

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: March 16, 2022

SUBJECT: Henderson County 2045 Comprehensive Plan

PRESENTER: Janna Bianculli, Senior Planner
Autumn Radcliff, Planning Director

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Henderson County 2045 Update
2. Survey Results Summary

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Planning staff will provide the Board with an update on the Henderson County 2045 Comprehensive Plan.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

No action is required of the board. This is for informational purposes.

Suggested Motion:

None.

PHASE 2

The comprehensive plan is a detailed plan that will take 18 months to complete. The process is broken into three phases. Phase 2 began in January and is anticipated to run through the end of summer 2022.

Phase 3 will begin in the early fall when the plan is drafted.

MARCH 2022 UPDATES

RECENT PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Staff presented information to the Hendersonville Lions Club
- Staff worked with the County's Recreation Advisory Board on drafting goals pertaining to their specialty.
- Staff conducted a stakeholder meeting with the County's Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors to ensure the comprehensive plan's agricultural goals accurately reflect the current issues of the industry
 - Information from other agriculture groups has already been collected.

STEERING COMMITTEE

- The Steering Committee received draft goals at their February meeting and sent staff comments and revisions that will be presented at their March 17th meeting.
- Stewart Consultants will attend their March 17th meeting to further their vision and goals discussion.
- Steering Committee meetings are open to everyone and the public is encouraged to attend.

SURVEY

- All survey results from multiple-choice questions are available as graphs online at www.HendersonCounty2045.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

BOC UPDATE

- Stewart Inc. will provide an update to the Board of Commissioners at one of their meetings in April.

ONGOING PUBLIC OUTREACH

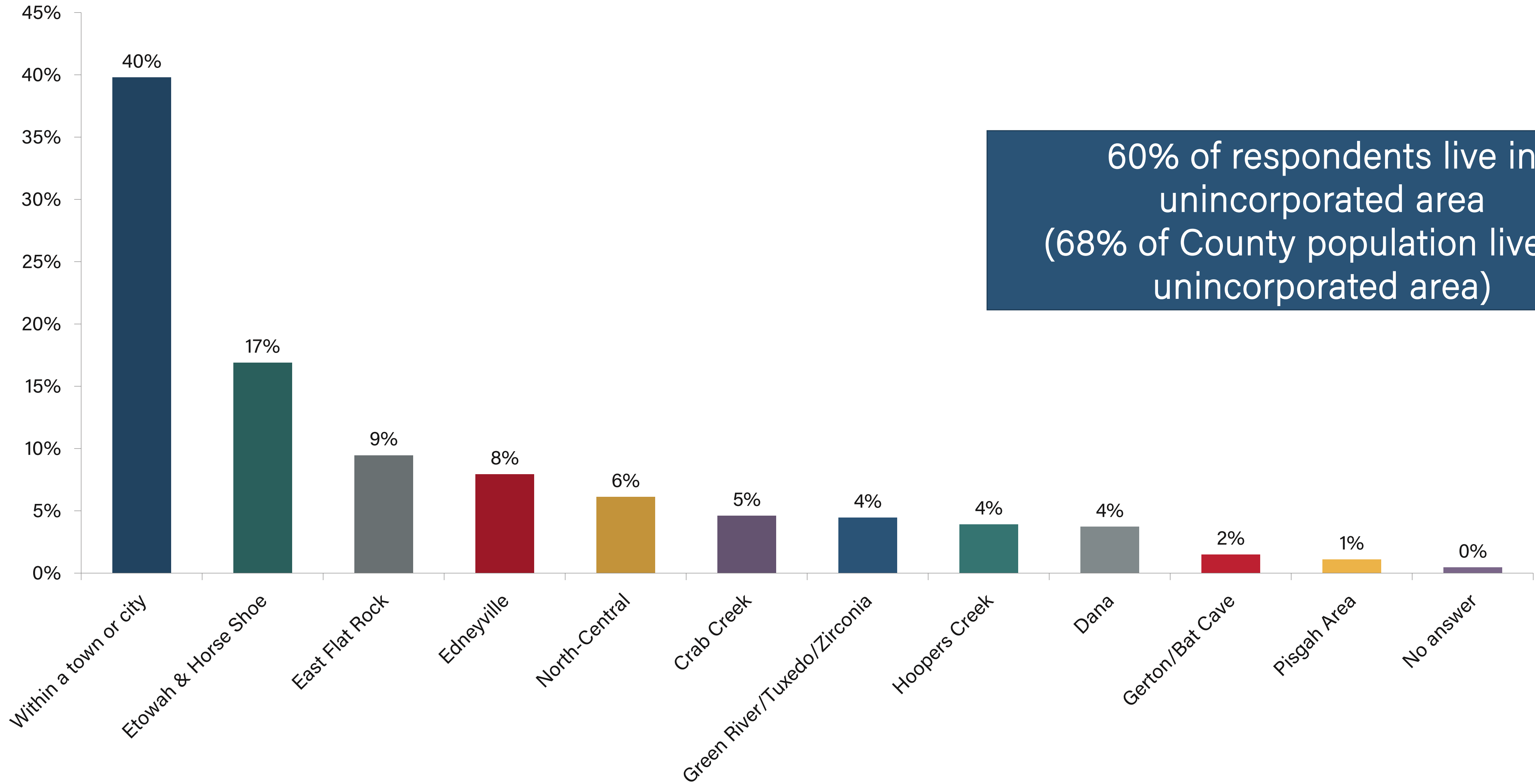
- Staff's intern crafted a public engagement strategy that includes a demographic analysis, a database of potential community partners, and an action plan for maximum public participation.
- County staff are in the process of meeting with various internal boards and committees as well as active local clubs and organizations.

