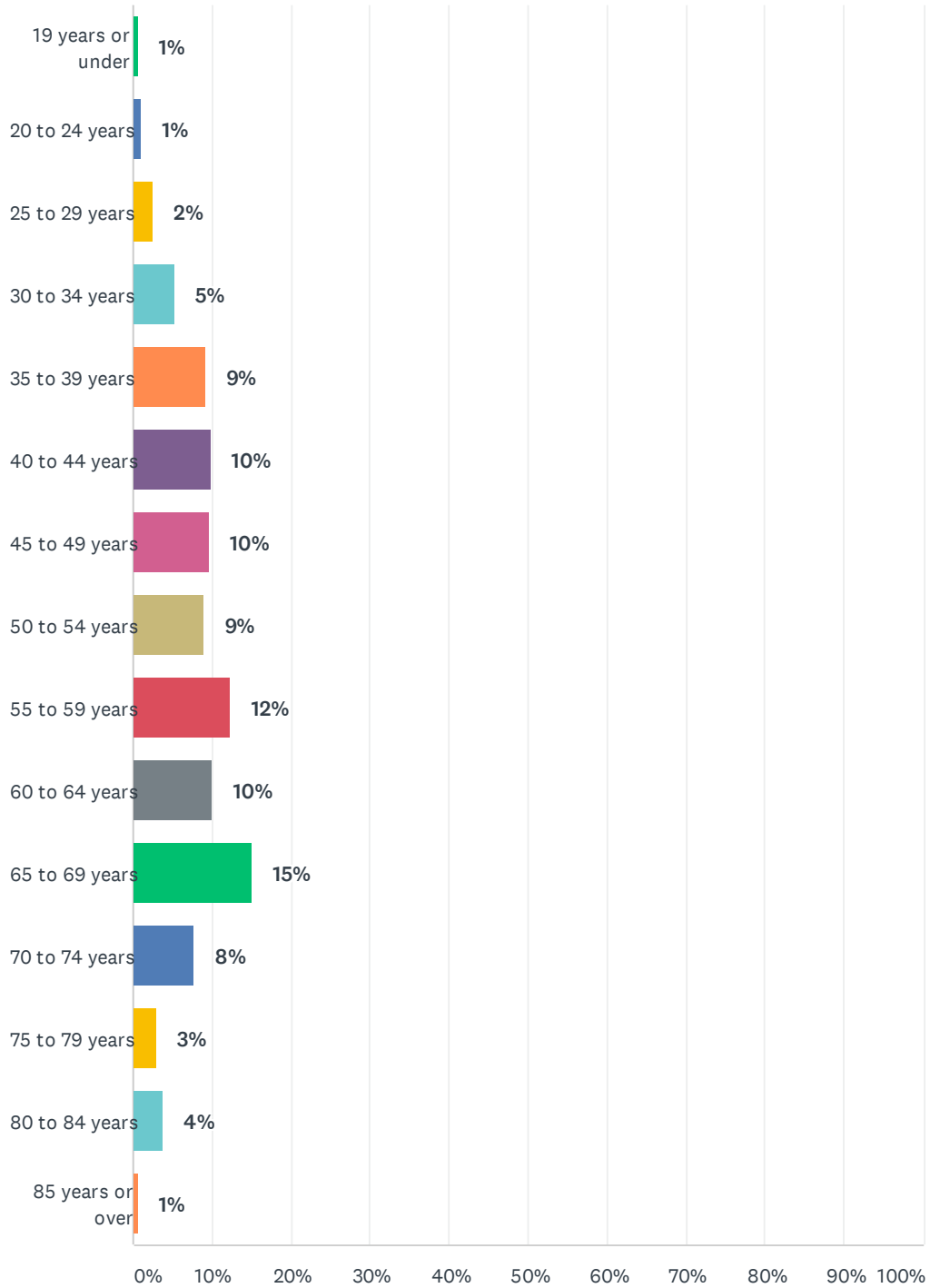


### Q1 Please indicate the age range you belong to:

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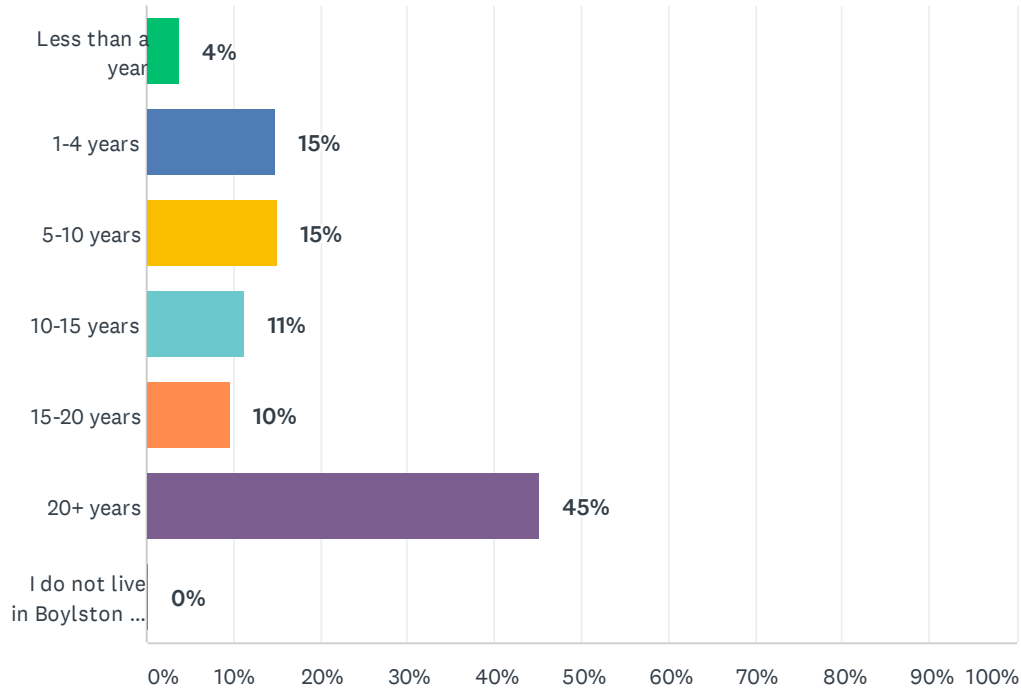


