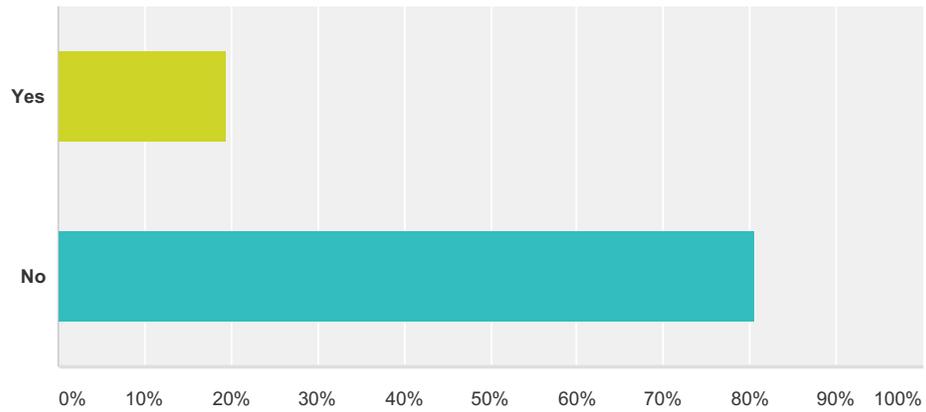


Q1 Are you a current CEDC member?

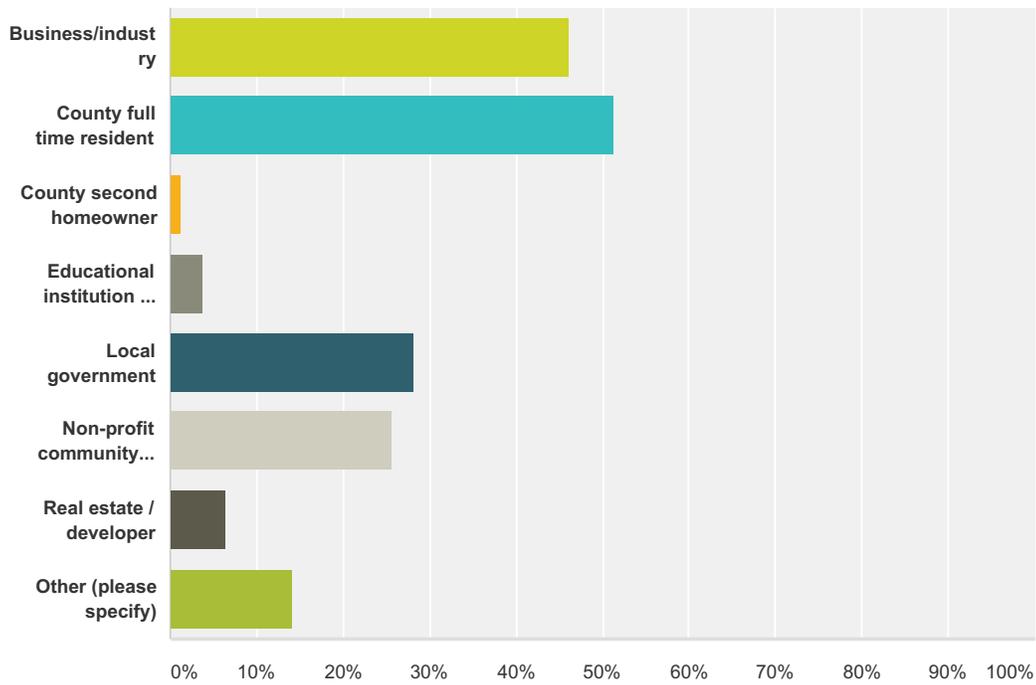
Answered: 77 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	19.48%	15
No	80.52%	62
Total		77

Q2 What kind of entity do you represent? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 78 Skipped: 1



