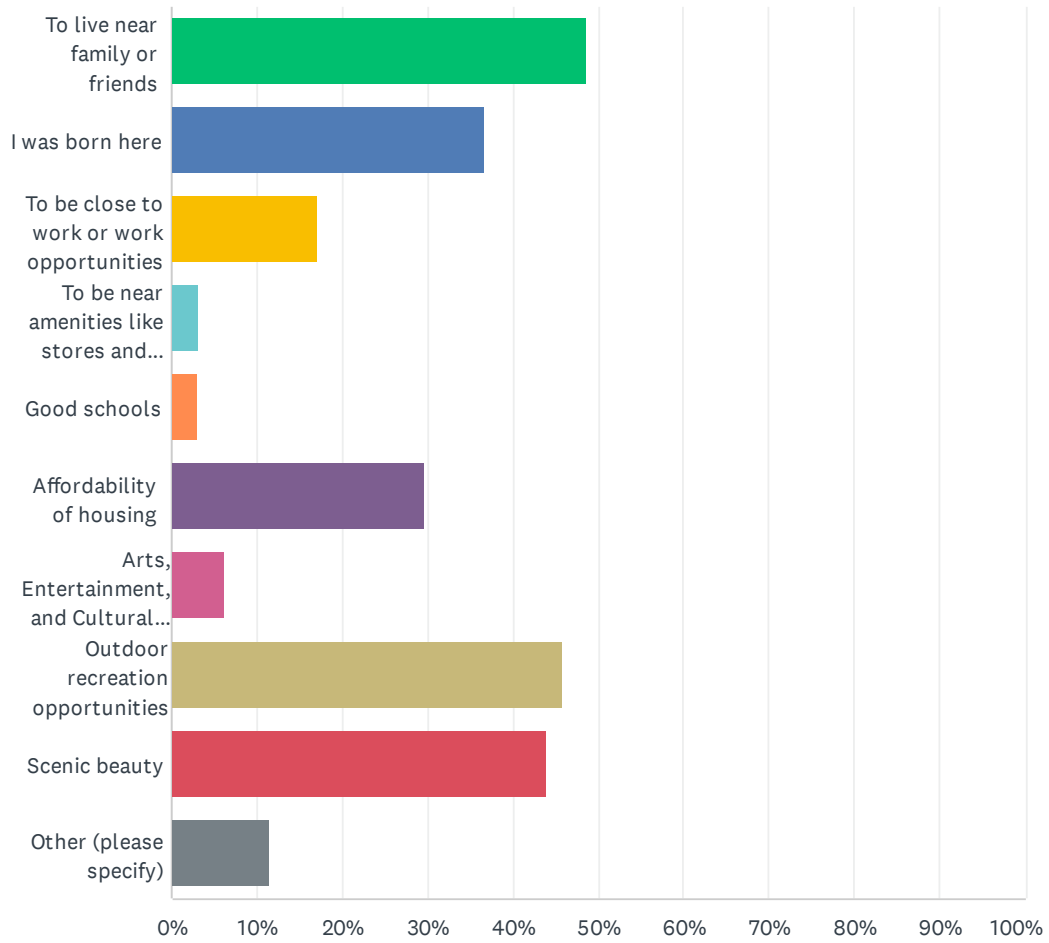


Q1 Why do you live in Ironwood (pick your top 3)

Answered: 401 Skipped: 4



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
To live near family or friends	48.63%	195
I was born here	36.66%	147
To be close to work or work opportunities	16.96%	68
To be near amenities like stores and community centers	3.24%	13
Good schools	2.99%	12
Affordability of housing	29.68%	119
Arts, Entertainment, and Cultural opportunities	6.23%	25
Outdoor recreation opportunities	45.89%	184
Scenic beauty	43.89%	176
Other (please specify)	11.47%	46
Total Respondents: 401		

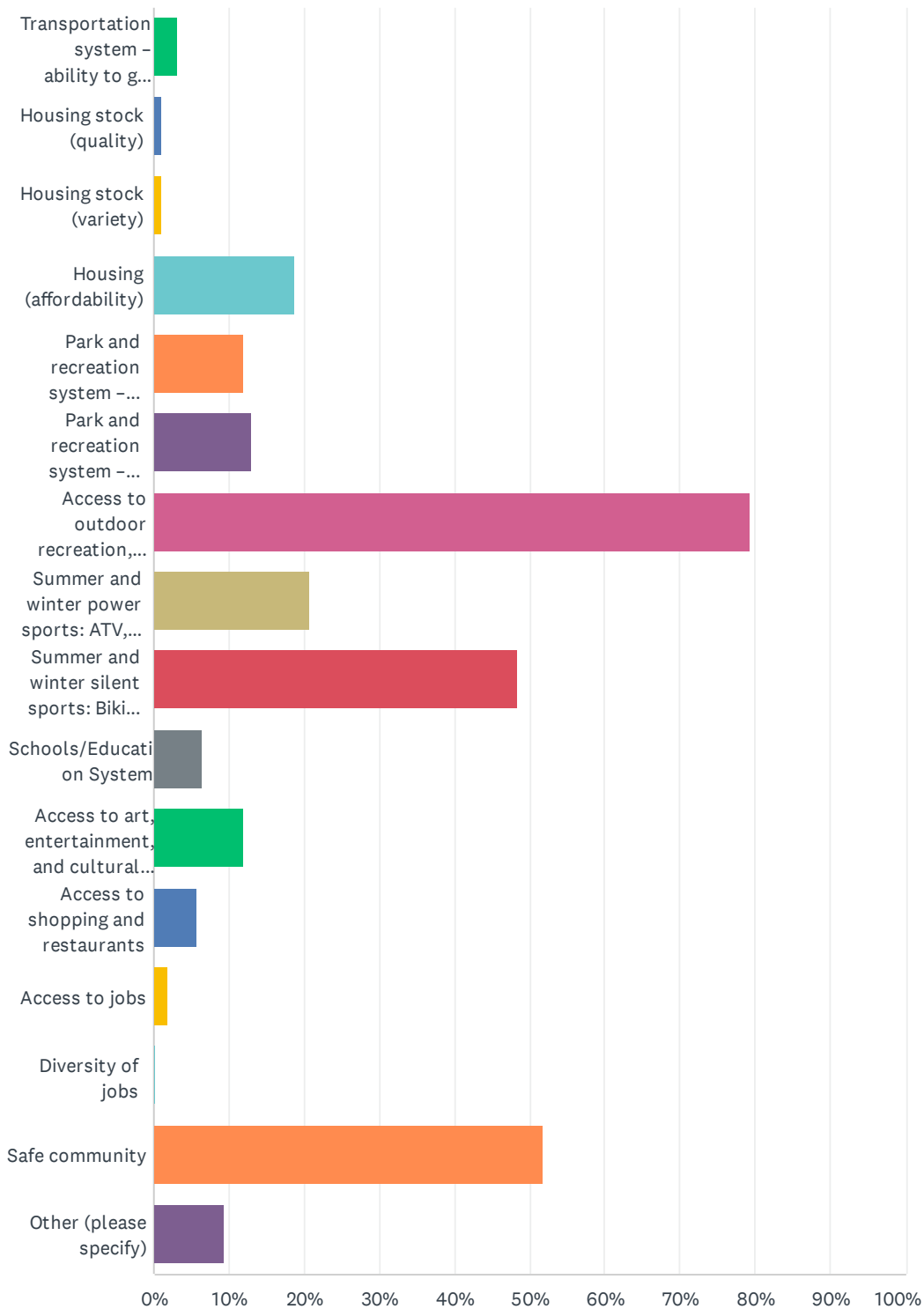
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Early family members lived here.	7/24/2024 1:11 PM
2	I moved back after realizing what a beautiful and opportunity rich area this could become. I was born here, and am very proud of that.	7/15/2024 11:27 AM
3	Married a local	7/13/2024 9:07 AM
4	No liva here	7/11/2024 9:11 AM
5	Do Not live there	7/10/2024 7:16 PM
6	I do not live in Ironwood, but I work here and use its amenities.	7/9/2024 7:00 AM
7	Used to live in Ironwood. Now live in Ironwood Township	6/19/2024 9:32 PM
8	Feel safe here	6/11/2024 1:33 PM
9	I was born in Bessemer, my husband was from Ironwood so I've been in Ironwood for 54 years and live in the family home	6/11/2024 10:08 AM
10	Low crime generally quiet	6/10/2024 9:34 PM
11	Slower pace and walkability	6/10/2024 8:09 PM
12	It was near a lake cottage we used to own	6/10/2024 5:31 PM
13	I wanted to retire to Upper Pennisula and moved after retirement	6/10/2024 5:22 PM
14	My husband is from here	6/10/2024 5:19 PM
15	Followed hubby	6/10/2024 5:10 PM
16	Moved here 1995 for collage (Registered Nurse)and then never left area.	5/23/2024 12:31 PM
17	I was born and raised in the area	5/23/2024 9:23 AM
18	Opportunity to return to UP, relocate small business to area, work/participate at new Snowriver Resort	5/22/2024 8:04 AM
19	The history, the people, quiet, nature.	5/19/2024 10:15 PM
20	It' safe & not lots of traffic	5/16/2024 11:08 PM
21	Spur of the moment move	5/16/2024 8:28 PM

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22	Can not afford to move	5/16/2024 10:40 AM
23	Low crime,safe to raise children.	5/16/2024 9:11 AM
24	I don't live in Ironwood, but I visit and shop frequently	5/16/2024 8:08 AM
25	Safety,low crime,low population= less traffic & people congestion.	5/16/2024 7:55 AM
26	Retirement	5/16/2024 7:27 AM
27	Less people, 4 seasons weather	5/16/2024 6:12 AM
28	Raise kids in a good area	5/15/2024 11:17 PM
29	High speed internet, Natural Gas.	5/15/2024 10:25 PM
30	My spouse accepted a job here.	5/15/2024 9:53 PM
31	Forced	5/15/2024 9:04 PM
32	I'm an artist. Affordable housing makes my studio possible.	5/15/2024 8:52 PM
33	To stay close to son.	5/15/2024 8:31 PM
34	i live in Ramsay	5/15/2024 8:29 PM
35	Lake	5/15/2024 8:25 PM
36	i like the cold and snow.	5/15/2024 8:01 PM
37	Less people	5/15/2024 7:21 PM
38	Married to a born in ironwood man	5/15/2024 7:12 PM
39	Safety	5/15/2024 6:47 PM
40	I don't live in Ironwood	5/15/2024 6:30 PM
41	Can't afford to move	5/15/2024 3:55 PM
42	Live in Hurley	5/15/2024 3:44 PM
43	Great community.	5/15/2024 3:22 PM
44	Took care of parents.	5/14/2024 9:30 AM
45	Moved here for opportunity to apply for Micro business license	5/13/2024 7:36 PM
46	Part time resident	5/13/2024 8:57 AM

Q2 What are the things you like most about Ironwood (check the top 3)

Answered: 395 Skipped: 10



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Transportation system – ability to get around	3.29%	13
Housing stock (quality)	1.01%	4
Housing stock (variety)	1.01%	4
Housing (affordability)	18.73%	74
Park and recreation system – quality of parks	11.90%	47
Park and recreation system – availability and accessibility of fields, playgrounds, parks	12.91%	51
Access to outdoor recreation, nature, forests, Lake Superior, rivers and streams	79.24%	313
Summer and winter power sports: ATV, snowmobile, motocross, others...	20.76%	82
Summer and winter silent sports: Biking, hiking, snowshoeing, skiing	48.35%	191
Schools/Education System	6.33%	25
Access to art, entertainment, and cultural amenities	11.90%	47
Access to shopping and restaurants	5.82%	23
Access to jobs	2.03%	8
Diversity of jobs	0.25%	1
Safe community	51.90%	205
Other (please specify)	9.37%	37
Total Respondents: 395		

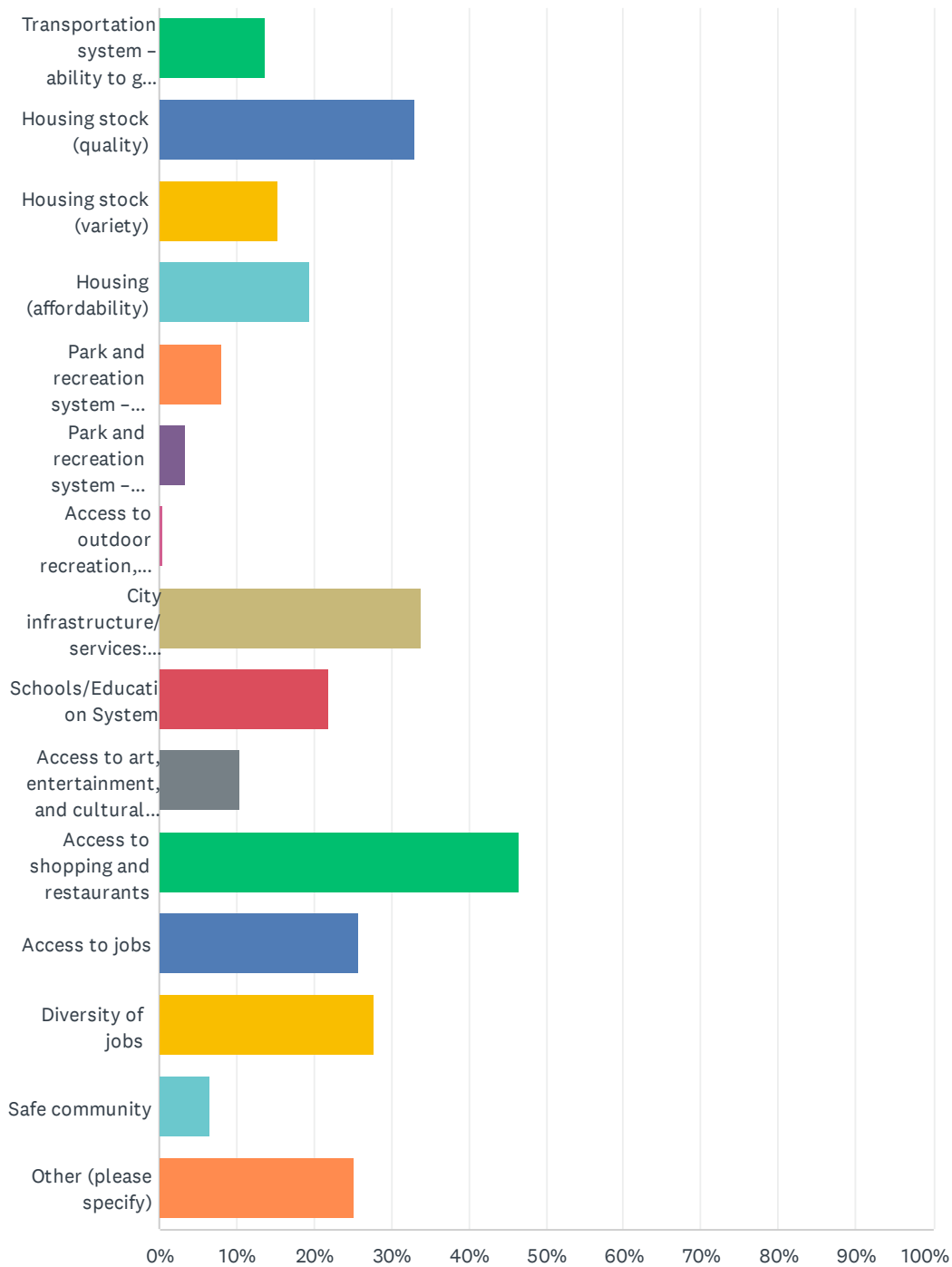
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Small town, laid back, lower stress culture, fewer people	7/17/2024 7:27 AM
2	this area has a chance of being something amazing and I want to be a part of that	7/15/2024 11:27 AM
3	Proximity to primary care hospital and clinic	7/14/2024 1:38 PM
4	Friendly community	7/14/2024 8:27 AM
5	Liva nex dore	7/11/2024 9:11 AM
6	The parks are awesome. Downtown is pretty great except for some empty slots. The inherent geography is a great gift that should be marketed.	7/9/2024 7:00 AM
7	Additional Motorized Trails - connecting other areas	6/19/2024 11:29 AM
8	Small town	6/11/2024 8:20 AM
9	Close to family	6/11/2024 7:35 AM
10	Small town friendliness, the people	6/10/2024 8:23 PM
11	family is all here	6/10/2024 7:08 PM
12	Quiet and lack of crime peaceful	6/10/2024 5:22 PM
13	We only live around here because it's close to family	6/10/2024 5:21 PM
14	Need more wheelchair friendly places	6/10/2024 5:14 PM
15	Not a fan	6/10/2024 5:10 PM
16	No need to move	5/28/2024 1:17 PM

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17	Scenic beauty	5/27/2024 8:36 AM
18	Slow pace of life.	5/27/2024 3:42 AM
19	It's home, no matter what	5/23/2024 9:23 AM
20	The history, the people, the restaurants	5/19/2024 10:15 PM
21	Nothing at the moment	5/16/2024 3:15 PM
22	None of those above even describes Ironwood	5/16/2024 10:40 AM
23	Heritage	5/16/2024 7:27 AM
24	Good place to Retire	5/16/2024 6:12 AM
25	Friends and family	5/15/2024 7:42 PM
26	Walking to everything except grocery	5/15/2024 7:22 PM
27	Family is here	5/15/2024 7:13 PM
28	Family here	5/15/2024 7:12 PM
29	Small town atmosphere	5/15/2024 6:55 PM
30	Low population	5/15/2024 6:04 PM
31	Iron Belle trail	5/15/2024 5:48 PM
32	Nothing specific	5/15/2024 3:55 PM
33	DH skiing at Snowriver	5/15/2024 3:37 PM
34	Population. Not too small, not too large.	5/15/2024 3:00 PM
35	I like how all things revolve around the beer at the city owned brewery	5/15/2024 2:09 PM
36	community college	5/13/2024 5:28 PM
37	Scenic beauty	5/13/2024 9:46 AM

Q3 What are the things you like least about Ironwood (check the top 3)

Answered: 390 Skipped: 15



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Transportation system – ability to get around	13.59%	53
Housing stock (quality)	33.08%	129
Housing stock (variety)	15.38%	60
Housing (affordability)	19.49%	76
Park and recreation system – quality of parks	8.21%	32
Park and recreation system – availability and accessibility of fields, playgrounds, parks	3.33%	13
Access to outdoor recreation, nature, forests, Lake Superior, rivers and streams	0.51%	2
City infrastructure/services: streets, lighting, water, power, fire protection, police protection, etc.	33.85%	132
Schools/Education System	22.05%	86
Access to art, entertainment, and cultural amenities	10.51%	41
Access to shopping and restaurants	46.41%	181
Access to jobs	25.90%	101
Diversity of jobs	27.69%	108
Safe community	6.67%	26
Other (please specify)	25.13%	98
Total Respondents: 390		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Dwindling commercial services, auto and appliance dealers, medical availability, thing that can be the result of population decline	7/20/2024 8:03 PM
2	lack of retirement housing	7/20/2024 1:25 PM
3	Road quality	7/17/2024 7:27 AM
4	lack of restaurants	7/15/2024 3:54 PM
5	Houses that are falling apart and not maintained	7/14/2024 1:55 PM
6	Lots of run down houses - need better blight control	7/14/2024 1:46 PM
7	Unfortunately, grandkids are 600/800 miles away	7/14/2024 1:38 PM
8	Access to quality healthcare	7/14/2024 8:54 AM
9	I have no dislikes	7/14/2024 8:27 AM
10	And hey, sometimes, it's the people.	7/11/2024 9:11 AM
11	cannabis shops	7/11/2024 12:16 AM
12	Need more diversity in restaurants (please), as well as higher paying employment with interesting options to attract and hold young people	7/9/2024 7:00 AM
13	allowing fireworks downtown in peoples backyards all day and all night	7/4/2024 8:40 PM
14	We need to do more to make life better for low income residents in our community.	6/27/2024 7:28 AM
15	To many DOPE shops!	6/22/2024 11:12 AM
16	More police officers, less marijuana places.	6/19/2024 11:29 AM

