

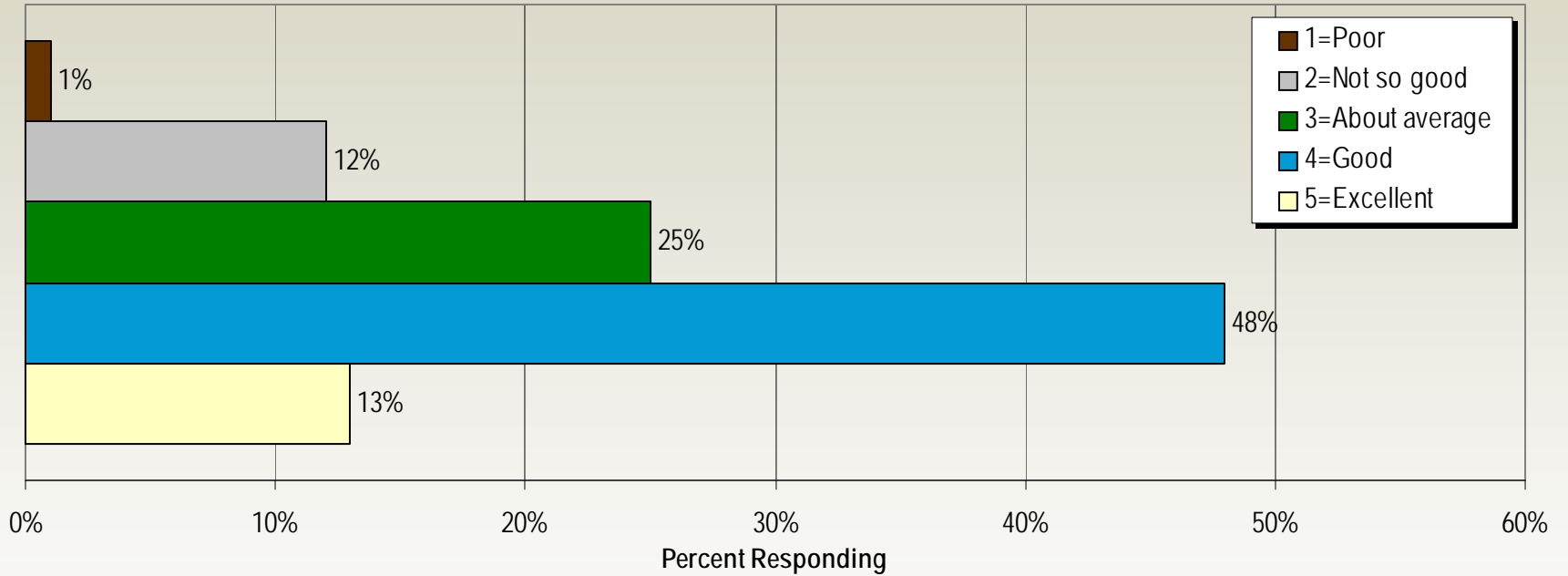
Byers Community Survey

Final Results
January 2008



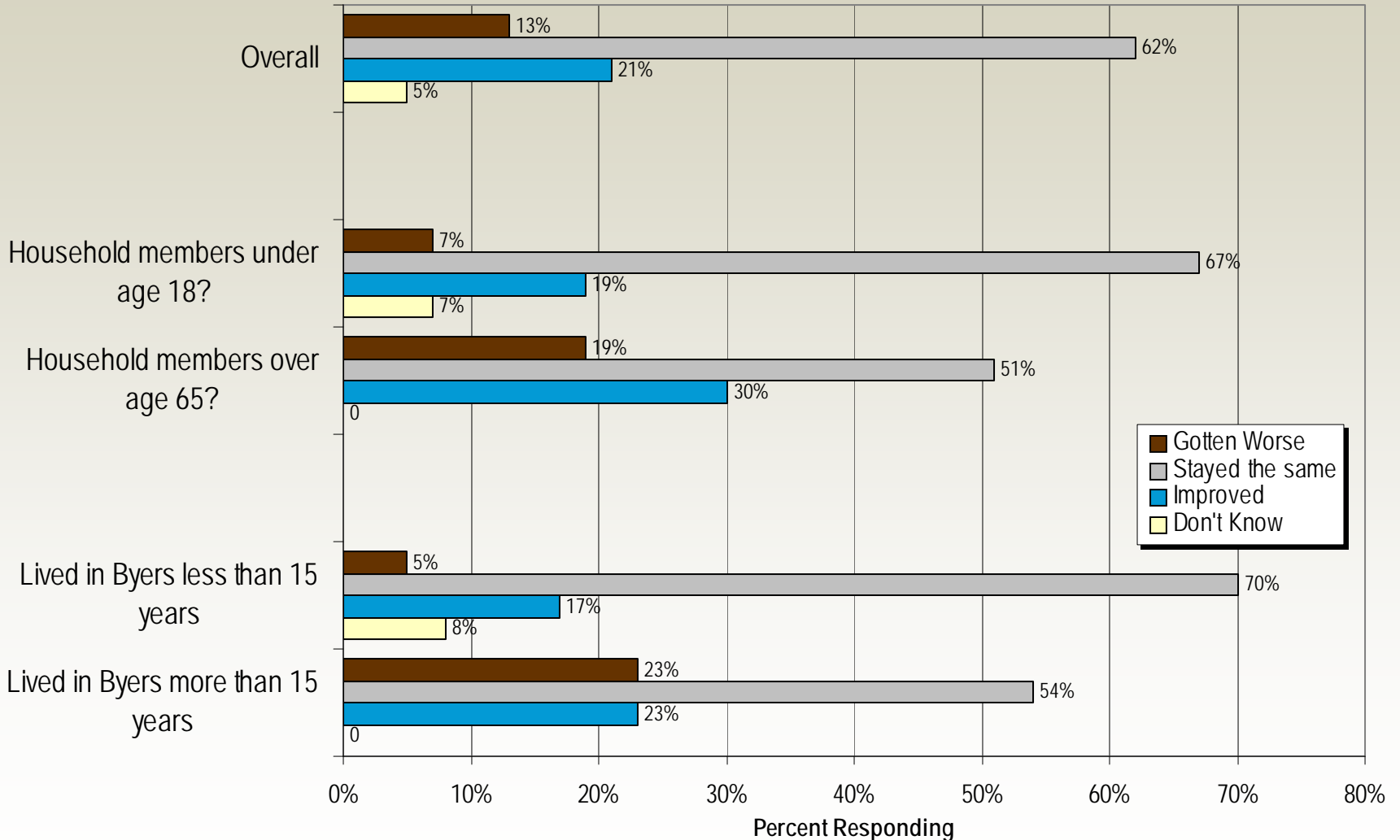
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Current Quality of Life in Byers



