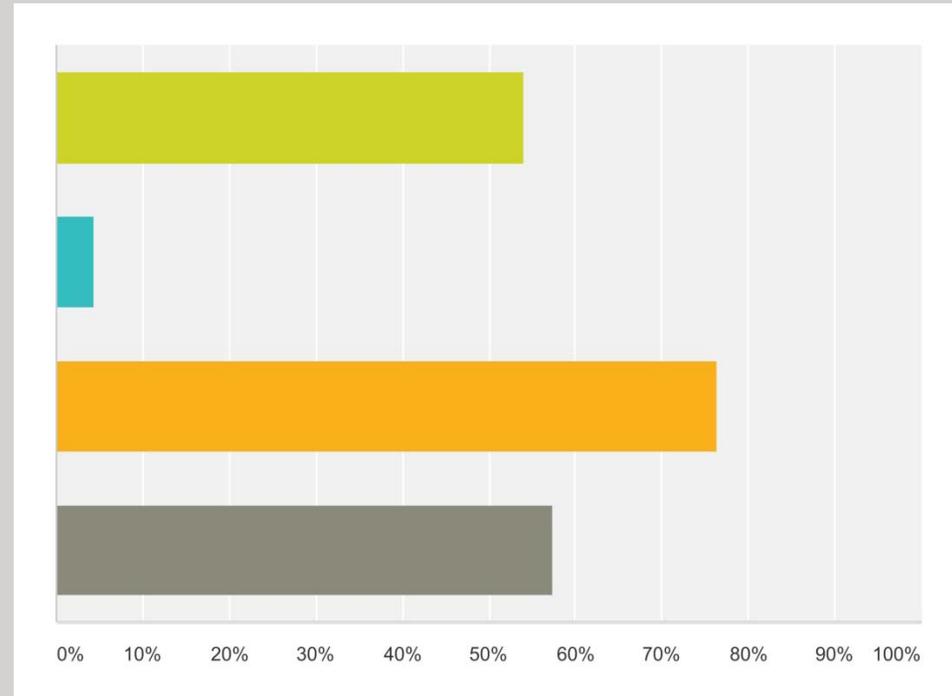
4. Where in the County should new housing be concentrated?

In the Courthouse Area

In Rural Areas

Along Route 360 - East of the Courthouse

Along Route 360 - West of the Courthouse



5. Where should new non-farm commercial and shopping areas be located?

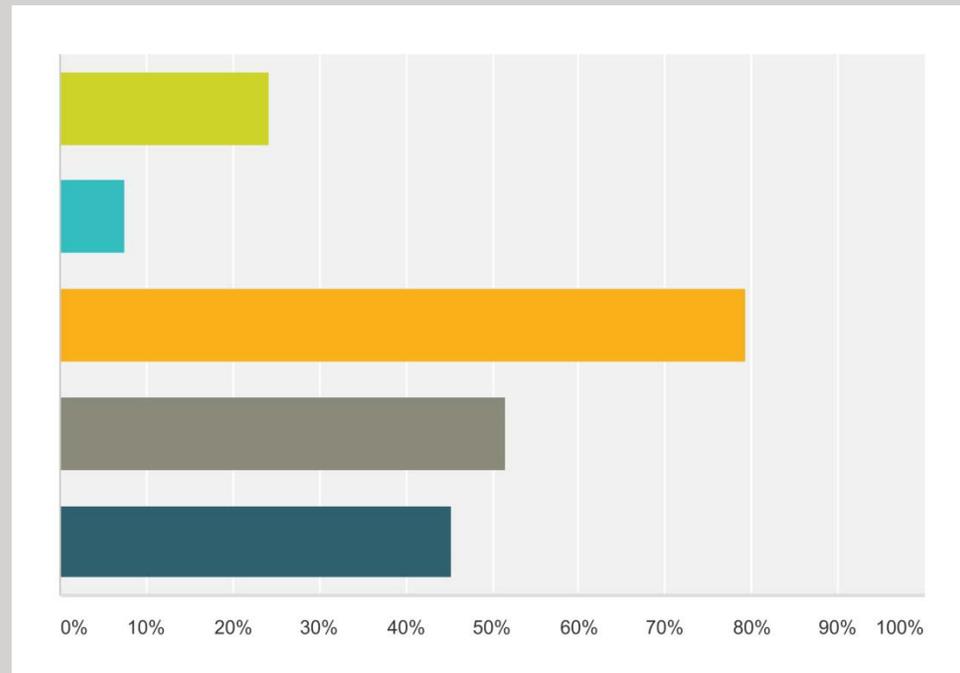
In the Courthouse Area

In Rural Areas (not concentrated)