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17	Would love to see more emphasis(statewide) on supporting and encouraging the development of small sustainable businesses and less emphasis on attempts to attract or support boom/bust industries that often lead to less economic diversity in the long term and will be in direct conflict with multiple businesses built around recreational access and the natural beauty of the Porkies.	6/18/2024 11:13 PM
18	diversity, equity, inclusion guidelines - unnecessary	6/15/2024 10:33 PM
19	Littering	6/11/2024 2:37 PM
20	Snow	6/11/2024 2:22 PM
21	Water rates too high	6/11/2024 1:33 PM
22	There really isn't anything that I don't like about Ironwood, it's all good	6/11/2024 8:59 AM
23	Noise, noise, noise. Lack of enforcement of vehicle noise violations and vehicle maintenance which causes a lot of the noise.	6/11/2024 8:20 AM
24	Norrie Park and Little Girls point need to be brought back to their glory. Norrie Park can be a nice local swimming park again	6/11/2024 6:13 AM
25	Utility costs water, electric, gas	6/10/2024 10:57 PM
26	Cost of Utilities are a lot higher than most places especially the Water and Gas.	6/10/2024 9:34 PM
27	Lack of childcare options	6/10/2024 8:26 PM
28	As a lifelong swimmer, I would love for our community to have a pool	6/10/2024 8:23 PM
29	Blight in residential neighborhoods	6/10/2024 7:14 PM
30	blight is too common and now pot is at all corners	6/10/2024 7:08 PM
31	High amount of blight	6/10/2024 6:38 PM
32	Water cost and quality., no movie theatre	6/10/2024 6:01 PM
33	Too much blight!!!	6/10/2024 5:43 PM
34	Lack of activities for young people	6/10/2024 5:31 PM
35	For a small town the municipal bills are way to high and not enough good paying jobs for families with benefits.	6/10/2024 5:21 PM
36	weed shops	6/10/2024 3:31 PM
37	Need more restaurants downtown	6/10/2024 1:53 PM
38	There really isn't anything that I don't like about Ironwood, it's all good	6/10/2024 1:49 PM
39	Integrity of city staff. Assessor.	6/10/2024 1:16 PM
40	Way to many cannabis stores	6/6/2024 10:40 PM
41	1) no rec center with pool and 2) lack of quality and diverse evening/dinner restaurant choices	5/31/2024 4:12 PM
42	Blight	5/29/2024 7:37 PM
43	Weed shops	5/27/2024 8:36 AM
44	Old boy system.	5/27/2024 3:42 AM
45	To many blighted properties	5/23/2024 11:25 AM
46	Houses and yards that are not kept up.	5/22/2024 5:37 PM
47	The fact that public safety officers make significantly less money than snowplow drivers.	5/21/2024 8:59 PM
48	Invest in fixing up the older buildings downtown to restore uniqueness, and the history instead of tearing down. Do not like the noise from the atv's, and snowmobiles!	5/19/2024 10:15 PM
49	Weed stores/drugs	5/17/2024 2:51 PM
50	No pool	5/17/2024 10:48 AM

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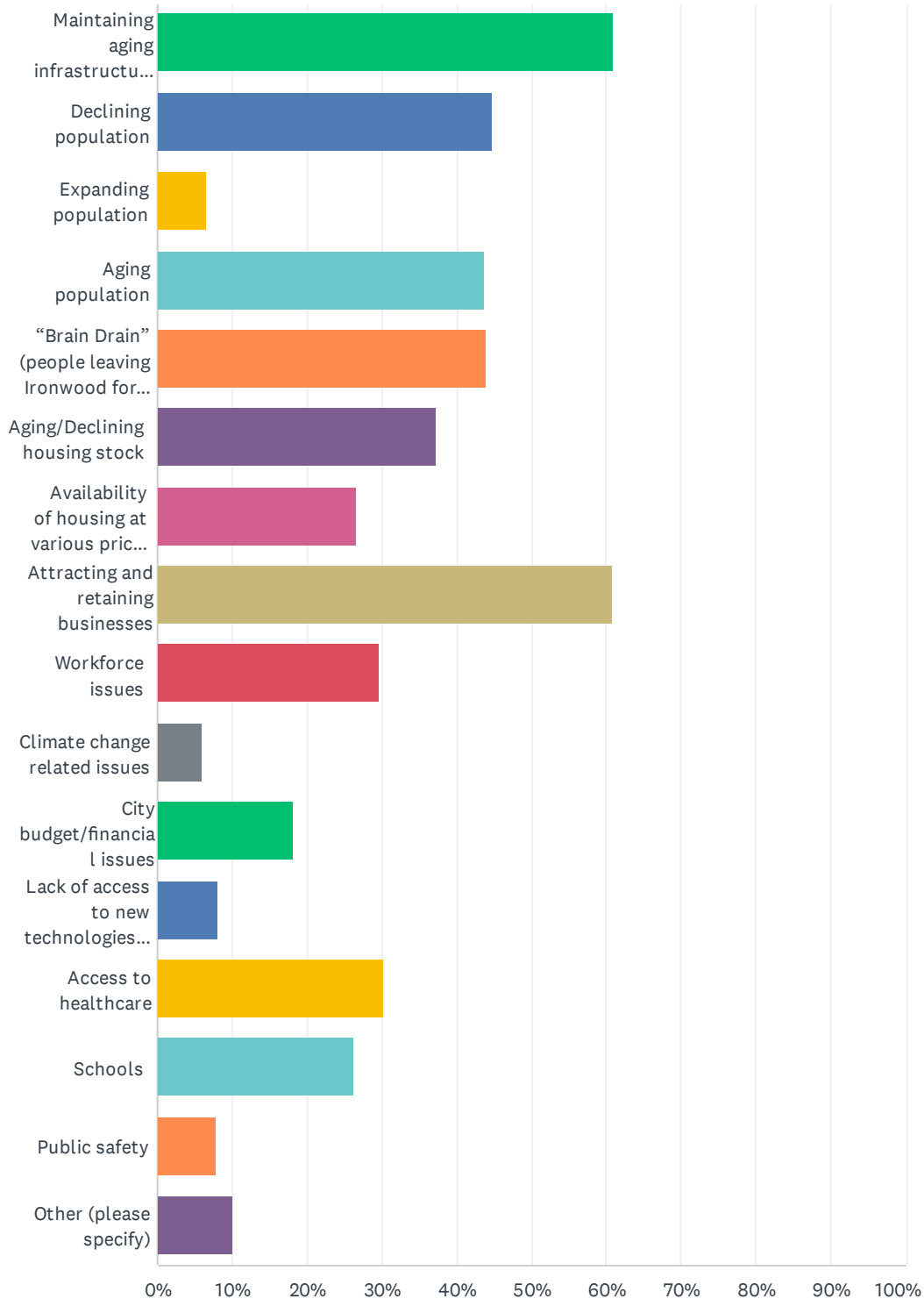
51	All the weed stores	5/17/2024 2:48 AM
52	Marijuana shops	5/16/2024 11:08 PM
53	Small town attitudes	5/16/2024 9:39 PM
54	Access to specialists and the taking over of all available housing by people opening Airbnbs	5/16/2024 8:28 PM
55	Lack of good paying jobs	5/16/2024 2:52 PM
56	Lack of restaurants with healthier food choices.	5/16/2024 11:26 AM
57	So far the City decides how to help the Whole community the LEAST!	5/16/2024 10:40 AM
58	The City Government or lack there of. (Enforcing existing laws)	5/16/2024 10:28 AM
59	Poor Healthcare Options	5/16/2024 10:01 AM
60	too much weed, bad image	5/16/2024 9:15 AM
61	High property taxes, outrageous water bills, crumbling residential sidewalks	5/16/2024 9:11 AM
62	Water and sewer rates	5/16/2024 8:37 AM
63	The plastic statue is an embarrassment	5/16/2024 8:08 AM
64	Accessible to healthcare	5/16/2024 8:04 AM
65	Access to kid activities other than parks, there is no entertainment regarding children functions, parks are a good option, but very limited otherwise	5/16/2024 8:02 AM
66	High property taxes! Outrageous water bill, crumbling side walks in neighborhoods.	5/16/2024 7:55 AM
67	The community struggles to be supportive of the education of our children	5/16/2024 7:51 AM
68	Improve the roads, remove blight	5/16/2024 7:27 AM
69	Blight, poor maintenance of public facilities	5/16/2024 7:09 AM
70	Clicky community	5/16/2024 6:12 AM
71	All the pot stores and smell of pot everywhere	5/15/2024 11:17 PM
72	There are no things for young people to do for entertainment. No youth centers or places for them to go.	5/15/2024 11:09 PM
73	No jobs	5/15/2024 10:50 PM
74	Price of Water and Sewer	5/15/2024 10:25 PM
75	I Hate all the pot businesses it is too much for a small town	5/15/2024 9:18 PM
76	Lack of contractors; need more places to frequent downtown	5/15/2024 9:18 PM
77	Way too many Marijuana shops and no safe places for our children	5/15/2024 9:18 PM
78	Lack of Thai and Indian food. Or fresh food to go. The town is sleepy.	5/15/2024 8:52 PM
79	High taxes and water bills.	5/15/2024 8:31 PM
80	too many pot shops	5/15/2024 8:29 PM
81	Not getting a handle on blight (houses & properties	5/15/2024 8:20 PM
82	The focus on marijuana and anti-family lifestyles	5/15/2024 8:08 PM
83	too many weed stores bringing in degens.	5/15/2024 8:01 PM
84	Old white lady's being offended about an Indian who brought the 5 nations together	5/15/2024 6:59 PM
85	None	5/15/2024 6:38 PM
86	The Numerous pot shops	5/15/2024 5:39 PM
87	Blight	5/15/2024 4:46 PM

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88	Too many Dispensaries	5/15/2024 4:25 PM
89	Blight	5/15/2024 4:12 PM
90	The total reliance on weed stores to try and create economic development	5/15/2024 3:37 PM
91	The quality of the city water.	5/15/2024 3:22 PM
92	Lack of jobs	5/15/2024 2:34 PM
93	City owned brewery	5/15/2024 2:09 PM
94	The City's inability to enforce blight laws.	5/14/2024 9:30 AM
95	Empty condemned buildings that are unkempt, yet unable to be purchased. Also, building facades	5/14/2024 8:27 AM
96	Lack of plowing in winter	5/13/2024 6:33 PM
97	Competence of city staff - specifically assessor	5/13/2024 9:53 AM
98	Blight	5/13/2024 8:57 AM

Q4 What are the biggest challenges Ironwood will face in the next 10-20 years? (Check up to 5)

Answered: 369 Skipped: 36



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Maintaining aging infrastructure (roads, pipes, etc.)	60.98%	225
Declining population	44.72%	165
Expanding population	6.50%	24
Aging population	43.63%	161
“Brain Drain” (people leaving Ironwood for other opportunities)	43.90%	162
Aging/Declining housing stock	37.40%	138
Availability of housing at various price ranges	26.56%	98
Attracting and retaining businesses	60.70%	224
Workforce issues	29.54%	109
Climate change related issues	5.96%	22
City budget/financial issues	18.16%	67
Lack of access to new technologies/Digital Divide	8.13%	30
Access to healthcare	30.35%	112
Schools	26.29%	97
Public safety	7.86%	29
Other (please specify)	10.03%	37
Total Respondents: 369		

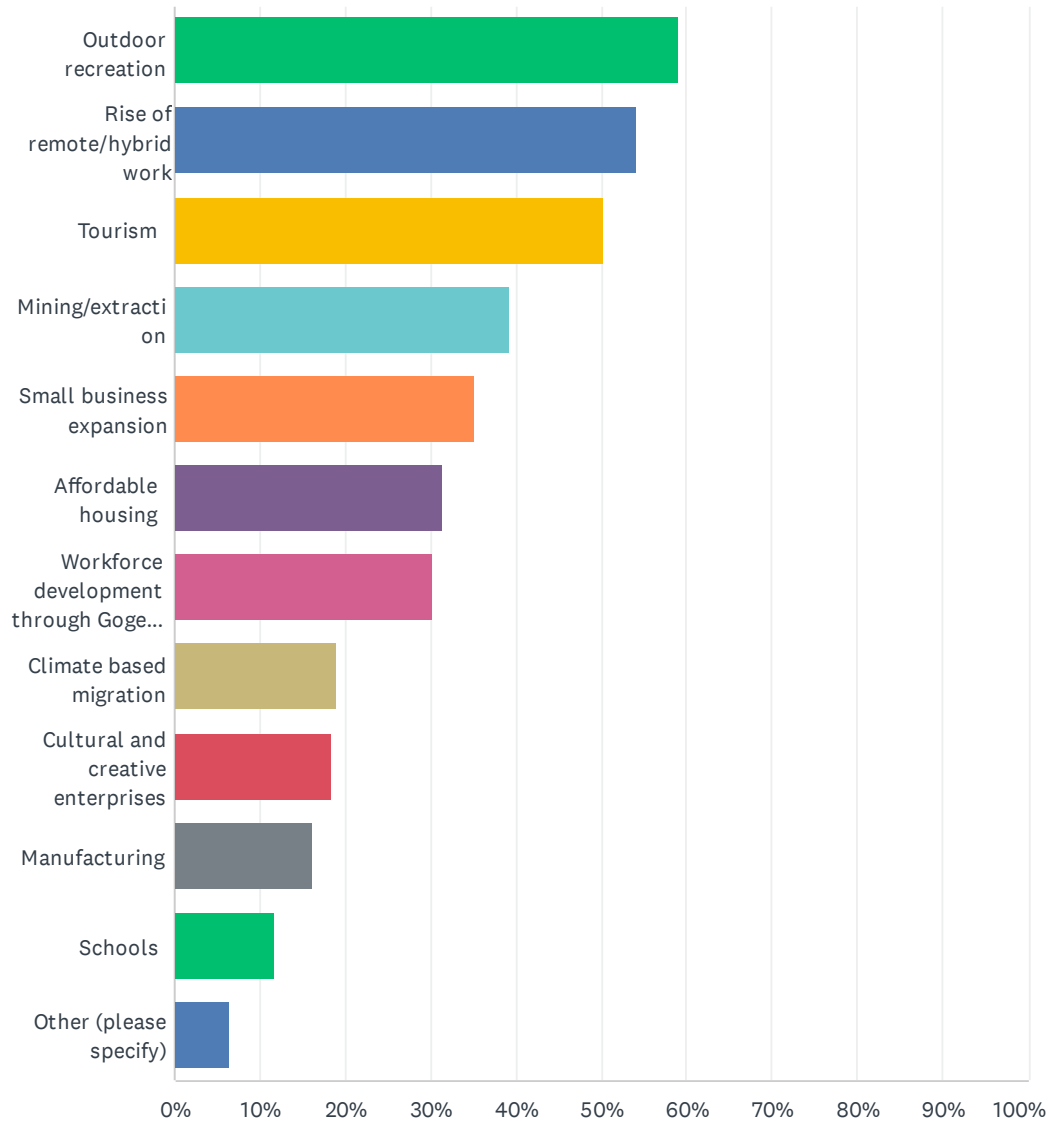
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	nice apartment availability!!!	7/20/2024 1:28 PM
2	over saturated public safety services	7/15/2024 11:33 AM
3	Retail stores that draw people to the area	7/14/2024 11:49 PM
4	Lack of 4 year college, unfortunately GCC is not integrated with the Ironwood community	7/14/2024 1:59 PM
5	Poor transportation , no interstates, railroads and good air service.	7/13/2024 3:15 PM
6	Access of modern nursing homes, assisted living	7/13/2024 9:26 AM
7	No offense to senior citizens because they are a tremendous asset in this community, but their days are numbered, so nurturing an equally vital and useful younger generation is essential to solving every single other problem. Although we never will be able to compete with urban salaries, we ought to be able to provide decently compensated, meaningful employment that (combined with the area's other assets) serves as a draw to young singles and young families. Attracting young entrepreneurs could help to meet that objective..	7/9/2024 7:16 AM
8	Attracting other businesses other than marijuana businesses.	6/19/2024 11:38 AM
9	Ironwood is a perfect place for remote work opportunities, but there's a gap in digital access and knowledge. GCC can also potentially work with businesses to develop core courses/certificate programs. Climate change is likely to make flooding more likely in this area, and this can impact existing infrastructure. The population is aging, but my bet is on expansion rather than contraction. Climate change is already bringing people to the area, even if on an only part-time basis. Housing is becoming more difficult to find.	6/19/2024 12:12 AM
10	Pension obligations	6/15/2024 10:36 PM

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11	Keeping the people that have tried to make improvements and make this their home.	6/11/2024 8:26 AM
12	Managing blight enforcement	6/10/2024 7:22 PM
13	all the drug addicts once pot gets boring	6/10/2024 7:11 PM
14	Mental health	6/10/2024 5:13 PM
15	Mental health problems	6/6/2024 10:43 PM
16	Putting too much effort into silent sorts verses needs of community as a whole.	5/27/2024 3:52 AM
17	Drugs, allowing scum lords to rent to these lower class people.	5/23/2024 12:38 PM
18	Attract more medical staff. Fix up all older buildings downtown. Stricter rules for residence with trash in their yards. Offer cheaper wifi service. Double check water quality. Fine people that do not put leashes on their dogs. When is the ice cream shop ever open? Make highway more attractive, fix up all motels, especially that blue one	5/19/2024 10:29 PM
19	Weed stores /drugs	5/17/2024 2:52 PM
20	#1 worst thing about Ironwood is the drug problem....FIX IT	5/17/2024 11:29 AM
21	Access to safe energy efficient, and healthy houses. Not fixer uppers. Move-in ready and upgraded for efficiency. Lack of public services like quality plumbing, roofing, MOLD remediation etc. Disability access and dog friendliness around town is sketchy at best.	5/16/2024 9:46 PM
22	Declining services such as doctors, lawyers, restaurants etc.	5/16/2024 4:06 PM
23	Drugs	5/16/2024 3:16 PM
24	Constantly charging the People for fines due to the Mismanagement of city funds and work Never completed.	5/16/2024 10:48 AM
25	Childcare	5/16/2024 10:08 AM
26	Attracting and retaining qualified health care providers	5/16/2024 7:55 AM
27	Thinking big, taking chances	5/16/2024 7:22 AM
28	Housing for middle income	5/16/2024 3:33 AM
29	Schools need structural improvements to retain and draw quality community members	5/15/2024 8:58 PM
30	Unaffordable property taxes	5/15/2024 8:37 PM
31	drugs	5/15/2024 8:29 PM
32	Lack of blight enforcement.	5/15/2024 8:15 PM
33	Pot shops are creating a drug culture	5/15/2024 7:39 PM
34	Committees causing issues to start problems in Ironwood	5/15/2024 7:02 PM
35	Finding real sustainable economic development and growth	5/15/2024 3:40 PM
36	City property not being maintained.	5/14/2024 9:35 AM
37	Weed shops	5/14/2024 7:13 AM

