

Housing Affordability & Accessibility Survey Results

October 2018 – January 2019

City of Ypsilanti

The survey was published online (via Google Forms) and made available in hard copy at several locations throughout the City of Ypsilanti. Of 604 total responses received, more than 500 were submitted online.

Limitations: Because non-probability sampling was used, we were unable to calculate confidence intervals and margins of error. In addition, several groups were underrepresented or overrepresented in the survey, compared to their relative size as reported by the 2017 American Community Survey (ACS). See comparisons below.

Underrepresented (Survey vs. ACS)

Black/African American (13.5% vs. 30.3%)

Male (25.4% vs. 52.6%)

Under 18 years (7% vs. 13.6%)

18-24 years (15.1% vs 25.1% age 20-24)

Hispanic (3.3% vs 4.5%)

Asian (2.4% vs. 3.5%)

Overrepresented (Survey vs. ACS)

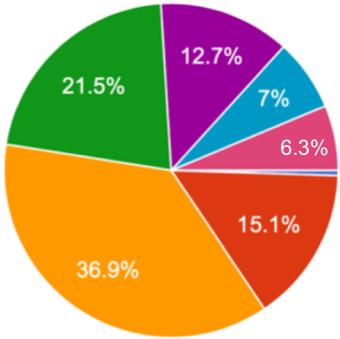
White/Caucasian (77.5% vs. 66.9%)

Female (63.6% vs. 47.4%)

25-34 years (39.9% vs 18.2%)

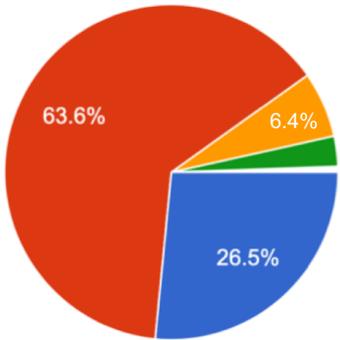
35-44 years (21.5% vs 7.8%)

45-54 years (12.7% vs. 7.3%)



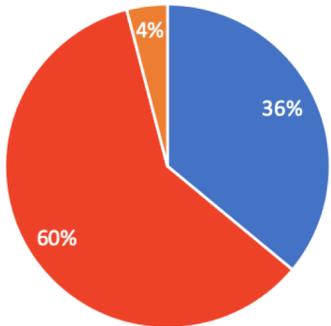
Age

- 17 years or under
- 18-24 years
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65 or over



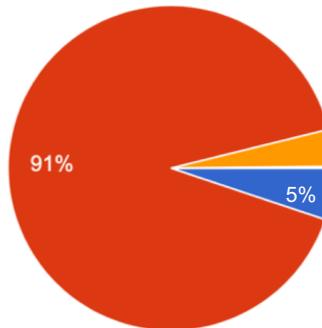
Gender

- Male
- Female
- Nonbinary
- Prefer not to say
- male
- Trans man
- transgender



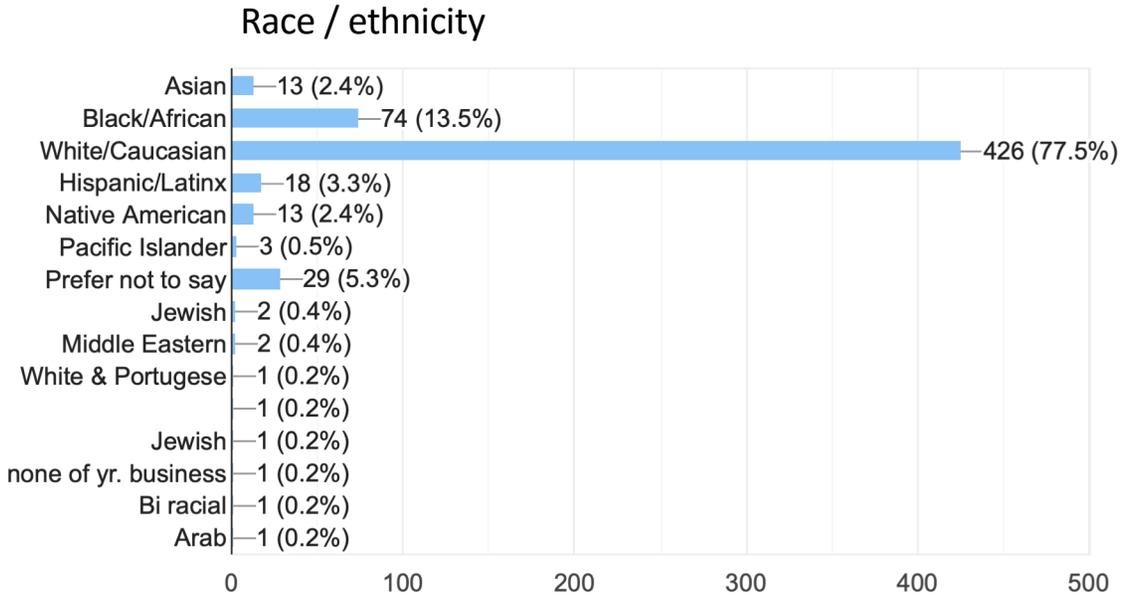
LGBTQ household member?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

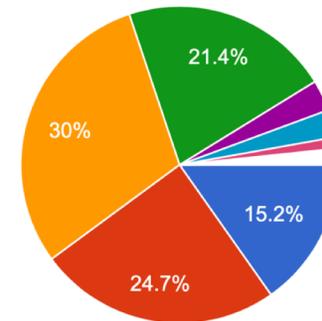


Transgender?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say



Race / ethnicity

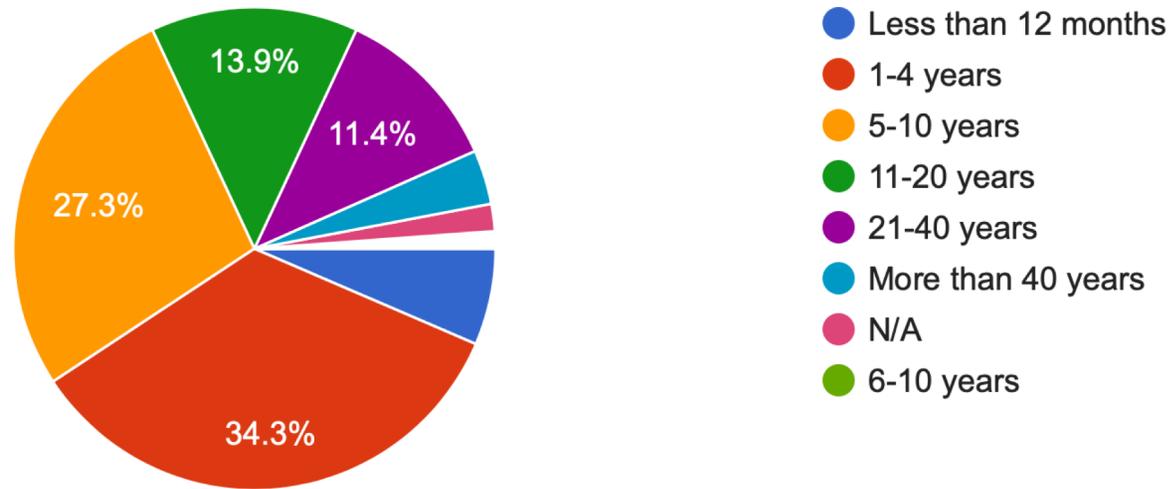


Place of residence?

