

PINELLAS COUNTY CITIZEN SURVEY 2005

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INTRODUCTION

The following report is based upon a Pinellas County (PC) telephone survey of 829 residents aged 18 or older **and** registered to vote in PC. The survey was conducted for PC under the supervision of Arrington and Marlowe Consulting (AMC). This report presents the findings of the survey conducted between October 27 and November 30, 2005. The survey was administered via Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) system and the response rate was 62 percent.

Oppenheim Research (OR) consulted with AMC and PC to finalize the questions that were developed by County staff, pre-tested and revised the survey, and conducted the survey upon County approval of the final questionnaire.

The 2005 Pinellas Citizen Survey focuses primarily on issues to be considered for the County's strategic plan but also includes general evaluation questions and questions ascertaining attitudes toward County services.

The survey included questions on:

- Effectiveness of Government
- General Service Funding Priorities
- Managing Growth
- Transportation Issues
- Health and Human Service Issues
- Affordable Housing Issues
- Other Questions
- Demographics

Findings will be presented in descriptive format accompanied with graphs and tables. A separate volume will present all questions cross-tabulated by selected demographic variables.

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OBSERVATIONS / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Effectiveness of Government

On an overall average, 50 percent (49.6 percent) of respondents rated government services as either good or excellent, 40 percent (39.9 percent) rated them as either fair or poor, and 11 percent (10.6 percent) did not know.

- Fair and poor ratings (48 percent) outnumbered good and excellent ratings (43.9 percent) on only one question in this series: “How would you rate the way Pinellas County provides value for tax dollars?”

General Service Funding Priorities

Transportation issues lead the pack of government service priorities for Pinellas County citizens.

- The priority rated as the most important by the most respondents was “Road transportation/traffic flow” (54 percent rated it as very important). “Public safety services” came in second with 49.6 percent rating it as very important, and “Drainage and storm water improvements” came in third with 41.4 percent rating it as very important.
- “Public transportation system” and “Healthcare for uninsured residents” appear to be the lowest priorities with just over 42 percent of respondents rating both as 3 or below on a scale of one to five where five is “Very important.”

Managing Growth

Pinellas County’s citizens overwhelmingly agree that the Commission needs to preserve open space and manage growth in the County.

- 93.8 percent of respondents agreed, 3.7 percent did not, and 2.4 percent were not sure.

Transportation Issues

Transportation related issues are extremely important to Pinellas County residents. On the average, less than half are satisfied with the status quo.

- 39.8 percent rated road maintenance and repair as either fair or poor.
- 72.4 percent rated traffic flow as either fair or poor.
- 30 percent rated bike routes and lanes as fair or poor, and 10.5 percent could not rate this aspect.
- 32.3 percent rated the PSTA bus system as fair or poor and 36.4 percent could not rate this aspect.
- 48.2 percent rated enforcement of traffic regulations as either fair or poor.

Pinellas County Citizens seem to prefer improving current transportation infrastructure as opposed to constructing new solutions. Also, residents indicate that the top transportation priority is improving the timing of traffic signals.

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- Respondents indicated the following as the top three “High priorities”: 1) Improving the timing of traffic signals (63.4 percent), 2) Building vehicle overpasses at major intersections (57.6 percent), and 3) Widening existing roads (49 percent).
- The top three “Low priorities” were: 1) Building a rail/monorail system (46.3 percent), 2) Building a new East-West toll expressway (28.4 percent), and 3) Introducing an express/rapid bus system (25.2 percent).

While residents were not willing to support a general tax/fee increase (amount/type unspecified), they were overall willing to support more specific tax/fee increases.

- Respondents were split down the middle when asked if they would support a general, unspecified increase in taxes/fees.
- However, nearly half of those interested in certain projects would strongly support a one-cent sales tax (for rail/monorail), and a \$1.00 toll (expressway). For widening roads and building overpasses, respondents would much rather see a portion of the Penny for Pinellas Renewal go towards funding (just over 65 percent each), as opposed to a six-cent gas tax.

Affordable Housing Issues

Pinellas residents do feel that affordable housing is an issue that needs to be addressed by Pinellas County government. However, residents do not want to personally absorb the cost associated with improving the issue.

- A 73.1 percent majority agrees that job growth and affordable workforce housing are related.
- 74.3 percent of respondents are either very (43.4 percent) or somewhat (30.9 percent) concerned about the affordability of workforce housing, and 76.6 percent feel that the issue is important enough that County government should help.
- The majority of respondents support all of the measures proposed in the study to alleviate the issue. However, respondents are evenly split on whether they would support a raise in property tax to fund these measures. 49.8 percent would support the redirection of some of the funds from the Penny for Pinellas Renewal project.

Health and Human Services Issues

Residents (72 percent) feel that health and human service issues are the shared responsibility of both private charities and government, and that government should take the lead in the partnership.

- The top three health and human service priorities (as rated by the respondents) are: 1) child abuse (84.4 percent), 2) domestic violence (66.7 percent), and 3) affordable childcare (56.6 percent).
- A majority of the respondents are willing to support County government funding for health and human service programs through the Penny for Pinellas program, but they are not likely to support a property tax increase to fund these.

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Conclusion Questions

Pinellas County residents feel that transportation (25.2 percent), health and human services (19.7 percent), and affordable housing (12.1 percent) are the most important issues for the County to focus on in the next decade.

The key elements of Pinellas County's strategic plan seem to be supported by County residents.

- While all parts of the strategic plan were indicated as high priorities by most of the respondents, "Protecting the environment" was the issue that was rated as a high priority by the most citizens (65 percent).
- Interestingly, when presented in context with all of the other elements, a "better transportation system" was the least often rated as a high priority and the most often rated as a low priority.

Other issues that are important for Pinellas County citizens include education (6.1 percent), government related issues (5.4 percent), and health and human services issues (3.7 percent). However, the majority of respondents (69.0 percent) could not identify other issues not addressed in the survey questions.

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SURVEY PROCEDURES AND METHODOLOGY

The PC Citizen Survey 2005 is based on a random telephone survey sample of the PC adult population, aged 18 or older and registered to vote in PC. Telephone survey methodology provides a nearly ideal sampling frame since almost the entire population in Florida has access to a phone.

Fieldwork for the study was conducted under the professional supervision of Anneliese R. Oppenheim, research director, from the phone bank at Oppenheim Research.

The selection of telephone numbers (households with telephones) was based on a simple random sample of all telephone numbers in PC. A complete enumeration of all telephone exchanges was compiled. From that list, telephone exchanges exclusively assigned to non-household populations were excluded. Ultimately, a computer randomly generated 12,000 telephone numbers, and interviewers called approximately 10,000 of the numbers to complete the desired number of questionnaires (829). A total of approximately 30,000 telephone calls were attempted.

Callback arrangements were made for all households not able to respond at the initial contact. Refusals were called back a second time to increase the response rate. Generally, refusal conversion techniques yield a 5 percent increase in response rates and eliminate some response bias seen in surveys with low response rates due to high refusal rates. The sampling procedures used for this survey produce a representative sample of the registered PC adult population who are accessible by telephone.

Oppenheim Research relies exclusively on trained and paid interviewers for survey research projects. All interviewers receive special training on project specifics. Professionally trained and experienced supervisors oversaw all interviewing. Most of the interviewing was done Sundays through Saturdays, between 6 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. and between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Fieldwork dates for this survey were October 27, 2005, to November 30, 2005. A total of 829 PC residents were interviewed and completed the entire survey. Interviews lasted an average of seven to 18 minutes, and the response rate was 62 percent.

All surveys are subject to sampling error, which refers to the extent to which sample results differ from what would be obtained if the entire population had been interviewed. The survey has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points. If the sampling was repeated in the same time period, results could vary by plus or minus 4 percentage points 95 percent of the time. Thus, the study's confidence level is 95 percent.

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FINDINGS

Government Service Ratings / Effectiveness of Government

The first eight questions asked respondents to rate the way Pinellas County (PC) meets their expectations for County government services, the way PC provides opportunities for residents' input, the way PC responds to residents input about the services they need, keeping residents informed about available county services, the way PC provides services to residents, and the way it provides value for tax dollars.

About 9 percent (8.6 percent) of the respondents rated PC as excellent in meeting their expectations in providing government services while 52 percent (51.9 percent) rated it as good. However, about one out of three respondents (31.3 percent) rated PC as fair (24.8 percent) and poor (6.5 percent) in providing government services. About 8 percent (8.2 percent) could not rate the way PC meets their expectations for County government services.

Providing opportunities for residents' input was rated as excellent by 6 percent (6.3 percent) and good by 39 percent (39.3 percent). Fair ratings were given by 29 percent (28.6 percent) and poor ratings by 11 percent (10.9 percent). Another 15 percent were unable to rate the way PC provides opportunities for residents' input.

When asked to rate the way PC responds to resident input about services they need only 40.9 percent rated it as excellent (5.3 percent) or good (35.6 percent). Almost 41 percent (40.9 percent) rated PC as fair (27.4 percent) or poor (13.5 percent). Another 18.2 percent could not rate the County on responding to input about service they need.

Almost half (49.5 percent) of the respondents rated PC as excellent (9.2 percent) or good (40.3 percent) in keeping residents informed about available County services and about 44 percent rated it as fair (26.3 percent) or poor (18.0 percent). About 6 percent (6.3 percent) could not rate PC government on this issue.

While more than half (57.1 percent) of the respondents rated PC as excellent (8.1 percent) or good (49.0 percent) in providing services to residents, about one out of three (35.2 percent) rated it as fair (24.8 percent) or poor (10.4 percent). Another 8 percent (7.7 percent) were not able to rate services provided by PC.

Almost half of the respondents (48.0 percent) rated PC as fair (32.1 percent) or poor (15.9 percent) in providing value for their tax dollars. About 38 percent (38.4 percent) rated the tax value as good while 5.5 percent rated it as excellent. About eight percent (8.1 percent) of the respondents could not rate the tax value provided by PC.

Questions 3 through 8 were each prefaced with the following statement: "One of the major goals of the PC Board of County Commissioners' strategic plan is to improve government services to its residents."

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QUESTION	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	DK/NA
<p align="center">Question 3</p> <p>How would you rate the way Pinellas County meets your expectations for County government services? Would you say excellent, good, fair, or poor?</p>	71 8.6%	430 51.9%	206 24.8%	54 6.5%	68 8.2%
<p align="center">Question 4</p> <p>How would you rate the way Pinellas County provides opportunities for residents' input?</p>	52 6.3	326 39.3	237 28.6	90 10.9	124 15.0
<p align="center">Question 5</p> <p>How would you rate the way Pinellas County responds to residents' input about the services they need?</p>	44 5.3	295 35.6	227 27.4	112 13.5	151 18.2
<p align="center">Question 6</p> <p>How would you rate the way Pinellas County keeps residents informed about available County services?</p>	76 9.2	334 40.3	218 26.3	149 18.0	52 6.3
<p align="center">Question 7</p> <p>How would you rate the way Pinellas County provides service to residents?</p>	67 8.1	406 49.0	206 24.8	86 10.4	64 7.7
<p align="center">Question 8</p> <p>How would you rate the way Pinellas County provides value for tax dollars?</p>	46 5.5	318 38.4	266 32.1	132 15.9	67 8.1

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Importance of Funding Priorities / General Service Funding Priorities

Next, respondents were presented with a list of 12 County government funding priorities and were asked to rate them on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 was not at all important and 5 was very important.

The first three funding priorities most frequently rated as very important were road transportation and traffic flow (54.0 percent), public safety (49.6 percent), and drainage and storm water improvements (41.4 percent).

The following list shows all funding priorities that were rated as very important (5) in rank order:

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| • 9.2 Road improvements/traffic flow | 54.0 percent |
| • 9.4 Public safety | 49.6 percent |
| • 9.6 Drainage and storm water improvements | 41.4 percent |
| • 9.8 Improving water treatment methods | 41.0 percent |
| • 9.7 Attracting and retaining high paying jobs | 39.3 percent |
| • 9.5 Health care for uninsured residents | 36.7 percent |
| • 9.12 Promoting affordable housing for workers | 36.3 percent |
| • 9.1 County parks and recreation facilities | 36.2 percent |
| • 9.11 Promoting Pinellas County as tourism destination | 34.2 percent |
| • 9.3 Public transportation system | 32.7 percent |
| • 9.11 Redevelopment of vacant commercial properties | 34.2 percent |
| • 9.9 Arts and cultural opportunities | 24.7 percent |

The following table shows all responses.