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
19 years or under	1%	3
20 to 24 years	1%	5
25 to 29 years	2%	11
30 to 34 years	5%	23
35 to 39 years	9%	41
40 to 44 years	10%	44
45 to 49 years	10%	43
50 to 54 years	9%	40
55 to 59 years	12%	55
60 to 64 years	10%	45
65 to 69 years	15%	67
70 to 74 years	8%	34
75 to 79 years	3%	13
80 to 84 years	4%	17
85 years or over	1%	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>444</b>

## Q2 How long have you lived in Boylston?

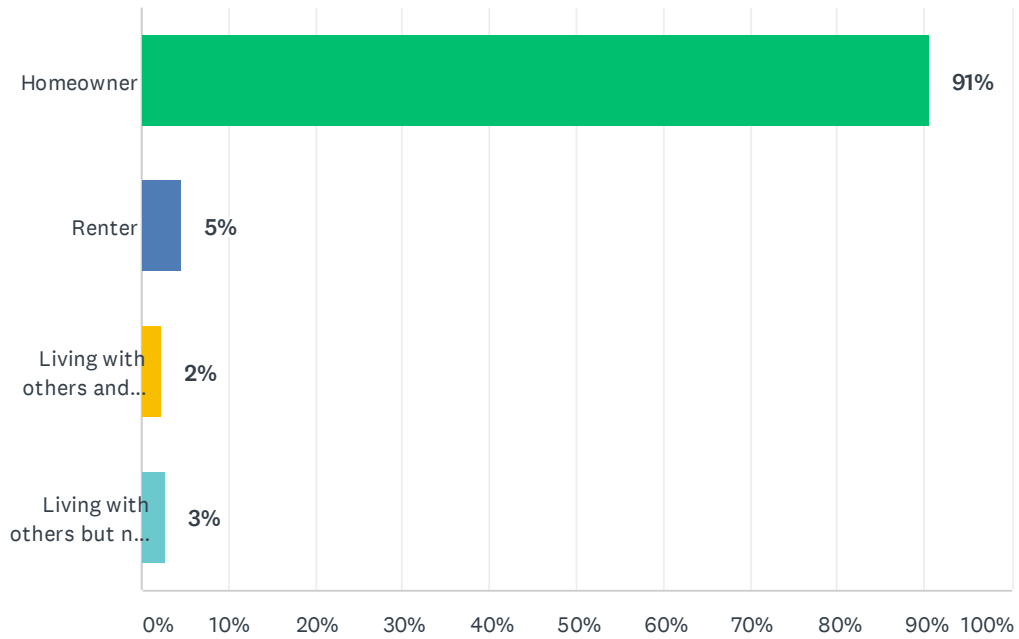
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than a year	4%	17
1-4 years	15%	66
5-10 years	15%	67
10-15 years	11%	50
15-20 years	10%	43
20+ years	45%	201
I do not live in Boylston but I am interested in moving here	0%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>445</b>

### Q3 Which of the following best describes your current housing situation?

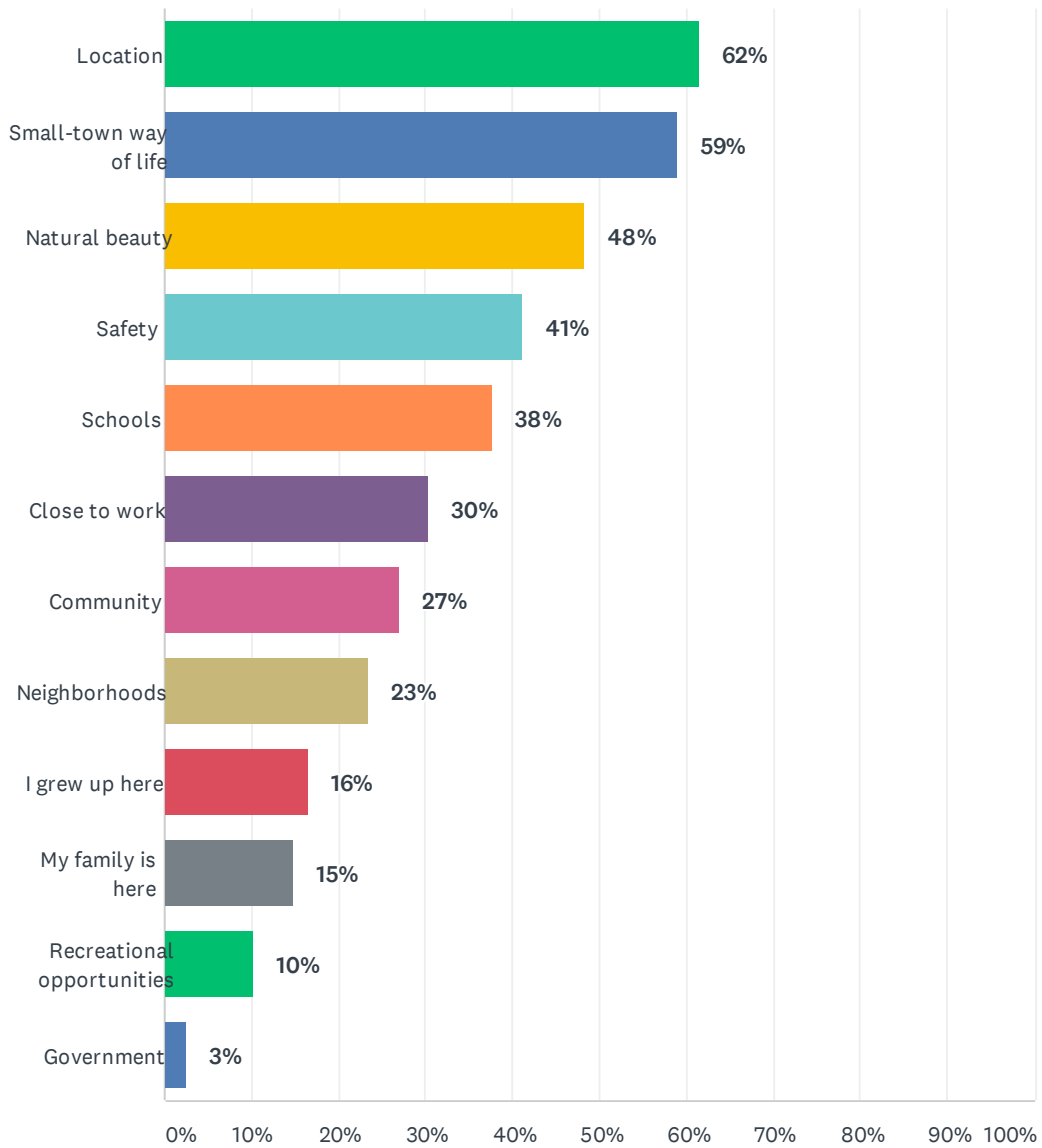
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Homeowner	91%	402
Renter	5%	20
Living with others and assisting with paying rent or mortgage	2%	10
Living with others but not paying rent or mortgage	3%	12
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>444</b>

