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Community Planning

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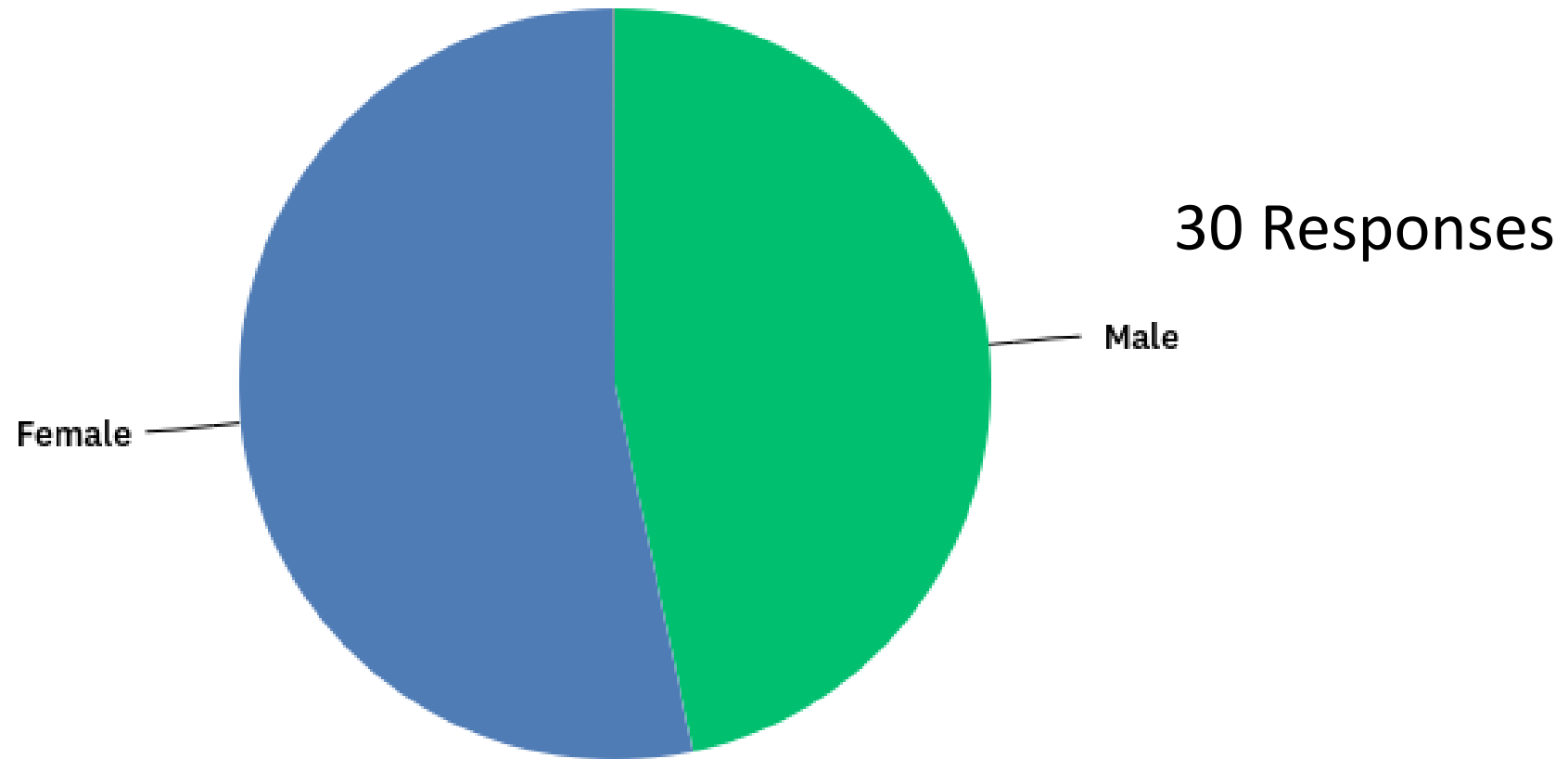


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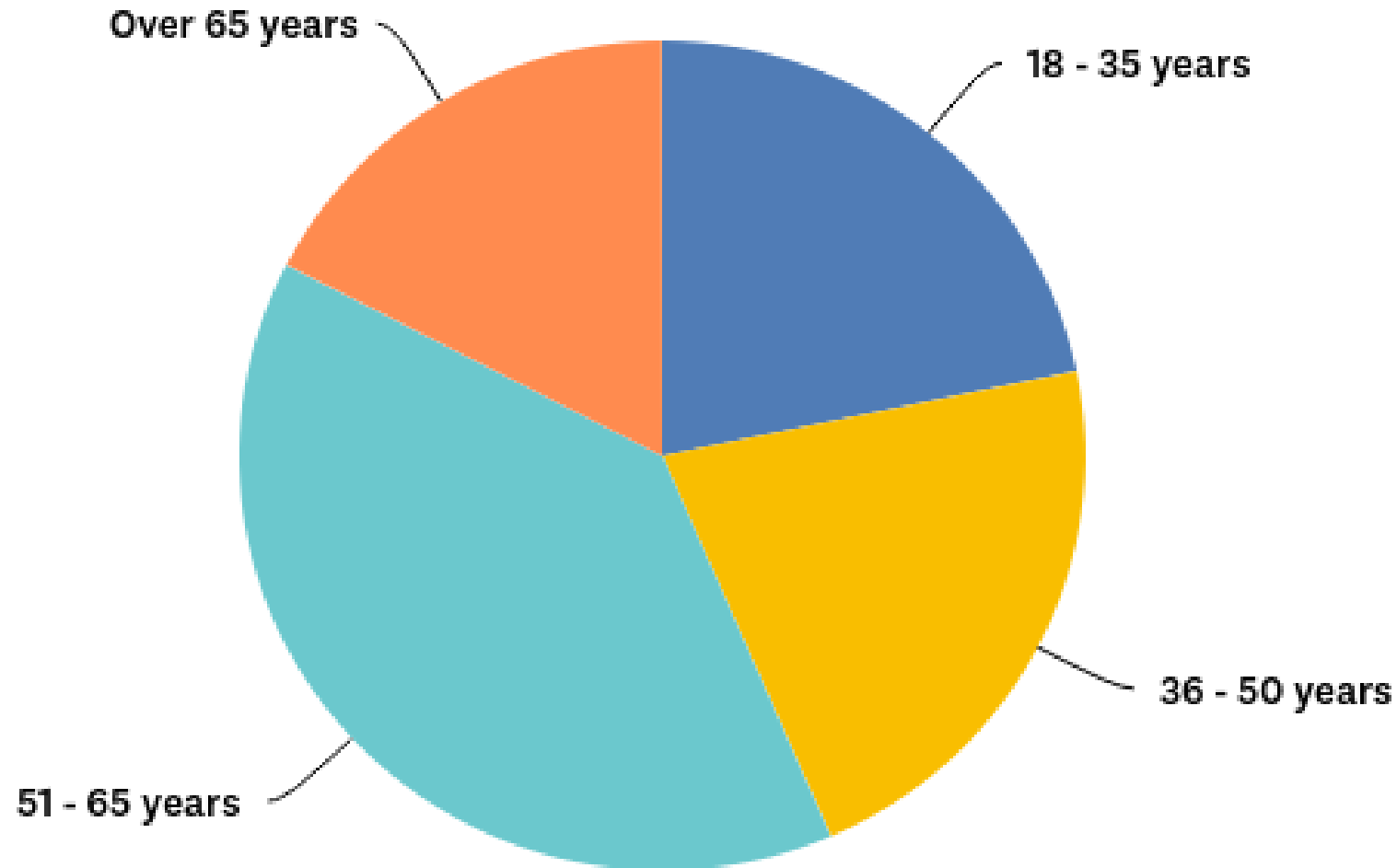


