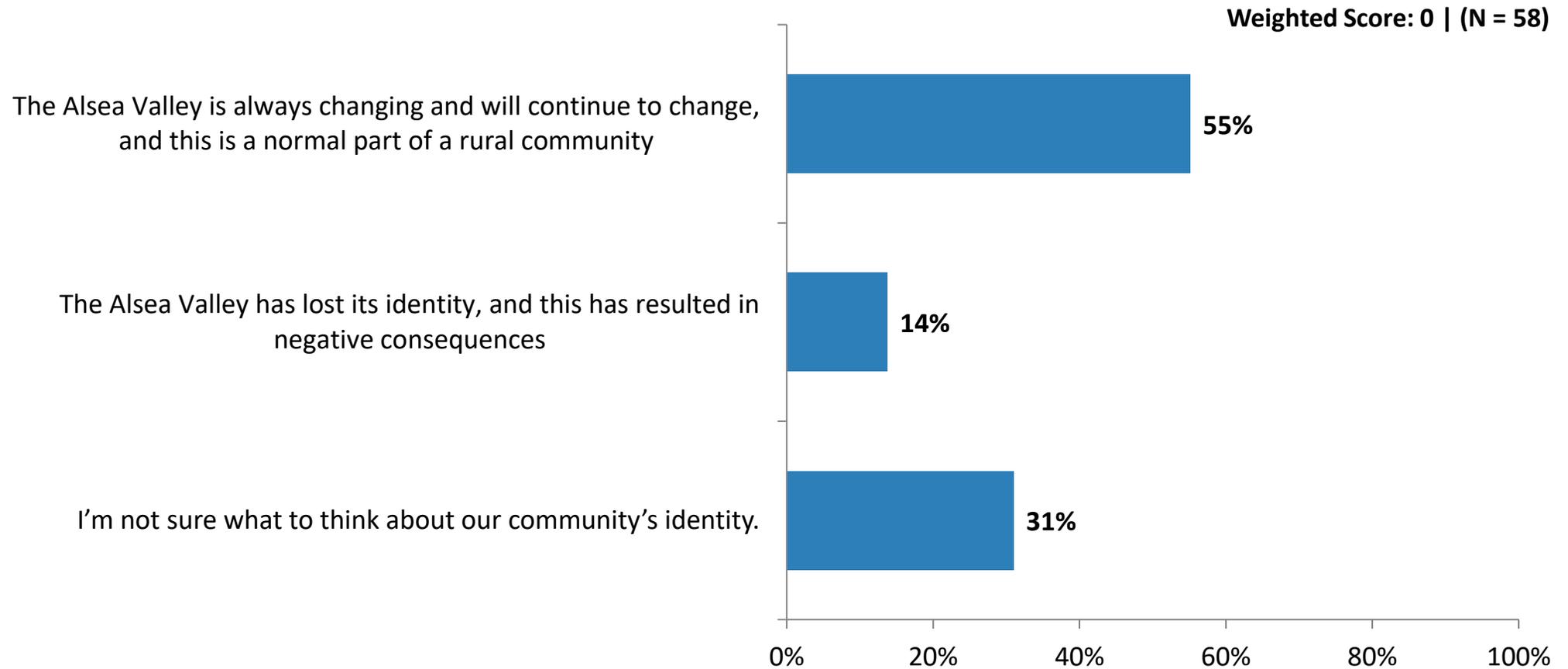


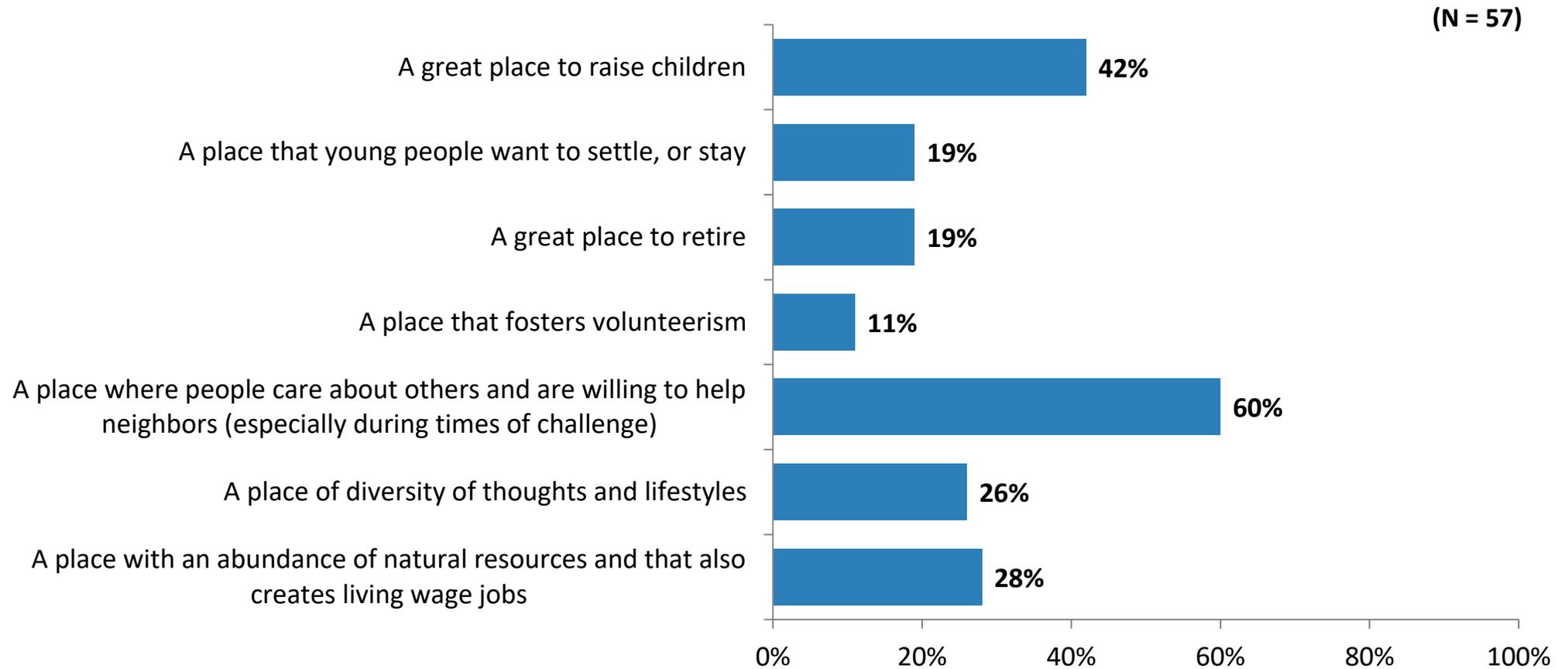
# Alsea Community Effort - 2022 Community Survey - Final