In the Existing Industrial Park

Along Route 360 - East of the Courthouse

Along Route 360 - West of the Courthouse



6. Where should new non-farm industry be located?

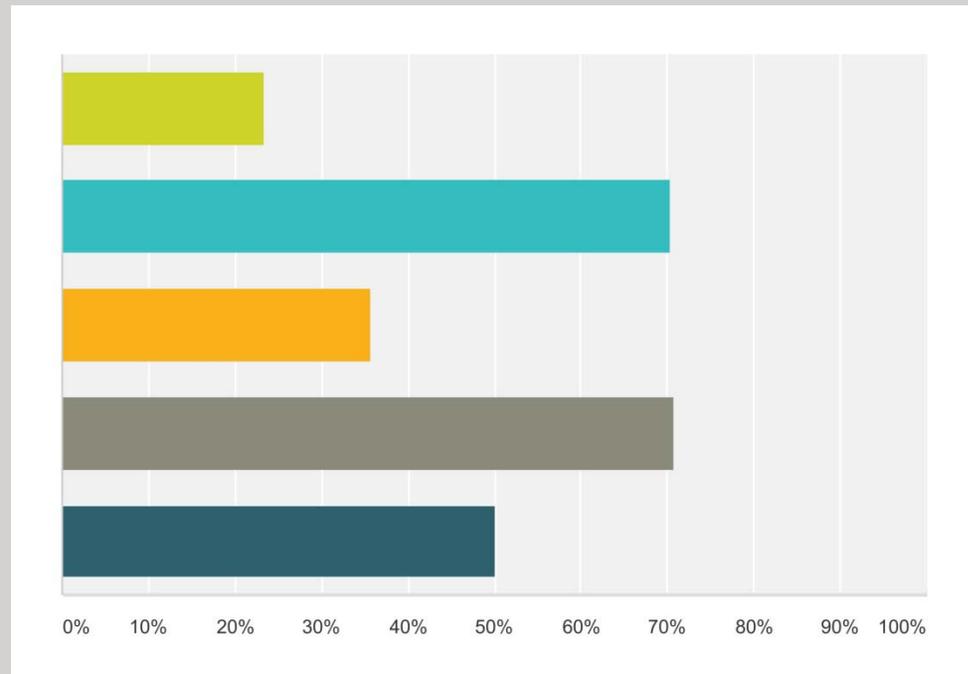
Heavy Manufacturing

Light Manufacturing & Warehousing

Agriculture & Timber Industries

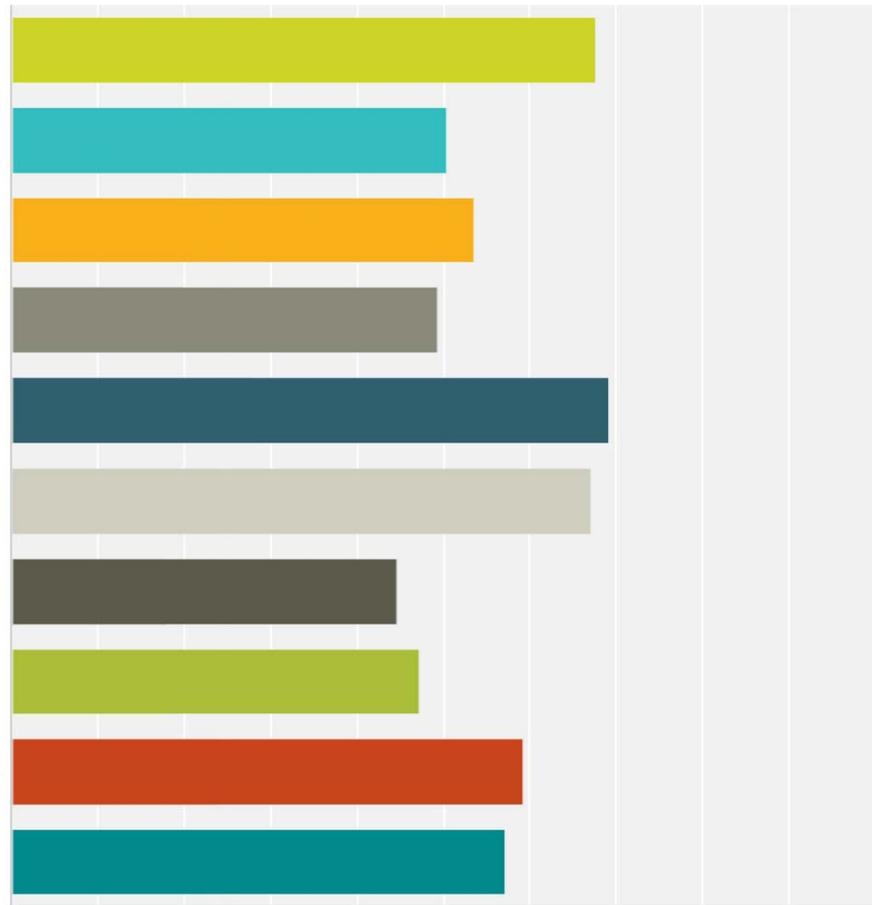
Retail, Wholesale, & Shopping Centers

Offices & High Tech Services



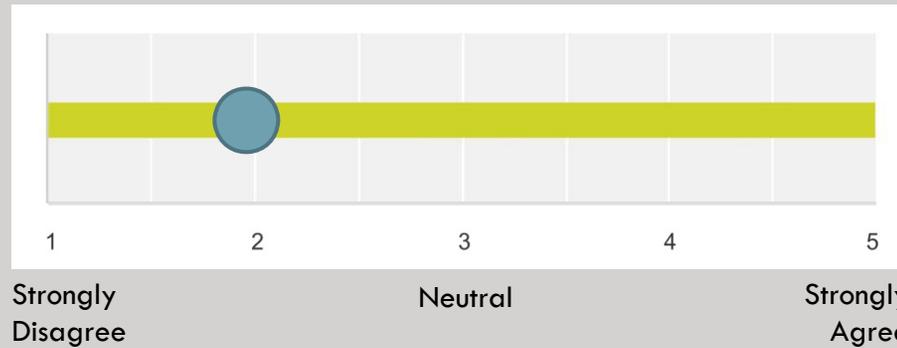
7. If the number of jobs in the County increases, what kinds of jobs would be desirable?

Public Schools  
Parks & Recreation  
Public Water & Sewer  
Public Library  
Fire & Rescue  
Law Enforcement  
Day Care Facilities  
Social Services  
State Roads  
Other

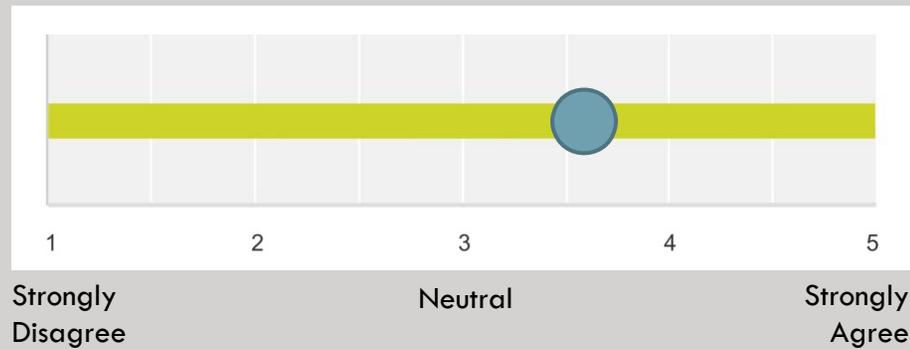


8. What should Amelia County's priorities be for improving public facilities and community services?

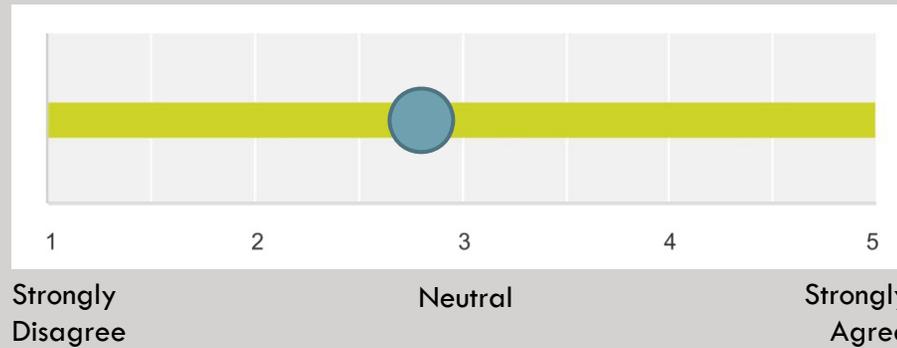
9. Young people have sufficient employment and other opportunities to continue living in the County if they choose.



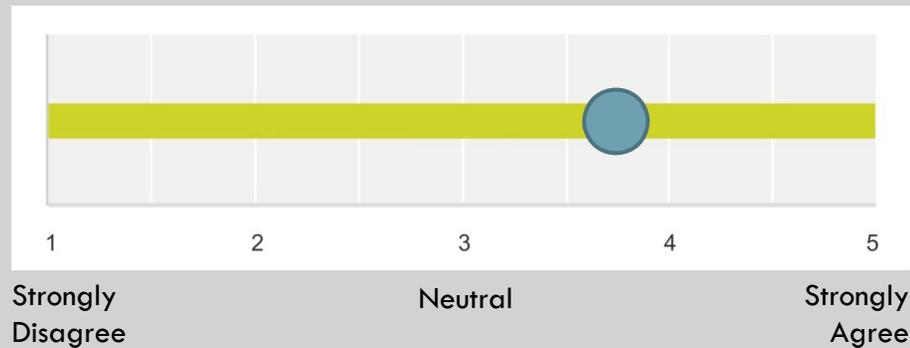
10. It is more important to protect the County's open spaces, farmland, and agricultural activities than it is to have more development.



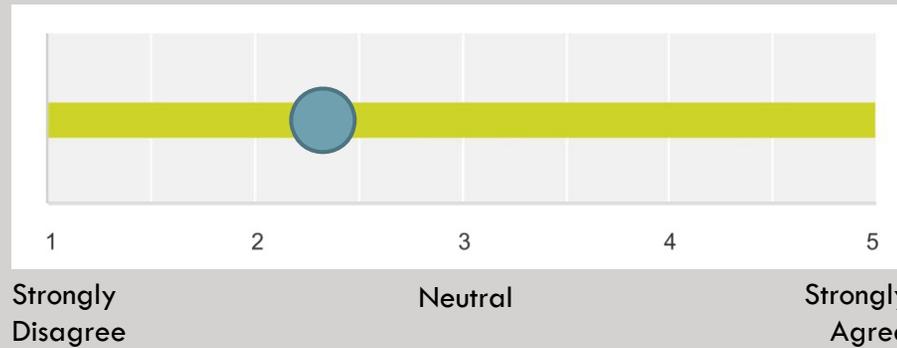
11. Affordable housing is needed to serve more low and moderate income residents, and should be incorporated into County plans and policies.



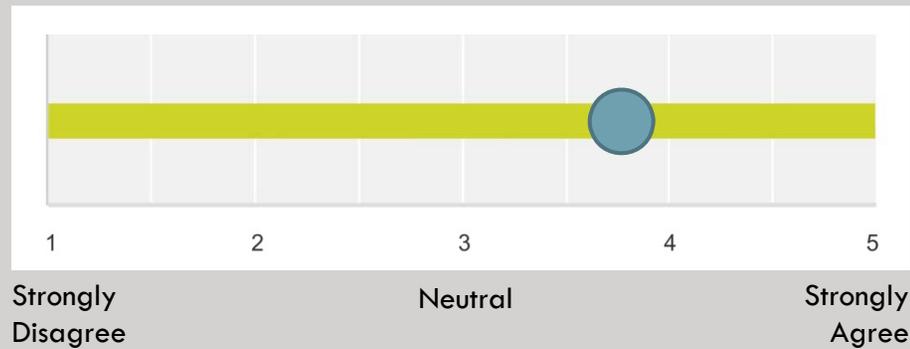
12. The County should place stronger regulations on developers to provide public utilities, sidewalks, and other improvements associated with residential projects.



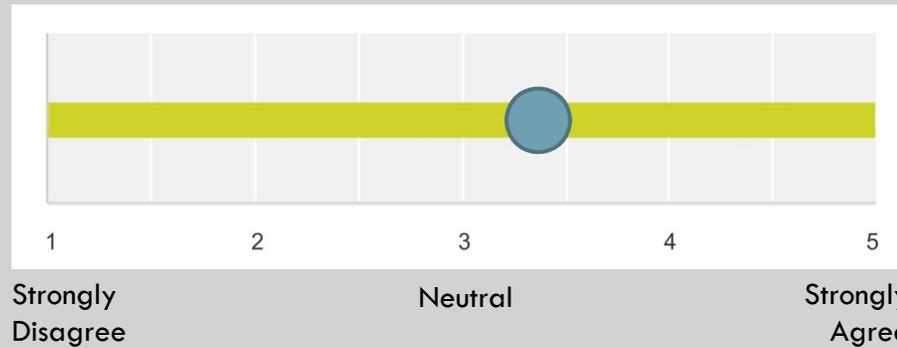
13. Land owners should be allowed to develop land anywhere and in any way they want, regardless of location in the County.