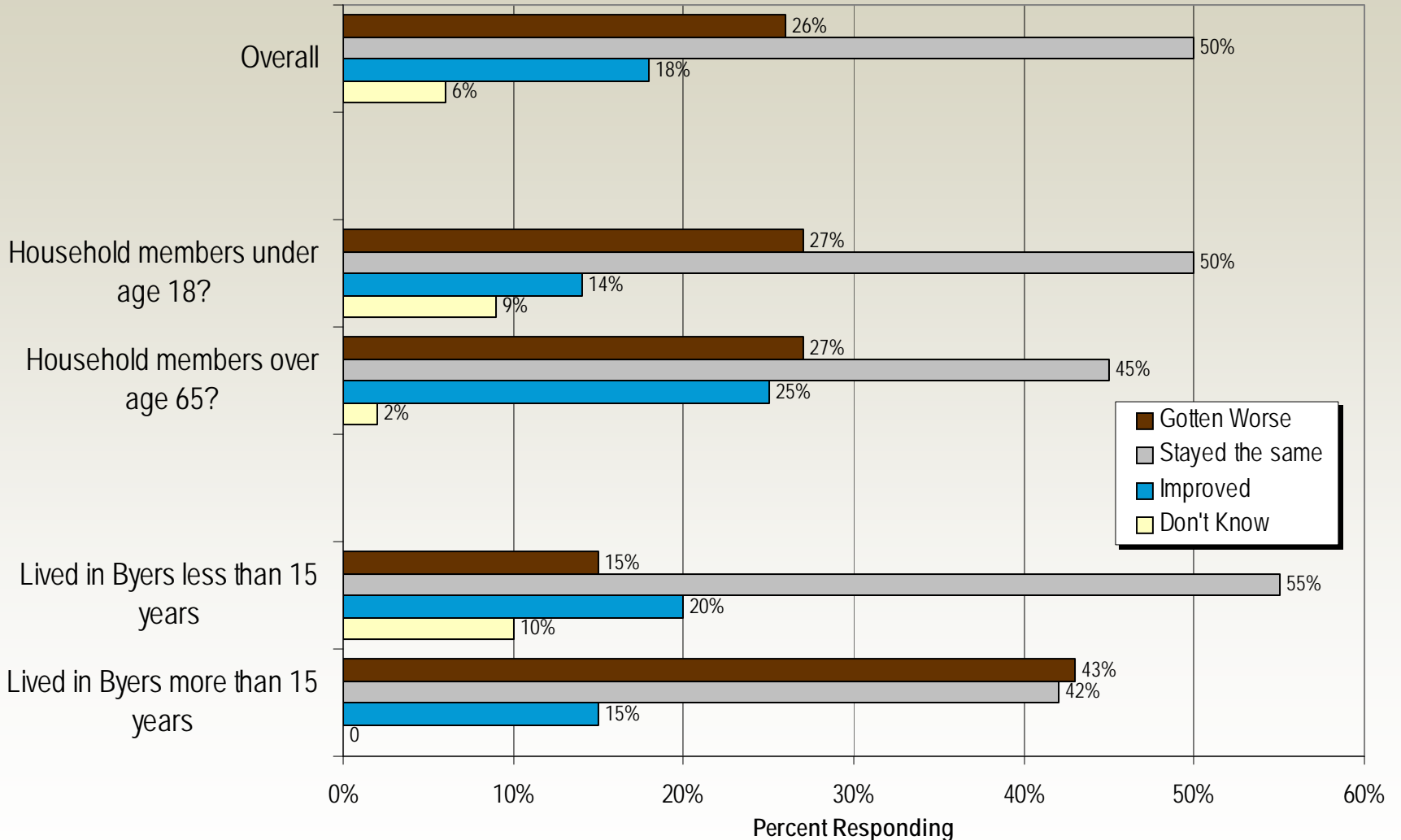
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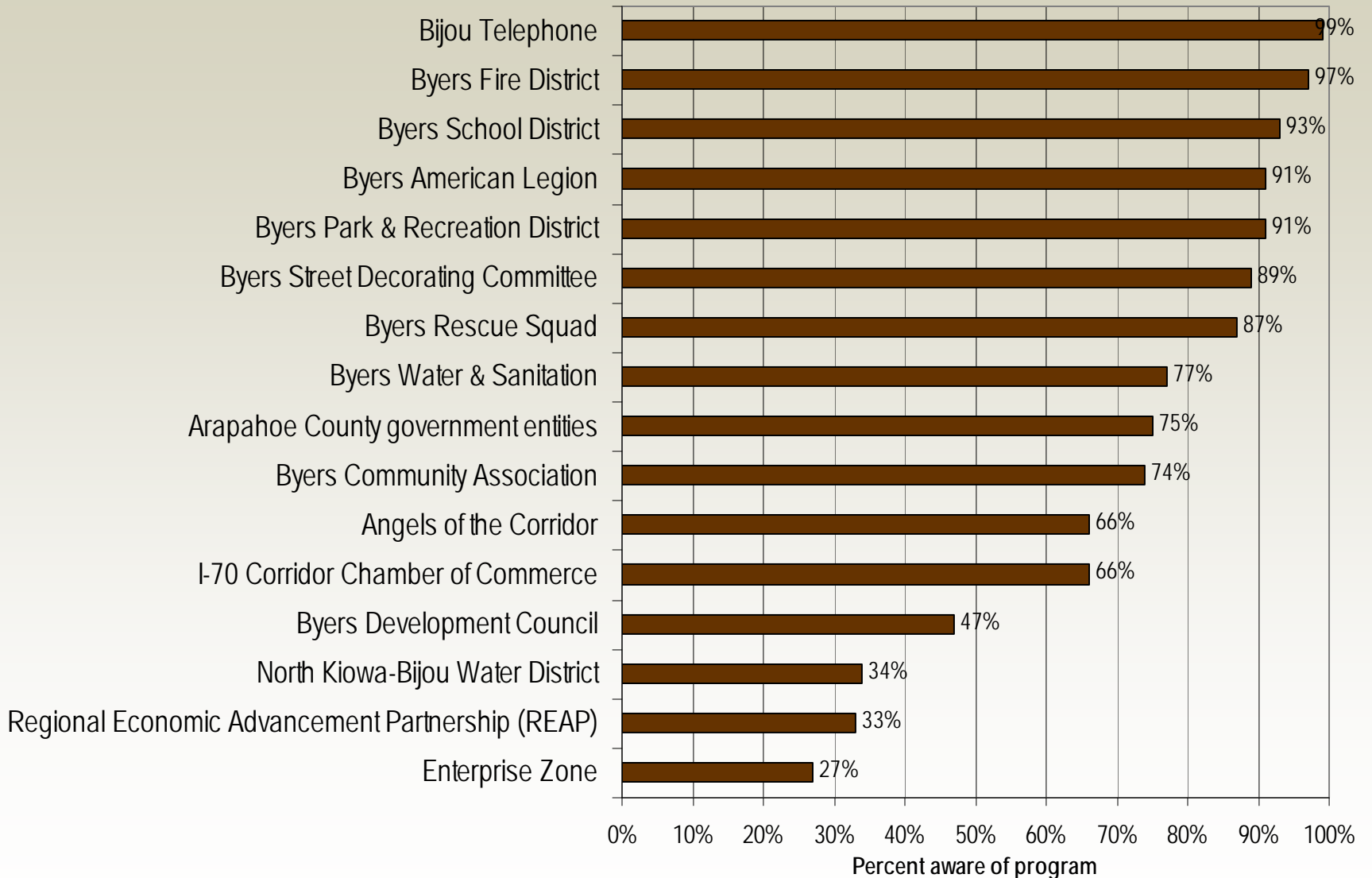


Sense of Community