## Q4 Which of the following attributes were most influential in your decision to reside in Boylston?

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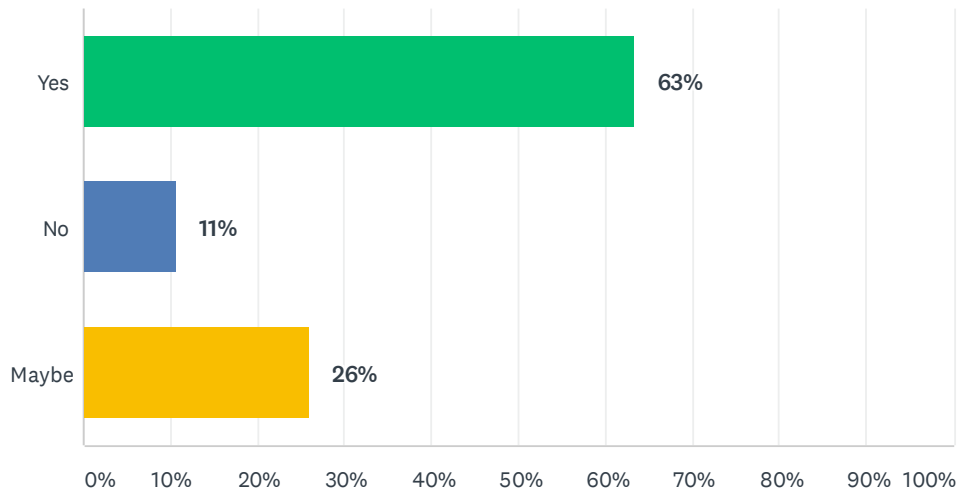


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Location	62%	269
Small-town way of life	59%	258
Natural beauty	48%	211
Safety	41%	180
Schools	38%	165
Close to work	30%	133
Community	27%	118
Neighborhoods	23%	102
I grew up here	16%	72
My family is here	15%	65
Recreational opportunities	10%	45
Government	3%	11
Total Respondents: 437		

## Q5 Do you plan to live in your current residence as you age into retirement?

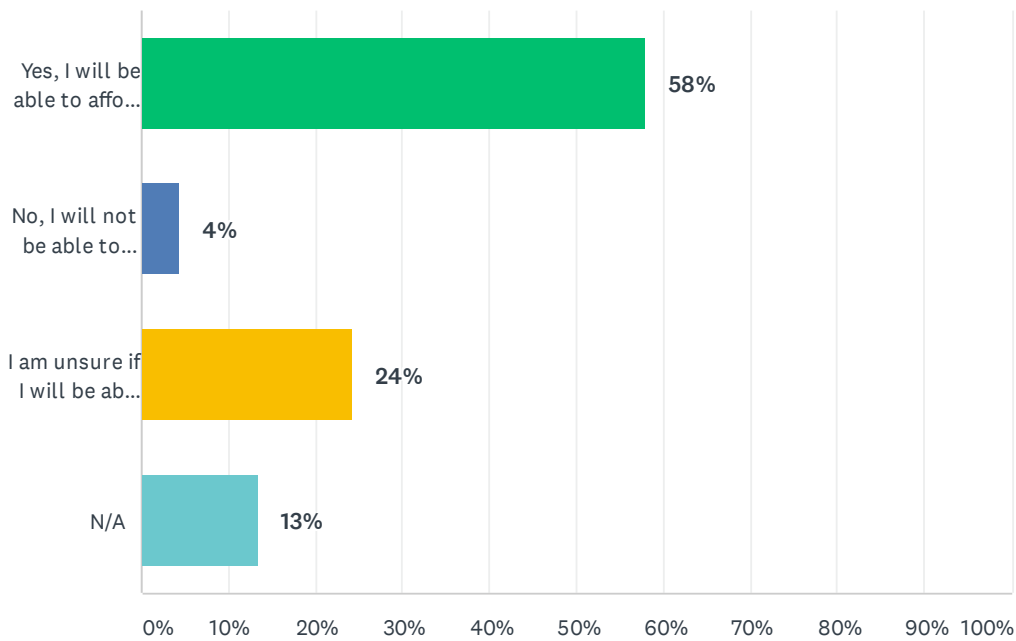
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	63%	281
No	11%	47
Maybe	26%	115
TOTAL		443

### Q6 If you answered "Yes" to the previous question, do you anticipate being able to afford your home and associated costs as you age into retirement?