Q5 What are the biggest opportunities for Ironwood in the next 10-20 years? (Pick up to 5)

Answered: 360 Skipped: 45



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Outdoor recreation	59.17%	213
Rise of remote/hybrid work	54.17%	195
Tourism	50.28%	181
Mining/extraction	39.17%	141
Small business expansion	35.28%	127
Affordable housing	31.39%	113
Workforce development through Gogebic Community College	30.28%	109
Climate based migration	18.89%	68
Cultural and creative enterprises	18.33%	66
Manufacturing	16.11%	58
Schools	11.67%	42
Other (please specify)	6.39%	23
Total Respondents: 360		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	being proactive in building a diverse and contemporary competitive economy as the area grows	7/15/2024 11:33 AM
2	Small manufacturing businesses	7/14/2024 1:59 PM
3	Population growth has to bring more people here, hopefully they want to work and contribute. Marijuana is not a wholesome business.	7/13/2024 3:15 PM
4	It's hard to pick just five. I'm fine with mining as long as it's done responsibly and doesn't ruin the region's beauty. But outdoor recreation and tourism are screaming opportunities, and cultural and creative enterprises would serve that growth well.	7/9/2024 7:16 AM
5	Making Ironwood a recreational destination! Affordable housing for the workforce.	6/19/2024 11:38 AM
6	Outdoor recreation and tourism are both important, but a beautiful environment also helps to attract those looking for a home base for remote work or creative enterprises. The absolute worst choice (IMHO) would be planned short-term boom and bust mining right next to the entrance of the Presque Isle unit of the Porkies. It will turn the road to the Porkie's Presque Isle unit into an industrial zone with heavy truck traffic up to 20 hours a day. Noise from the extraction process (according to the original environmental impact statement paid for by Orvana before the sale to Highland) will be heard from the Presque Isle campground. And the high-paying jobs will be unlikely to go to current residents of Ironwood. The unskilled jobs are more likely to pay workers a wage similar to the mine in Marquette. Hard brutal work wearing a respirator at a wage similar to a CNA or wages available from remote work. It will add pressure to an already tight housing market here and potentially have other socially adverse consequences. There are significant negative economic consequences from these projects, and a risk of incalculable damage from a tailings pile that will slope towards Superior and be built using a barrier system that studies are showing may start to crack within 14 years. The tailings ponds are also based on 100-year flood projections that are no longer valid in our changing climate.	6/19/2024 12:12 AM
7	Nothing	6/14/2024 11:30 AM
8	Lure of small town life, connection and sense of community	6/10/2024 8:27 PM
9	Building a recreation/senior center	6/10/2024 8:14 PM
10	Blight reduction	6/10/2024 7:22 PM

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11	expanding airline service to Ironwood to include flights to/from Detroit, and changing current flight departure times to/from Ironwood to more readily allow same day connections	5/31/2024 4:34 PM
12	Safe community	5/22/2024 8:11 AM
13	Drug rehab, from all the pot and other drugs	5/19/2024 10:29 PM
14	Diversity of shopping/eating amenities	5/19/2024 2:04 PM
15	A community center/YMCA/pool	5/17/2024 10:51 AM
16	Clean out all city and have an election for truly Qualified employess with 100% transparency to The People	5/16/2024 10:48 AM
17	Allocate newly realized revenue sources toward visible, high impact, transformational project(s)	5/16/2024 7:22 AM
18	Movie theater	5/16/2024 3:33 AM
19	The knowledge and skills retired people being to our community	5/15/2024 8:58 PM
20	Industry and commerce drive local economies and needs to be expanded for infrastructure and population to grow.	5/15/2024 8:01 PM
21	These pot stores will fix everything... dont cha all worry	5/15/2024 7:15 PM
22	Capitalizing on the natural beauty and outdoor activities.	5/14/2024 9:35 AM
23	Technology Industry for Job Creation	5/13/2024 10:56 AM

Q6 Think of other places you've lived or visited that are good examples of what Ironwood could become in 10-20 years. What is great about these places that could be applied in Ironwood?

Answered: 227 Skipped: 178

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Ashland, put money into their school system that draws younger families to their town , nice athletic facility and more to support their youth	7/23/2024 8:30 PM
2	There are places to get a job that provides enough income to support a family in a reasonably comfortable lifestyle. Even professionals get paid less to work here. The needs of their children are better met in school and outside of school. The kids must have something to do that is not destructive.	7/20/2024 8:12 PM
3	attractive apartment living - senior housing with more than one bedroom availability	7/20/2024 1:28 PM
4	Work towards making Ironwood a destination, instagrammable features to attract visitors. We also need more restaurants and stable small businesses with longer hours (keep downtown bustling all day, every day).	7/17/2024 8:18 AM
5	More restaurant diversity & open days/hours. Movie theater opportunity. Better roads.	7/17/2024 7:33 AM
6	No ESG or DEI initiatives in local government.	7/16/2024 11:25 AM
7	Lower taxes; investment into making downtown attractive to locals and visitors; assistance or incentive programs/grants for investors/homeowners looking to renovate/give new life to decaying homes and buildings; stronger investment into bringing in new businesses and/or tourism	7/15/2024 6:48 PM
8	The ease of culturally enriching activities and entertainment of larger cities like Minneapolis, Boston, or even Duluth. Strengthend by a dynamic and diverse competitive economy.	7/15/2024 11:33 AM
9	Manitowish Waters, Wisconsin is an example of a transformed city. There was a lot of investment in bike trails and making the city accessible to bikers. There was also a lot of investment in local businesses. Other places that are great draw people in through their retail and restaurants. A Target store would be an awesome addition. Many people from Mercer drive to the area for groceries/ shopping- what if there were more options besides Walmart?	7/14/2024 11:49 PM
10	Roger's City MI clean looking community, well maintained homes, yards and streets.	7/14/2024 1:59 PM
11	People/organizations working together towards a common shared goal. Example: one business working to attract employees vs. an organized group of businesses, the city, etc. working to attract employees to the area. It is difficult for one business or one person to make a lot of progress on their own, but it becomes easier when a group can work together.	7/14/2024 8:58 AM
12	Instilling a sense of place in the community-Ironwood seems to be working on that	7/14/2024 8:31 AM
13	First of all, they had great transportation access for industry and commerce which IWD lacks. Also, IWD seems to attract slackers, not the educated and skilled folks who will build the workforce. Lastly, elected leaders were people of vision, not a bunch of undeeducated cronies feathering their own nests.	7/13/2024 3:15 PM
14	Decent housing to lure remote workers as we have a tremendous area to live	7/13/2024 9:26 AM
15	"Small town charm, big city access."	7/11/2024 9:17 AM
16	They have decent and affordable housing to attract workers and employers.	7/10/2024 2:25 PM
17	Communities that impress me are ones that are not overtly "touristy" or "gimmicky" but that stand out with unique charm and enterprise and are loaded with beauty and energy: lots of color, street musicians, vendors, education masked as entertainment, and general positivity. You also cannot go wrong with outstanding cuisine, as in Louisiana.	7/9/2024 7:16 AM

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18	Schools, universities/community college, hospital draws middle to upper class, programs and businesses willing to build affordable housing,	7/5/2024 11:53 AM
19	Cleanliness, standards for home care and upkeep	7/4/2024 8:43 PM
20	Ironwood is still a small town and easy to walk around the downtown area without large crowds. Lots of small diners to stop in for coffee and good food.	7/2/2024 11:17 AM
21	They welcomed motorized vehicles. And had a good trail system.	6/22/2024 11:14 AM
22	Copper Country - mix of motorized and non-motorized sports with many choices for restaurants, etc.	6/19/2024 11:38 AM
23	Ironwood is on the way due to all who have worked to create or further develop the parks, the trails, the programs for kids and the arts and entertainment opportunities.	6/19/2024 12:12 AM
24	Make education a priority and create policies to stop the Air B&B madness so locals can afford housing.	6/18/2024 10:30 AM
25	Focus on master plan & high quality in all projects for lasting results vs band-aids. Continue blight remediation, smaller footprint, concentrated improvements downtown.	6/17/2024 9:39 AM
26	Escanaba-it became a commercial hub over the last 20 years with Menards, Meijer and other Big Box stores, that's begining to happen here and bodes well for the community and downtown.	6/15/2024 10:36 PM
27	They attract job opportunities to keep young people here and also provide places and things to do that arent crazy expensive.	6/14/2024 11:30 AM
28	Reasonably priced water/sewer bills	6/13/2024 3:14 PM
29	Decent paying jobs. Starting at around \$18/hr.	6/12/2024 11:07 AM
30	It takes all of us to make a city great and Ironwood has seemed to lose it pride in itself. Most of the cities I visit have pride in its location and it makes for a great living experience. Not sure how to turn Ironwood around, but believe that it can be done.	6/11/2024 2:44 PM
31	Need overhead signage on U S 2 to bring travelers to downtown. Make sure entry ways to Downtown and hiways are inviting, attractive, clean, attention getters. Promote our past history as a leader in Iron Ore Mining	6/11/2024 1:37 PM
32	I would love for Ironwood to develop a backyard farming policy for homes within the city limits on less than 2 acres. I am especially interested in keeping bees.	6/11/2024 9:53 AM
33	What I would love to see is a more vibrant street life in downtown Ironwood with patios, small businesses and gathering spaces. A mix of business would give people a reason to linger and stay downtown. I'd support a hotel downtown! Connecting Miner's with other parks could make for a premier experience for outdoor pursuits. I think Ironwood has the infrastructure and is headed in the right direction on all of this - it's what drew us here instead of neighboring towns.	6/11/2024 9:18 AM
34	Higher education, which creates a more diverse and inclusive environment. College towns have a good reputation because they provide knowledge and opportunity for a wide variety of people and ideas.	6/11/2024 8:26 AM
35	City dedicated to upkeeping the parks, playgrounds, etc. City council/commission actually listening to the citizens, lower cost for utilities, better water, priorities are based on needs of city and its community, city workers find work to do when there isn't any	6/11/2024 7:39 AM
36	Minocqua and Bayfield, Wisconsin. They take pride in the way their city looks... a uniformed, themed look.	6/11/2024 7:14 AM
37	Parks and Beach fronts are well taken care of. Sandy beaches. Large clearings. Inviting entrances	6/11/2024 6:16 AM
38	Discounts for the elderly, disabled, ECT. Lower utilities especially those on Social Security. LIHEAP (LOW INCOME HEAT AND POWER) access instead of going through MIBridges.	6/10/2024 11:04 PM
39	No where I'm here because it's doesn't have the issues other places I've owned homes had	6/10/2024 9:34 PM
40	Rapid City, SD. Fantastic economy. Fantastic silent sports and Motorsports opportunities right there in the black hills.	6/10/2024 8:49 PM

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41	More small businesses and restaurants	6/10/2024 8:37 PM
42	They had large businesses to provide nearby jobs, strong tourism demand utilizing lakes nearby, supportive of local community college	6/10/2024 8:29 PM
43	Distinguished sense of place (local culture), thriving local businesses (restaurants, crafts, services), stable population with balanced age classes, enough fitness/culture that adults can age in place and stay healthy	6/10/2024 8:27 PM
44	Vibrant downtown. Music playing (Hayward). Free outdoor activities for youth utilizing downtown spaces. Winter activities using public spaces in downtown area.	6/10/2024 8:14 PM
45	Focus on beautifying downtown- clean up weeds and debris and add more flowers. Love the branding "find your north"- now add a specialty	6/10/2024 7:46 PM
46	-People park vehicles on improved surfaces only. -Side walks are complete throughout town. - The business route is obviously the main route through town. -Blight is not a problem -Trees are planted along roads in residential areas -Sidewalks are handicap accessible	6/10/2024 7:22 PM
47	the city employees care about the health of the city and look to improve the quality of life, not just show up to work	6/10/2024 7:11 PM
48	Culturally diverse entertainment; thriving arts within the city; entertainment besides bars (i.e. go carts, golf driving range, mini golf, outdoor music festivals, quality shopping places, ziplines; etc); unique attractions such as trolleys, restaurant districts, music/entertainment districts; clean/maintained; reduced blight; maintained businesses (for example: awnings aren't stained with pigeon poop or bricks aren't falling off of buildings onto the cracked sidewalks); outdoor seating; one-way roads in downtown with expansion of outdoor landscaped seating and entertainment area (park like); landscaped medians (like Ashland near Northland College); walkable sidewalks in the winter (free of ice and snow); outdoor heated areas for winter tourism/gathering such as a community gas fire pit;	6/10/2024 7:01 PM
49	Figure out how to tax the mass amounts of Marijuana that is being produced, sold, and exported throughout town and use for "operation pothole" to fix roads and increase opportunities within the school system.	6/10/2024 6:53 PM
50	I lived in Southern California in a small suburban community that within 10 years became diverse in commerce and industry. Ironwood is famous for discouraging industry. It took far too long to approve Walmart now the only commercial opportunities in town isselling marijuana to people from Wisconsin. Stop discouraging businesses.	6/10/2024 6:00 PM
51	No blight and updated infrastructure!	6/10/2024 5:46 PM
52	They have industry that helps to support the economy of their city. They also have blighted properties under control.	6/10/2024 5:43 PM
53	Ironwood used to have a home / sport / and yard show. I really miss that.	6/10/2024 5:43 PM
54	They attract young people with higher paying entry-level jobs, have child care and good schools, public transport, and recreational opportunities.	6/10/2024 5:37 PM
55	Getting a Aldi food store. Bring in some of the popular fast food restaurants (KFC, Wendy's, Culvers, Taco Bell etc). Bring better paying jobs to the area and figure a way to cut the cost of sewer & water. The cost is hurting so many struggling families.	6/10/2024 5:34 PM
56	Ironwood seriously needs to start allowing business other than marijuana places to come in here. Restaurants are dying around here now too. There is nothing here to keep the younger generation. No manufacturing hardly. Housing costs have skyrocketed too. We are seriously considering moving too as soon as we retire.	6/10/2024 5:27 PM
57	Clean up the houses with blight issues and enforce the blight	6/10/2024 5:24 PM
58	I like the quiet and peaceful - move from city but I would like more access to other shops	6/10/2024 5:23 PM
59	The downtown could be rejuvenated with newer businesses and housing stock.	6/10/2024 5:21 PM
60	Houghton - great school system, plenty to do that isn't drinking, near MTU which provides opportunities for the future generations	6/10/2024 5:20 PM
61	More affordable wheel chair housing n accessibility,the fair grounds are NOT wheelchair	6/10/2024 5:16 PM

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	compliant	
62	The downtown in other areas looks clean and well maintained. If you go to Ashland for instance they have garbage cans with recycling and benches set up in the downtown for people to sit down in.	6/10/2024 5:13 PM
63	Clean, well maintained public areas. City maintains their parks and other areas that are their responsibility such as city parking lots and a city square. Ours are not weeded or maintained.	6/10/2024 5:13 PM
64	Maintaining the parks you have. Work on housing.	6/10/2024 5:12 PM
65	Middle income housing Ordinances against sales of weed More professional police force	6/10/2024 5:12 PM
66	Better restaurants, a consolidated school district with highly qualified teachers who teach challenging curriculum. A public pool and positive things for kids and adults to do.	6/10/2024 4:08 PM
67	Need better transportation ex. Uber, Lyft, better taxi service. Need more restaurants and less bars. Need better shopping ex. Menards, fleet farm, Costco instead of the same old cheap clothing stores ex. Marshalls	6/10/2024 3:18 PM
68	More small business opportunities and improved upon downtown area (more aesthetically pleasing and accessible)	6/10/2024 3:14 PM
69	Indoor community recreation center with pool, modern apartment/condos	6/10/2024 3:07 PM
70	Places that seem attractive have clean, maintained streetscapes that seem weed free. They have parks, and obvious amenities like public restrooms, libraries, restaurants, etc.	6/10/2024 2:32 PM
71	I wish Ironwood and the surrounding area could be like the Marquette area-- a plethora of young families, opportunity, outdoor enthusiasm, diversity, safety.	6/10/2024 2:18 PM
72	Crested Butte Colorado. Abandoned mining town that reinvented itself around recreation, the arts and affordable housing	6/10/2024 1:54 PM
73	Tourism, promoting access to outdoor recreation.	6/10/2024 1:18 PM
74	more MTB trails	6/7/2024 3:33 PM
75	An authentic experience that encompasses and recognizes the historical significance and impact of the area but also is moving towards updated technologies, opportunities (schools, careers, cultural). Which is honestly the track ironwood is already on. Also no pot growing smell evident from any homes.	6/7/2024 2:58 PM
76	Salida, CO: enhanced river/waterway features (competitive kayaking) and its a "certified creative district".....a cool place with an artsy vibe.....attracting businesses, etc. close to skiing and nature. The Montreal River is an untapped waterway resource with incredible potential to strengthen Ironwood and Hurley. Historic downtown Pensacola is really taking off with more food and arts based business.....including a covered courtyard with spaces for permanent food trucks. Stopped in Decatur AL recently: there's a block in their historic downtown with really cool restaurants playing live music with windows open. It's just being developed, but it was fun to eat while listening to music from both sides of the street. Creating an entertainment district downtown would be huge to attract people from the greater region for an evening out.....hopefully attracting more and diverse food establishments, etc. and making Ironwood a fun place to visit in the evenings. Lighting is key. Coming up with a lighting plan for downtown buildings and lighting more up would be beautiful.	5/31/2024 4:34 PM
77	Nothing comes to mind specifically. I think City Government is on the right path.	5/29/2024 7:39 PM
78	Senior houses choice is almost non existent. We have no condo or townhouse options. There is no place to move to if you want to see your home. There is a lack of nice, updated apartments.	5/28/2024 3:58 PM
79	Shopping , good paying jobs, good school systems, low crime rate, improved health care, senior care	5/28/2024 1:22 PM
80	Diverse restaurants and culture as well as more shopping	5/27/2024 9:01 PM
81	Strong competent leadership Multiple diverse businesses	5/27/2024 8:40 AM
82	Ironwood is missing a huge economic opportunity in motor sports.	5/27/2024 3:52 AM