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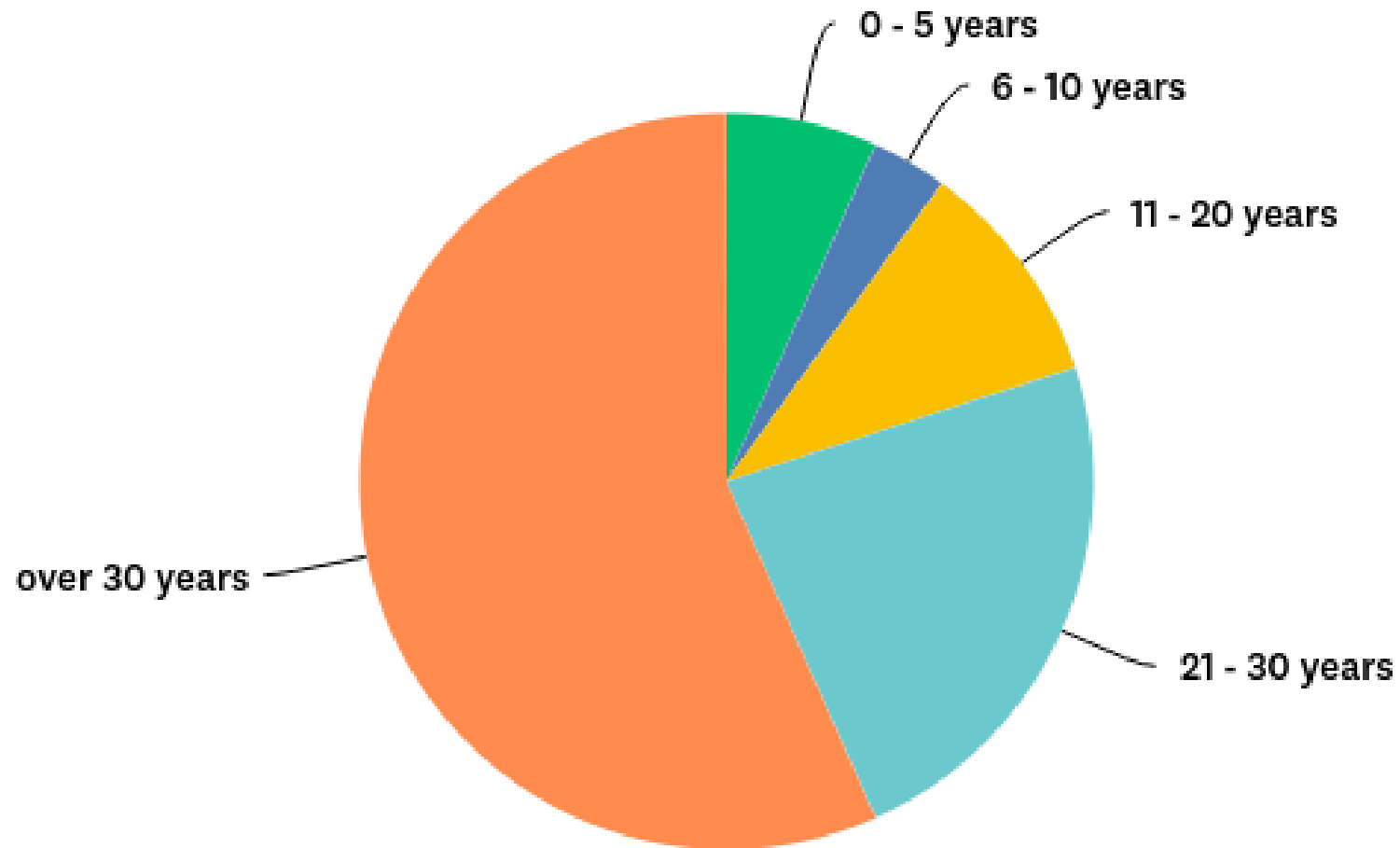
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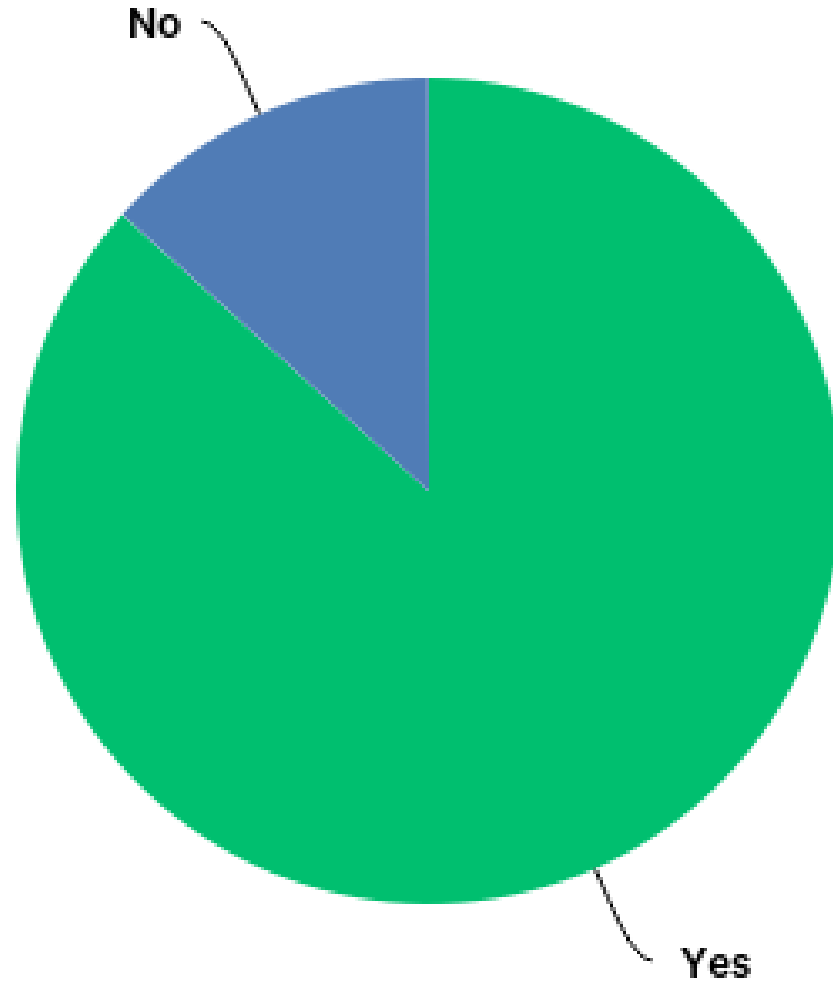
Q3. To which of the following age categories do you belong?