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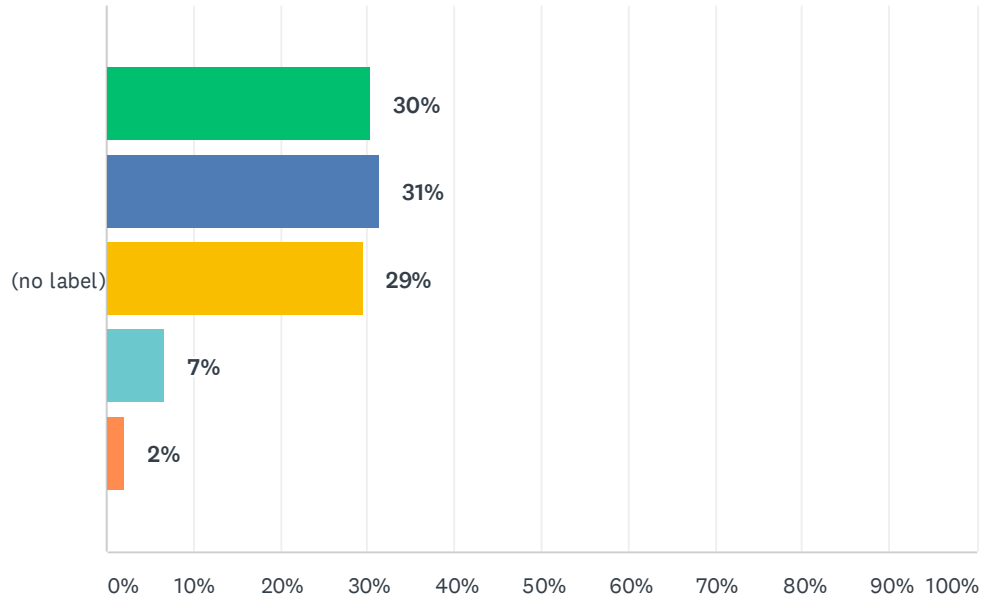


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I will be able to afford my home as I age into retirement	58%	229
No, I will not be able to afford my home as I age into retirement	4%	17
I am unsure if I will be able to afford my home as I age into retirement	24%	96
N/A	13%	53
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>395</b>



## Q7 How important is it for you to remain in your community as you age?

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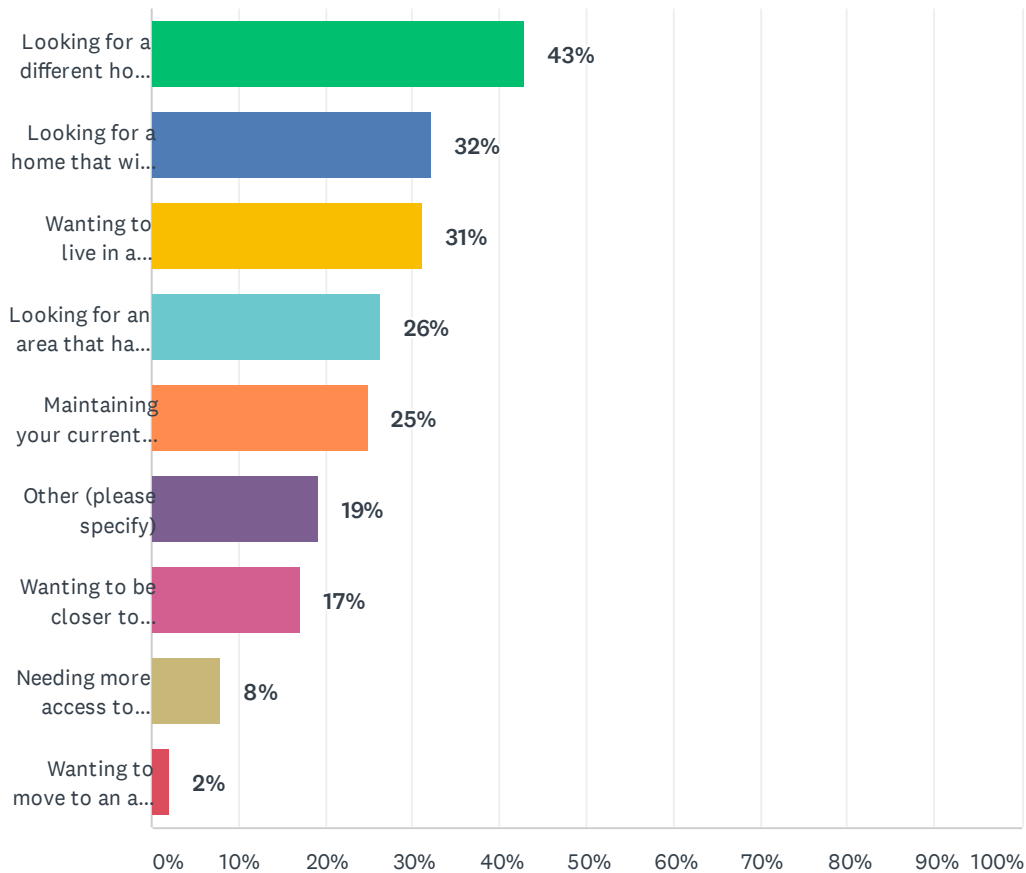


■ Extremely important   
 ■ Very important   
 ■ Somewhat important  
■ Not so important   
 ■ Not at all important

	EXTREMELY IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT SO IMPORTANT	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	30% 135	31% 140	29% 131	7% 30	2% 9	445	2.19

## Q8 If you were to consider moving out of your community, which of the following factors would drive your decision to move?

