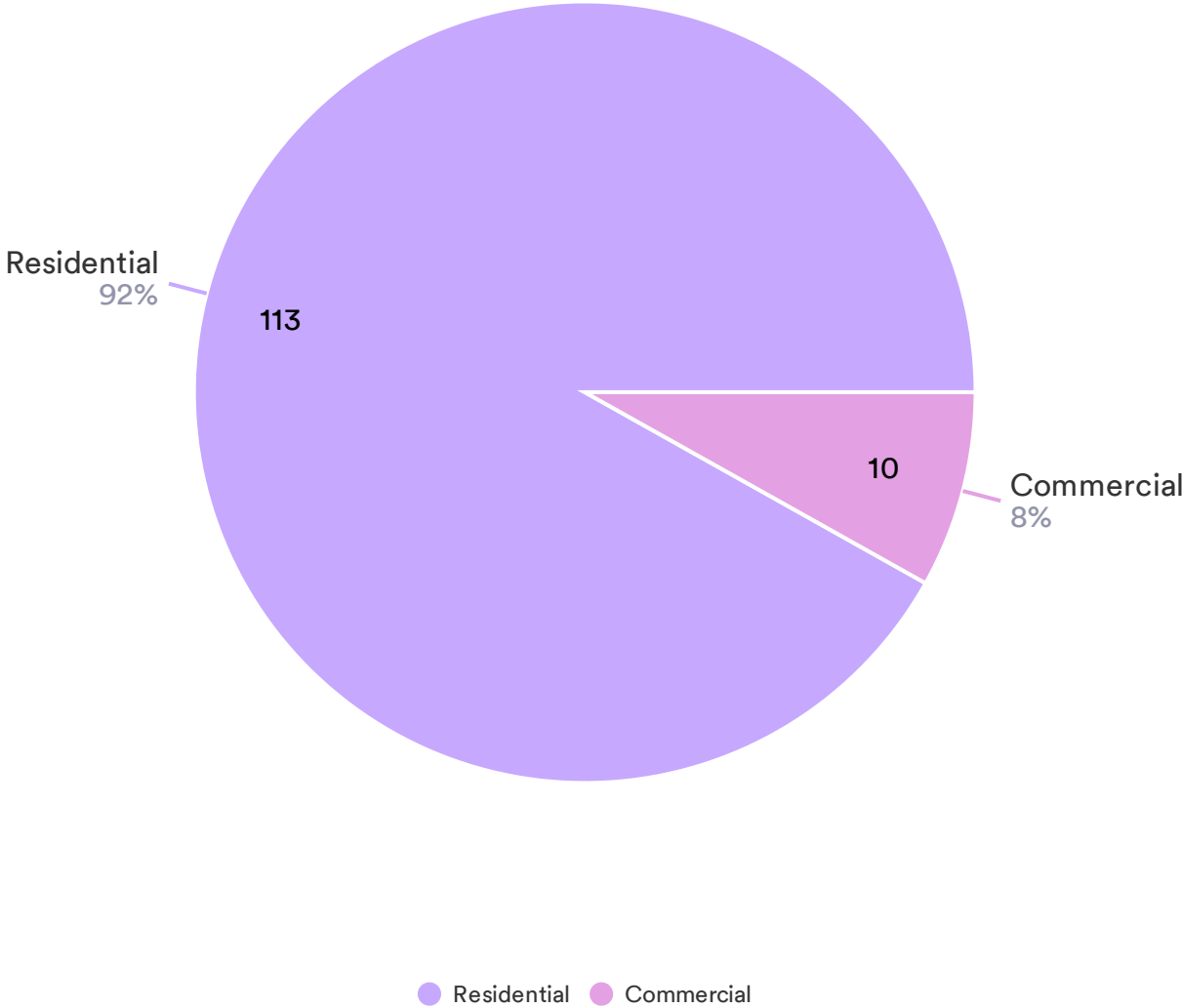


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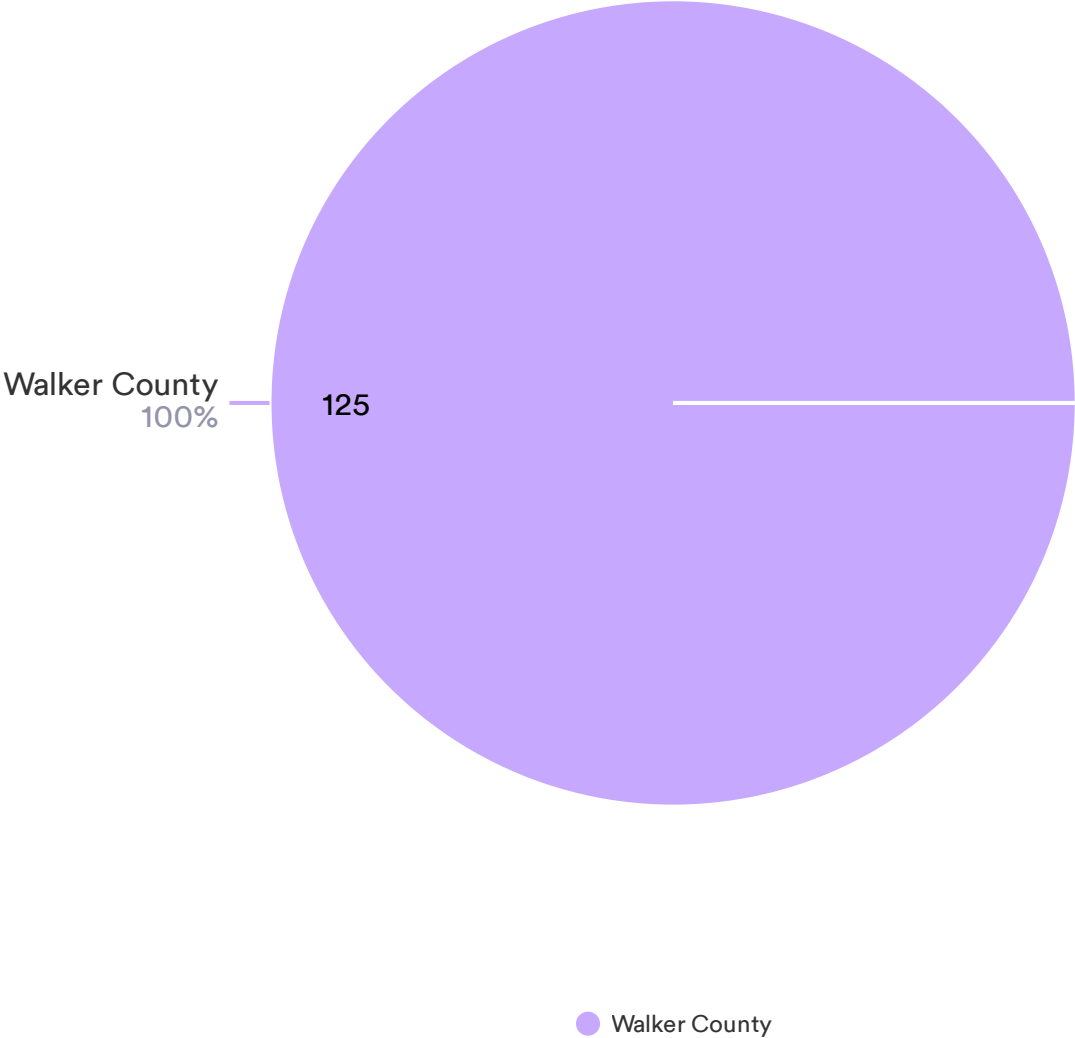
Are you responding on behalf of a residential or commercial property?

123 Responses



In which county or city is the residential or commercial property located?

125 Responses



In what city is the property located?

124 Responses

Data	Responses
Huntsville	97
Riverside	9
Walker County	8
New Waverly	7
Bedias	1
Trinity	1
Phelps	1

