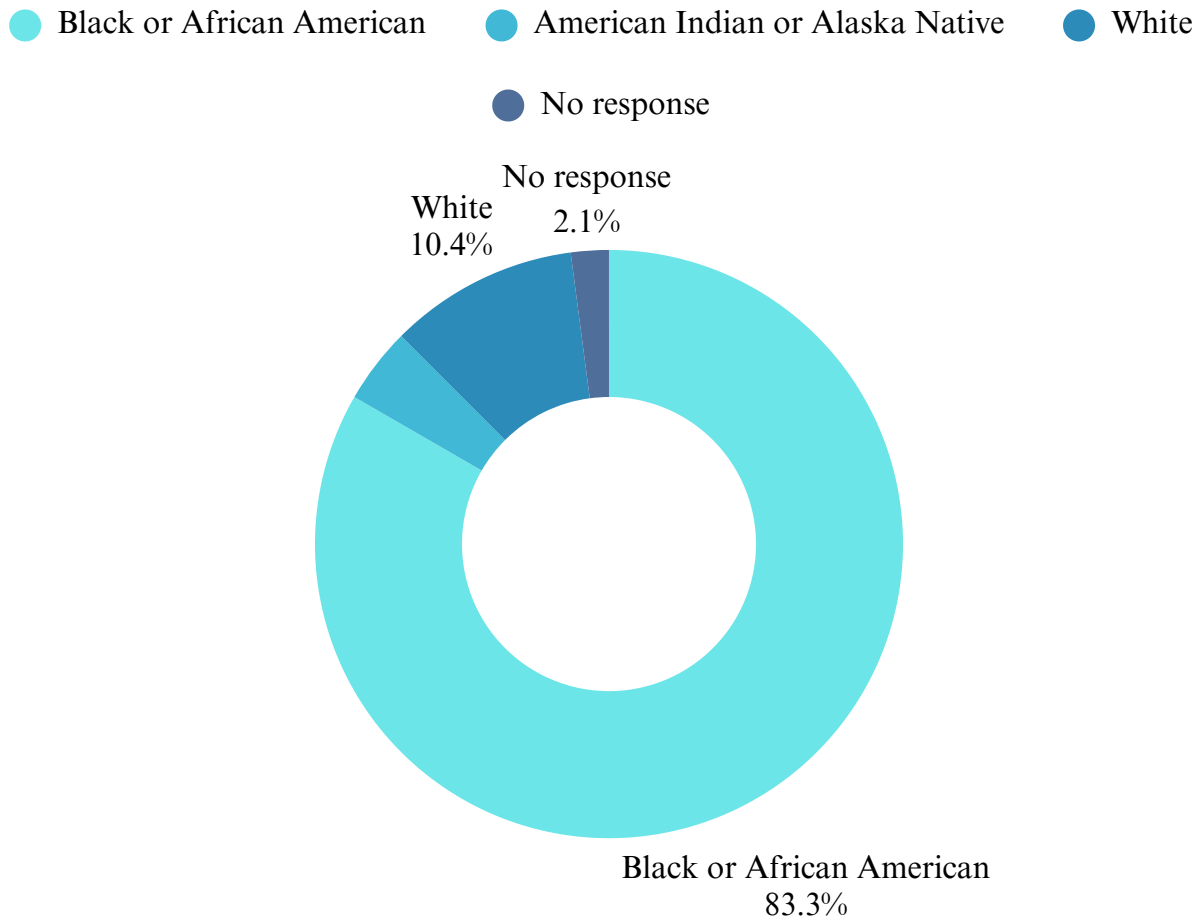


Morrows town Community Survey Results

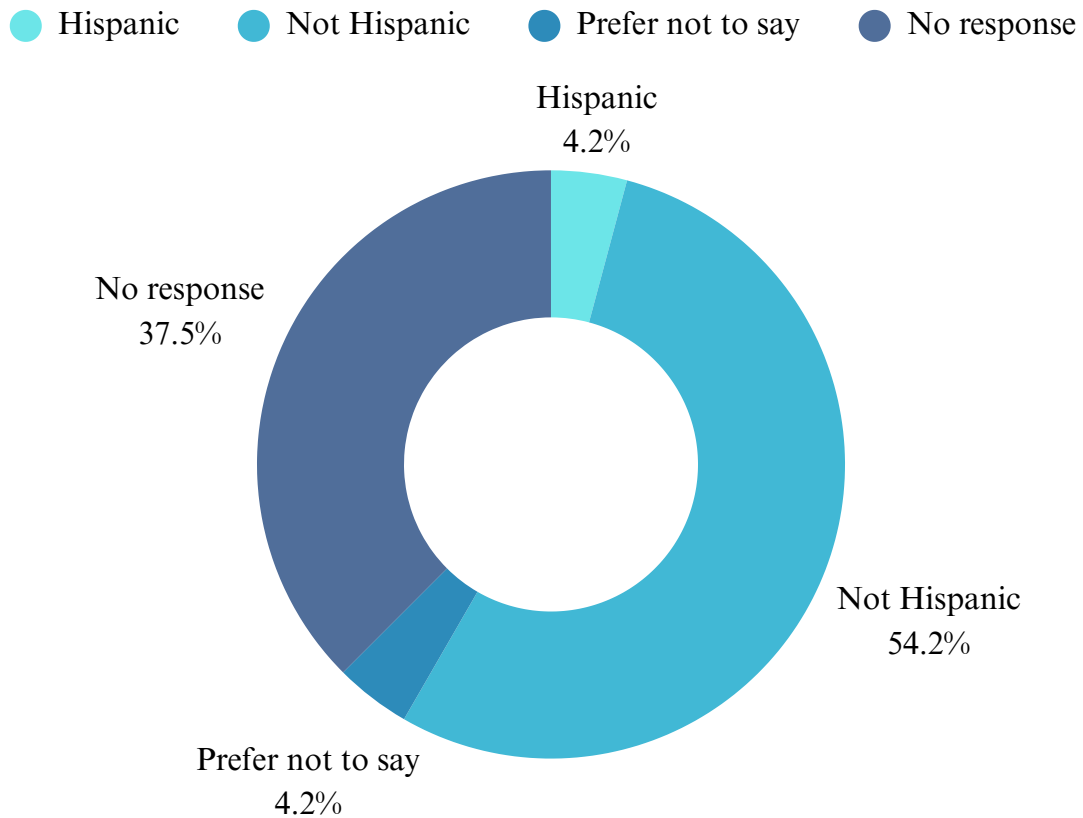
Substance use, food insecurity, housing instability, and job insecurity are deeply interconnected public health challenges. Individuals facing job insecurity may struggle to afford stable housing and access nutritious food. This can exacerbate stress and increase vulnerability to substance misuse (CASAT OnDemand, 2024). Housing insecurity, including overcrowded or unsafe living conditions, has been associated with increased rates of substance use and mental health challenges (JAMA Network, 2021). Substance misuse can weaken a person's ability to maintain employment, further deepening financial instability and reducing access to housing and food (CASAT OnDemand, 2024). The stress of food insecurity can lead some to cope through substance use (Addiction Group, 2023). Research shows that individuals with a substance use disorder (SUD) often have fewer social support networks than those without SUDs (Pettersen et al, 2019). However, social support, religious support, and community belonging all are protective factors that promote resilience, mental health, and overall well-being (Thriving Families Alliance, 2023). By surveying these areas, we can create community-based solutions that target root causes and strengthen protective factors.