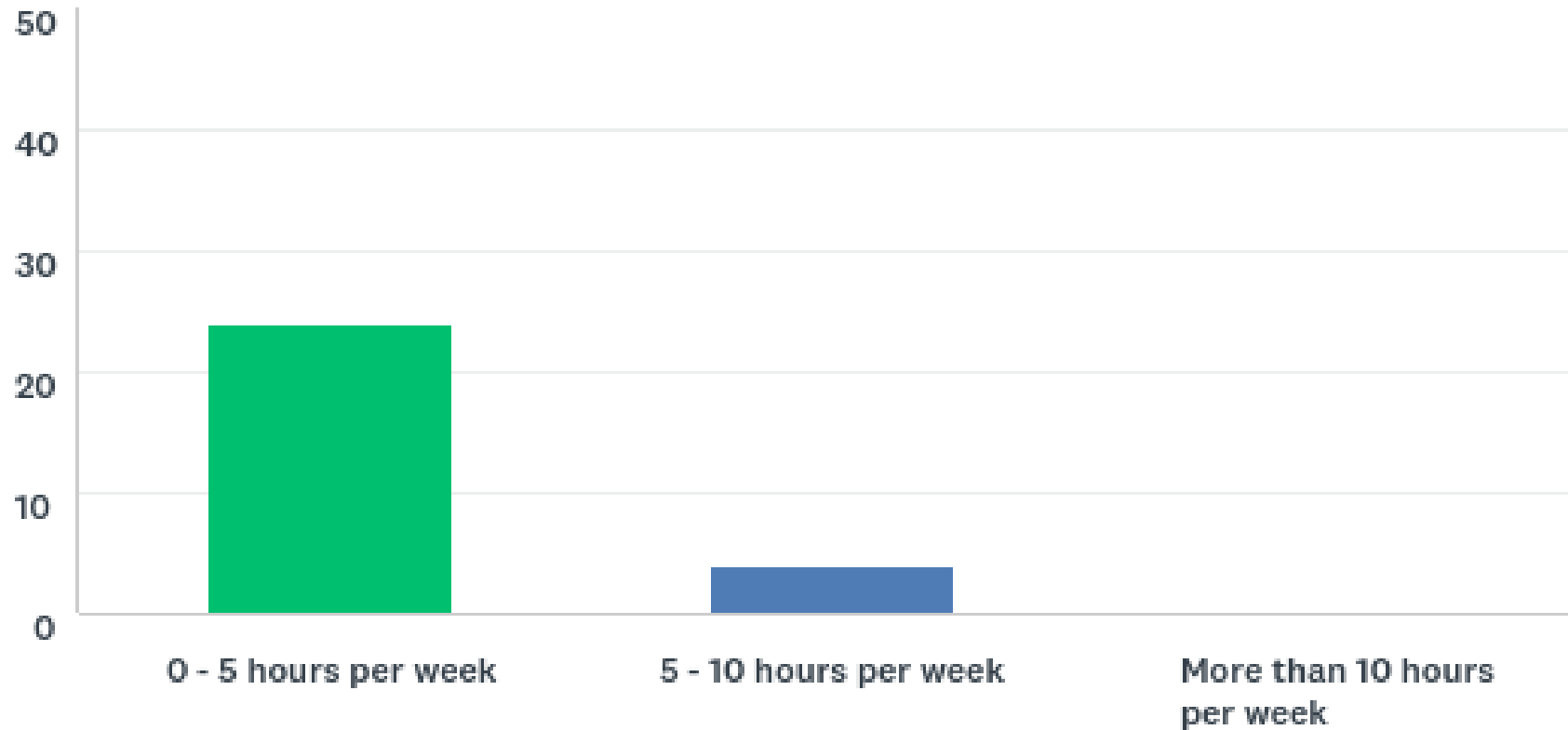
Q4. Which of the following best describes how long you have lived in this community?