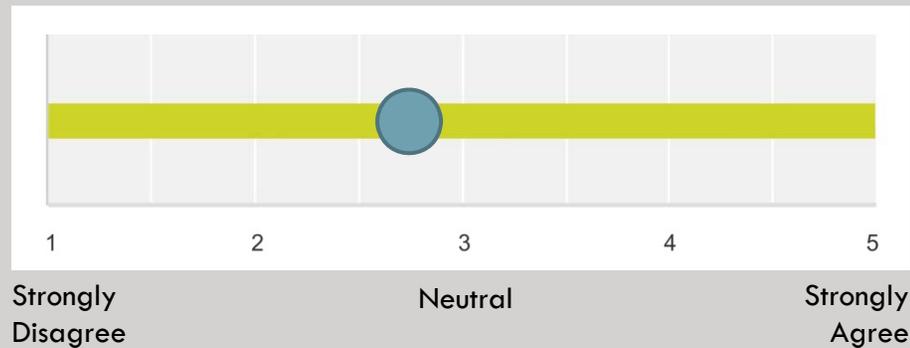
14. The County should strengthen its zoning and subdivision regulations to protect existing landowners from unwanted development.



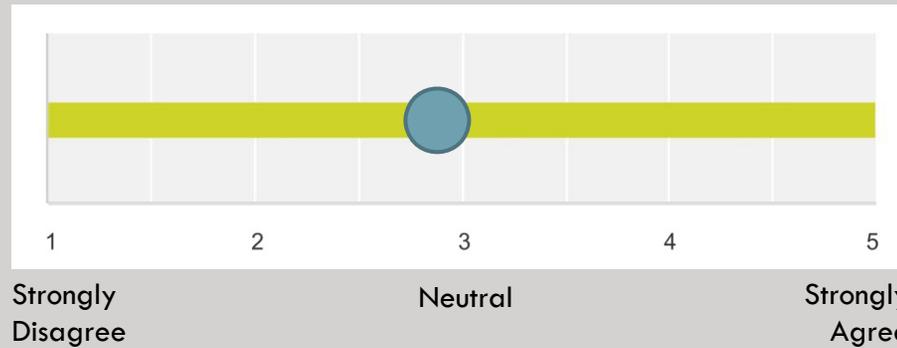
15. The County provides good value for government services and facilities in relation to the taxes you pay.



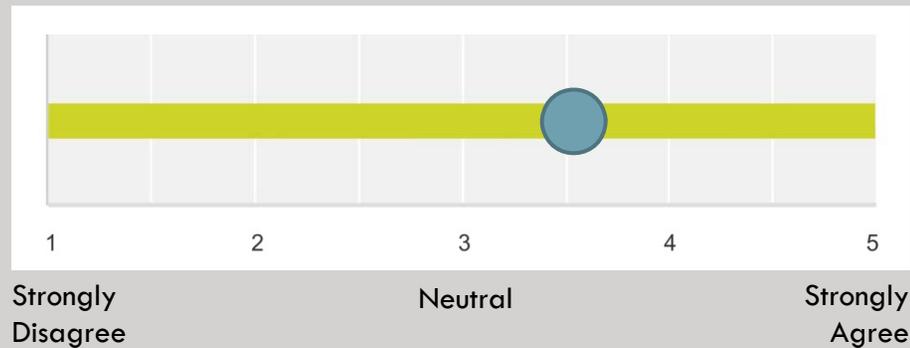
16. In order to promote economic development and jobs, I would be willing to pay more in taxes for industrial park development and employment services.

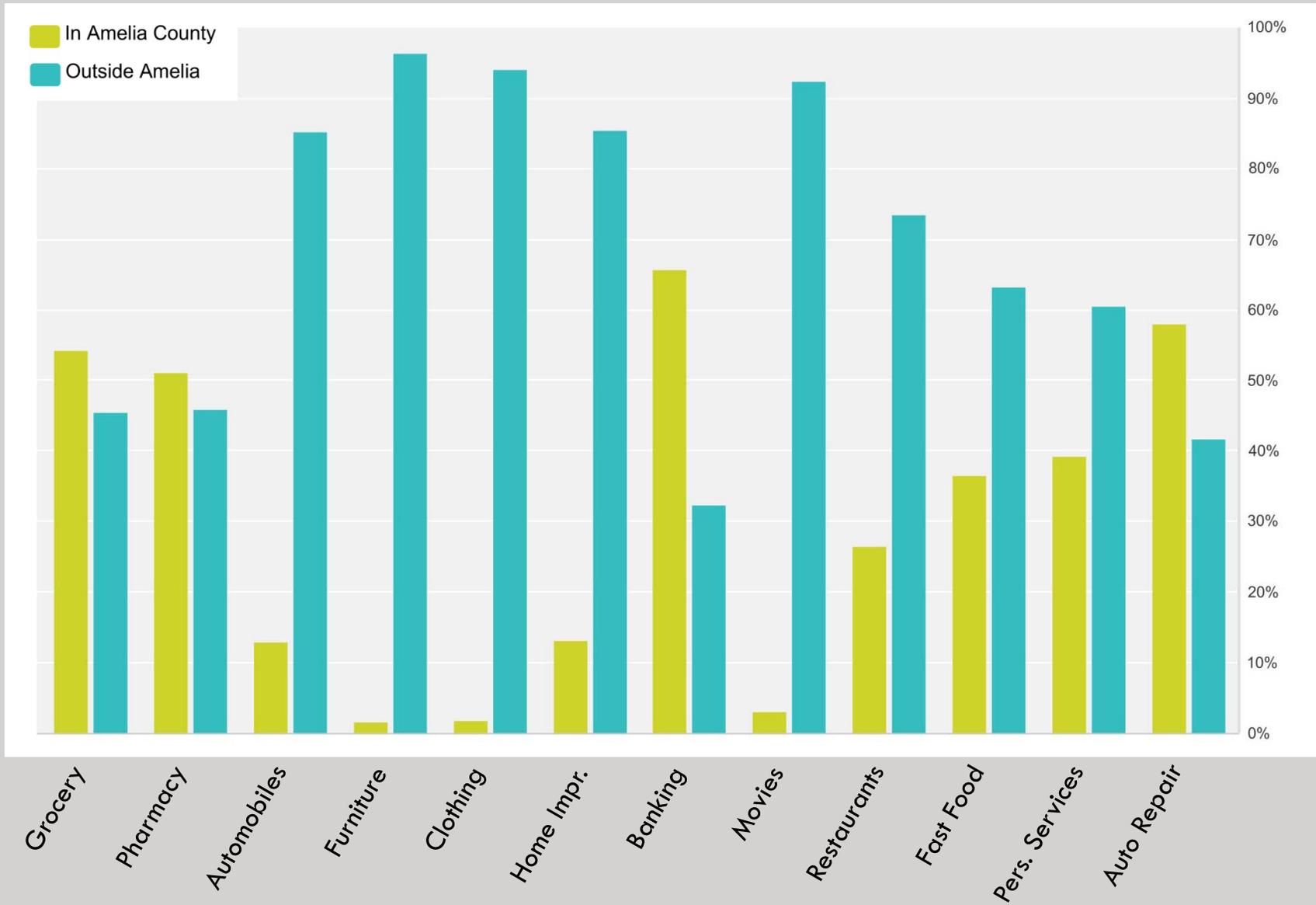


17. In order to provide for more recreation opportunities such as parks, athletic fields, and recreation centers, I would be willing to pay more in taxes and fees.