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Question 9

I'm going to read you a list of County government funding priorities. Please rate the importance of each service using a scale of 1 to 5 where **1 means "not at all important" and 5 means "very important"**.

	Total	1 not at all important	2	3	4	5 very important	DK
9.1 County parks and recreation facilities	829 100.0	34 4.1%	34 4.1%	211 25.5%	245 29.6%	300 36.2%	5 0.6%
9.2 Road transportation/traffic flow	829 100.0	54 6.5	40 4.8	125 15.1	156 18.8	448 54.0	6 0.7
9.3 Public transportation system	828 100.0	93 11.2	74 8.9	185 22.3	159 19.2	271 32.7	46 5.6
9.4 Public safety services	829 100.0	28 3.4	26 3.1	152 18.3	201 24.2	411 49.6	11 1.3
9.5 Health care for uninsured residents	828 100.0	92 11.1	82 9.9	175 21.1	126 15.2	304 36.7	49 5.9
9.6 Drainage and storm water improvements	829 100.0	39 4.7	56 6.8	186 22.4	194 23.4	343 41.4	11 1.3
9.7 Attracting and retaining high paying jobs in the business community	829 100.0	49 5.9	52 6.3	163 19.7	204 24.6	326 39.3	35 4.2
9.8 Improving water treatment methods	829 100.0	40 4.8	49 5.9	187 22.6	187 22.6	340 41.0	26 3.1
9.9 Arts and cultural opportunities	829 100.0	69 8.3	95 11.5	233 28.1	202 24.4	205 24.7	25 3.0
9.10 Redevelopment of vacant or rundown commercial and industrial properties	828 100.0	63 7.6	91 11.0	210 25.4	202 24.4	231 27.9	31 3.7
9.11 Promoting Pinellas County as a tourism destination	828 100.0	80 9.7	70 8.5	182 22.0	201 24.3	283 34.2	12 1.4
9.12 Promoting affordable housing for workers	829 100.0	77 9.3	84 10.1	161 19.4	166 20.0	301 36.3	40 4.8

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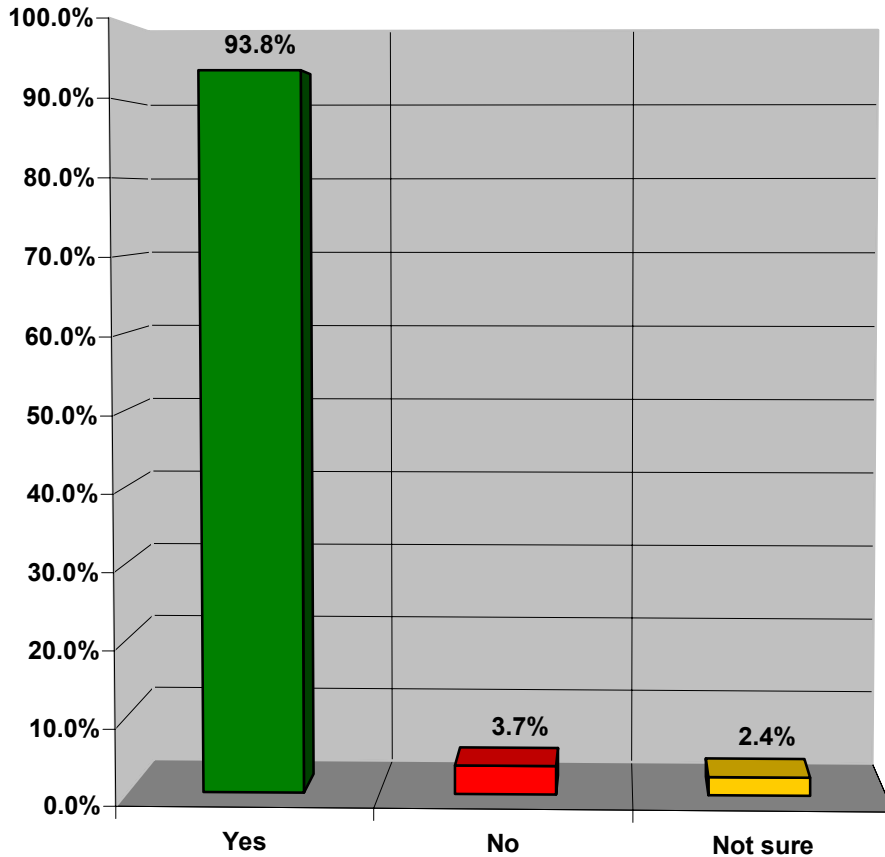
Managing Growth

When asked if they agree that the county needs to preserve open space and manage growth, 94 percent (93.8 percent) of respondents did agree, 4 percent (3.7 percent) did not agree, and 2 percent (2.4 percent) were not sure.

Question 10

The Commission thinks preserving open space and managing growth and development are important. Do you agree that we need to preserve open space and manage growth?

	Total
Base	829
Yes	778 93.8
No	31 3.7
Not sure	20 2.4



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Transportation Issues

Respondents were asked to rate their satisfaction (on a scale of Excellent to Poor) regarding multiple transportation issues.

59 percent (58.9 percent) of respondents felt that *road maintenance and repair* in their neighborhood was either good (43.1 percent) or excellent (15.8 percent). 40 percent (39.8 percent) rated it as either fair (25.8 percent) or poor (14 percent), and 1 percent (1.3 percent) did not know.

Only 26 percent (26.2 percent) rated *traffic flow* as good (21.4 percent) or excellent (4.87 percent), 72 percent (72.4 percent) rated it as fair (36.1 percent) or poor (36.3 percent), and 1.4 percent did not know.

50 percent (49.5 percent) rated the number of *bike routes and lanes* as either good (34.5 percent) or excellent (15 percent), 40 percent rated this as either fair (24.7 percent) or poor (15.3 percent), and 10.5 percent did not know.

36 percent (36.4 percent) did not know how to rate the PSTA *bus system* while 31 percent (31.3 percent) rated it as good (22.7 percent) or excellent (8.6 percent), and 32 percent (32.3 percent) rated it as fair (18.1 percent) or poor (14.1 percent).

49 percent (49.1 percent) rated *enforcement of traffic regulations* as good (38.4 percent) or excellent (10.7 percent), 48 percent (48.2 percent) rated it as fair (30.3 percent) or poor (17.9 percent), and 3 percent (2.8 percent) did not know.

Questions 11-15 were each prefaced with the following statement and request: "Improving Pinellas' transportation system is part of the strategic plan. Please tell me how satisfied you are with the following by rating each as excellent, good, fair or poor?"

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QUESTION	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	DK/NA
Question 11 How would you rate road maintenance and road repair in your neighborhood?	131 15.8	357 43.1	214 25.8	116 14.0	11 1.3
Question 12 How satisfied are you with the flow of traffic on major roads in the county?	40 4.8	177 21.4	299 36.1	301 36.3	12 1.4
Question 13 How satisfied are you with the number of bike routes and lanes?	124 15.0	286 34.5	205 24.7	127 5.3	87 10.5
Question 14 How satisfied are you with the bus system operated by the PSTA (Pinellas Sunshine Transit Authority)?	71 8.6	188 22.7	150 18.1	118 14.2	302 36.4
Question 15 How satisfied are you with enforcement of traffic regulations?	89 10.7	318 38.4	251 30.3	148 17.9	23 2.8

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Respondents were then asked to rank several transportation issues as low, medium or high priority issues. The most often cited as high priorities included: improving timing of traffic signals (63.4 percent), building vehicle overpasses at major intersections (57.6 percent), and widening existing roads (49 percent). The most often cited as a low priority was building a rail or monorail system (46.3 percent).

The complete table of answers follows.

Question 16

There are many ideas for improving transportation, but not enough funds to support all of them. Would you rate each of the following proposals as a “**high priority**”, “**medium priority**”, or “**low priority**”?

	Total	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	DK/NA
16.1 Improving the timing of traffic signals	828 100.0	525 63.4	211 25.5	86 10.4	6 0.7
16.2 Improving the bus & trolley transit system	828 100.0	279 33.7	293 35.4	181 21.9	75 9.1
16.3 Introducing an express and/or rapid bus system	828 100.0	301 36.4	249 30.1	209 25.2	69 8.3
16.4 Building vehicle overpasses at major intersections	828 100.0	477 57.6	231 27.9	100 12.1	20 2.4
16.5 Widening existing roads	827 100.0	405 49.0	285 34.5	128 15.5	9 1.1
16.6 Building a new East-West Toll expressway in mid-county from US 19 to I-75, on 118th Street	828 100.0	318 38.4	216 26.1	235 28.4	59 7.1
16.7 Building a rail or monorail system in Pinellas	828 100.0	229 27.7	189 22.8	383 46.3	27 3.3

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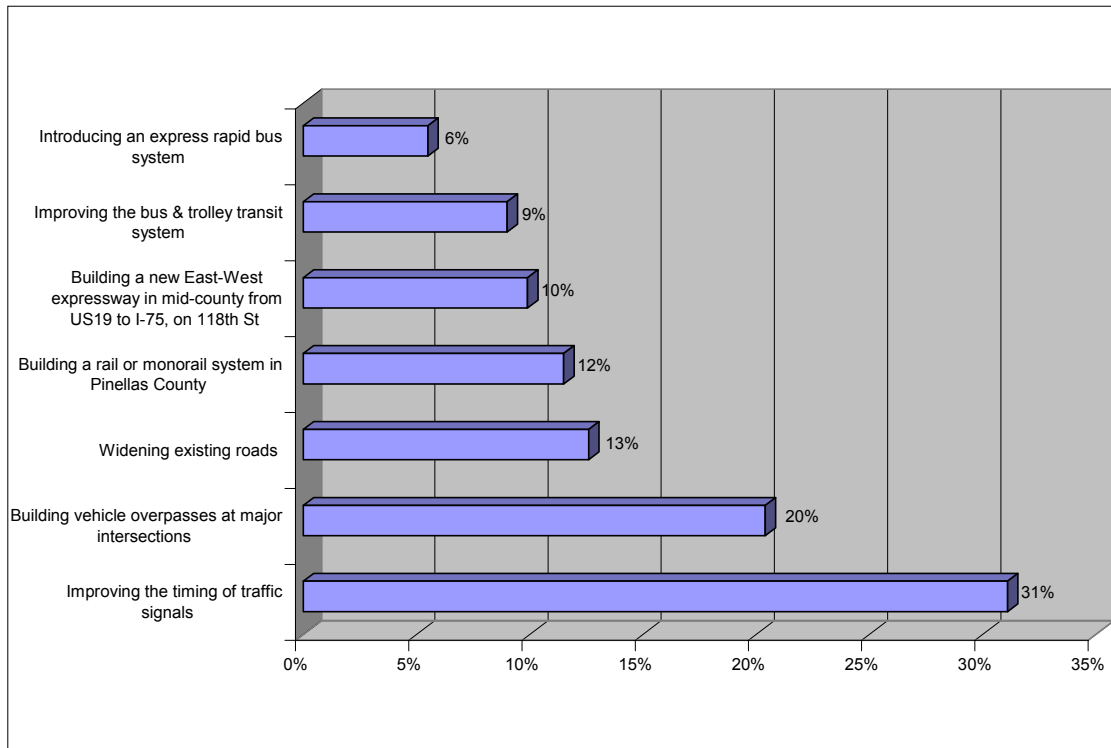
31 percent (31.1 percent) of respondents rated improving timing of traffic signals as the MOST important of the items that they listed as high priorities, 20 percent (20.4 percent) said building overpasses, 13 percent (12.6 percent) said widening roads, 12 percent (11.5 percent) said building a rail/monorail, 10 percent (9.9 percent) said building a new East-West Expressway, and 9 percent said improving the bus and trolley system.

Question 17

Of those items you rated as **“high priorities,”** which option is most important?
CHOOSE ONLY ONE. IF ONLY ONE OPTION APPEARS BELOW ENTER THAT OPTION AND CLICK NEXT.