- Ward 1
- Ward 2
- Ward 3
- Ypsilanti Township
- Pittsfield Township
- Superior Township

How long have you lived in the City of Ypsilanti?

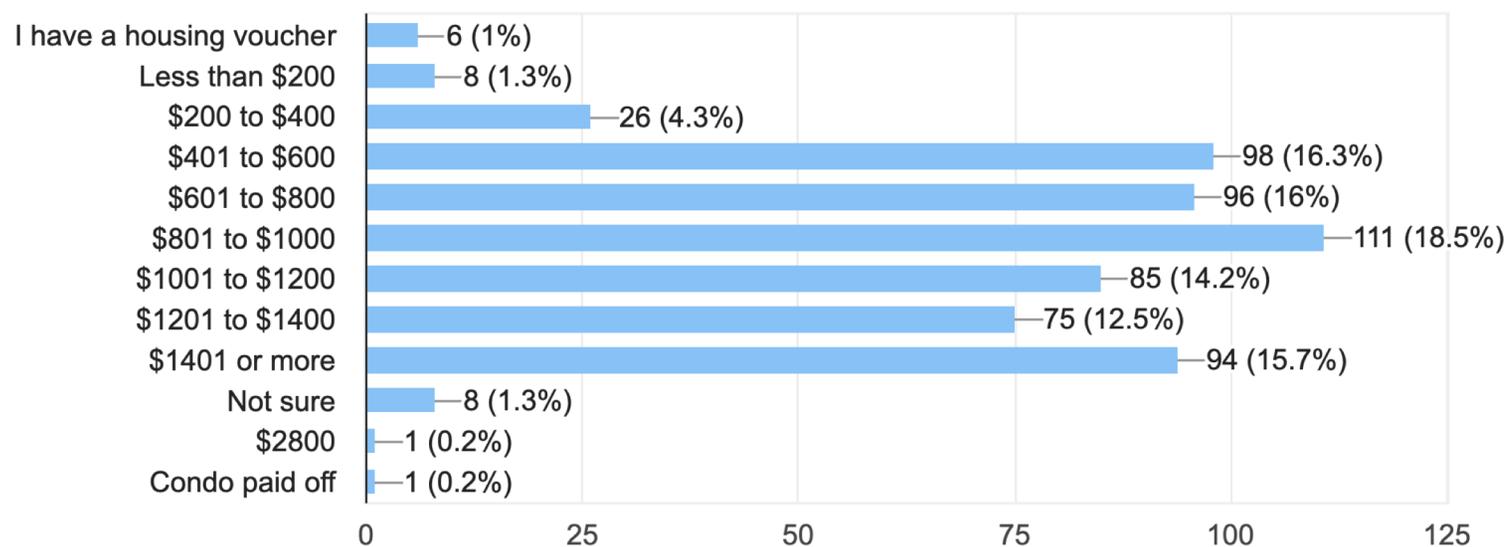
604 responses



Housing affordability

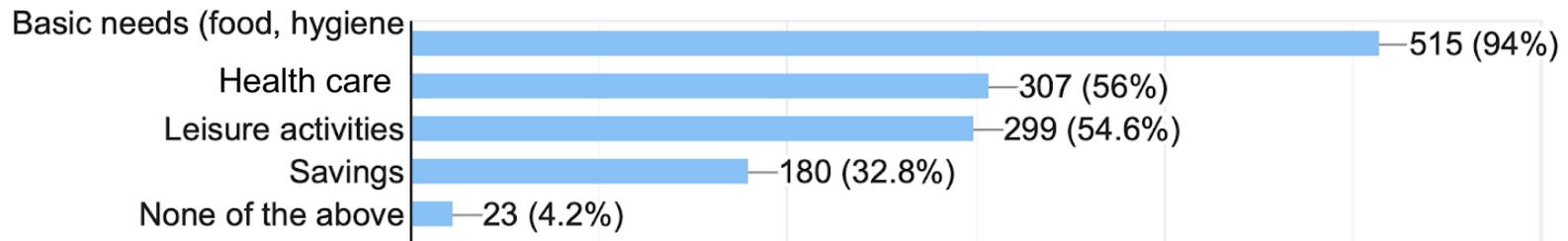
On average, how much do you spend on housing-related costs each month?

600 responses



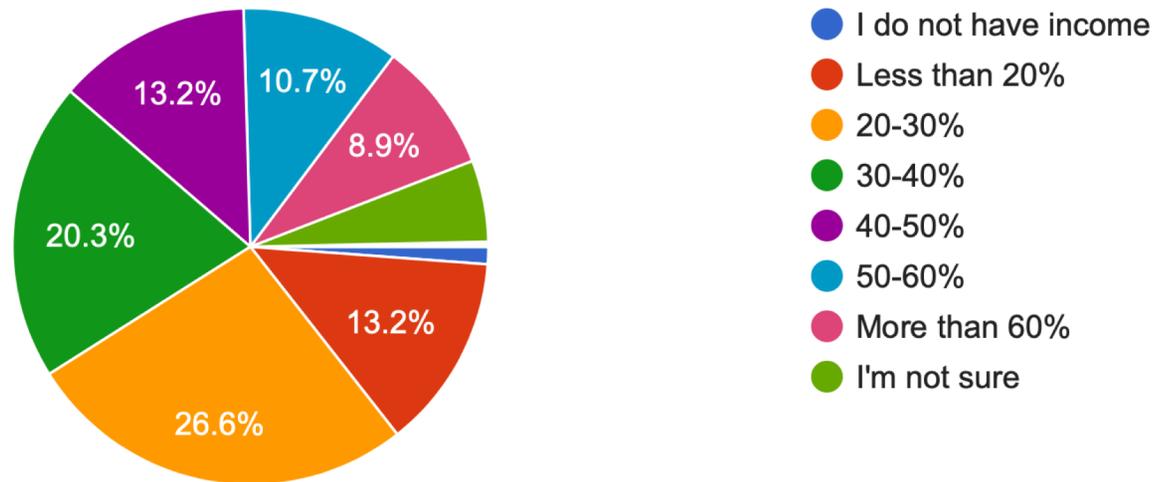
After paying your monthly housing costs, which of the following are you able to afford:

548 responses



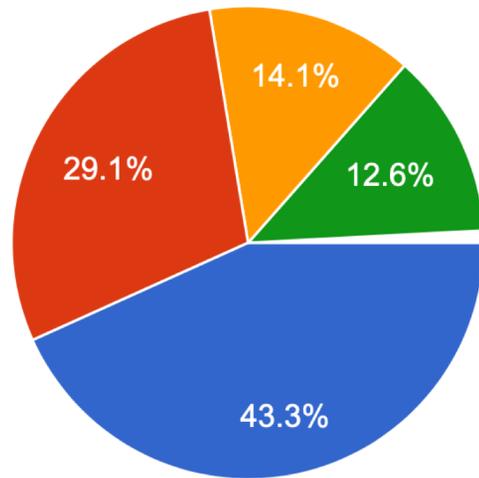
Approximately what share of your gross (pre-tax) monthly income do you spend on the above housing-related costs?