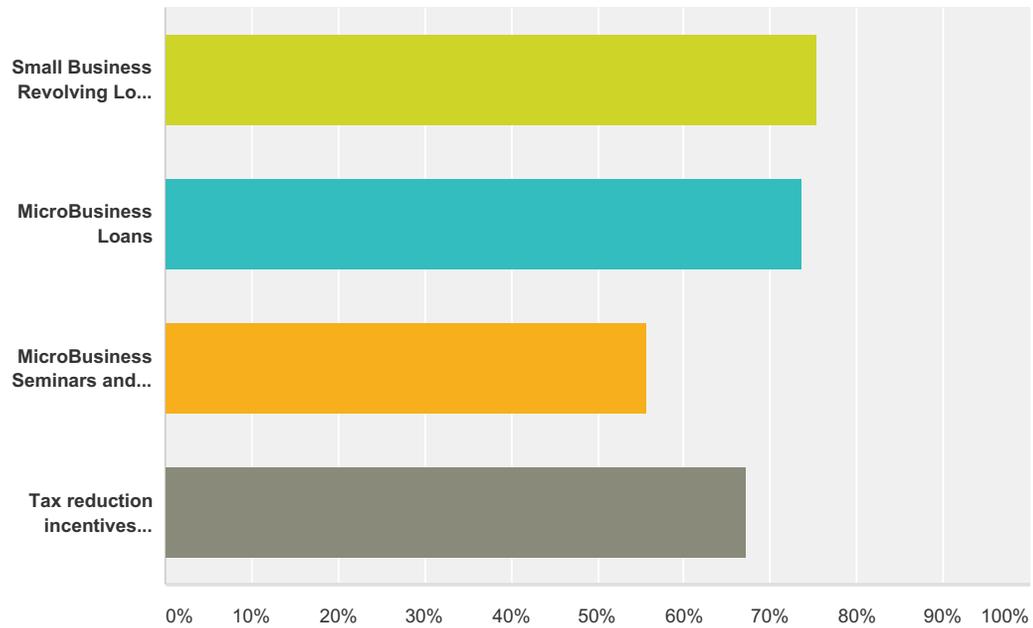
Answer Choices	Responses
Business/industry	46.15% 36
County full time resident	51.28% 40
County second homeowner	1.28% 1
Educational institution or workforce development organization	3.85% 3
Local government	28.21% 22
Non-profit community organization	25.64% 20
Real estate / developer	6.41% 5
Other (please specify)	14.10% 11
Total Respondents: 78	

Q3 Optionally, identify yourself and the name of the organization you represent.

Answered: 35 Skipped: 44

Q4 Are you aware of the following CEDC programs and activities? Please check all that apply.

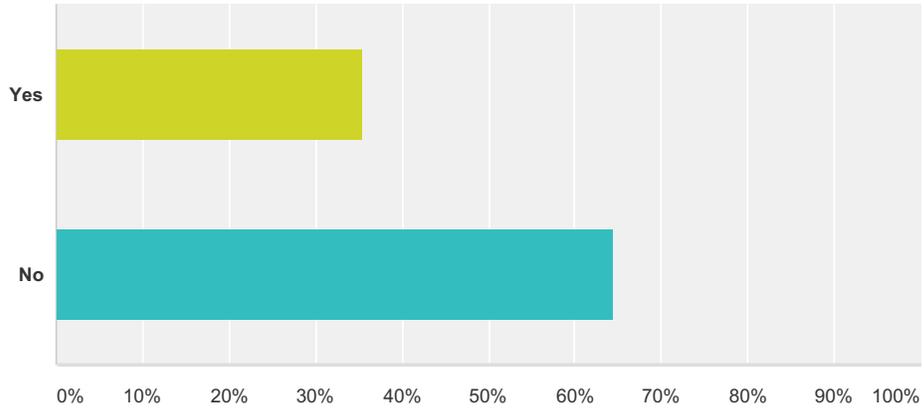
Answered: 61 Skipped: 18



Answer Choices	Responses	
Small Business Revolving Loan Program	75.41%	46
MicroBusiness Loans	73.77%	45
MicroBusiness Seminars and One-on-One Technical Assistance	55.74%	34
Tax reduction incentives administered through the Columbia County Industrial Development Agency	67.21%	41
Total Respondents: 61		

Q5 Are you aware of the Regional Alliance for a Creative Economy and its work assessing the economic impact of the creative economy?

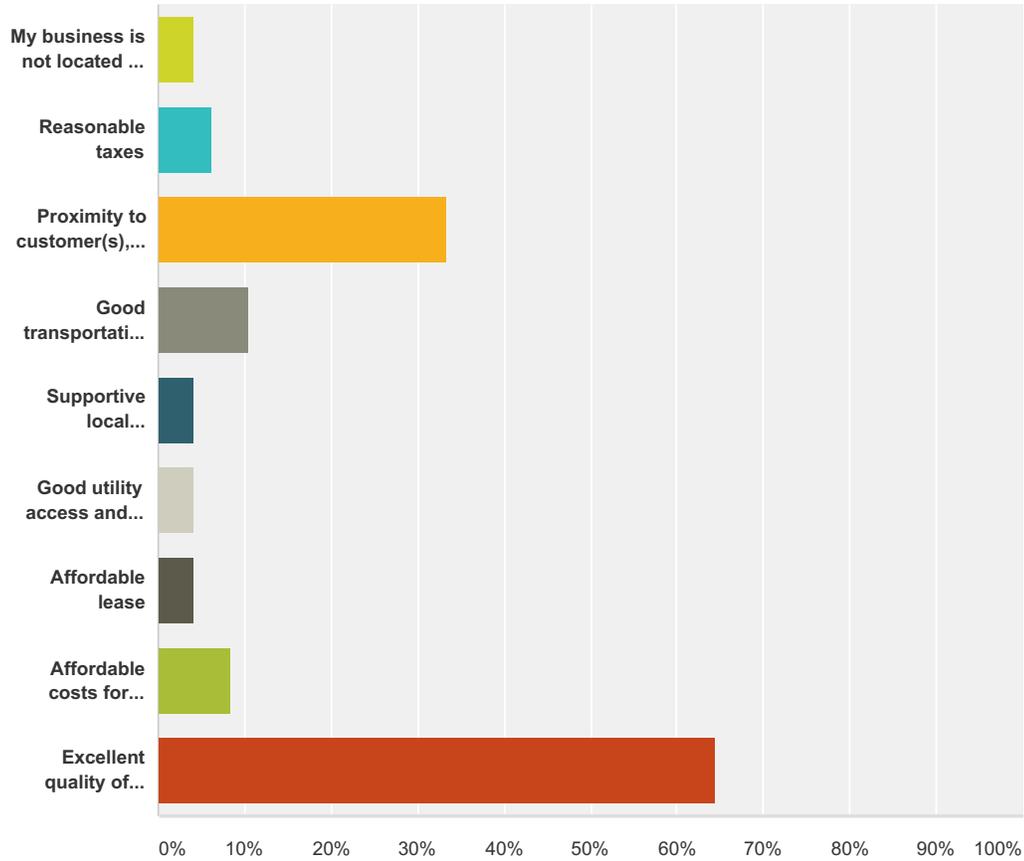
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	35.53% 27
No	64.47% 49
Total	76