	Total
Base	759
Improving the timing of traffic signals (low expense, \$4000 per intersection every three years)	236 31.1
Improving the bus & trolley transit sys (moderate expense, assuming same type of technology as current PSTA fleet)	68 9.0
Introducing an express rapid bus system (moderate to high depending on facilities, stations, and express lanes)	42 5.5
Building vehicle overpasses at major intersections (high expense, \$20 – \$25 million each)	155 20.4
Widening existing roads (high expense, \$4 million per mile for an upgrade from 4 – 6 lanes, excluding right of way)	96 12.6
Building a new East-West expressway in mid-county from US19 to I-75, on 118th St (high exp, approximately \$230 million)	75 9.9
Building a rail or monorail system in Pinellas County (high expense, approximately \$1.5 to \$2 billion)	87 11.5

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When asked which would be most beneficial to them personally, 38 percent (37.7 percent) said improving the timing of traffic signals. 19 percent (19.3 percent) said building overpasses, 14 percent (13.8 percent) said widening existing roads. The rest of the options came in with less than 10 percent each and 4 percent (4.1 percent) did not know.

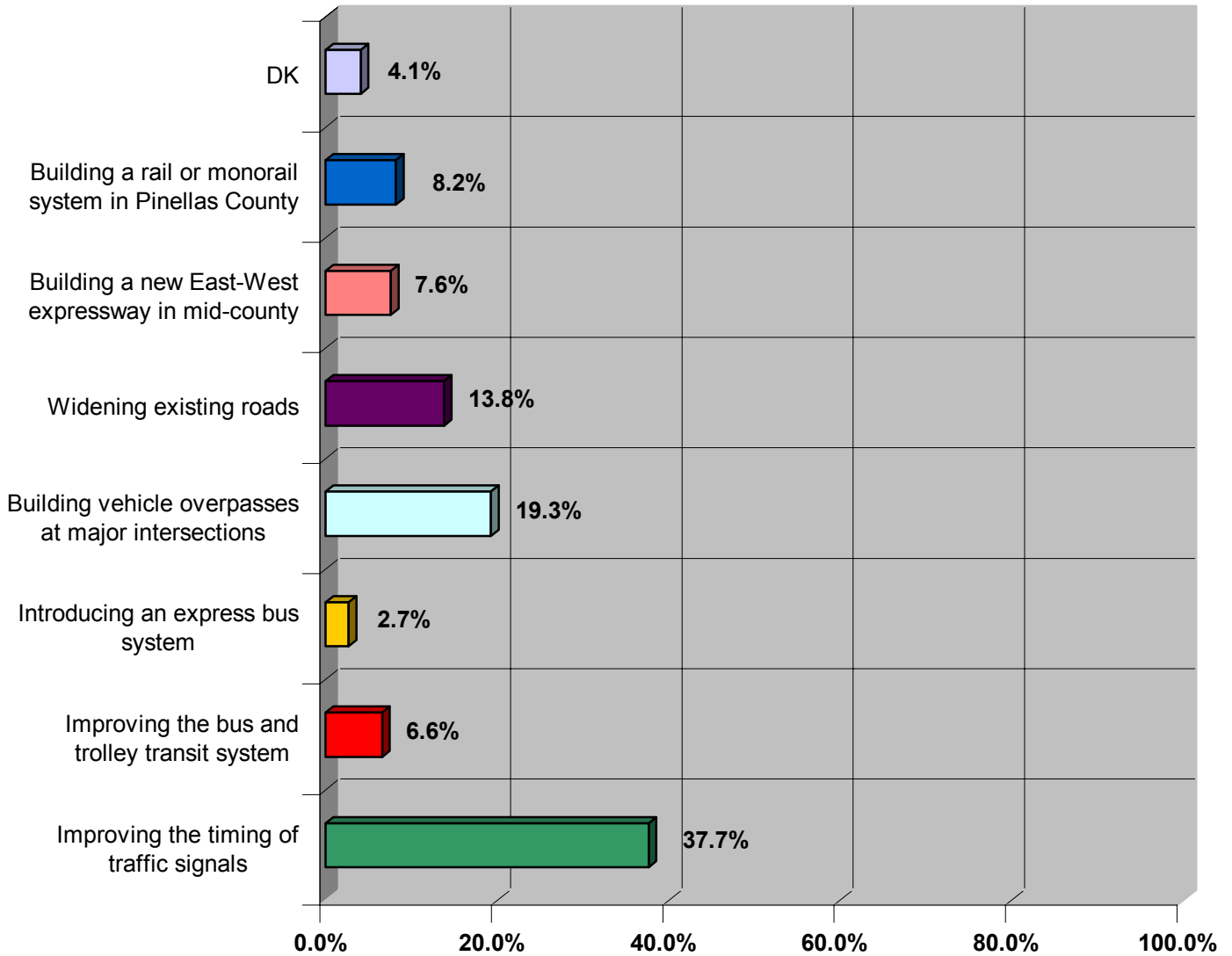
Question 18

Which single option do you think would be most beneficial to you personally?

READ OPTIONS

	Total
Base	828
Improving the timing of traffic signals	312 37.7
Improving the bus and trolley transit system	55 6.6
Introducing an express bus system	22 2.7
Building vehicle overpasses at major intersections	160 19.3
Widening existing roads	114 13.8
Building a new East-West expressway in mid-county	63 7.6
Building a rail or monorail system in Pinellas County	68 8.2
DK	34 4.1

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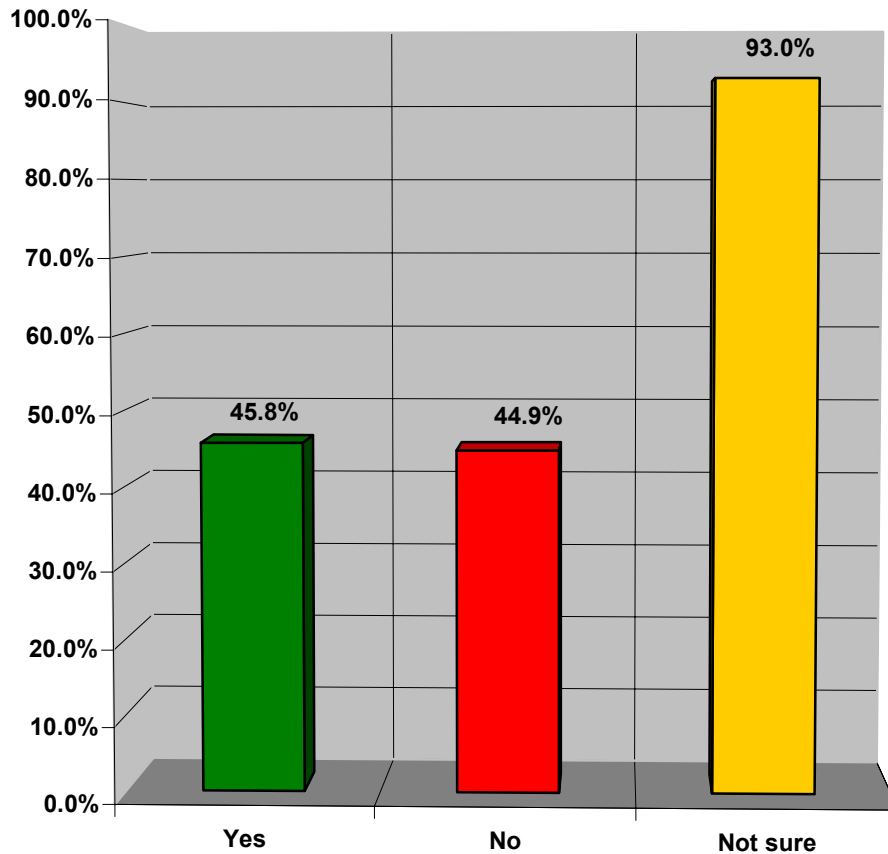
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46 percent (45.8 percent) of respondents would support a tax or fee increase to get more federal or state money for transportation. 45 percent (44.9 percent) would not support a tax or fee increase for this purpose, and 9 percent (9.3 percent) were not sure.

Question 19

In general, for every one-dollar Pinellas County spends on transportation, they receive three dollars from the state and federal governments. If they increased their local contribution, would you consider supporting an increase in taxes or fees so the County could get more federal or state money?

	Total
Base	828
Yes	379 45.8
No	372 44.9
Not sure	77 9.3



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When asked if they would support a one-cent sales tax to fund a rail/monorail system, 45 percent (45.1 percent) of those who indicated interest in the system **and** support an increase in taxes / fees would strongly support the tax, giving the highest rating of 5. 21 percent (20.8 percent) gave the lowest rating of 1, indicating that they would not support the sales tax at all. 32 percent (32.1 percent) fell somewhere in between and 2 percent (1.9 percent) did not know.

Question 20

Please rate your level of support on a scale of 1-5, where 1 is “**do not support at all**” and 5 is “**strongly support,**” given the following funding information.

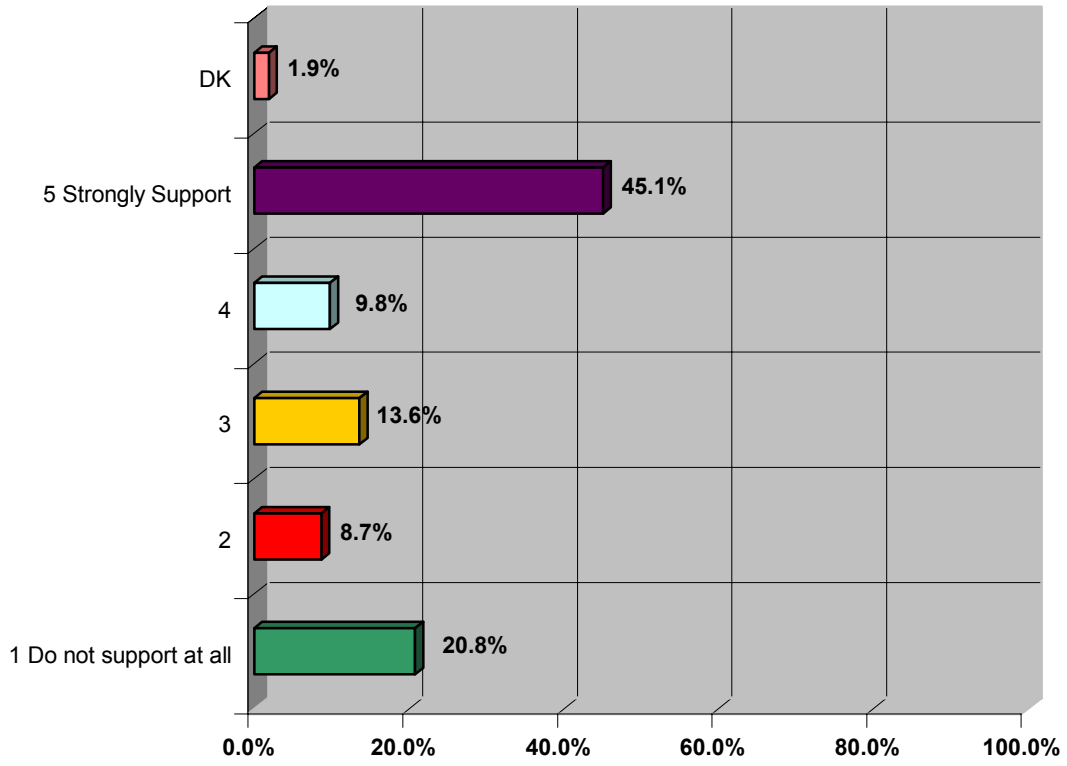
IF INTEREST IN RAIL/MONORAIL:

The rail/monorail project will require long term financing. Would you support a new additional one-cent sales tax mainly dedicated to the rail/monorail system?

	Total
Base	264
1 Do not support at all	55 20.8
2	23 8.7
3	36 13.6
4	26 9.8
5 Strongly Support	119 45.1
DK	5 1.9

* This table (and graph) shows only those who gave a high priority rating **and** support an increase in taxes/fees.

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Of those that were interested in a new expressway **and** support an increase in taxes/fees, 47 percent (47.2 percent) would be willing to pay a \$1 toll, 21 percent (20.9) percent would not support a toll at all, 29 percent (29.3 percent) fell somewhere in between, and 3 percent (2.5 percent) did not know.