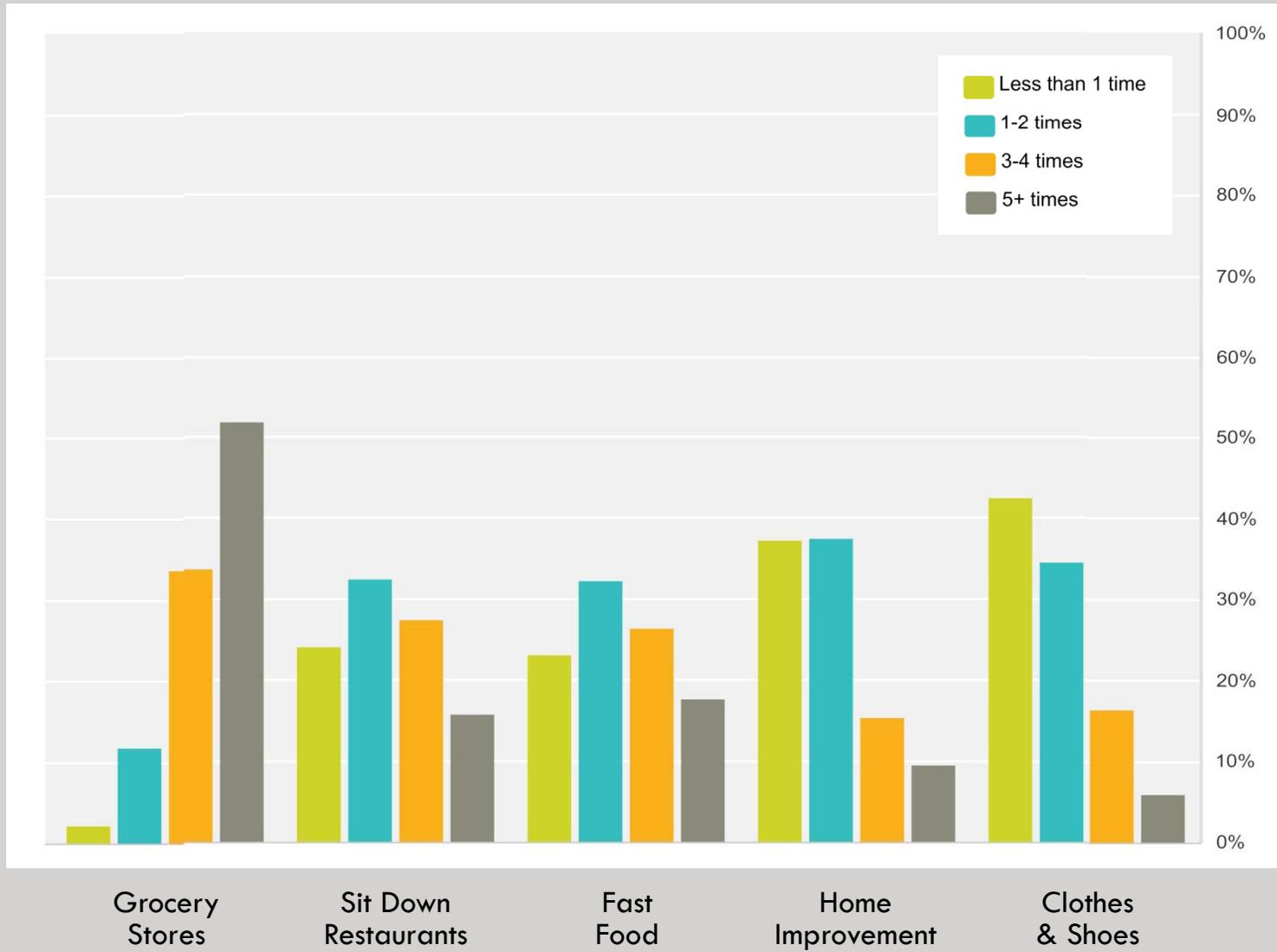


20. It would improve my quality of life to have more shopping, entertainment, and recreation in close proximity to my home (say within 10 miles).

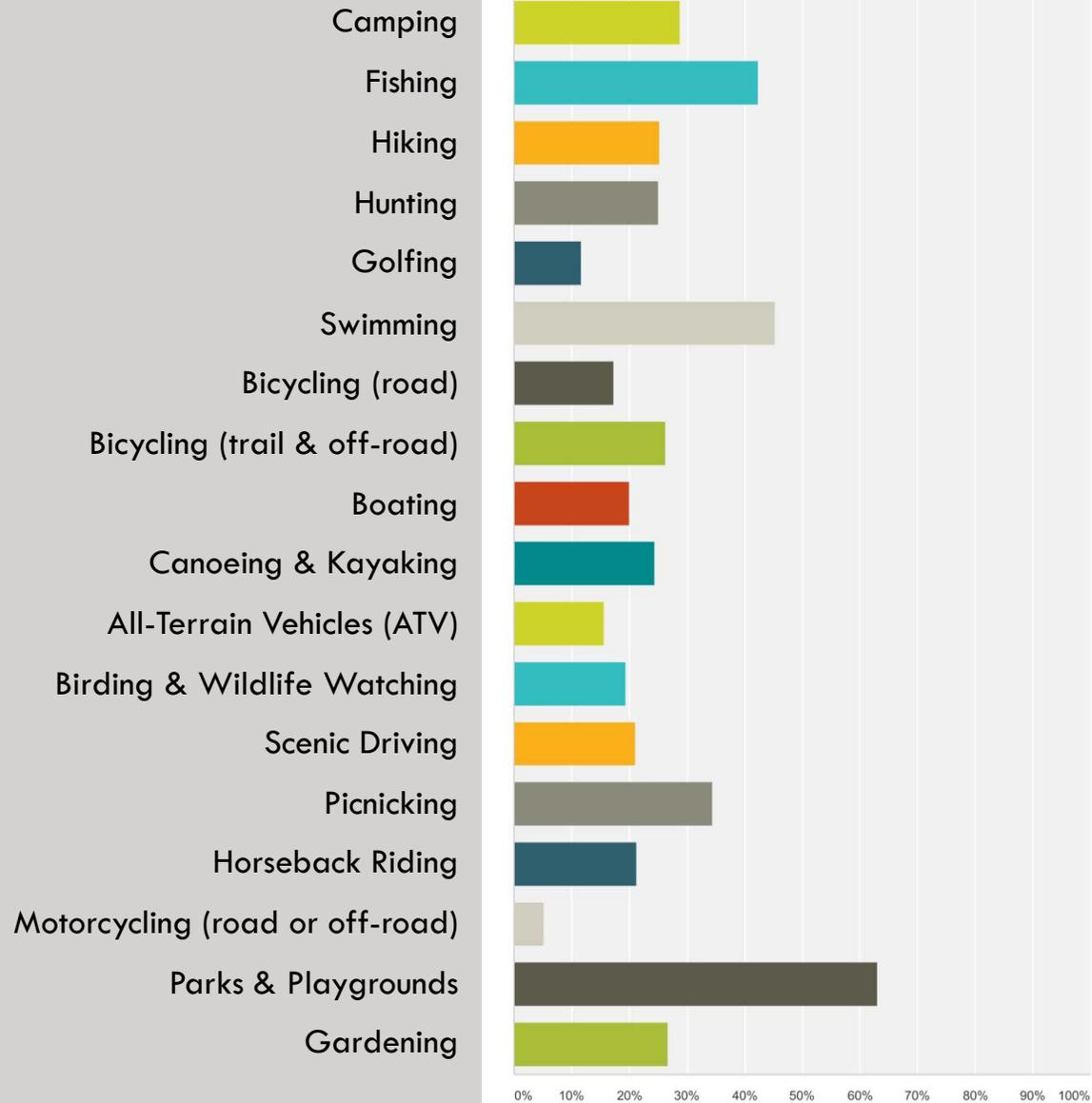




18. Where do you and your family most frequently shop?

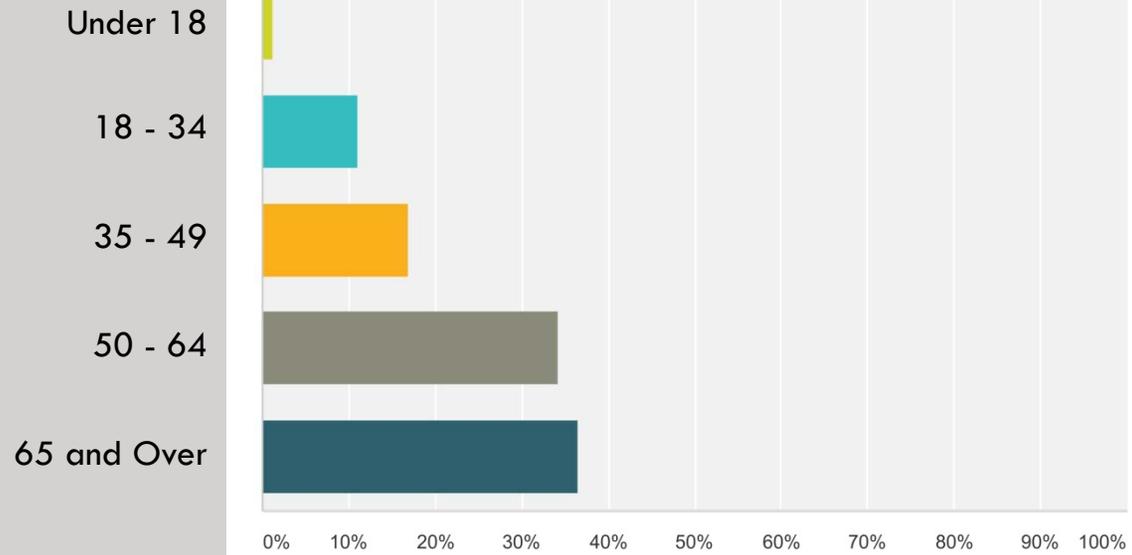


19. How many times per month do you and your family visit these establishments?

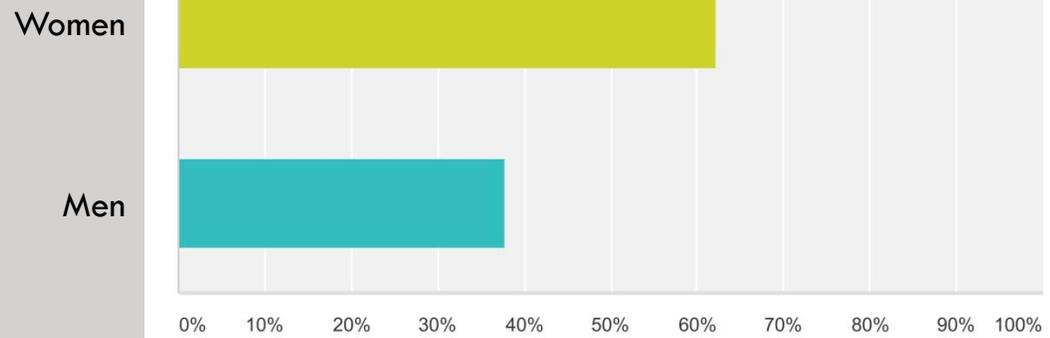


21. I (or my family members) would like to see the following recreational activities increased in the County:

## 22. Age



## 23. Gender



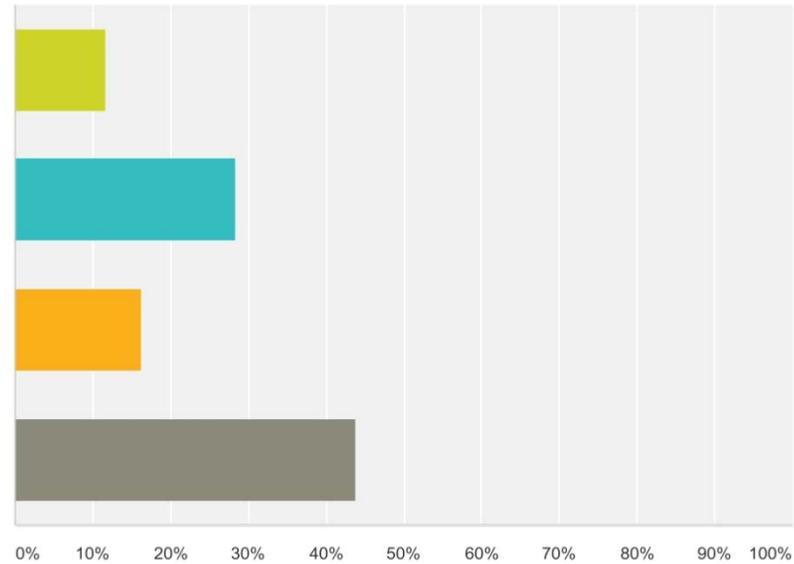
24. How long have you lived in Amelia?