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83	Access to quality health/mental care, decent and affordable housing, encourages community to shop/eat local, incentives for long-term businesses that create jobs with benefits and family friendly gathering places (parks, recreation, beaches, etc) and activities geared towards 10-15 year olds to keep them engaged, teach a skill, encourage healthy problem solving and develop social skills.	5/26/2024 1:02 PM
84	More high(er)-quality and affordable housing residences, better wages, more opportunities to attract and retain new businesses, greater access to mental health assistance facilities, larger budget to provide more opportunities in various categories, more exciting opportunities for youth/families	5/25/2024 2:58 PM
85	Expanding business and housing.	5/25/2024 10:06 AM
86	Lime scooters around town like they have in Milwaukee. We need Lyft and Uber as well. We need transportation!	5/24/2024 3:16 AM
87	Need stricter blight control. Keep up maintenance kids playgrounds, woodchips each year etc Public Bathrooms that are open.	5/23/2024 12:38 PM
88	Ironwood has lost it's pride. We live far away from the lake, but years ago people used Norrie Park as the park to go to. Norrie Park has been forgotten about for kids.	5/23/2024 9:34 AM
89	Help for disabled, older individuals, or poor with fixing up homes or clean up with no charge. Neighborhood block parties (sober) Friendly to all and honest law abiding police force that has to be reviewed by the city board monthly. And no private city board meetings - everything is transparent and open to public. Lastly better water quality - take the Floride back out, it's making the water stink and some with medical conditions more ill.	5/23/2024 8:21 AM
90	YMCA/community center, movie theater, better snow plowing, restaurants, shopping, festivals	5/23/2024 8:20 AM
91	New housing	5/23/2024 7:40 AM
92	Encourage housing/business development with incentives but not giving away the farm.	5/22/2024 8:11 AM
93	As a very rural community healthcare access is limited and will likely become even more limited as we see rural facilities close across the country. Teaching young people the value of living healthy will be more important now than ever as they will likely not have great healthcare in the future. Programs that teach how to eat well, use food as medicine and not use pharmaceuticals, and conflict resolution skills that will span a lifetime are going to be important to youth.	5/22/2024 6:51 AM
94	Outdoor recreation is the best and most sustainable way to grow this area. A lot of old mining towns have converted to outdoor recreation meccas. Ironwood can do the same. Continued Investment in skiing (Nordic and alpine), cycling, and hiking trails will bring more businesses, tourism and eventually more residents.	5/21/2024 9:10 PM
95	Better advertising, locally and widespread, of events and shops. Cannabis tax money going back into the city's needed fixes (new water treatment plant, roads, pipes, etc.) and helping relieve the burden on full time residents.	5/21/2024 6:19 PM
96	City Grass is always cut! Clean streets and houses and businesses are all up dated.	5/21/2024 2:23 PM
97	Trails, walkable communities and outdoor recreation.	5/21/2024 9:57 AM
98	Investment in the future generation, including schools, parks, activities, and community center with swimming pool.	5/20/2024 7:03 PM
99	Good education systems and a variety of housing opportunities - rentals and ownership. Varied work environments.	5/20/2024 10:50 AM
100	Liscensed educated trades people. Fix up the movie theatre on the highway, like the ones in larger cities, and that parking lot. More outside and inside tennis and pickle ball courts. Use Josephsons as a Drug/ Alcohol/ Mental Health Rehab building. Noise restriction in areas, especially with recreation vehicles.	5/19/2024 10:29 PM
101	Access to diverse shopping and restaurant options. Access to equally "stocked" parks. Access to more entertainment venues (for example, a movie theater and concert venue). Better sidewalks and keeping them clean (snow, grass) year round. More degree opportunities at GCC and dual degree opportunities with other MI/WI colleges/universities.	5/19/2024 2:04 PM

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102	Allowing more industry in, brings more people.	5/19/2024 9:13 AM
103	Public transit and downtown restaurant/eating options. Celebrating diversity and providing a welcoming and inclusive space for lgbtq, POC.	5/17/2024 8:21 PM
104	Do better without the weed stores	5/17/2024 2:52 PM
105	Ironwood could continue to support more variety in restaurants, small scale manufacturing (craft brews, local bakeries), and capitalize on their already established festivals and events. Can promote more guided tours or excursions and get an active crowd that likes to shop local or see the local spots. Places like the Cold Iron are great to see where both older and younger generations can mix and enjoy the same venue.	5/17/2024 2:46 PM
106	More housing	5/17/2024 1:49 PM
107	Clean up the streets, cater to remote workers to bring in salaries of large cities for local spending power. Taxes need to increase to be able to invest.	5/17/2024 11:29 AM
108	Better options to engage the youth	5/17/2024 10:51 AM
109	We need a better variety of businesses here. A reason for people to come to the area.	5/17/2024 7:15 AM
110	Ensuring balanced recreation opportunities, not heavy on just one or another. We have to fix the schools, 3 districts in the 3 cities is insane.	5/17/2024 5:10 AM
111	Blight! Holding owners responsible to keeping their property neat and clean.	5/16/2024 11:19 PM
112	?	5/16/2024 11:10 PM
113	This is my favorite place I've lived so far. I daresay I like it how it is	5/16/2024 10:24 PM
114	The parks and recreation system was robust Gerri goods and the community engaged in healthy sports and activities for all ages. Indoor recreation opportunities.	5/16/2024 10:07 PM
115	Convert buildings, upgrade them to efficient affordable and modern housing units. Rent them out and decrease carbon footprint. Offer new entrepreneurs start up and first year financial help and insensitives. Lessen restrictions on community centers and pop up events not hosted by the city.	5/16/2024 9:46 PM
116	Vibrant community, thriving businesses, community engagement of all ages	5/16/2024 9:41 PM
117	The outdoors but thats about it its mostly a dump	5/16/2024 8:40 PM
118	This would be a great place to expand health care. We have to travel here in the UP 2+ hours in any direction for specialists. It makes it hard on us to travel.	5/16/2024 8:32 PM
119	Better restaurants	5/16/2024 8:23 PM
120	Need for hotels, restaurants, places to stay to take advantage of outdoor tourism opportunities	5/16/2024 8:00 PM
121	Clean up rundown neighborhoods and blight!	5/16/2024 7:58 PM
122	Activities/events/businesses catered to ALL age groups. The area highly lacks in things for families to do together, especially families that are touring our area. Not all people want to be outdoors. Not all families have kids in the same age group. Even if it's one business that caters to teenagers, there's at least SOMETHING for them to do. One business can go towards toddlers. Where are the businesses, outside of the bars, for young adults to enjoy themselves?	5/16/2024 7:39 PM
123	A middle turn lane down Cloverland Drive.	5/16/2024 6:01 PM
124	Existing bike and hiking trails, having good facilities attached to the trail system like bathrooms. Our city square is not well kept. The trees are not cared for, the lawn is awful. Quit adding more and take care of what we have.	5/16/2024 4:06 PM
125	Work and affordable housing	5/16/2024 3:41 PM
126	Turning GCC into a 4 year school and/or offering evening/weekend adult classes for fun, enrichment or professional development. Cleaning up blight and putting money into revitalization, improve roads, bring in companies that actually offer GOOD paying (20+/hr) full time jobs with benefits. More variety and options for restaurants and shopping.	5/16/2024 3:03 PM

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127	Putting the needs of citizens over tourists and out of towners when it comes housing. Placing restrictions on short term rentals.	5/16/2024 12:55 PM
128	The schools are beautiful,new. Community fitness center like a YMCA. Access to a pool.	5/16/2024 11:51 AM
129	It's nice we have a bunch of parks and scenery and stuff but we only really go out to see it every so often right? Like, almost caters to tourism more. I really think the first Friday's have done a lot, but we should have an event every Friday. The city square is a really nice place, it just never gets used.	5/16/2024 11:44 AM
130	Variety of jobs and shopping options	5/16/2024 11:37 AM
131	Minocqua area- eco tourism, shopping, dining	5/16/2024 11:30 AM
132	Manage the money coming in by a separate entity with total transparency to the people. When city employees make 5 or more times the income of the residents there is a huge problem! A town of 3200 is not big & its shrinking population is die to the " BRAIN DEAD CITY" not the ones leaving.	5/16/2024 10:48 AM
133	City and County boards that focus on bringing in and retaining businesses and not building more parks whilst not maintaining their current ones.	5/16/2024 10:47 AM
134	Better healthcare. We need ways to attract medical professionals because as a medical professional the Aspirus people are the bottom of the barrel for quality. It's terrifying to rely on them. People rarely recommend Ironwood for care so we travel to Wausau and Ashland. Childcare availability. Mostly QUALITY care. We need childcare so we can attract professionals and retain workforce everywhere. Indoor Recreation. We need another civic center with space for indoor activities in the winter. Indoor soccer, tournaments, etc. With ice on it it's only used by the rest of the community for a few months. We need to attract businesses who will open indoor family friendly spaces. Unfortunately Michigan's swimming pool regulations deters a place like The Waters of Minocqua. But indoor arcade, indoor community swimming pool, indoor go karts, so many things to attract visitors who don't want to be in snow all fay.	5/16/2024 10:08 AM
135	Better sidewalks,better lighting in public areas such as parks,neighborhoods,playgrounds	5/16/2024 9:14 AM
136	Lower taxes attracts new businesses. At a Mill rate over 70 it will be difficult to attract new small businesses.	5/16/2024 8:52 AM
137	Seriously need to demolish the old buildings in downtown, clean up the weeds and dead trees that surround downtown and encourage home owners to take pride in their homes. I lived in cities where their "worst part of town" is nicer than some of the streets in Ironwood. Issue citations!!!!	5/16/2024 8:45 AM
138	Budgeting to allow taxes and water/sewer bills to be more manageable, Utilizing city staff to clean up sidewalks, blight, sincerely wanting and considering community feedback and ideas	5/16/2024 8:15 AM
139	Ecotourism, International sports = Copper Peak, Access to Lake Superior & inland lakes - rivers	5/16/2024 8:14 AM
140	A small town I have visited is Medford,they have access to ffa and 4-h programs through the schools, they have brand new parks with turf and rubber, a gymnastics facility for kids. A lot more recreational sports. Another town is Wausau, it's growing, it has things to do, places to eat and drink, things to do for kids and adults besides just a basic park and a small brewery. We need more than what we have to keep people to want to stay here. We don't even have access to a pool for kids, how about we open that again? Or places for adults to hang out with their friends too.	5/16/2024 8:11 AM
141	Better side walks,better lighting in the residential areas,public parks,and public parking lots.	5/16/2024 8:05 AM
142	We have to be willing to invest in our educational infrastructure or we will not be able to retain quality professionals. There are so many good things and good people who give their time and talents to projects in the community... it will be important to communicate the positive information to drown out the nay sayers.	5/16/2024 7:55 AM
143	They attract and encourage new businesses to open in the area. They have more housing options, apartments, townhomes, houses, etc.	5/16/2024 7:47 AM
144	Get the downtown business area cleaned up and do something abit buildings such as the "Rainbow Garden" building. Put on a unified face.	5/16/2024 7:45 AM

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145	good paying jobs	5/16/2024 7:37 AM
146	Quaint downtown, all storefronts used, certain motels on the highway give a bad impression for the town.	5/16/2024 7:30 AM
147	Marquette - interconnected trail system Minocqua - open, clean bathrooms Houghton (and many) - outdoor skating rink Community Center Better maintain what we have	5/16/2024 7:22 AM
148	Lots of public transport & is available during the weekends. Multiple affordable housing options for poorer people. Various doctors of different types so people don't have to travel far for their Healthcare needs.	5/16/2024 7:16 AM
149	Old architecture small town with diverse activities.	5/16/2024 6:34 AM
150	Weather	5/16/2024 5:56 AM
151	More shopping opportunity, both food and retail. Movie theater is huge	5/16/2024 3:33 AM
152	I love all the places outside of Ironwood because they don't have a bunch of pot stores with people coming in to transport drugs everywhere. I like that other places focus on healthy family fun and things to do/entertain people, where in contrast Ironwood entertains the cannabis crowds. Other small cities nearby like minocqua or Manotowish waters have tourists and people who come from all over and enjoy go carts, water parks, outdoor and indoor public and private pools, water sports, museums, zoos and more. Focus on bringing families here or the schools are going to hurt even worse. Ironwood could become a bigger family oriented area where people want to come to and raise their kids and have them go to school here but the thick heavy access to drugs and alcohol are illuminated, dragging the people down in this area. The future isn't very bright if this continues.	5/15/2024 11:47 PM
153	They work to attract jobs to retain our young people and have things for teens and young adults to do.	5/15/2024 10:52 PM
154	Invest in the school system.	5/15/2024 10:49 PM
155	bury the power lines, telephone, and cable tv lines, Bring in fiber optic.	5/15/2024 10:29 PM
156	Bisbee Arizona!!! Old mining town with similar population 5,000 Small town with a big imaginations. We live in Phx and it's become a destination town! Everyone our neighbors has visited Bisbee in the past few years. People always comment on how fun yet classy the downtown area is. Colorful buildings but tastefully sone. They also have colorful lights strung across the buildings and it's so inviting at night . It's also keep spotless clean which tourists notice!! They did an incredible job revitalizing this old mining town!!	5/15/2024 10:26 PM
157	Stronger community college, more cultural opportunities, better K-12	5/15/2024 9:58 PM
158	Prioritizing quality education	5/15/2024 9:52 PM
159	More shopping and restaurant options.	5/15/2024 9:47 PM
160	There are things to do in the evenings-shops, restaurants, events, activities.	5/15/2024 9:32 PM
161	Mecca for restaurants- cute shops downtown- More winter indoor activities- when days get long!	5/15/2024 9:29 PM
162	Real small indusy support. Continue to build upon what made our area what it is. I just do not buy into the marijauna industry will not sustain us for the long haul.	5/15/2024 9:22 PM
163	Not sure	5/15/2024 9:21 PM
164	Shopping,cultural jobs transportation	5/15/2024 9:13 PM
165	Affordable transportation for goods and services. Viable rail transportation.	5/15/2024 8:58 PM
166	Aesthetics of the downtown/shopping areas. Human powered traffic. Appealing areas to loiter. Small niche shops and with clean quality offerings. Not dirty, old, crusty junk. Good school facilities and great education opportunities	5/15/2024 8:58 PM
167	Tax breaks for those that fix blighted properties. Keep supporting the community and businesses. The parks and recreation opps/trails are great. Keep up great work.	5/15/2024 8:42 PM
168	Focus on attracting and retaining businesses/jobs and housing and lower property taxes to	5/15/2024 8:37 PM

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	encourage people to live/stay here and help the economy thrive.	
169	No marijuana shops.	5/15/2024 8:29 PM
170	Cleanliness of homes, parks and maintenance of city streets and walkways	5/15/2024 8:28 PM
171	Clean neighborhoods No blight Clean and well maintained parks Improved water access Public pool Improved pedestrian route clearing in winter. Enforcement of city ordinances.	5/15/2024 8:15 PM
172	It's difficult to compare Ironwood to the other cities where I have lived. There are just more resources available in larger cities.	5/15/2024 8:14 PM
173	Businesses open more hours to accommodate the working class	5/15/2024 8:13 PM
174	Shopping, nice restaurants, people out and about in the community	5/15/2024 8:10 PM
175	A focus on good-paying jobs and opportunities for families with young and school-aged children (social, sports, commerce, church)	5/15/2024 8:10 PM
176	Get tough on blight, bring more fast food restuarants, better access to public transportation, bring in a Aldi and Home Depot or Menards.	5/15/2024 7:54 PM
177	Indoor recreation center, better and bigger restaurants and retail stores More funding for schools to have more aides, recess items, field trips, sports, foods, etc	5/15/2024 7:45 PM
178	Greenville, MI Petoskey, mi	5/15/2024 7:39 PM
179	City officials who aren't woke, listen to their residents and don't embezzle money. Affordable housing and apartment complexes. A historical downtown that actually looks the part and preserves the time period in which it originates. The prompt removal of blight and buildings that are unsafe. Additionally, regular maintenance of city roads and sidewalks - AKA removing dead pigeons and used needles. Thank you, I hope to see Ironwood improve.	5/15/2024 7:28 PM
180	More shopping opportunities. When I moved here Rhinelander didn't have the box stores they have now and Ironwood needs to recruit these stores	5/15/2024 7:25 PM
181	Ironwood should contract with the county for police protection. Our Ironwood police force takes up far too much of our budget for little service.	5/15/2024 7:25 PM
182	Having lived in a previous tourist area, biking brings in ZERO dollars. Boating, fishing, atv/UTV and snowmobiles bring in MAJOR dollars. Stop with the pet projects that just appease the "Cold Iron" crew. It doesn't bring in money. I utilize these same trails and like them and only see the same people. The people that come to use the trail system spend zero nights and zero dollars here.	5/15/2024 7:18 PM
183	I believe there should be a better mental health facility that meets the needs of kids who live in a home that does not foster growth and success. Open up Cloverland Cinemas - or better yet, a drive-in theater like the old days. I think kids would absolutely love that. Also, BUILD NEW ZION CHALET.	5/15/2024 7:17 PM
184	Morals, ethics and kindness	5/15/2024 7:15 PM
185	Better shopping, better paying jobs, places for kids to hangout/do	5/15/2024 7:15 PM
186	Ironwood natives need to be part of all committees, we don't need outsiders moving here and starting problems where they aren't. Keep Ironwood Ironwood we are not Madison.	5/15/2024 7:02 PM
187	Cheaper water sewer bills and cheaper property taxes	5/15/2024 6:39 PM
188	Outdoor recreation! Community events and community volunteering!	5/15/2024 6:37 PM
189	Walkability - there are not many safe places to cross US-2. Especially coming from the school.	5/15/2024 6:36 PM
190	Less parks and more money spent mor wisely!	5/15/2024 6:32 PM
191	Need more shopping opportunities geared towards people living in the community and stop catering to tourists. We don't need any more gift shops. We need places to shop for every day essentials. You are working so hard to attract tourists but locals have to travel out of town to shop for necessities. Makes zero sense to me.	5/15/2024 6:10 PM
192	Have only lived in much larger cities but currently live in in a Toledo Suburb which is	5/15/2024 6:02 PM

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	transforming after total revamp of local govt	
193	More cohesive districts and a plan for each. For instance, when something is removed, there is a plan to replace it. Downtown building infill and upkeep is also important and should be encouraged. It is easy to do with the new technology available.	5/15/2024 5:57 PM
194	Lean in on the arts vibe	5/15/2024 5:49 PM
195	Jenks, Oklahoma	5/15/2024 5:31 PM
196	Better variety of shopping and restaurants. Development of the lake front	5/15/2024 4:48 PM
197	We need more big box stores. I travel 2 hours just for something different.	5/15/2024 4:32 PM
198	Getting rid of the drug culture.	5/15/2024 4:27 PM
199	YMCA More events. Festivals, music, races. Better bike trails. Better restaurants Things to do indoors . Trampoline park, movie theater, laser tag, escape room , top golf,	5/15/2024 4:20 PM
200	Walkability. The city layout was developed for walking working class people. Huge opportunity to utilize that to our advantage today.	5/15/2024 4:14 PM
201	They are outdoor recreation destinations. In addition to having lots of trails and things to see, there are ample places to stay such as campgrounds and hotels.	5/15/2024 4:07 PM
202	Better restaurants, more shopping	5/15/2024 3:56 PM
203	Can't compare how Ironwood has been and will continue to go downhill to towns that have jobs. Jobs are everything.	5/15/2024 3:41 PM
204	Who knows, but we need more than marijuana and bike trails to be taken seriously as a place people and businesses want to call home.	5/15/2024 3:40 PM
205	Great places always start with good people and community. Ironwood is a wonderful place and we want it to stay that way over the next 10-20 years as more people and opportunities come this way. The best parts of ironwood are the small/local businesses, people, and relationships that we interact with in our everyday life. Going to the parks, first Friday events, or local restaurants/shops/bakeries and the warm conversations with friends & colleagues everyday creates a strong community connection that everyone can be a part of.	5/15/2024 3:33 PM
206	Try to become the Marquette of the western end of the Upper Peninsula. Find ways to bring people into thr community from Michigan but also from Wisconsin. Youth sports, camps, tournaments, etc. Often help bring business in for weekends. Reaching out to expanding manufacturers to provide more industrial jobs for the area would be huge. Incentivising businesses to move into the area to have more stable jobs would be good	5/15/2024 3:25 PM
207	Start trying to attract businesses who will bring good paying jobs to the area. The area brags about being a tourist area but lacks different options for eating out. Bring in different restaurants, not just fast food and pizza.	5/15/2024 2:43 PM
208	Diversified economy -- NOT focused on only ONE industry or economic vision. Every 5-10 years the UP throws all their eggs into one basket (all-in on just mining, forestry, tourism and now all-in on marijuana dispensaries and drug tourism) Need to attract solid, manufacturing businesses and diversify	5/15/2024 2:40 PM
209	Increase in job opportunity.	5/15/2024 2:37 PM
210	The copper country does a great job of attracting tourists for its outdoor beauty	5/15/2024 2:36 PM
211	Embracing the natural assets relating to tourism and outdoor activities seems to be the only option. While attracting industry and more employment opportunities would be ideal, that does not seem to be a realistic goal.	5/15/2024 2:29 PM
212	Focus on the natural beauty and outdoors. Focus on a vibrant downtown with small businesses	5/15/2024 2:26 PM
213	Ironwood needs to figure out a way to fix blighted, barely used or abandoned homes and make them available to people who want to buy or rent.	5/15/2024 2:26 PM
214	Advertising ironwoods cultural/arts and outdoor recreation (which seems to already be happening). More opportunities for restaurants and businesses that are open past 5 pm downtown would help. Public transport/ride share services would be welcomed. Also new jobs	5/14/2024 10:32 AM

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for those who may want to move here but can't work remotely - but not at the cost of the nature/wilderness (such as copperwood mine - that project will do more harm than good and will be short term with many of the jobs going to non locals who will live here for a few years and then leave when the mine closes (and has potentially don't irreversible damage to our environment).