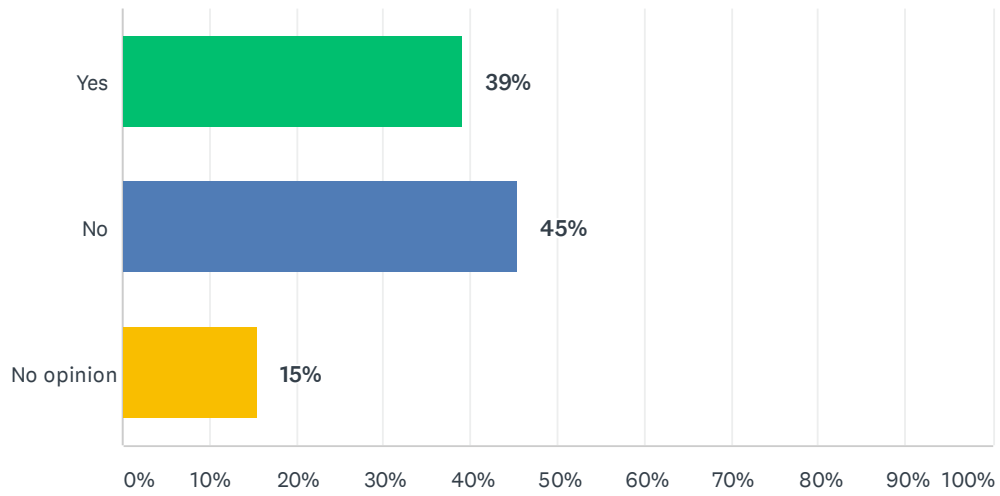
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Looking for a different home size that meets your needs	43%	185
Looking for a home that will help you live independently as you age	32%	139
Wanting to live in a different climate	31%	134
Looking for an area that has a lower cost of living	26%	114
Maintaining your current home will be too expensive	25%	107
Other (please specify)	19%	83
Wanting to be closer to family	17%	74
Needing more access to public transportation	8%	34
Wanting to move to an area that has better health care facilities	2%	9
Total Respondents: 431		

## Q9 Is housing affordability an issue for you or anyone you know who lives in Boylston?

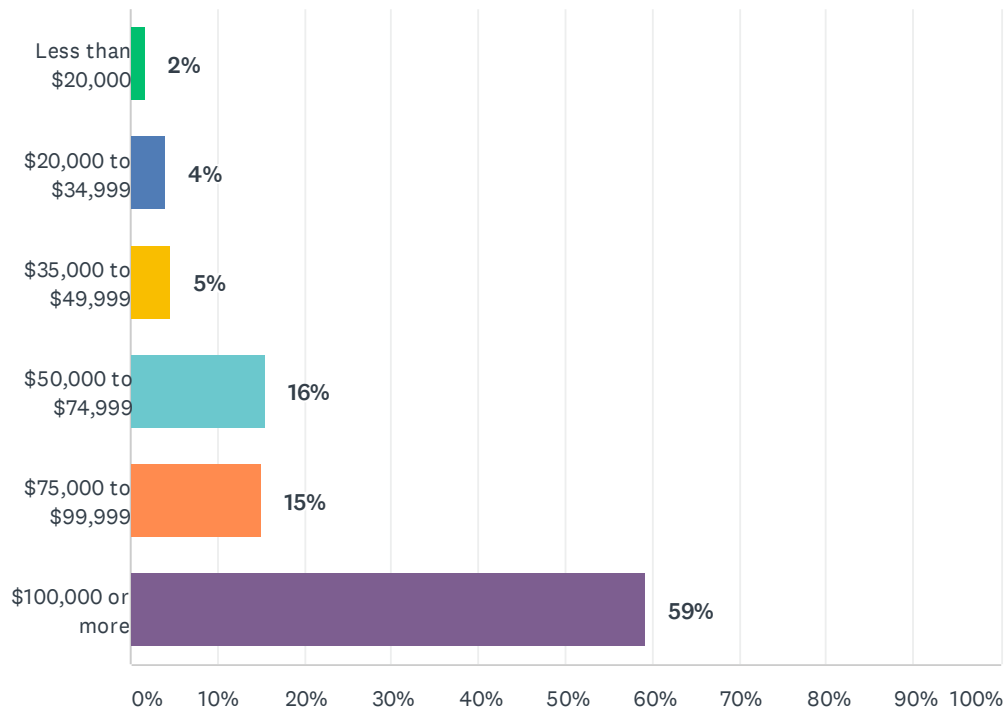
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	39%	167
No	45%	193
No opinion	15%	66
TOTAL		426

**Q10 Please indicate which annual household income range you currently fall under:** Note: Household income measures the combined incomes of all people sharing a particular household or place of residence. It includes every form of income, e.g., salaries and wages, retirement income, near cash government transfers like food stamps, and investment gains. It is defined as income received on a regular basis (exclusive of certain money receipts such as capital gains) before payments for personal income taxes, social security, union dues, Medicare deductions, etc.

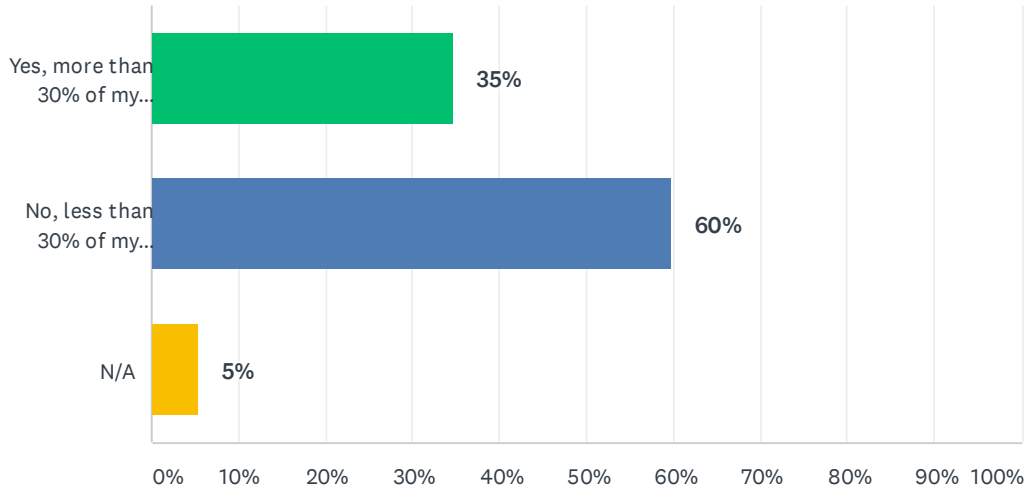
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than \$20,000	2%	7
\$20,000 to \$34,999	4%	16
\$35,000 to \$49,999	5%	19
\$50,000 to \$74,999	16%	64
\$75,000 to \$99,999	15%	62
\$100,000 or more	59%	243
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>411</b>

### Q11 Is more than 30% of your monthly income dedicated to paying for housing (including mortgage, rent, property taxes, utilities) each month?