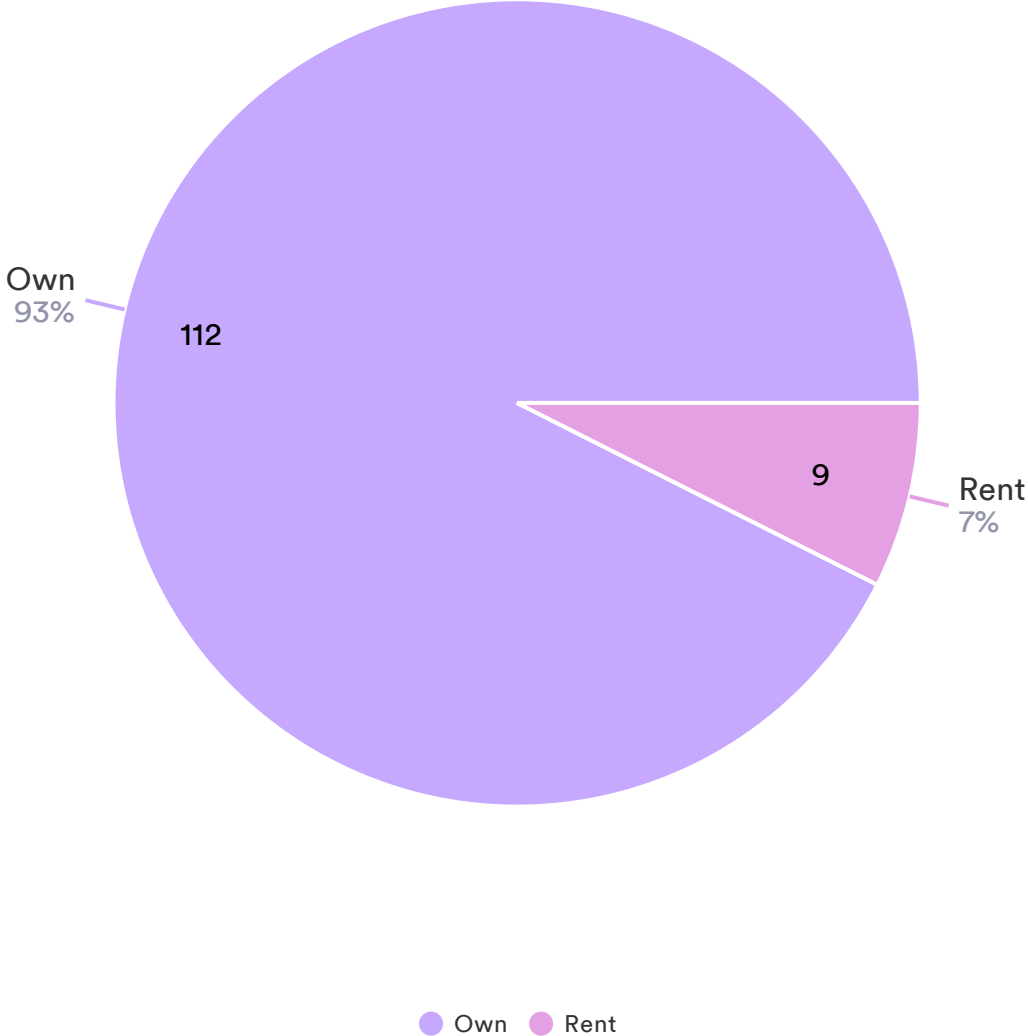
What is the zip code for the property?

125 Responses

Data	Responses
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77340	52
77358	7
77367	4
77831	2
75862	1

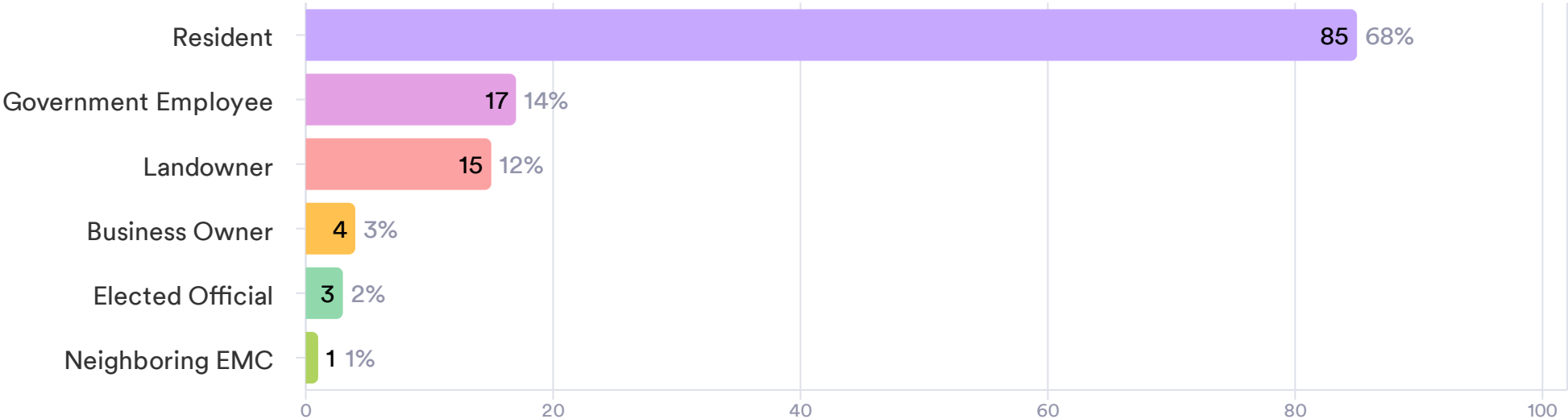
Do you own or rent your place of residence/business?

121 Responses



Which of the following best defines your role in the community?

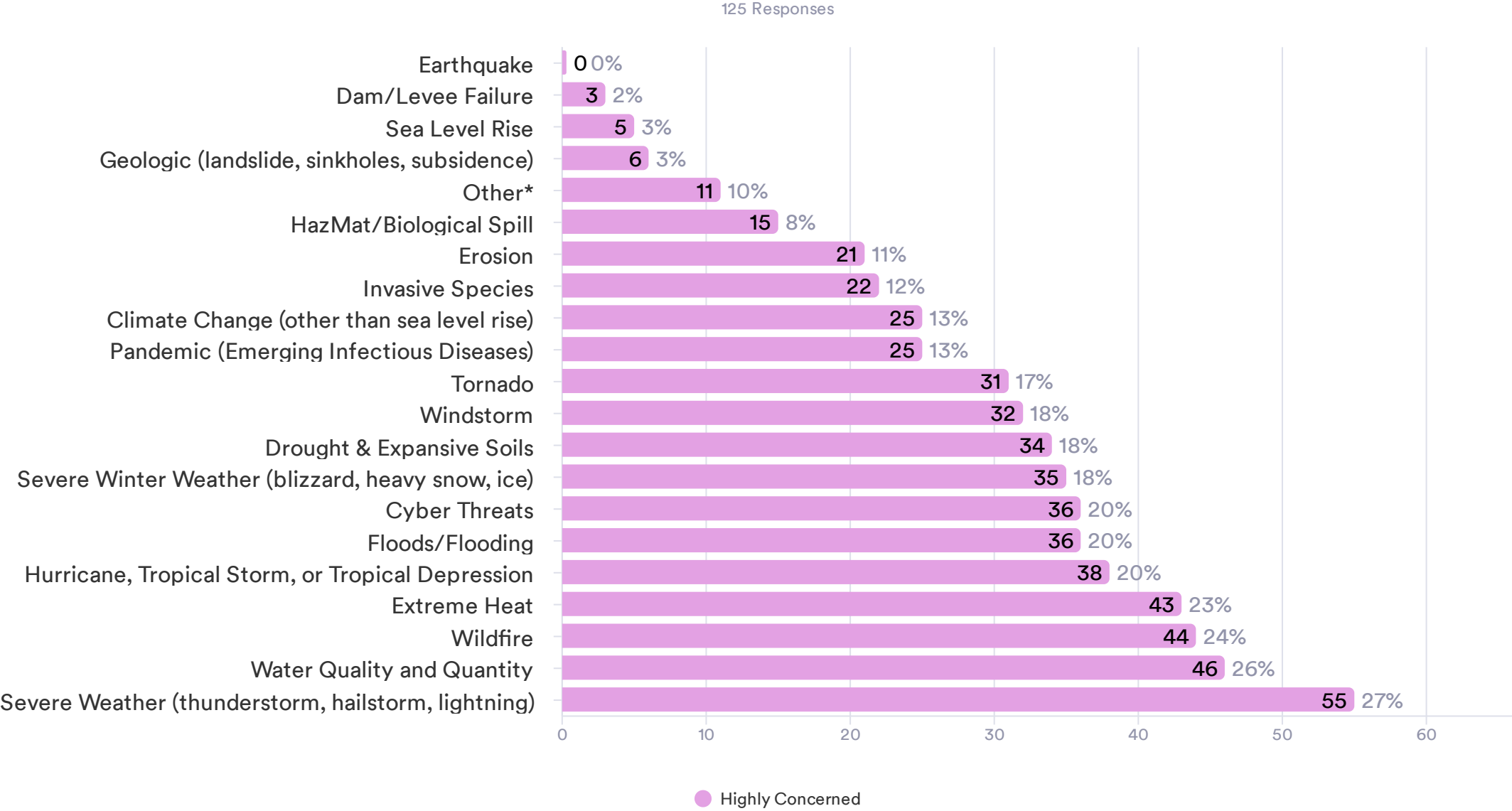
125 Responses



Data	Response	%
Resident	85	68%
Government Employee	17	14%
Landowner	15	12%
Business Owner	4	3%
Elected Official	3	2%
Neighboring EMC	1	1%

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In the past 5 years, have you been affected by the hazards listed below? (Responses shown for those who selected YES)



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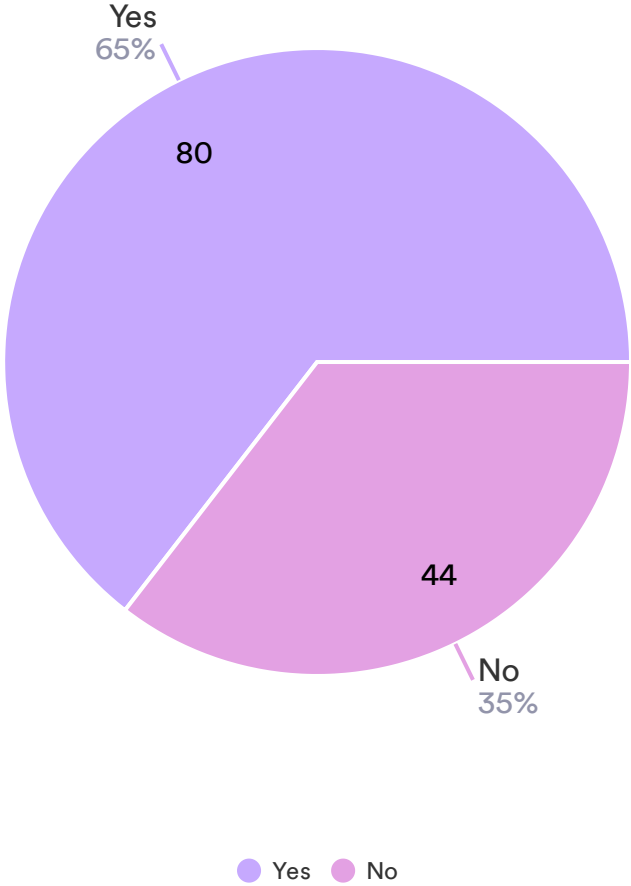
*Please specify the "other" hazard for which you have a concern if indicated above.