Under 5 Years

5 - 15 Years

16 - 25 Years

Over 25 Years



25. Where in the County do you live?

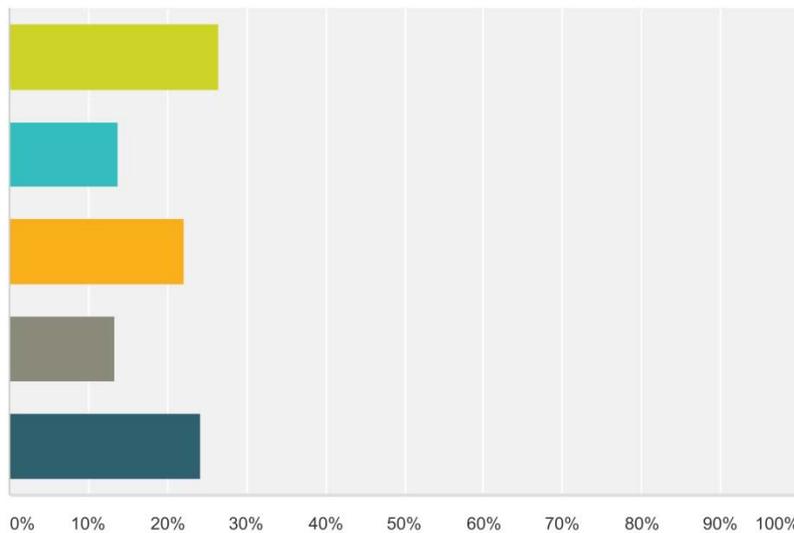
Courthouse Area

Mannboro

Chula

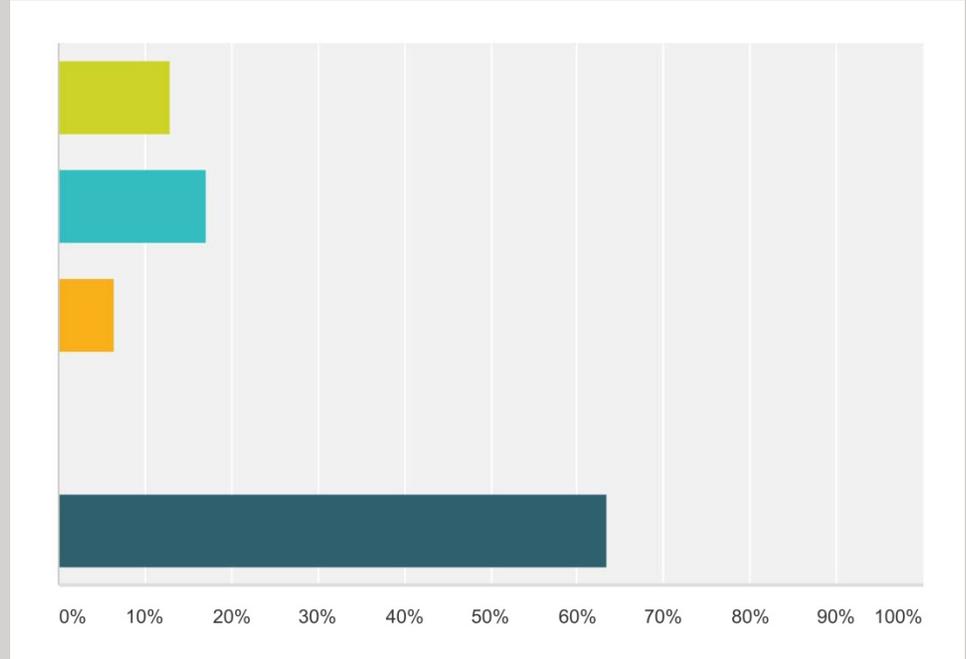
Paineville

Jetersville



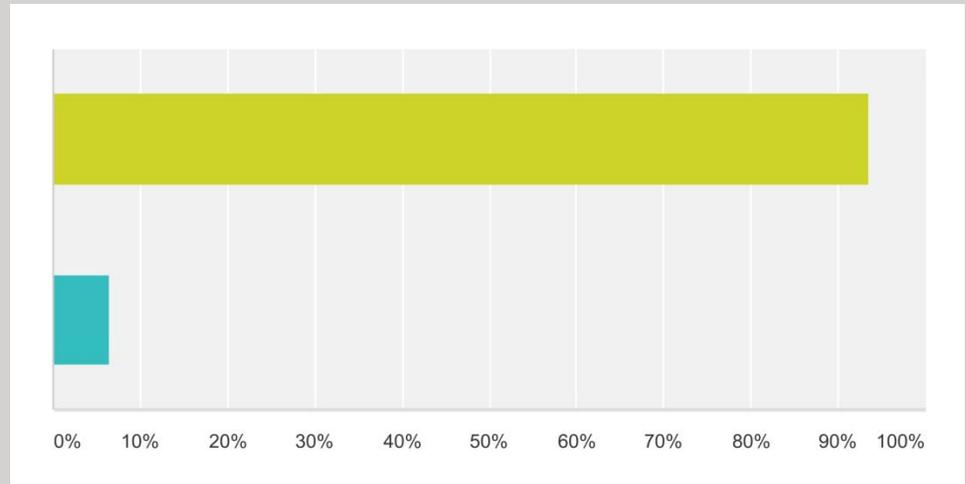
26. What best describes the property where you live?

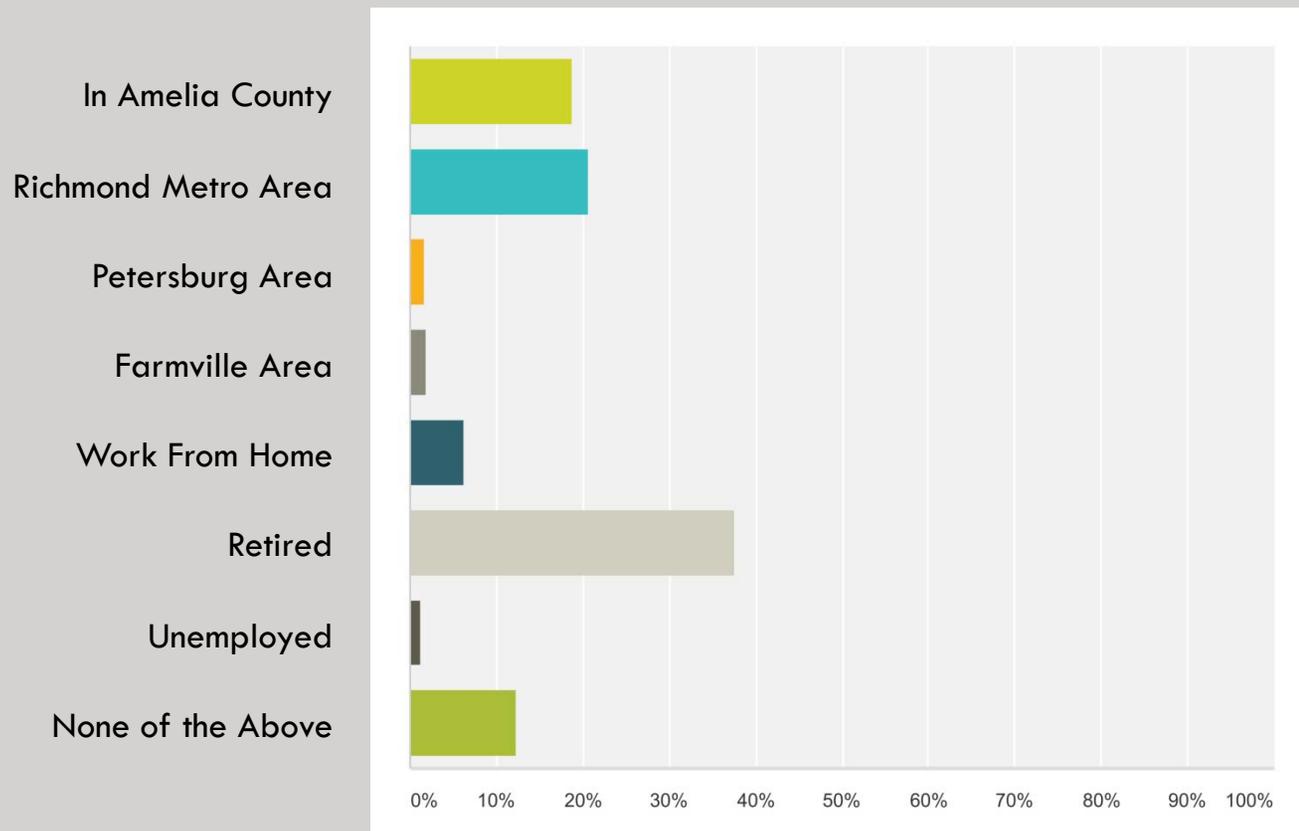
Farm Under 100 ac  
Farm Over 100 ac  
Mobile Home  
Apartment  
Single Family Home