Between August and October, we surveyed 48 Morrows town community members to better understand their experiences, needs, and priorities. Their responses provided valuable insight into what matters most and where support is needed.

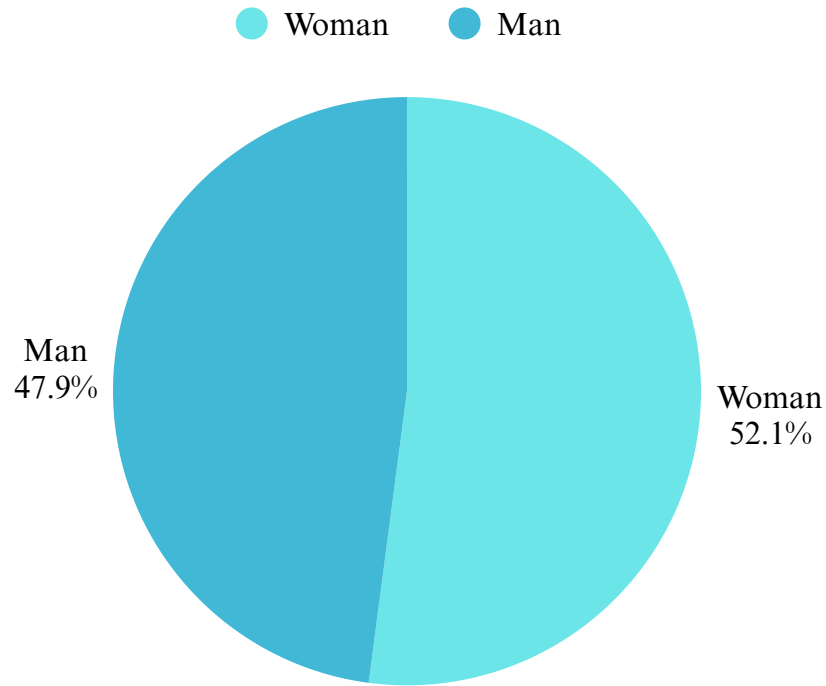
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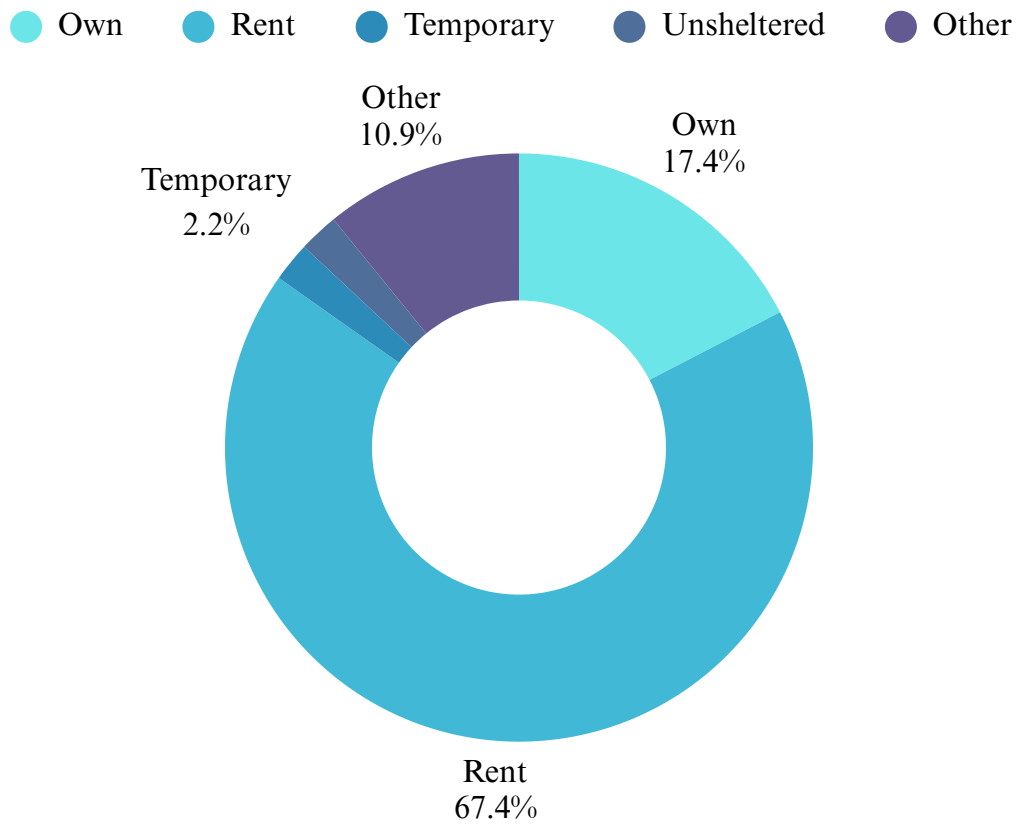