597 responses



How many people, besides yourself, do your housing costs cover?

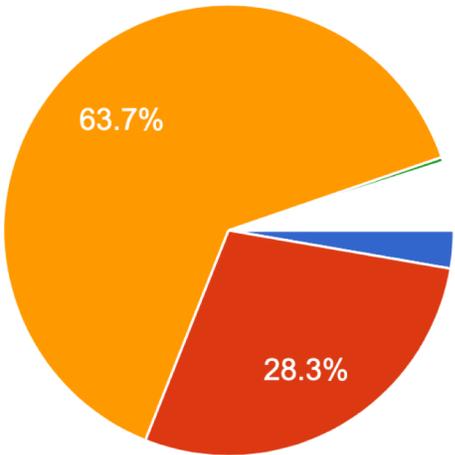
601 responses



- No one - my housing costs cover only myself
- 1 other person
- 2 other people
- 3 or more other people
- i pay roughly 1/4 of the mortgage fo...
- I share an apartment- my roommate...
- split costs with partner
- 4
- one pet cat

Over the past 4 to 5 years (since 2014), would you say your housing costs in the City of Ypsilanti have:

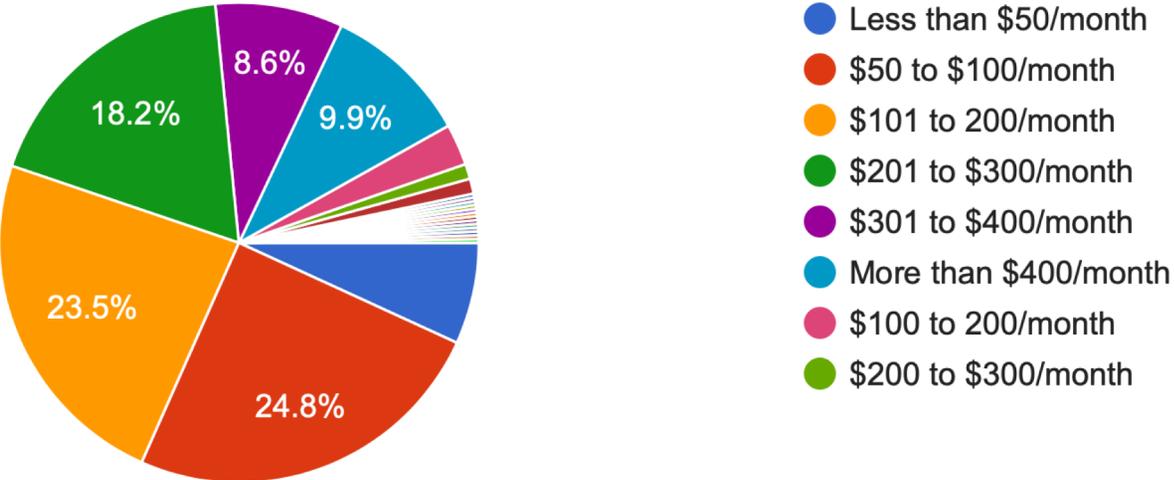
590 responses



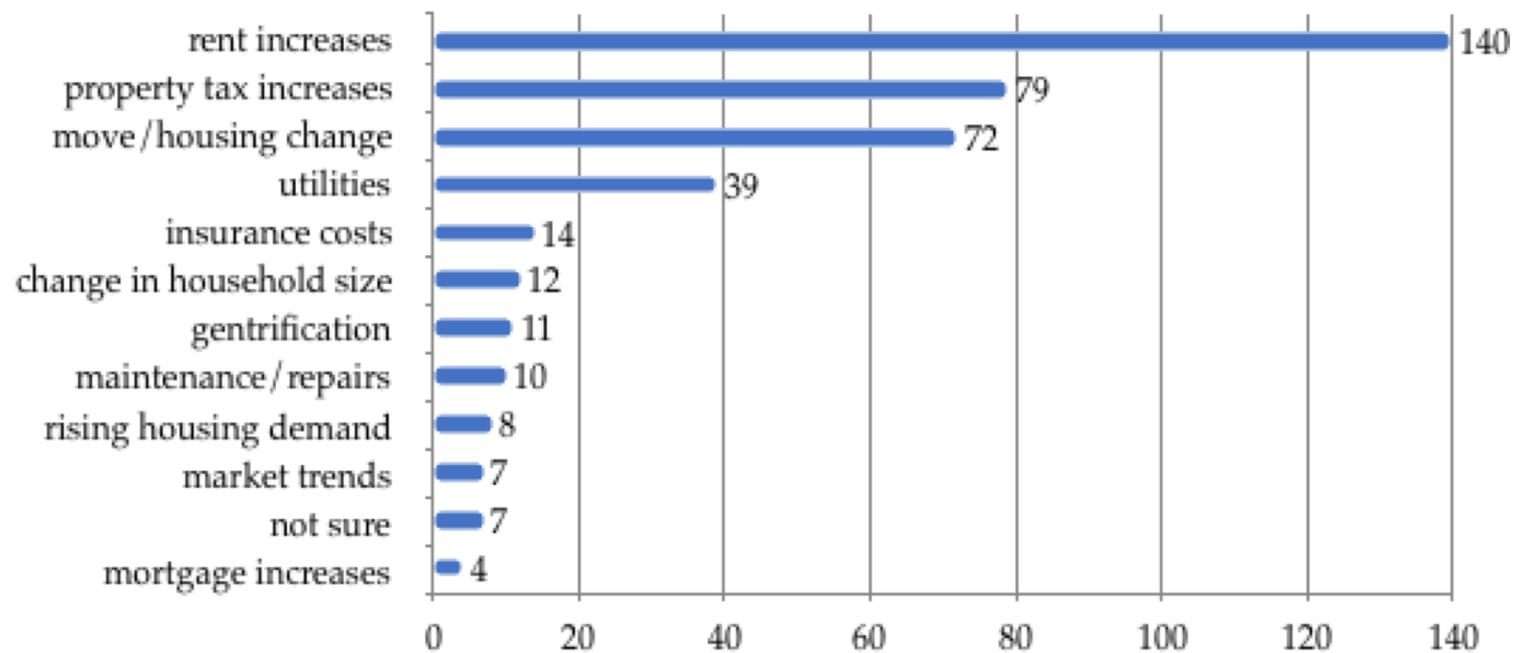
- Decreased
- Stayed roughly same (in line with in...)
- Increased
- N/A
- My rent is cheaper than even the ot...
- Increased a lot! Too much for senior...
- Only been here 1.5 years, stayed s...
- Not sure. I live with family rent free.