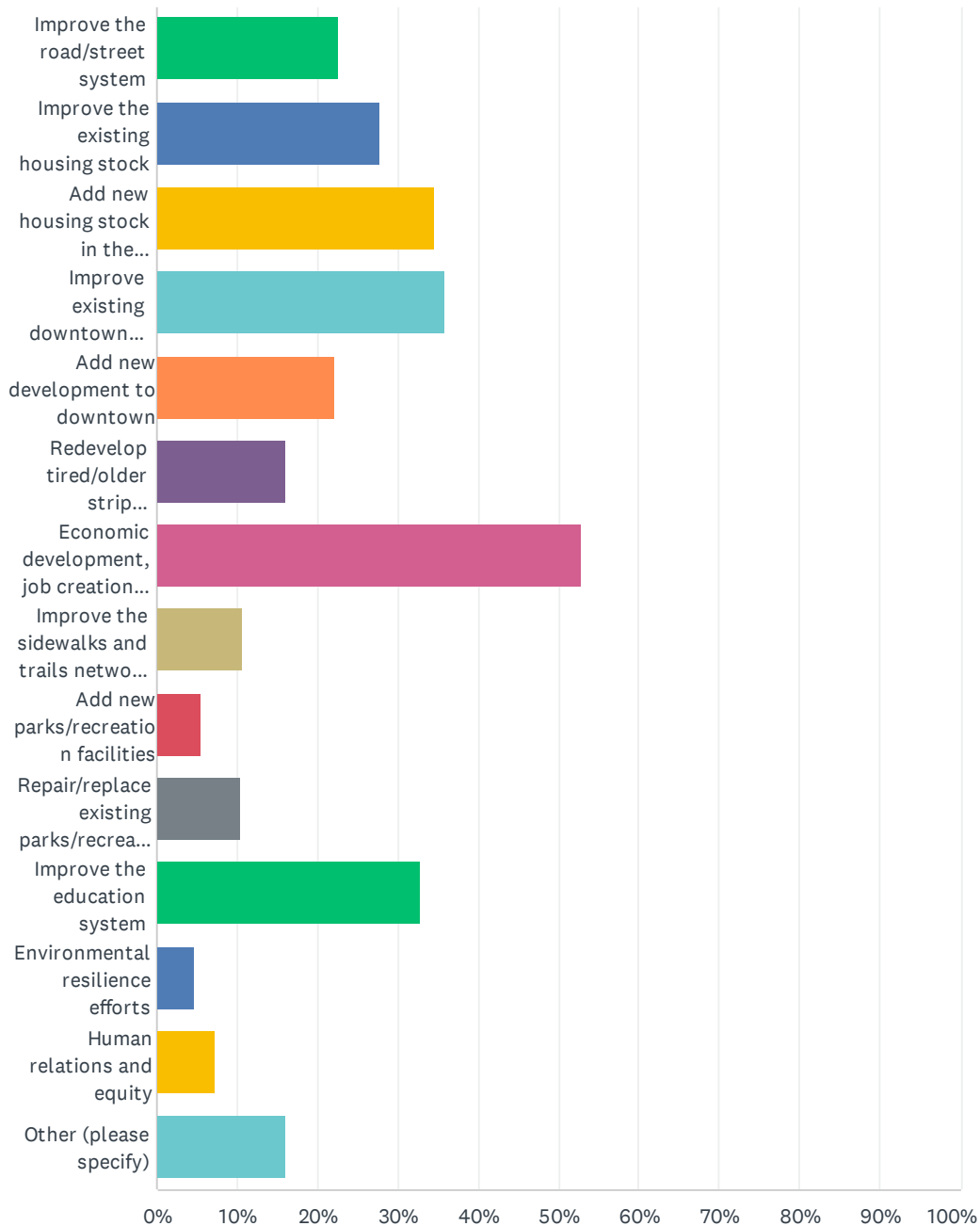
215	The city officials would not listen or hire outsiders, as it is the good'ole / the whos's who's i the community.	5/14/2024 9:35 AM
216	1) Education, literacy, work ethic, and leadership development opportunities are crucial to developing the future community members with a sense of purpose and duty. 2) Access to clean and affordable water and utilities. The cost is 4x what metropolitan cities pay and the water is not drinkable without a water filtration system. Not to mention the havoc wreaked on piping systems. 3) Access to education that actually prepares youths for adulthood, including basic finance classes as a requirement for graduation. 4) Make the downtown a vibrant beacon of the city. A lively downtown with a plethora of options for shopping and boutiques open past 4pm, and restaurants and bars that are regularly open creates life and a place for people to congregate. There should be hotels built where the condemned buildings are or empty lots turned into parking garages to make downtown accessible. Also, having facade upgrades that are designed to be weather-resistant, even if it's more expensive, is the right choice so they are done correctly the first time.	5/14/2024 8:49 AM
217	Availability of quality parks for your families. Conservative values of family life.	5/14/2024 7:13 AM
218	4 year degrees from GCC. More shopping, restaurant, and cultural activities.	5/13/2024 5:17 PM
219	Climate refugees and remote workers can be recruited with tax/financial incentives. Trail development (IMBA level trails) can foster overall tourism influx and small business development. Sustainable recreational development rather than extractive based economy offers longer term stable economy. Tech based economy and renewable energy economy provides stable tax base.	5/13/2024 4:00 PM
220	Comment	5/13/2024 1:32 PM
221	Vibrant Nightlife	5/13/2024 10:56 AM
222	Traverse City and Manitoush. They embrace the downtown as an outdoor area: trees, shade, seating, access to trails, bike parking, restaurants, and shopping (but it feels like it is outdoorsy). These two areas are very outdoor-customer focused. Ironwood struggles to become person-friendly. I shop at the downtown art place pretty frequently. But the person working accused me of having a "sculpture up my shirt" as recently as 5/11/24. Attracting quality, customer/person focused businesses is a challenge. And the trails connect to Walmart (yes!) but it would be great to see more sidewalks, enforcement to keep sidewalks clear and not parked over, and better walkability both during summer and winter. Ironwood has beautiful recreation, trails, parks, and downtown. There could be much broader opportunities if the business participated in free sessions to become welcoming and customer-focused, as well as access to more activities: restaurants, and diverse activities. (Love the movies at the HIT! Great idea!) Finally, the school in the region has become isolated from its community. Spending on non-educational budgets, preventing community access, and preventing parent access. For example, the school is required by law to notify parents of field trips: they no longer do this, openly telling kids they don't have to. Unfortunately for the school, they will have significant difficulty growing their budget via referendums when they are actively isolating both the community and the parents in the district. We have a diverse community across many different perspectives. In order for the school to grow in trust, funding, and participation, they have to expand away from the scores/school-led educational system, and move back to a partnership-led education system with parents, teachers, and community members participating. If given an opportunity with a private school (great idea!!!) I would pull my kids out of Ironwood.	5/13/2024 10:27 AM
223	Encouraging businesses (other than Marijuana businesses) to come to the area and bring jobs, even if that means bringing in competition to existing businesses. Encouraging affordable housing. Taking care of vulnerable populations. Better city transit options.	5/13/2024 9:50 AM
224	They don't have five marijuana stores... Buildings downtown are better maintained.	5/13/2024 9:20 AM
225	Downtown amenities, bars and restaurants etc. youth development programs and facilities (indoor and outdoor recreation)	5/8/2024 1:56 PM

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226	Cuyuna, Mn. Abandoned mining area has been develop into 4 season recreation area which in turn has led to economic resurgence.	5/4/2024 4:20 PM
227	Houghton, Michigan: Creating has a great downtown and is close to recreation opportunities. Houghton has a strong culture of entrepreneurship and have large families which creates their population growth. Traditional family structures are the norm and it shows in a very positive way. Marquette, Michigan: Access to trails and recreation. Ashland, Wisconsin: Nice neighborhoods and access to good healthcare, and other services.	5/1/2024 2:50 PM

Q7 If you only had funding to make 3 changes over the next 10 years, what investments would have the greatest impact on maintaining/improving quality of life in Ironwood? (select up to 3 choices)

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Improve the road/street system	22.67%	78
Improve the existing housing stock	27.62%	95
Add new housing stock in the community	34.59%	119
Improve existing downtown buildings	35.76%	123
Add new development to downtown	22.09%	76
Redevelop tired/older strip commercial development	15.99%	55
Economic development, job creation, expansion	52.91%	182
Improve the sidewalks and trails network in the city	10.76%	37
Add new parks/recreation facilities	5.52%	19
Repair/replace existing parks/recreation facilities	10.47%	36
Improve the education system	32.85%	113
Environmental resilience efforts	4.65%	16
Human relations and equity	7.27%	25
Other (please specify)	15.99%	55
Total Respondents: 344		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Government has responsibility to develop affordable housing. Upscale housing is the responsibility of developers and realtors	7/14/2024 2:08 PM
2	Attract more healthcare/services to the area	7/14/2024 9:04 AM
3	Develop some means of enticing young people who attend college to return to the area to live by providing a healthy job environment and affordable housing, reasonable taxes and quality of life improvements.	7/13/2024 3:29 PM
4	Adding a comment always turns my choices from three to four. Hopefully, they are all still reflected. You can't attract good employees without drawing them in with good jobs, decent housing, and a well regarded educational system.	7/9/2024 7:23 AM
5	Demolish/refurbish dilapidated houses	7/4/2024 8:49 PM
6	encourage mixed income housing vs low income	6/15/2024 10:45 PM
7	fix our water issues and lower the cost of water	6/11/2024 10:00 AM
8	I would love to see the city get creative with making Highway 2/Cloverland more friendly to non-drivers and build connections from there to downtown.	6/11/2024 9:28 AM
9	Enforce already existing laws for noise control, and maintenance of property.	6/11/2024 8:40 AM
10	Improve infrastructure and water quality at a lower cost to citizens	6/11/2024 7:46 AM
11	YMCA or similar fitness center with a lap pool and programs to support physical health and community activity for all ages	6/10/2024 8:35 PM
12	have a city owned marihuana dispensary	6/10/2024 7:15 PM
13	Ironwood doesn't even have a regular movie theater anymore!	6/10/2024 6:23 PM
14	New housing for 65+ that's all on one level with garages.	6/10/2024 5:53 PM

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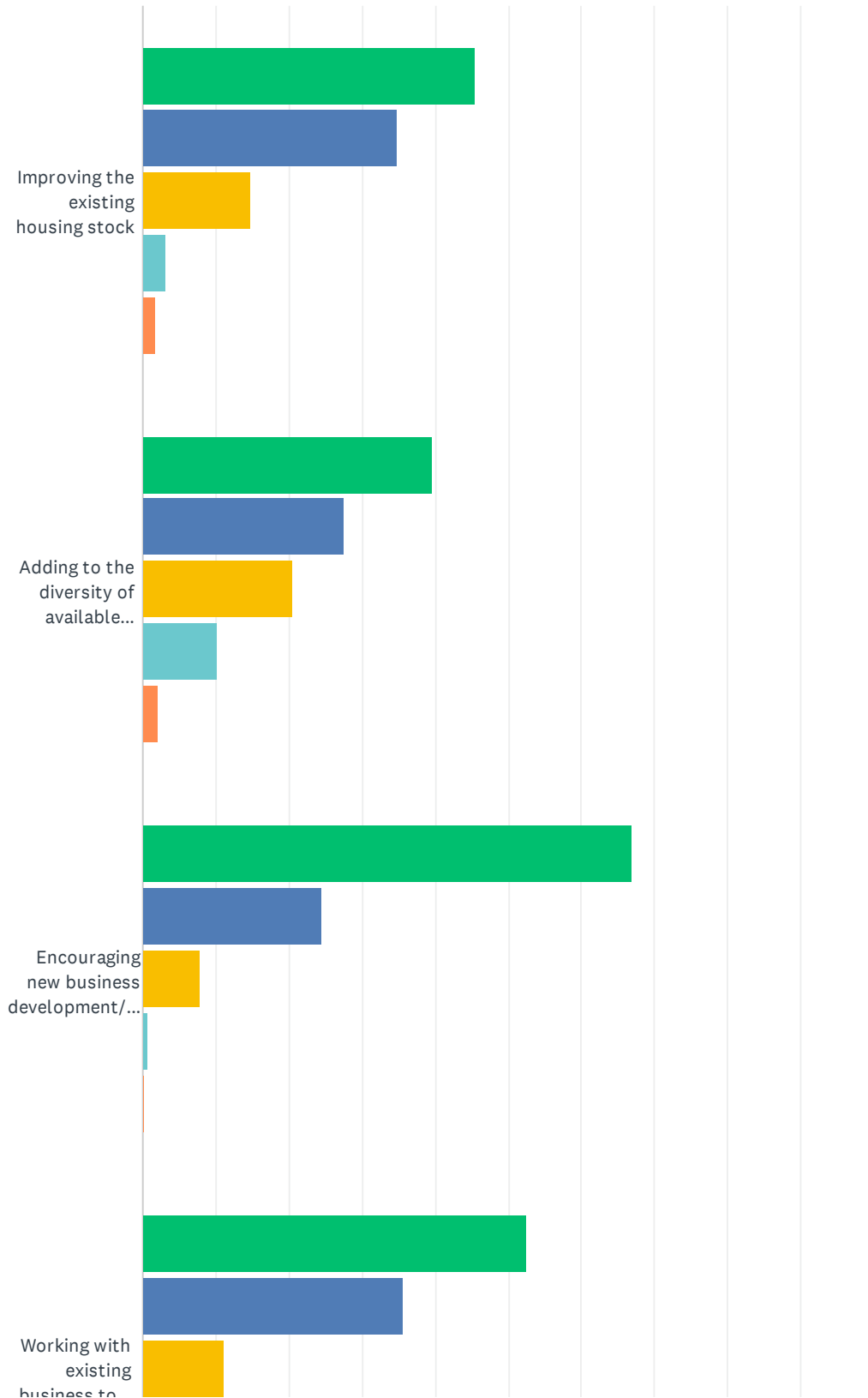
15	Have to fix the brown water that comes out of the tap.	6/10/2024 5:42 PM
16	Take care of aging and abandoned buildings and enforce existing ordinances in regard to things like blight and non-operational vehicles.	6/10/2024 5:27 PM
17	Wheelchair accessibility	6/10/2024 5:20 PM
18	Stop allowing polluted air due to weed, stop bringing city issues to our rural town!!	6/10/2024 4:14 PM
19	develop a full service recreation center with a swimming pool	5/31/2024 4:48 PM
20	Demolition of old/unsafe structures	5/27/2024 4:08 AM
21	More restaurants and less marijuana stores	5/23/2024 9:51 AM
22	Cleaning up the drug problem	5/21/2024 9:15 PM
23	Water treatment plant	5/21/2024 6:26 PM
24	Add all trades at the college. Rehab all older buildings downtown	5/19/2024 10:37 PM
25	Continue to encourage new and innovative business ideas	5/17/2024 2:50 PM
26	A YMCA/Community Center/Pool	5/17/2024 12:27 PM
27	Water	5/16/2024 3:19 PM
28	How about fixing the water & sewer lines the old cuty managers brother in law screwed up. According to the water dept usage has dropped by about 40% since it was "Done" many have abandoned their homes because of it	5/16/2024 10:56 AM
29	Indoor community pool. Childcare.	5/16/2024 10:12 AM
30	Repurpose "Hiawatha" to true Native American heritage or all ethnicities	5/16/2024 8:20 AM
31	How about a ymca?	5/16/2024 8:14 AM
32	Add more entertainment activities that don't involve the outdoors.	5/16/2024 8:06 AM
33	Add another line of metro or bus system.	5/16/2024 7:28 AM
34	Senior center	5/16/2024 6:54 AM
35	Invest in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ	5/16/2024 12:05 AM
36	All the above	5/15/2024 10:07 PM
37	Create an economic engine so people want to move to ironwood	5/15/2024 9:36 PM
38	As a business owner we need to improve our communication to all businesses for all the events we have. One central information specialist. We are on a great roll but, as a small business in Ironwood, we need more that a one day or same day notice of what's up for First Friday. It is such a great monthly event but, poor communication.	5/15/2024 9:32 PM
39	If you take care of the youth with good housing and education, you will have future citizens who want to be here and invest here	5/15/2024 9:08 PM
40	Consolidate schools	5/15/2024 9:02 PM
41	get rid of the pot shops, change the Red Devils to the Blue Angels	5/15/2024 8:37 PM
42	Improve the education BUILDING	5/15/2024 8:18 PM
43	Less marijuana stores and more shopping and restaurants	5/15/2024 7:48 PM
44	Limit pot shops	5/15/2024 7:45 PM
45	Stop unnecessary forced diversity	5/15/2024 7:32 PM
46	Tear down blight houses and hotels	5/15/2024 7:25 PM
47	Emphasis on improving the sidewalks, not the trails. There are plenty of trails for recreation use. Ironwood should be more walkable from a home to school setting.	5/15/2024 6:45 PM
48	Build a pool	5/15/2024 6:41 PM