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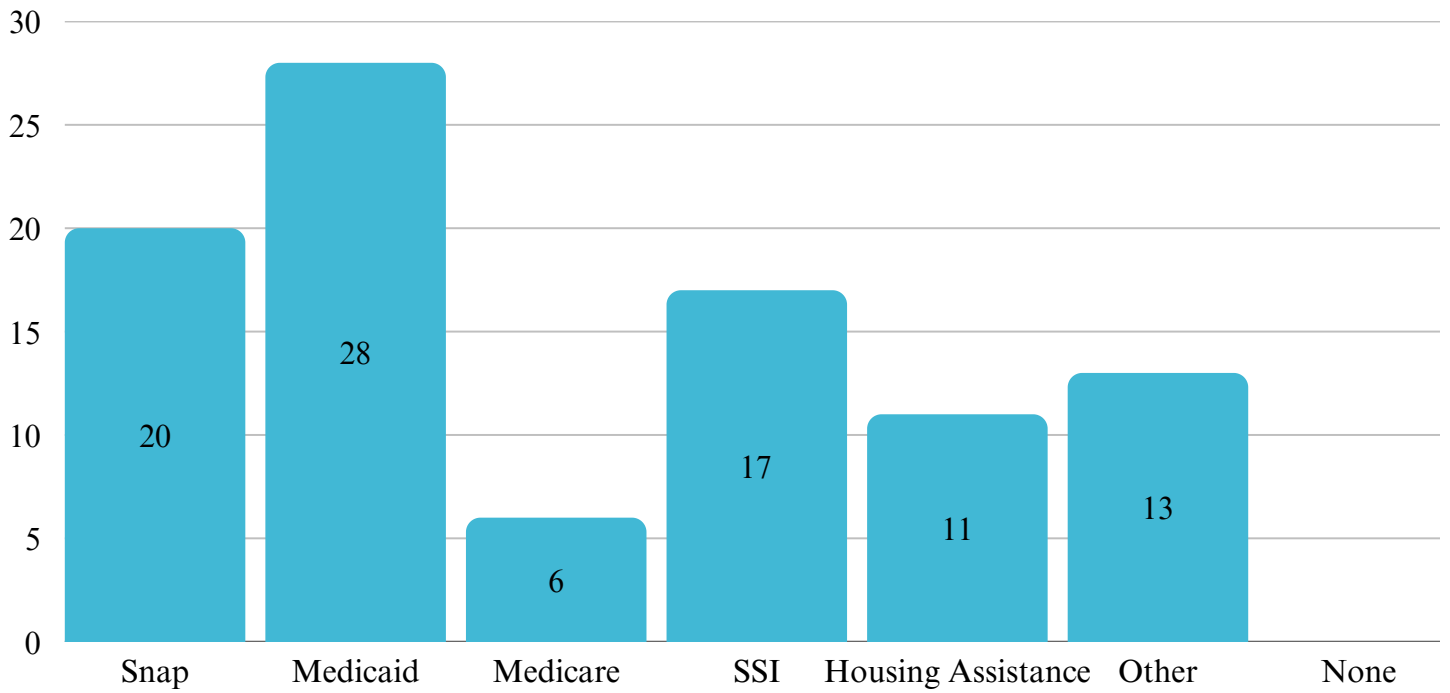
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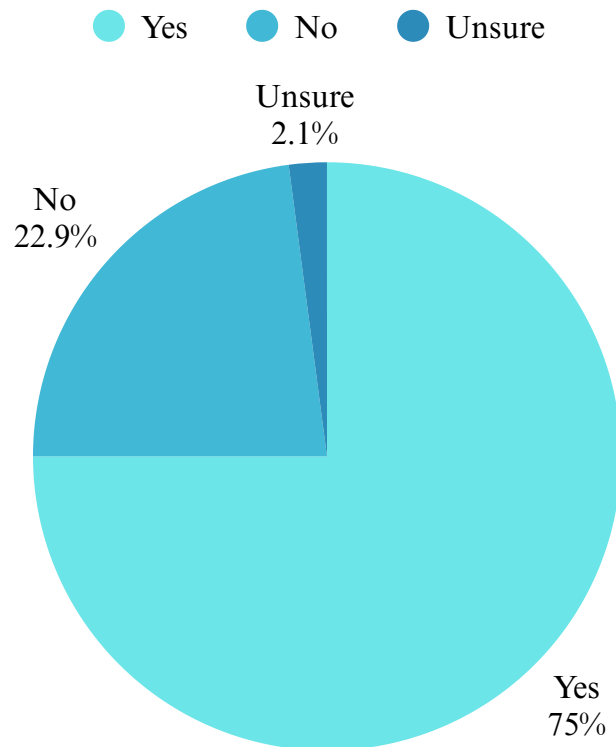
Q5: Housing



Q6: Do you receive any of the following?



Q14: Do you have health insurance?