By how much have your monthly housing costs changed since 2014?

395 responses

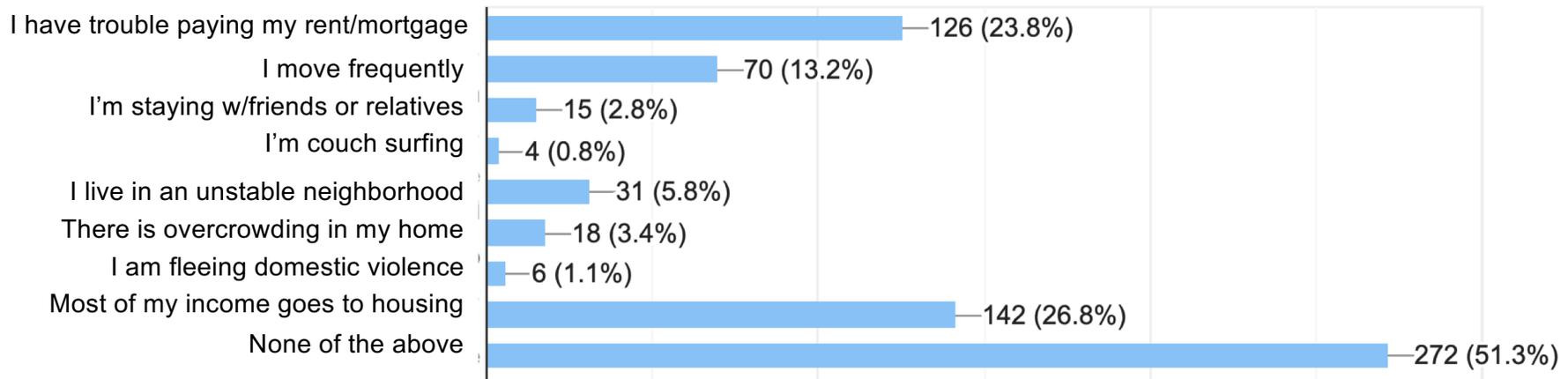


What caused the change in your housing costs since 2014?



Do any of the following describe your current or most recent housing situation? (select all that apply)

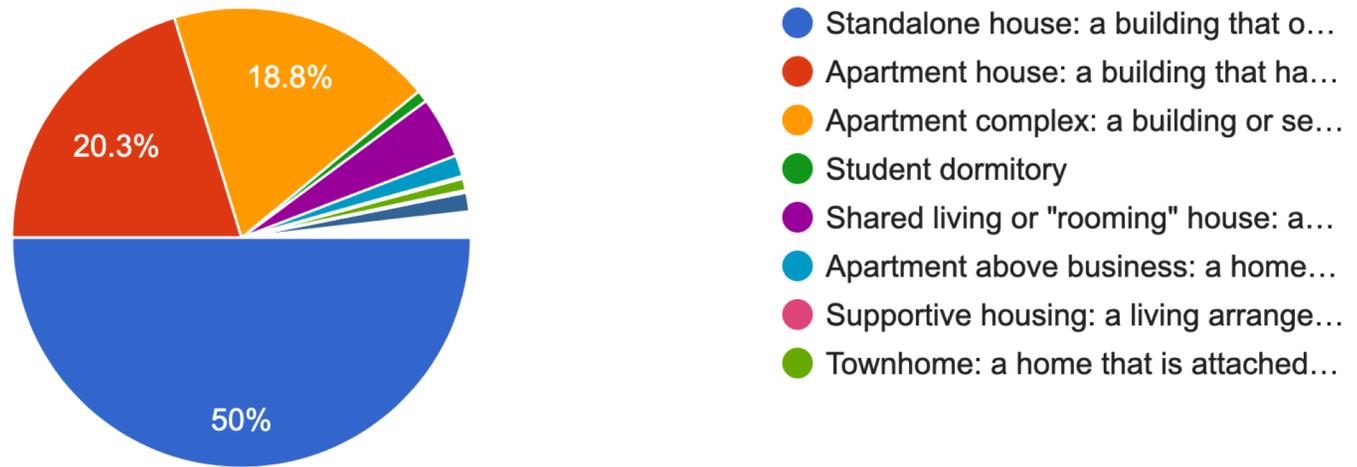
530 responses



Housing type & tenure

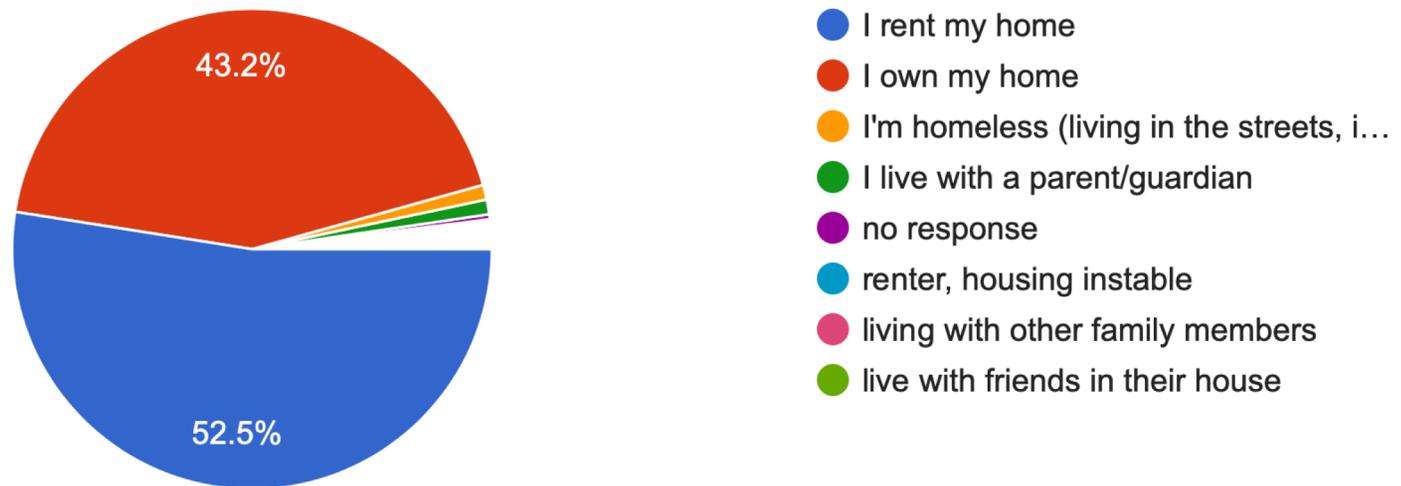
Which of the following best describes your current or most recent home in the City of Ypsilanti?