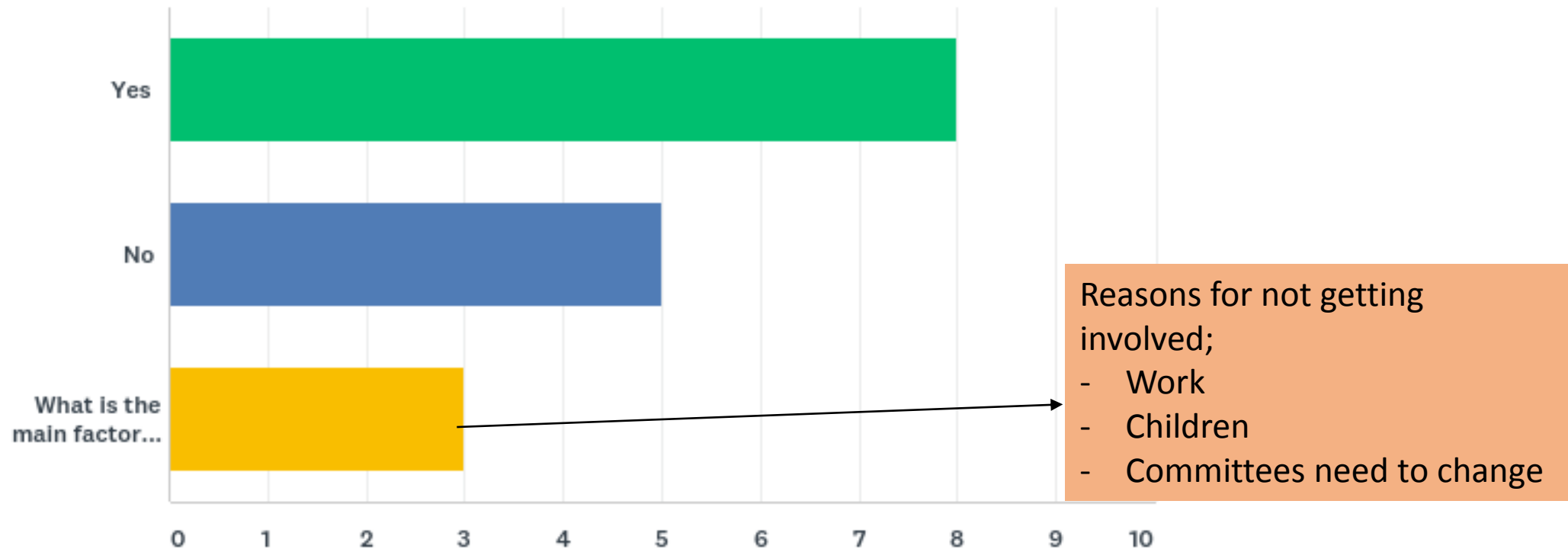
Q5. Do you volunteer in your community?



Q6. On average how many hours a week would you give to voluntary work?



Q7. If you said No to question 5 above, would you be interested in becoming a member of a local group?



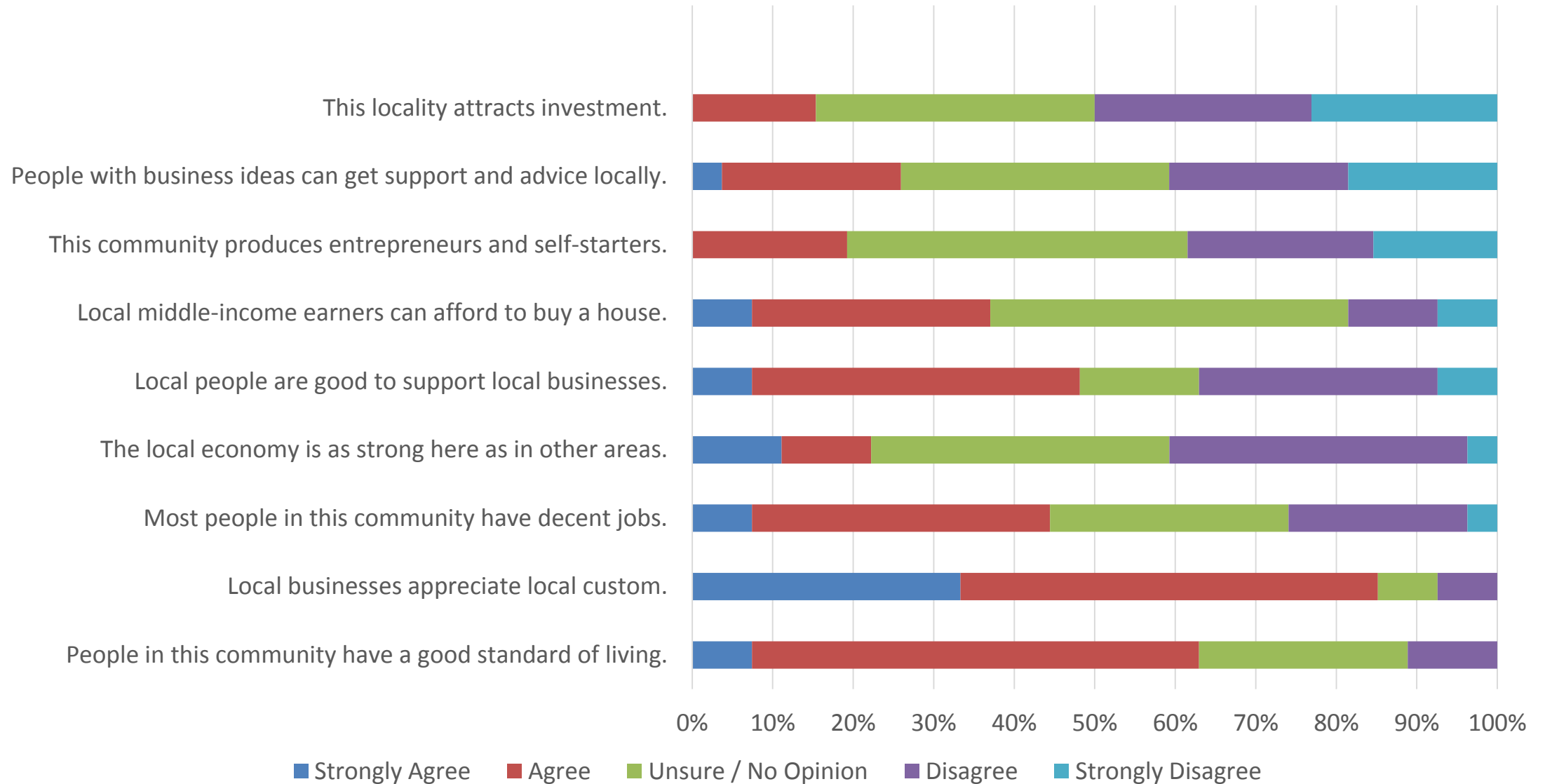
Q8. If you had the opportunity, what would you like to do personally to help improve the quality of life for your community?