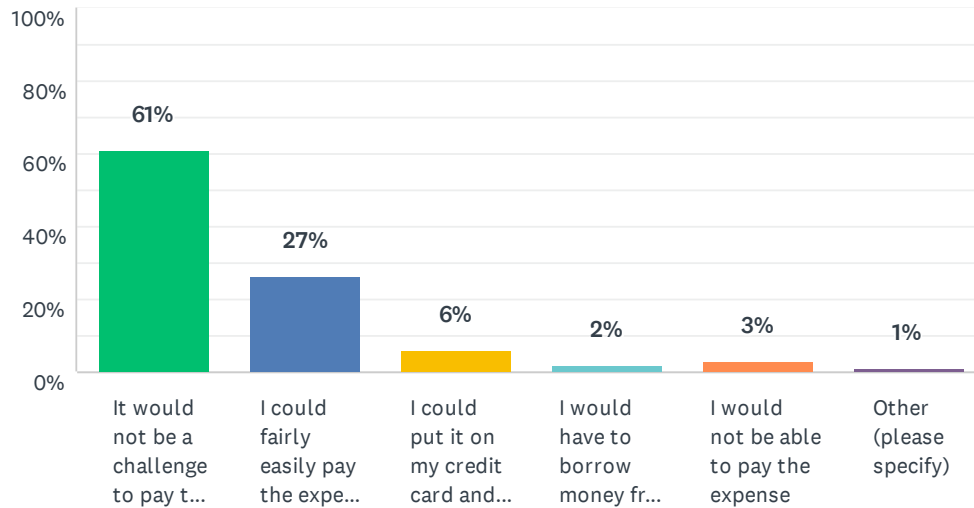
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes, more than 30% of my monthly income is dedicated to paying for housing	35%	146	
No, less than 30% of my monthly income is dedicated to paying for housing	60%	252	
N/A	5%	23	
TOTAL		421	

## Q12 Hypothetically, if there was an emergency expense requiring you to immediately come up with \$400, how much of a challenge would it be to pay that expense?

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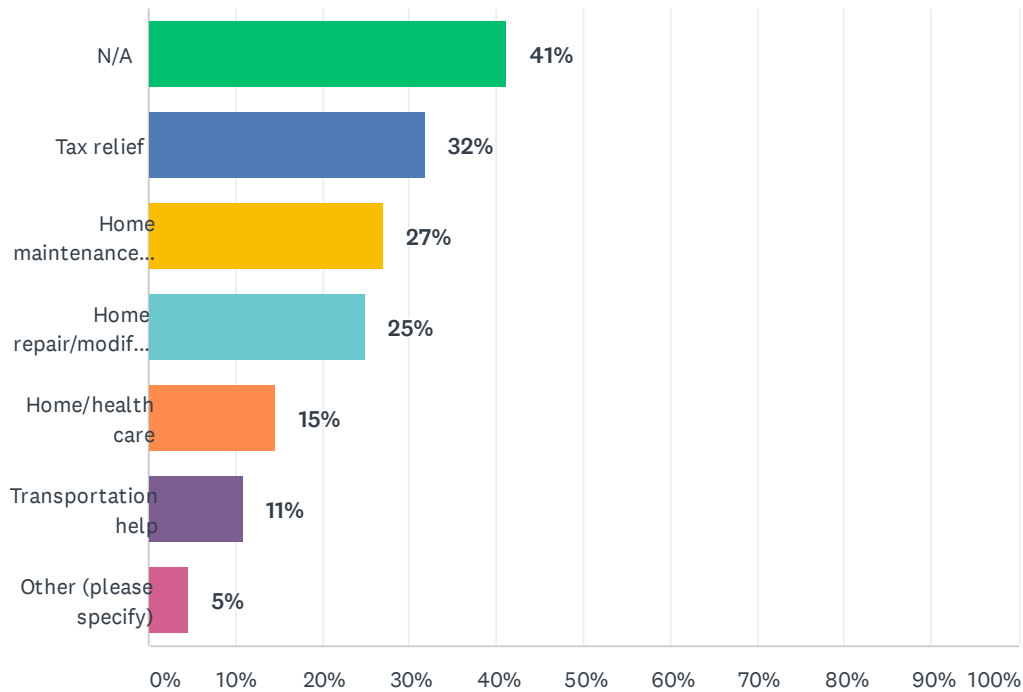


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
It would not be a challenge to pay the expense	61%	259
I could fairly easily pay the expense using cash, money currently in my savings/checking account, or on a credit card that I can pay in full at the next statement	27%	113
I could put it on my credit card and pay off the expense over time	6%	25
I would have to borrow money from a friend or family, or sell something in order to pay the expense	2%	9
I would not be able to pay the expense	3%	12
Other (please specify)	1%	5
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>423</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Dip into savings.	1/15/2021 12:28 PM
2	NOYB	1/14/2021 2:42 PM
3	I could do it but it would not leave me with much and I would need time to recover.	12/16/2020 8:03 PM
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## Q13 What financial and/or support services might you need to remain in your home?