Question 21

Please rate your level of support on a scale of 1-5, where 1 is “**do not support at all**” and 5 is “**strongly support,**” given the following funding information.

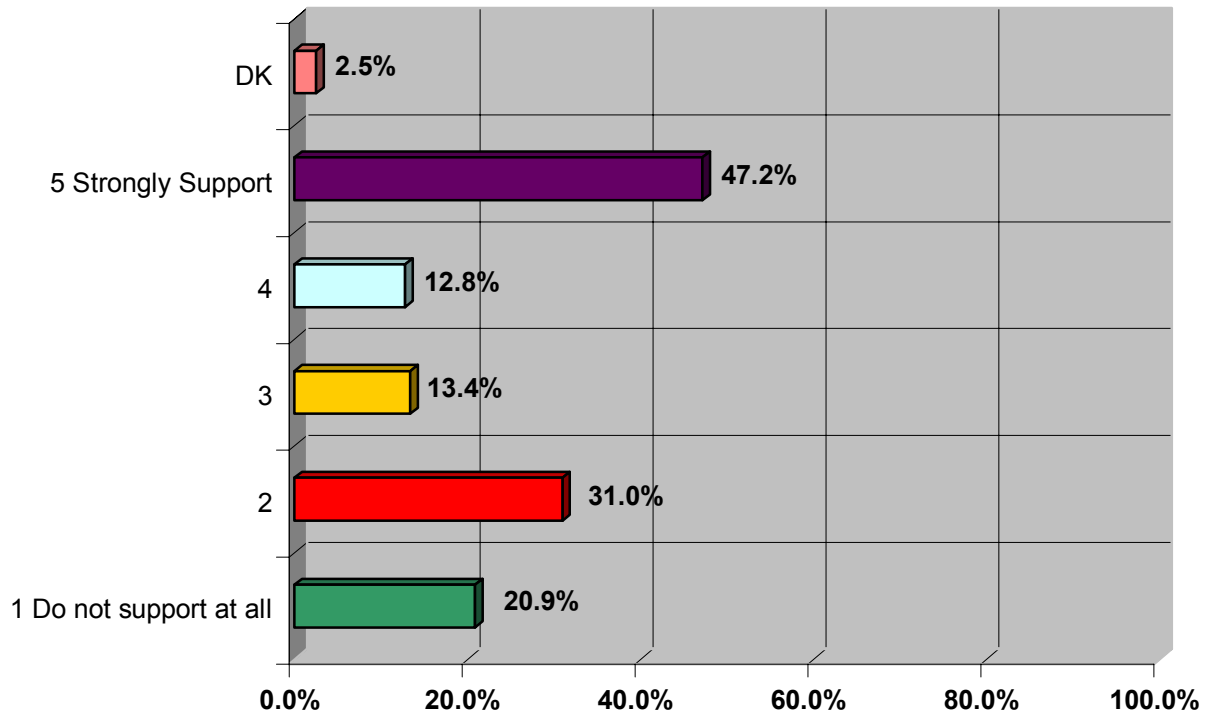
IF INTEREST IN A NEW TOLL EXPRESSWAY:

Would you be willing to pay a \$1 toll each way with a speed pass option to fund a new East/West, mid-county expressway?

	Total
Base	320
1 Do not support at all	67 20.9
2	10 3.1
3	43 13.4
4	41 12.8
5 Strongly Support	151 47.2
DK	8 2.5

* This table (and graph) shows only those who gave a high priority rating **and** support an increase in taxes/fees.

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Of those respondents who were interested in building overpasses **and** support an increase in taxes/fees, 66 percent (65.8 percent) supported the Penny for Pinellas renewal, while 11 percent (11.1 percent) preferred the gas tax. 15 percent (14.9 percent) would like both, 5 percent (5.2 percent) don't want either, and 3 percent were not sure.

Question 22

Please rate your level of support on a scale of 1-5, where 1 is “**do not support at all**” and 5 is “**strongly support,**” given the following funding information.

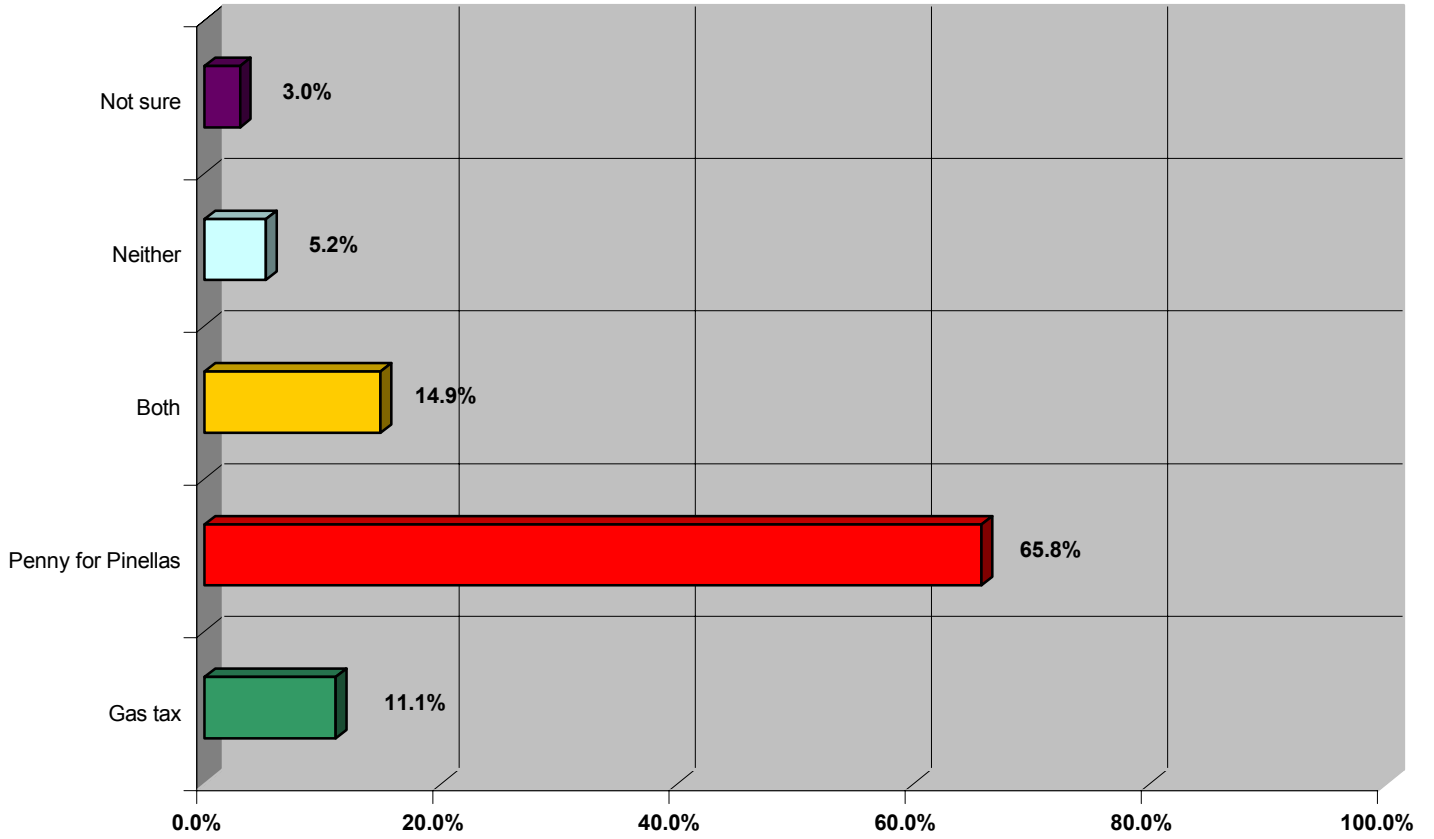
IF INTEREST IN OVERPASSES:

There are two options being considered to fund overpasses: **Option 1** is a six cent per gallon increase in the gas tax which would cost the average driver approximately \$48 per year, OR **Option 2** is to use a portion of the 2007 Penny for Pinellas Renewal for overpasses. Which option would you be more likely to support: Gas tax, Penny for Pinellas Renewal for overpasses, or both?

	Total
Base	404
Gas tax	45 11.1
Penny for Pinellas	266 65.8
Both	60 14.9
Neither	21 5.2
Not sure	12 3.0

* This table (and graph) shows only those who gave a high priority rating **and** support an increase in taxes/fees.

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Of those respondents who were interested in widening roads **and** support an increase in taxes/fees, 66 percent (65.4 percent) supported the Penny for Pinellas renewal, while 11 percent (10.5 percent) preferred the gas tax. 17 percent (16.8 percent) would like both, 5 percent (4.5 percent) don't want either, and 3 percent (2.8 percent) were not sure.

Question 23

Please rate your level of support on a scale of 1-5, where 1 is “**do not support at all**” and 5 is “**strongly support,**” given the following funding information.

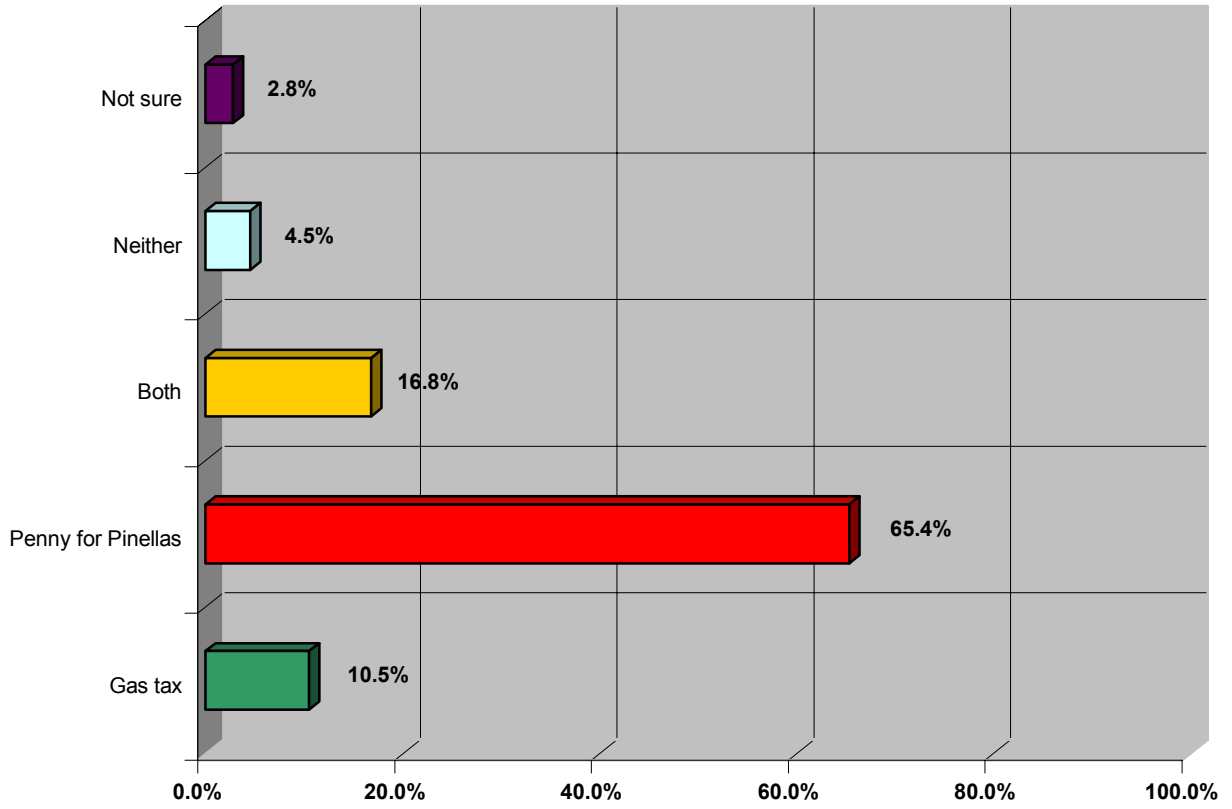
IF INTEREST IN WIDENING ROADS:

There are two options being considered to fund widening roads: **Option 1** is a six cent per gallon increase in the gas tax which would cost the average driver approximately \$48 per year, **OR Option 2** is to use a portion of the 2007 Penny for Pinellas Renewal for widening roads. Which option would you be more likely to support: Gas tax, Penny for Pinellas Renewal for widening roads, or both?