27. Do you rent or own your home?

Own  
Rent





28. Where do you work?

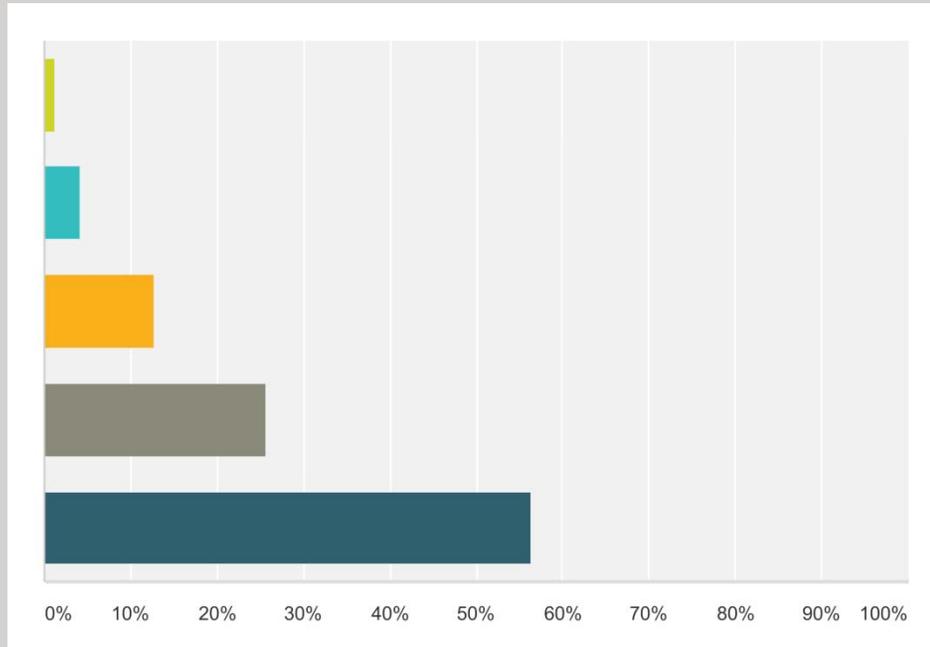
Less than 10 Miles

11 - 20 Miles

21 - 30 Miles

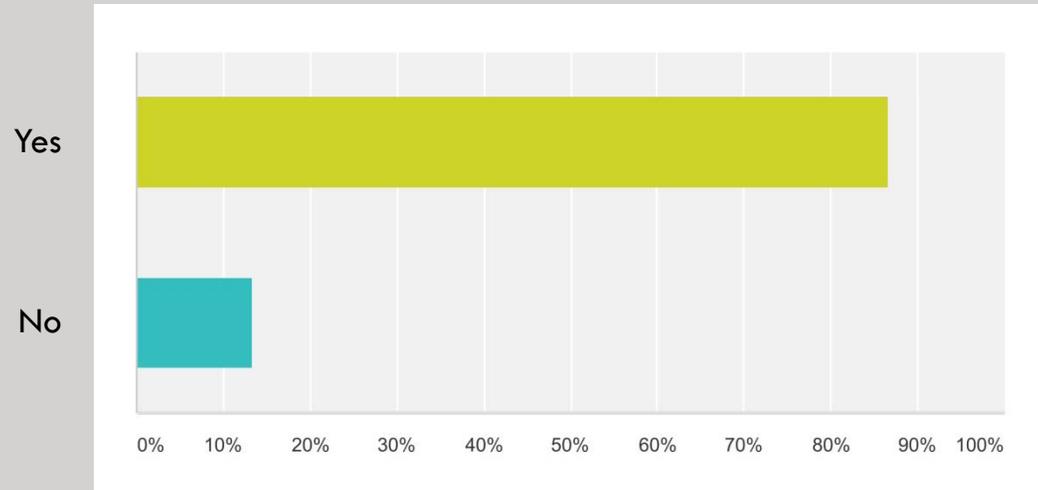
Over 30 Miles

Not Applicable

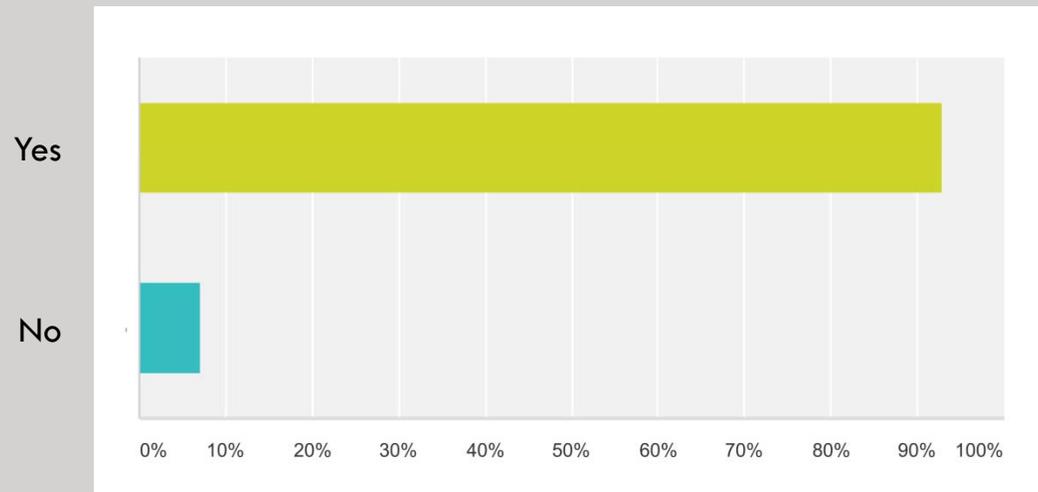


29. If you work outside the county, how long is your commute?

30. Is internet service available at your home?

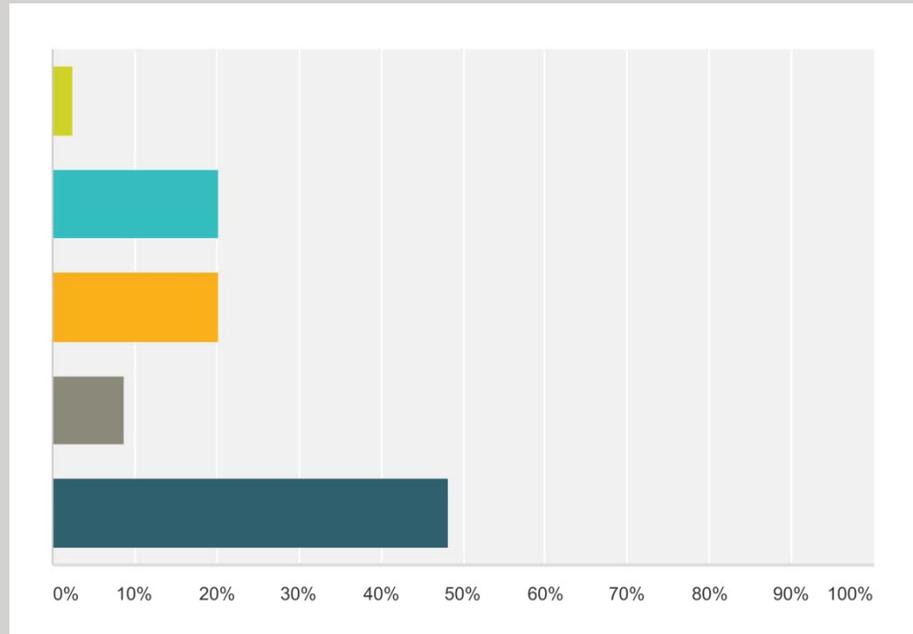


31. Is cell phone service available at your home?



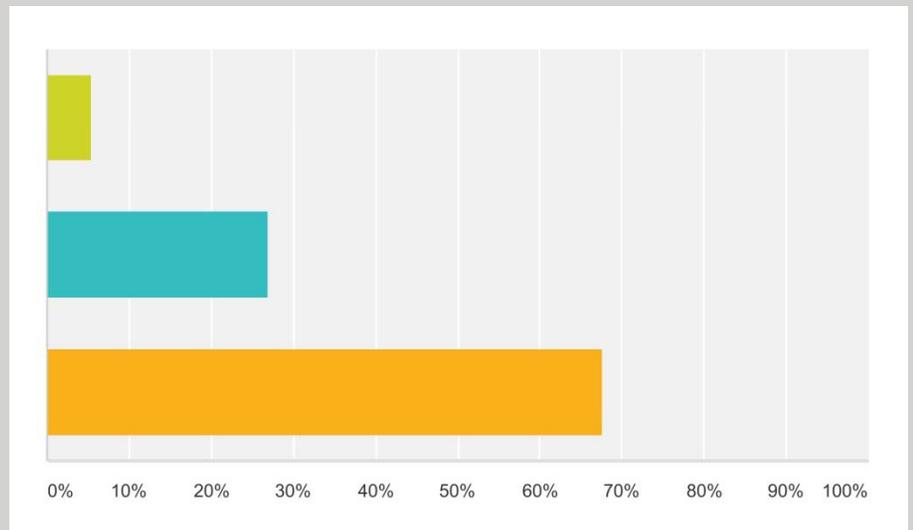
32. How do you rate the County's website?