Q6 If your business is located in Columbia County, what are the factors that have led you to locate and remain here?

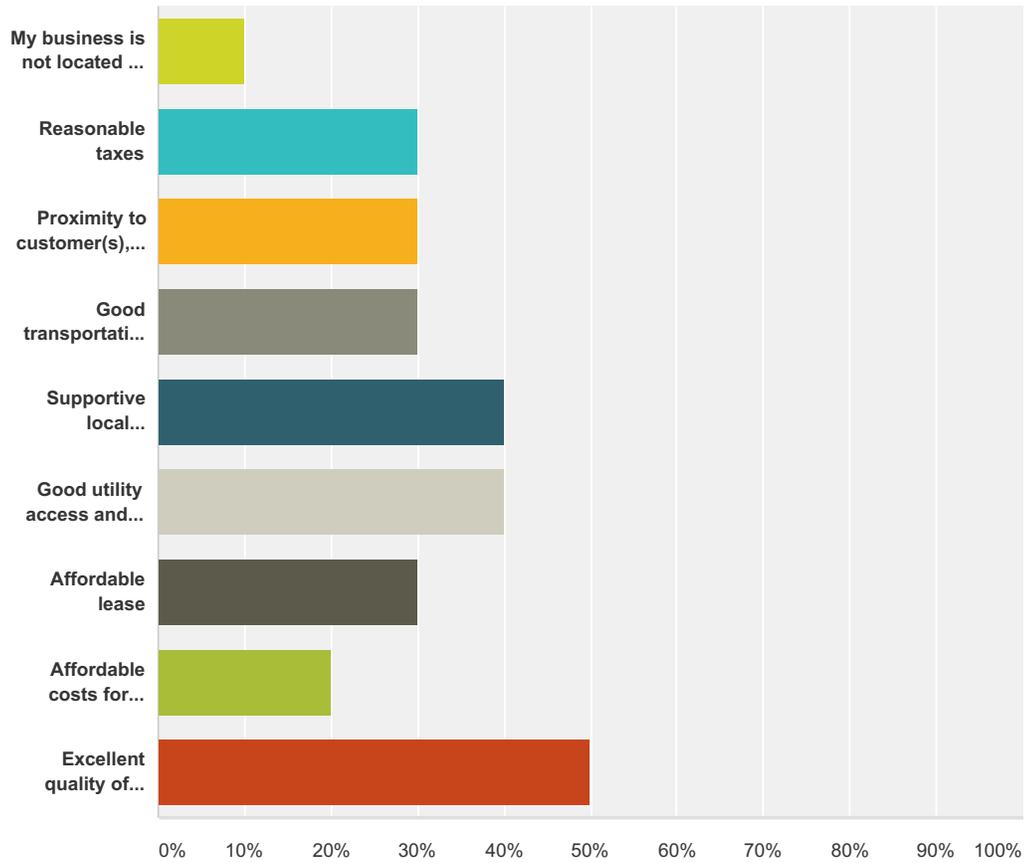
Answered: 48 Skipped: 31



Answer Choices	Responses
My business is not located in Columbia County	4.17% 2
Reasonable taxes	6.25% 3
Proximity to customer(s), vendor(s), resource(s)	33.33% 16
Good transportation access	10.42% 5
Supportive local government	4.17% 2
Good utility access and costs	4.17% 2
Affordable lease	4.17% 2
Affordable costs for business expenses (other than lease and utility)	8.33% 4
Excellent quality of life/I live here	64.58% 31
Total Respondents: 48	

Q7 If your business is not located in Columbia County, what factors would lead you to consider locating all or a portion of your business here?