	Total
Base	399
Gas tax	42 10.5
Penny for Pinellas	261 65.4
Both	67 16.8
Neither	18 4.5
Not sure	11 2.8

* This table (and graph) shows only those who gave a high priority rating **and** support an increase in taxes/fees.

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Affordable Housing Issues

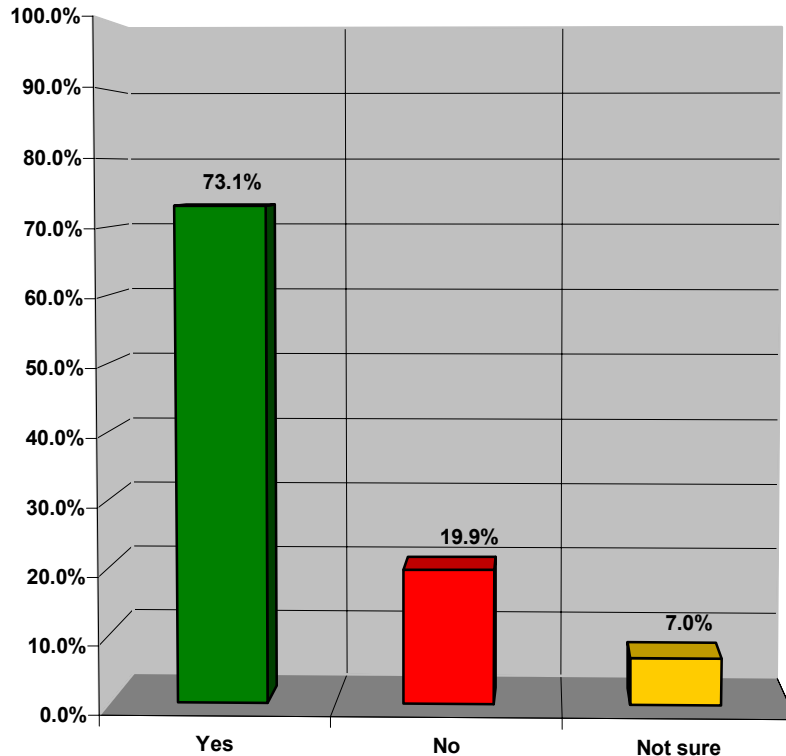
73 percent (73.1 percent) of respondents did feel that job growth and affordable housing are related. 20 percent (19.9 percent) did not believe they are related, and 7 percent did not know.

Question 24

Some people are concerned that Pinellas County no longer has enough affordable housing for workers. They think new companies may not bring new jobs to the area and other companies might leave the area because their workers cannot afford to live in Pinellas County.

Do you think job growth and affordable housing for workers are related?

	Total
Base	828
Yes	605 73.1
No	165 19.9
Not sure	58 7.0



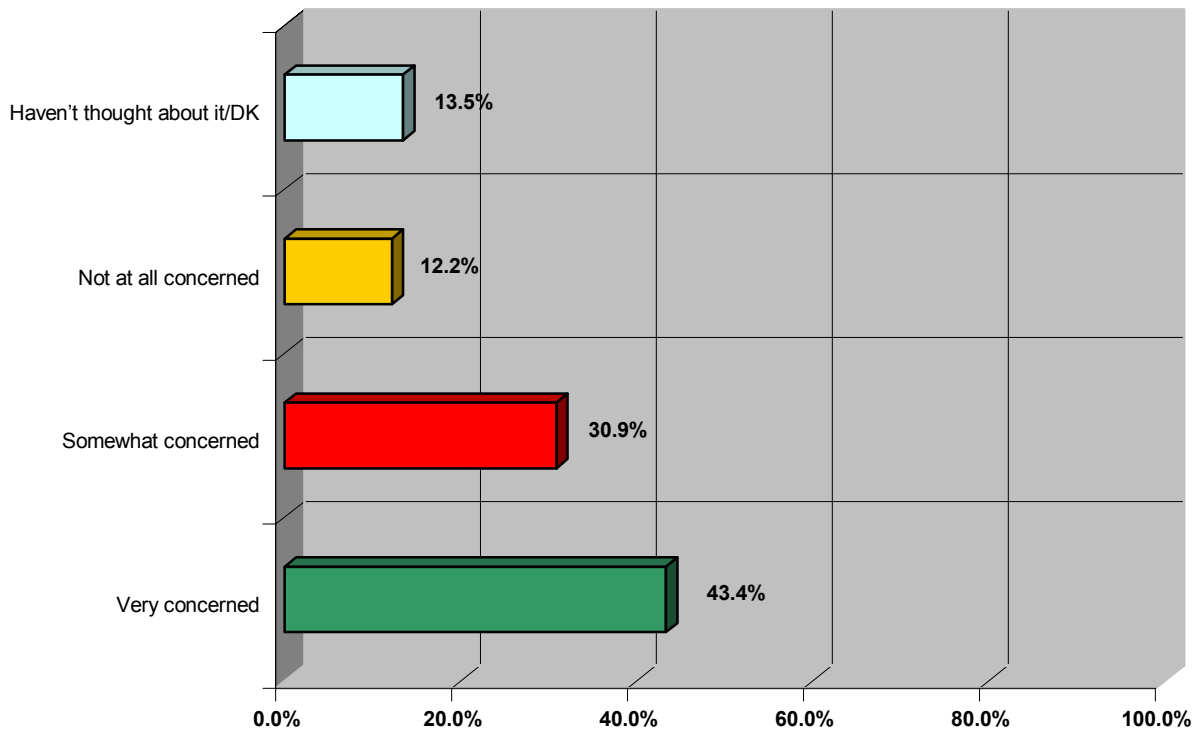
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When asked how concerned they were with the affordability of housing for workers, 43 percent (43.4 percent) said that they were very concerned, 31 percent (30.9 percent) were somewhat concerned, 14 percent (13.5 percent) haven't thought about it or did not know, and 12 percent (12.2 percent) were not at all concerned.

Question 25

How concerned are you about the affordability of housing for workers? Would you say you are: **“very concerned”**, **“somewhat concerned”**, **“not at all concerned”**, or **haven't you thought about it?**

	Total
Base	828
Very concerned	359 43.4
Somewhat concerned	256 30.9
Not at all concerned	101 12.2
Haven't thought about it/DK	112 13.5



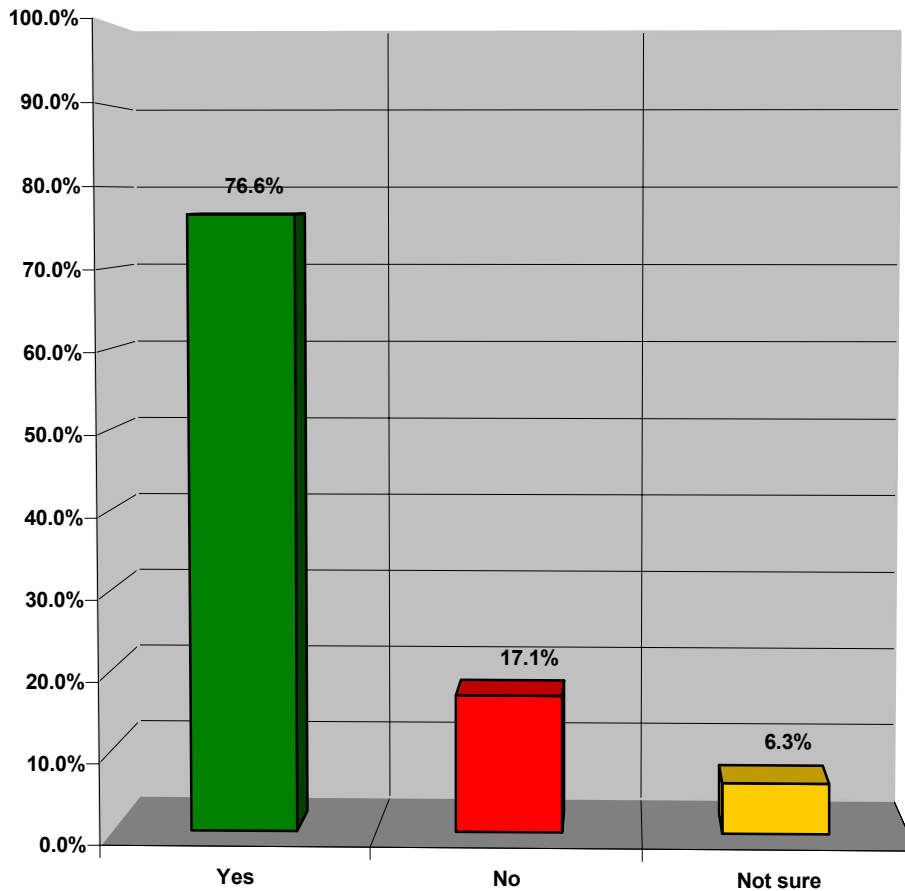
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Of those who were at all concerned with the affordability of housing for workers, the majority (76.6 percent) said that they think that the issue is important enough for the PC government to make housing more affordable. 17 percent (17.1 percent) did not feel that the issue was important enough, and 6 percent (6.3 percent) were not sure.

Question 26

IF CONCERNED: Do you think the issue is important enough that Pinellas County government should help to make housing for workers more affordable?

	Total
Base	615
Yes	471 76.6
No	105 17.1
Not sure	39 6.3



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67 percent of respondents (67.1 percent) feel that the County should require 10 unit or larger developments to include affordable housing units, while 22 percent (22.2 percent) feel that they should not. 11 percent (10.8 percent) did not know.

72 percent (71.6 percent) feel that the County should provide financial assistance to mobile home residents who must move because their park is sold. 25 percent (25.3 percent) feel that they should not, and 3 percent (3.1 percent) did not know.

90 percent feel that the County should encourage redevelopment of deteriorating neighborhoods while 7 percent (7.3 percent) do not and 3 percent (2.7 percent) did not know.

78 percent (77.5 percent) feel that the County should help non-profit organizations acquire land for more affordable housing. 16 percent (16.1 percent) feel that they should not and 7 percent (6.5 percent) do not know.

90 percent (90.2 percent) feel that the County should expand home ownership programs, 7 percent (7.3 percent) do not, and 3 percent (2.6 percent) do not know.

Question 27

Several ideas have been suggested to promote affordable housing. Please tell me if you think the County “**should**” or “**should not**” consider each of the following:

	Total	Should	Should Not	DK/NA
27.1 Require 10 unit or larger new residential developments to have affordable housing units included on site or elsewhere in County	510 100.0	342 67.1	113 22.2	55 10.8
27.2 Provide financial assistance to mobile home residents who must move because their mobile home park is sold	510 100.0	365 71.6	129 25.3	16 3.1
27.3 Encourage the redevelopment of deteriorating residential neighborhoods	510 100.0	459 90.0	37 7.3	14 2.7
27.4 Help non-profit organizations acquire land to construct more affordable housing units	510 100.0	395 77.5	82 16.1	33 6.5
27.5 Expand home ownership programs like down payment assistance and lower interest rates	509 100.0	459 90.2	37 7.3	13 2.6

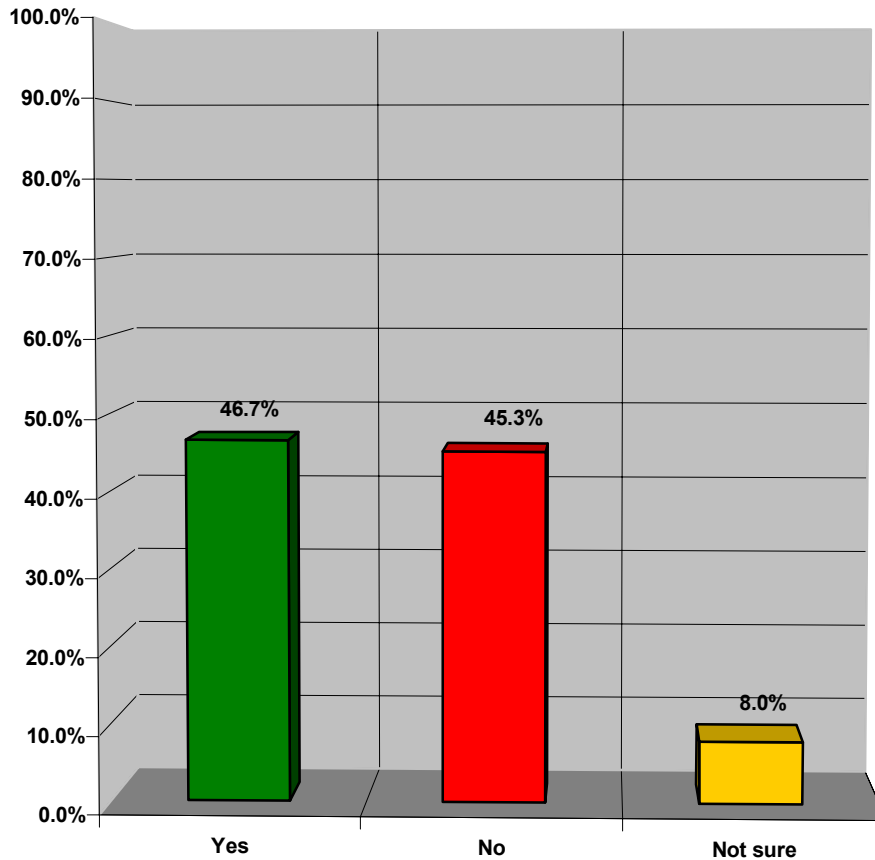
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47 percent (46.7 percent) of those respondents who supported affordable workforce housing feel that the average homeowner would be willing to pay \$45 in additional property taxes. 45 percent (45.3 percent) did not think the average homeowner would be willing to pay more, and 8 percent were not sure.