Community Survey Results
February 22, 2022



Q1

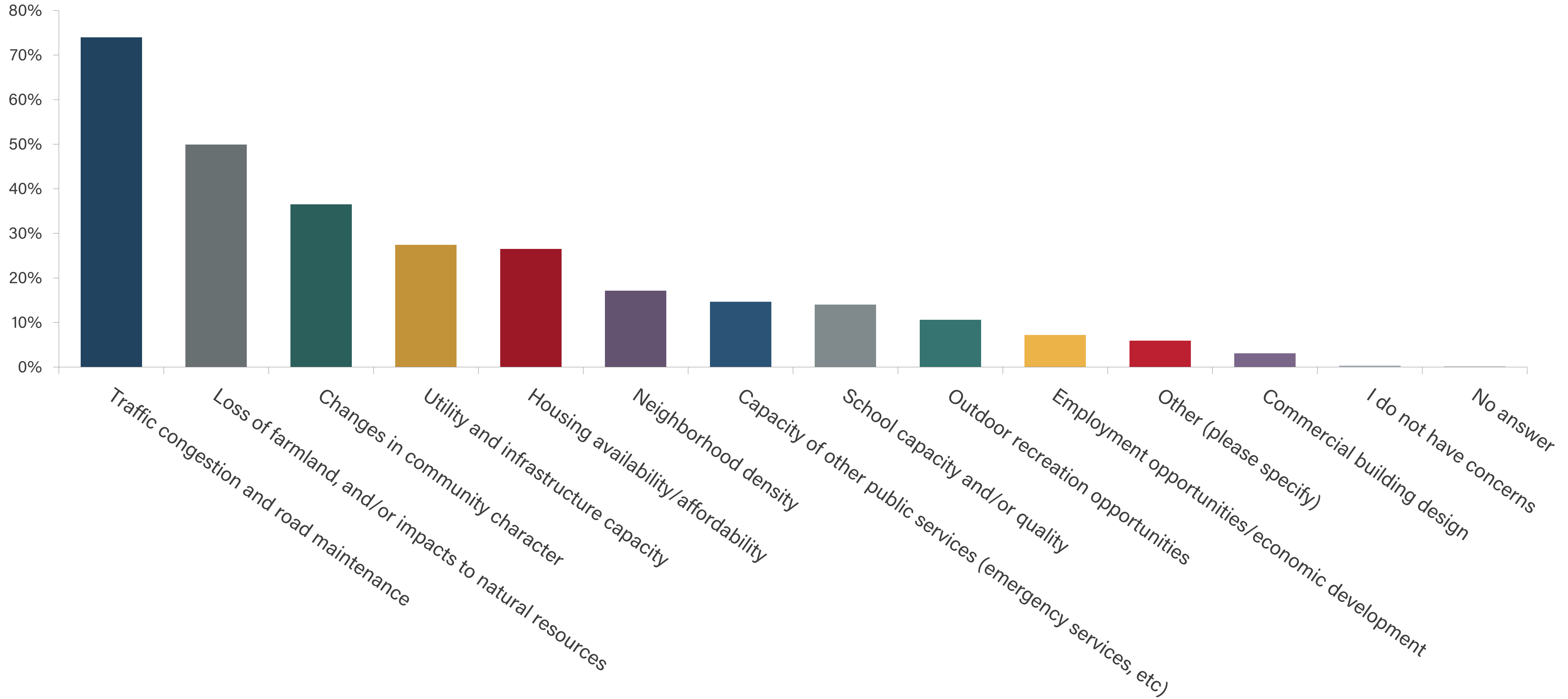
Where do you live or spend the most time? (Choose closest area).