Results and Analysis

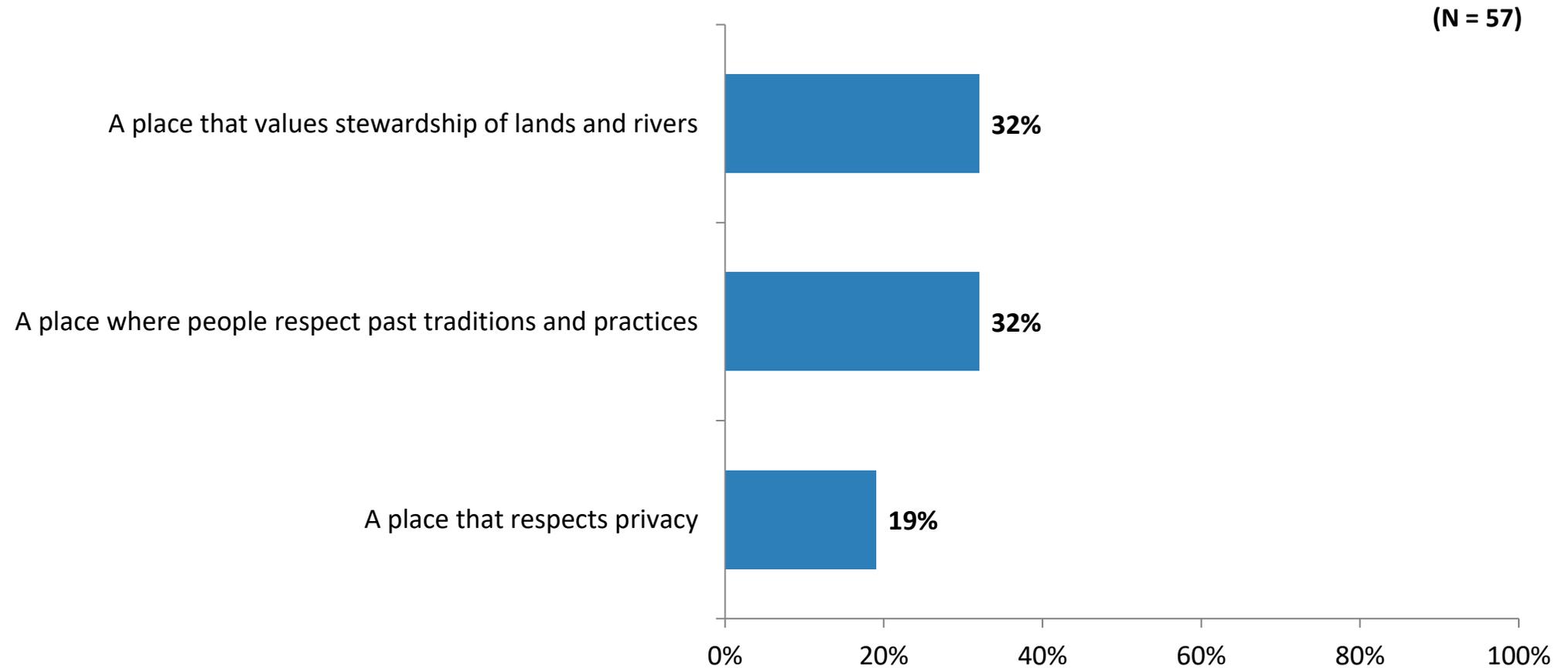
**Change. Some say that the area described as the Alsea Valley has lost its identity. To what degree do you agree that the Alsea Valley is struggling with its identity? Choose the statement that best fits your view.**



**What aspect of a community's identity is most important to you and/or your family? Please check your top three responses.**



What aspect of a community's identity is most important to you and/or your family? Please check your top three responses. (Continued)



## Please share any other thoughts or feelings that you have about Alsea's community identity.

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Response No.	Answer text
3	I think bridging Alsea Then and Now might be a powerful tool for reintegration. Maybe the Alsea Historical Society Facebook would put together columns for the Valley Voice. Or exhibits for the school or library
4	_. We don't feel like part of a community.
5	A general cleanup of the town would be beneficial and show pride of ownership!  A beautification group could help facilitate beautiful hanging baskets to line our Main Street in the summer months!!  Maybe some grants are attainable to spruce up the Main Street??

Please share any other thoughts or feelings that you have about Alsea's community identity. (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
6	Caring, friendly, handy to resources, quiet, peaceful.
9	Alsea Community is very diverse in values, political views and economic status. Privacy and independence is valued as well as a sense of family. There are support resources but for the most part folks desire to be self-reliant. During emergencies people will come together. But volunteerism is not as forthcoming as other communities we have lived in. Volunteerism for the most part are the older segment of the population.

## Please share any other thoughts or feelings that you have about Alsea's community identity. (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
10	<p>I grew up in Wren, Oregon, near Alsea and have experienced the Alsea valley in many ways throughout the years. It is a place of great natural beauty, and has an ancient energy which I believe should be restored and treasured. It makes me sad to see so many large portions of old forest clear cut. The far - right sentiments of some within the Alsea community also make me scared, and feel not welcome. I don't know what we can do about this. On the bright side, I think rural communities like Alsea are generally wonderful places to live and visit. They need active engagement in order to form collaborative community so that everyone living off that land feels welcome and engaged.</p>

## Please share any other thoughts or feelings that you have about Alsea's community identity. (Continued)

Response No.	Answer text
11	<p>In the midst of a beautiful valley setting, our "downtown" is an embarrassment. The only good thing about it being this way is that it could cause less people to want to move here.</p> <p>I like the small size and feel of our town. I feel at this point we are rapidly becoming a retirement community. And pricing young people out of being able to stay and buy a place and raise children here. The school has recently been a mess and though I hear some good things, I think many would not want their kids to go to school here.</p> <p>I'd like to see us identify as a healthy and health oriented community with walking/bike paths, yoga and tai chi classes, weight and cardio if there is interest. I'd like us to be an example of a community where everyone could get along and be able to put aside political differences. When we had the restaurant, it felt to me like we all got along.</p> <p>Ref #5 (no space for comment) Yoga classes out here would be very well received I think.</p>

## Please share any other thoughts or feelings that you have about Alsea's community identity. (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
12	I love the people and community here. I have never felt more at home anywhere I have lived than I do here. ♡
14	I see a lot of change wanting to happen but families being worried it will be too different or disrupt the old ways of life in town.
18	I know there's really nothing that ACE can do, but it saddens me to see how shabby a good part of our town looks.

## Please share any other thoughts or feelings that you have about Alsea's community identity. (Continued)

Response No.	Answer text
21	<p>My family has been here since 2001. When we moved here it was a close tight knit community that we wanted to be a part of. Since moving here we found that the town will turn on each other. Now I lock my doors and dont leave my keys in my car anymore. The drugs and thieves have made the town not as friendly. As the owner of Gordyville I will be working on building a new reputation for our property in the town. And now the school has always been a place I brag about until the recent COVID events made me take a second look at our school and how 2 faced people who deal with our children daily can be. I love our little town BUT I think that things need to change, and become a close knit town to be proud of again.</p>

Please share any other thoughts or feelings that you have about Alsea's community identity. (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
23	Helping your neighbor and respecting differences of opinion are important.
24	Flowers!!!! Every town has beautiful hanging baskets. Deb buys her own but the Post office , Merc and Shirt Star could use some color.  I have the hooks for the post office.

## Please share any other thoughts or feelings that you have about Alsea's community identity. (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
31	I do think change , or evolution, is necessary for any community to be successful and thriving. We should embrace change, while still respecting and fostering the foundation of this place- it's wildness and abundance of natural resources. Helping community members in need, respecting different community members diverse thoughts and lifestyles, and being stewards of the land will help this place continue through change and continue to make it appealing and inviting for tourists, and community members of all ages.