14 Responses

Data	Responses
School Safety	1
Power outages	1
Hazardous burn pit operating next to my property.	1
Tornado with very high winds	1
environmental	1
Wild hog population	1
Uneducated general public	1
Hazard spill from trave accident on IH 45 in Huntsville	1
Democrats and their agendas	1
Feral hogs rooting up our property and the increase in litters	1
Crime	1
I love our country but I fear our government!	1
Sandy loam running out of Sandy Creek into Lake Conroe	1
Power/electric grid failure.	1

In the past 5 years, has your home or business been damaged by a hazard event? (Ex: pipes freezing during periods of cold temperatures, flooding of your home/business, tornado damage to your property, etc.)

124 Responses



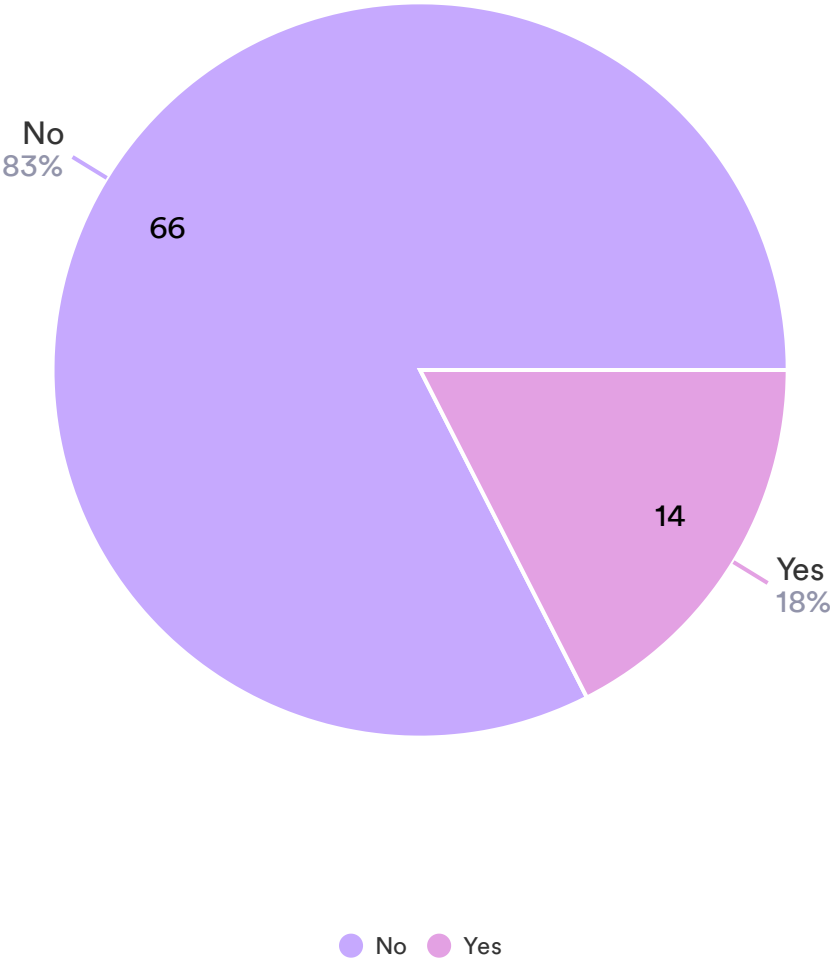
Please describe any relevant details such as the date of occurrence, duration, area affected (e.g., yard, building, roof), etc.

75 Responses

Data	Responses
Neighboring county has experienced tornado, frozen pipes, loss of water, loss of electricity, and flooding in some areas. Our county boundaries meet on the north side of Walker County and we share the Bedias Creek and Trinity River area flooding issues.	1
Hail damage to roof	1
Last hailstorm - car damage. Roof damage	1
Freeze 2021 and 2022, tornado 2023	1
Ice/hailstorm on January 8, 2016 damaged our roof and one car. Both had to be replaced. (Longer ago than five years, but only such incident.)	1
We had wind damage to our roof and healthy trees broken in half in Spring of 2023. In winter of 2022 we had a long freeze with power and water outages.	1
February 2021 pipes freezing, loss of electricity during storms	1
Roof damage from hail Pipes burst from freezing Plants damaged by invasive vines	1
Roof and pipe damage from freezing, damage to yard trees from heavy wind, damage to floors and carpets from flooding	1
Tornado cut electricity for 1 1/2 days and food was waisted.	1
The storm caused 2 large trees on my residential property to fall. The same storm caused damage to power lines and lives without electricity from 7:00 pm on Tuesday until noon on Friday.	1

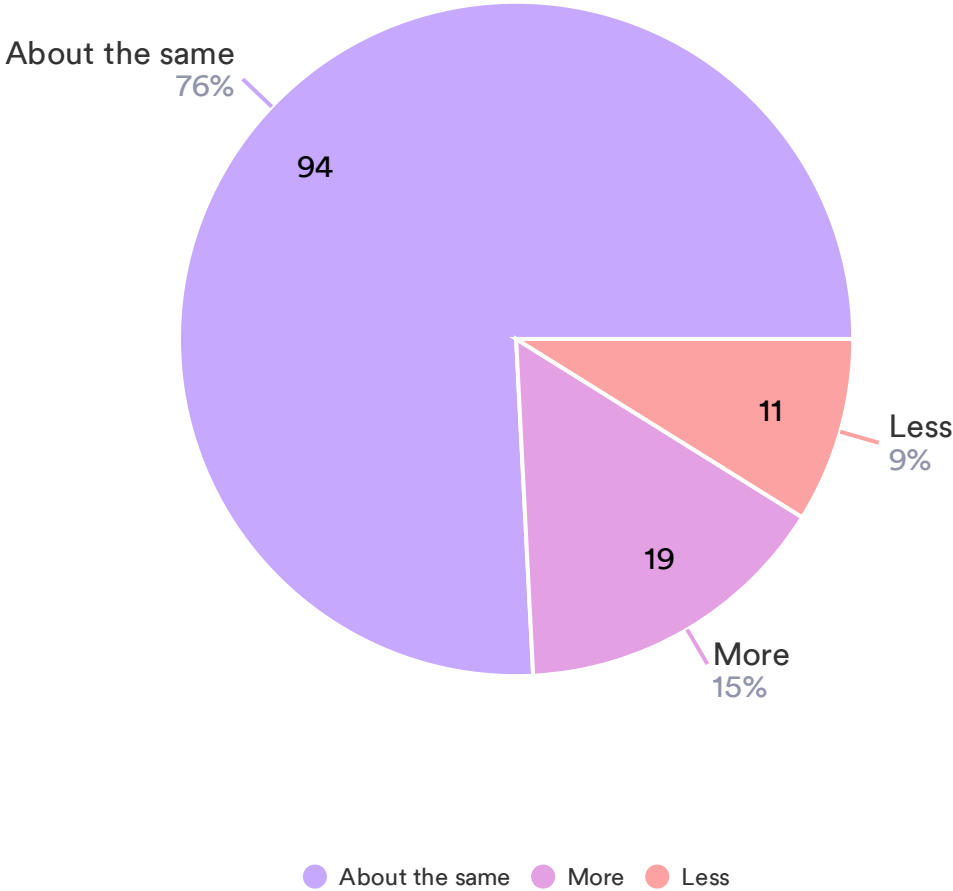
Did you report the damages to your local police or fire departments or to an emergency management agency?