60% of respondents live in unincorporated area (68% of County population lives in unincorporated area)

Q2

Henderson County's population has grown 38% between 2000 and 2020. If this growth trend continues, what potential impacts of growth are you most concerned about? (Select up to three)



Q3

The future of Henderson County is dependent upon a variety of factors. Which of the following factors should this 25 year comprehensive plan prioritize? (Select up to five)

1	Protect open spaces/forests	55.30%	14	Greenway connections	18.27%
2	Farmland preservation	45.16%	15	Increase access to public healthcare	13.06%
3	Conservation of unique natural areas	44.26%	16	Increase public transportation options	11.98%
4	Improve access to internet/broadband	35.04%	17	Develop incentives to attract large employers	7.20%
5	Improve road network around towns and major activity centers	29.75%	18	Increase Parks & Rec programming and events	5.82%
6	Maintaining/improving water quality	29.49%	19	Promote the County to outside employers	5.70%
7	Reduce vulnerabilities to wildfire, flooding, and landslides	28.94%	20	River access for boating & fishing	5.30%
8	Increase sidewalks/bike lanes/pedestrian connectivity	25.64%	21	Promote entertainment and tourism	4.73%
9	Improve road networks in rural areas	22.92%	22	Increase public playgrounds	2.99%
10	Increase energy efficiency and reduce waste	22.68%	23	Increase youth creation leagues	2.83%
11	Coordinate with towns & cities on development	20.09%	24	Increase public facilities such as sports fields and courts	2.80%
12	Develop incentives and resources to support entrepreneurship and small business	19.14%			
13	Develop and maintain recreational and cultural amenities	18.42%			

Q4

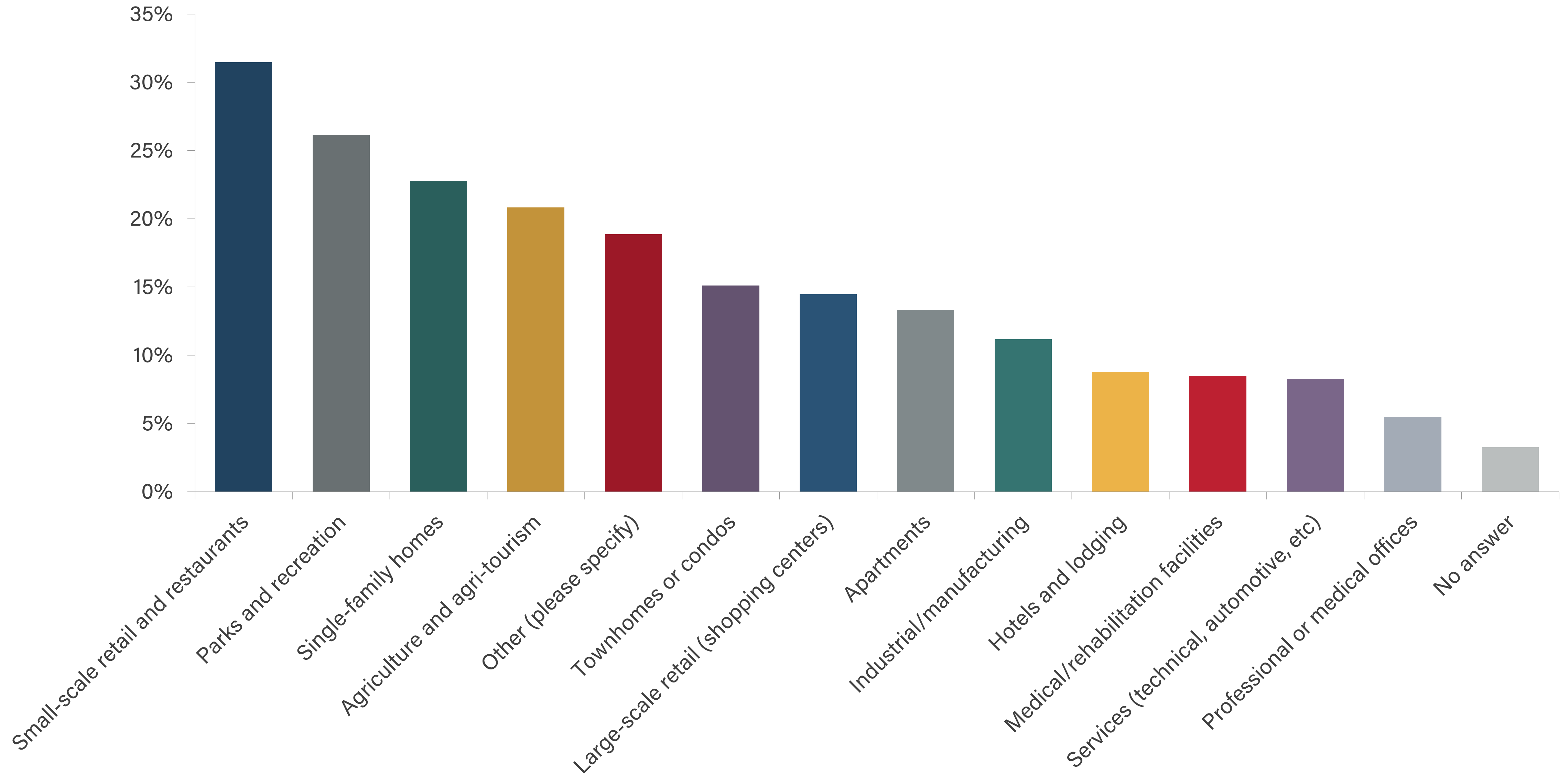
What is one priority you would like the County to address in the next 2-5 years? (Open-ended)

Thousands of written responses to this open-ended question were analyzed and assigned tags according to topics. The graph below summarizes the top tags based on that analysis.