Survey Questions

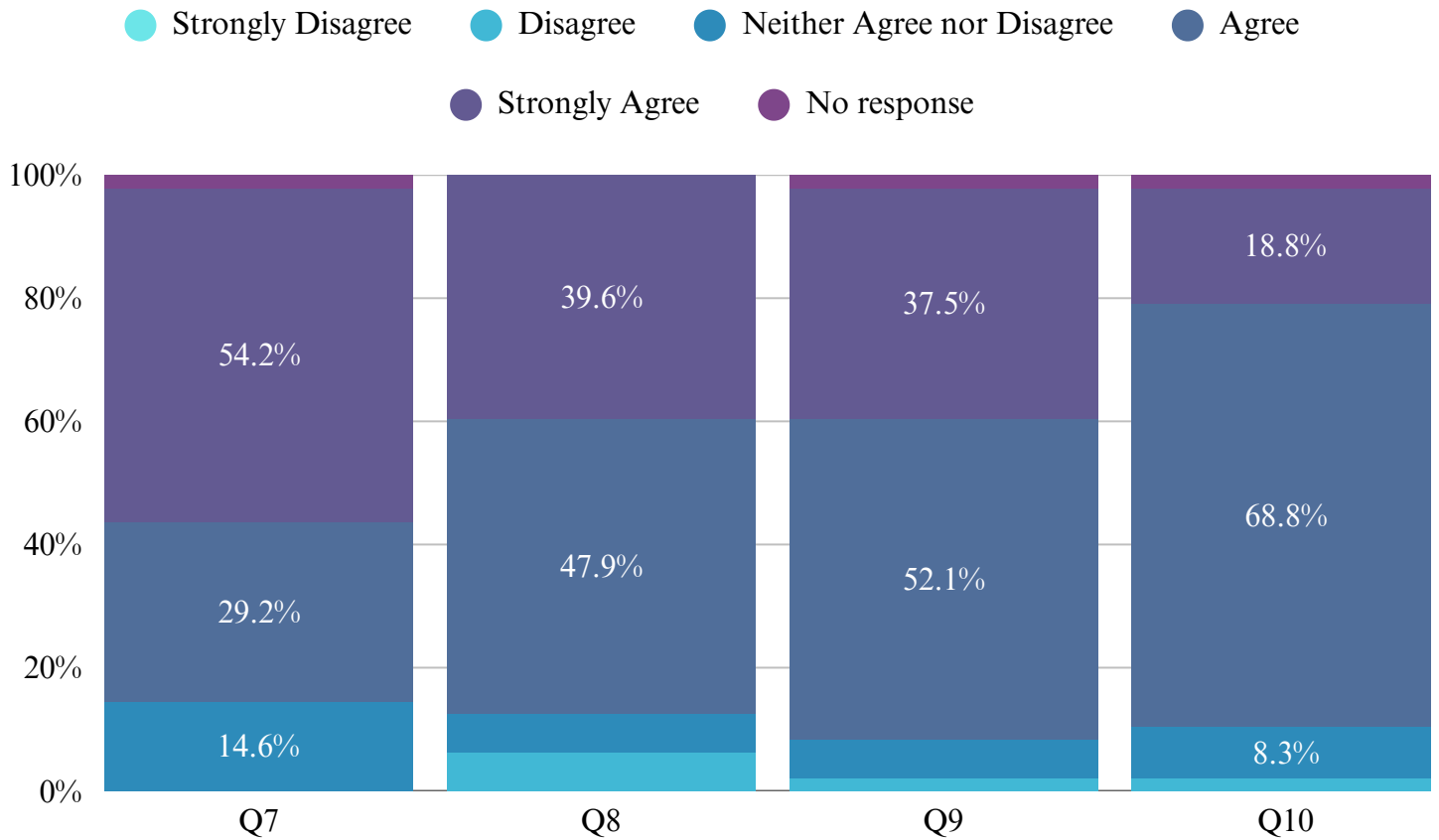
7. My home is safe and in good condition.

8. My neighborhood has working streetlights, sidewalks, and clean streets.

9. I have reliable access to transportation to work, school, and healthcare.

10. Public transportation in my area is safe and affordable

Housing Conditions and Neighborhood Infrastructure

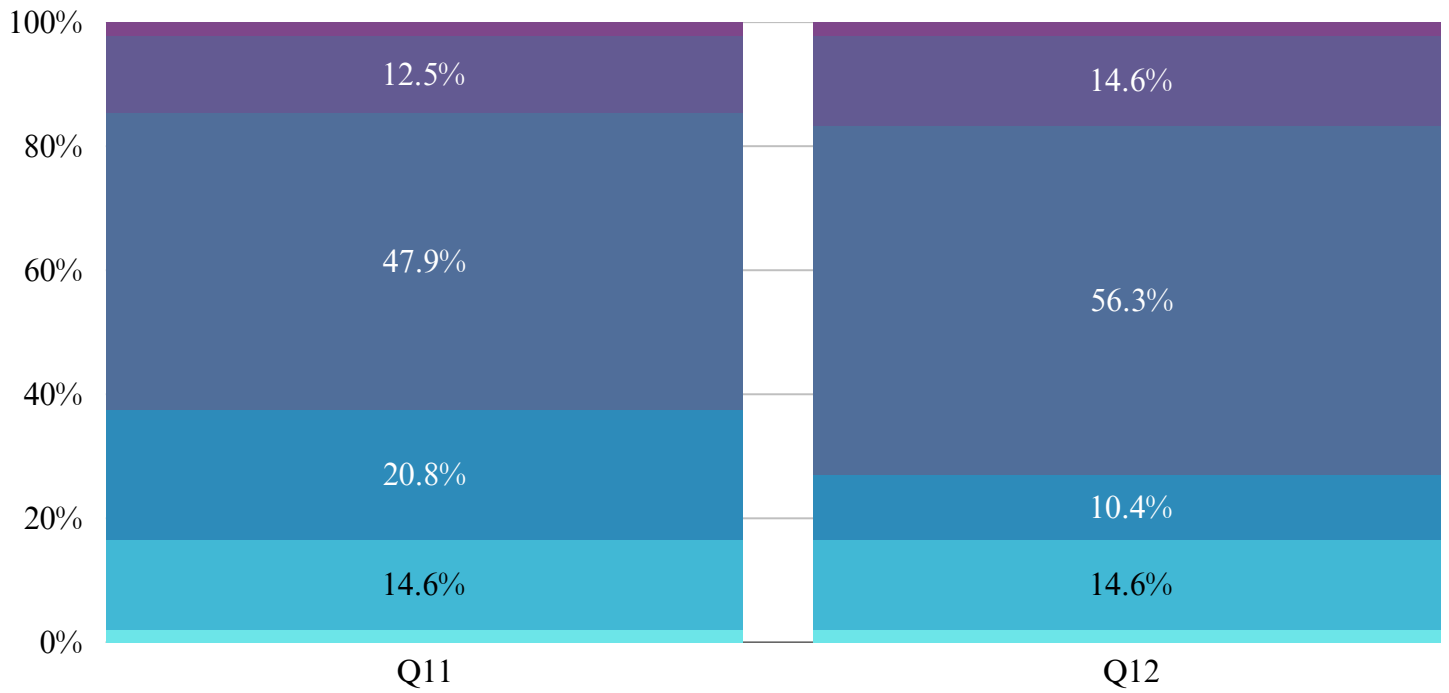


11. I have access to stable and fairly paid employment.

12. I know where to access job training or employment support services.

Employment and Financial Stability

● Strongly Disagree ● Disagree ● Neither Agree nor Disagree ● Agree
● Strongly Agree ● No response