Excellent  
Good  
Fair  
Poor  
Don't Know



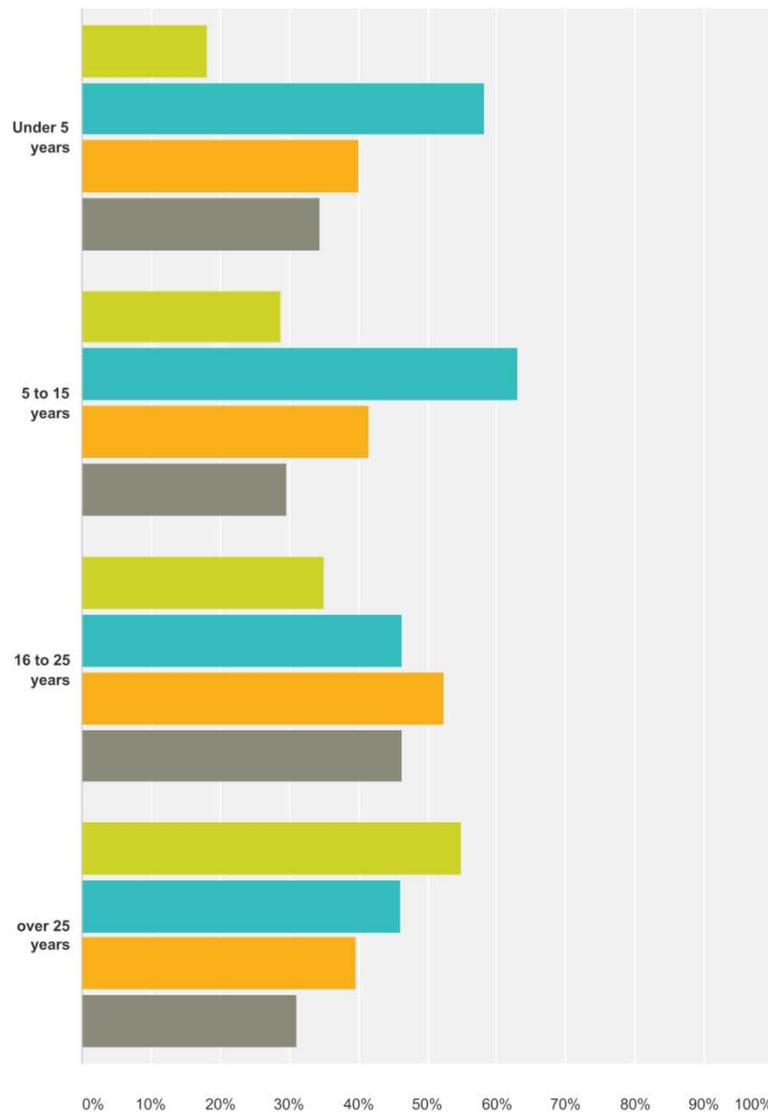
33. How often do you visit the County's website?

More than 5 Times per Month  
1 - 5 Times per Month  
Never



### Q4 Where in the County should new housing be concentrated? (check as many as apply)

Answered: 472 Skipped: 28



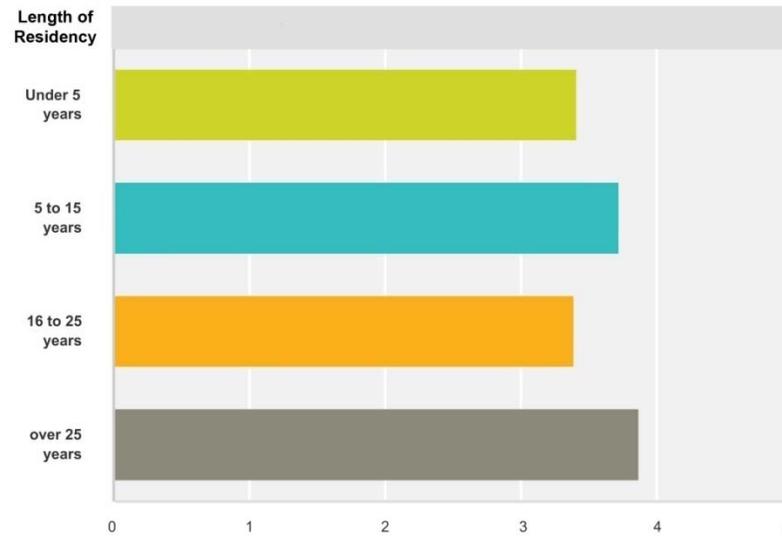
	In and around the Courthouse area	On lots in rural areas; not concentrated	360 corridor; east of the Courthouse	360 corridor, west of the Courthouse	Total
Under 5 years	18.18% 10	58.18% 32	40.00% 22	34.55% 19	17.58% 83
5 to 15 years	28.89% 39	62.96% 85	41.48% 56	29.63% 40	46.61% 220
16 to 25 years	35.00% 28	46.25% 37	52.50% 42	46.25% 37	30.51% 144
over 25 years	54.95% 111	46.04% 93	39.60% 80	31.19% 63	73.52% 347
<b>Total</b>	188	247	200	159	472

- In and around the Courthouse area
- On lots in the rural areas; not concentrated
- Along the 360 corridor; east of the Courthouse
- Along the 360 corridor; west of the Courthouse

Housing Concentration by Length of Residence.

**Q12 The County should place stronger regulations on the developers of new subdivisions to provide public utilities, sidewalks, street lights, and recreation improvements associated with their future residential projects.**

Answered: 485 Skipped: 15

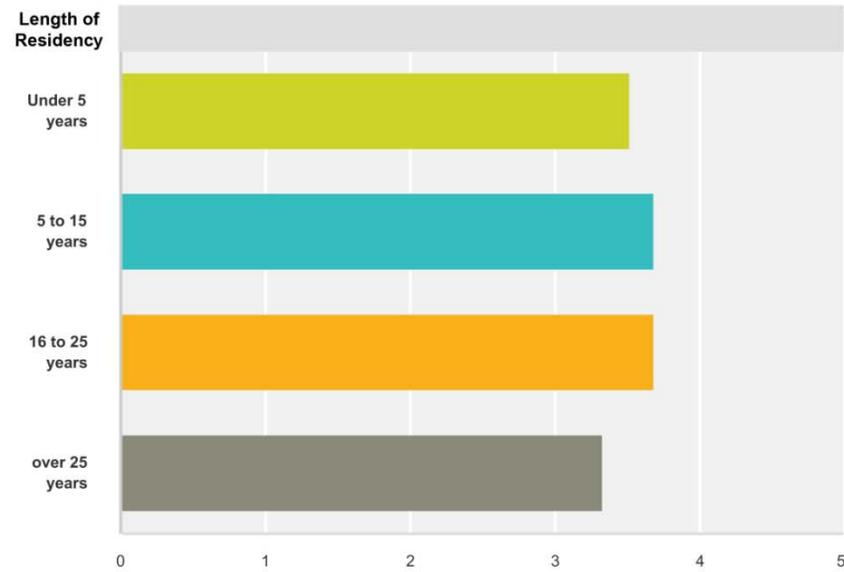


Length of Residency	Strongly Disagree 1	2	3	4	Strongly Agree 5	Total
Under 5 years	12.07% 7	6.90% 4	32.76% 19	22.41% 13	25.86% 15	11.96% 58
5 to 15 years	7.86% 11	10.00% 14	21.43% 30	22.14% 31	38.57% 54	28.87% 140
16 to 25 years	12.66% 10	11.39% 9	24.05% 19	26.58% 21	25.32% 20	16.29% 79
over 25 years	6.25% 13	7.21% 15	21.15% 44	21.63% 45	43.75% 91	42.89% 208

Development Regulation by Length of Residence.