1	Road quality/traffic	14	Road quality/traffic
2	Environment Preservation, climate change, water quality	15	Resiliency (flooding, landslides)
3	Preservation of agricultural land and character	16	Schools and education
4	Growth management	17	Growth management
5	Internet access	18	Decrease taxes and regulation
6	Housing affordability	19	Public Transportation
7	Parks, recreation, and greenways	20	County/Municipality collaboration
8	Zoning ordinances, land use compatibility	21	Short term rentals/tourism
9	Pedestrian Facilities	22	Parking
10	Infrastructure and utilities	23	Youth
11	Public services (senior care, health care, trash pickup, emergency services)		
12	Safety and crime		
13	Jobs and economic development		

Q5

Which of the following development types do you feel are missing from the County?
(Select up to three)



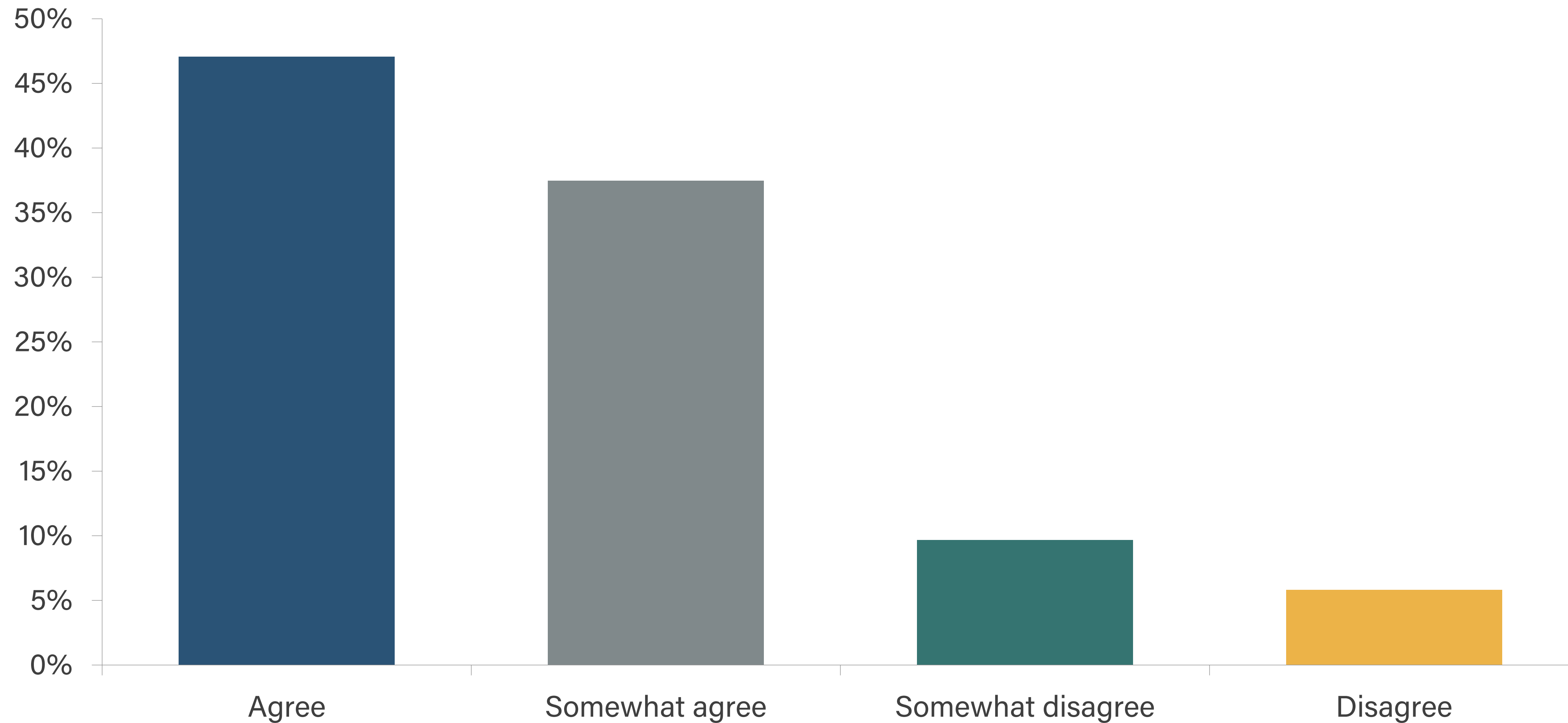
Q6

Which is the single most important role for Henderson County government in the land use and zoning process, if any? (Would not apply to incorporated town, cities, or villages)