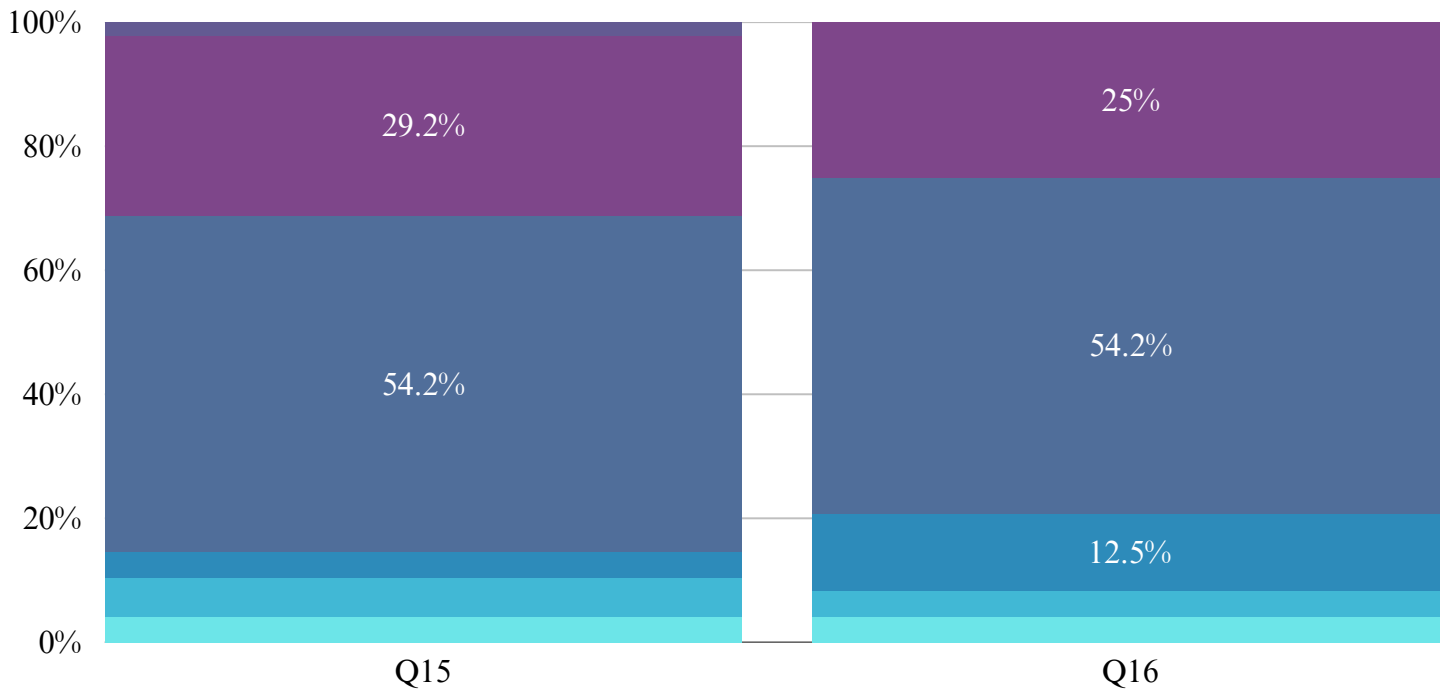


15. I can access affordable medical care when I need it.

16. I can access mental health support when I need it.

Health and Wellness

● Strongly Disagree ● Disagree ● Neither Agree nor Disagree ● Agree
● Strongly Agree ● No response