80 Responses



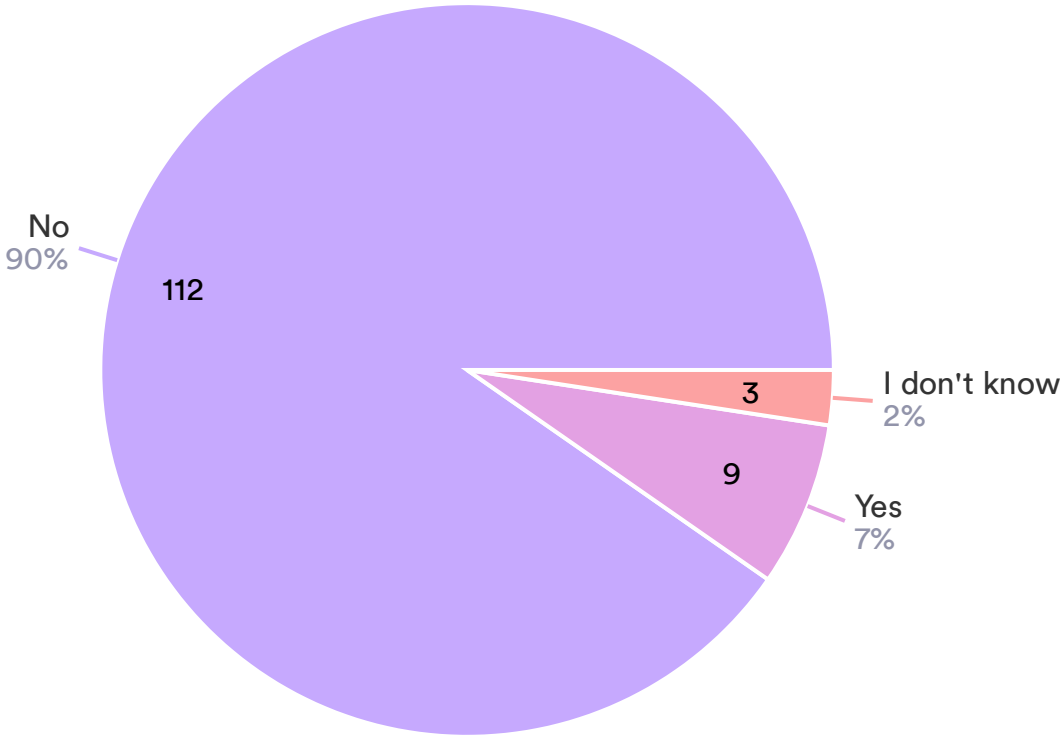
Is your property about the same, less, or more prone to flooding now than it was 5 years ago?

124 Responses



To the best of your knowledge, is your property located in a designated floodplain or special flood hazard area?

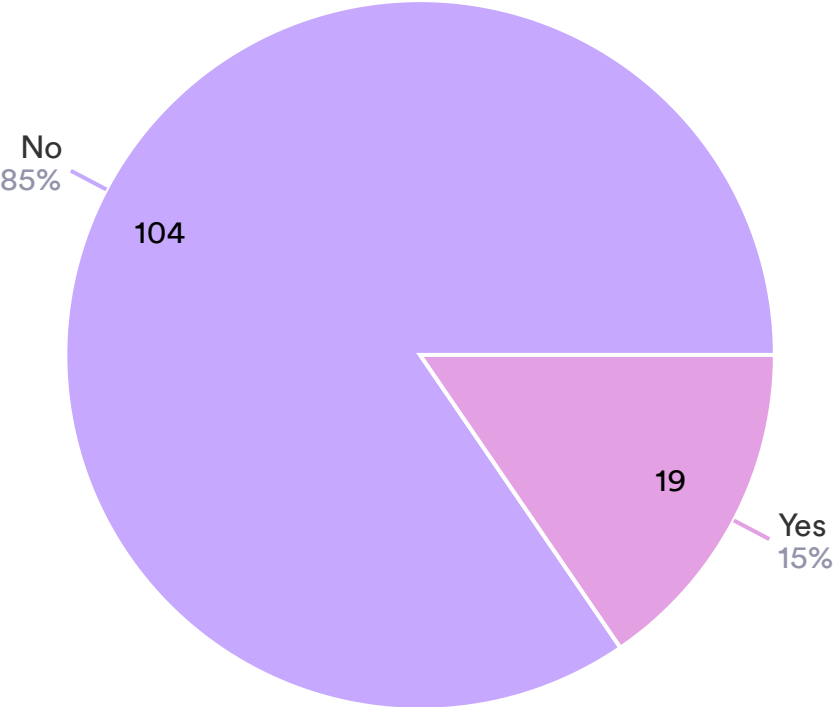
124 Responses



No Yes I don't know

Do you have flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program?

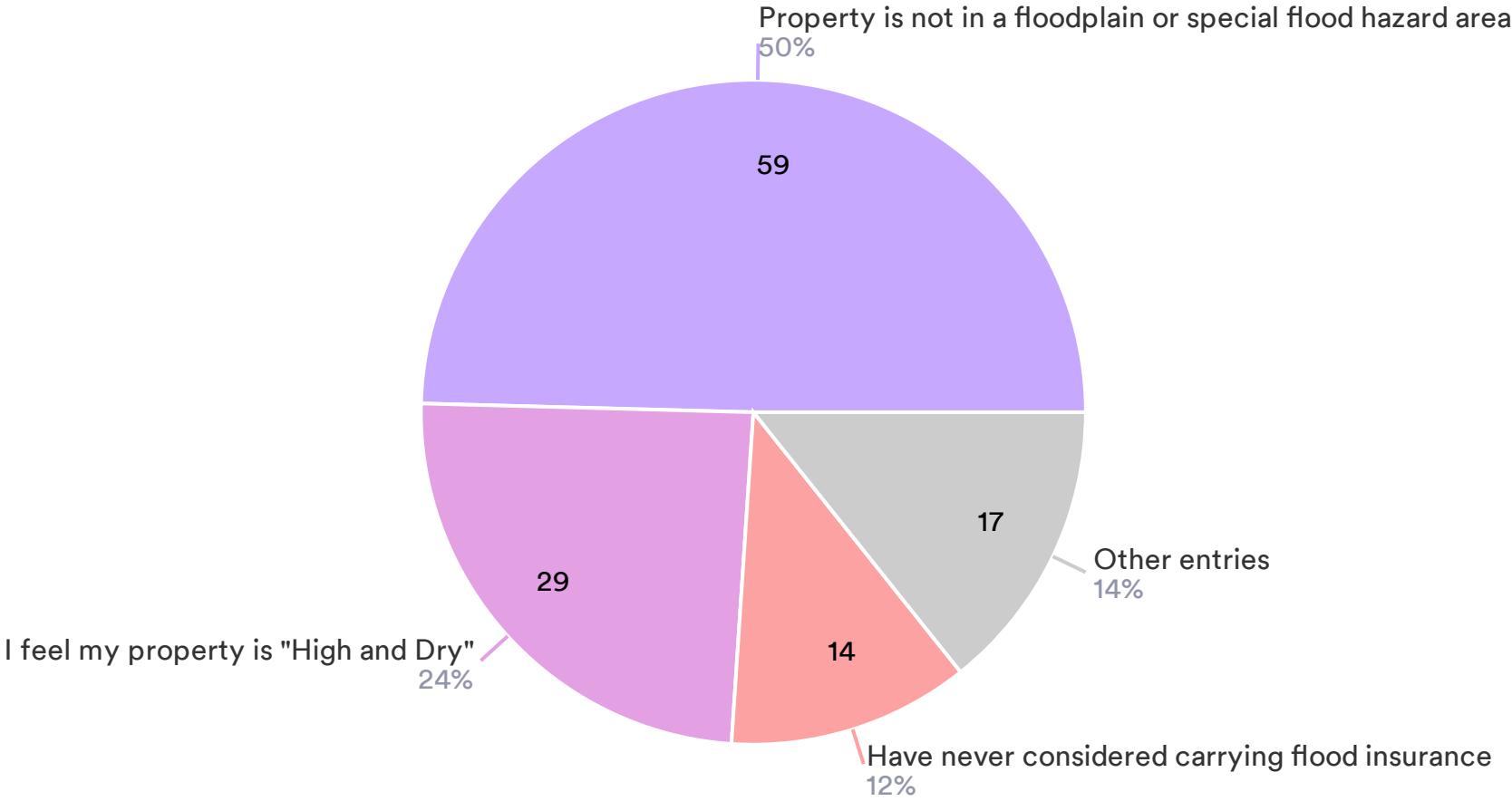
123 Responses



No Yes

If you do not have flood insurance, please select the reasons that may apply.

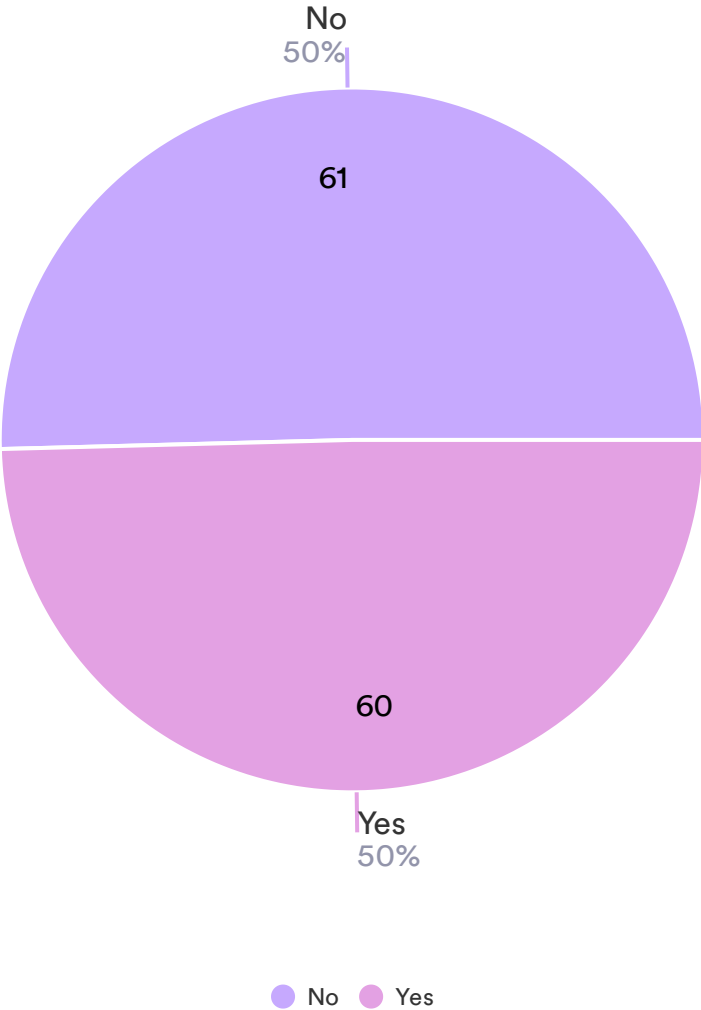
119 Responses



● Property is not in a floodplain or special flood hazard area ● I feel my property is "High and Dry" ● Have never considered carrying flood insurance ● Other entries

Have you taken any actions to make your home or community more resilient to hazards?