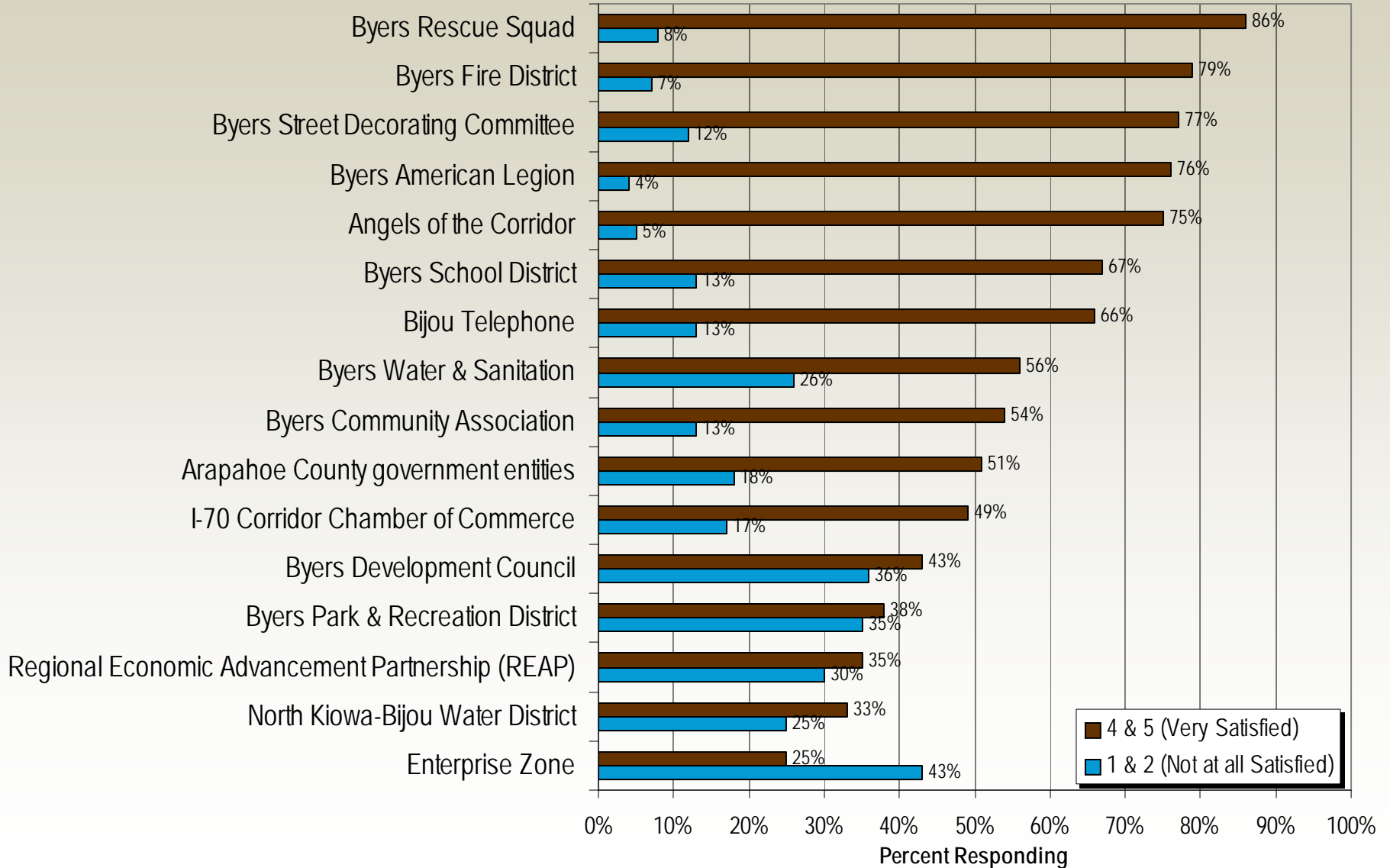
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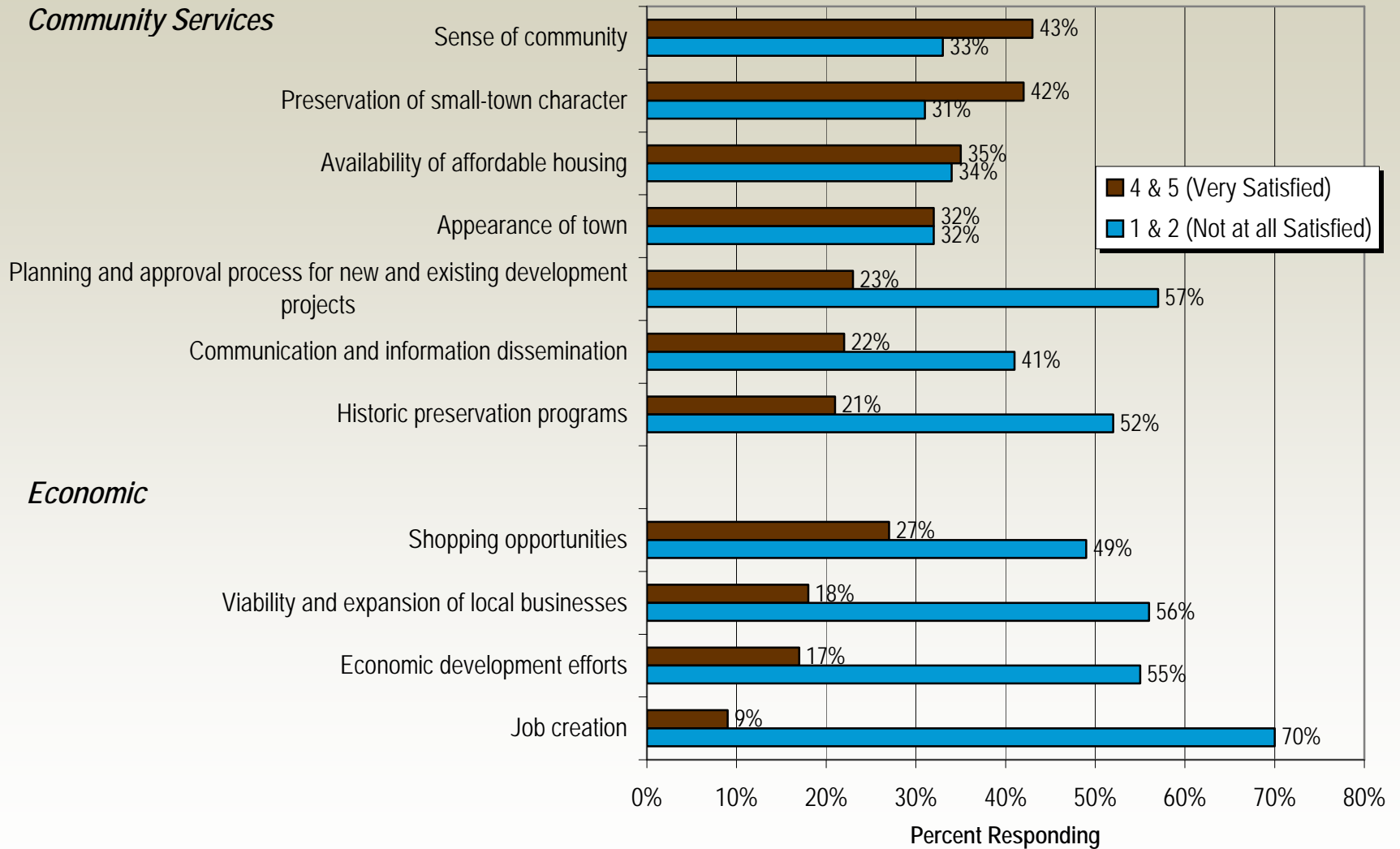
Awareness of Districts/Boards/Organizations