- Local sports facilities
- A playground
- A youth café
- Activities for active age
- Help SVdP
- Address traffic speeding
- Organise a community hub
- Address car parking
- Work with young people
- Get involved with Tidy Towns
- Get involved with Parents Council

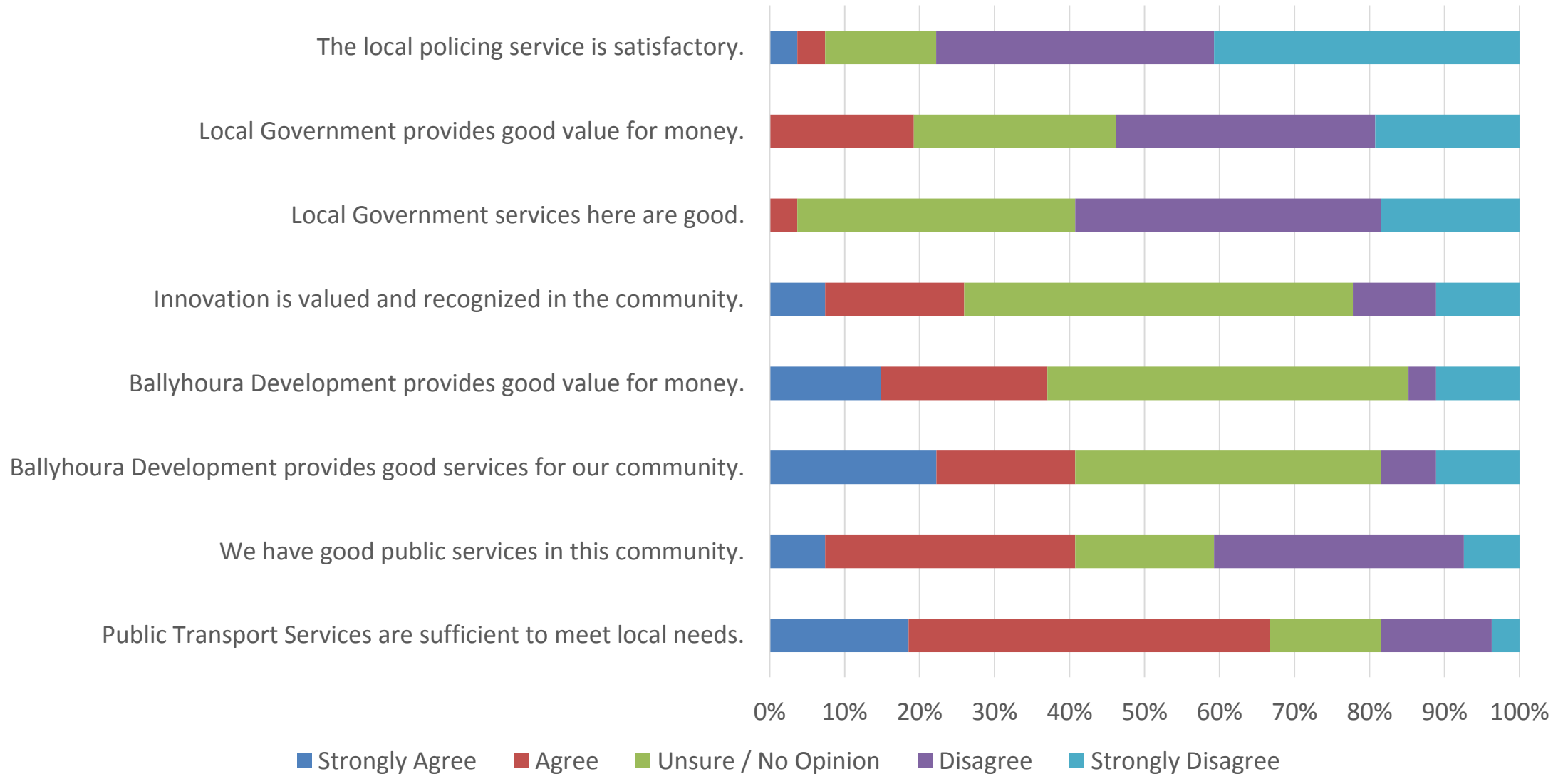
Q9. What three words would you use to describe your community?