121 Responses



Please specify what actions you have taken to make your home or community more resilient to hazards?

55 Responses

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we have a generator to support critical home needs	1
When we bought our land we did a lot of grade work, and continue to maintain our land so that water flows to the lake without causing flooding.	1
Removed large trees.	1
We have retention walls	1
Home generator due to repeat loss of power	1
Dug a French drain, use water absorbing barriers,	1
Created areas for water to run off. Reported when trees were a danger to power lines. Maintained landscaping. Invested in better windows. Sealed home.	1
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52 Responses

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No facilities were available while my power was down. I live on Royal Oaks Street in Huntsville.	1
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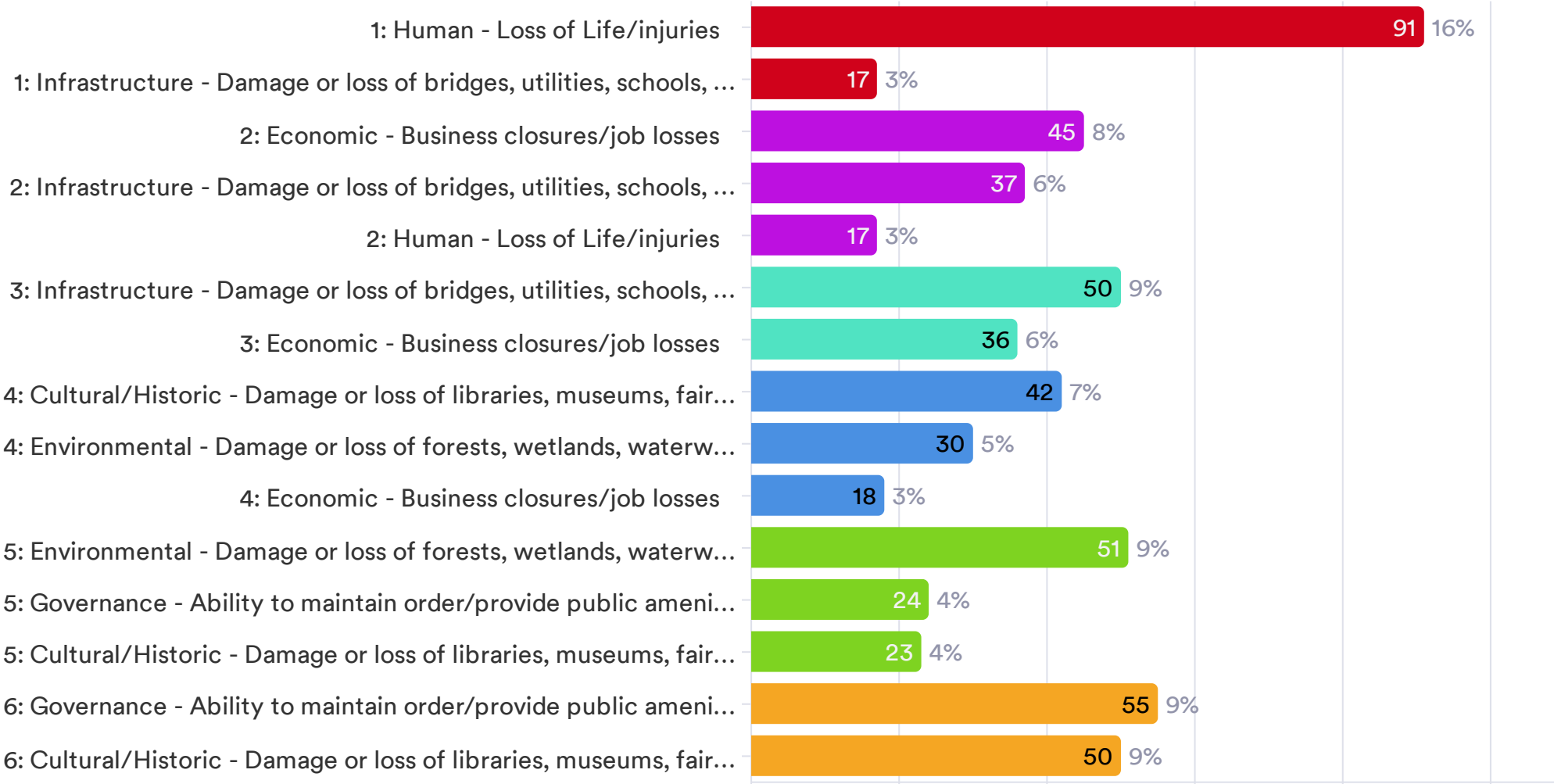
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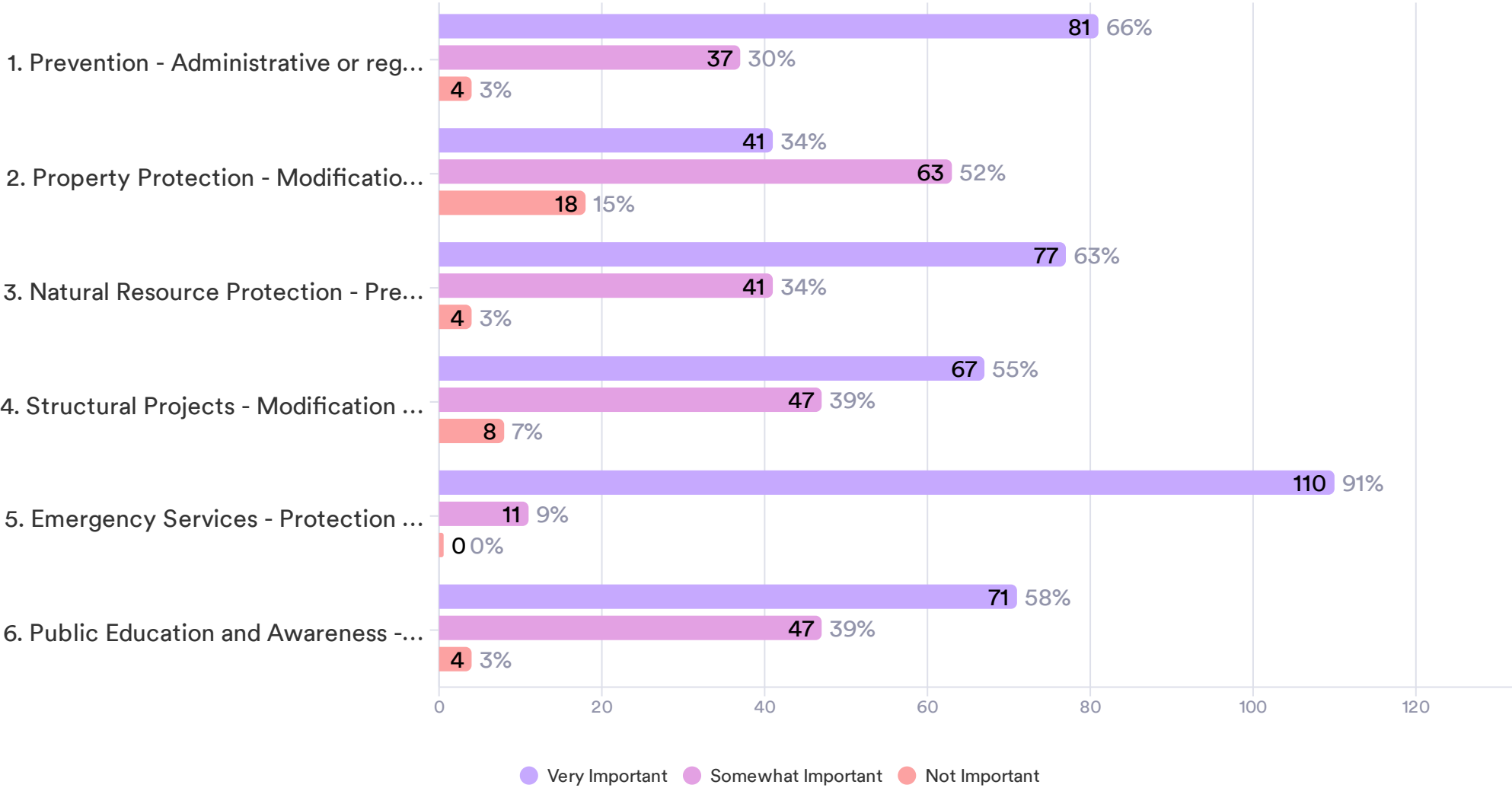
586 Responses



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Several community-wide activities can reduce our risk from hazards. In general, these activities fall into one of six broad categories. Please tell us how important you think each category below is for your community.