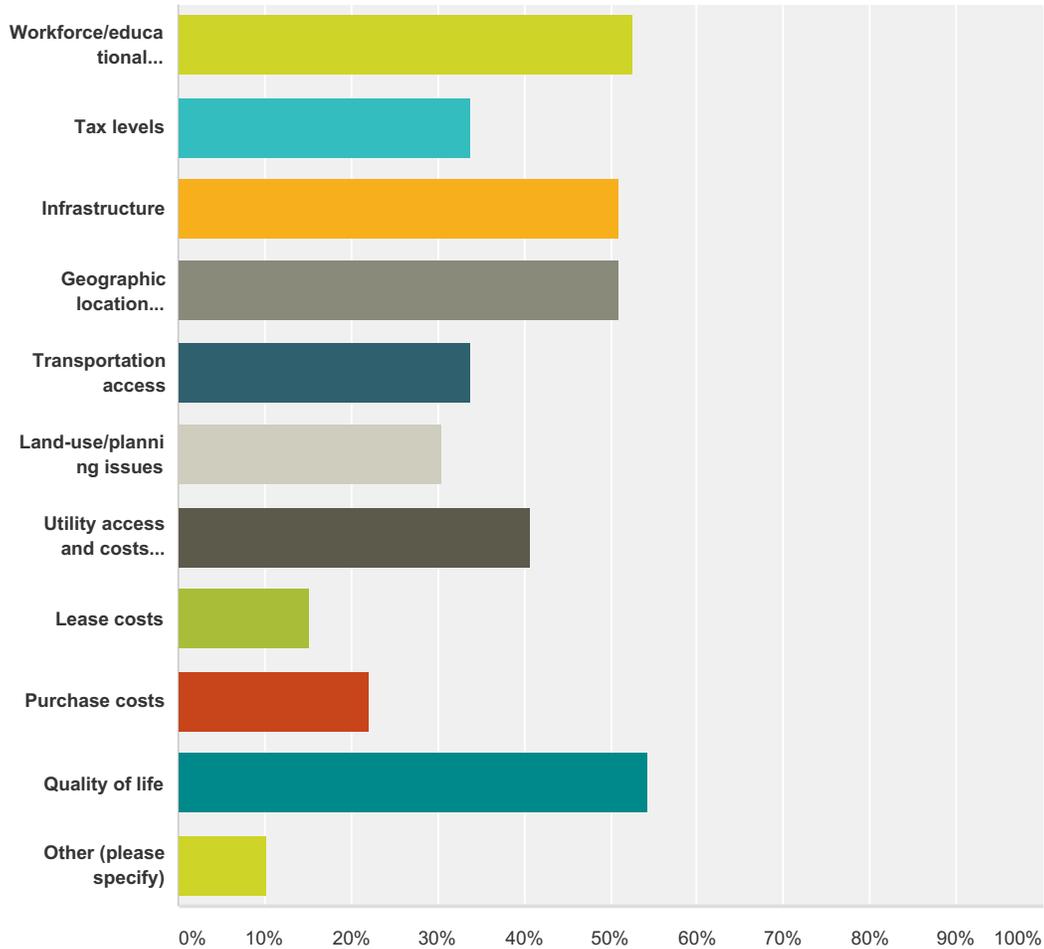
Answered: 10 Skipped: 69



Answer Choices	Responses
My business is not located in Columbia County	10.00% 1
Reasonable taxes	30.00% 3
Proximity to customer(s), vendor(s), resource(s)	30.00% 3
Good transportation access	30.00% 3
Supportive local government	40.00% 4
Good utility access and costs	40.00% 4
Affordable lease	30.00% 3
Affordable costs for business expenses (other than lease and utility)	20.00% 2
Excellent quality of life/I live here	50.00% 5
Total Respondents: 10	

Q8 What business climate aspects are most important for the competitiveness of your business? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 59 Skipped: 20