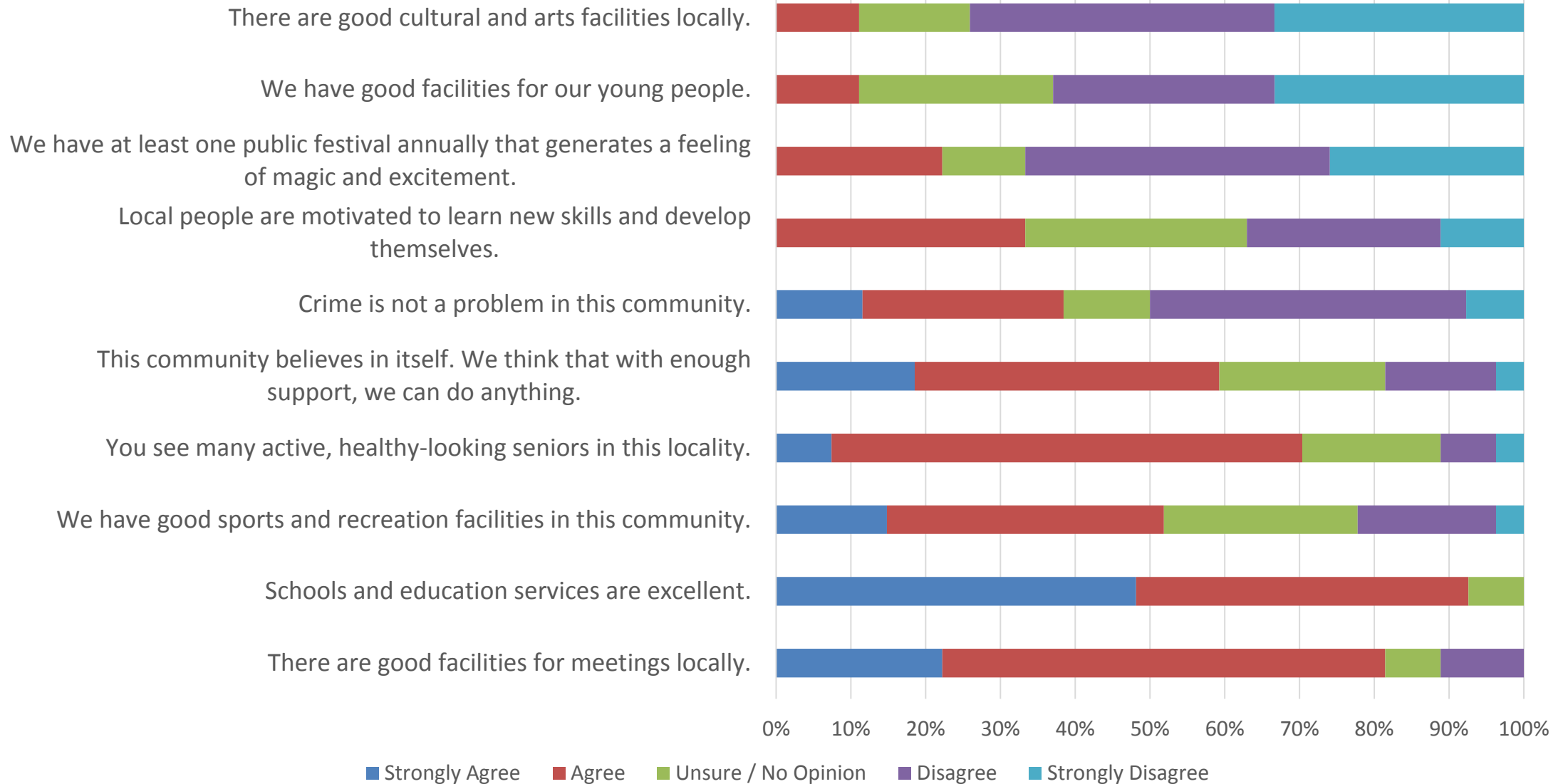
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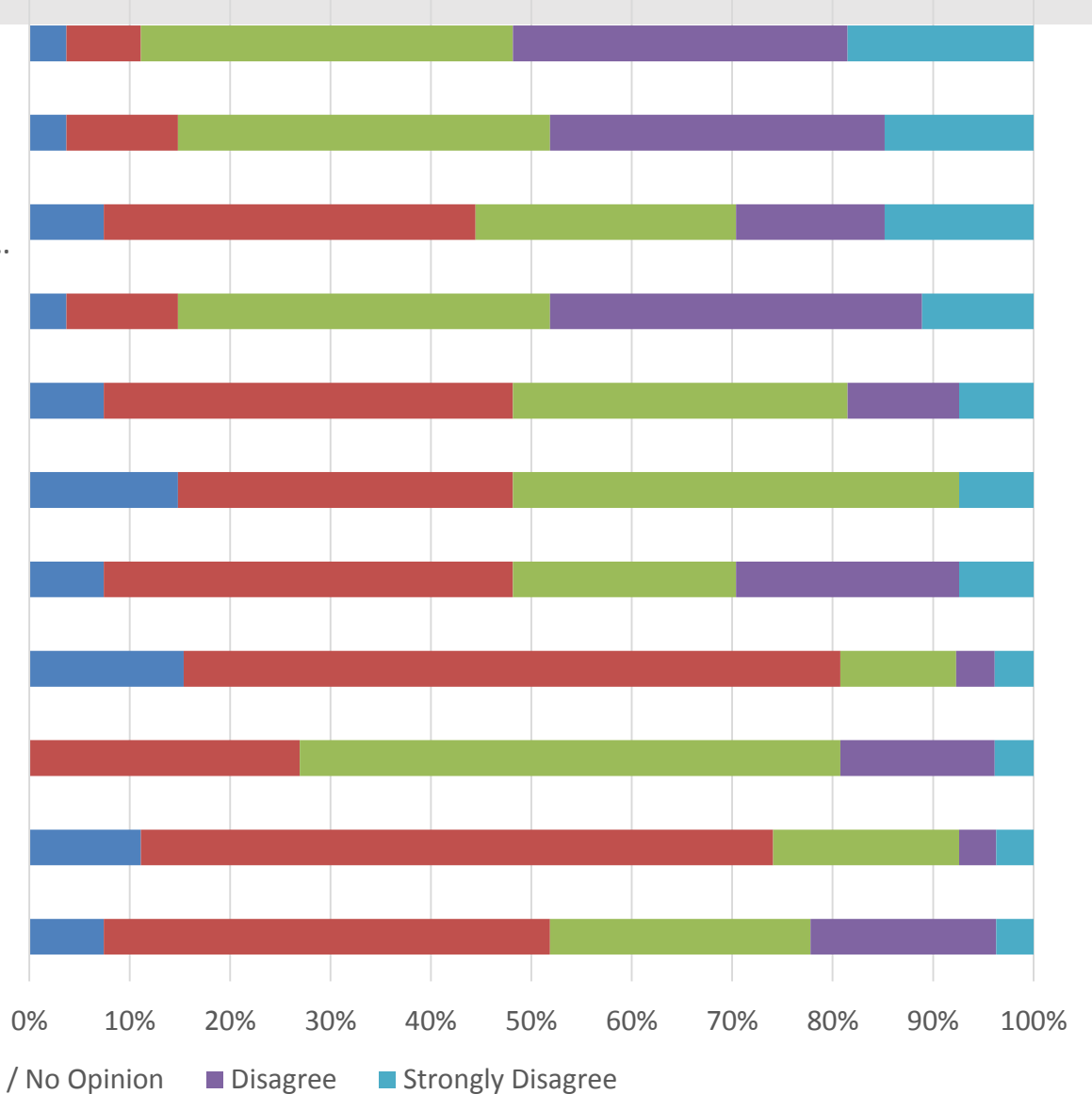