602 responses



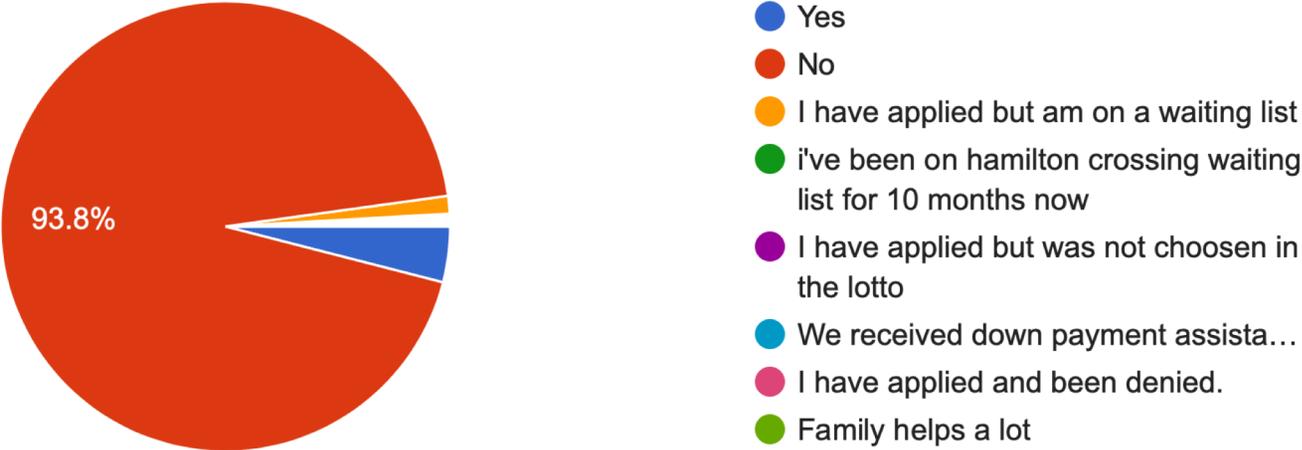
Which of the following best describes your current housing situation?

604 responses



Do you currently receive housing assistance (such as housing choice vouchers or subsidized housing) through federal, state or local government?

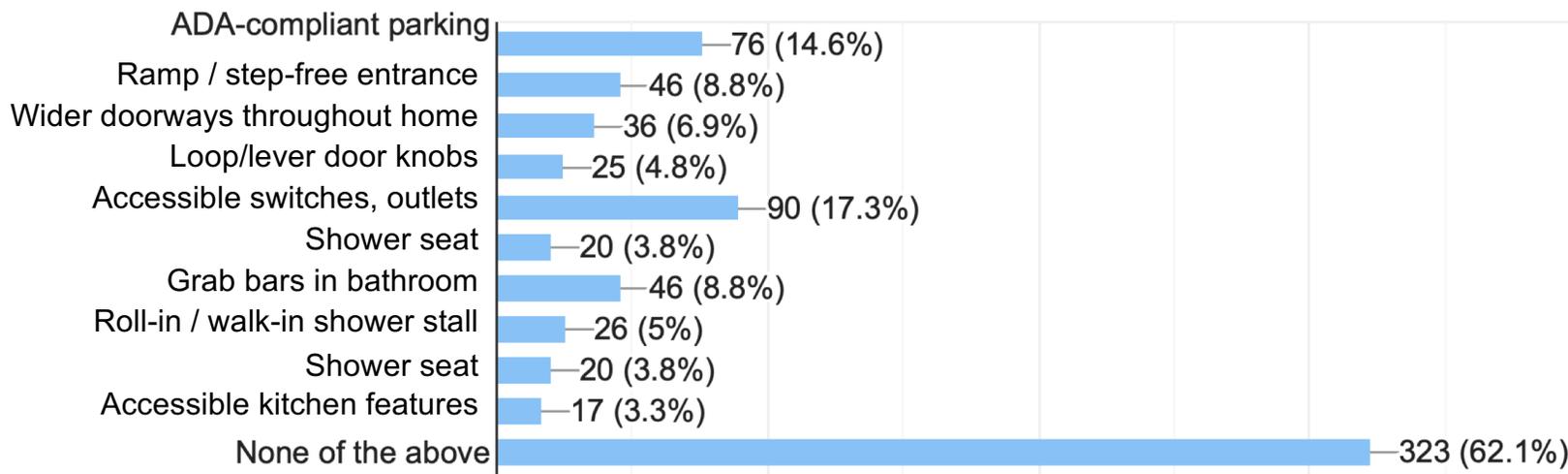
551 responses



Housing accessibility

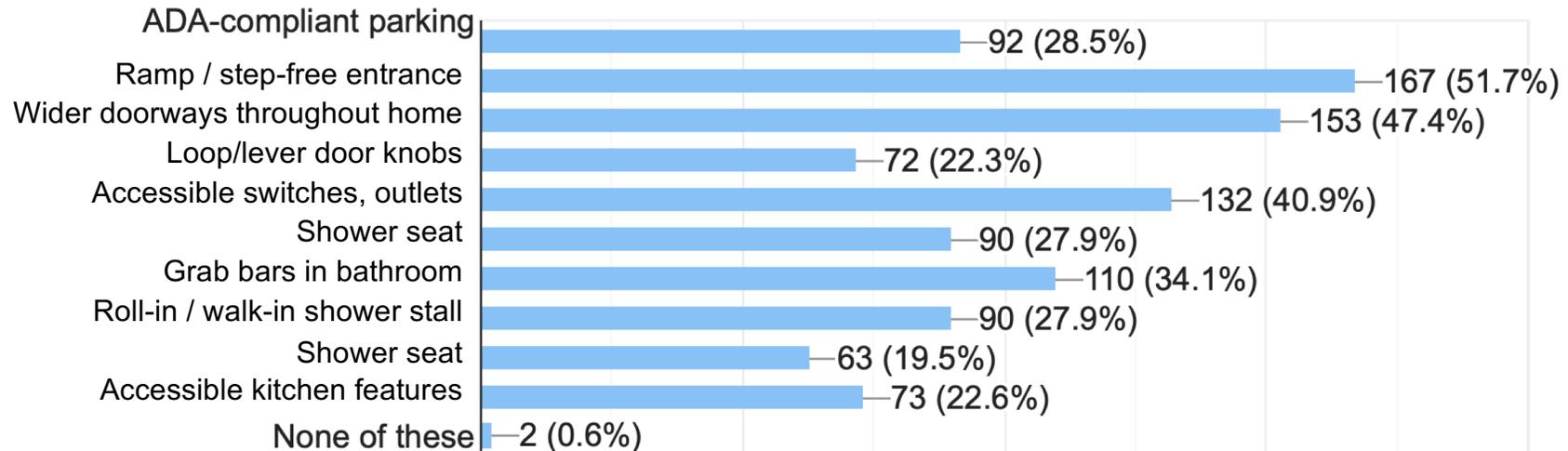
Which of the following features does your current or most recent home have to make it accessible to people with a disability?

520 responses



Which physical accessibility features will you take into consideration in choosing your next home (whether for y...y and friends who visit you at home)?