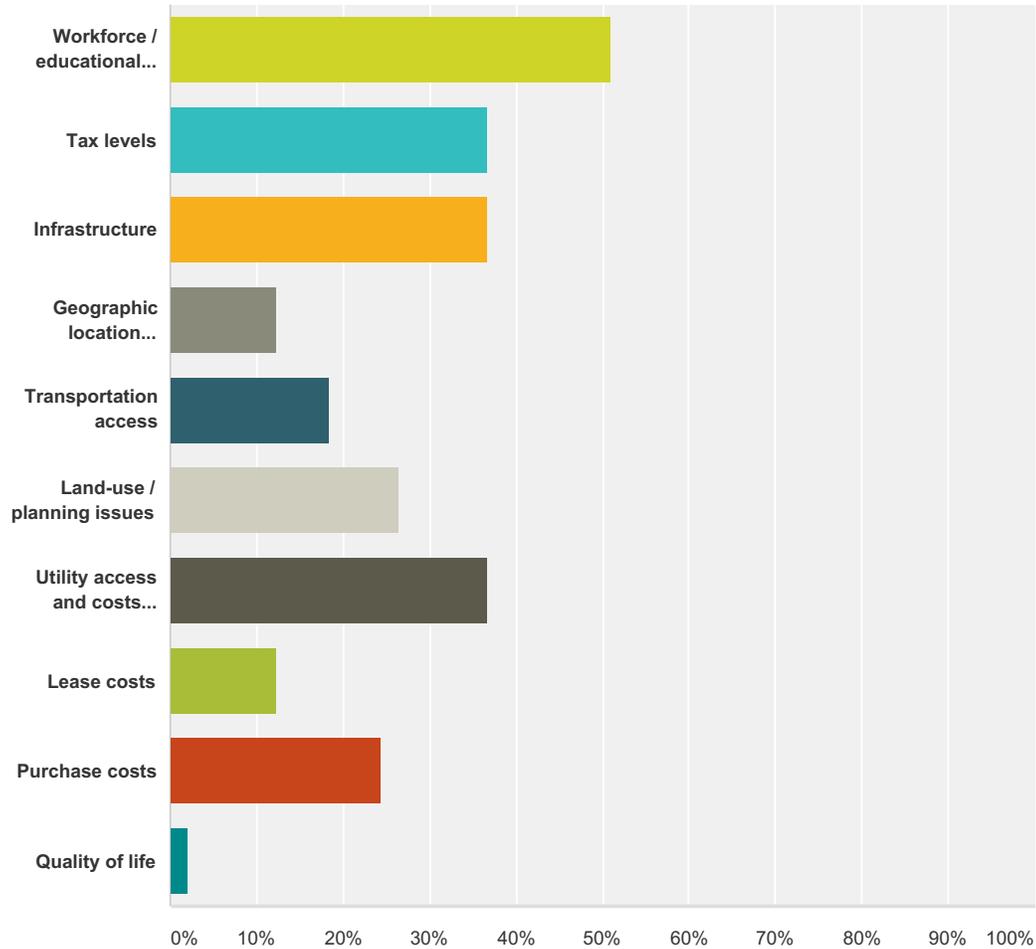


Answer Choices	Responses
Workforce/educational attainment levels	52.54% 31
Tax levels	33.90% 20
Infrastructure	50.85% 30
Geographic location (proximity to customers, vendors, resources, etc.)	50.85% 30
Transportation access	33.90% 20
Land-use/planning issues	30.51% 18
Utility access and costs (electric/energy, water, sewer, broadband)	40.68% 24
Lease costs	15.25% 9
Purchase costs	22.03% 13
Quality of life	54.24% 32

Other (please specify)	10.17%	6
Total Respondents: 59		

Q9 What are the primary difficulties or barriers you face to growing your business locally? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 49 Skipped: 30