Satisfaction of Current Districts/Boards/Organizations in Byers

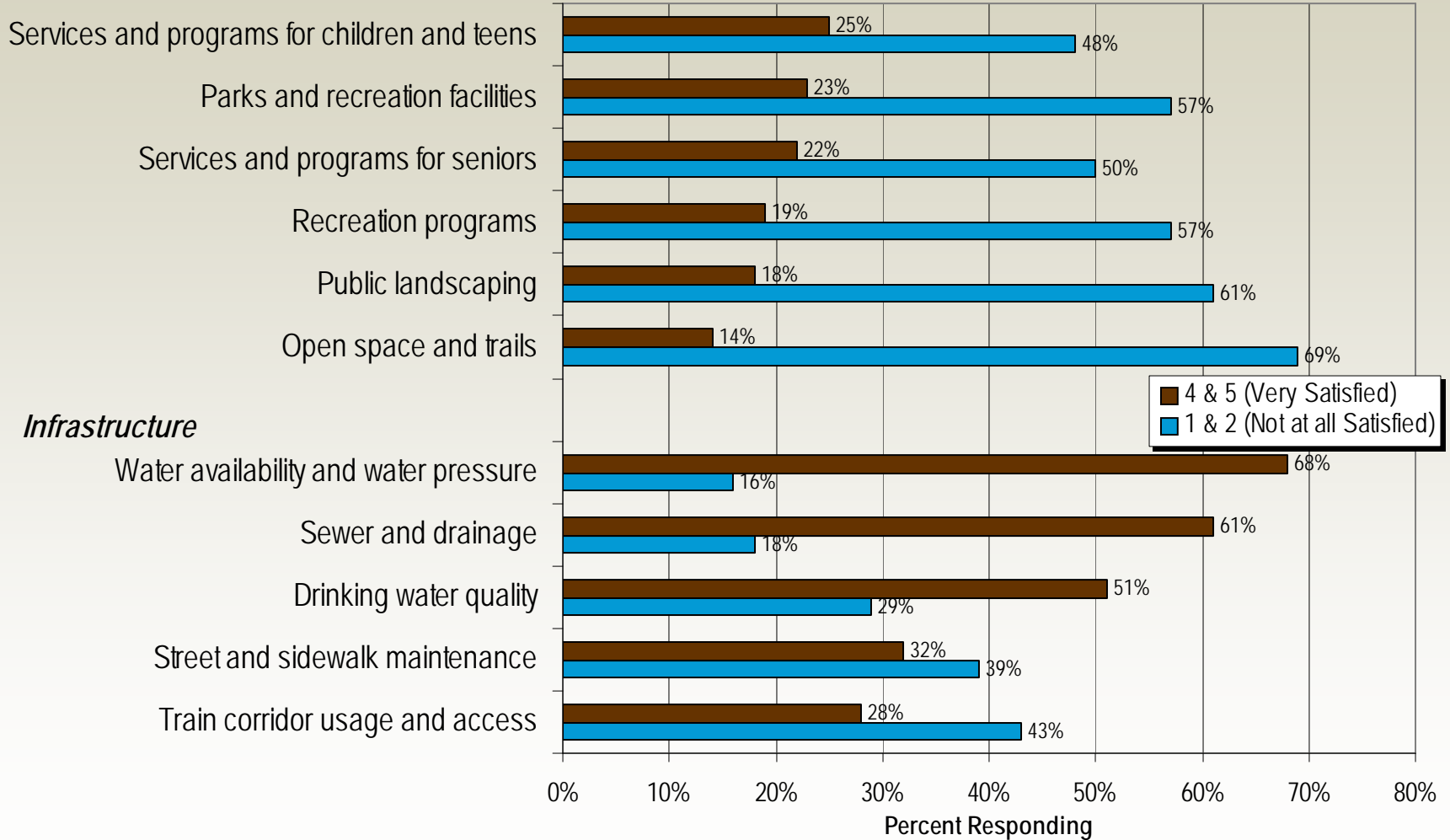


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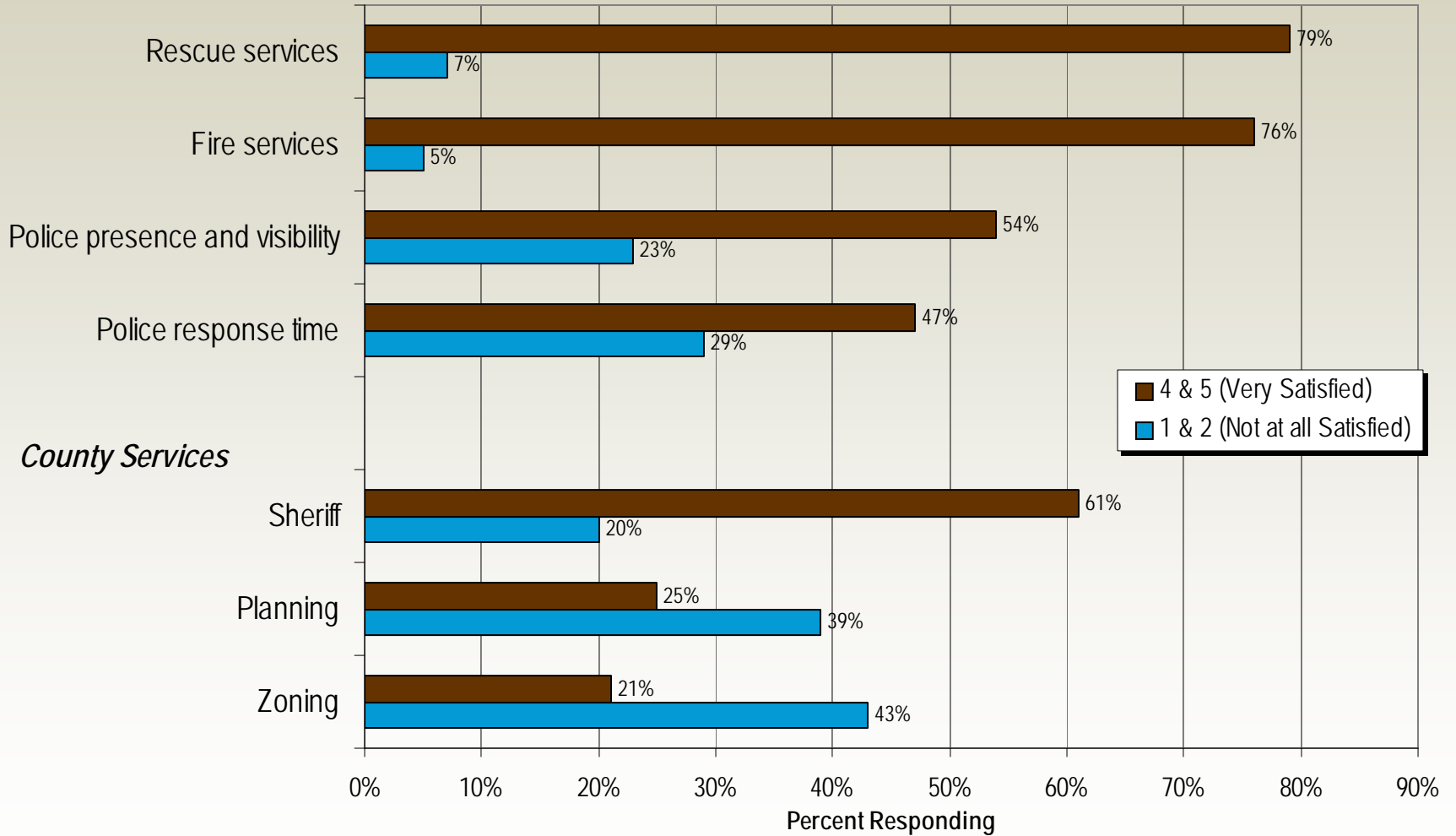
Parks/Recreation/Open Space/Trails/Programs