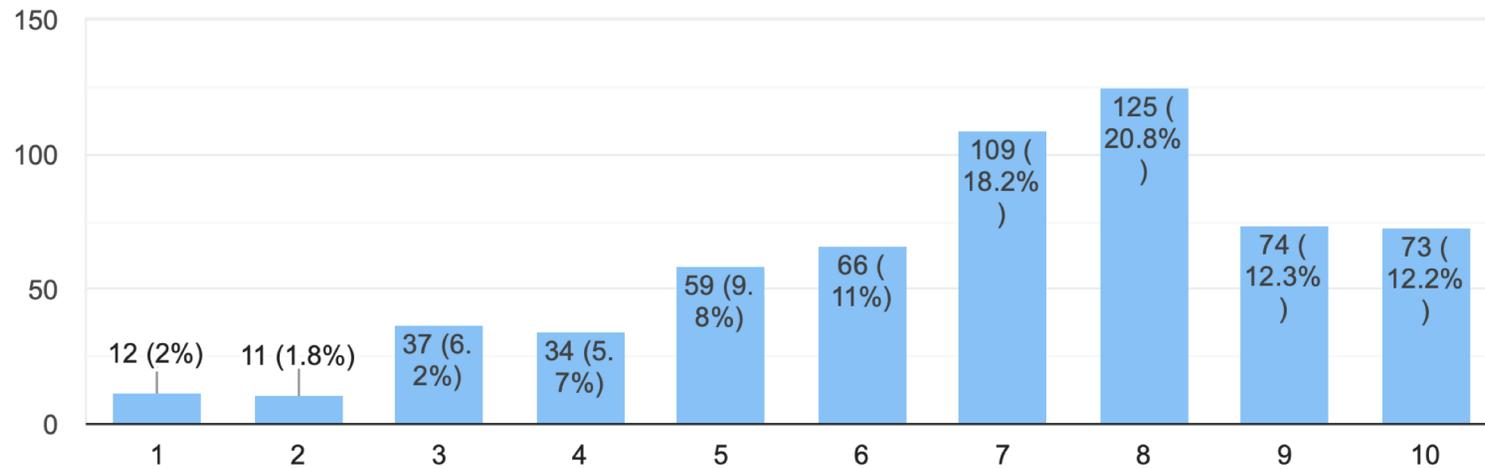
323 responses



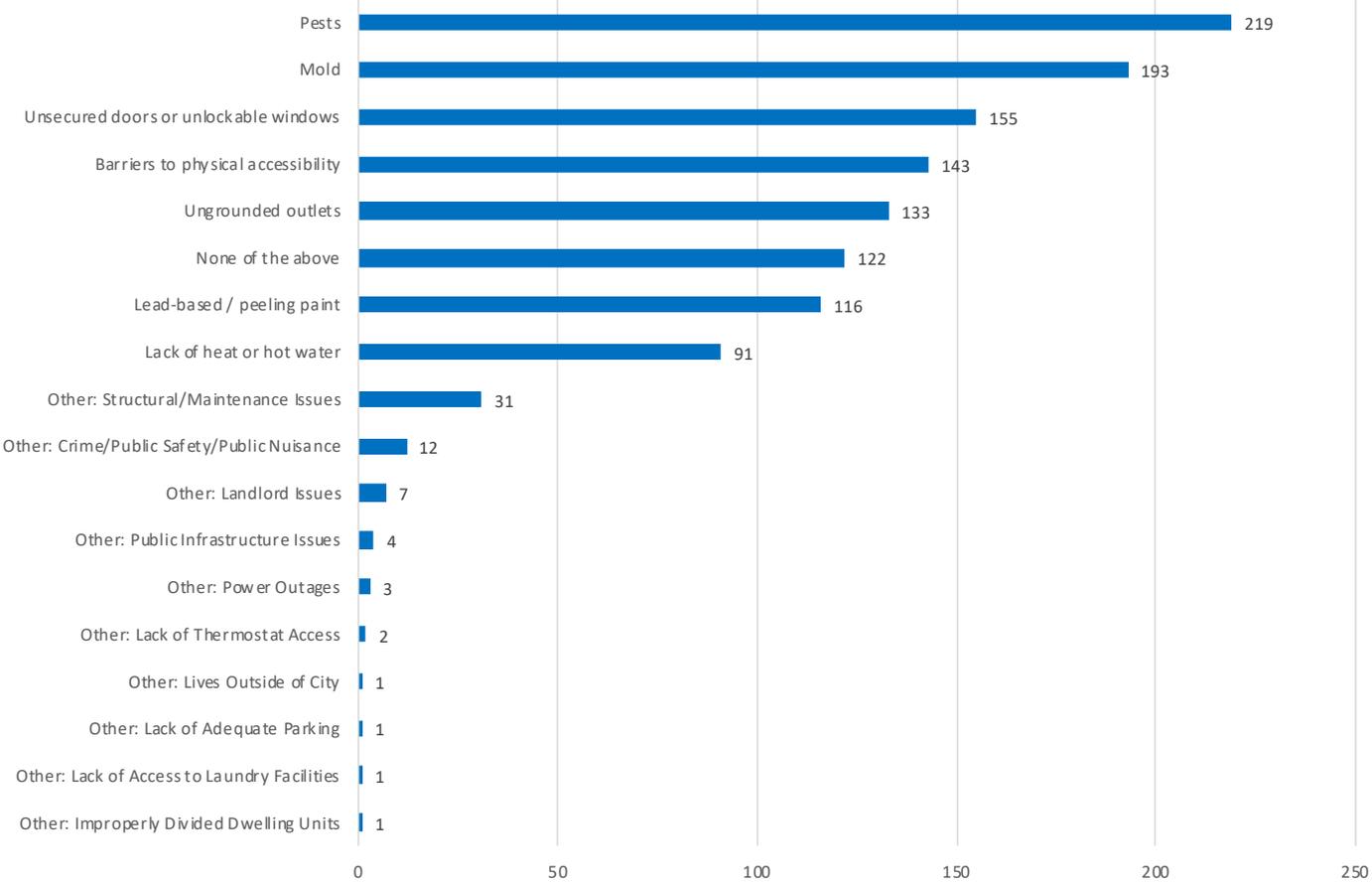
Housing quality, satisfaction & preferences

On a scale of 1 to 10, how satisfied are you with your current housing situation?

600 responses

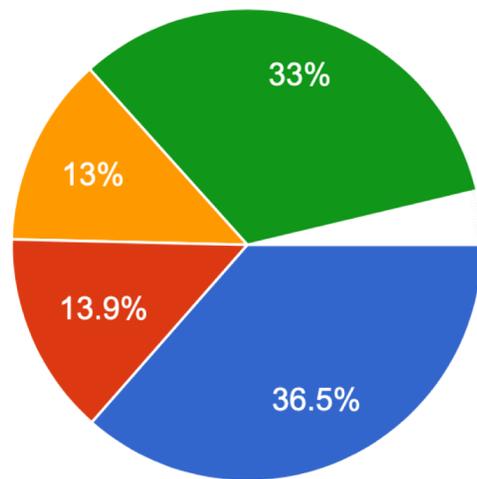


Which housing quality issues have you experienced in the City of Ypsilanti?



Would you feel comfortable asking your current landlord or housing provider to correct a quality-of-life issue (e.g. pests, physical access issues)?