Q11. Social Vibrancy

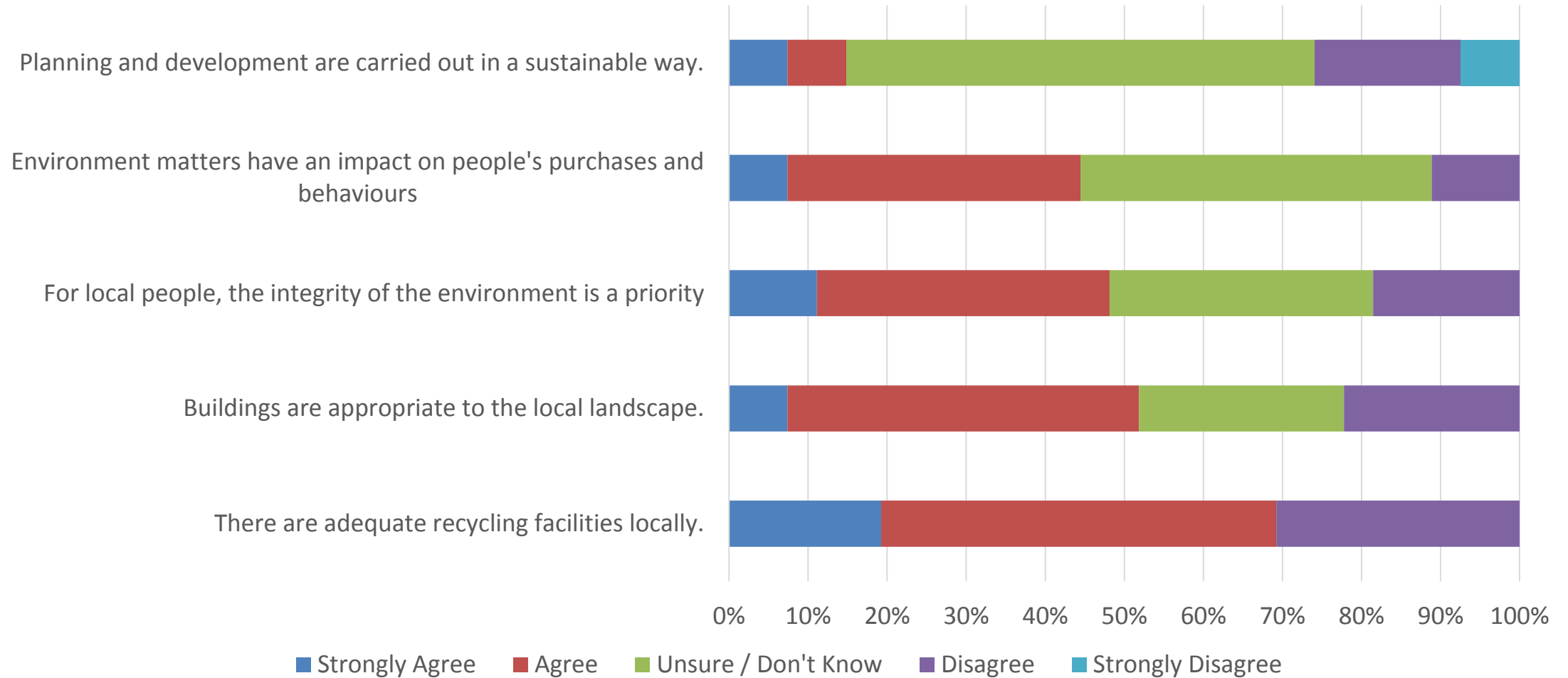


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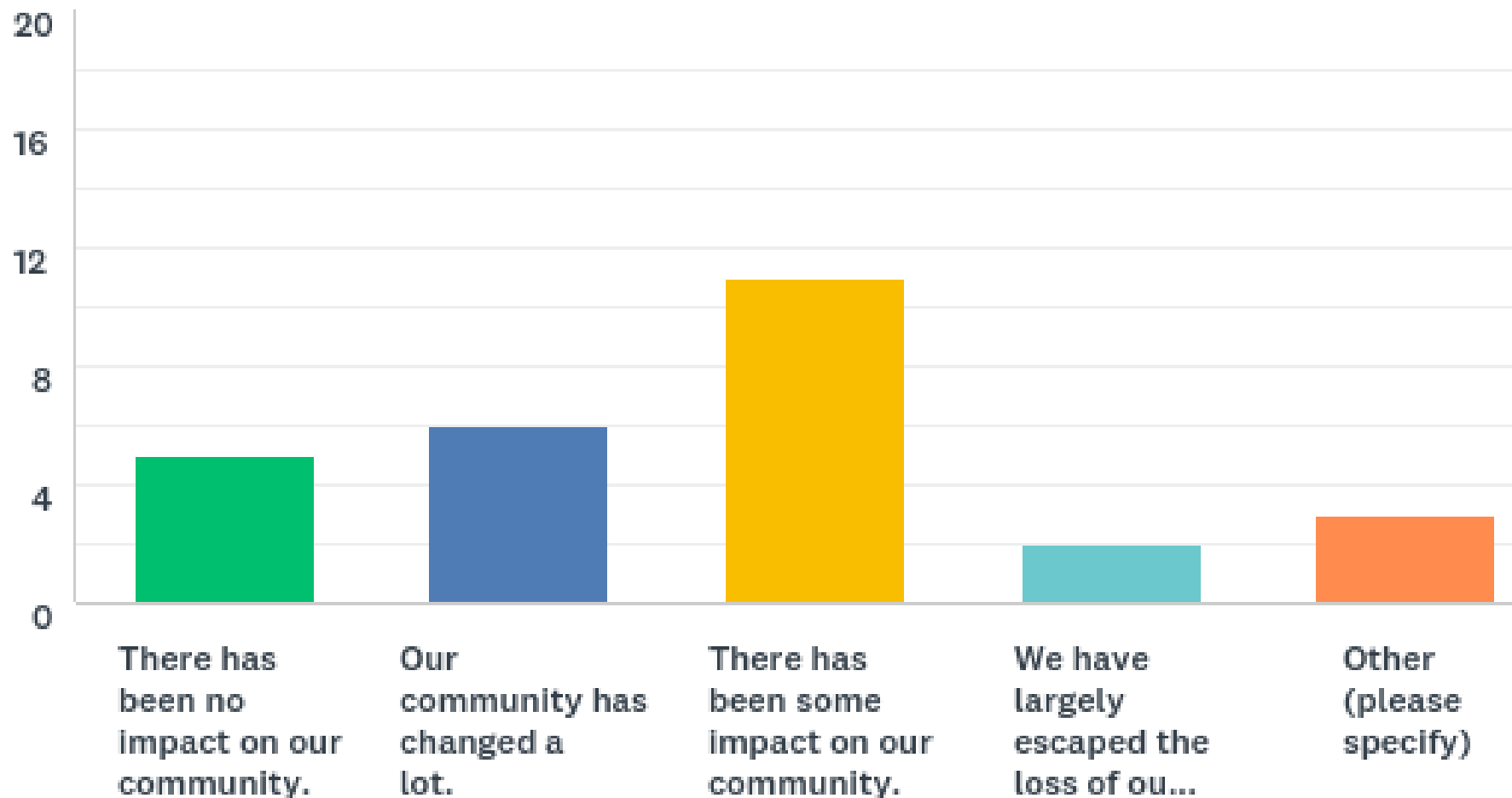
- There are opportunities for inclusion and support for those with physical disabilities.
- There are opportunities for inclusion and support for those with intellectual disabilities or special needs.
- For newcomers to the community and those who wish to, there are meaningful opportunities to get involved and make a difference in...
- There are friendly public spaces where a variety of kinds of people feel welcome.
- The community has a distinct culture and heritage that is appreciated by local people.
- Citizens are interested in national and international news and current affairs.
- Anti-social behaviour is not really a problem in this locality.
- People greet each other, regardless of whether they know them.
- Young adults (age 25–34) consider the community a desirable place to live.
- Locals are committed to this community—they have a strong sense that they belong here.
- Groups with similar interests form alliances and co-operate to achieve goals.