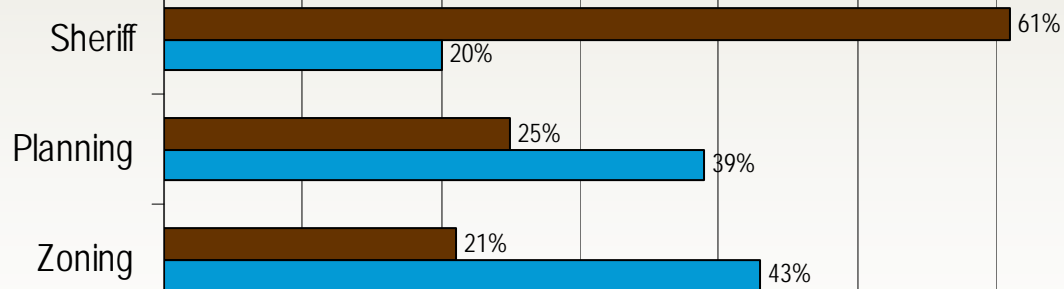
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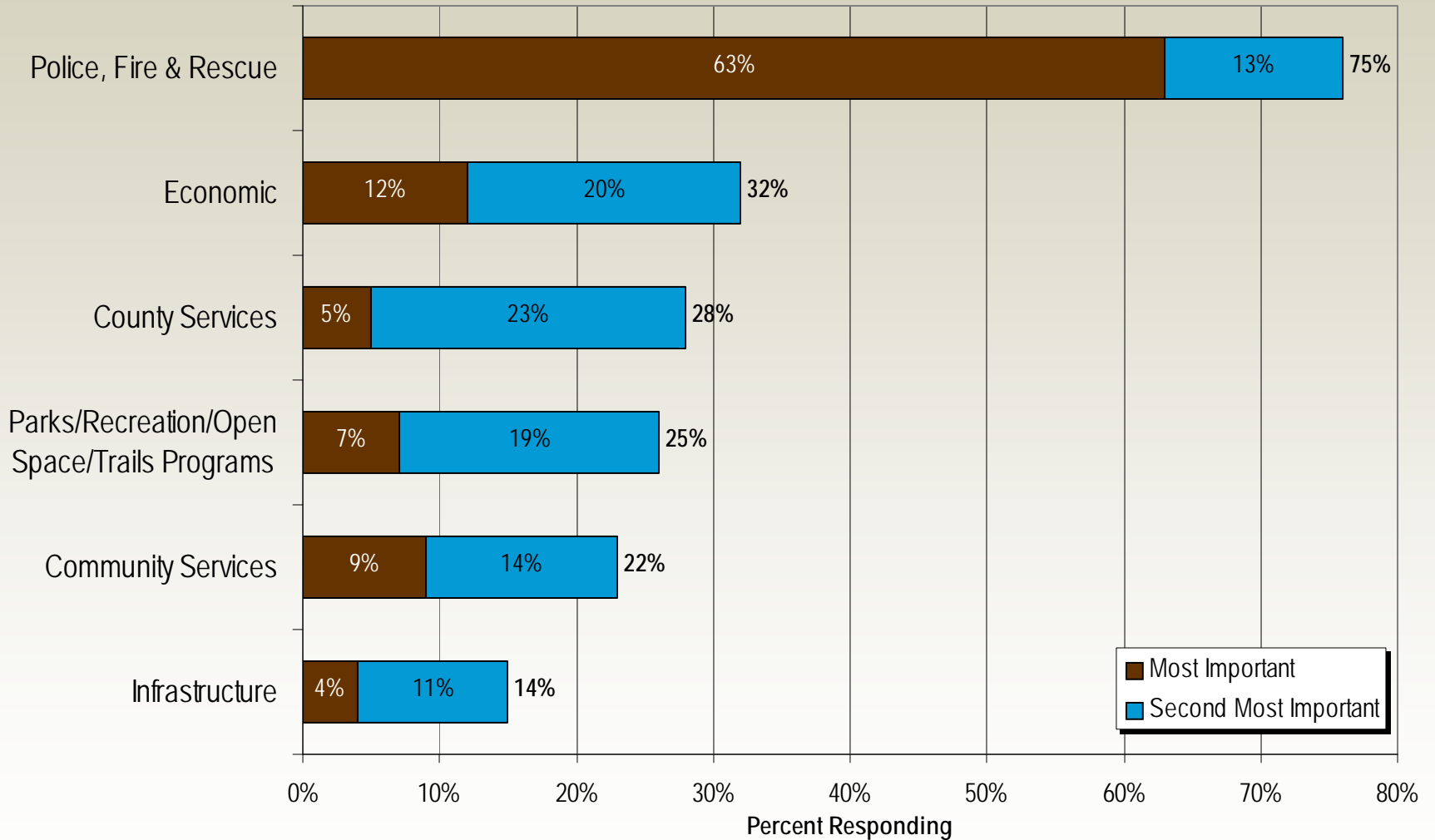
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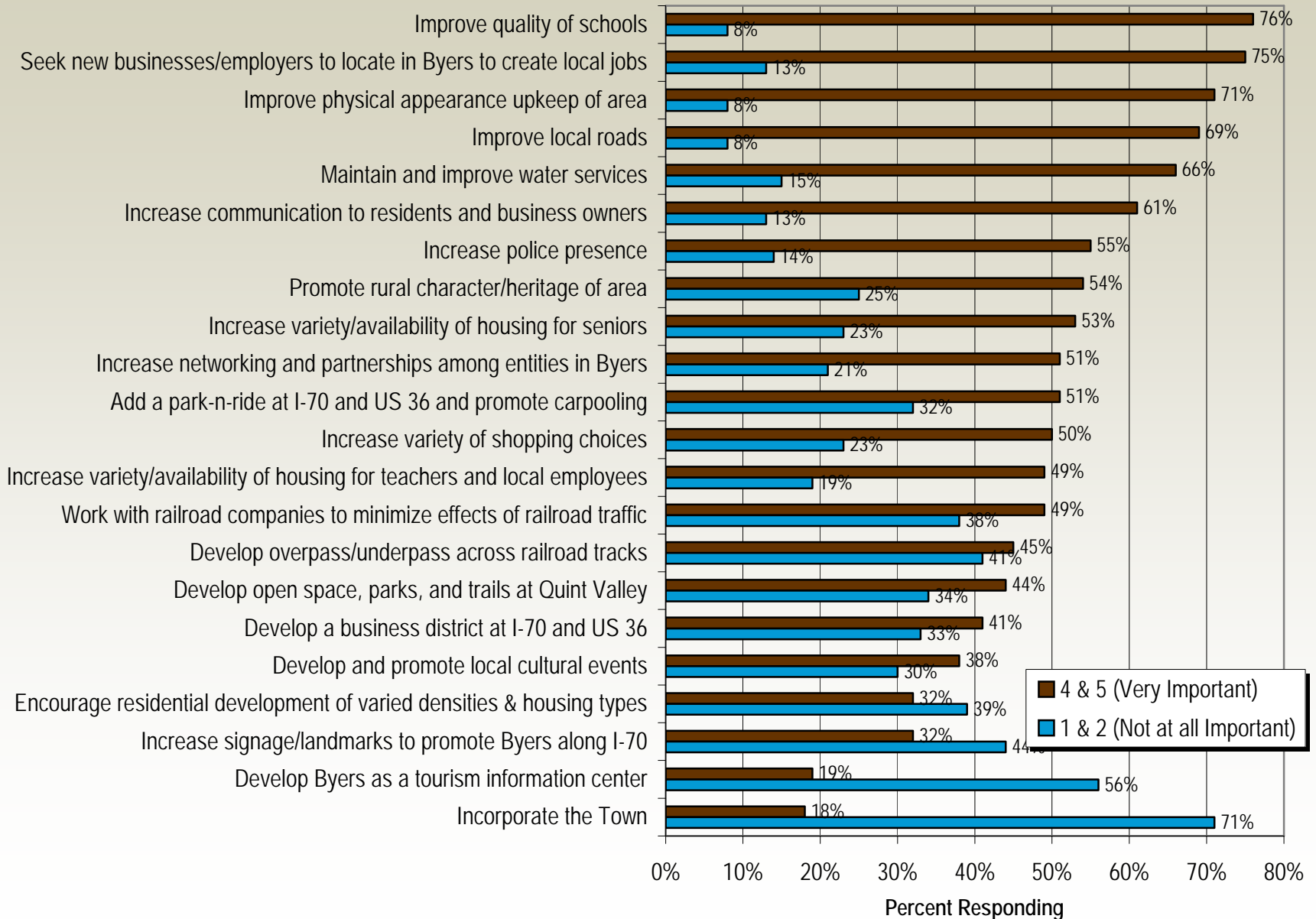
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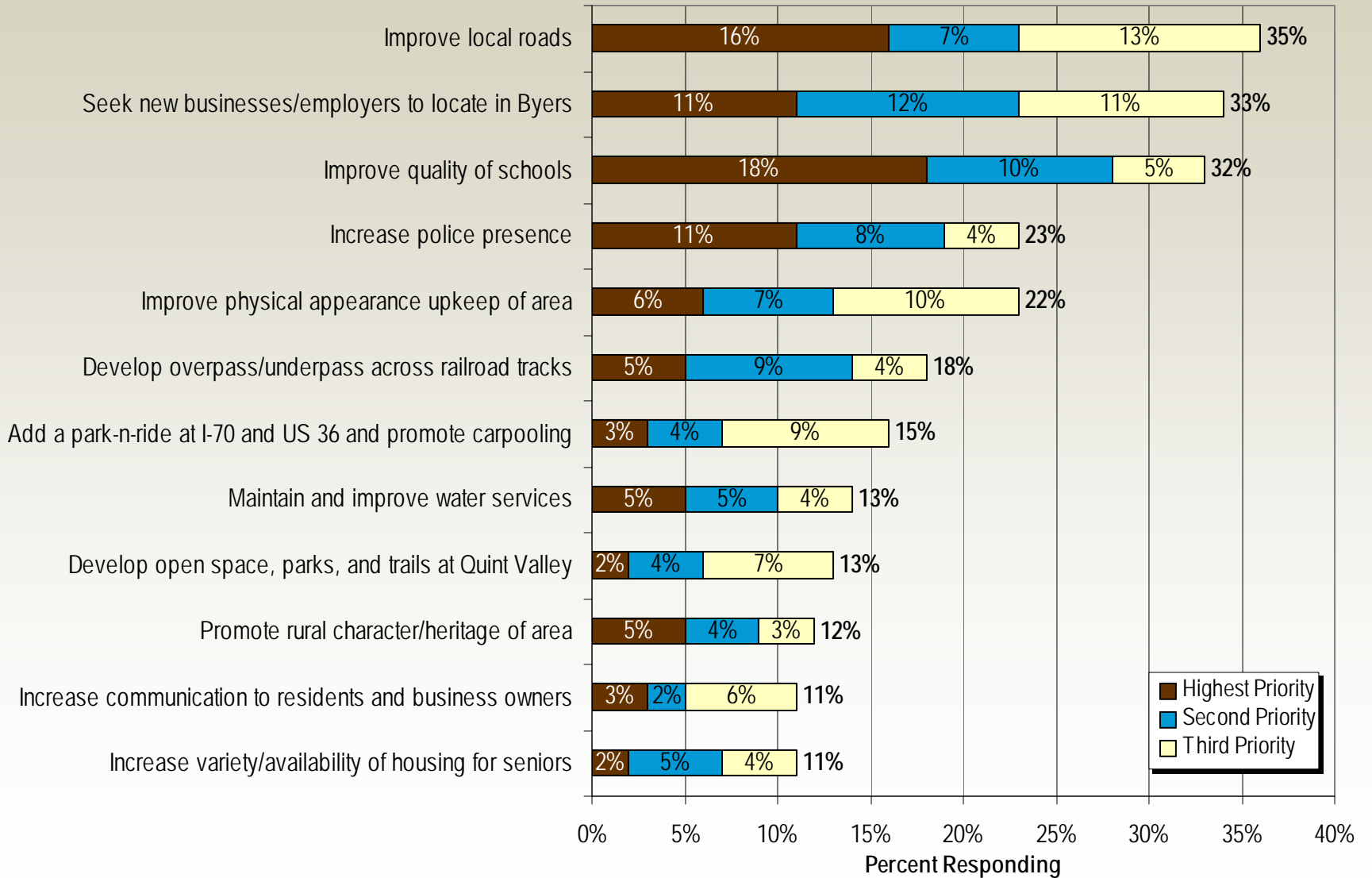
Most Important Functions/Services