122 Responses



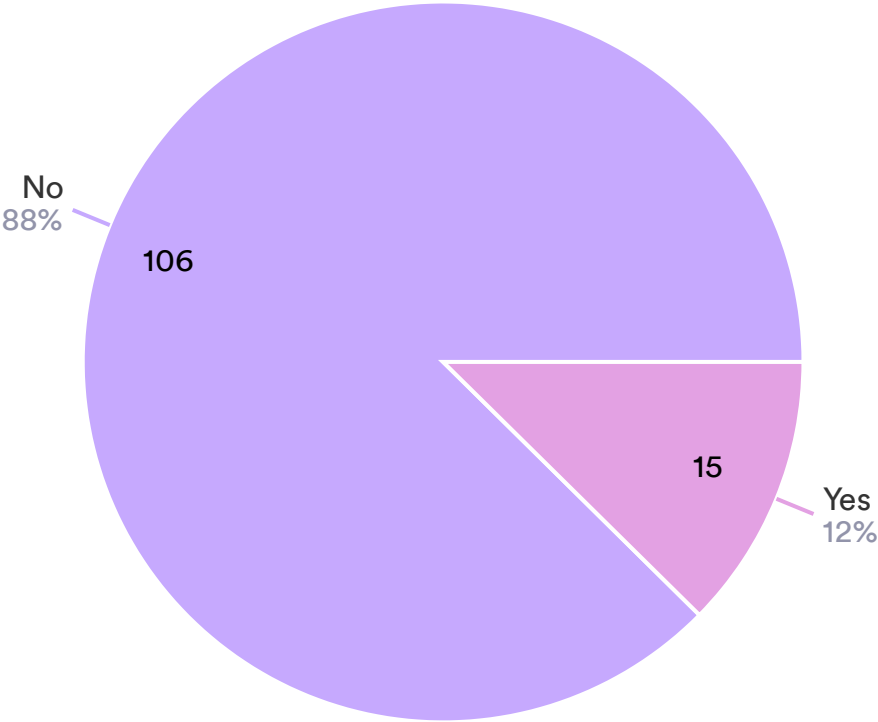
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122 Responses



Do you have project ideas for how to protect the community from the impacts of hazards?

121 Responses



● No ● Yes

Please provide additional details about your project ideas for how to protect the community from the impacts of hazards.

14 Responses

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Underground power lines, flood preventions for developments	1
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yes. All are included in the current hazard mitigation plan.	1
Declare Community Holidays with family activities to inform and facilitate better relationships.	1
More preparedness information, weather/emergency sirens	1
Admit climate change is real, and an imminent threat. Harden the Texas power grid. Build the IKE dike. No more housing developments/ concrete in flood plains. Spend more time developing relationships between political ideologies (compromise, perhaps) and less time demonizing trans kids & immigrants.	1
Development guidelines	1
I would take a research-based approach to any project ideas to protect the community from impacts of hazards and base all my ideas off strategies that work. With the local college being in such close vicinity there is no reason we cannot partner with scientist and scholars to come up with plans based	1

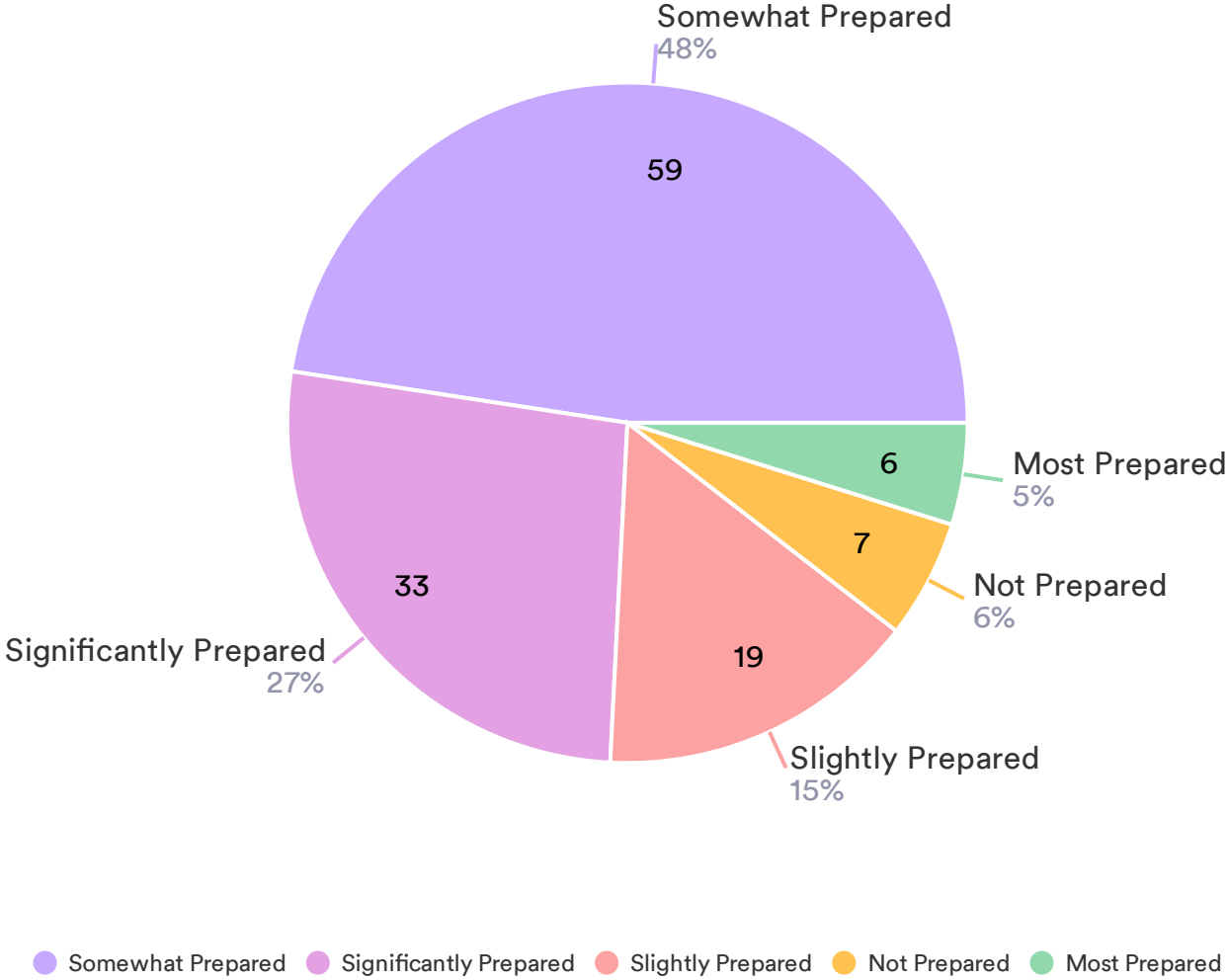
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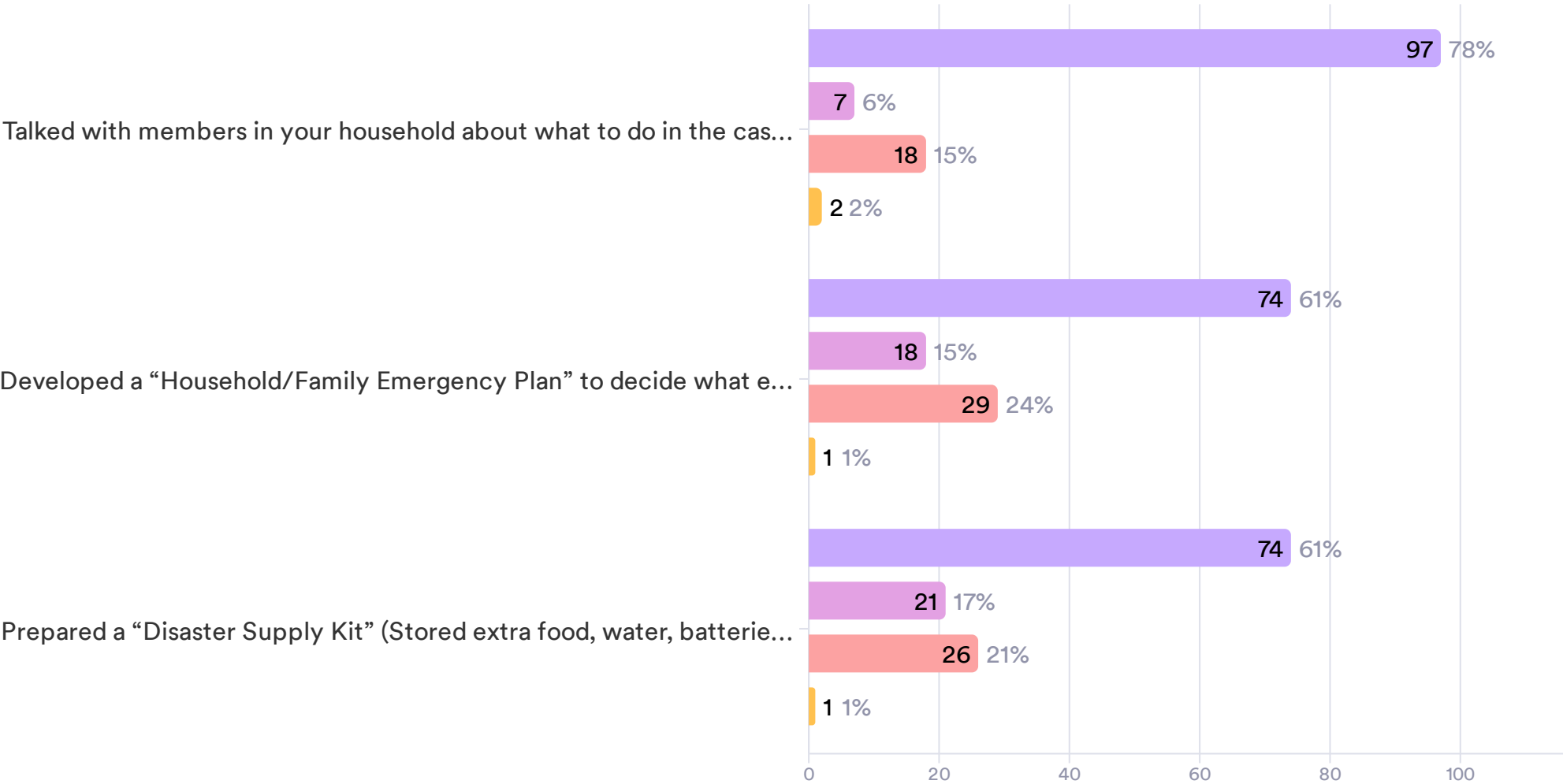
124 Responses