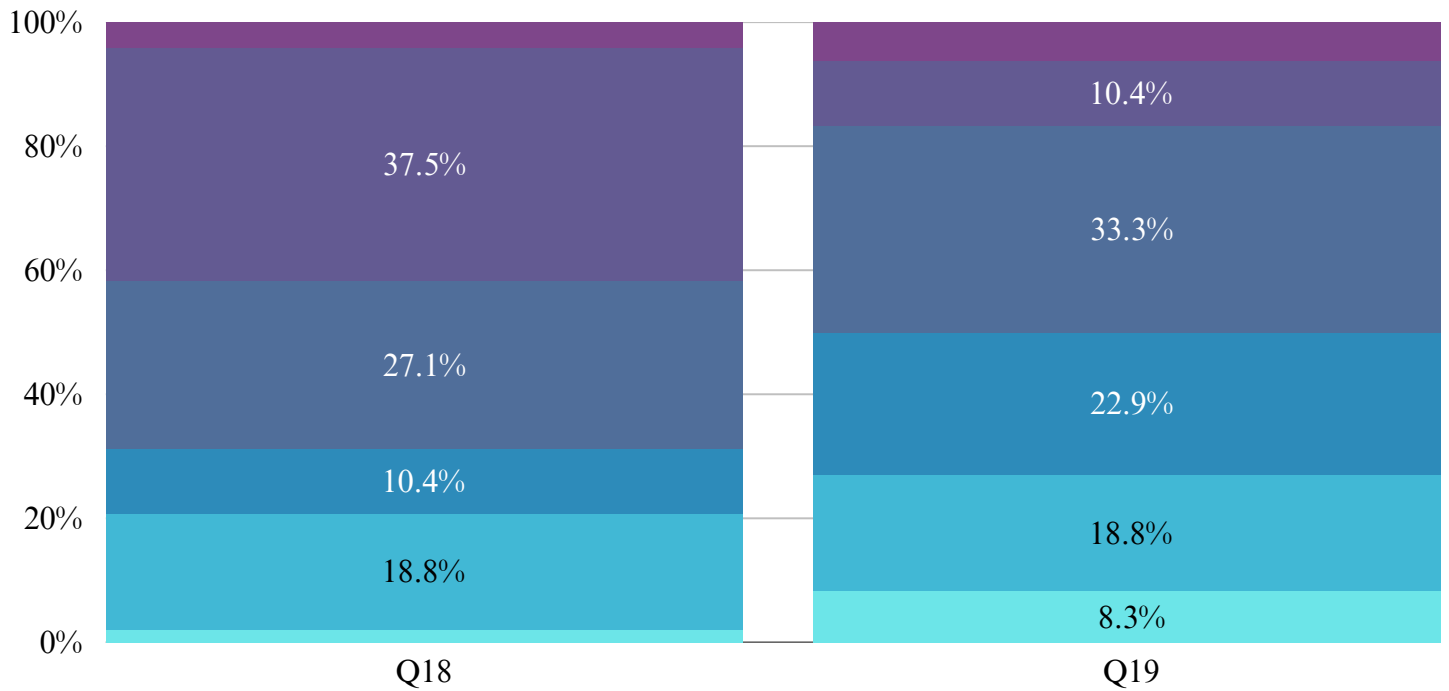


18. Substance use (alcohol, prescription drugs, or illegal drugs) is a concern in my neighborhood.

19. There are accessible resources in my community for people dealing with substance use.

Substance Use and Recovery Resources

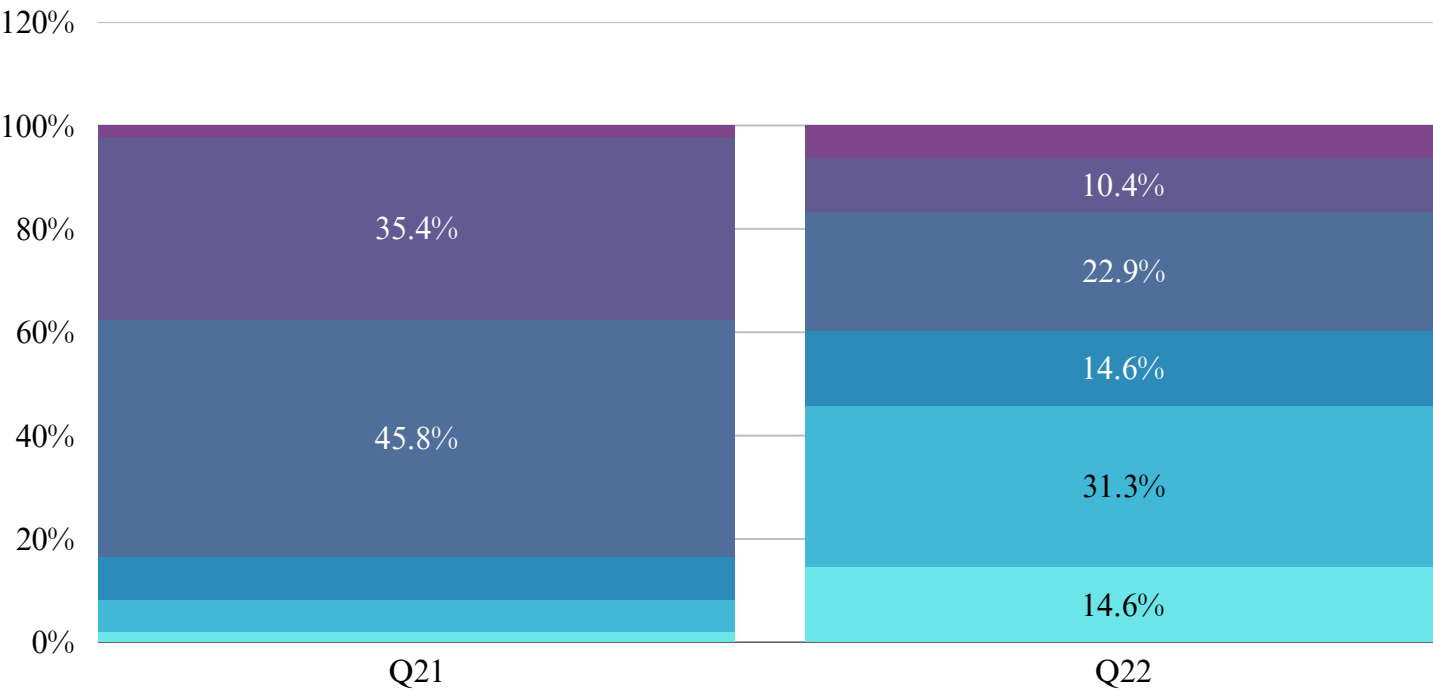
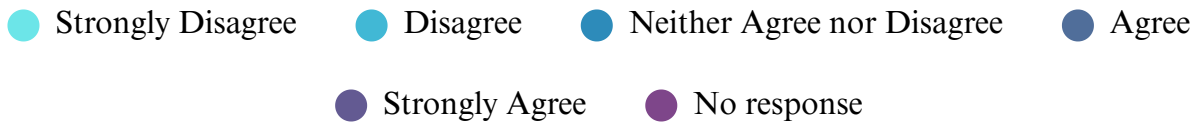
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21. I have access to affordable and nutritious food.

