



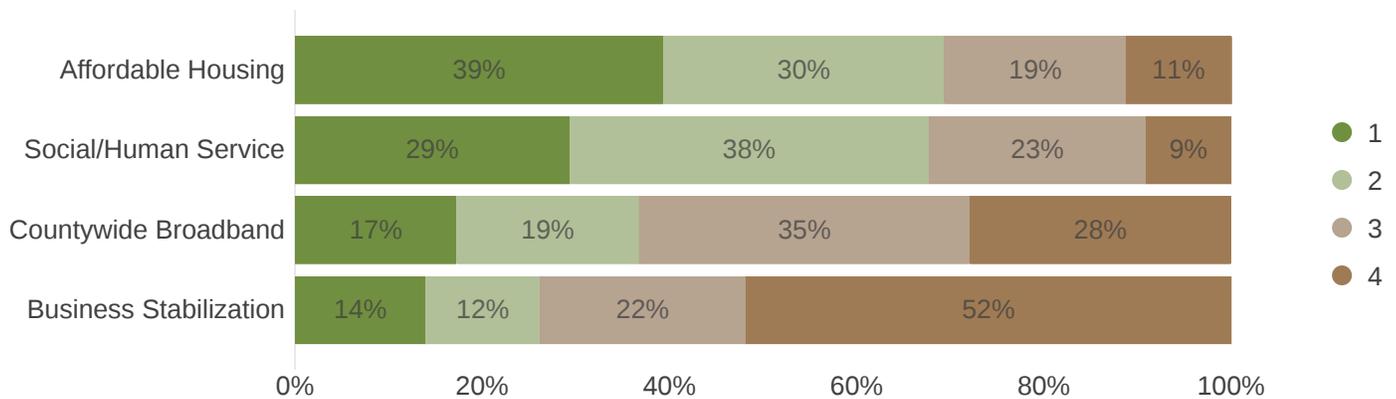
## ARPA Public Input - Survey Results

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), a COVID-19 relief package, was signed into law in March 2021. This Act includes billions in federal funding for state and local governments. This federal aid is intended to address economic impacts of the pandemic and ensure a strong recovery. Determined to utilize these one time federal resources wisely, Ottawa County formed the American Rescue Plan Act Committee. Appointed by the Board of Commissioners, the Committee is comprised of community members representing a cross-section of local public and private organizations. The Committee's sole purpose is to guide the Board of Commissioners on how to spend the \$57 million that the County has received from ARPA.

ARPA Committee members have identified needs within their area of expertise and are assisting County officials with drafting funding options and priorities. To ensure projects funded by ARPA dollars benefit all who live and work in Ottawa County, the Committee identified five categories, or "buckets", of high level priorities. To further inform the funding process for subsequent rounds of ARPA funding, Ottawa County opened a survey on July 1, 2022 to obtain feedback from residents and business owners. This report includes the results of that survey which was completed by **2233 respondents**.

**Please rank the following funding buckets from 1 to 4, with 1 being the highest and 4 being the lowest.**

1943 Responses



**Please rank the following funding buckets from 1 to 4, with 1 being the highest and 4 being the lowest.**

1943 Responses

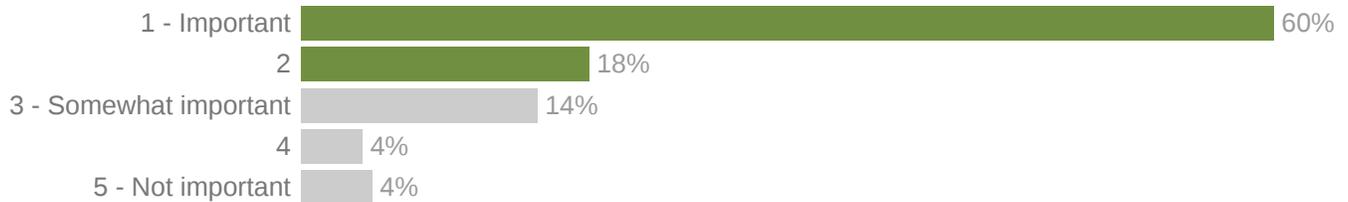
Field	Mean
Affordable Housing	2.02
Social/Human Service	2.12
Countywide Broadband	2.74
Business Stabilization	3.12

### Affordable Housing bucket project subcategories

On a scale of 1 to 5, how important is it to fund projects within each subcategory?