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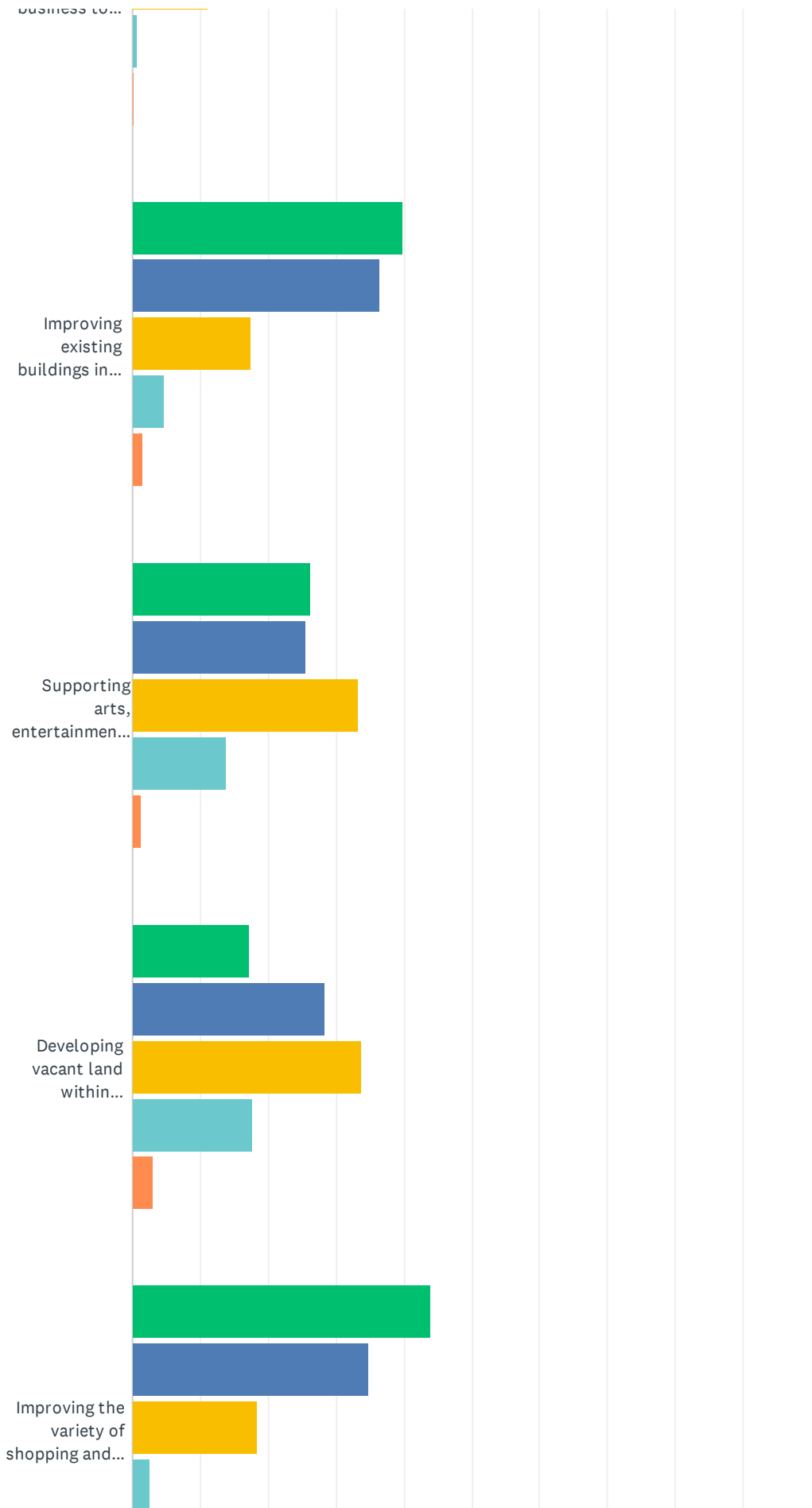
49	Ymca	5/15/2024 4:25 PM
50	Fix what we have before building new.	5/15/2024 3:44 PM
51	Improve the education system (meaning the building, making it safe, secure, and up to today's standards), Utilize and take care of the parks we have (ie. band shell at Long year park...RARELY if ever used)	5/15/2024 3:22 PM
52	Ironwood focuses too much on the parks and trails. Start bringing in businesses that can pay well.	5/15/2024 2:48 PM
53	Stop buying properties on the tax role. And take care of what the citizens have entrusted you with.	5/14/2024 9:44 AM
54	Clean up / tear down blight throughout	5/13/2024 11:01 AM
55	Create Historic Preservation Committee to pursue grants to help downtown.	5/4/2024 4:26 PM

Q8 Think about the following statements and tell us how important they are using the scale provided(select one for each statement)

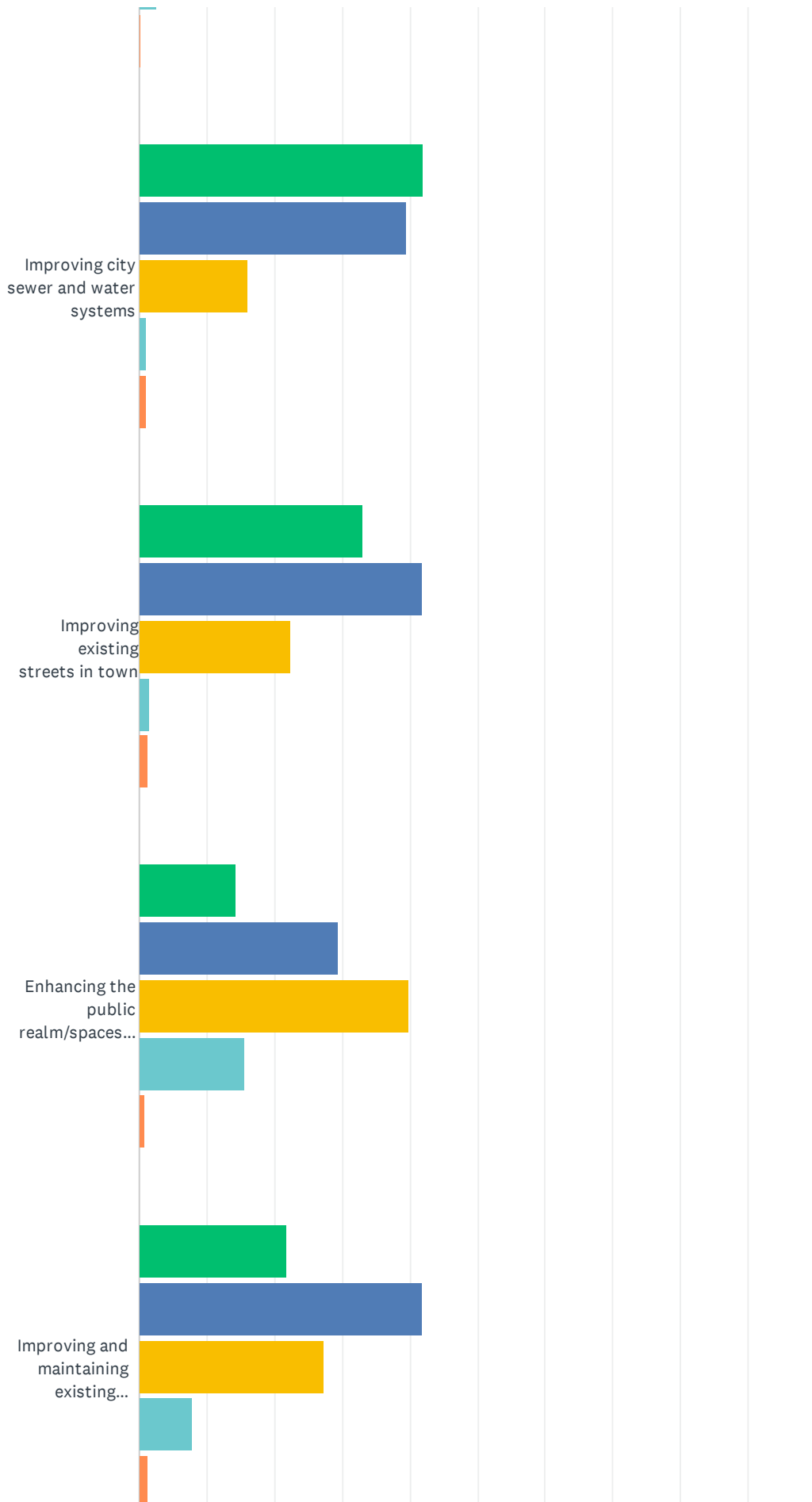
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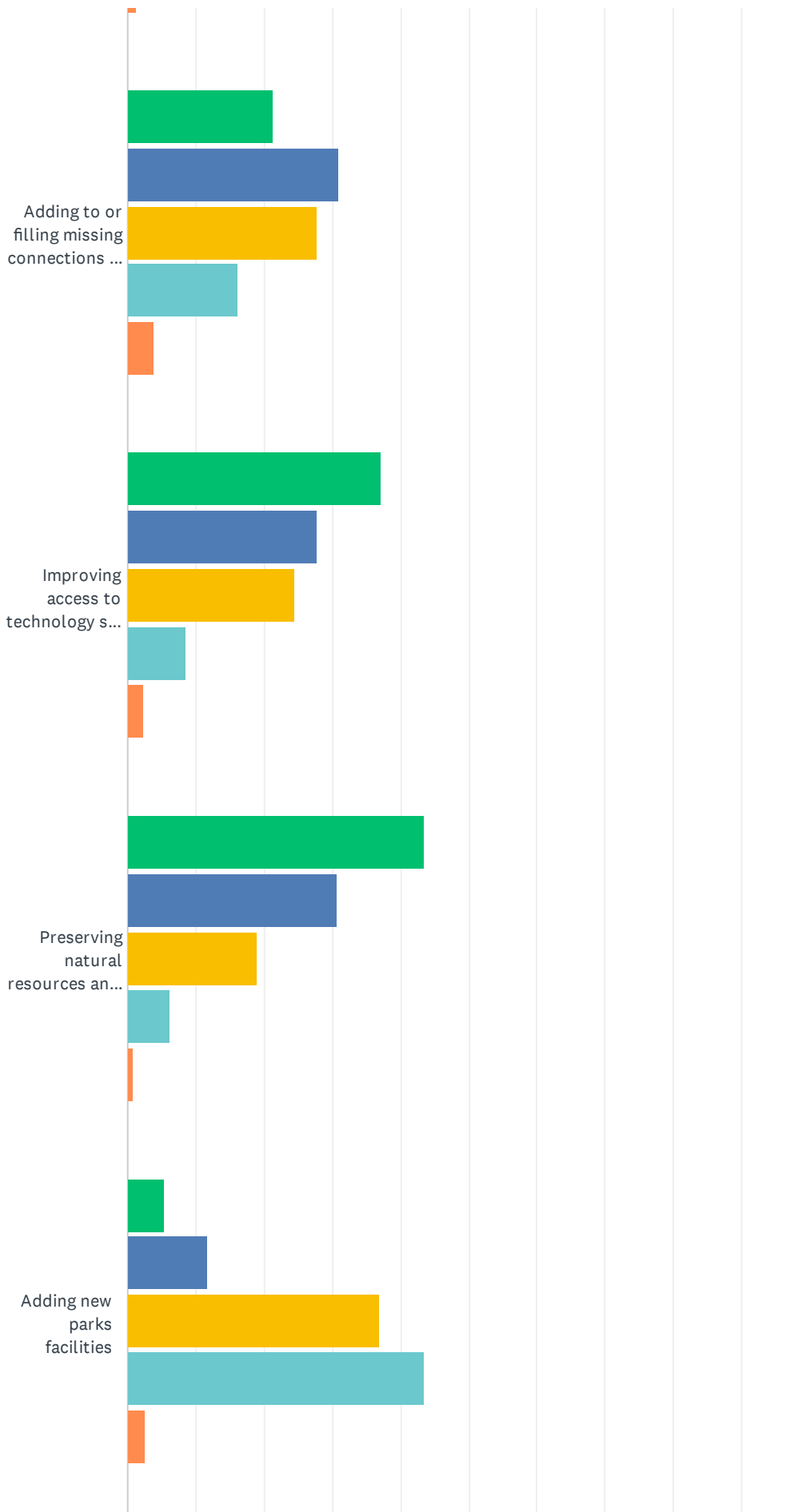
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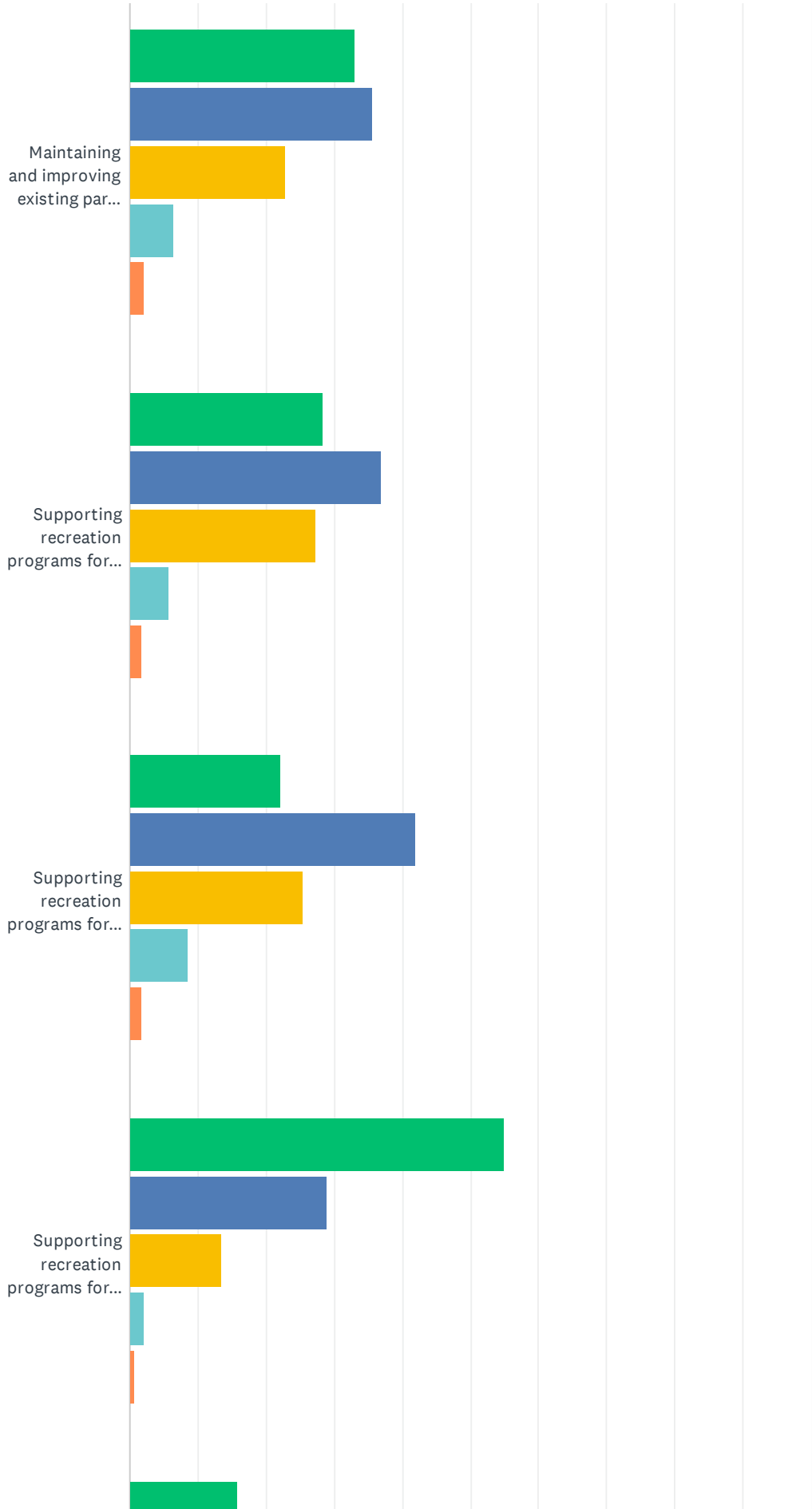
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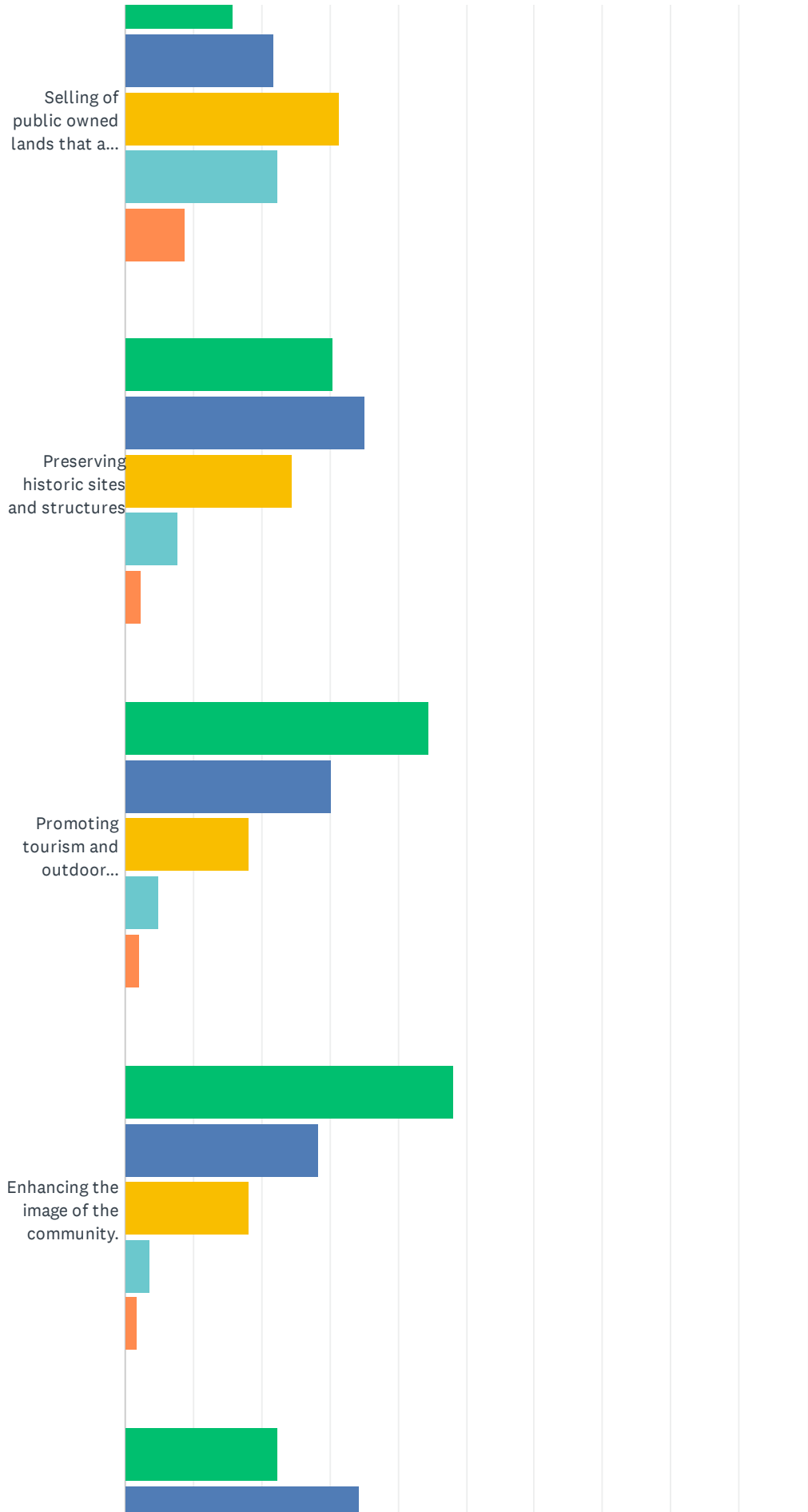
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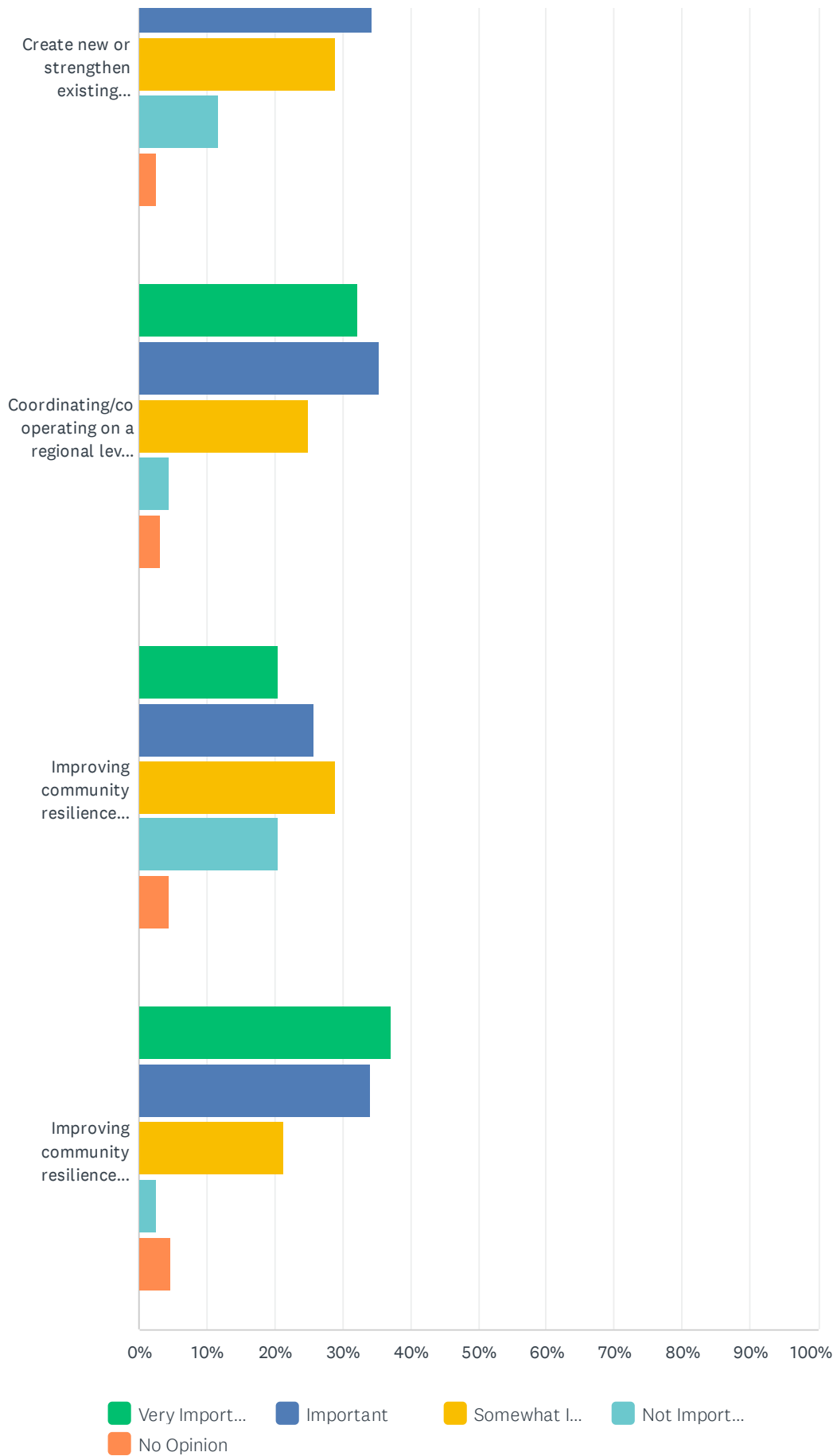
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	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NO OPINION	TOTAL
Improving the existing housing stock	45.51% 157	34.78% 120	14.78% 51	3.19% 11	1.74% 6	345
Adding to the diversity of available housing choices	39.59% 135	27.57% 94	20.53% 70	10.26% 35	2.05% 7	341
Encouraging new business development/growth	66.86% 230	24.42% 84	7.85% 27	0.58% 2	0.29% 1	344
Working with existing business to promote job growth	52.48% 180	35.57% 122	11.08% 38	0.58% 2	0.29% 1	343
Improving existing buildings in Downtown	39.94% 137	36.44% 125	17.49% 60	4.66% 16	1.46% 5	343
Supporting arts, entertainment and cultural programs in town	26.18% 89	25.59% 87	33.24% 113	13.82% 47	1.18% 4	340
Developing vacant land within established neighborhoods	17.30% 59	28.45% 97	33.72% 115	17.60% 60	2.93% 10	341
Improving the variety of shopping and restaurant services	43.86% 150	34.80% 119	18.42% 63	2.63% 9	0.29% 1	342
Improving city sewer and water systems	42.11% 144	39.47% 135	16.08% 55	1.17% 4	1.17% 4	342
Improving existing streets in town	33.04% 112	41.89% 142	22.42% 76	1.47% 5	1.18% 4	339
Enhancing the public realm/spaces within Downtown	14.37% 49	29.33% 100	39.88% 136	15.54% 53	0.88% 3	341
Improving and maintaining existing sidewalk and trails	21.76% 74	41.76% 142	27.35% 93	7.94% 27	1.18% 4	340
Adding to or filling missing connections in the existing sidewalk and trail system	21.24% 72	30.97% 105	27.73% 94	16.22% 55	3.83% 13	339
Improving access to technology such as fiber optic, broadband, and wireless internet	37.03% 127	27.70% 95	24.49% 84	8.45% 29	2.33% 8	343
Preserving natural resources and habitat	43.44% 149	30.61% 105	18.95% 65	6.12% 21	0.87% 3	343
Adding new parks facilities	5.28% 18	11.73% 40	36.95% 126	43.40% 148	2.64% 9	341
Maintaining and improving existing parks facilities	33.04% 113	35.67% 122	22.81% 78	6.43% 22	2.05% 7	342
Supporting recreation programs for seniors and the elderly	28.36% 97	36.84% 126	27.19% 93	5.85% 20	1.75% 6	342
Supporting recreation programs for adults	22.22% 76	42.11% 144	25.44% 87	8.48% 29	1.75% 6	342
Supporting recreation programs for youth	54.97% 188	28.95% 99	13.45% 46	2.05% 7	0.58% 2	342
Selling of public owned lands that are not needed for public use	15.84% 54	21.70% 74	31.38% 107	22.29% 76	8.80% 30	341
Preserving historic sites and structures	30.41% 104	35.09% 120	24.56% 84	7.60% 26	2.34% 8	342
Promoting tourism and outdoor recreation opportunities	44.61% 153	30.32% 104	18.08% 62	4.96% 17	2.04% 7	343