Please share any other thoughts or feelings that you have about Alsea's community identity. (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
32	Alsea is a warm and inviting place with strong beautiful people in heart and values. I have had the pleasure of meeting quite a few people here in the last year and find Alsea to be very welcoming. I look forward to more of the fun filled things Alsea has to offer. I'm hoping some of the gatherings will be able to continue in the future. Covid has taken a lot of that away so I'm hoping for more dances crazy donkey basketball games and what ever this sweet Community has to offer. I love tradition holidays here beautiful thank you Alsea. I would love to be more involved with my Community Bev Damewood

Please share any other thoughts or feelings that you have about Alsea's community identity. (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
33	The Alsea community needs to honor the thoughts and feelings of its residents.
37	We have a few community events that draw outside attendance. A few years past we had one that the whole community was helping make a pretty good event. Central Park in town had quit a few booths of home crafts by local artists. A lot of people were there many from out of town. Debs did barbecue on there deck the old station next to her had live music and beer garden. It only happened one year.??? Why? Looked like a good turnout

## Please share any other thoughts or feelings that you have about Alsea's community identity. (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
40	I wish people would work together to clean up junk in town & replant flowers in containers with dead plants, etc beautify areas as people drive through town so it looks like Alsea cares.
	What's with that garden center east of town, that has a board that says "Alsea Yard Art"?!?! Really :-/
42	It's important to me' that we as a community are open to all people, kind and helpful.
44	Nothing I can think of.

## Please share any other thoughts or feelings that you have about Alsea's community identity. (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
46	I think it's true that the identity of communities is always changing, and much of that's neutral - not better or worse, just different. But the decline of things that bring people together has been a turn for the worse. The school still brings people together physically in some cases, and stuff at the Grange sometimes does too, but in a lot of cases people just don't run into each other the way they used to, and that's bad for most everybody.

## Please share any other thoughts or feelings that you have about Alsea's community identity. (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
47	<p>It is not an easy place to find affordable housing for young new families. Prices are so high only out of state or retirement families are able to move in which depletes the students which in turn makes us have to reach out to other committees to supply our students.</p> <p>Families who have been here for generations end up moving away because they can't afford to buy out here or the land is not buildable.</p> <p>The clinic used to be available for community members when needed. Now they are turned away if they haven't established a recent relationship. Staff is constantly changing. Hard to have a relationship.</p>

Please share any other thoughts or feelings that you have about Alsea's community identity. (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
49	Alsea can be welcoming but honestly it causes a divide when people move here with the goal to change our lifestyle and values which in general is conservative. I understand the beauty and draw but God, Family, Timber, land, neighbor's and government out of our business is our identity!
51	Still a place that cares for other people and wants the best for kids.

## Please share any other thoughts or feelings that you have about Alsea's community identity. (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
54	After moving here a decade ago, I have found most people here willing to work together to some degree. Many willing to share skills and possessions to help fellow community members succeed. And while Alsea is now in a transition period, I see good things coming together for a brighter future.

## Please share any other thoughts or feelings that you have about Alsea's community identity. (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
55	<p>As with many struggling rural communities, there is a wide gap between well off and extremely poor. This shows in our town. How can you beautify without the financial means. Grants?</p> <p>I've lived in Alsea valley 40 some years and have seen over and over again how we are depicted in a negative way in the Gazette Times. Philomath reporters have come out and included this part of Benton County in a respected way.</p>

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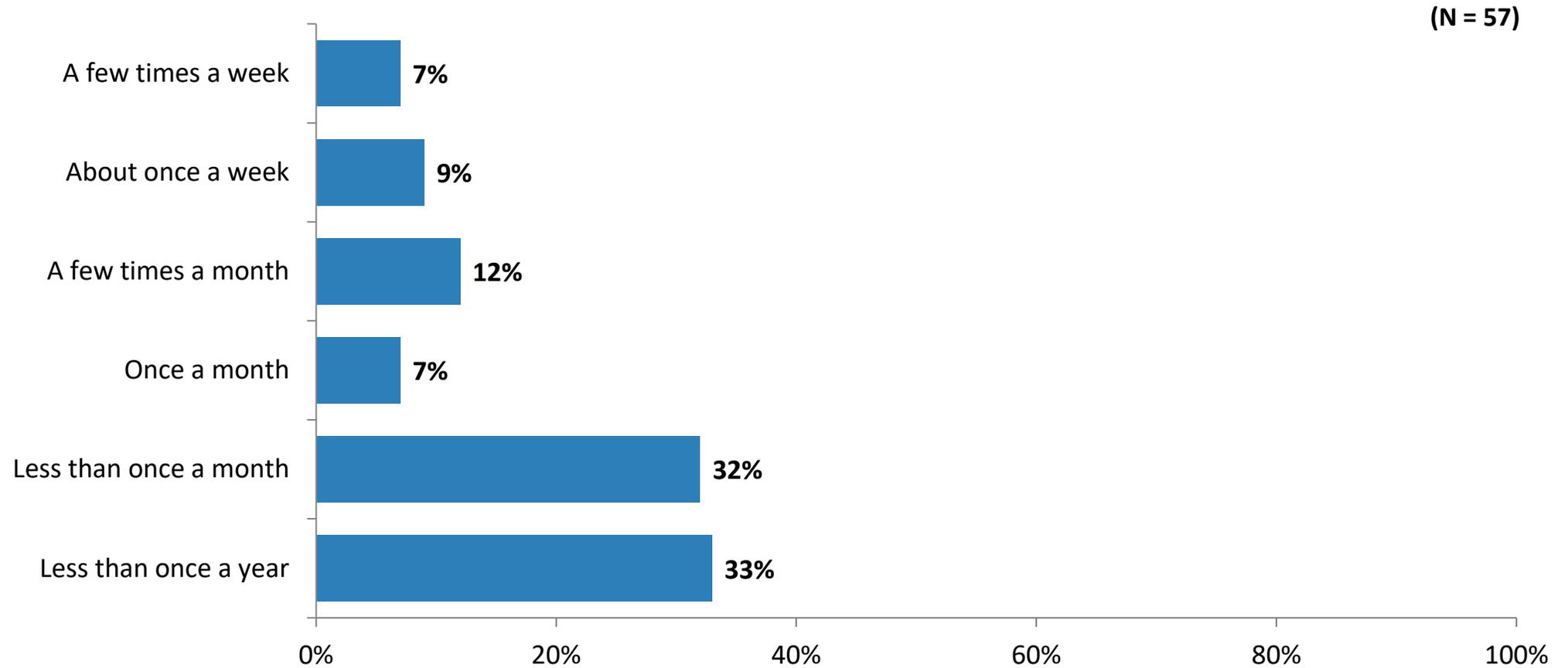
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56	It was difficult for me to choose between caring for each other in challenging times and stewardship of our land and rivers. Both are important and will be critical to our future here in our isolated valley. I am hoping that our rural community will be able to embrace its diversity and work together to meet the many changes on the horizon.
57	Alsea also values stewardship of lands and rivers as well as respecting past traditions. Alsea also values and supports its small businesses.