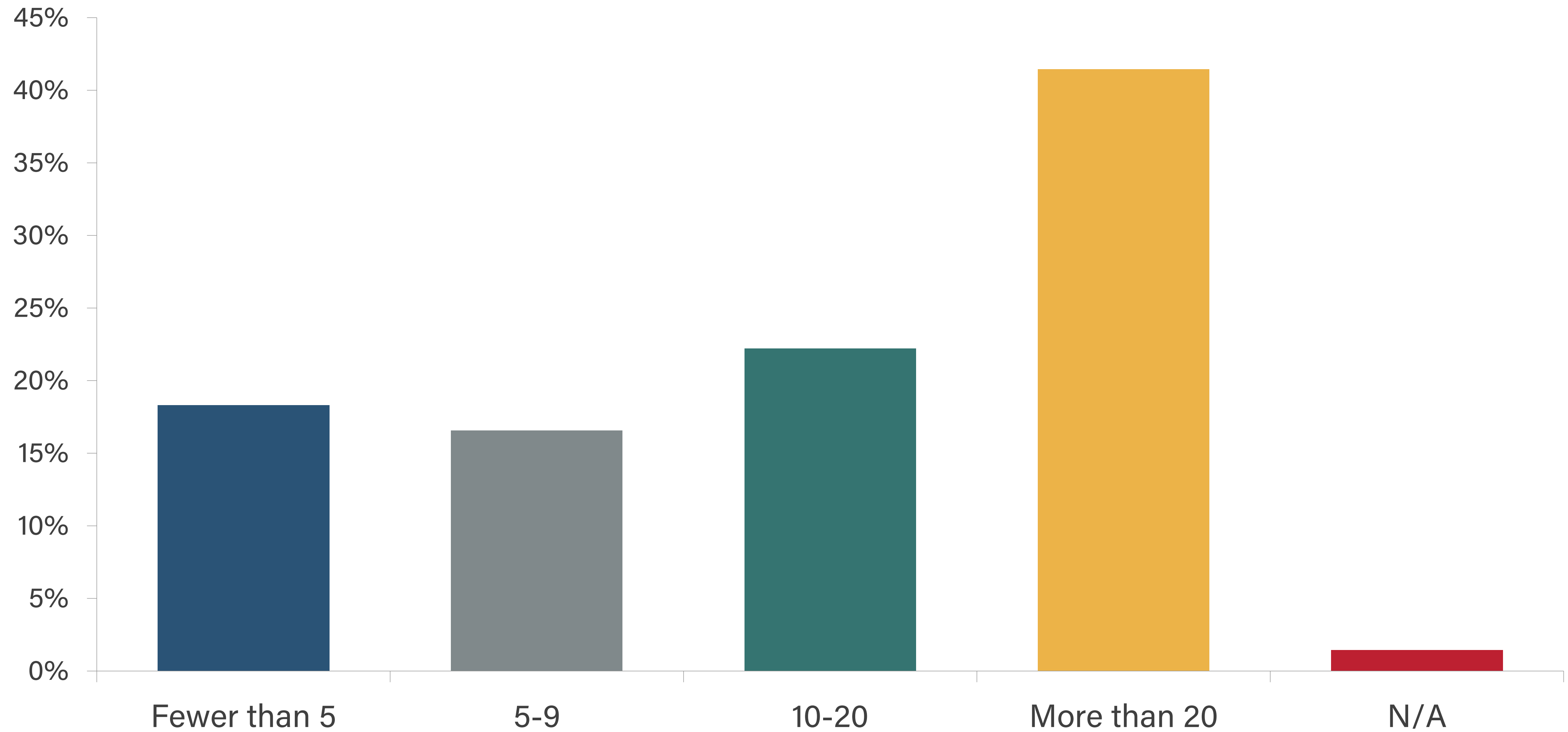
Q7

When making decisions related to land use, should the County Board of Commissioners weight the impact to the property owners closest to the proposed project more so than the overall benefit to the County as a whole?