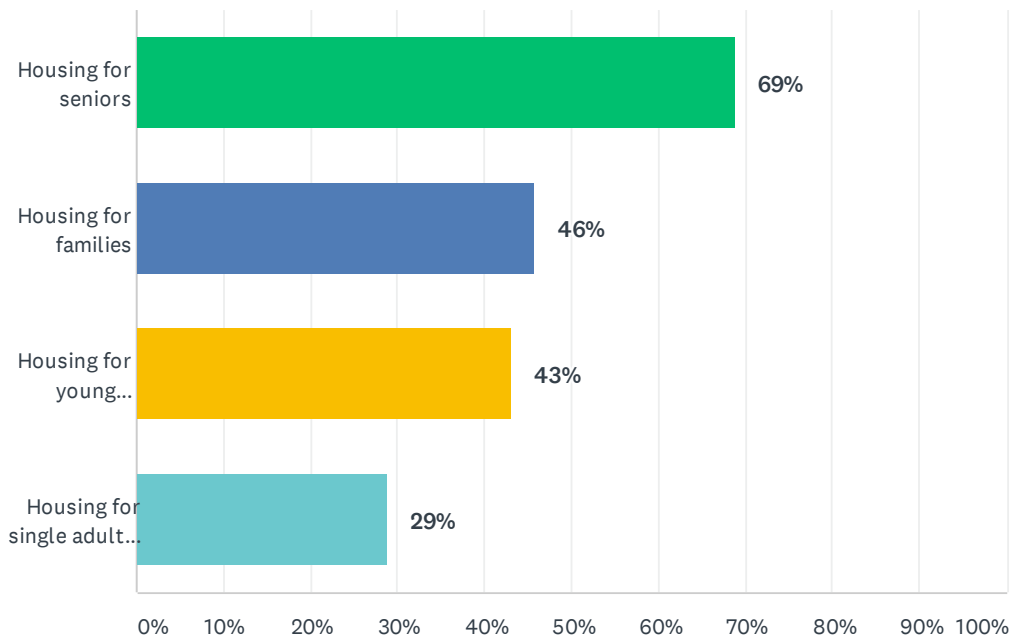
Answered: 415 Skipped: 32



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
N/A	41%	171
Tax relief	32%	132
Home maintenance help	27%	112
Home repair/modification	25%	103
Home/health care	15%	61
Transportation help	11%	45
Other (please specify)	5%	19
Total Respondents: 415		

Q14 Realizing that there is a State statute requiring Boylston to maintain 10% of the community's housing as affordable for current and future residents, which of the following types of housing do you think is most needed in Boylston? Check all that apply. Note: Affordable units are available to those making less than 80% of the median household income for the area. As of 2020, Worcester County has a median household income of \$98,200, so the income limit for a family of four (4) is \$78,500 in order to qualify for affordable housing. Units can be for rent or for sale to qualifying individuals or families. More information on the State statute can be found here: <https://www.mass.gov/chapter-40-b-planning-and-information>

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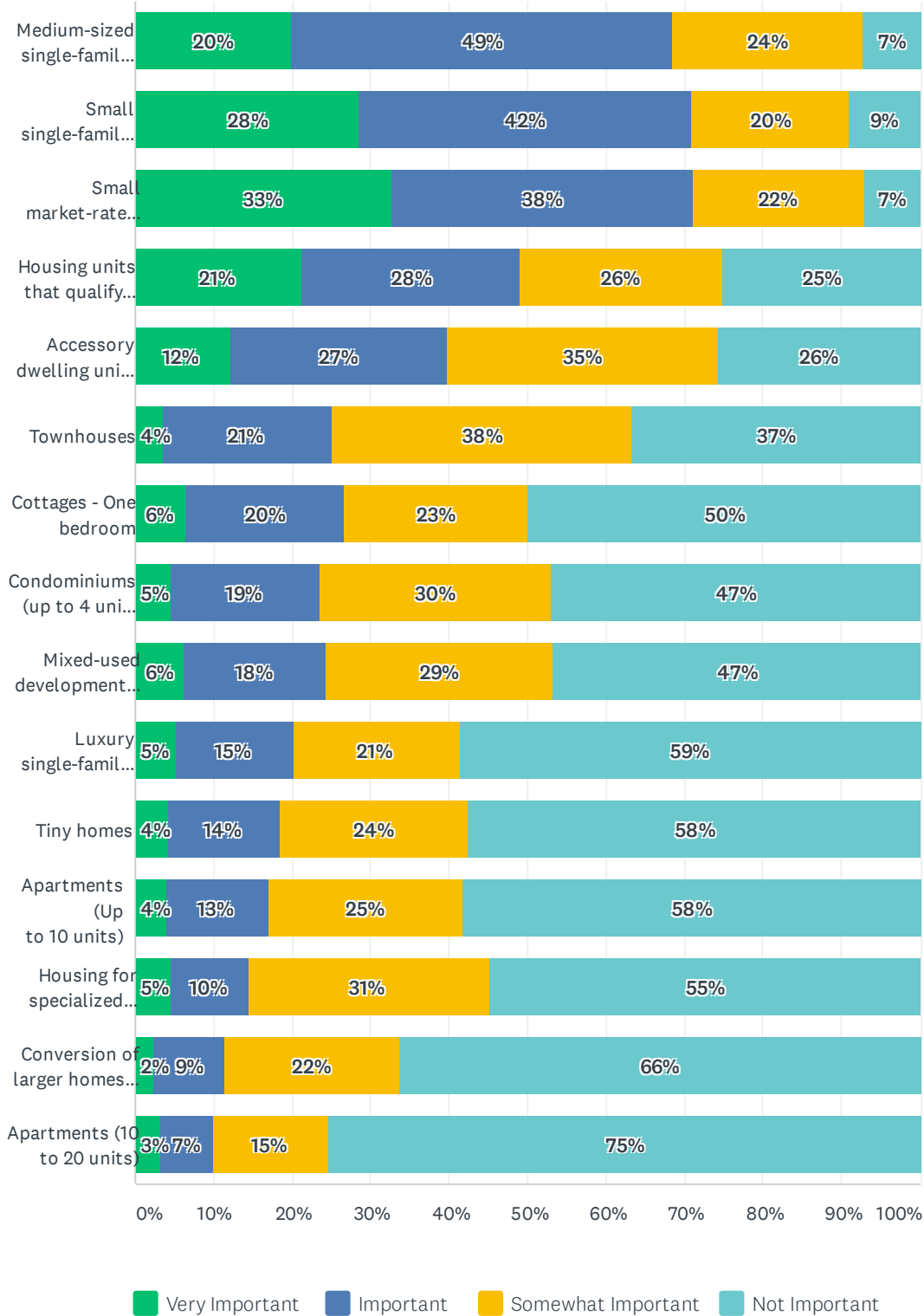