Question 28

Some of these programs may require additional County government funding. Increasing property taxes is one alternative. Do you think the average homeowner would be willing to pay an additional \$45 in property tax for affordable housing?

	Total
Base	510
Yes	238 46.7
No	231 45.3
Not sure	41 8.0



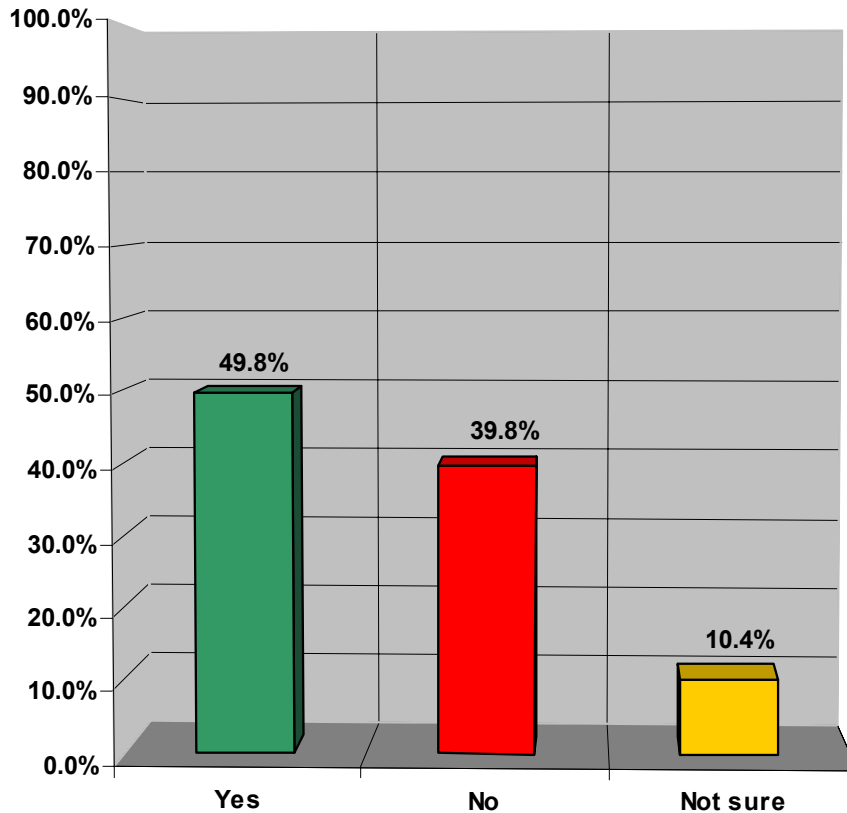
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50 percent (49.8 percent) would support the redirecting of a portion of Penny for Pinellas to develop housing. 40 percent (39.8 percent) would not support this, and 10 percent (10.4 percent) were not sure.

Question 29

Another option is redirecting a portion of Penny for Pinellas for Renewal to develop publicly owned affordable housing for workers. This would mean less money for major capital improvement like roads. Would you support this option?

	Total
Base	510
Yes	254 49.8
No	203 39.8
Not sure	53 10.4



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Health & Human Services Issues

72 percent of respondents feel that private charities **and** government funds should **both** contribute to health and human services needs. 14 percent (14.4 percent) feel that it is solely the government's responsibility, 11 percent feel that the responsibility is that of private charities, and 3 percent (2.7 percent) were not sure.

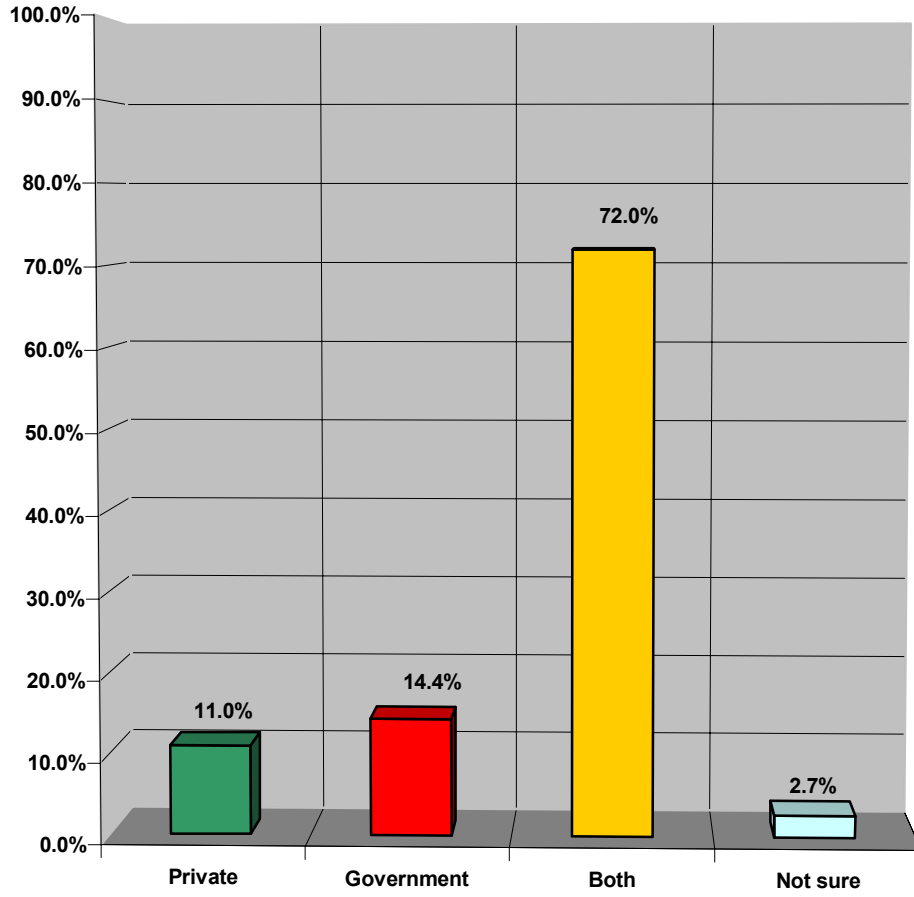
Question 30

There are many health and human services needs in Pinellas County like child abuse, access to health care, homelessness, and others. Some people think these problems should be left to private charities. Others think government should provide assistance. Other people think it should be a combination of private charities and government funds.

What do you think?

	Total
Base	828
Private	91 11.0
Government	119 14.4
Both	596 72.0
Not sure	22 2.7

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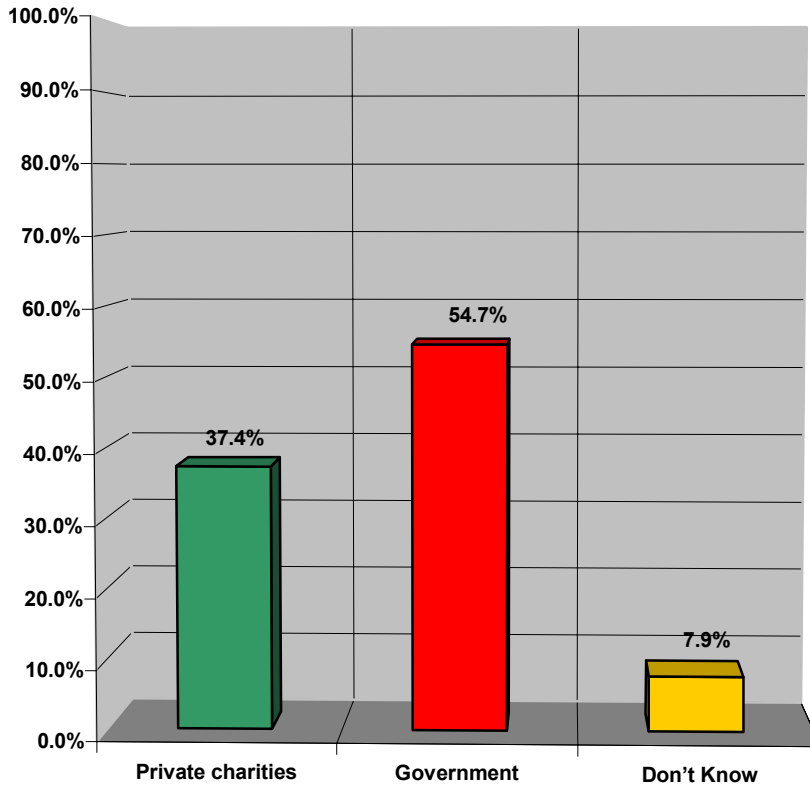
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Of the 596 respondents who felt that health and human services responsibility belongs to both private charities and the government, 55 percent (54.7 percent) feel that government should take the lead in the partnership, 37 percent (37.4 percent) feel that private charities should lead, and 8 percent (7.9 percent) did not know.

Question 31

IF BOTH: Who do you think should take the lead in the partnership, private charities or government?

	Total
Base	596
Private charities	223 37.4
Government	326 54.7
Don't Know	47 7.9



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When asked to rank the priority of each of a list of health and human service issues, the most often cited as high priorities (by more than half of the respondents) were: child abuse (84.4 percent), domestic violence (66.7 percent), substance abuse (56.6 percent), access to healthcare for the uninsured (55 percent), and physical/mental disabilities (53.7 percent).

The complete table of answers follows.

Question 32

I'm going to read you a short list of issues, and I'd like you to tell me if you consider each a funding priority for government. Do you think it should be **“high priority”**, **“medium priority”**, a **“low priority”**, or you **“don't have an opinion”**?