Q12. Environmental Vibrancy



Q13. How would you describe the impact of recent population changes on your community?



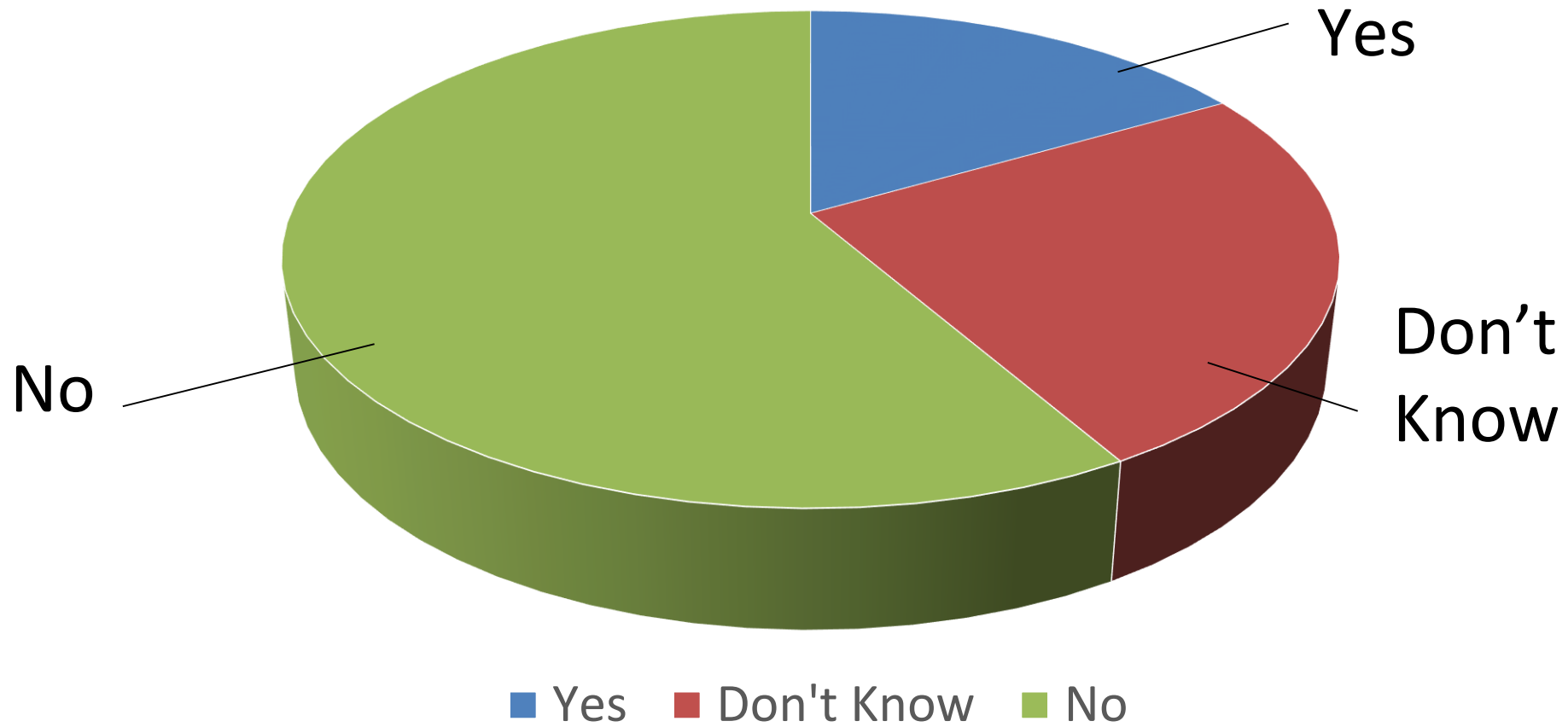
Q14. What, if anything, do you like about living in your area?

- A good place to live
- Good GAA club
- Excellent school
- Good community centre
- Peaceful, quiet
- Good community/ close-knit
- A sense of belonging
- Convenient to Limerick and Tipperary
- Friendly, good neighbours
- *'it's home'*

Q15. What, if anything, do you dislike about living in your area?

- Dangerous main road
- Inadequate parking
- Derelict buildings
- Inadequate broadband
- Sewage system needs upgrading
- Stigmatising young people
- Lack of social/ cultural facilities
- Facilities not fully used
- No playground
- Nothing!

Q16. Does everyone in your community feel included? Please comment.



Q17. How would you compare your community now with five years ago?

- More positive, more advanced, more vibrant
- Bigger, more diverse
- Lack of social and affordable housing
- More planning meetings than before
- More drugs and anti-social behaviour
- Same/ no difference
- More active now
- The Community Council is active



Q18. What are the principle current issues facing your community?

- Facilities for youth
- Lack of parking/ traffic calming
- An ageing population
- A playground needed
- Broadband
- Housing for new families
- Sewage system needs upgrading
- Community communications

Q19. What, if anything, needs to be done to make your town or community a better place in which to live and work?

- A playground
- A youth cafe
- More housing; social and affordable
- Support Tidy Towns
- A by-pass
- Safe walks
- A social meeting space
- Better use of community centre
- More communication between groups
- Safe walking
- Employment
- Public internet

Main Issues

1. People feel good living in the community, friendly and quiet
2. The local economy is weak and doesn't attract business
3. Policing is inadequate and concerns about crime
4. People dissatisfied with Local Government services
5. Facilities good except for cultural and arts
6. Parking is an issue as is derelict buildings
7. Consensus on need for a playground
8. Need for safe walks and footpaths