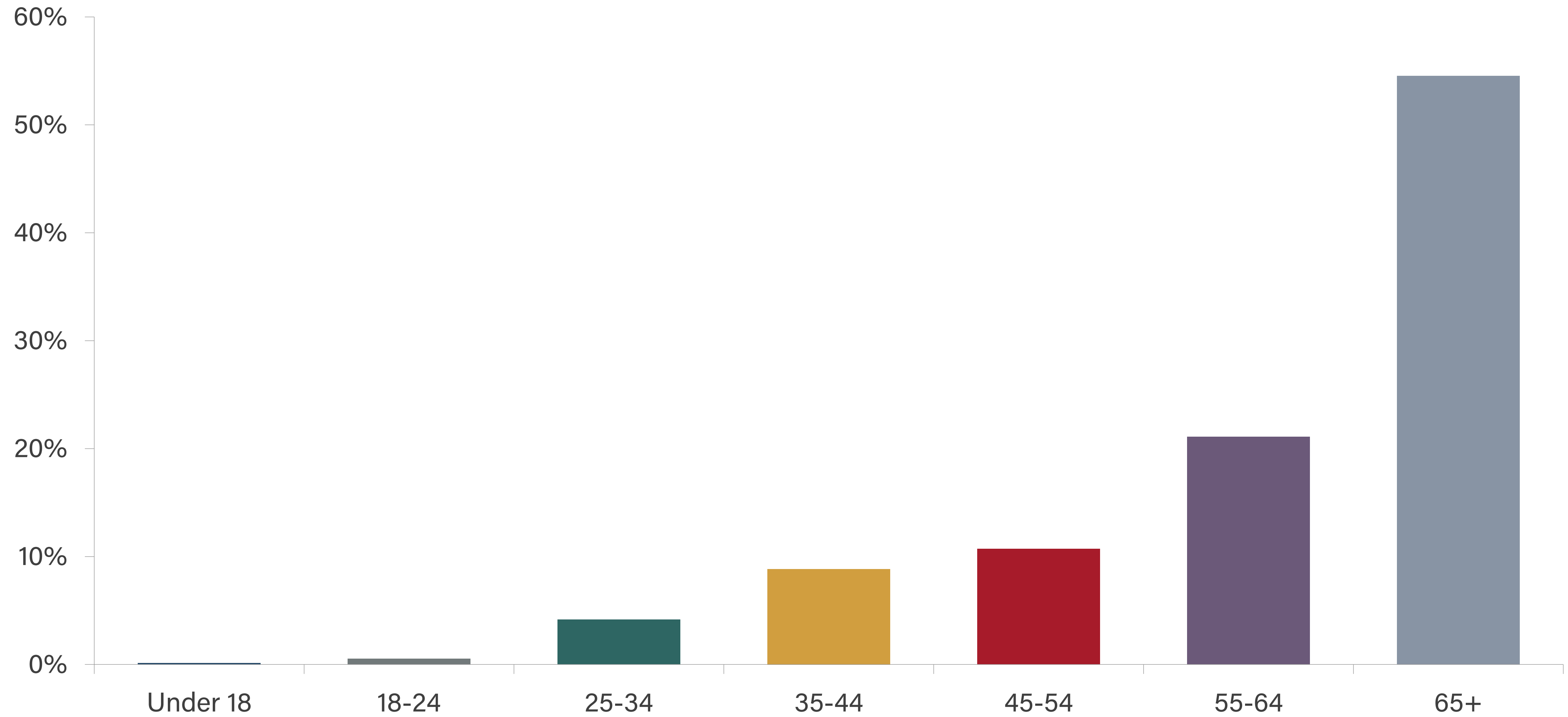
Q8

How many years have you lived/worked in Henderson County?