**Q20 It would improve my quality of life to have greater shopping, entertainment, and recreation opportunities in close proximity to my home. (say, within 10 miles)**

Answered: 489 Skipped: 11



Length of Residency	Strongly Disagree 1	2	3	4	Strongly Agree 5	Total
Under 5 years	19.30% 11	7.02% 4	14.04% 8	21.05% 12	38.60% 22	11.66% 57
5 to 15 years	14.18% 20	7.80% 11	15.60% 22	18.44% 26	43.97% 62	28.83% 141
16 to 25 years	15.00% 12	10.00% 8	11.25% 9	17.50% 14	46.25% 37	16.36% 80
over 25 years	15.17% 32	16.59% 35	21.33% 45	13.27% 28	33.65% 71	43.15% 211

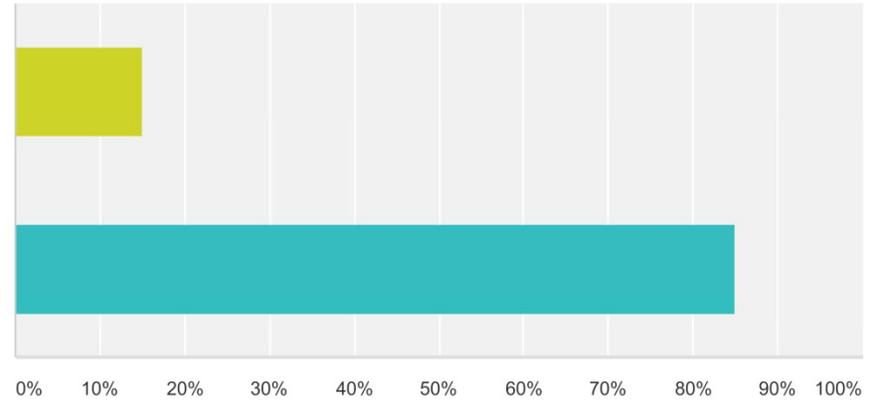
Proximity to Shopping by Length of Residence.

# Student Survey

- High School Juniors and Seniors
- Public and Private Schools
- Completed In-Class; Week of Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- 264 Responses

1. Do you plan to stay in Amelia after high school?

Yes



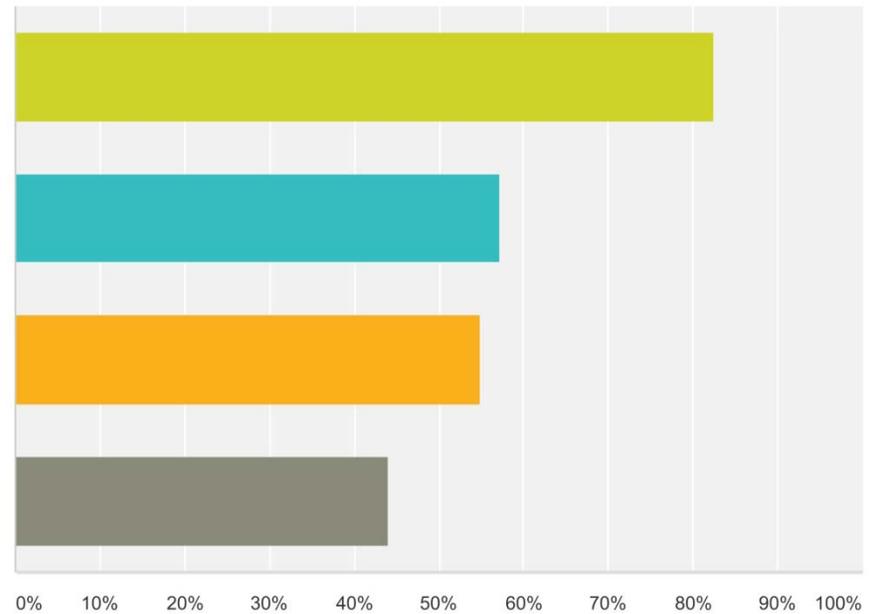
2. If you are planning to move away, why?

Going Away to College

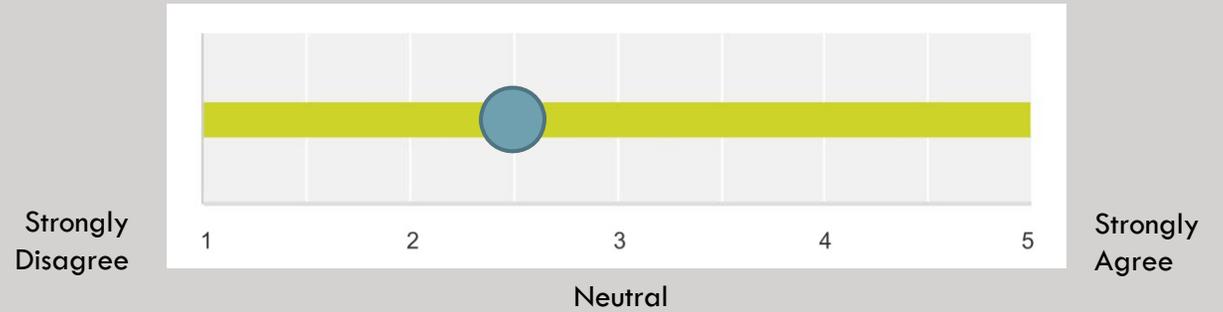
Lack of Job Opportunities

Lack of Entertainment or Things to Do

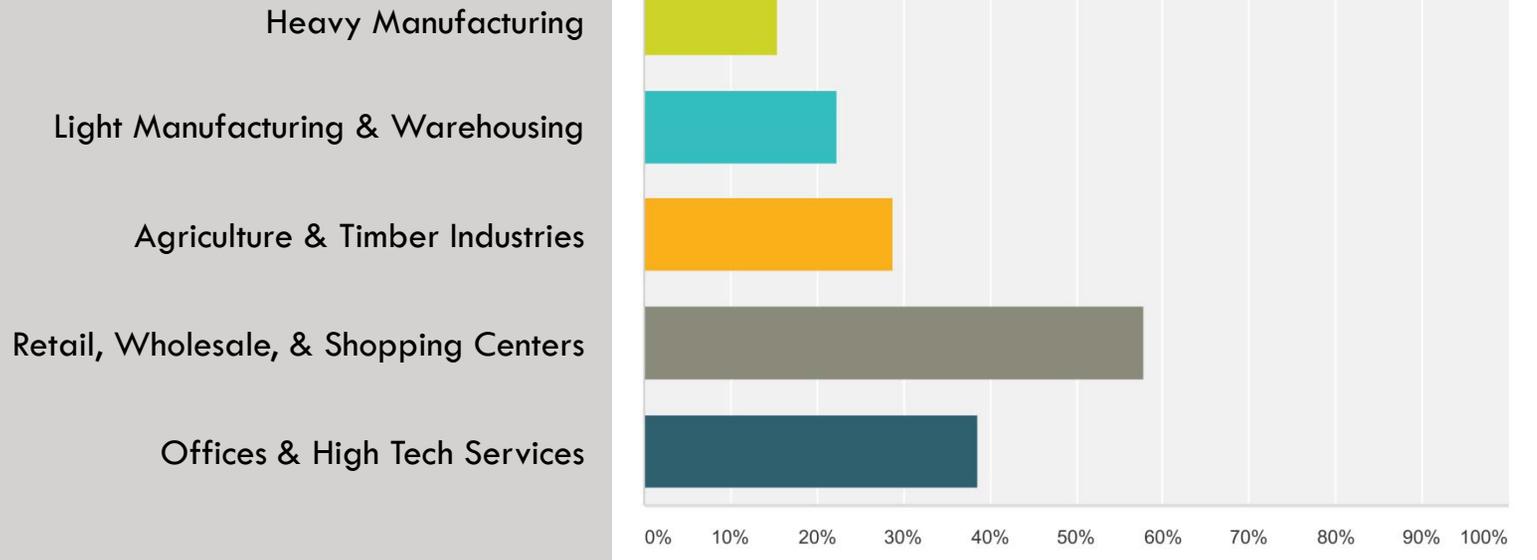
Just Want to Try Something New



3. Young people in Amelia have sufficient employment and other opportunities to continue living in the County if they choose.



4. What kind of jobs might help you stay in Amelia?



## Survey Highlights

- We value our rural way of life . . . .
- . . . . but we're concerned about the lack of jobs and services
- We're concerned about elderly housing
- We want business to stay near the Courthouse and 360 corridor
- We don't do much shopping in Amelia, but we would like to
- Our students are more optimistic than average about opportunities in the County
- . . . . but Students less interested in industry jobs than overall population
- New residents are just as interested in rural way of life as long-time residents

# Comprehensive Planning

- Vision for Amelia's Future
- Community Goals
  - . . . . and Strategies to Achieve Them
- Plan Topics:
  - *Community Character*
  - *Agriculture and Resources*
  - *Development Areas*
  - *Economic Development*
  - *Transportation*
  - *Education*
  - *Culture and History*
  - *Government Services*
  - *Administration and Budget*



1. Protect the rural character and scenic beauty of the County as valuable and irreplaceable resources.
2. Agriculture and forestry drive the County's economy, and should continue to be protected.
3. Plan for future business growth in the Courthouse and 360 corridor areas.
4. Work to attract new businesses that employ Amelia citizens and contribute to the local tax base.
5. Maintain the capacity and safety of County roads, including the 360 corridor as it develops.
6. Build a quality school system that prepares students to be productive members of the community.
7. Promote Amelia's historic sites and other attractions to bring tourism revenue to County businesses.
8. Continually improve services, including fire, rescue, law enforcement, & utilities to serve future growth.
9. Ensure the County's responsibility to its citizens through fiscally responsible decision making.

Draft Comprehensive Plan Goals



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