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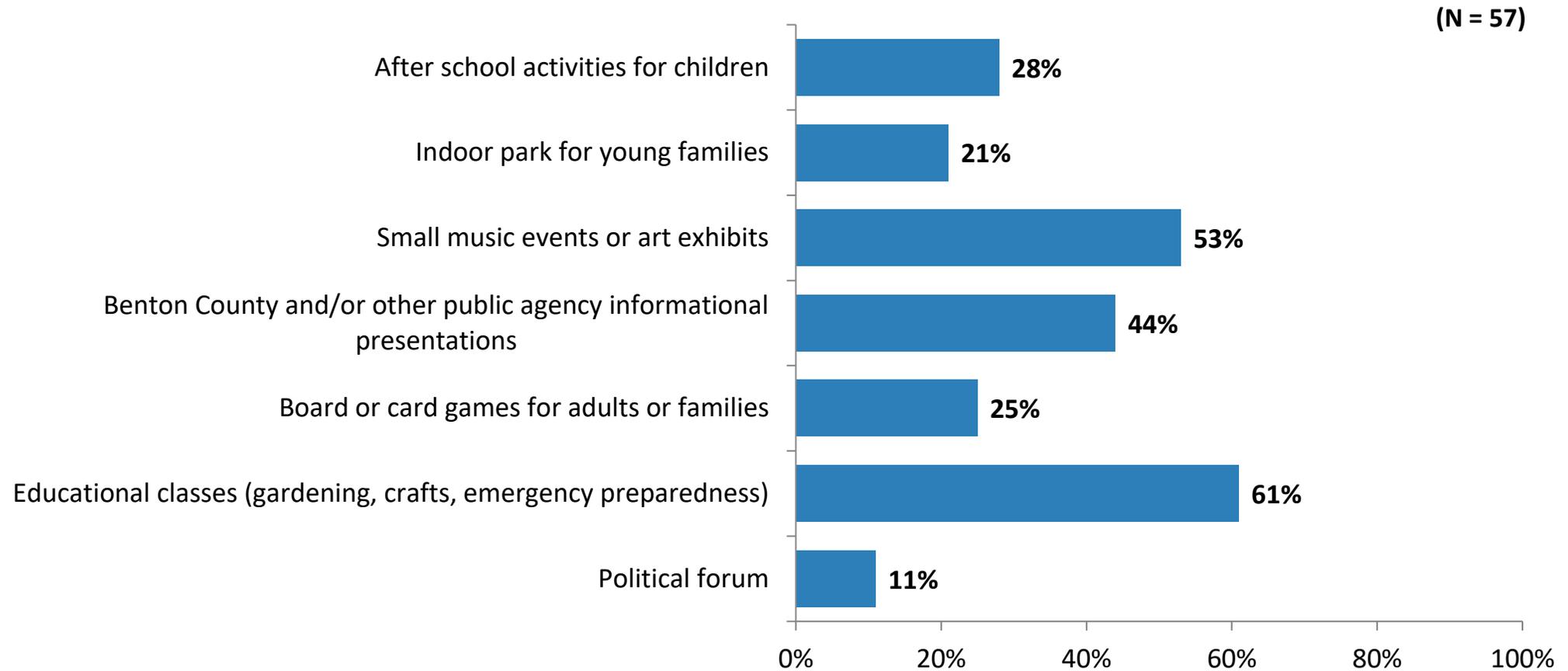
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58	Duplicate response to survey for the testing link on the website.

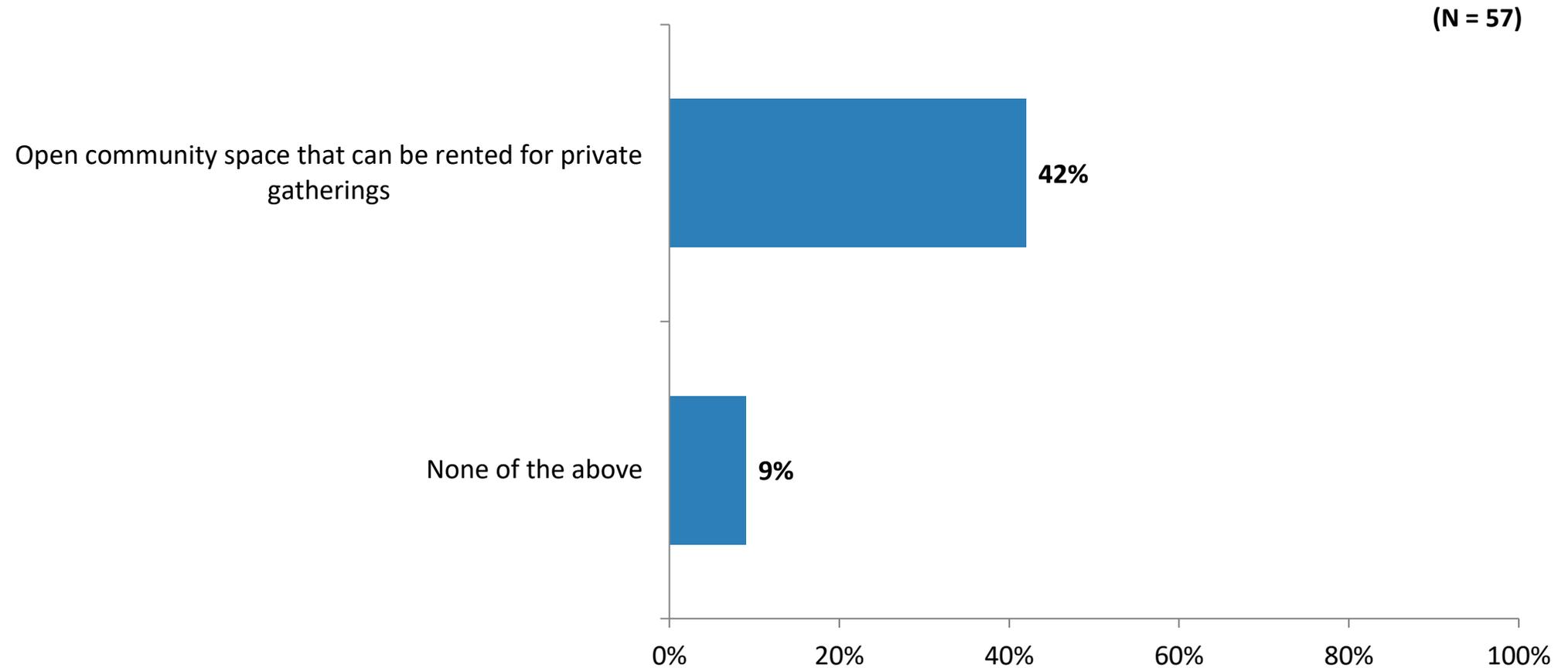
Alsea Community Effort is a nonprofit organization that owns the library and community center building. The Corvallis-Benton County Public Library rents space in the library to provide library branch services in Alsea. How often do you visit the library and community center?