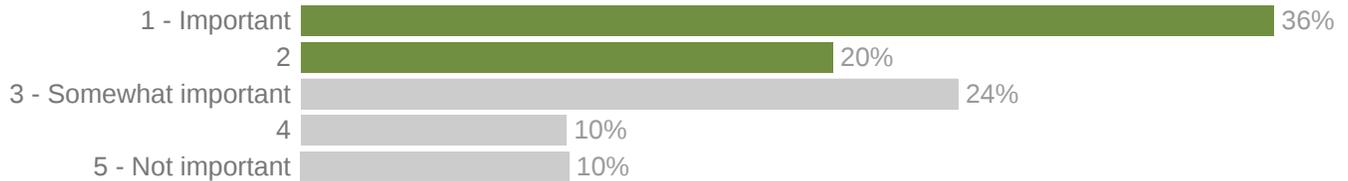
#### Increasing housing stock that meets the financial needs of the local workforce.

2173 Responses



#### Increasing housing stability by reducing residential evictions for the local workforce through private-public partnerships.

2174 Responses




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### Social/Human Service bucket project subcategories

On a scale of 1 to 5, how important is it to fund projects within each subcategory?

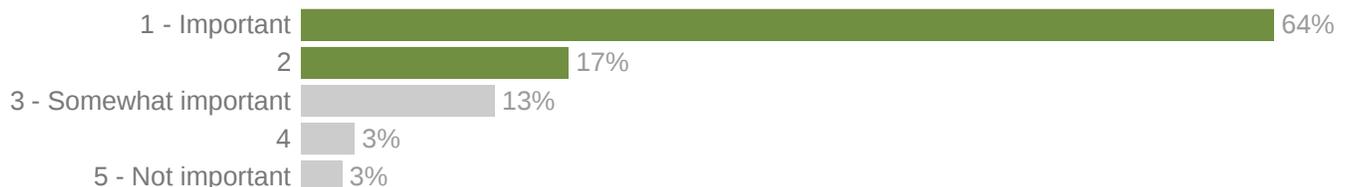
#### Creating pathways for all residents in need to receive mental health support.

2172 Responses



#### Increasing access to affordable child care.

2173 Responses

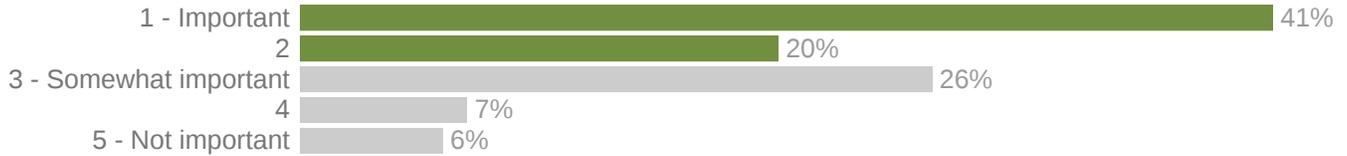


### Countywide Broadband bucket project subcategories

On a scale of 1 to 5, how important is it to fund projects within each subcategory?

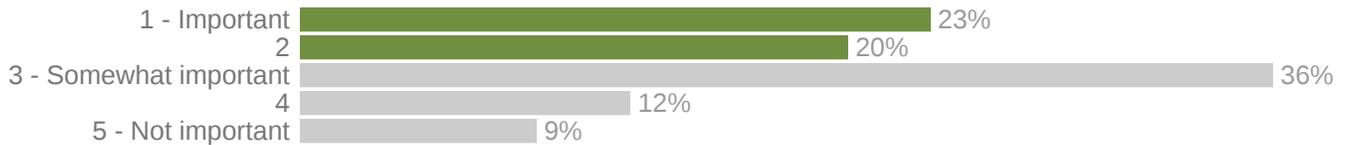
#### Building broadband infrastructure, in collaboration with the private-sector, to connect areas of the County lacking reliable, affordable high-speed internet.

2147 Responses



#### Creating digital literacy programs to help residents develop the competencies needed to participate in an expanding digital world.