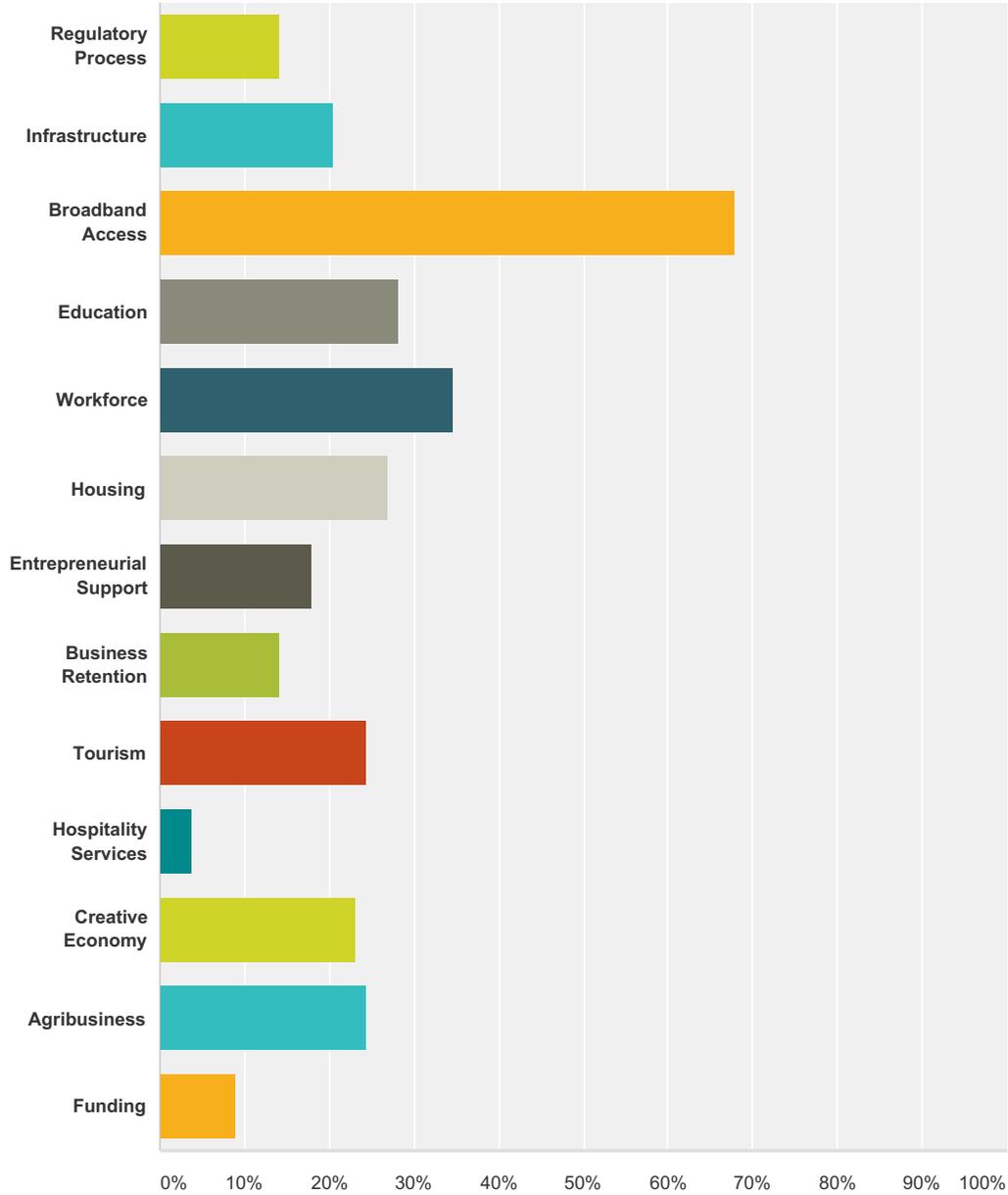


Answer Choices	Responses
Workforce / educational attainment levels	51.02% 25
Tax levels	36.73% 18
Infrastructure	36.73% 18
Geographic location (proximity to customers, vendors, resources, etc.)	12.24% 6
Transportation access	18.37% 9
Land-use / planning issues	26.53% 13
Utility access and costs (electric/energy, water, sewer, broadband)	36.73% 18
Lease costs	12.24% 6
Purchase costs	24.49% 12
Quality of life	2.04% 1

Total Respondents: 49

Q10 What are the top three critical issues or opportunities for economic development in Columbia County, in your view?

Answered: 78 Skipped: 1

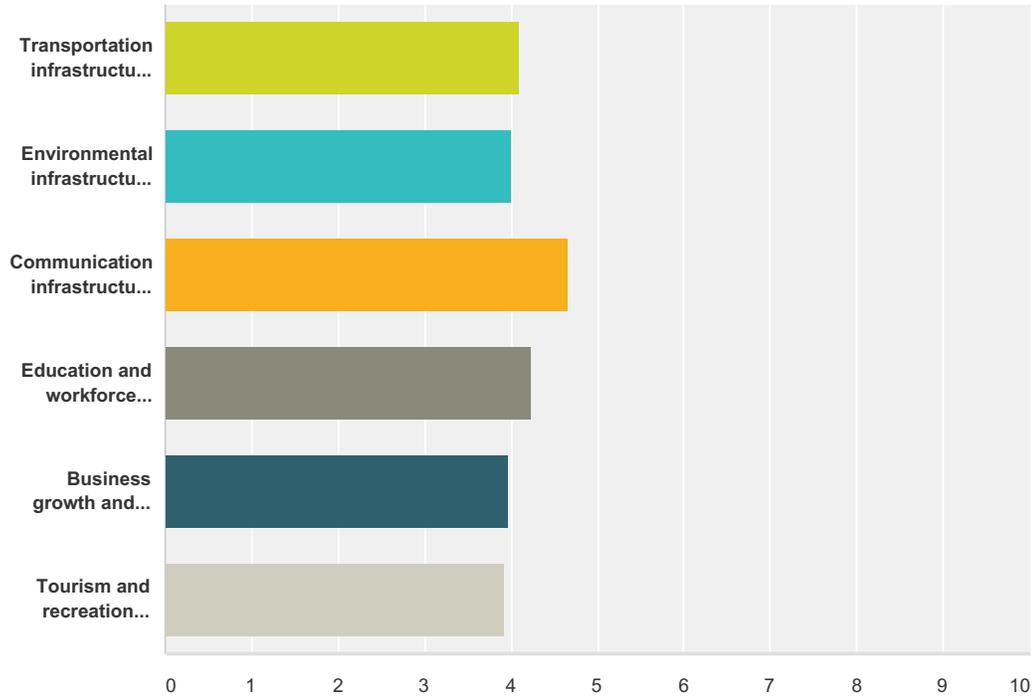


Answer Choices	Responses
Regulatory Process	14.10% 11
Infrastructure	20.51% 16
Broadband Access	67.95% 53
Education	28.21% 22
Workforce	34.62% 27

Housing	26.92%	21
Entrepreneurial Support	17.95%	14
Business Retention	14.10%	11
Tourism	24.36%	19
Hospitality Services	3.85%	3
Creative Economy	23.08%	18
Agribusiness	24.36%	19
Funding	8.97%	7
Total Respondents: 78		

Q11 Please offer your assessment of the importance of the following economic development factors in Columbia County.