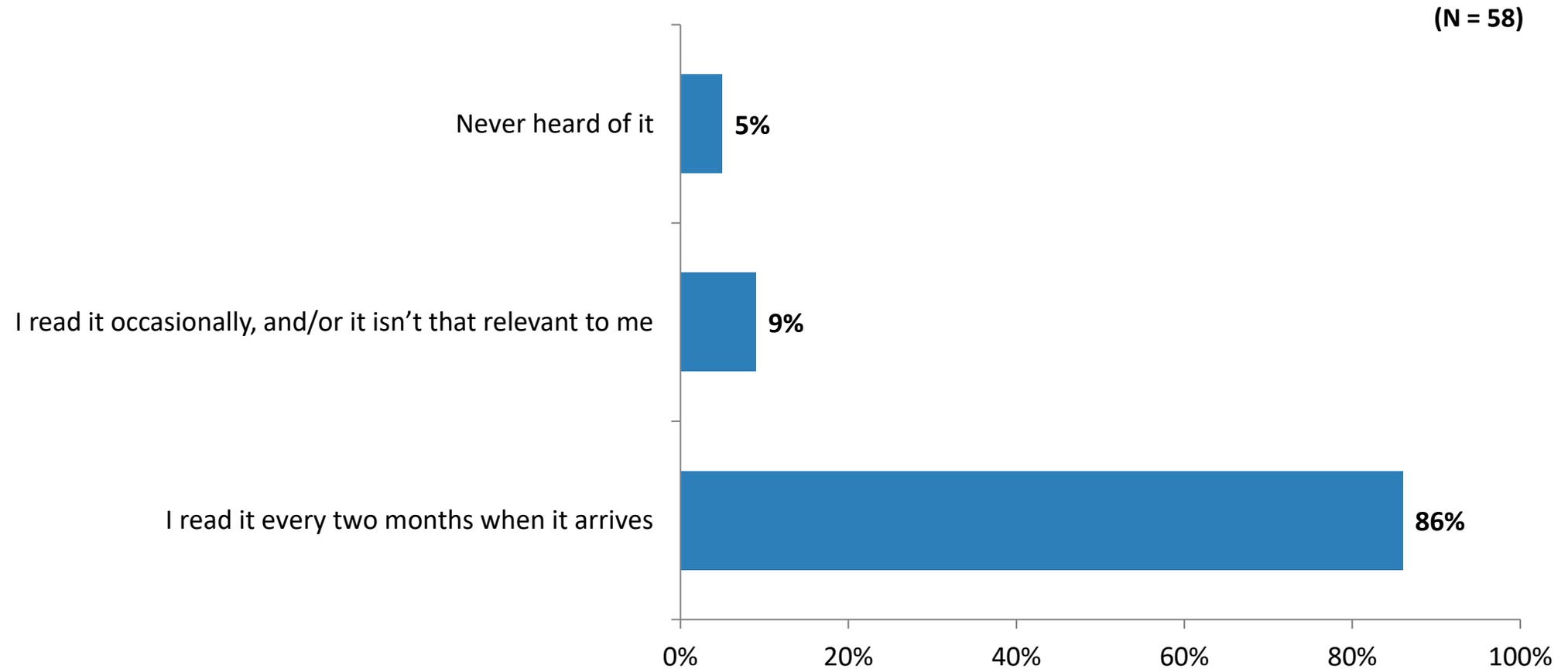
What other activities would you and/or your family most likely attend if it were available at the community center/library space? Please click all that apply.



What other activities would you and/or your family most likely attend if it were available at the community center/library space? Please click all that apply. (Continued)



## How often do you read the Alsea Valley Voice, the free newsletter mailed to all families in the Alsea Valley and available for a small subscription fee outside of the Alsea Valley?



# What do you like about the Alsea Valley Voice newsletter?

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Response No.	Answer text
3	Everything! Such a wonderful service
4	Like to be kept informed of diff events or just brought brought up to speed with local news.
5	Gives general info on what is going on so everyone can stay informed
6	Thorough, interesting, informative, inclusive, easy to receive.
7	Articles about local people or events.

## What do you like about the Alsea Valley Voice newsletter? (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
9	<p>The AVV can be informative and interesting if contributions continue the way they presently are submitted. If articles become more like a "readers digest" style the AVV becomes less interesting. Although in the past the AVV was very limited in political content it is a disservice to not allow some opinion or commentary. This is a challenging task. In the past the editor tried to stem any controversy but I personally feel some politically informative articles based on factual information should be allowed if written in good taste and without disparagement towards others. It should be more inclusive with various viewpoints and opinions. I doubt it can be done but voices need to be heard for open dialogue.</p>

## What do you like about the Alsea Valley Voice newsletter? (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
10	I am not aware of this news letter, but I'm interested in knowing more! I hope it is a voice of positivity and progress.
11	I like the newspaper a lot. Makes me feel a little bit connected to the community.
12	That it keeps our community informed on what's going on.
14	I like that it is all about things happening in town with a mostly unbiased opinion and about stuff I may have not know about.

## What do you like about the Alsea Valley Voice newsletter? (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
16	Not a comment about the avv, but the library. We used to go every week for toddler storytime. Then the kids got to school. Now we have a toddler again but due to the pandemic we haven't brought him in. But if we could again we would.
17	Local, informative, Range of topics. Always a great read
18	It keeps me in touch with the community.
21	I love that it keeps us up to date on the things going on in town. The events that we can be a part of and little informational articles.

## What do you like about the Alsea Valley Voice newsletter? (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
23	<p>"Meeting" new people with different talents and businesses that have moved to our area. Updates on important community changes, even controversies or areas that need work (volunteerism) so as to know what is going on out there with agencies, community services, government: Clinic, School, businesses, library, Grange, etc.</p> <p>Natural resources available i.e. hikes, parks.</p>

## What do you like about the Alsea Valley Voice newsletter? (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
24	Have you ever thought of any Students to write articles? This might encourage more youth plus the school to read the voice. I enjoy reading the Voice. The articles are very informative.
28	Everything! I especially like being kept up on local events and issues that I wouldn't know about if it wasn't for the newsletter.
29	It give Alsea information and I treating articles.
31	I love that the Alsea Valley Voice exists to inform me of the goings-on in the valley.

## What do you like about the Alsea Valley Voice newsletter? (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
32	I love the hometown feel of the Alsea Valley voice newsletter. I like knowing what's going on in my community.
33	I like articles about the valley and its inhabitants past and present. the alsi indian stories are especially interesting along with historical refernces. I like to try to match historical reference up to modern locations
37	Community
40	People stories
42	It's stories about how it was ' in the day, highlighting families and work ethics . Tid- bits of information and goings on around the area.

## What do you like about the Alsea Valley Voice newsletter? (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
43	I like local information, feature stories, advertisements, photos
44	Good writing, interesting stories, a wonderful addition to this wonderful community.
45	Informational, entertainment
47	Historical stories.
48	I like the fact that it exists. Its a centering point, something we all have in common. Its inclusive and gives all a chance for expression ( I think).

## What do you like about the Alsea Valley Voice newsletter? (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
49	I like that it's here, first of all. I like that in the last year it has had more community based articles and less political. Years ago I didn't read it because honestly there were a lot of liberal articles. And I felt the other side was absent. Now it's more centered on whats it's happening in our community it's, at the school, history of Alsea which we love! Animals, local shinanagins. Gardening and crafts Would be great too. Less controversial is always better. Finding things that don't have sides is the best.

## What do you like about the Alsea Valley Voice newsletter? (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
51	Love it and all the people who make it possible.
54	Local focus and information.
55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-special interest stories</li><li>-historical articles</li><li>-local events and news</li><li>-honoring of community members that have passed on</li></ul>

## What do you like about the Alsea Valley Voice newsletter? (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
56	t's a timely, local news source that keeps us informed about activities and events in our community. I love the local writers, the effort others are willing to give to make it possible, and local businesses and organizations who support it. But I value it most are the articles about what our community is doing to prepare for emergencies and disasters.
57	I love that so many people are interested in writing for it. As the editor, I appreciate the community getting behind it and helping it grow!