In your household, have you or another member done any of the following:

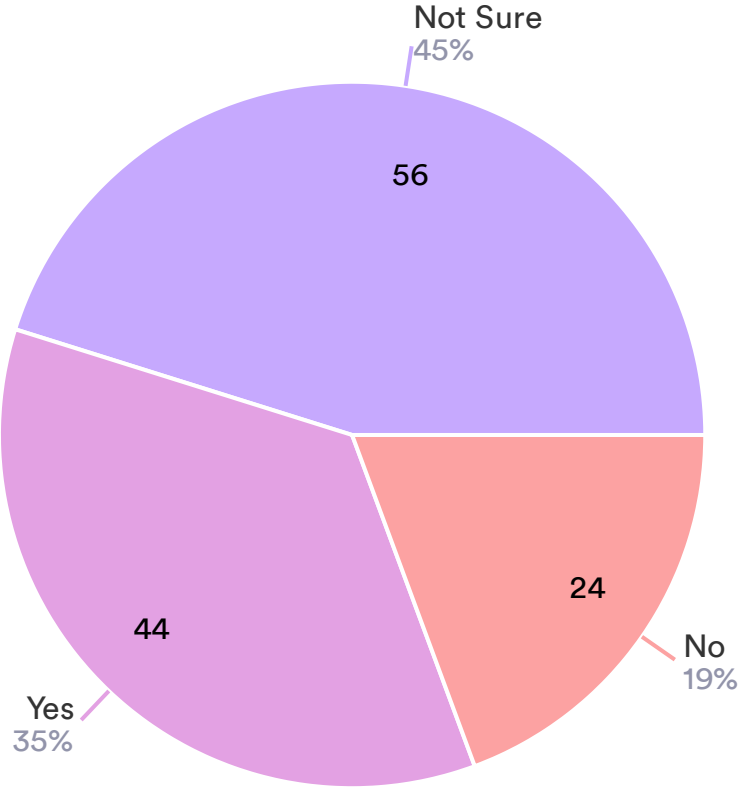
124 Responses

● Have Done ● Plan to Do ● Not Done ● Unable to Do



Do you feel emergency services (fire, ambulance, police, hospital, etc.) are adequately prepared to deal with a disaster in your community/city/county?

124 Responses



● Not Sure ● Yes ● No

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Briefly explain why you feel emergency services (fire, ambulance, police, hospital, etc.) are not adequately prepared to deal with a natural disaster in your community/city/county.

21 Responses

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Huntsville TX is not part of the modern world. I think it's trapped in the early 2000s	1
I have not seen the city ever hold itself accountable for it's actions. I do not think if there were a true natural disaster they would be able to effectively work with emergency services for the benefit and safety of the residents.	1
The volunteers are more ready to be seen in newspaper Their body fat composition makes themselves vulnerable to become a victim when under duress	1
We need more police and EMS services. The rise in illegal immigration puts a strain on law enforcement and takes them away from areas where they are needed.	1
Rural areas and not enough emergency personnel	1
There is no access to ambulance service in Riverside. EMS has to come from Trinity or Huntsville.	1
Mostly volunteer and rarely available.	1
Walker County is a small, rural county with a relatively small tax base. Our emergency services are well trained; however, any major incident taxes the resources/equipment relatively quickly. The number of hazardous materials transported through the county via pipelines, IH-45, and railway is significant. Wildland fires are another area that tax resources rather quickly as well.	1
I do not feel like the emergency services work together in this community.	1

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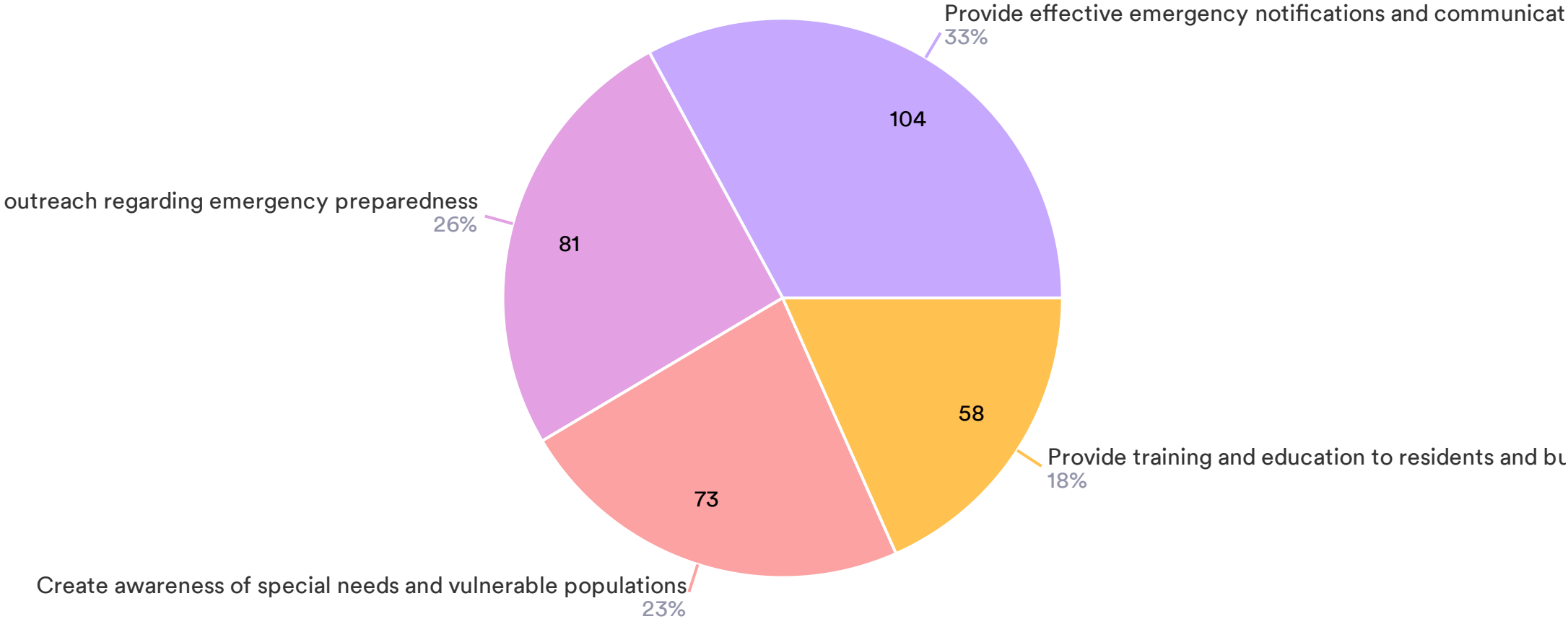
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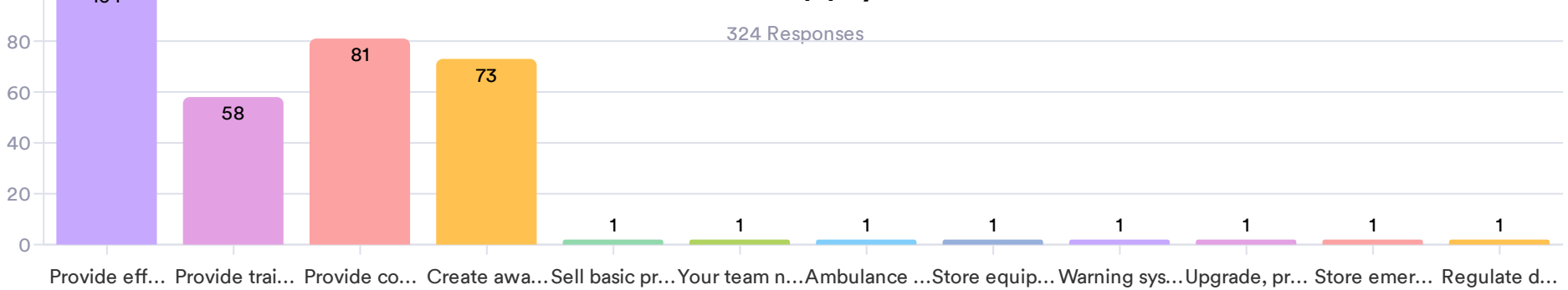
How can the county or city help you become better prepared for a disaster? Check all that apply.