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Enhancing the image of the community.	48.09% 164	28.45% 97	18.18% 62	3.52% 12	1.76% 6	341
Create new or strengthen existing community gathering places	22.29% 76	34.31% 117	29.03% 99	11.73% 40	2.64% 9	341
Coordinating/cooperating on a regional level for delivery of services and economic development	32.16% 110	35.38% 121	24.85% 85	4.39% 15	3.22% 11	342
Improving community resilience related to environmental issues (climate change, invasive species, etc.)	20.47% 70	25.73% 88	28.95% 99	20.47% 70	4.39% 15	342
Improving community resilience related to financial issues	37.17% 126	34.22% 116	21.24% 72	2.65% 9	4.72% 16	339

Q9 Do you have additional comments?-or- Is there anything else we should know for this planning process?

Answered: 119 Skipped: 286

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	In the 30+ years since moving here to take a job, I have lost my primary care physician, car dealer, appliance dealer, and rental shop. My bank closed, schools closed, restaurants closed, hardware stores closed, department stores closed, and the list can go on. It is mandatory to not only stop these kinds of losses, but reverse the trend. It will depend on population growth to be achievable and jobs that pay well are necessary for that growth. By the way, I lost that job I moved here to take.	7/20/2024 8:27 PM
2	We are a retired couple - one with a neural disorder. There is absolutely no housing available here for us. In the future - near future - health will dictate we sell our home and downsize to a nice apartment/senior housing facility - of which there is nothing here. Pioneer Park is no longer viable as senior housing - for many reasons. Seniors/all citizens deserve a nice alternative to a single family home!!!	7/20/2024 1:34 PM
3	Get DEI and ESG initiatives out of government. It is a waste of taxpayer money.	7/16/2024 11:29 AM
4	-Have City board meetings more often and at a later time to accommodate and encourage more participation. -Avoid using social media as a major form of communication and encourage businesses to do so as well as we learn about the unhealthy mental stress it's putting on children and adults alike. -Development of a app for community interaction, information, and support.	7/15/2024 11:46 AM
5	I think the city should consider a business incubator program. This could help bring businesses to the area, allow the development of vacant/unused buildings both downtown and throughout the city, provide jobs, and create local economic growth.	7/14/2024 9:04 AM
6	As long as the same type of leaders keep getting elected, nothing will improve. Taxes are too high, decent jobs too scarce, more established businesses are disappearing, transportation stinks and the young people of quality get educated and move on while the dregs who have no future hang on. Jobs, education, housing are vital to getting this area off its back. Good luck.	7/13/2024 3:29 PM
7	Aging population and the availability of newer nursing home facilities and having assisted living that's not a small hospital room but an actual small apartment	7/13/2024 9:48 AM
8	Downtown buildings falling apart. Looks horrible. No handicap parking in front on brewery Downtown, tried to go there once and a food truck was parked there. Went to Bessemer instead	7/10/2024 7:21 PM
9	Thank you for providing this opportunity. This sort of outreach should be encouraged as an ongoing collection.	7/9/2024 7:23 AM
10	Downtown is important, however the US 2 corridor is uninviting to people traveling through	7/5/2024 11:56 AM
11	There are way too many rundown buildings on the highway in the neighborhoods and all over the place. Takes away from the improvements that are being made when there are so many blights everywhere you look. There are also a lot of drugs in town, specifically methamphetamine. This needs to be addressed or it will continue to be a burden on the town.	7/4/2024 8:49 PM
12	We need more stores down town. Since everything moved to the highway not many tourists come to the downtown area anymore which is not good business for the smaller diners unless they have been there previously. I moved here 30 years ago and there were a lot more stores downtown then and my husband tells me about all that was here when he was growing up and we need more of them back.	7/2/2024 11:27 AM
13	Need to invest in existing downtown buildings AND get rid of some of the unsalvageable ones. Need to hold property owners accountable for maintaining their properties. Downtown building owners need help & expectation to maintain/improve their buildings. Stop the deterioration or remove from the landscape. Need to save Sleight School. Make into condos or community	6/17/2024 10:02 AM

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center. Need rental stock for low income residents. Mixed income apartments. NOT houses that they “buy” but can’t afford to maintain, and consequently deteriorate into blight. Public Safety is doing a great job, but is the price tag too high? Good luck and good job reviewing the Comprehensive Plan on schedule!

14	Allow the market to determine what kind of development comes to town and where it happens. The city should focus on appearance (roads, sidewalks, parks) infrastructure (sewer, water) and safety (police) and then get out of the way. The city is doing a good job at this already. We have plenty of arts, parks, and nature trails...to spend time and money on increasing these things is unnecessary. If there is one single thing that will enhance the community is a swimming pool, to teach the young and provide exercise for seniors.	6/15/2024 10:45 PM
15	QUIT allowing so many houses in the city of Ironwood to be used as Air BNB's. There should be a limit on the number of houses allowed to be used as rentals by way of Air BNB, Vrbo etc.	6/13/2024 3:18 PM
16	Connecting the downtown to US 2. Signs or billboards on Hwy 51.. improve the 1 000 block East where movie theatre and old K Mart are located.... looks abandoned ! LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT LIKE ASHLAND AND SUPERIOR DOES ON U.S 2, TO TRAVELERS CAN LOPK. READ SIGNAGE AND HAVE TIME TO NOTICE BUSINESSES.... Right now the speed limit is so fast you can't take your eyes off the road	6/11/2024 1:48 PM
17	Recruit innovative small businesses, I love Ironwood, moved here from Traverse City, but Ironwood would benefit from an upscale grocery store, a book store, a craft store, better public transportation.	6/11/2024 10:00 AM
18	I think Ironwood generally does a good job with streets and maintenance. I'd love to see the city to take another step with connecting areas. Highway 2 is a major barrier as it is now. I know there may be hurdles to working with the state, but I'd love to see the city push for a 4-to-3 (with center turn lane) conversion when the opportunity arises, add and maintain sidewalks on both sides and add some boulevard trees if possible. Ironwood's parks, particularly Miner's are spectacular and unique. I think a focus on connecting them (Mt. Zion, Norrie Park with a connection to ABR) could really provide something that would be the envy of many other small towns. I know jobs are a challenge, but I think where the city can excel is creating a community where people want to live and hopefully we can get the jobs to follow.	6/11/2024 9:28 AM
19	I think it is important to decide what the city wants its image to be. It can be a small, yet prosperous city. It can take care of existing residents and attract new residents that want to stay, but only by not accepting the status quo. If the city wants to improve its image, it should consider the culture shock that is felt by people coming into the area from more progressive cities.	6/11/2024 8:40 AM
20	Find ways to reduce the cost of utilities and taxes as our community population cannot continue to pay the rising costs for poor quality water and garbage (WI and other neighboring towns pay a lot less and share the system with us—This doesn't make any sense), be more informative to the public via social media, listen to and be open to public concerns and give feedback, do what you say you are going to do, help small businesses co to us to grow	6/11/2024 7:46 AM
21	Ironwood has been doing a great job in community development. It needs to continue forging ahead, supporting the next generation, and encouraging young people to be involved in our government and move to our town.	6/11/2024 7:30 AM
22	None.	6/11/2024 7:19 AM
23	We have plenty of Parks and Rec areas. We need to improve the ones we have. There is a lot of ways to improve	6/11/2024 6:20 AM
24	Have city employees, buildings, and services be more accommodating to handicapped and elderly population.	6/10/2024 8:38 PM
25	The airport is an important resource. As a remote worker, having an airport to get to MSP or Chicago to travel for work is key. My husband and I love small towns and would love to age in place here, the people are wonderful. Having a good gym like Y or similar with a pool, fitness classes and youth programs would be a boon and would attract users from the regions. One challenge is that we would like to upgrade our home and there simply isn't anything in the existing housing stock. Ironwood could attract remote workers but where will they live? Some people are up for rehabbing homes, but it's hard to find contractors to do work and not everyone wants to live in a rehab project. To me, improving the housing stock is step one in	6/10/2024 8:35 PM

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attracting remote workers and keeping young professionals here, who might otherwise seek better homes elsewhere.

26	The sidewalks are a disaster. Many sidewalks are non existent, and have poor handicp access, even along major transportation routes. Blight enforcement is a major failing of the community.	6/10/2024 7:31 PM
27	I really miss the Teen Dance at Festival Ironwood. I heard the Planning Commission is glad to have it gone because of problems with fights etc. but still...	6/10/2024 6:23 PM
28	The city council did a disservice to those needing marijuana for legitimate medical reasons by not mandating dispensaries to sell marijuana to those with medical cards minus the recreational marijuana use taxes. None of the incumbents deserve to be relected.	6/10/2024 6:06 PM
29	Aggressive response to blight—image, image, image!!!!	6/10/2024 5:53 PM
30	Thank you for encouraging Community Listening amongst the planners. Please educate the community that a copper sulfide mine would be terrible for our local communities, they would not create the long-term jobs that people think that they would create, and they would almost certainly based on all of the evidence of other similar minds, fail and destroy A priceless, precious, magnificent natural resource which is Lake Superior, which is our main attraction.	6/10/2024 5:42 PM
31	This area needs good jobs with benefits for families that will actually help them and keep them here. There is nothing here and restaurants are now dying out too.	6/10/2024 5:41 PM
32	Can a city this size afford our public safty department or should we contract with sheriff?	6/10/2024 5:33 PM
33	I feel as if the administration is totally blind to the things that could and should be done right now. Walk around this town. Look at the places like the city parking lot on Ayer Street and the weeds in and around the landscaping and on the sidewalk and curb. Look at the trees that the city had planted along Aurora Street. Some are dead, most are not maintained. Look at the little evergreens along the edge of City Square. At least one is obviously dead and has been since last year. Why don't you spend less time working on comprehensive planning and more time taking care of what we have.	6/10/2024 5:27 PM
34	Make the fair grounds and business more wheelchair friendly. We need affordable wheelchair housing not more air b and bs!!	6/10/2024 5:20 PM
35	Ironwood has done a very good job to remove dilapidated houses and this should continue. There are several buildings in town that are being worked on and this should continue. The current internet is satisfactory. The police force needs to be revamped, especially the organizational structure.	6/10/2024 5:16 PM
36	Access to Healthcare, indoor recreation and low maintenance modern housing for middle class (apt/condos)	6/10/2024 3:12 PM
37	Ironwood is facing challenges like other small towns. Attracting homeowners and young people who can work remotely seems like a hood step. The recreation is here. Just need to find people who are a good fit. Longtime residents also need to embrace change. Good old mining days aren't coming back unfortunately. Move forward, not dwell on past	6/10/2024 2:00 PM
38	Less dei more common sense	5/27/2024 8:45 AM
39	Quit working backward! Get busy on infrastructure verses so many parks and trails for silent sports! First things first. Also when visitors are here or locals want to eat out, ALL are closed in downtown area after 4. Along with most other downtown businesses.	5/27/2024 4:08 AM
40	Improving/developing existing buildings (residential and commercial) to create affordable housing and entice new businesses is huge. Unless these structures are going to be torn down and the space developed, which is also expensive, better in most cases to restore what already exists verses building new.	5/26/2024 1:10 PM
41	F the marijuana shops! Too many and in the wrong locations	5/25/2024 10:10 AM
42	Not enough transportation	5/24/2024 3:23 AM
43	Don't rely on marijuana stores and growing places to bring taxes into town. It will work for the time being, but once Minnesota and Wisconsin people stop coming here to buy stuff, our new business will be gone and we will have empty buildings again. Minnesota already has new laws. Then what will we do? Think ahead!	5/23/2024 9:51 AM

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44	Better care of current parks, such as emptying garbage cans more often, removing downed branches in a timely manner. Snow plowing more often than just the middle of the night. More rentals.	5/23/2024 8:24 AM
45	Found My North!	5/22/2024 8:19 AM
46	Invest in teaching young generations how to live well without medicines and how to resolve conflict peacefully. There are no conflict resolution skills taught to anyone in any capacity. The earlier you start to teach kids how to work through emotions and resolve issues with peers, the more prepared they will be to do this as adults.	5/22/2024 6:54 AM
47	There needs to be a community center or YMCA type facility with a pool for youth to take classes and have a place to go and hang out.	5/20/2024 7:09 PM
48	If any parks are done over, make sure they are built to accomodate all children(special needs, etc.) Accessable to all. Sidewalks are dangerous all over town, corners should all be wheel chair accessible.	5/19/2024 10:37 PM
49	The Ironwood Community has a huge opportunity to move forward while maintaining the community's unique attributes (for example, locally owned business, small size, etc.). Some of these are cosmetic fixes but will still need an influx of funding to make them happen -- for example, repairing building facades downtown while maintaining their historical integrity, repairing sidewalks and keeping them maintained during all seasons. But with use of public, private, federal, state, grant funding, Ironwood could become a jewel in the Upper Peninsula. Other fixes would take more planning and partnerships between the city, county, and other entities -- a better, more diverse public education system that would be able to meet the needs of ALL students, a robust community college offering more programs that will help meet the needs of local businesses and future employers with agreements with MI/WI colleges/universities to make transfers easier and allow students to obtain four (4)-year degrees while staying local. Finally, the community itself is going to need to be prepared to open up to larger, perhaps national, retail/ restaurant businesses, while maintaining its small town charm. This would impact current zoning restrictions and require smart planning preventing "urban" sprawl and limiting tax incentives that have resulted in closed and empty "box" stores and tax increases going to the residents while allowing companies to pay little if any taxes to develop needed infrastructure.	5/19/2024 2:26 PM
50	Tear down structures that are abandoned and/or should be condemned. They are eye sores.	5/19/2024 9:18 AM
51	I think Ironwood has done a great job so far in improving the community. Keep pursuing what has worked so far, and keep the community involved.	5/17/2024 2:50 PM
52	Continue to invest in your trails, both motorized and non	5/17/2024 5:14 AM
53	There is a lack of variety of quality restaurants. Barely any reason to go out on any given night	5/16/2024 10:28 PM
54	When you complete these plans and the paid consultants give you advice - actually listen to it and take the advice. Otherwise we end up with pie in the sky ideas and do the opposite of what the paid professionals tell us to do. Also - the biggest improvement to the downtown as a whole? Remove all the snow from sidewalks in winter - OFTEN - so that people can do all their shopping safely. Include the business owners in city sponsored events. Have meetings twice a year with all the small business owners - to hear their concerns, to listen to their feedback. And the schools in Ironwood seriously need improvement. Making excuses as to why the schools are in the shape they are does nothing to address the existing problems - it only perpetuates myths about poverty. We need to want better for the kids who grow up here so they will want to stay/return.	5/16/2024 9:50 PM
55	Get rid of some of the weed joints we dont need so many	5/16/2024 8:42 PM
56	Address the housing shortage for those of us who do not qualify for low income housing.	5/16/2024 8:36 PM
57	Please concentrate on maintaining the parks and city square that are already a part of Ironwood. Use our limited resources to take care of what we already have.	5/16/2024 4:10 PM
58	We should not be known for drugs	5/16/2024 3:19 PM
59	The one question about community gathering places is kind of a trick question, no I don't think you need new places, mainly because this city is a mess, so rather than new places I'd rather see improvements to existing places, or better yet let's get the blighted properties taken care of, and roads taken care of, this town looks like a ghetto.	5/16/2024 2:38 PM