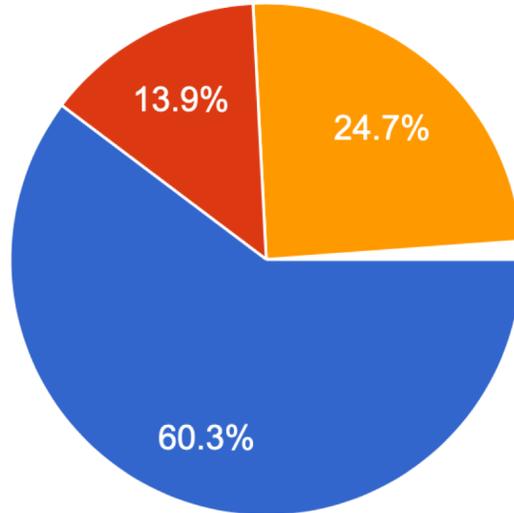
540 responses



- Yes
- No
- Not sure
- N/A
- depends on landlord temperament
- Some landlords are very unhelpful (...)
- ABSOLUTELY NOT. i learned the h...
- Only when I knew I wasn't going to...

Would you like to live in the City of Ypsilanti 3 to 5 years from now?

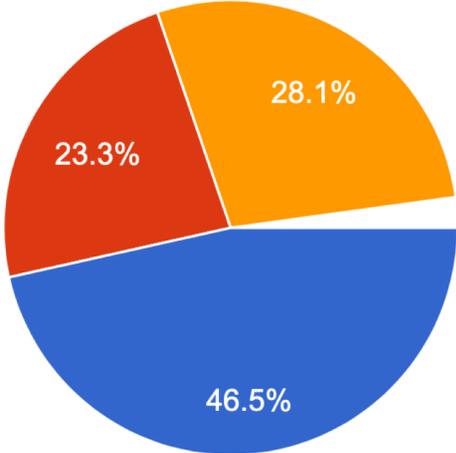
604 responses



- Yes
- No
- Not sure
- if I could afford it, but probably will n...
- I would prefer Ann Arbor but Ypsila...
- Can't with the taxes
- If I stay I plan to buy a house, if not...
- I would love to stay in Ypsilanti, but...

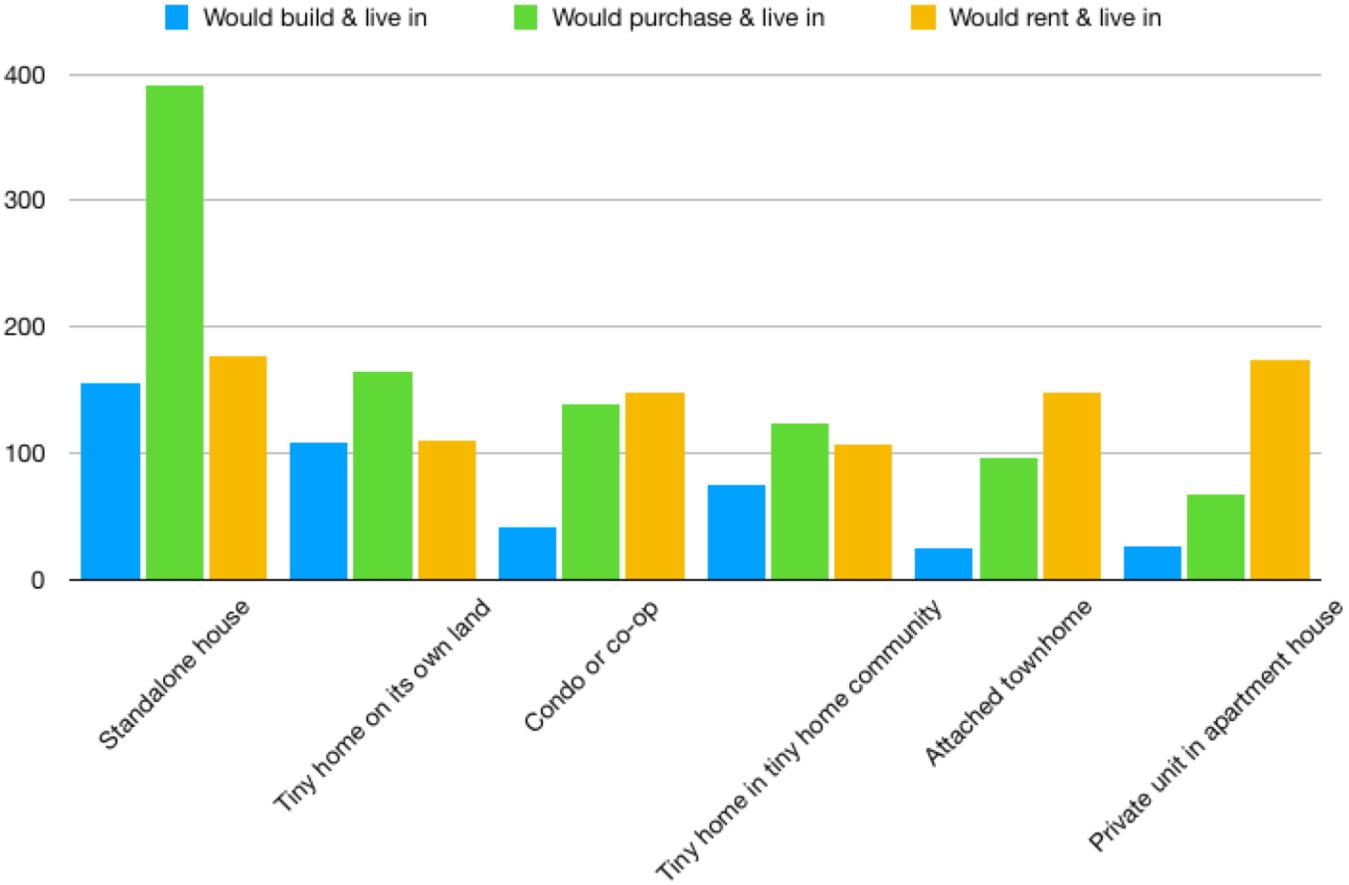
If the cost of housing remains as it is today, do you see yourself living in the City of Ypsilanti 3 to 5 years from now?