## What do you like about the Alsea Valley Voice newsletter? (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
58	Paper version with personal stories as well as local activities information.

## What would you like changed, or what would you add to the Alsea Valley Voice newsletter?

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Response No.	Answer text
4	Briths, deaths maybe some classes on diff hobbies or exercise. Would love to see groups formed for hiking. Advertisement of help for watching animals when out of town.
6	Nothing. It is good as it is.
7	A segment in each issue that was centered around the the topic of "Did you know?" that featured a person , place, etc. of the Alsea valley.
9	see above
10	No comment, due to me unfamiliarity.
11	Monthly, though I know from Bonnie that producing it that often was a lot of work.

## What would you like changed, or what would you add to the Alsea Valley Voice newsletter? (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
12	More involvement with kids from the school about topics they choose. :)
14	I think it would be nice to have a monthly newsletter but I understand it's a lot of work to put together.
17	I think it's very well done
18	Maybe a personal notices? Such as garage sales, items for sale, invitations etc.
21	Do more interviews with the local community. Not just the businesses but people places and things of interest. updates of clubs and other get together events.
23	Simple lay out. Most articles all on one page.

## What would you like changed, or what would you add to the Alsea Valley Voice newsletter? (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
24	<p>Something for kids!! Maybe put a coupon in the voice for children to redeem at the Merc or Library. It could be for a book, ice cream cone, craft supply for summer?</p> <p>It might get a parent to start looking at it as well... 😊. It would need to be specific each time so we make sure there is enough for all. (This is Suzette, I'd be happy to help!)lol.</p>

## What would you like changed, or what would you add to the Alsea Valley Voice newsletter? (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
31	It would be nice to see some writing about our local recreation areas (Mary's peak, Alsea Falls, other hiking/biking/wildflower viewing picnicking areas). There is so much to offer here and it would be fun to read about people's experience in these beautiful spaces.
32	Please keep it with a small town feel it's perfect.
33	More local stories.
40	News about what's going on & upcoming events, plus people & neighbor profiles
42	Not sure at this time.

## What would you like changed, or what would you add to the Alsea Valley Voice newsletter? (Continued)

Response No.	Answer text
43	recipe section, opinion "letters to the editor", local travel section, local "buy and sell" section
44	Nothing I can think of.
46	Although I don't read it very often, I think it would be helpful to have some historical content in it. Find out about reprinting selections from old Kingfisher interviews, maybe?
47	Maybe a classified section.
48	Maybe a "Things to Do in and around Alsea" column.  I'd like to see a few more newsy type articles, informative, not so many odd stories.

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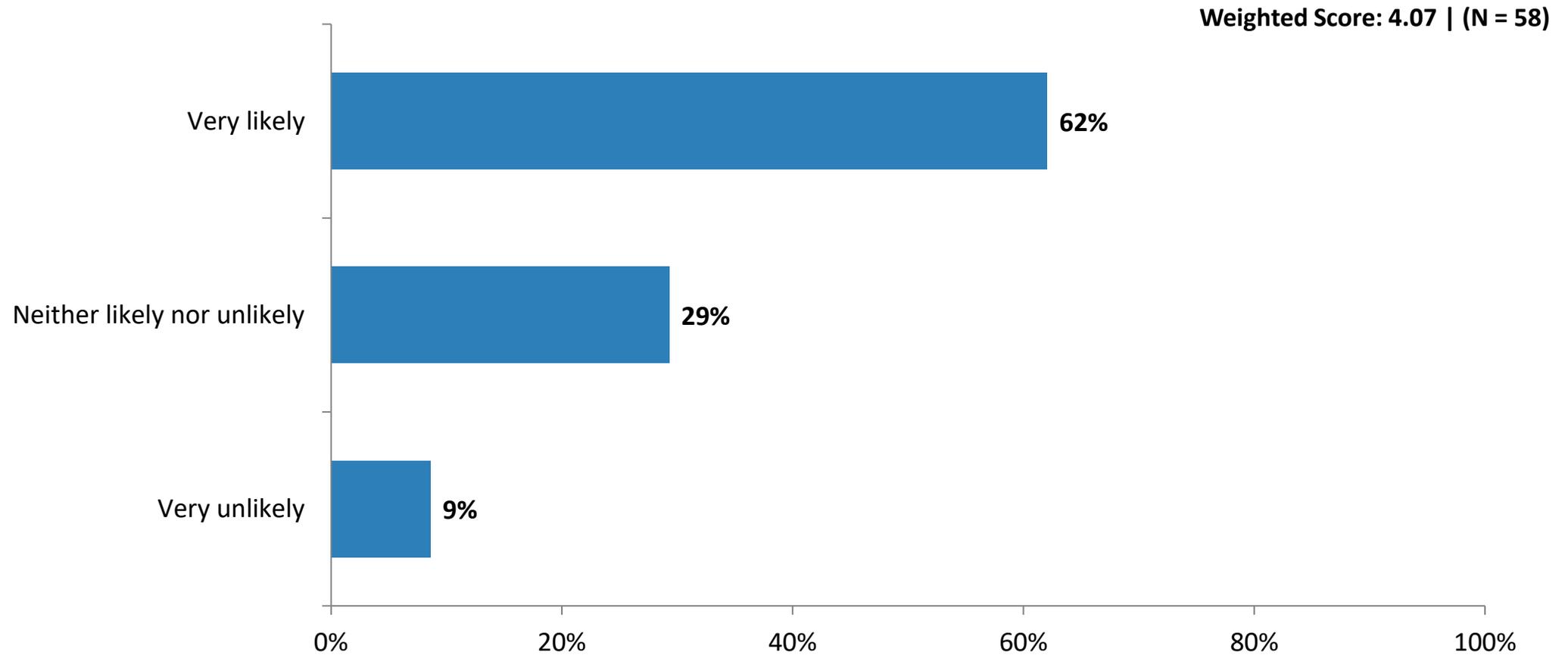
Response No.	Answer text
49	<p>I think it's great but I was thinking when an article is continued, the continued page has the continued page it's from or the article name.</p> <p>It would be great if the pictures were in color but I do realize that is very expensive.</p> <p>Again is so much better then a few years ago. I enjoy it a lot and save them</p>
54	<p>More articles by and for local community members.</p>
55	<p>a new headline that is dynamic, not a poor fuzzy pixelated photo</p> <p>either include everyone in production crew or just the organizer</p>