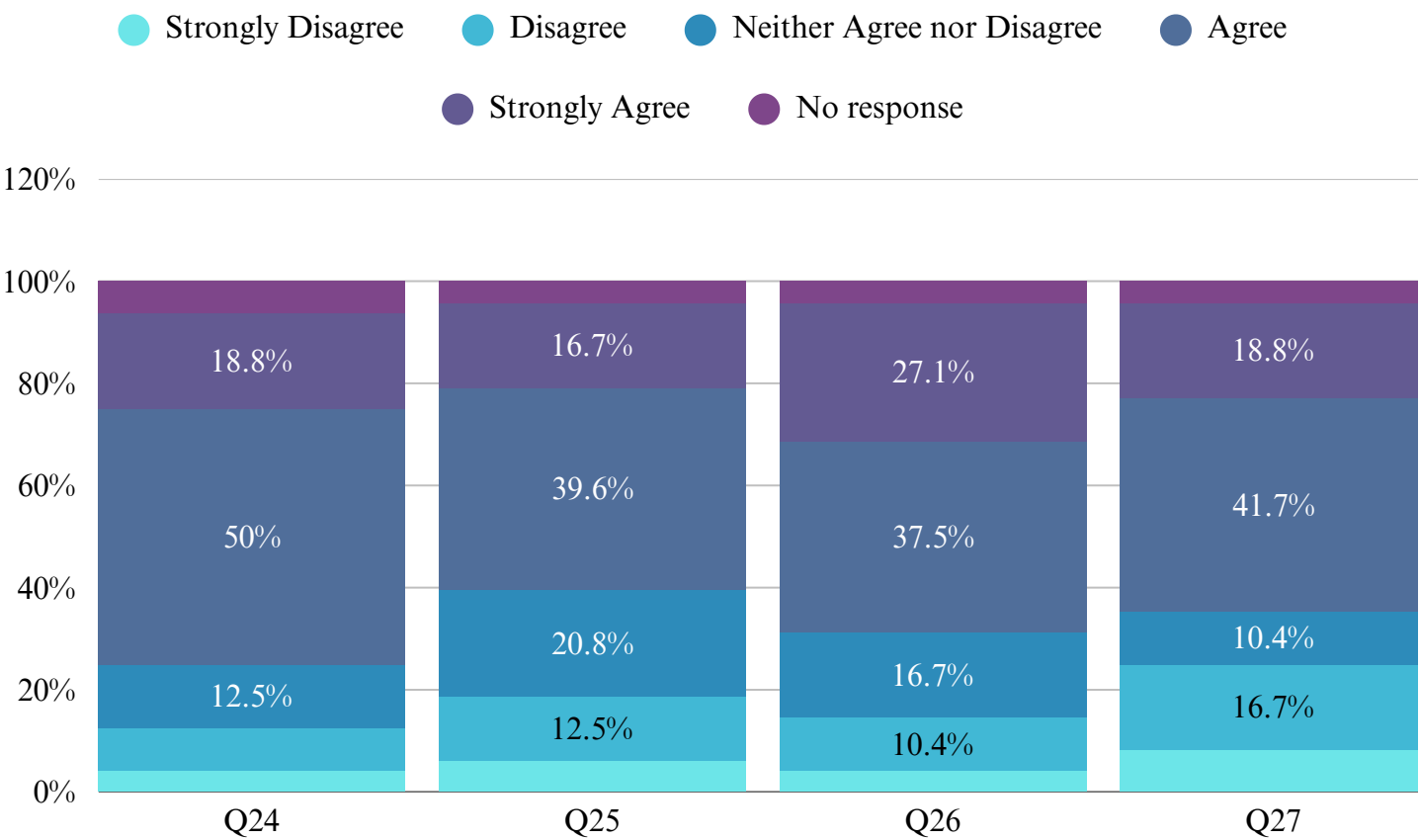
22. I worry about running out of food before I can afford to buy more.

Food Access and Nutrition



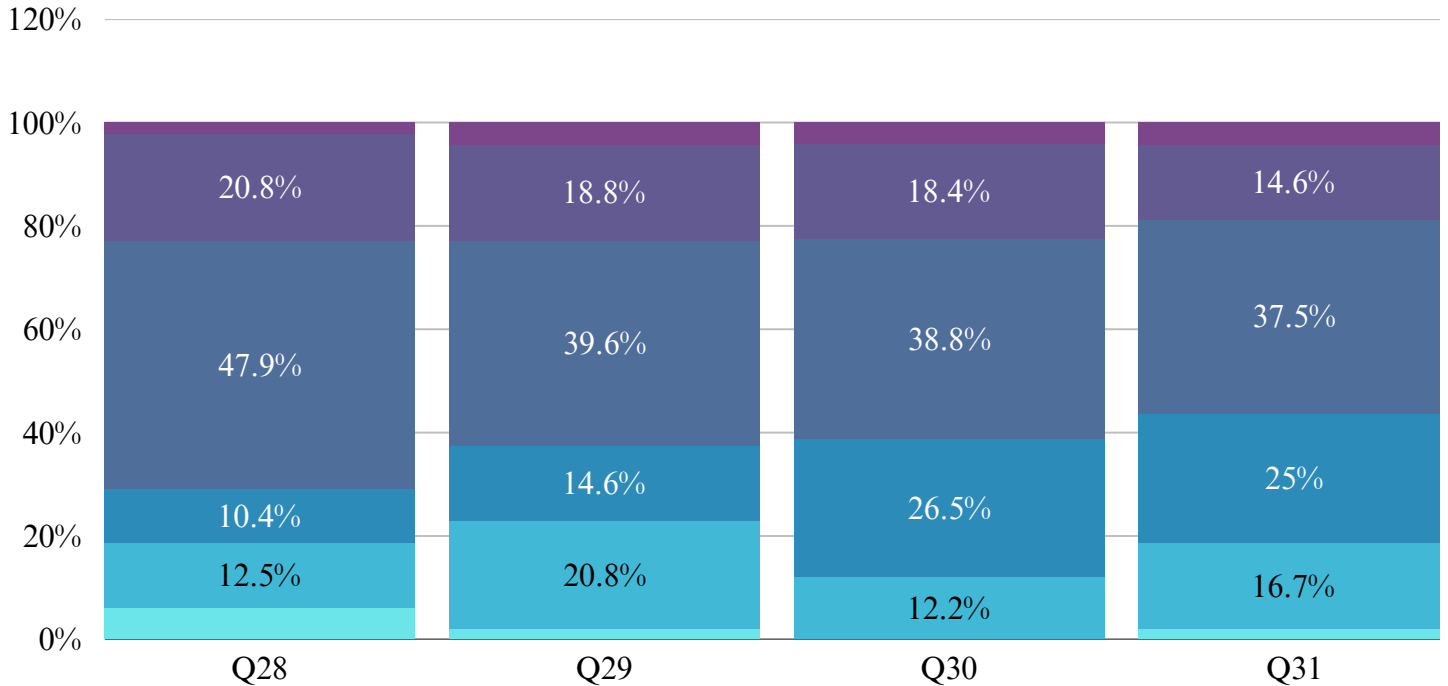
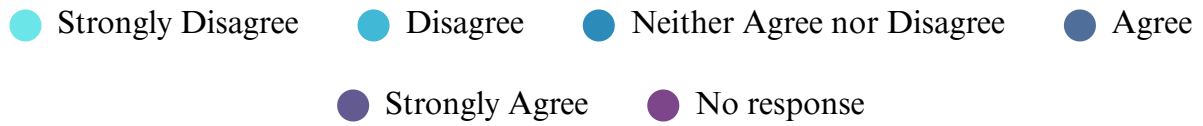
- 24. I feel safe in my community.
- 25. There are programs in place to prevent crime and promote safety.
- 26. Police in my community are respectful and responsive.
- 27. I believe police understand the needs of this community.