	Total	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	DK/NA
32.1 Child abuse	828 100.0	699 84.4	86 10.4	33 4.0	10 1.2
32.2 Physical or mental disabilities	828 100.0	445 53.7	302 36.5	65 7.9	16 1.9
32.3 Domestic violence	828 100.0	552 66.7	206 24.9	51 6.2	19 2.3
32.4 Emergency food services and soup kitchens	828 100.0	406 49.0	296 35.7	110 13.3	16 1.9
32.5 Access to health care for uninsured residents	828 100.0	455 55.0	249 30.1	107 12.9	17 2.1
32.6 Homelessness	828 100.0	367 44.3	304 36.7	131 15.8	26 3.1
32.7 Mental illness	828 100.0	395 47.7	318 38.4	94 11.4	21 2.5
32.8 Affordable child care	827 100.0	468 56.6	232 28.1	110 13.3	17 2.1
32.9 Substance abuse	828 100.0	349 42.1	313 37.8	145 17.5	21 2.5

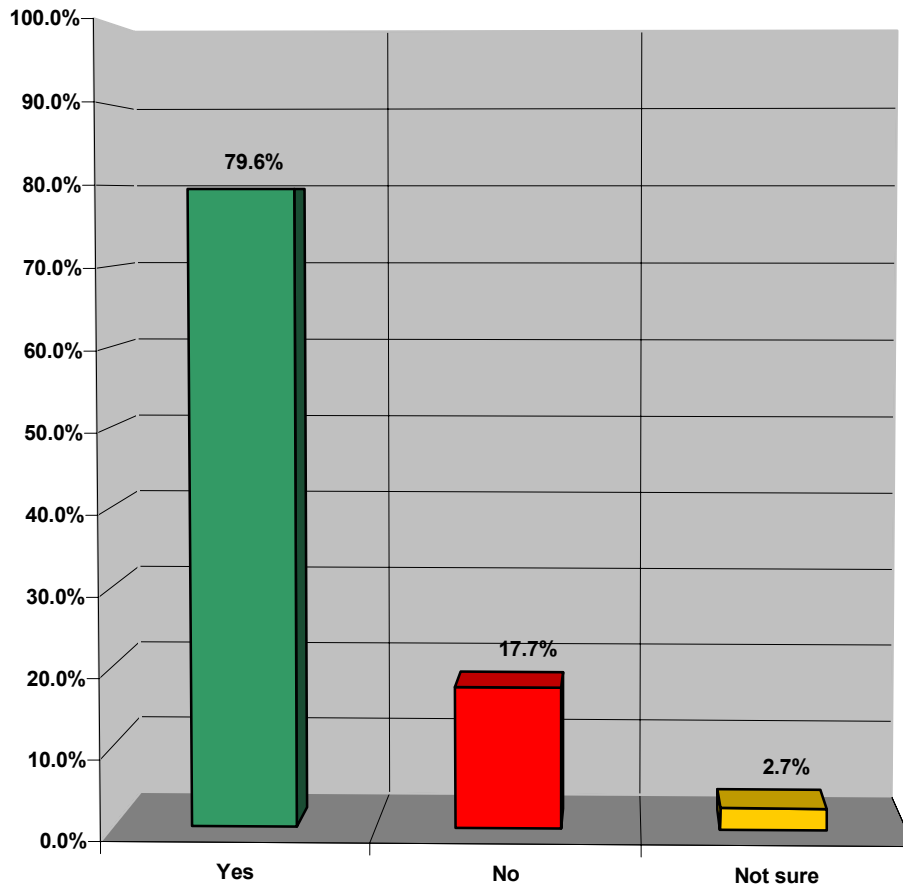
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80 percent (79.6 percent) of respondents who rated homelessness as either a high or medium priority would be willing to dedicate a one-cent food and beverage sales tax to the homeless, while 18 percent (17.7 percent) would not, and 3 percent (2.7 percent) did not know.

Question 33

Some counties dedicate a one-cent food and beverage sales tax for restaurant meals to homeless projects. Would you be willing to pay an additional penny per dollar of your restaurant meals for the homeless?

	Total
Base	672
Yes	535 79.6
No	119 17.7
Not sure	18 2.7



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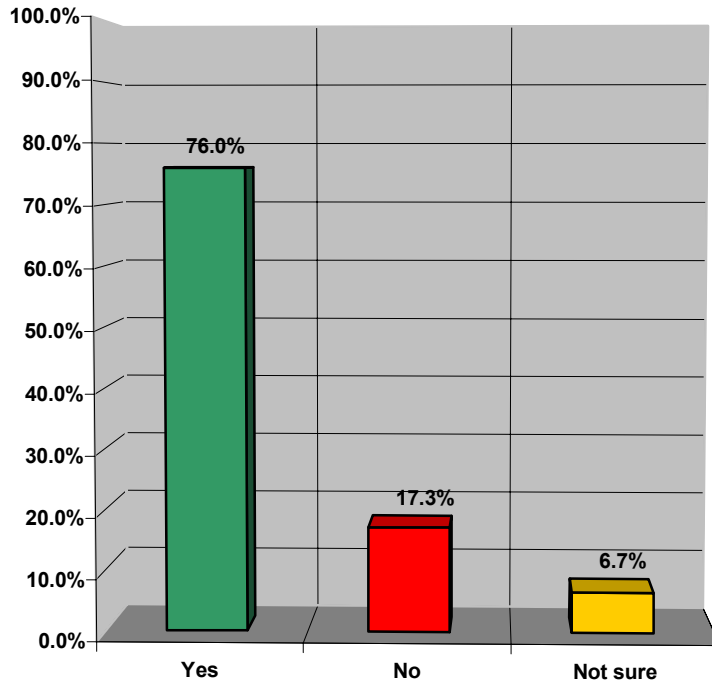
Of those supporting government funding for people with physical or mental impairment, 76 percent of respondents would support government funding for permanent supportive housing for those who need assistance due to a physical or mental impairment. 17 percent (17.3 percent) would not support government funding for this purpose, and 7 percent (6.7 percent) were not sure.

*Due to a complicated skipping/branching pattern, the following question was presented three separate times. The question was to be a follow up for multiple others. For the purpose of the report, the results of all three occurrences have been combined for accurate analysis.

Question 34, 35 & 36

Some people with serious physical or mental impairments can't live by themselves; they need assistance. Would you support County government funding for permanent supportive housing to help those who cannot live alone without assistance?

	Total
Base	797
Yes	606 76.0
No	138 17.3
Not sure	53 6.7



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Sales and Property Tax Issues

When rating their level of support for a continuation of the one cent sales tax to fund roads, parks, drainage, etc... on a 1-5 scale, 47 percent (46.8 percent) rated their support as a 5 – strongly support, 34 percent gave a 4 (17.2 percent) or a 3 (16.8 percent), 12 percent (12.1 percent) would not support it at all – giving a 1 rating, 6 percent (5.9 percent) gave it a 2, and 1 percent (1.2 percent) did not know.

Regarding their support for redirecting a portion of the sales tax renewal for healthcare and social services, 31 percent (30.6 percent) would strongly support this, 16 percent (15.6 percent) would not support this at all, 51 percent (50.8 percent) fell somewhere in between, and 3 percent (2.9 percent) did not know.

When asked if they would support an increase in property taxes to fund the programs, 46 percent (45.5 percent) would not support it at all, 13 percent (13.2 percent) would strongly support this, 38 percent (38.2 percent) fell somewhere in between, and 3 percent (3.1 percent) did not know.

Questions 37 - 39 were each prefaced with the following statement: On a scale of 1 to 5 where 5 is strongly support and 1 is do not support at all, how likely are you to support...?

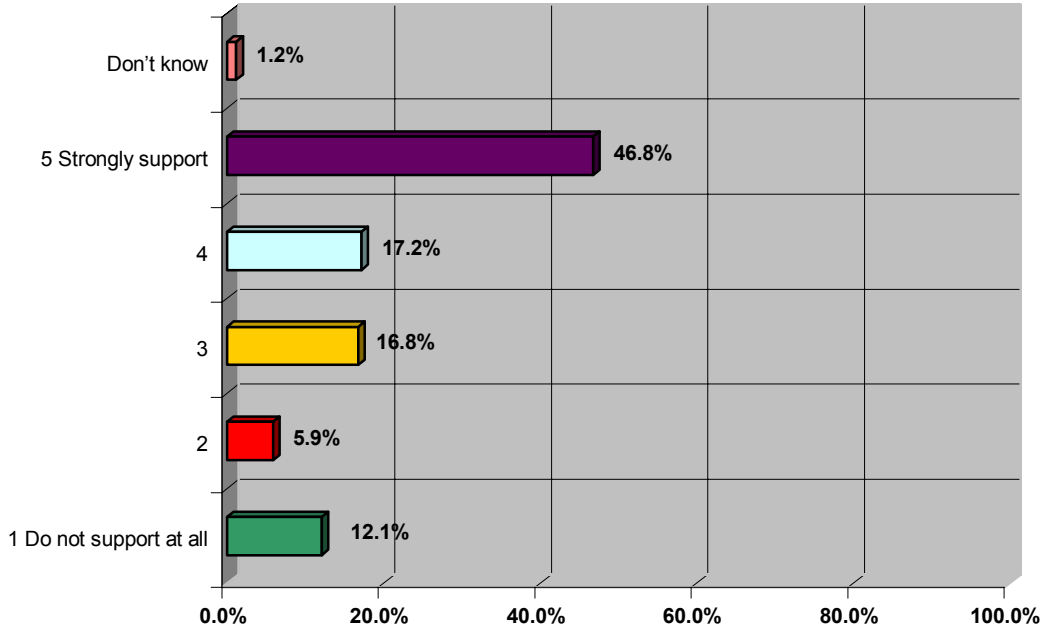
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	1 Do not support at all	2	3	4	5 Strongly support	Don't know
<p align="center">Question 37</p> <p>The County currently imposes a one-cent sales tax to fund capital projects in the entire county. How likely are you to support a continuation of the sales tax to fund roads, parks, drainage, etc.?</p>	99 12.1	48 5.9	138 16.8	141 17.2	383 46.8	10 1.2
<p align="center">Question 38</p> <p>How likely would you be to support redirecting a portion of the sales tax renewal for healthcare and social services even if this would mean less money for major capital improvements like roads?</p>	128 15.6	85 10.4	201 24.5	130 15.9	251 30.6	24 2.9
<p align="center">Question 39</p> <p>Another option is increasing property taxes to fund these programs. How likely would you be to support an increase in the property tax?</p>	373 45.5	87 10.6	153 18.7	73 8.9	108 13.2	25 3.1

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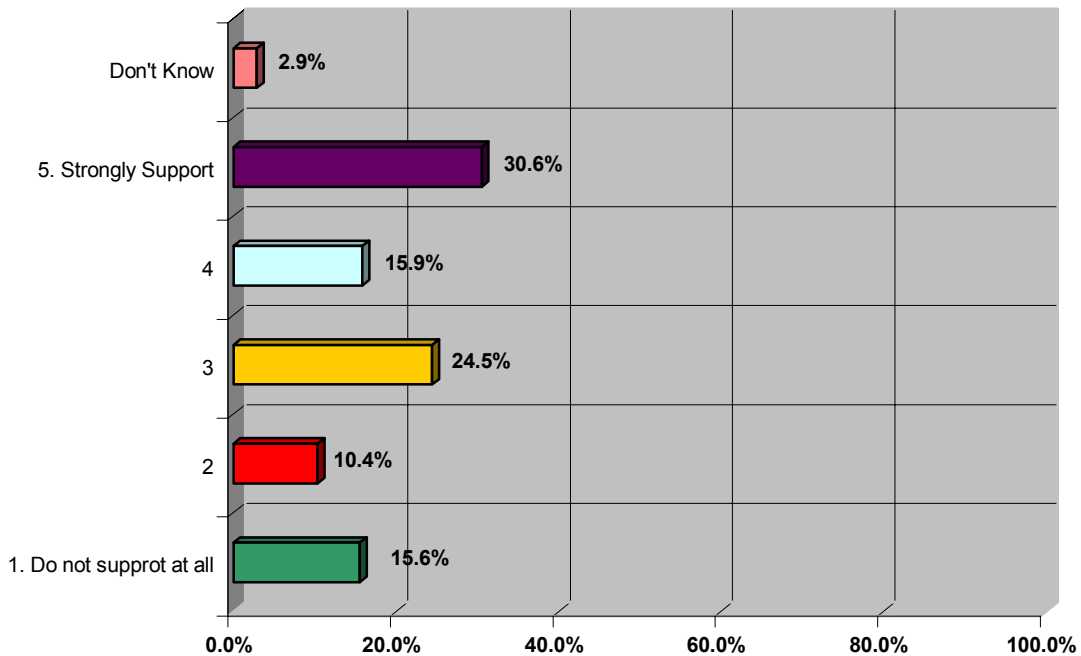
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Question 38