602 responses

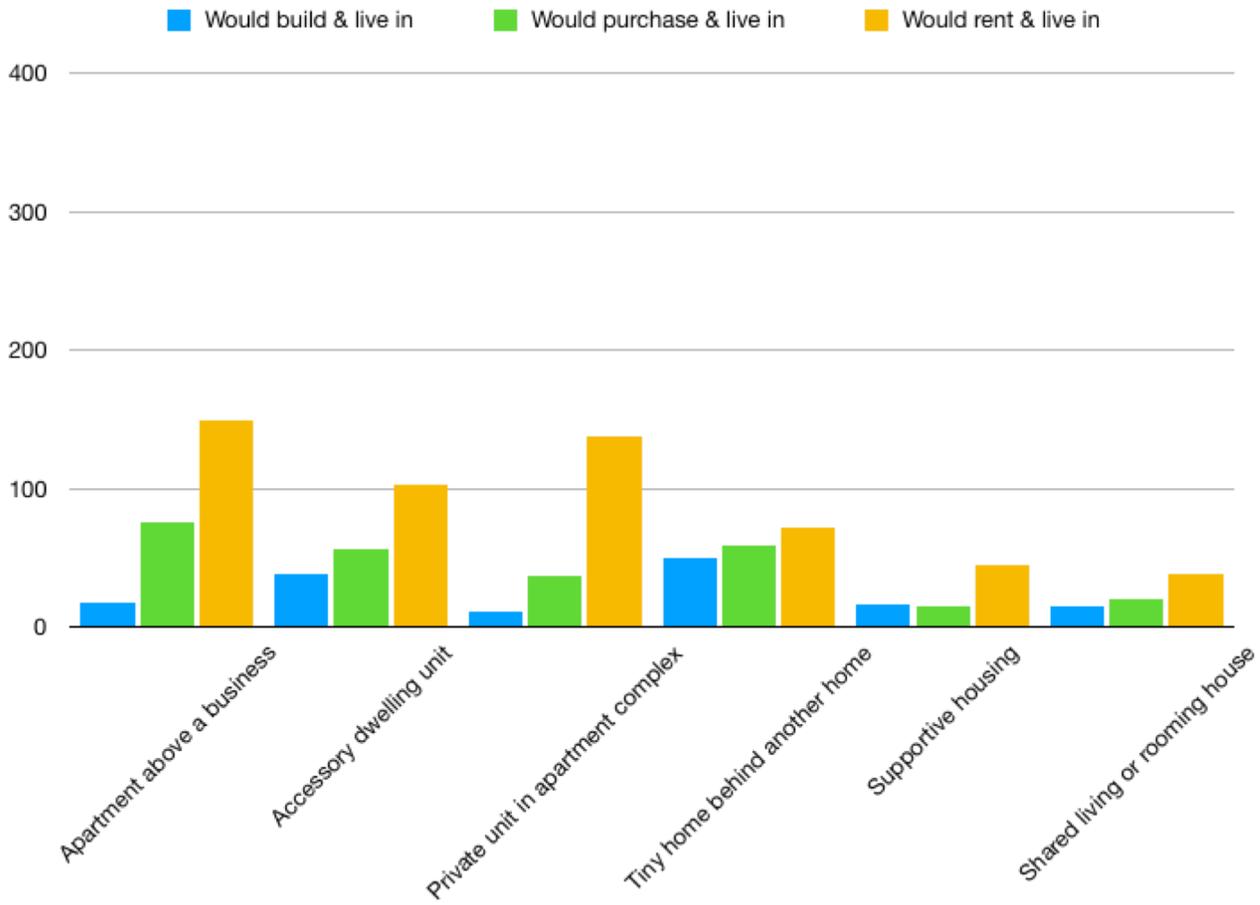


- Yes
- No
- Not sure
- No, because City of Ypsi taxes are t...
- houses for sale price would need to...
- i am currently being priced out. i trie...
- The problem is wages don't keep u...
- Well, when I bought a house I ende...

If they were available in Ypsilanti, which types of homes would you consider living in in the next 3-5 years?



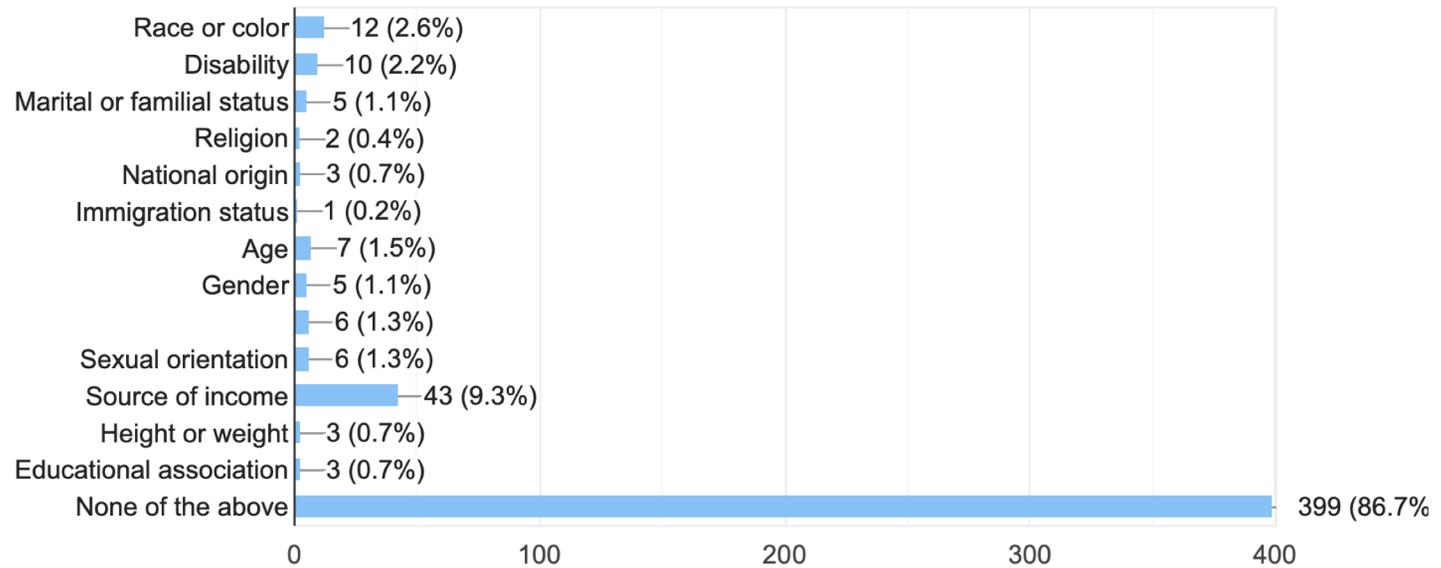
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Eviction & discrimination

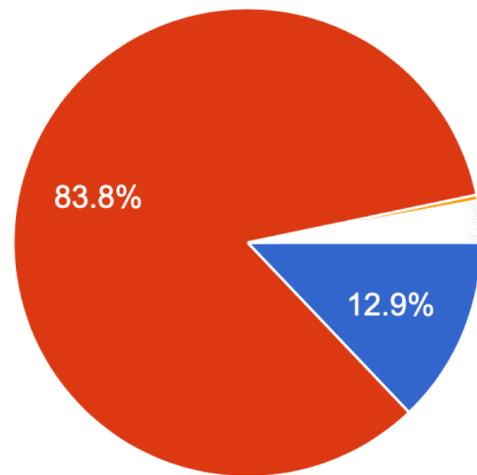
Have you ever have been denied housing or evicted from housing due to any of the following in the City of Ypsilanti:

460 responses



Have you ever been evicted or have you ever moved to avoid eviction due to rent increases you could not afford to pay?

520 responses



- Yes
- No
- Over 15 years ago after losing job.
- from 2 questions above: i have bee...
- threatened and chilled out of home
- Came very very close more than once
- Planning to next year
- I have moved consistently due to ro...