Priorities Important to the Future of Byers

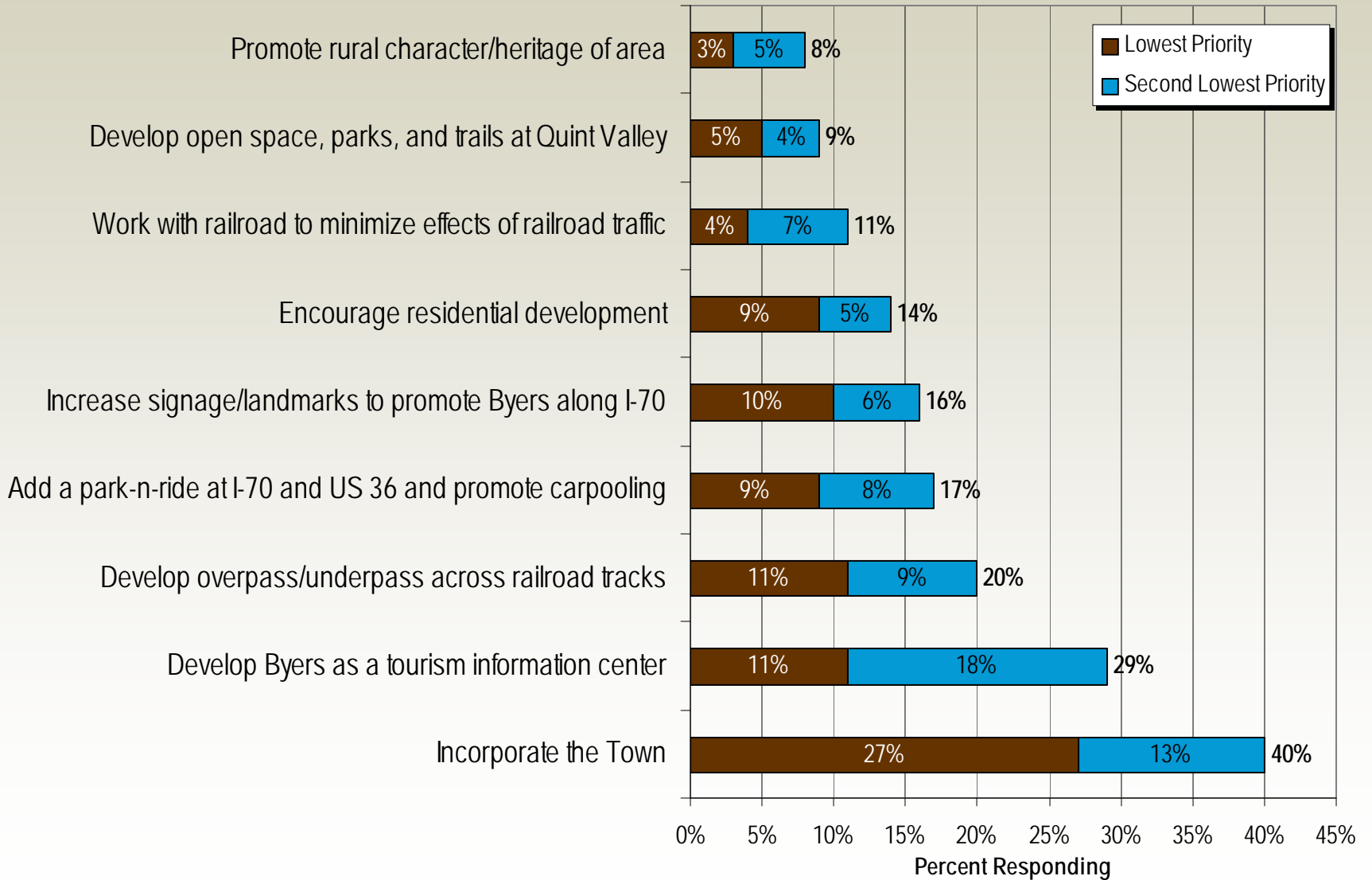


Issues Important to the Future of Byers Highest Priorities

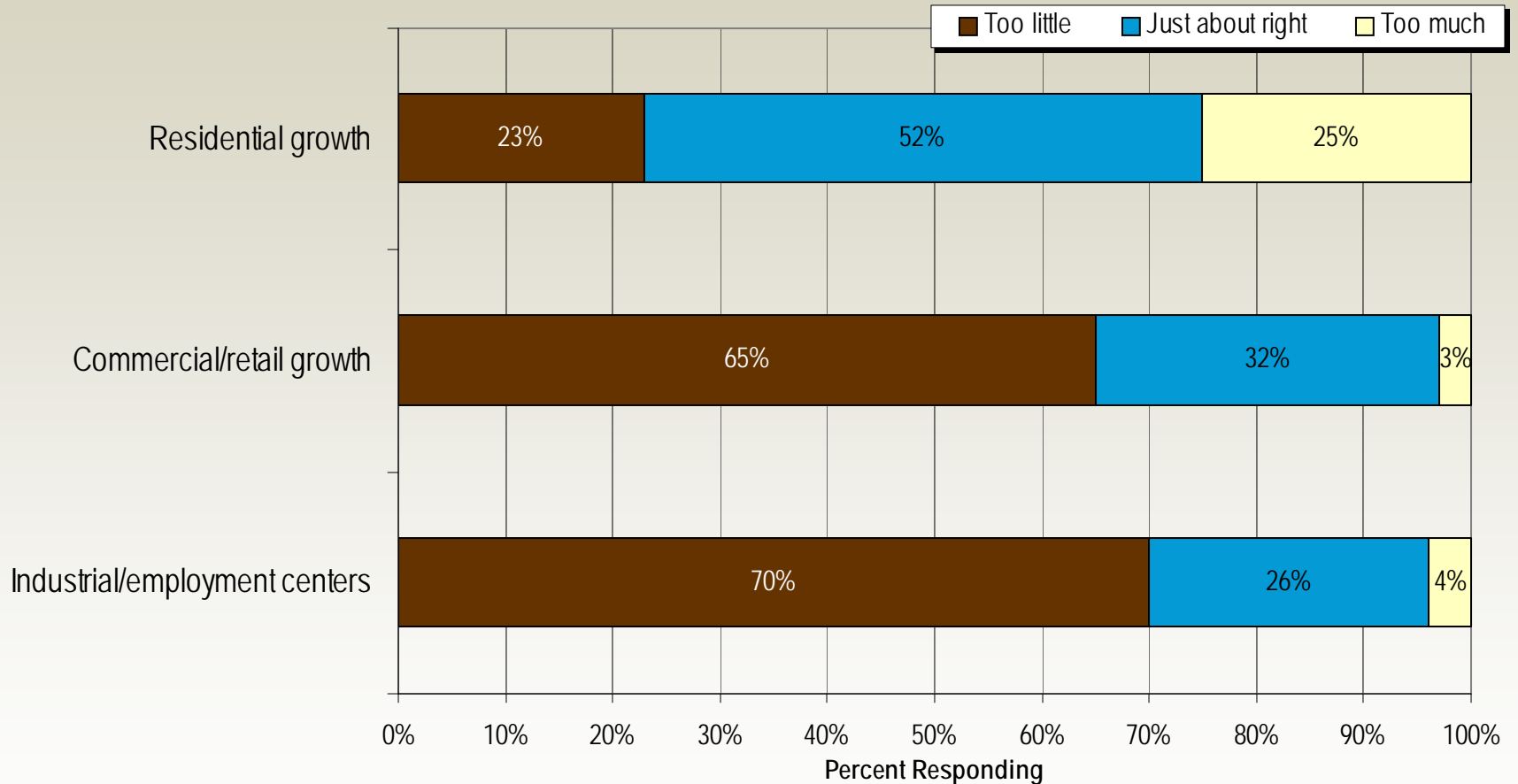


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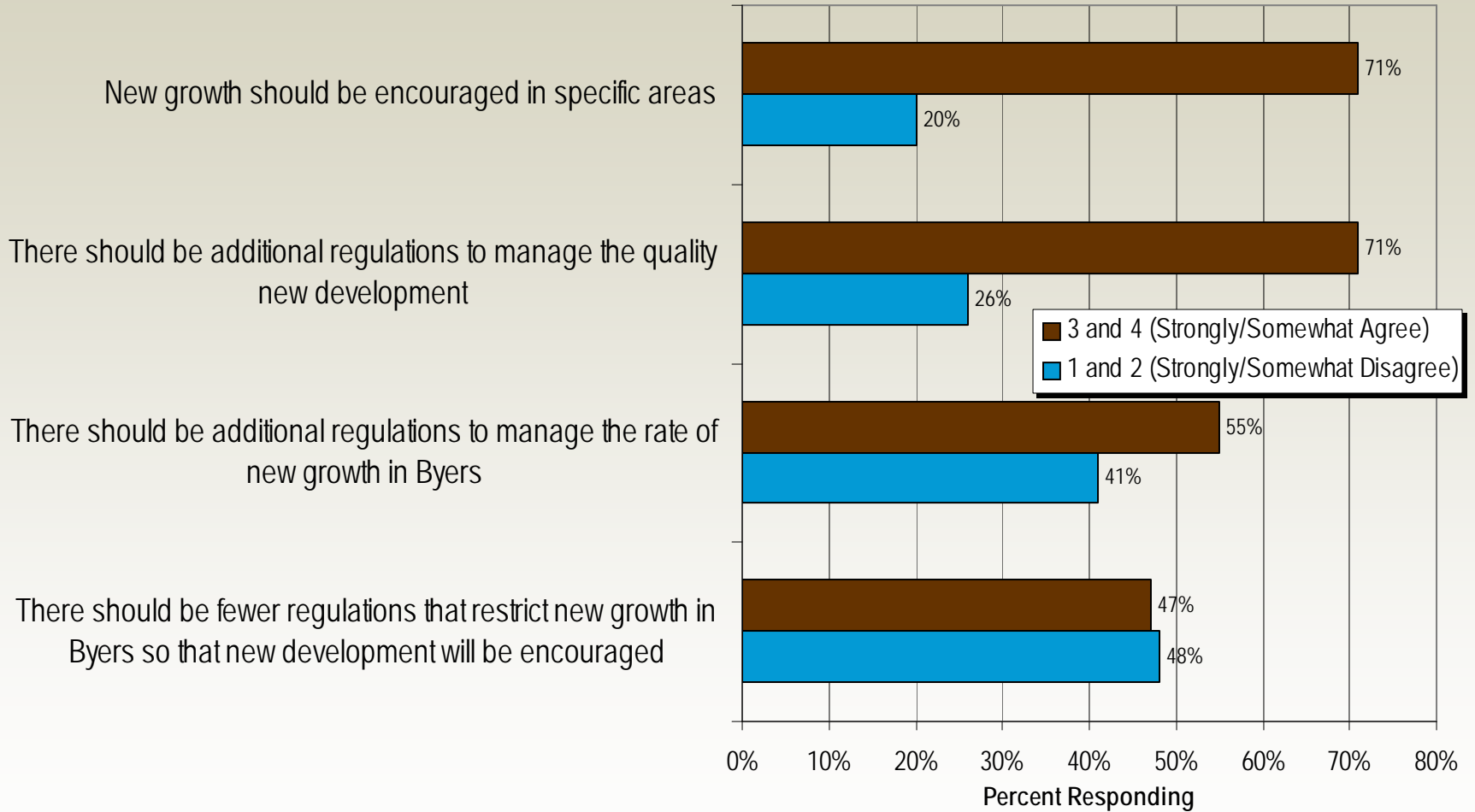
Lowest Priorities



Opinion on Rate of Growth and Development



Opinions of New Growth and Development in Byers



Road and Bridge Shop

- 55 percents of respondents anticipate maintenance will likely decrease with the planned relocation of the Arapahoe County Road and Bridge Services shop to the new Eastern Service Center in Bennett in late 2008 or 2009
- 60 percent of respondents indicated that they thought the existing facility could be used for school bus storage for the district.
- Other ideas of alternative uses for the site included:
 - Private/individual business (e.g. vehicle repair shop, maintenance/trade school)
 - County Sheriff or Highway Patrol station
 - Fire department substation
 - Community center
 - Recycling facility