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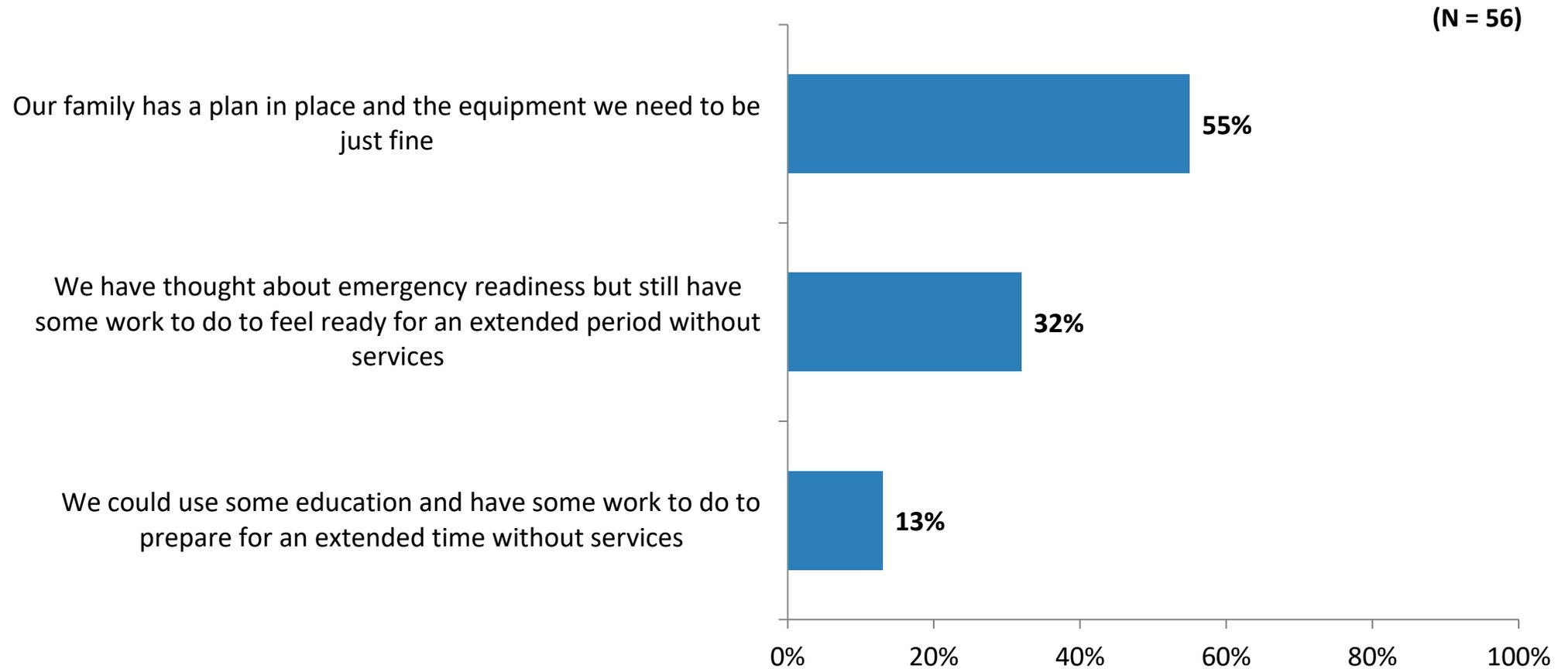
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Response No.	Answer text
56	I'd like see articles about local issues with both sides represented. I know, not easy to navigate, but I feel like it would go a long way in helping us to understand each other and find common ground.
57	Shorter articles and greater variety to include more information sharing as to local government services for Alsea Valley.
58	We have lots of plans. I'm looking forward to what people think about this.

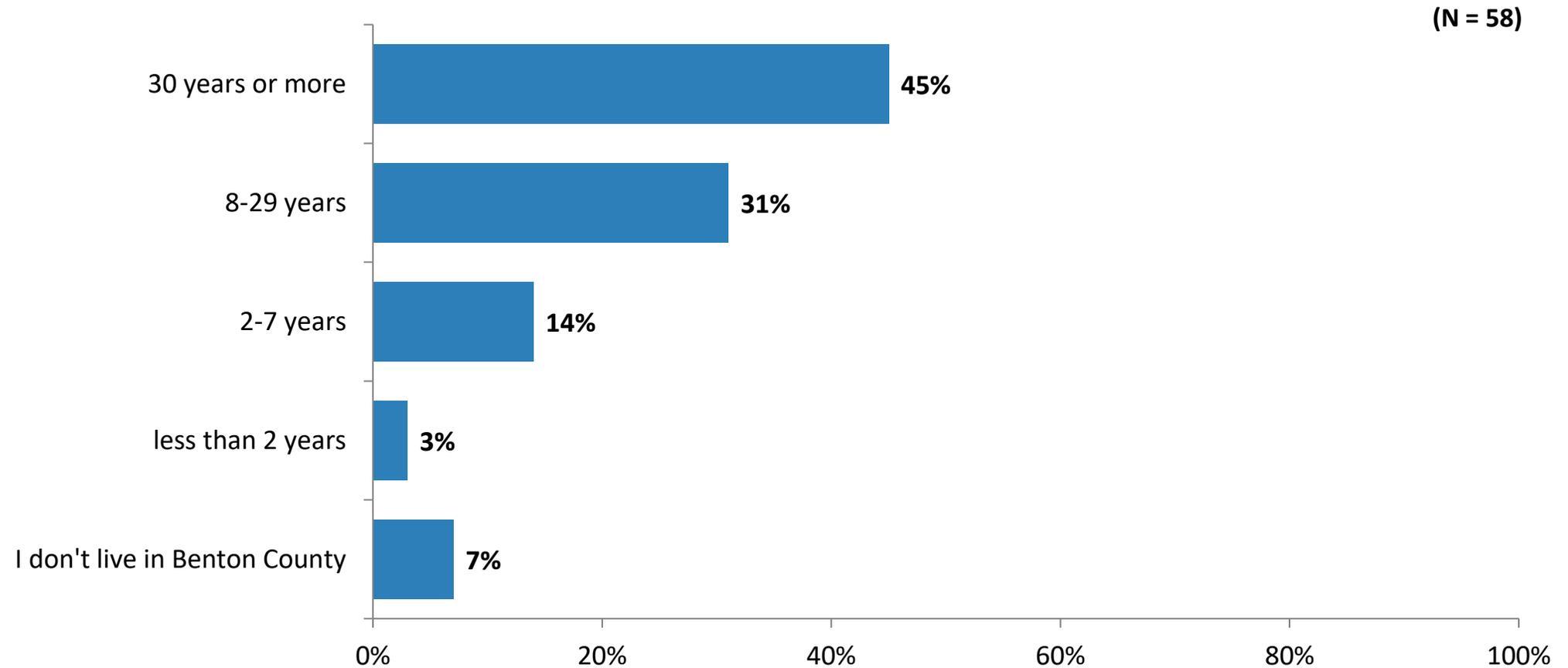
Emergency Preparedness. Alsea Community Effort has invested in a backup generator to power the library and community center building in times of emergency or natural disaster. ACE has also installed an antennae and ham radio equipment to serve as a communication center during extended outages. Benton County and ACE share a backup generator that is capable of running water and sewer systems in the case of emergency. How likely would you and/or your family be to visit the library and community center during an extended emergency to receive communications updates or receive services?



## What is you and/or your family's level of readiness to survive for at least a week with no public power water and sewer services?



# How long have you lived in Benton County?



## What community challenges (new or existing) would you like to see Alsea Community Effort work on?

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Response No.	Answer text
2	Alsea needs a gas station. In the event of a disaster we might be cut off from the outside, and need a source of fuel here.
3	I think a service directory or q what's new or both. I am not in the information sharing loop enough to know what services are available in the Valley or who to call when I need a certain something. So both a directory and a what's new around town (Joe gives tuba lessons and such) would be so helpful. And fun to read!