Safety, Policing, and Justice



- 28. I feel a sense of belonging in this community.
- 29. People in this community support one another.
- 30. My spiritual or religious life is supported in this neighborhood.
- 31. Faith-based organizations play a positive role in supporting this neighborhood.

Community Belonging, Faith, and Social Support



Short Responses

A **thematic summary table** is a way to present open-ended survey responses by grouping them into common themes. Instead of listing every individual answer, it highlights patterns and shows what people care about most in their own words.

Question 13: What financial or training opportunities would help you most?

Theme	Examples from Responses
Employment & Job Readiness	Job Corps, job training, job assistance, job preparedness, job opportunities, more jobs
Career Development	Resume building, job interviews, networking, job fairs
Financial Empowerment	Higher pay, budgeting, retirement planning, teaching adults to budget and save
Housing Support	Better housing assistance, lower rent
Supportive Services	Transportation assistance, daycare
Trade & Practical Skills	More trades, learning maintenance, trade skills
Life Skills & Adult Education	Cooking classes, resource training
Community Engagement	More community service

Question 17: What health concerns affect your household the most?

Theme	Examples from Responses
Respiratory Issues	Asthma, allergies, tuberculosis
Chronic Conditions	High blood pressure, blood pressure, diabetes, prediabetic
Nutrition & Weight	Weight, fried food, sugar/trans fats
Mental Health	Mental health, PTSD (neighborhood)
Dental Health	Teeth
Physical Activity	Walking
Access & Affordability	Transportation, payment
Physical Environment	Mold, roaches

Question 20: What do you think prevents people in your community from seeking substance misuse help?

Theme	Examples from Responses
Stigma & Shame	Judgement, embarrassment, pride or shame, denial, scared, stigma
Psychological Barriers	Lack of confidence, lack of knowledge, ignorance, being used to not being heard
Personal Resistance	"They don't want help", addiction, peer pressure
Financial & Practical Limits	Poverty, finances, no health insurance, transportation, time
Legal & Systemic Fears	Police records, fear of losing kids and home, the police
Access & Availability	Access

Question 23: What would improve access to food in your area?

Theme	Examples from Responses
Food Distribution Expansion	More food banks, food pantries, food bank that comes once a week, more donations to churches
Transportation & Delivery	Transportation, mobile delivery, delivery from food banks to families without transportation
Affordable & Local Options	Lower prices, money, more grocery stores, more stores nearby, fresh food stand
Community-Based Solutions	Community garden, helping people with their own garden, help with the community garden
Awareness & Education	More information on resources, awareness, training on healthy eating, food allergy training
Availability & Access	Availability

Question 32: What do you value most about your community?

Theme	Examples from Responses
Relationships & People	Family, neighbors, nice people, good people, the elders, good neighbors, everyone knows each other
Unity & Connection	Connectedness, people (unity), understanding community, demographic similarity, community, life and love
Neighborhood Atmosphere	Friendly neighborhood, quiet, safety, accessibility, seeing happy kids, the focus on the children
Clean & Welcoming Environment	Cleanliness, clean
Community Resources	The community garden
Economic Support	Free rent

Question 33: What would you like to change?

Theme	Examples from Responses
Crime & Drug Activity	Crime, violence, drug abuse, drug and alcohol abuse, stop selling drugs, getting rid of drug dealers
Law Enforcement & Safety	Increase police, more police, police patrol, better police patrol, more protection and cameras, increased enforcement of neighborhood rules
Youth Support & Supervision	Unsupervised children, activities for kids, bigger playgrounds, change for the kids, the upbringing of the children
Housing & Infrastructure	Unsafe housing conditions, vacant housing, renovations, street signs, lights, crosswalks
Community Engagement & Unity	Community involvement, unity, people working together, more community building, people
Environmental Safety & Exposure	The amount of violence and police interactions our kids see in Tucker Street apartments

Survey Strengths

- **Community Insight**
 - We received great insight from participants.
 - People were genuinely interested in sharing their thoughts.
- **Survey Logistics**
 - The survey design helped gather meaningful and organized responses.
- **Community Trust**
 - People seemed comfortable engaging with me.

Survey Challenges

- **Funding & Incentives**
 - Finding funding was a challenge, even though the gift card incentive worked well.
- **Survey Logistics**
 - Surveying multiple people at the same time was difficult.
 - We weren't able to ensure surveys were fully completed.
 - Conducting surveys at events sometimes introduced bias in responses.
- **Data Interpretation**
 - Interpreting people's responses was sometimes unclear or inconsistent.
- **Engagement**
 - Some individuals chose not to engage due to a reluctance to leave their homes or dissatisfaction with the offered incentive.

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