Management of Growth and Development

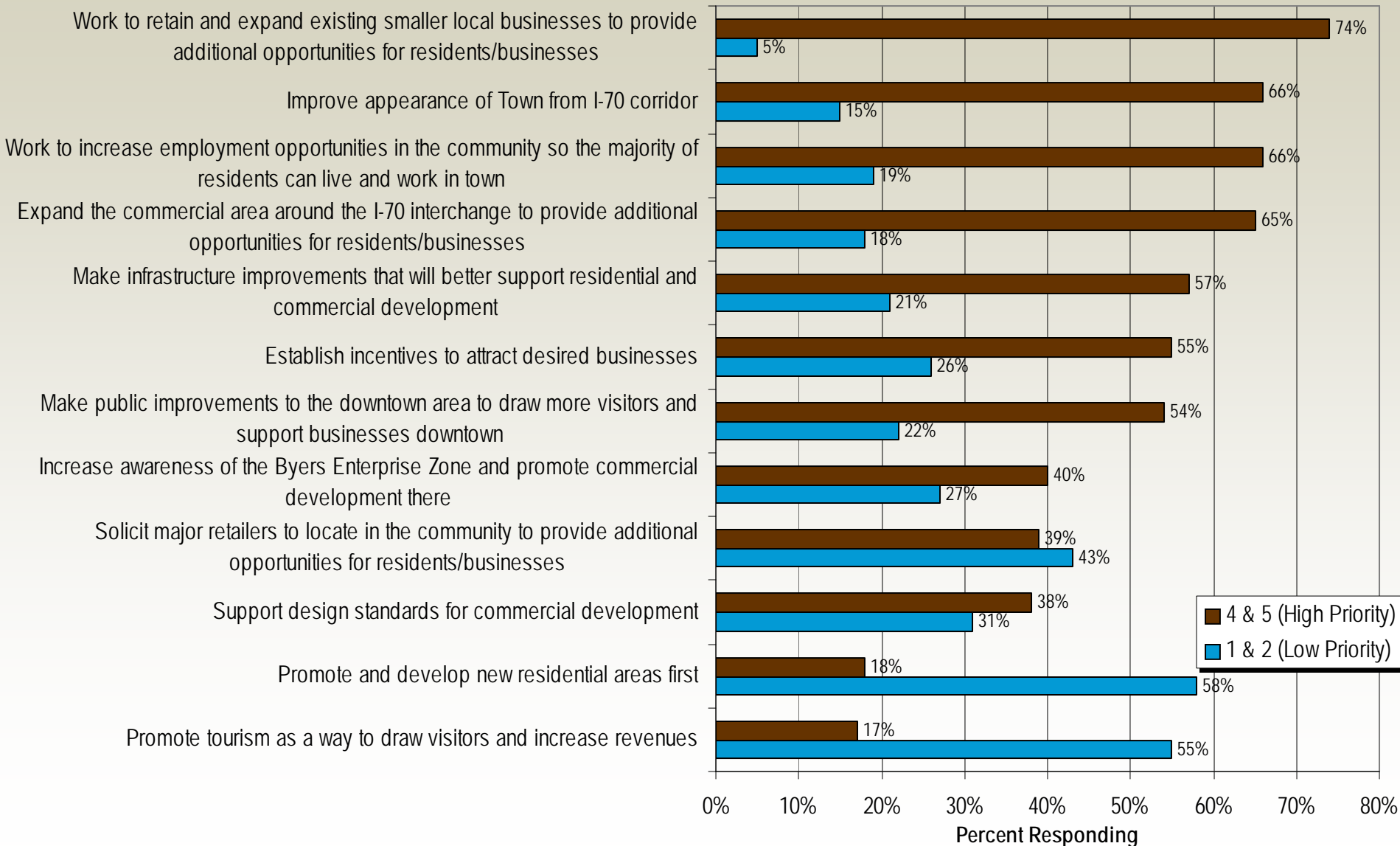
- 22 percent said growth and development is poorly managed, not well-controlled
- 20 percent said it is too strictly controlled, that even desired growth is not allowed
- 8 percent said the growth is well-managed and orderly
- 29 percent said it varies by development
- 30 percent were uncertain



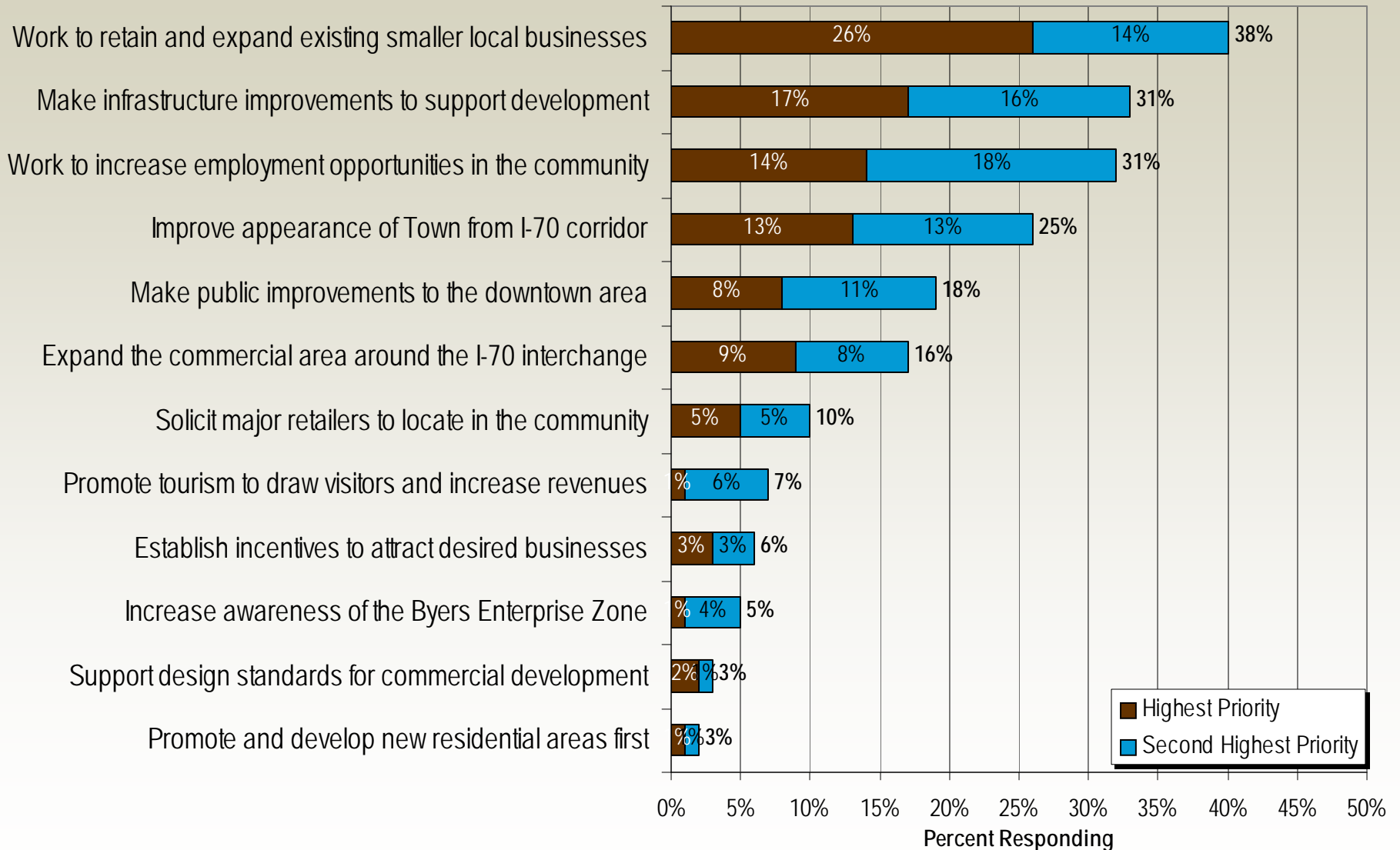
Over the next 20 years, Byers should:

- Maintain an equal balance as a “bedroom community” and providing in-town employment/services (62 percent of respondents);
- Strive to achieve a goal of employing more of the workforce and providing primary services in the area (30 percent);
- Maintain it’s status as a “bedroom community” with primary services and employment provided by other areas (8 percent).

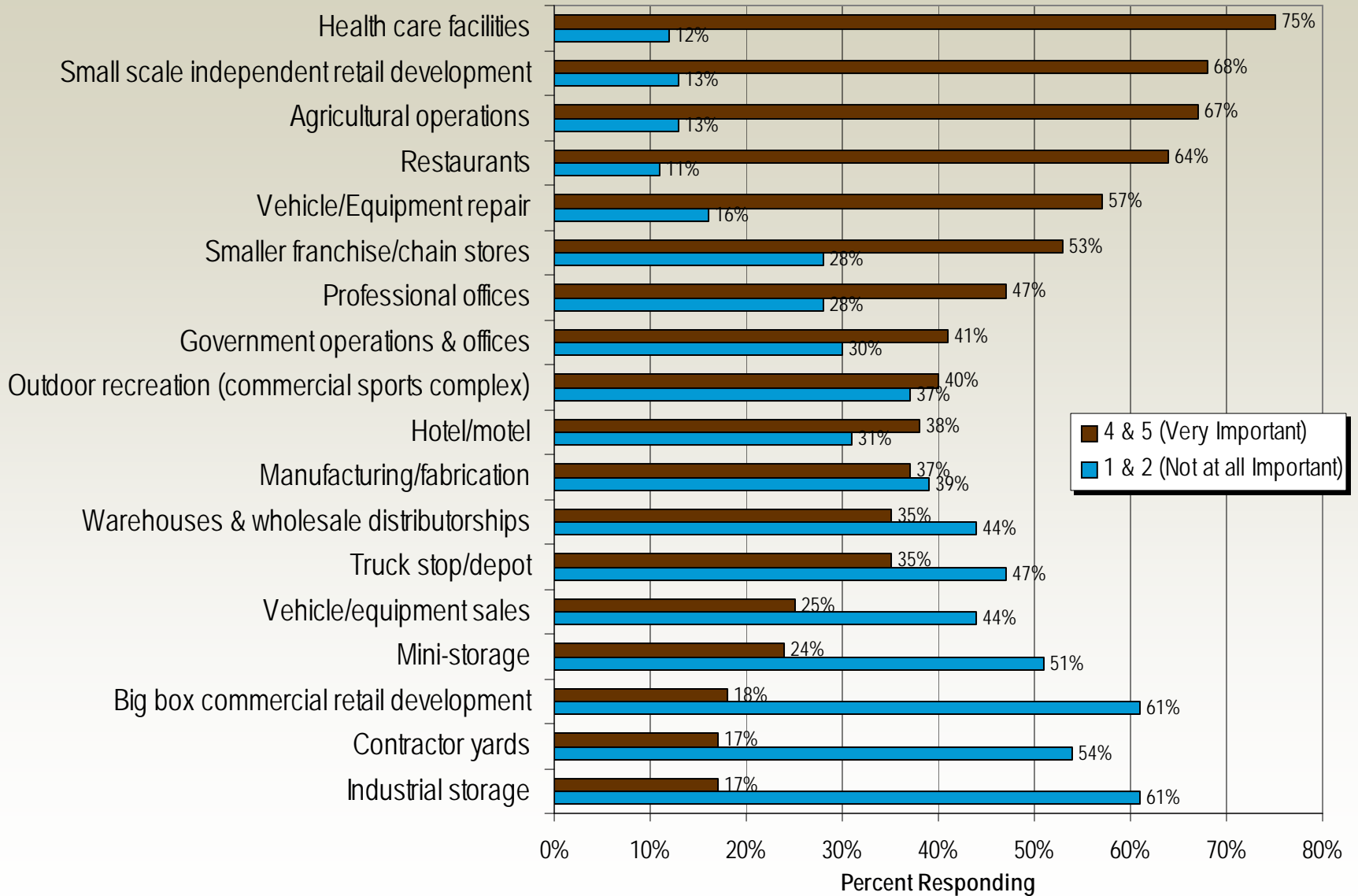
Where should the town focus resources for economic development?