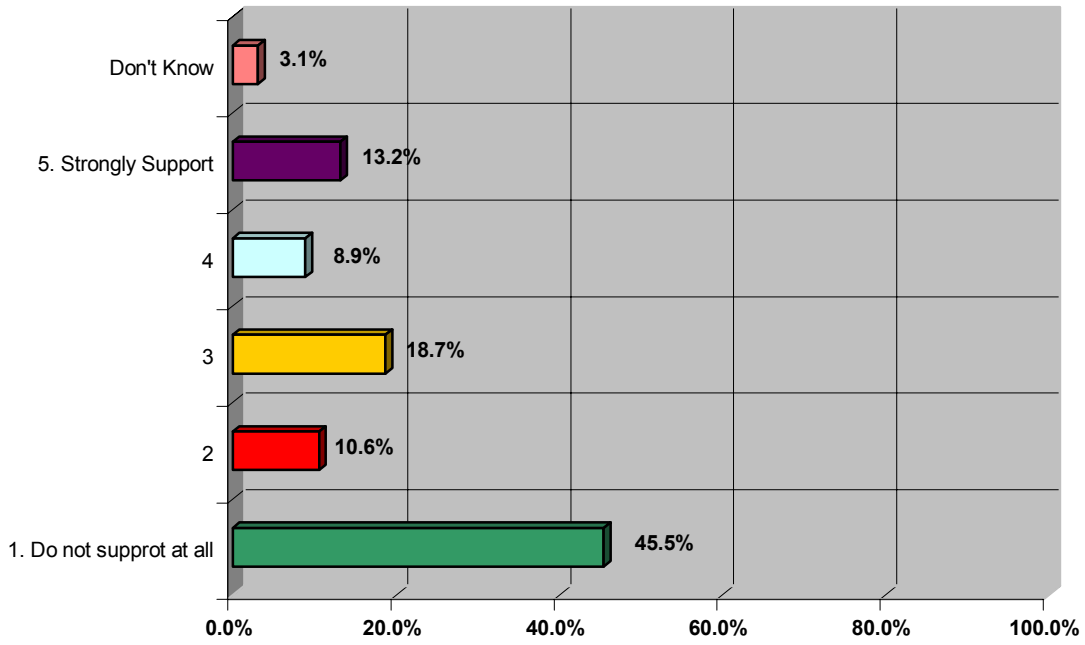
How likely would you be to support redirecting a portion of the sales tax renewal for healthcare and social services even if this would mean less money for major capital improvements like roads?



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Question 39

Another option is increasing property taxes to fund these programs. How likely would you be to support an increase in the property tax?



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Conclusion Questions

When asked what single issue they thought was most important for PC government to focus on in the next decade, transportation (25.2 percent), health and human services (19.7 percent), and affordable housing (12.1 percent) were issues most frequently mentioned. 15.3 percent could not name a specific issue.

The following table shows the recoded issues and a complete listing of issues named can be found in the appendix.

Question 40

We've discussed a lot of issues. What single issue do you think is most important for Pinellas County government to focus on in the next decade? **DK=Don't Know**

100 DIGIT CAPCITY OPEN ENDED/CODED

	Total
Base	819
Roads/Traffic/Transportation	206 25.2
Health and Human Service	161 19.7
Affordable Housing	99 12.1
Growth	73 8.9
Education	14 1.7
Environmental	14 1.7
Taxes/Fees	31 3.8
Government	32 3.9
Law Enforcement/ Crime	23 2.8
Employment/Business	25 3.1
DK	125 15.3
Other	16 2.0

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Respondents were asked to rank an overall list of issues on a scale from low priority to high priority. The items rated most often as high priorities included: protecting the environment (65 percent), public safety services (62.3 percent), and access to healthcare for the uninsured (53 percent).

A complete table of answers follows.

Question 41

Just a few more questions and we'll be done. We want to make sure we're targeting what's really important. I'm going to read you the key parts of the strategic plan. Please tell me if you consider each a **"high priority"**, **"Medium priority"** or **"low priority"**?

	Total	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	DK/NA
41.1 More high paying jobs in the business community	828 100.0	432 52.2	294 35.5	90 10.9	12 1.4
41.2 A better transportation system	828 100.0	366 44.2	315 38.0	130 15.7	17 2.1
41.3 Access to health care for uninsured people	828 100.0	439 53.0	263 31.8	118 14.3	8 1.0
41.4 Public safety services	827 100.0	515 62.3	264 31.9	39 4.7	9 1.1
41.5 Affordable housing for workers	828 100.0	422 51.0	293 35.4	104 12.6	9 1.1
41.6 Protecting the environment	828 100.0	538 65.0	238 28.7	44 5.3	8 1.0

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While the majority of respondents (69.0 percent) could not identify other issues not addressed in the survey questions, education was mentioned by 6.1 percent, government related issues by 5.4 percent, and health and human services issues by 3.7 percent, among others.

The following table shows the entirety of coded answers to the question and the entire list can be found in the appendix.

Question 42

Is there an issue we haven't identified that is a high priority for you?

999 IF NONE

**200 DIGIT CAPCITY
OPEN ENDED/CODED**

	Total
Base	819
Roads/Traffic/Transportation	16 2.0
Health and Human Service	30 3.7
Affordable Housing	12 1.5
Growth	10 1.2
Education	50 6.1
Environmental	22 2.7
Taxes/Fees	20 2.4
Government	44 5.4
Law Enforcement/ Crime	9 1.1
Employment/Business	7 0.9
Church/Religion	0 0.0
Hurricane	0 0.0
Social Issues	10 1.2
DK	565 69.0
Other	24 2.9

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Employment

55 percent (55.2 percent) of respondents are employed, 29 percent (29.1 percent) are retired, 11 percent (10.7 percent) are either unemployed (5.3 percent) or are housewives (5.4 percent), 4 percent (3.6 percent) either did not know (.5 percent) or offered some other answer (3.1 percent), and 1 percent (1.3 percent) are students.

Question 43

Are you currently employed, unemployed, retired, a student, or a housewife?

	Total
Base	828
Employed	457 55.2
Unemployed	44 5.3
Retired	241 29.1
Student	11 1.3
Housewife	45 5.4
Other	26 3.1
DK/NA	4 0.5

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The vast majority of the currently employed respondents (90.6 percent) commute to work via a private vehicle.

Question 44

How do you usually commute to work? **DO NOT READ LIST**

	Total
Base	458
Private vehicle driver	415 90.6
Passenger	5 1.1
Bus	9 2.0
Trolley	1 0.2
Bike	3 0.7
Walk	5 1.1
Cab	0 0.0
Other	20 4.4

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45 percent (44.6 percent) of employed respondents have a commute time that is 15 minutes or less, 32 percent (31.5 percent) commute between 16 and 30 minutes, 11 percent (10.9 percent) between 31 and 45 minutes, and 13 percent (12.9 percent) have a commute time longer than 45 minutes.

Question 45

What is your approximate commute time to work?

	Total
Base	457
15 minutes or less	204 44.6
16-30 minutes	144 31.5
31-45 minutes	50 10.9
46-60 minutes	24 5.3
60+ minutes	17 3.7
DK	18 3.9

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Nearly two out of three (62.6 percent) of the respondents rate their commute time as either good (32.8 percent) or excellent (29.8 percent), while 35 percent (34.5 percent) rate it as either poor (10.9 percent) or fair (23.6 percent), and nearly 3 percent (2.8 percent) did not know how to rate their commute time.

Question 46

How would you rate your commute time? Would you say it is:

READ CHOICES

	Total
Base	457
Excellent	136 29.8
Good	150 32.8
Fair	108 23.6
Poor	50 10.9
Don't know (VOLUNTEER ED)	13 2.8

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Use of Public Transportation

Just over 86 percent (86.1 percent) of respondents have not used public transportation in Pinellas County in the past year.

Question 47

Have you used public transportation in Pinellas County in the past 12 months?

	Total
Base	828
Yes	112 13.5
No	713 86.1
DK	3 0.4

Nearly 76 percent (75.7 percent) have not used public transportation anywhere else in the past year.

Question 48

Have you used public transportation elsewhere in the last 12 months?

	Total
Base	828
Yes	197 23.8
No	627 75.7
DK	4 0.5

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Demographic Questions

The most often cited municipalities include St. Petersburg (18.4 percent), Clearwater (13.8 percent), some other/unnamed area (12.8 percent), and Largo (10.3 percent). The remaining municipalities accounted for less than 10 percent of the sample each.

Question 49

What area or neighborhood do you live in?

BE SPECIFIC AND CHECK LIST

(UNINCORPORATED OR MUNICIPALITY AREA)

	Total
Base	828
St. Petersburg	152 18.4
Clearwater	114 13.8
Other/DK	107 12.8
Largo	85 10.3
Seminole	82 9.9
Pinellas Park	70 8.5
Tarpon Springs	49 5.9
Dunedin	41 5.0
Beaches	39 4.7
Unincorporated	29 3.5
Safety harbor	20 2.4
Gulfport	12 1.5
Oldsmar	12 1.5
Belleair Bluffs	5 0.6
Kenneth City	5 0.6
S. Pasadena	4 0.5
Belleair	2 0.2

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Nearly 87 percent (86.6 percent) of the respondents were Caucasian, 6 percent (5.7 percent) were African-American, 5 percent (4.5 percent) were Hispanic, nearly one percent (.7 percent) were Asian, one percent (1 percent) named some other race, and 2 percent (1.6 percent) refused to divulge their race.

Question 50

What is your race / ethnicity?

	Total
Base	828
Asian	6 0.7
Black / African-American	47 5.7
White	717 86.6
Hispanic/Latino	37 4.5
Other	8 1.0
Refused	13 1.6

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Of those who did not state their race as Hispanic or Latino, nearly 2 percent (1.5 percent) are of Hispanic descent.

Question 51

Are you of Hispanic descent?

	Total
Base	791
Yes	12 1.5
No	760 96.1
DK/Refused	19 2.4

More than 70 percent (70.2 percent) of respondents do not have children under the age of 18 in their home.

Question 52

How many children under 18 currently live in your home?

	Total
Base	828
None	581 70.2
1	117 14.1
2	88 10.6
3	36 4.3
4	4 0.5
5	1 0.1
More than 5	1 0.1

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More than half (51.9 percent) of those surveyed have been Pinellas County residents for 20 years or longer, 18 percent (18.1 percent) have resided in the County for between 11-19 years, and 29.2 percent have lived in the County for less than 10 years.

Question 53

How long have you been a resident of Pinellas County?

	Total
Base	828
Less than one year	15 1.8
1-5 years	105 12.7
6-10 years	122 14.7
11-19 years	150 18.1
20 or more years	430 51.9
Refusal	6 0.7

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Nearly 30 percent (28.9 percent) grossed more than \$60,000 in 2004, 15 percent (14.9 percent) earned between \$45,000-\$60,000, 34.7 percent made less than \$45,000, and 22 percent (21.5 percent) refused to divulge their income.

Question 54

For statistical purposes only would you please share your entire household income before taxes for 2004? Was it: **READ RESPONSES**

	Total
Base	828
Under \$15,000	67 8.1
\$15,000-\$30,000	113 13.6
\$30,000-\$45,000	108 13.0
\$45,000-\$60,000	123 14.9
Over \$60,000	239 28.9
Don't Know/Refused	178 21.5

54 percent (53.8 percent) of respondents were female, and 46 percent (46.2 percent) were male.

Question 55 (or 1)

Gender

DO NOT ASK

	Total
Base	829
Male	383 46.2
Female	446 53.8

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More than half of the respondents (53.3 percent) were between the ages of 40-59, 29 percent (28.7 percent) were over the age of 60, 17 percent were under the age of 40, and 1 percent did not divulge their age.

Question 56 (or 2)

What is your age?

	Total
Base	829
18-39	141 17.0
40-59	442 53.3
60+	238 28.7
NA	8 1.0

Respondents were coded based on the Zip code they provided and reclassified as Mid County, North County, and South County Residents. Based on the re-code, 36 percent (35.7 percent) reside in the mid-county area, 30 percent in the North County area, and 27 percent (26.7 percent) in the South county area. About 8 percent (7.6 percent) either did not provide a Zip code or mentioned one that was different from the provided list of Zip codes.

County Region

	Total
Base	827
Mid County	295 35.7
North County	248 30.0
South Sounty	221 26.7
Other	63 7.6

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A similar re-code was performed to establish which respondents live in the incorporated and unincorporated Pinellas County area. About 21 percent (20.8 percent) live in unincorporated Pinellas County and 79 percent (79.2 percent) in the incorporated area of Pinellas County.

Unincorporated / Incorporated Pinellas County Residents

	Total
Base	827
Unincorporated	172 20.8
Incorporated	655 79.2

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APPENDIX