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Housing for seniors	69%	284
Housing for families	46%	189
Housing for young professionals	43%	178
Housing for single adults in need (recovery, veterans, survivors of domestic abuse, etc.)	29%	119
Total Respondents: 413		



### Q15 How important do you think the following housing types are to Boylston's future housing needs (over the next 10-20 years)?

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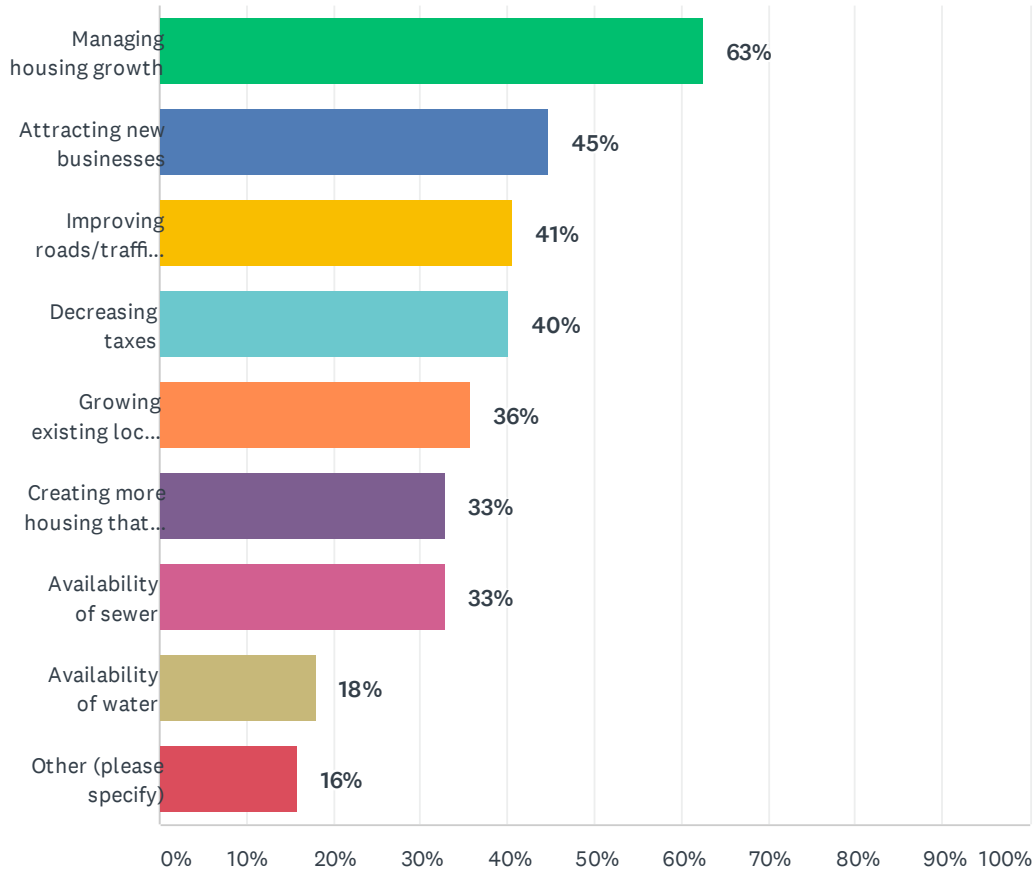


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	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Medium-sized single-family homes	20% 77	49% 189	24% 95	7% 28	389	2.19
Small single-family market-rate homes geared towards first time buyers	28% 110	42% 164	20% 78	9% 35	387	2.10
Small market-rate homes geared towards seniors	33% 129	38% 151	22% 86	7% 28	394	2.03
Housing units that qualify as affordable per state regulations	21% 83	28% 108	26% 101	25% 98	390	2.55
Accessory dwelling units or "in-law apartments"	12% 48	27% 107	35% 135	26% 100	390	2.74
Townhouses	4% 14	21% 82	38% 146	37% 140	382	3.08
Cottages - One bedroom	6% 24	20% 76	23% 87	50% 187	374	3.17
Condominiums (up to 4 units attached)	5% 18	19% 72	30% 113	47% 180	383	3.19
Mixed-used development (e.g. retail/office on first floor and residential units above)	6% 24	18% 69	29% 110	47% 179	382	3.16
Luxury single-family homes	5% 20	15% 58	21% 81	59% 225	384	3.33
Tiny homes	4% 16	14% 55	24% 92	58% 221	384	3.35
Apartments (Up to 10 units)	4% 15	13% 50	25% 93	58% 221	379	3.37
Housing for specialized populations (e.g. youth recovery, adult group home, etc.)	5% 17	10% 37	31% 116	55% 206	376	3.36
Conversion of larger homes into apartments	2% 9	9% 34	22% 85	66% 251	379	3.53
Apartments (10 to 20 units)	3% 12	7% 26	15% 55	75% 283	376	3.62

## Q16 In your opinion, what are Boylston's most pressing needs related to housing and development?

Answered: 411 Skipped: 36



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Managing housing growth	63%	257
Attracting new businesses	45%	184
Improving roads/traffic/sidewalks	41%	167
Decreasing taxes	40%	165
Growing existing local businesses	36%	147
Creating more housing that is affordable	33%	135
Availability of sewer	33%	135
Availability of water	18%	74
Other (please specify)	16%	65
Total Respondents: 411		