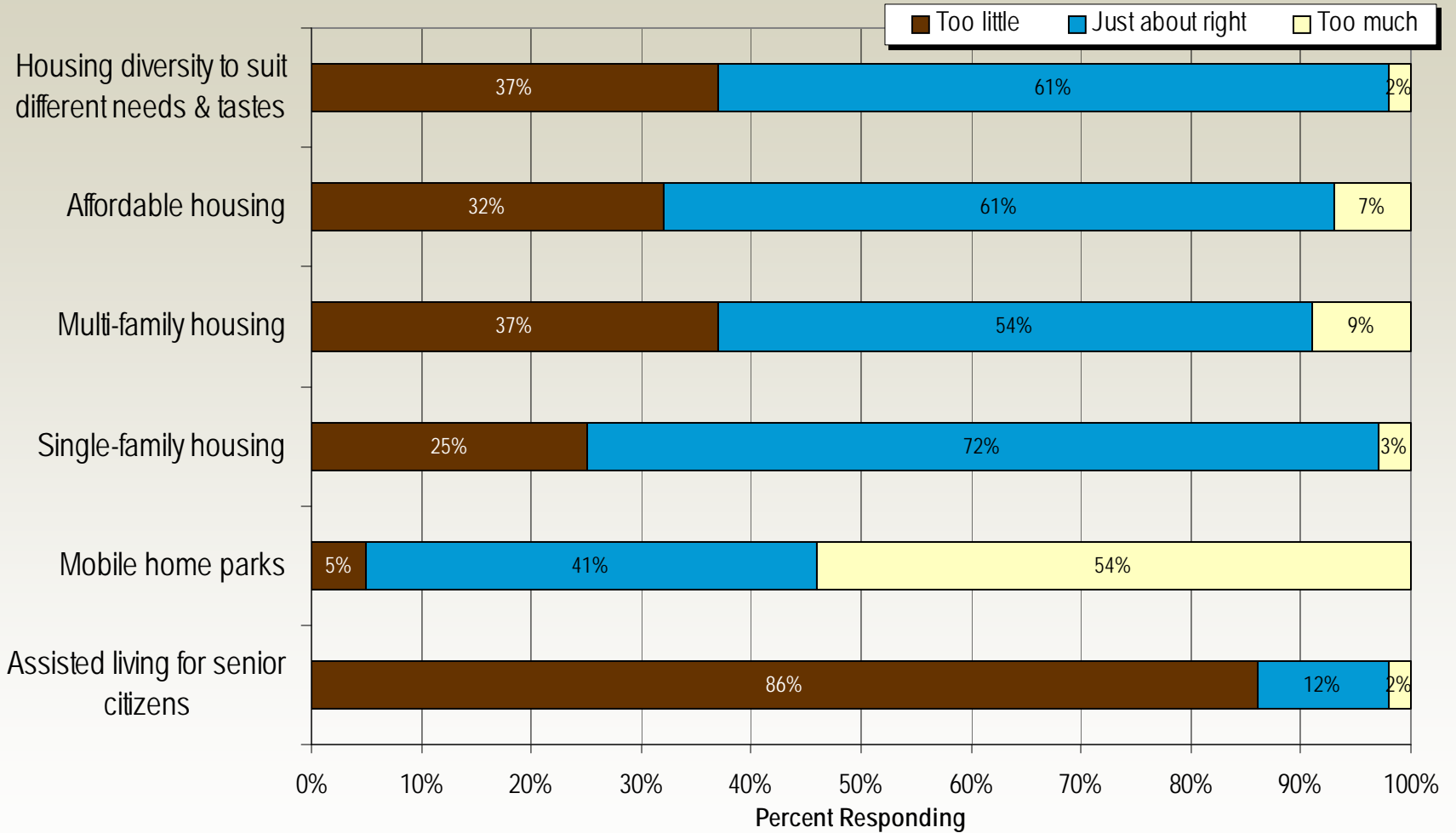
Highest Priorities for Economic Development



Importance of Commercial Development Types

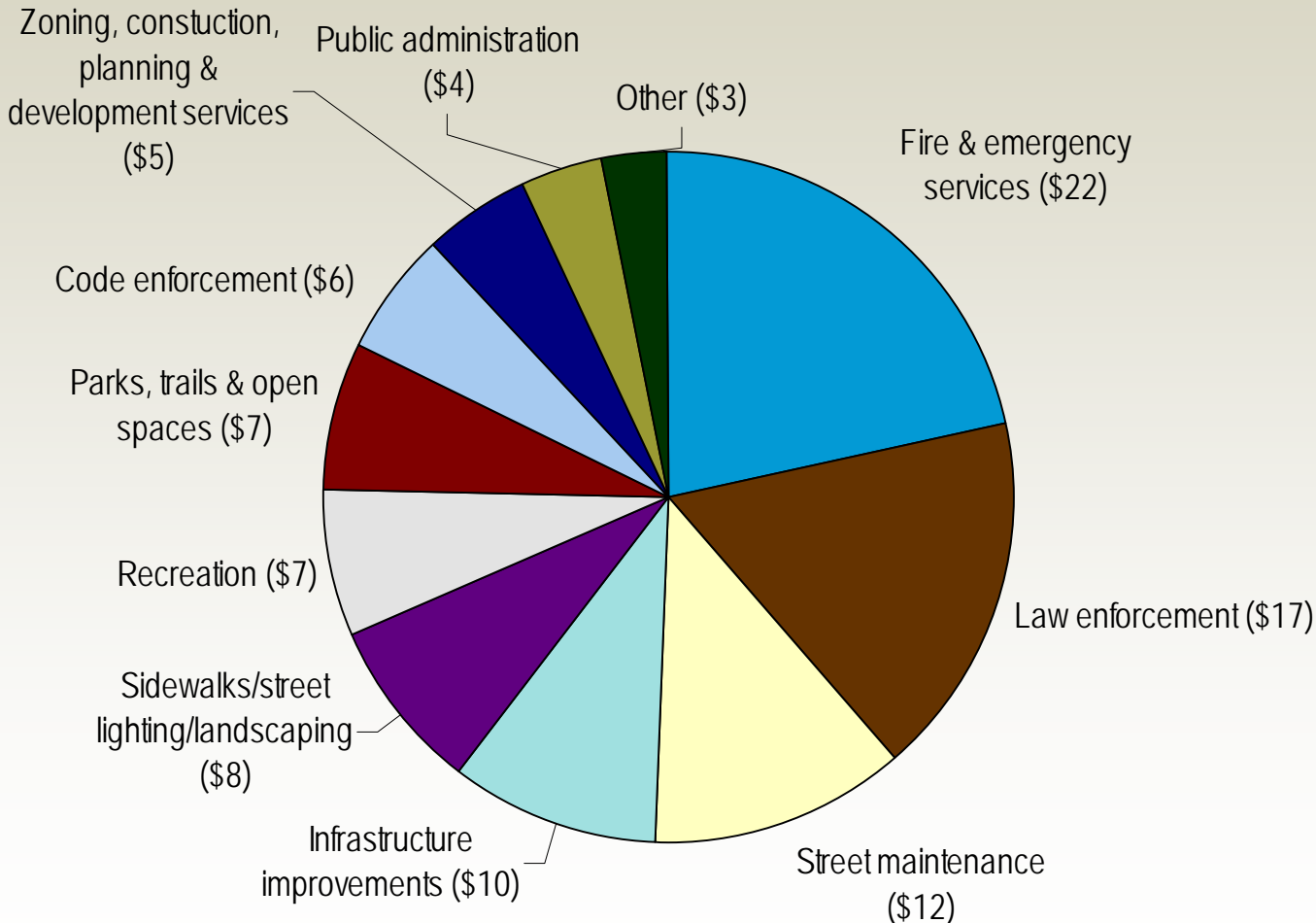


Current Availability of Housing Options



Financial Decisions

If you were responsible for budgeting \$100 of taxpayer revenue, how would you spend it?



Creation of Special Taxing District

- 25 percent of respondents were in favor of creating a special taxing district to fund infrastructure improvements and achieve goals outlined in the Sub-Area Plan.
- 36 percent were opposed
- 39 percent didn't know or were uncertain

Communication

- 41 percent of respondents rated their satisfaction with “current communication and information dissemination” in the community negatively
- 61 percent of respondents indicated that “increased communication to residents and business owners” was very important for Byers to focus on
- How Byers can best reach community members:
 - I-70 Scout (86 percent of respondents)
 - Direct mailings (56 percent)
 - Creation of a community newsletter (41 percent).