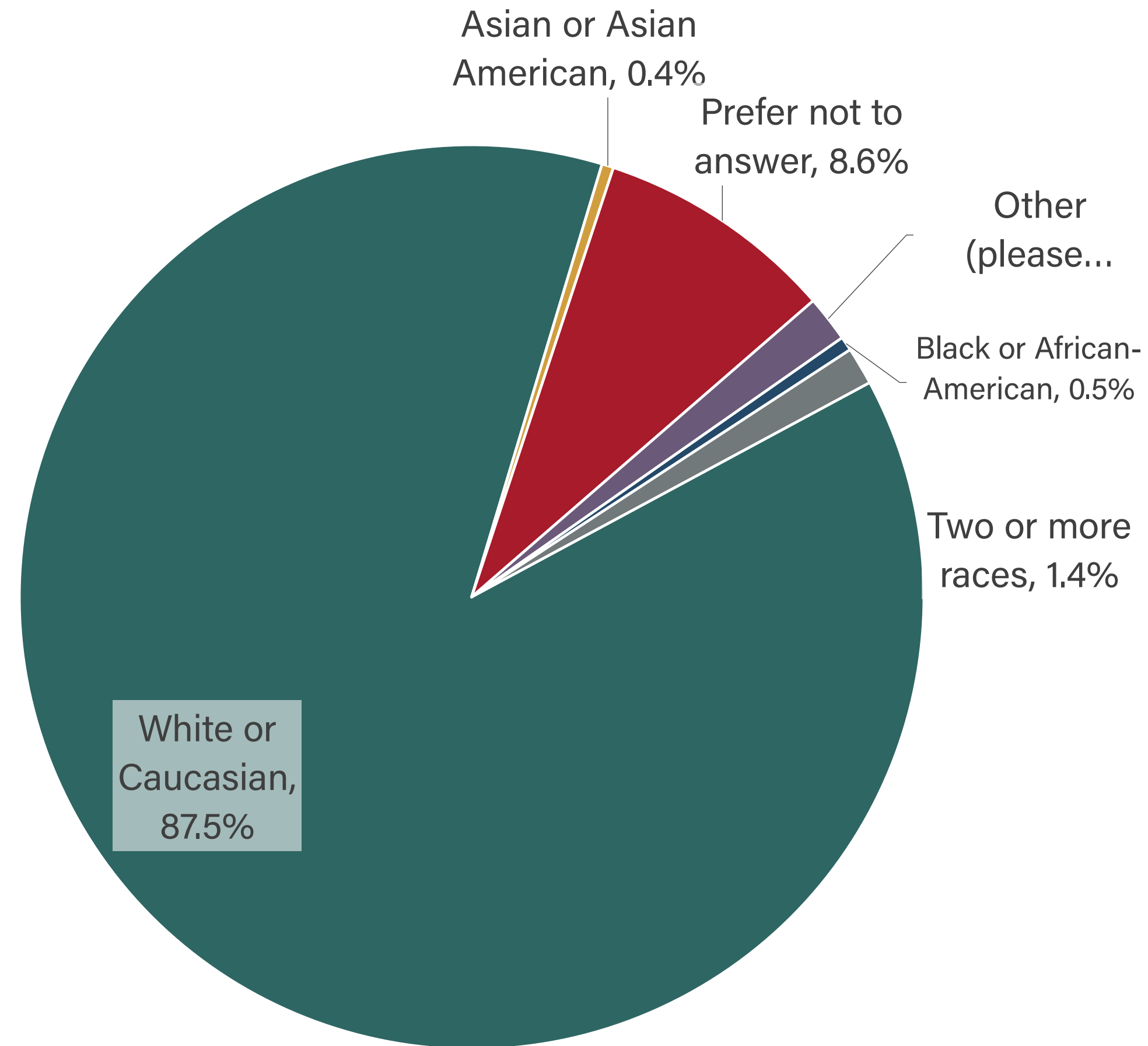
Q9

What is your age?