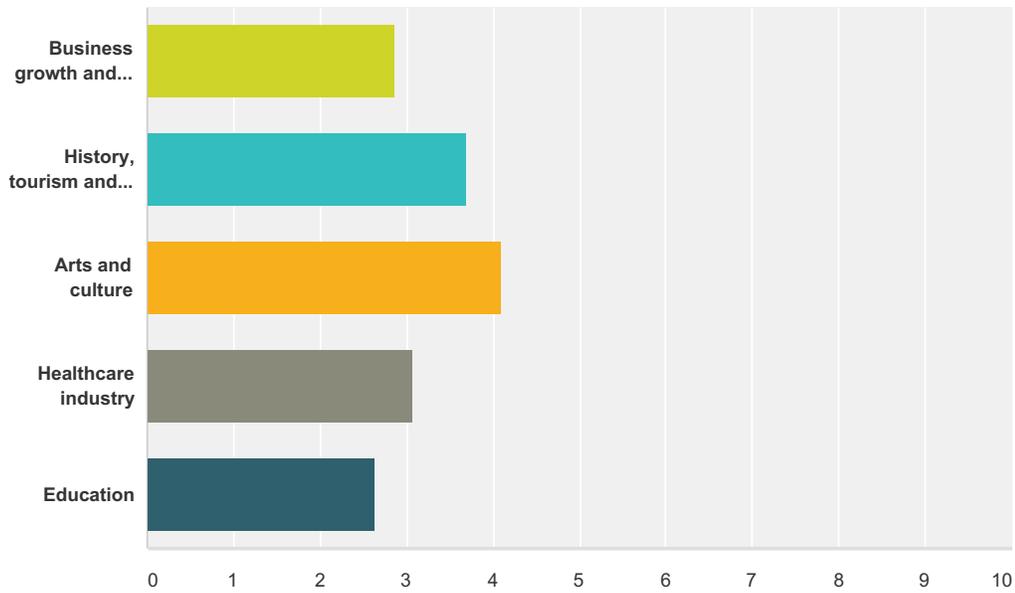
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	Highly Important	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Total	Weighted Average
Transportation infrastructure e.g. roads, bridges, public transportation	39.24% 31	36.71% 29	18.99% 15	5.06% 4	0.00% 0	79	4.10
Environmental infrastructure e.g. water, sewer, solid waste	36.36% 28	29.87% 23	32.47% 25	1.30% 1	0.00% 0	77	4.01
Communication infrastructure e.g. broadband/internet and wireless service	76.62% 59	15.58% 12	6.49% 5	0.00% 0	1.30% 1	77	4.66
Education and workforce development	41.77% 33	41.77% 33	15.19% 12	1.27% 1	0.00% 0	79	4.24
Business growth and attraction efforts	32.47% 25	36.36% 28	28.57% 22	1.30% 1	1.30% 1	77	3.97
Tourism and recreation industry	37.97% 30	27.85% 22	24.05% 19	8.86% 7	1.27% 1	79	3.92

Q12 Please offer your assessment of the following resources and opportunities in Columbia County:

Answered: 79 Skipped: 0



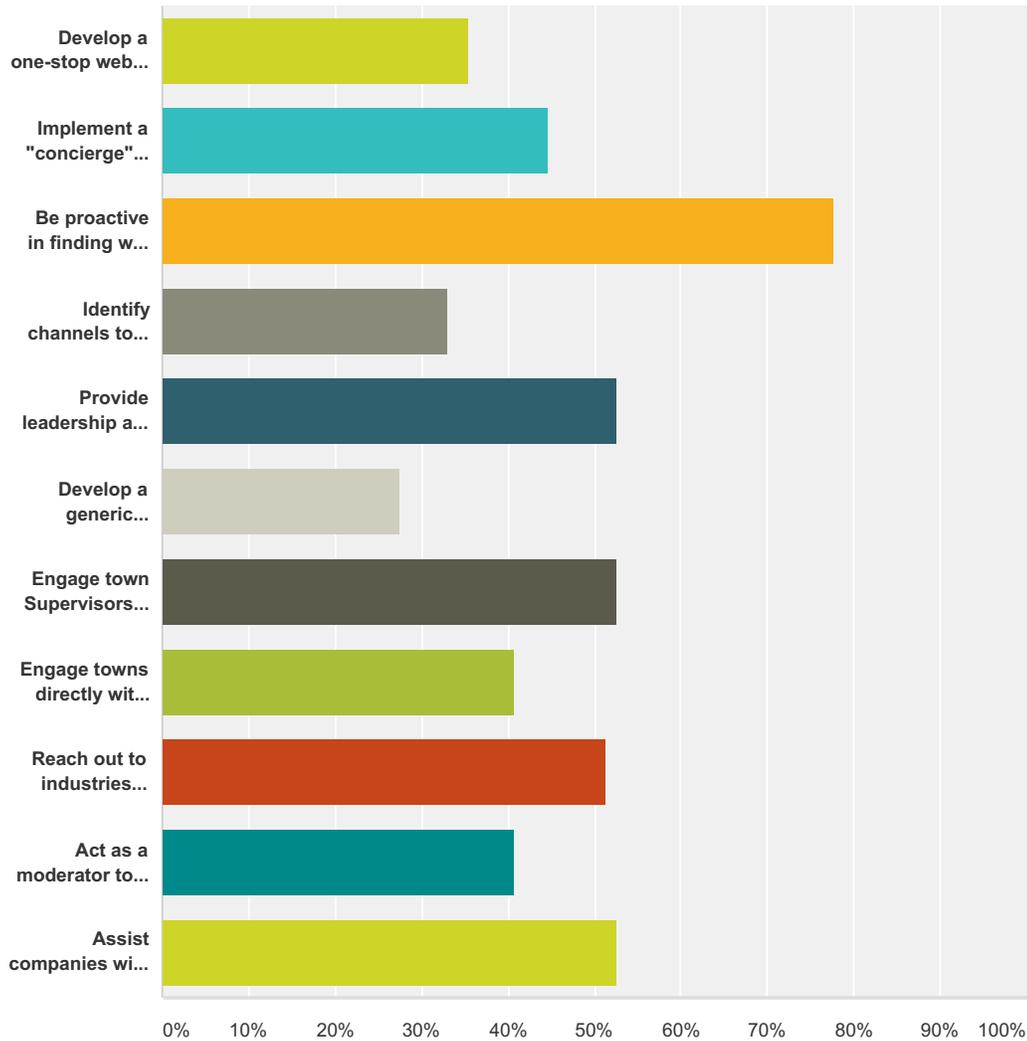
	Very Strong	Strong	Moderate	Somewhat Weak	Weak	Total	Weighted Average
Business growth and attraction	5.13% 4	14.10% 11	50.00% 39	23.08% 18	7.69% 6	78	2.86
History, tourism and recreation	19.23% 15	42.31% 33	29.49% 23	6.41% 5	2.56% 2	78	3.69
Arts and culture	34.18% 27	40.51% 32	25.32% 20	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	79	4.09
Healthcare industry	5.26% 4	25.00% 19	47.37% 36	15.79% 12	6.58% 5	76	3.07
Education	3.85% 3	7.69% 6	48.72% 38	26.92% 21	12.82% 10	78	2.63

Q13 Please offer your assessment of the opportunities for entrepreneurship and innovation in Columbia County (you may identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, or threats).

Answered: 25 Skipped: 54

Q14 What initiatives should the CEDC pursue in order to spur sustainable job creation and economic growth and prosperity in the County? Please check all that you would support:

Answered: 76 Skipped: 3

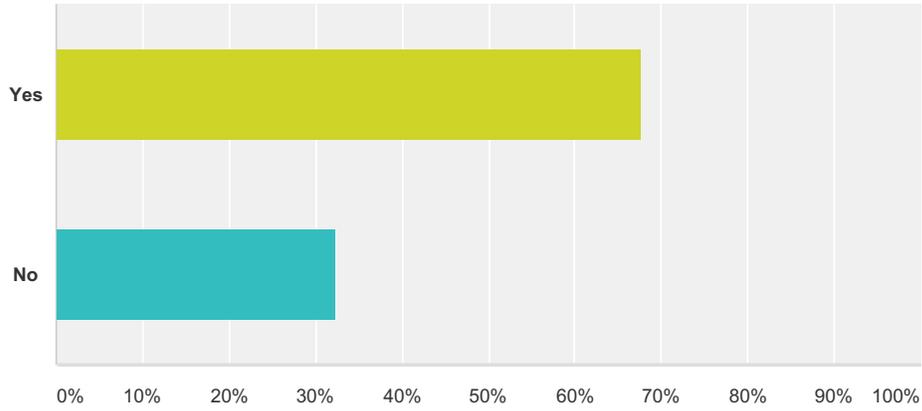


Answer Choices	Responses
Develop a one-stop web portal to bring together information about the County and the CEDC	35.53% 27
Implement a "concierge" approach to help existing and potential businesses connect with services and information	44.74% 34
Be proactive in finding ways to finance and promote installation of Broadband, including public/private partnerships	77.63% 59
Identify channels to proactively advance business and investment attraction and marketing statewide, nationally and globally	32.89% 25
Provide leadership and support for infrastructure development directly relevant to attracting new business and retain existing companies	52.63% 40
Develop a generic environmental impact statement, making it easier for communities to determine early whether a proposed project is suitable	27.63% 21

Engage town Supervisors about development needs in their communities and what types of investments or businesses they would like to see	52.63%	40
Engage towns directly with information about CEDC programs, such as SBA Microloans	40.79%	31
Reach out to industries investing in the region to identify opportunities for additional or complementary investment in the County	51.32%	39
Act as a moderator to open conversation among the County's towns about economic development opportunities and challenges	40.79%	31
Assist companies with grant applications, for example through the State's Consolidated Funding Application	52.63%	40
Total Respondents: 76		

Q15 Would you consider investing time, money or both to CEDC in the future to support implementation of a plan designed to improve the County's economy?

Answered: 74 Skipped: 5



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	67.57% 50
No	32.43% 24
Total	74