316 Responses



- Provide effective emergency notifications and communication
- Provide community outreach regarding emergency preparedness
- Create awareness of special needs and vulnerable populations
- Provide training and education to residents and business owners on how to reduce future damage

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OTHER RESPONSES:

Sell basic preparedness items at wholesale cost a few times a year..

Your team needs to be better educated about science and engineering. You need to know better the areas that are prone to flooding. You need an emergency alarm (like a tornado siren.)

Ambulance service in Riverside

Store equipment for trained volunteers in key locations.

Warning system

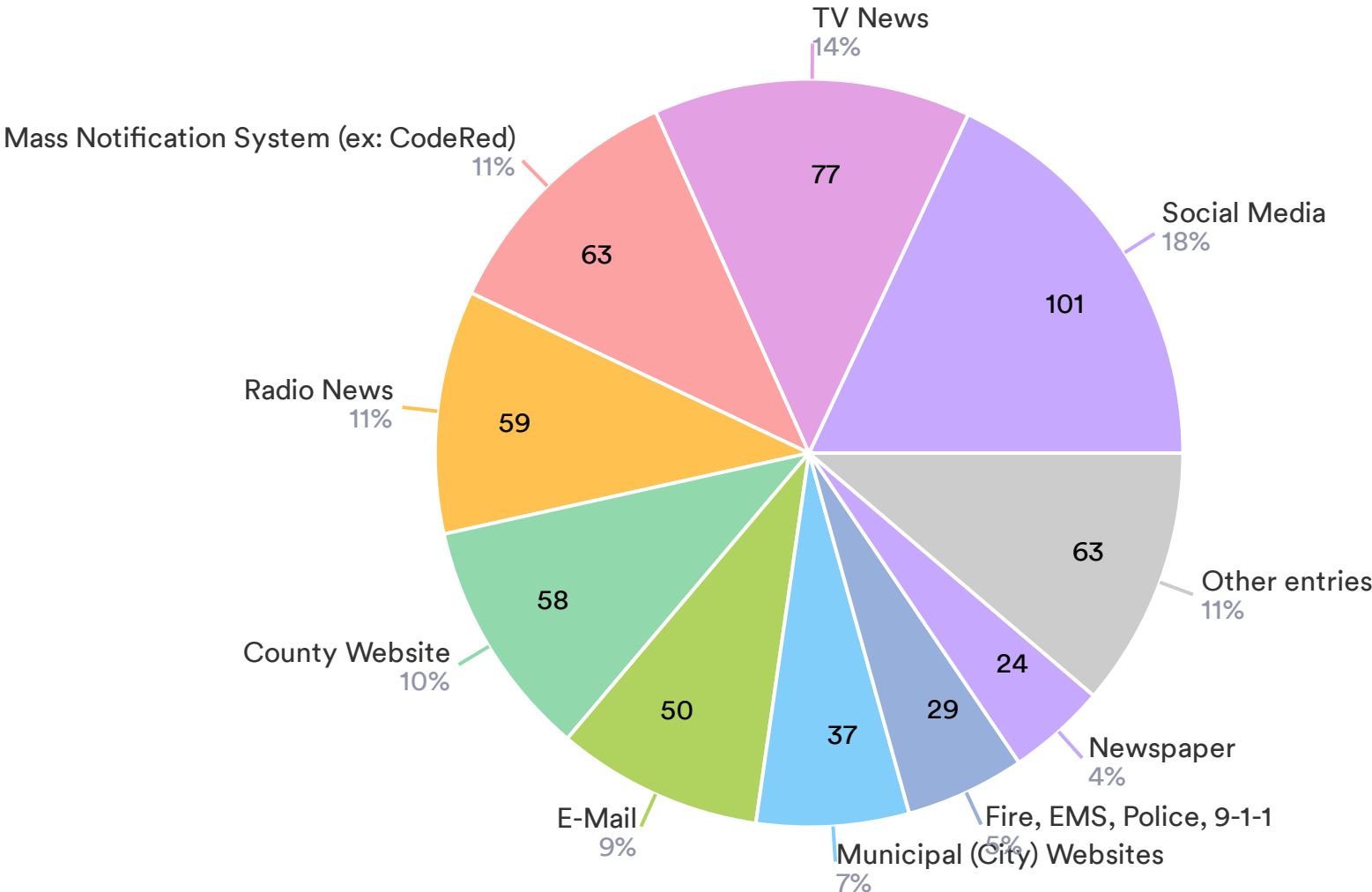
Upgrade, prepare, and protect critical services.

Store emergency supplies in different areas of county that can be purchased in limited quantities in a disaster, or have a plan in place to limit purchases and allow each household an opportunity to buy when needed.

Regulate development, combat climate change with concrete action rather than trusting the market to regulate itself

How do you receive your information concerning a disaster? (Check all that apply)

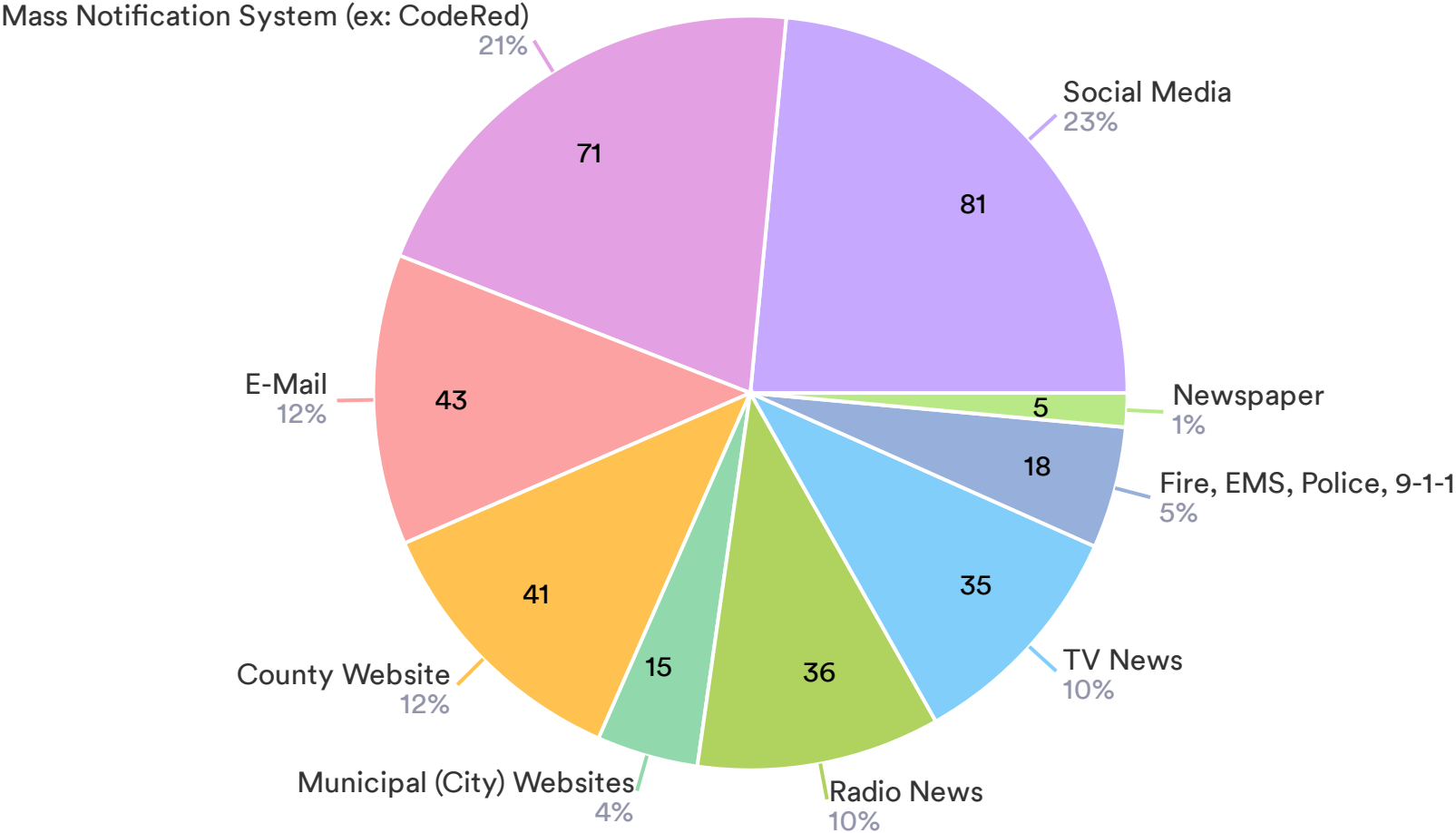
561 Responses



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Of the communication methods listed, identify the top 3 methods that would be most effective for you to receive information and help to make your household, home, or business safer from disasters. (You may ONLY select 3)

345 Responses



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Do you have any other comments, questions, or concerns regarding hazard mitigation in Walker County?

16 Responses

Data	Responses
Concerns regarding vulnerability of power grid	1
The office of emergency management needs to update its social media pages for Walker County. Maybe have a person whose job it is to keep the social media and website updated.	1
I cannot stress the importance of properly educating your employees in modern science.	1
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Do you have any other comments, questions, or concerns regarding hazard mitigation in Walker County?

16 Responses

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