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60	Give more priority to the citizens already living here!! Almost 300 air bnb's in this town and people struggle to find housing. We're trying to move and cannot touch the inexpensive homes for purchase without a flipper or short term renter diving for them first. It may come down to us having to move from this town, which I don't want to do.	5/16/2024 1:04 PM
61	We do NOT need more: trails or parks or parking lots. And definitely DO NOT need 1 way streets anywhere!	5/16/2024 12:21 PM
62	I'm 21. My grandpa is 68. I really wanted the iron belle trail to be done so I can ride it all the way from Iron County to Belle County with him. It's cool that we have it, but it ends in ramsay. I also wish there were more things to do. It'd be cool to get a movie theater up and running again. City funded? Or partially? Are there any grants that we could apply for?	5/16/2024 11:49 AM
63	Bring in more businesses for a variety of good paying jobs	5/16/2024 11:41 AM
64	Ironwood area has so much untapped potential. So thankful to see this survey and that there in an investment being made to preserve and enhance this gem.	5/16/2024 11:35 AM
65	The city would attract more if it would take care of the buildings instead of demoing them. Ive heard tourists say how sad & pathetic the city looks with all the drab, broken buildings. Instead of wasting More money on Another downtown park FIX THE DOWNTOWN UP! And put Handicapped parking back so those who need it can park down town	5/16/2024 10:56 AM
66	We don't need to focus on downtown more until parking and plowing are made a priority. If you are promoting downtown but won't plow it and instead close half of it down instead of plowing it, then there is no reason to push downtown. Most of our year is in snow so plowing should be a priority and finding parking is impossible downtown when half of it is closed. I discourage people all the time from opening businesses downtown for this reason. It shouldn't be an issue for businesses but it is.	5/16/2024 10:12 AM
67	Get grants to repair/replace the crumbling sidewalks in the neighborhoods,after all that's where the tax payers live,not out in the woods where the focus of nice walking is more important then walking in the neighborhoods where we live. When was the last time a deer or bear paid property tax? Pay more attention to where the taxpayers live, not where the Deer and the Antelope play and the Buffalo roam.	5/16/2024 9:32 AM
68	Consolidate schools and lower taxes for small businesses!	5/16/2024 8:56 AM
69	Take the input from these surveys seriously and truly consider the input, have community meetings and involve the community in the process, remember your decisions affect ALL PEOPLE, not SPECIAL GROUPS or INTERESTS.	5/16/2024 8:20 AM
70	Copperwood mine poses an existential threat. Foreign owners (who have never built a mine) will probably pollute Lake Superior and cause economic chaos	5/16/2024 8:20 AM
71	There is no substitute for good communication. As you know, there are a number of people in the community who love nothing more than to tear down (on social media) anything the town does. Get ahead of that noise and make sure to communicate effectively and OFTEN so that people have access to the facts. Make sure decisions have a positive impact on the largest number of Ironwood's citizens and be transparent.	5/16/2024 8:03 AM
72	Jobs and housing will bring in families and working adults. It will also give recent graduates the option to stay here instead of always moving away. These people will then work and pay taxes which helps our community improve and grow. Our community has a large population of aging and elderly people which is causing imbalance. We need young people and families to move into the future.	5/16/2024 8:00 AM
73	Do not just make plans. Implement them!	5/16/2024 7:48 AM
74	Something should be in play to paint homes when homeowners are unable. A free paint program of some type?	5/16/2024 7:34 AM
75	The current plan is very good, make the changes you need to make and then focus as quickly as you can on implementing new and maintaining existing.	5/16/2024 7:28 AM
76	No Senior center. Marijuana smoking lounge. Not more trails. You combine trails and sidewalk in the survey. Not the same thing. Separate them.Dig up buried sidewalks and trim trees so there is a clear path so you don't have to duck. Examples: Western North/South road to Mt Zion, Broadway near US highway 2. Two many to list.	5/16/2024 6:54 AM

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77	We need a public pool option here. We used to have the memorial building and the college. These are closed. We need something for families to do in the winter and year round. The last thing we need is another playground like the ones we have. We need something like an arcade, mini golf, trampoline or water park and go carts. This will bring people to the area from an hour around or more.	5/16/2024 12:05 AM
78	Getting new schools is very important and the biggest factor in attracting families.	5/15/2024 10:51 PM
79	Use Bisbee AZ as a model! Not only does Ironwood have the mining heritage, but it has all the outdoor resources as well!!	5/15/2024 10:31 PM
80	Allow national brand stores and restaurants in the city. It would bring business to the town. Help people not want/need to travel. Same with medical care. Increase the tax base.	5/15/2024 10:07 PM
81	More restaurants Taco Bell Culvers A Movie Theater return- UPGRADED	5/15/2024 9:34 PM
82	We need another restaurant in our area similar to the Iron Nugget. It is the only reliable option with a full menu, making it difficult to recommend a restaurant to tourists. We can not continue to only expand with Marijauna businesses. Enough is enough. Marshall's is a great addition.	5/15/2024 9:32 PM
83	Create a safe place for our children. Example...YMCA, improve the existing parks, Less Marijuana shops!!	5/15/2024 9:26 PM
84	Get rid of the wokeness	5/15/2024 9:17 PM
85	The city should retain all right of ways like rail lines as pedestrian or pedal accessible trails and routes are important to the entire community and to each neighborhood the connect. Reluctantly but obviously even to ORVs. ORV trails should be multi use with silent sports.	5/15/2024 9:08 PM
86	Promote businesses, remove blighted properties, support recreation and tourism. Go ironwood!	5/15/2024 8:51 PM
87	The high property taxes and water bills have kept people from moving into the city of Ironwood. Attracting businesses that can provide stable, good paying jobs is important, along with housing to support growth, in order to stop the population from dwindling.	5/15/2024 8:46 PM
88	Ironwood is fraught with drugs, including pot, which is very detrimental to everyone who uses it. It has ruined the city of Ironwood. Why does any city need FIVE pot businesses? We are bringing the worst from other states to buy pot from Ironwood. It's detrimental to the morale of those living in and near Ironwood.	5/15/2024 8:37 PM
89	Please stop focusing so much on tourism and make this a better place for the residents to live! There's so little for the youth/kids to do, and the community is incredibly non-diverse and not accepting of others.	5/15/2024 8:21 PM
90	Stop dumping rubble in public e.	5/15/2024 8:20 PM
91	I disagree wholeheartedly with the idea that tourism alone can build a safe, functional economy for families. And I see no value to the community in encouraging substance abuse as a money-maker. I wholly support low environmental impact or controlled impact industry that provides living wages for families. I believe most other issues would easily resolve themselves if the community planners were to encourage and support good private sector economic opportunities for families.	5/15/2024 8:20 PM
92	No comment	5/15/2024 8:18 PM
93	Fix the housing issues and improve what we have already	5/15/2024 8:13 PM
94	For the local economy to improve and business to expand and population to increase, as a city we must invest into more industry	5/15/2024 8:05 PM
95	In my opinion, the continual adding of pot shops will be the downfall of ironwood. It will bring people to the area who are only here for drugs? I would like to see them closed down or way less. What ironwood is best at: waterfalls, parks, community and the arts. Focus on strengths and not worry as much about our weaknesses.	5/15/2024 7:45 PM
96	Eliminate the Ironwood Police department (contract with the county) and use that money for more important issues and projects. I also think the issue of school consolidation should be thought about again.	5/15/2024 7:34 PM
97	We need to attract business to attract younger families with K-12 children...without that it'll be	5/15/2024 7:32 PM

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hard to keep this community vibrant and growing. So, Schools/education is very important. Also healthcare in general for all ages.

98	Keep Ironwood for locals too we don't need to change for visitors.	5/15/2024 7:32 PM
99	The public safety department is no longer needed. Go to a volunteer fire department like neighboring communities and contract with the sheriffs dept for patrols (the state police and sheriff are already here all over town!). We don't need any more trails. I utilize the trail system, I like the trail system, I see very few people on the trail system from out of town or even from town. It was a pet project for those who run the city. Thank you but more is not needed. We need to have good and affordable water. It is outrageous. We also need to close the civic center if it isn't going to be self sufficient. The promises and lies that have come from that facility have been going on for too many years. The ironwood taxpayers should not be footing the bill for a facility used by every other community for the same charges. Save the taxpayers money by doing these simple, yes simple, things.	5/15/2024 7:27 PM
100	Clean up blite area downtown. Particularly the 4 way stop on McCloud	5/15/2024 7:05 PM
101	Walkability is huge and there are trails, but there are not a lot of safe sidewalks to get to and from a house and the school or to and from a house and the city square. Would like a cross walk over US-2 on Curry, so getting to the school for pickup can be efficient and safe. The up keep of existing parks should be a priority before adding new parks. Especially, if the community is going to be taking care of them and not the city. Why add new when you aren't doing anything with the ones you already have. There are not a lot of adult sports programs and if there are you only here about them via word of mouth. What is the parks and rec department or the city doing to promote these?	5/15/2024 6:45 PM
102	Less taxes and utility bills	5/15/2024 6:35 PM
103	Support the Ironwood Globe which should have a major role. Follow the State of Mich "Pure Michigan" promotion and post the Copper Peak 2025 updates like the Kiwanis Club for Pine Mtn in Iron Mountain. does for Pine Mtn in Iron Mountain	5/15/2024 6:17 PM
104	Parks and public lots are now updated, as well as infrastructure. What is needed now is a plan for retaining housing stock and downtown commercial buildings. It does not give a favorable impression to tourists if we allow buildings to fall apart. History can also be a large draw for tourists. Smaller stores, walkability from nearly everywhere, good design can lead to a community with more pride.	5/15/2024 6:05 PM
105	Too many weed stores. Two is plenty.	5/15/2024 5:52 PM
106	Blight in neighborhoods is a huge problem	5/15/2024 4:51 PM
107	Any discussion regarding education should revolve around consolidation with surrounding communities. There's a massive opportunity to create a centralized programming hub within parks and rec. Every other community I've lived in has a listing of recreational opportunities managed by parks and rec. I also think there's a lot of energy devoted to tourism/recruitment of people to move here when we should be using that energy to enhance the experience of those that are already here.	5/15/2024 4:20 PM
108	Can't have sidewalk and trails in the same sentence. TWO entirely different things. Still would love to see Norrie Park a camp ground.	5/15/2024 4:04 PM
109	The sidewalk system needs a lot of attention, especially in the winter pedestrians have to use the road because there isn't a sidewalk available or it is not cleared.	5/15/2024 3:43 PM
110	Any manufacturing willing to relocate or build in ironwood should be considered regardless of what they produce. If good, stable jobs can be brought into the community, money supply will increase. The city water system is disgusting and needs to be revamped. The cost is outrageous and the water is not drinkable, which makes it even more asinine. Signage for local businesses on US2 and other roads in the area may help draw people to existing businesses. It's not obvious where businesses are located just driving through town.	5/15/2024 3:32 PM
111	Stop focusing on rebuilding the downtown area and dumping money into parks and trails. Focus on bringing in businesses with good wages and more restaurants and shopping options.	5/15/2024 2:48 PM
112	Enough with the Marijuana Dispensaries. Five is beyond enough. What happened to only having two. We are getting to be known for the wrong things. People need to think long term	5/15/2024 2:45 PM

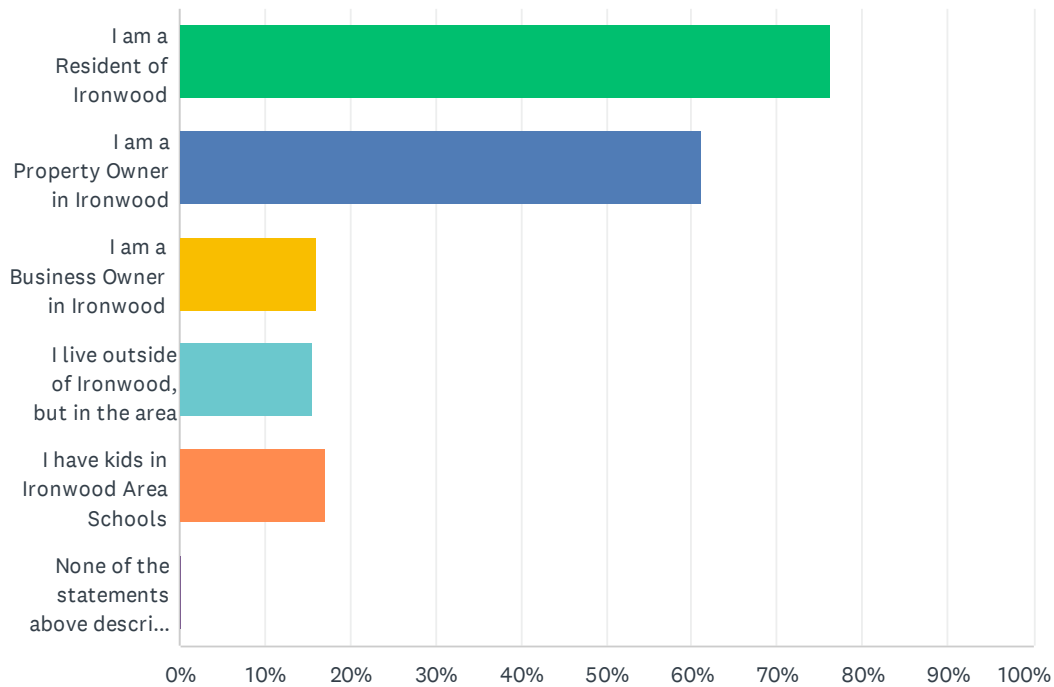
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and not so much for the immediate. They are not like gas stations and they draw the wrong people to our area. That is not community development.

113	Ironwood needs to figure out what employers who will pay a decent wage need to locate here. It's hard to bring in or keep young talent when they have such a greater opportunity to succeed and grow their wealth somewhere else. Focus on raising the per capita income and we might start to lower the median age.	5/15/2024 2:41 PM
114	Stop promoting the minority issues and key issues. LGBQ promoting the 1st Friday. I find this as offensive to my Christian beliefs. These events cause division and it was the brain child of the previous.city manager and mayor. The LGBQ flag SHOULD NOT BE FLOWN NEXT TO THE AMERICAN FLAG!!!	5/14/2024 9:44 AM
115	Stop opening so many Marijuana stores. I like seeing the buildings being fixed up.but it is not attracting good stock people.	5/13/2024 5:24 PM
116	Improvement of mental health / addiction services	5/13/2024 11:01 AM
117	Spend money and focus on things that benefit the entire community rather than select groups (like studies spent on whether our Hiawatha statue "might" be offensive or changing of language because someone "might" be offended). Focus on our rich history- add walking history plaques to downtown buildings on what they originally were. Develop a niche that will attract people to want to not only visit but live here.	5/13/2024 9:29 AM
118	Can the Miners Park woolly for grants to install pit toilets similar to Norrie Park at Bonnie St.	5/4/2024 4:26 PM
119	Housing is needed across the board. Supporting downtown is critical to a thriving community. Investing in downtown buildings is needed. General appearance issues around town are very important.	5/1/2024 2:55 PM

Q10 Tell us a bit about yourself (check all that apply):

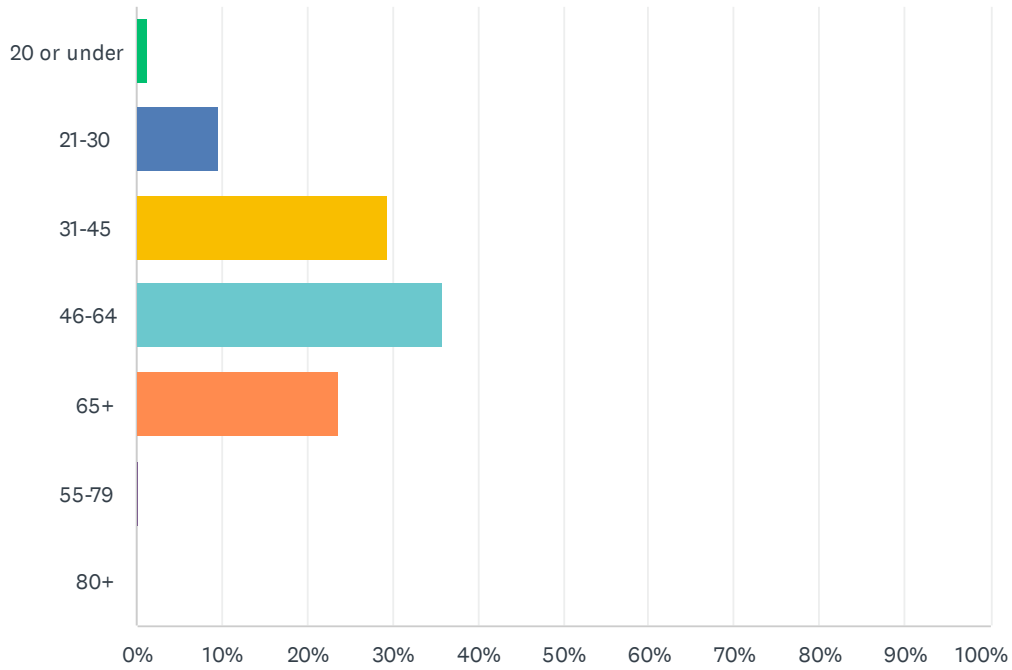
Answered: 342 Skipped: 63



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I am a Resident of Ironwood	76.32%	261
I am a Property Owner in Ironwood	61.11%	209
I am a Business Owner in Ironwood	16.08%	55
I live outside of Ironwood, but in the area	15.50%	53
I have kids in Ironwood Area Schools	16.96%	58
None of the statements above describe me	0.29%	1
Total Respondents: 342		

Q11 My age is:

Answered: 341 Skipped: 64



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
20 or under	1.17%	4
21-30	9.68%	33
31-45	29.33%	100
46-64	35.78%	122
65+	23.75%	81
55-79	0.29%	1
80+	0.00%	0
TOTAL		341