## What community challenges (new or existing) would you like to see Alsea Community Effort work on? (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
4	Community support we live 12 miles outside of town and while the solitude is peaceful it is a challenge with no neighbors to help in time of need I have volunteered at library and all that stopped with The few classes that were offered fizzled like beekeeping, gardening and canning.
6	Publicize funding needs of residents and issues. I gladly donate to local needs.

## What community challenges (new or existing) would you like to see Alsea Community Effort work on? (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
7	With the demise of the Blackberry festival and probably other events it would be good if our community could get behind at least one event per year. Not located at " Clark Park" .Maybe in and around the library property.
8	Fuel station

## What community challenges (new or existing) would you like to see Alsea Community Effort work on? (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
9	<p>I think the gifted land that ACE received should be either sold or timbered to receive monies for the library's maintenance and emergency preparedness. These monies can sustain the library's future and help build resilience toward the community's emergency preparedness.</p> <p>Outreach programs of local interest could be presented to the community via the community room in the form of presentations and workshops. Getting volunteers to provide this service is a challenge. I think the library is under used. There could be notary services provided for free at the library for example.</p> <p>But overall participation has been very limited due to Covid and disinterest for the most part. The core supporters remain the support base and only recently have new community members stepped up....with much need new and appreciated energy! THANK YOU!</p>

## What community challenges (new or existing) would you like to see Alsea Community Effort work on? (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
10	Logging (more specifically clear-cutting) is a non-sustainable monoculture practice that harms local flora and fauna. I have a strong connection to Oregon forests, and some of the most beautiful forests are located in the Alsea valley. I would like to see education programs which challenge modern day logging, and educate local community members on alternative forestry practices.

## What community challenges (new or existing) would you like to see Alsea Community Effort work on? (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
11	<p>available rentals seems a problem.</p> <p>Bike/walking path - this could be fun bike riding for kids and adults, walking for elders (and a way to stay connected to others), jogging for all. Most rural communities seem to have them in place already.</p> <p>Many more ideas, but it's too hot to convey them now!.</p>
12	<p>The Merc and the Welcome to Alsea signs.</p>
14	<p>I would like to see more opportunities for youth to get together for club stuff that isn't connected to the school or church.</p>

## What community challenges (new or existing) would you like to see Alsea Community Effort work on? (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
17	<p>Maybe there is something like this but evacuation routes or procedures. I feel that with new comers to the valley having "information station" for different evacuation routes for fire or flood type disasters. Or maybe just a reminder of where to find that information.</p> <p>Thanks, you all do a great job</p>
18	<p>An annual event with music, food booths, games. Something fun and entertaining that brings the community together once a year.</p>

## What community challenges (new or existing) would you like to see Alsea Community Effort work on? (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
21	<p>I would like to see events done yearly again as it builds community togetherness and a chance to meet the neighbors so to speak. The black berry festival was fun and it stopped, the flea market was fun until people took things and made it personal. I am looking into getting the information on what I need to do to start and flea market out at Gordyville. There used to be the halloween festival at the grange which hasn't happened in years. How can we become close again without community interactions. The gleaners used to be a great help to the town would love to see it come back being ran the right way without all of the he said she said drama.</p>

## What community challenges (new or existing) would you like to see Alsea Community Effort work on? (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
23	<p>Emergency preparedness like you said.</p> <p>Continue AVV as it is a big source of our information.</p> <p>Help to "unify" community simply by putting out the information so people get it correct--instead of rumors running rampant about things--which leads to some "politicization".</p> <p>Thanks for your volunteerism.</p>

## What community challenges (new or existing) would you like to see Alsea Community Effort work on? (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
31	I don't feel that I know enough about any existing challenges to have input on this topic. I have only lived here for 4 years, and am not directly in town. But I respect and appreciate the ACE for putting out this survey and working to make any needed improvements.
32	Keep pushing forward with your agenda everything so far here seems wonderful.
33	more community gatherings like the hayden bridge party.

## What community challenges (new or existing) would you like to see Alsea Community Effort work on? (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
37	Maybe have a central space in paper or — —to have people in area looking to do odd job or people needing help and wanting to hire a odd job helper
40	Encouragement to residents to clean up their stuff outside or hide it behind fences, shrubs, or help them take things to the dump. Offer to help lend a hand(s) to repaint, weed, or other beautification projects.
42	Now w/ Covid restrictions lifted more community functions . And a general helping hands feel, not just from churches or food groups.

## What community challenges (new or existing) would you like to see Alsea Community Effort work on? (Continued)

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43	<p>ACE should work on securing a revenue stream for Library Maintenance, both building and property. As of now, ACE is relying on volunteers to do any cleaning of outside the building, (windows, sweeping, muck buildup along sidewalk/parking lot, weed-whacking on a regular basis, keeping the front picnic table area tidy and weed-free. I believe these chores should be a paid position, just like indoor janitor duties.</p> <p>Possible Revenue Streams: ACE should work on planning events using the Community Room as venue for drawing in the community.</p> <p>Monthly Events with "donation" fees charged: Live Music Traveling Adventures/Slide Shows presentations Art/Craft workshops Movies on large screen Exercise Groups Farm to Table gatherings</p>

## What community challenges (new or existing) would you like to see Alsea Community Effort work on? (Continued)

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Response No.	Answer text
44	Nothing I can think of.

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45	<p>Alsea has several small non profit boards, some of which are probably struggling. I am a Grange member and we struggle to find willing members to participate in meetings and other events. I wish there was some way to collaborate with all other non profits to have strong boards for all entities.</p> <p>Other recent challenges for our community is the school district. The recent negativity publicity has shown its issues as well as the current bond project. The school is the largest employer of the community and several students are local to Alsea.</p>

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46	<p>The perpetual problem is having enough of an economy in Alsea to give anyone a reason to live there. When the Forest Service was in town, along with two sawmills earlier on and lots of logging companies, people could live and work in Alsea, so they had a stake in what happened there in more than one way. Sports teams were bigger and better then too, so more people came to the school for those kinds of events. I have no idea what sort of economic energy ACE can contribute to, since it started for that purpose decades ago and burned out without much progress, but it's still an issue. Tourism is likely to be too limited, not many people log anymore given mechanization (even if that's safer for all concerned), and agriculture has never been viable. It would be good if Alsea had something distinctive that could generate some energy. But I have no idea what it could be.</p>

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48	The town is so decrepit. I got out of my car the other day at Johnboys and turned in a full circle. All I saw were rotting buildings falling apart, grey broken boards, and junker cars. The store itself is filthy. Why would anyone want to stop in Alsea when driving through?
49	It would be great for ACE to be more visible and show just what they do. I'm not sure how but....
51	More local business organization and the ability to encourage more start ups. Funds for Historical Society to buy old bank building.

## What community challenges (new or existing) would you like to see Alsea Community Effort work on? (Continued)

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54	Provide more local activities and events. Help upgrade the community infrastructure and appearance.
55	Many small communities have senior centers. These are places where among other services, weekly meals are offered or delivered. It provides a nutritious meal and a social outlet for elders to have this kind of a regular gathering.

## What community challenges (new or existing) would you like to see Alsea Community Effort work on? (Continued)

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56	Finding ways for our diverse community to come together at least once a year, insuring a local source of fuel for emergencies, and local staff available for medical emergencies 24/7..
57	Looking forward to answers to this, too.
58	Public utility services update and bring back the gas station.