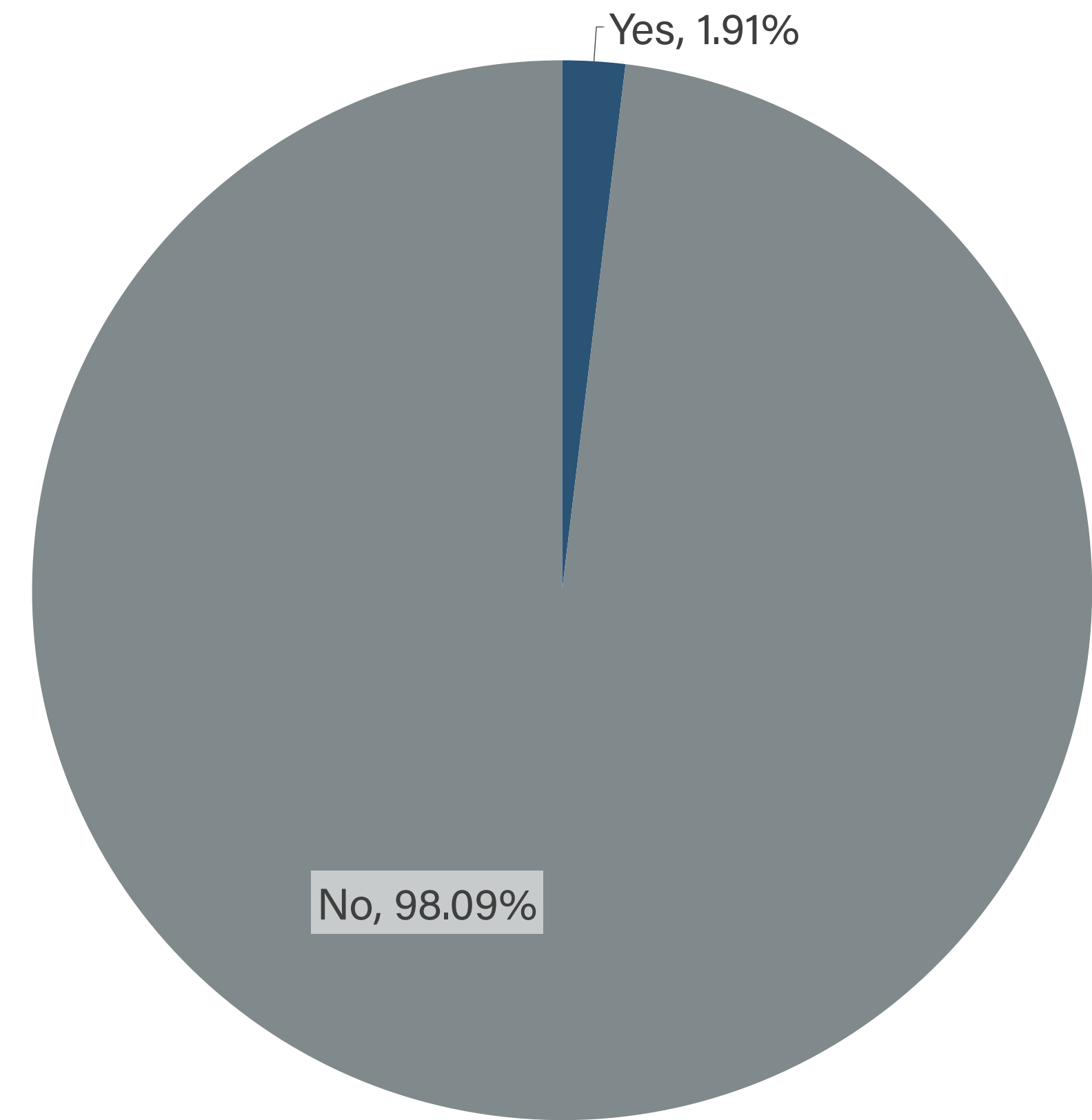


Q10, Q11

What is your race?

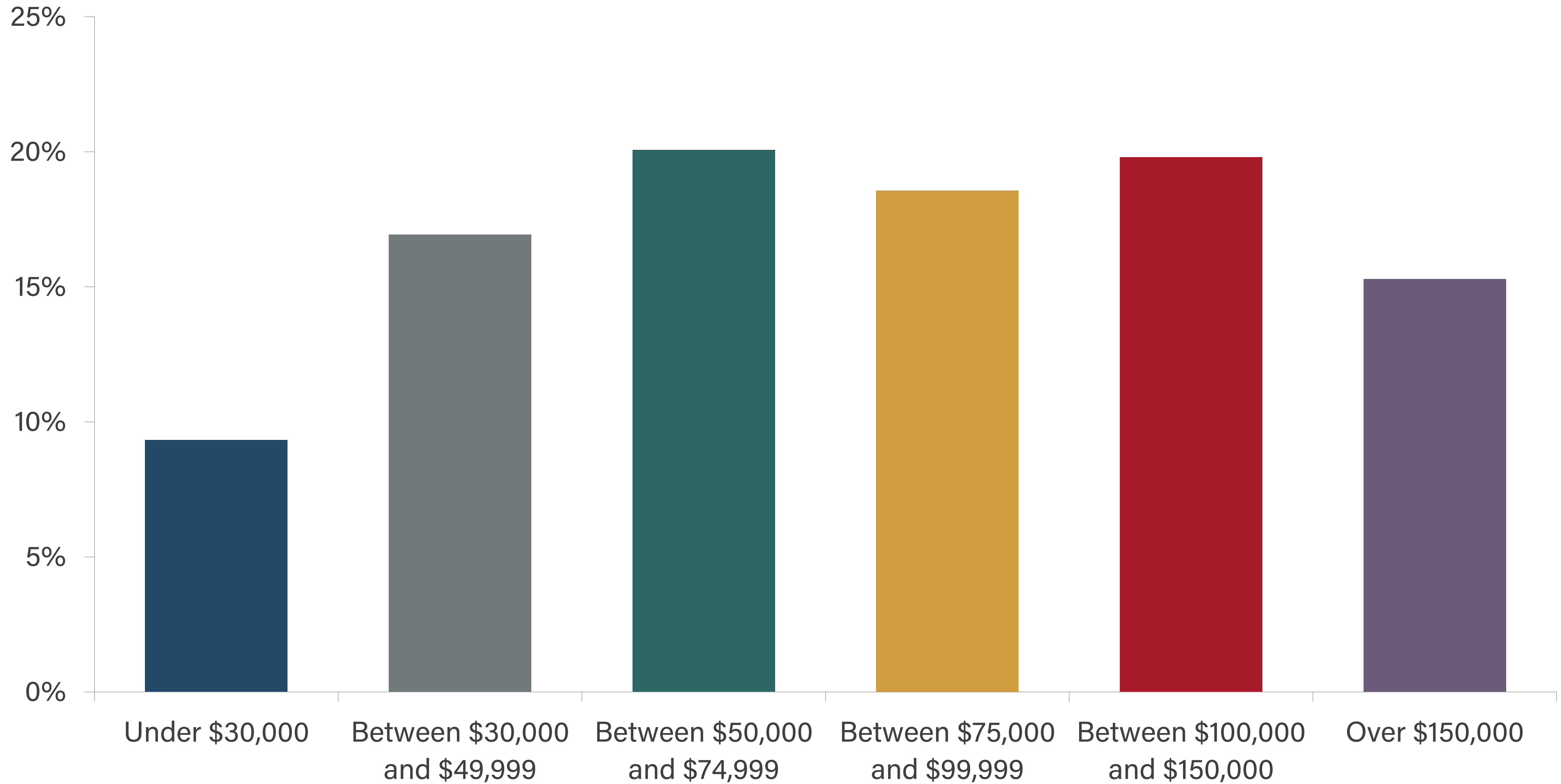


Are you Hispanic or Latino?



Q12

What is your household income?



Q13

Gender?

Open ended question, chart based on tagged answers.