2173 Responses

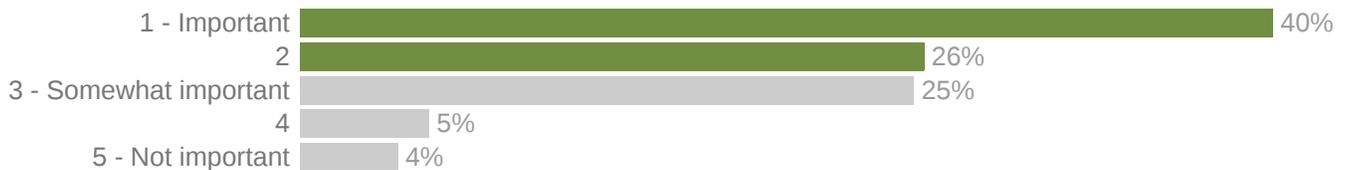


### Business Stabilization bucket project subcategories

On a scale of 1 to 5, how important is it to fund projects within each subcategory?

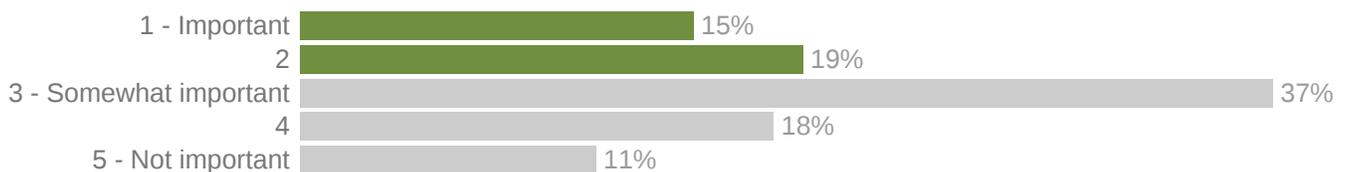
#### Improving access and decreasing cost to community college and workforce education opportunities for residents.

2172 Responses



#### Implementing automation technologies among area manufacturers challenged by workforce shortages.

2167 Responses

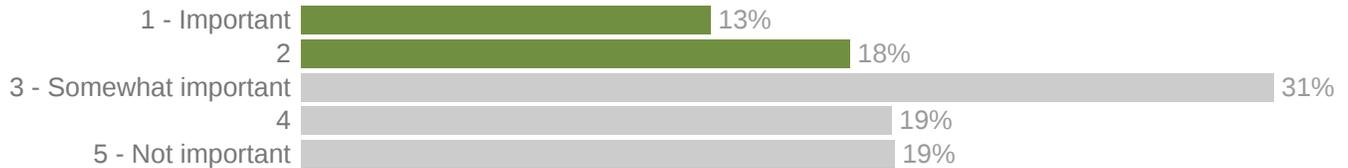


### Business Stabilization bucket project subcategories (cont.)

On a scale of 1 to 5, how important is it to fund projects within each subcategory?

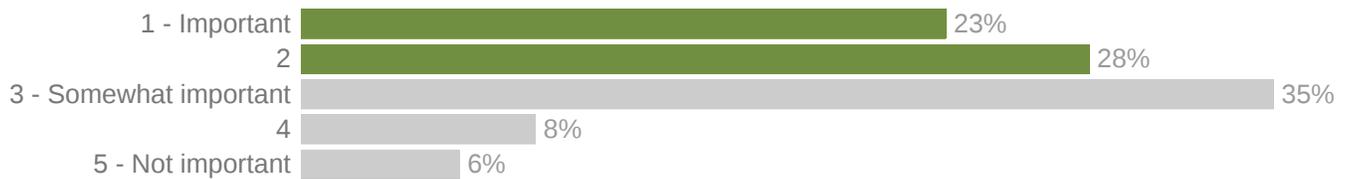
**Marketing nationally our region's distinct culture, lifestyle, and economy to help increase our population and meet the growing demands of area employers.**

2168 Responses



### Increasing resources and technical support for economically disadvantaged small businesses.

2170 Responses



## Respondent Demographics

### Did you answer this survey as an Ottawa County resident or business owner?

2172 Responses



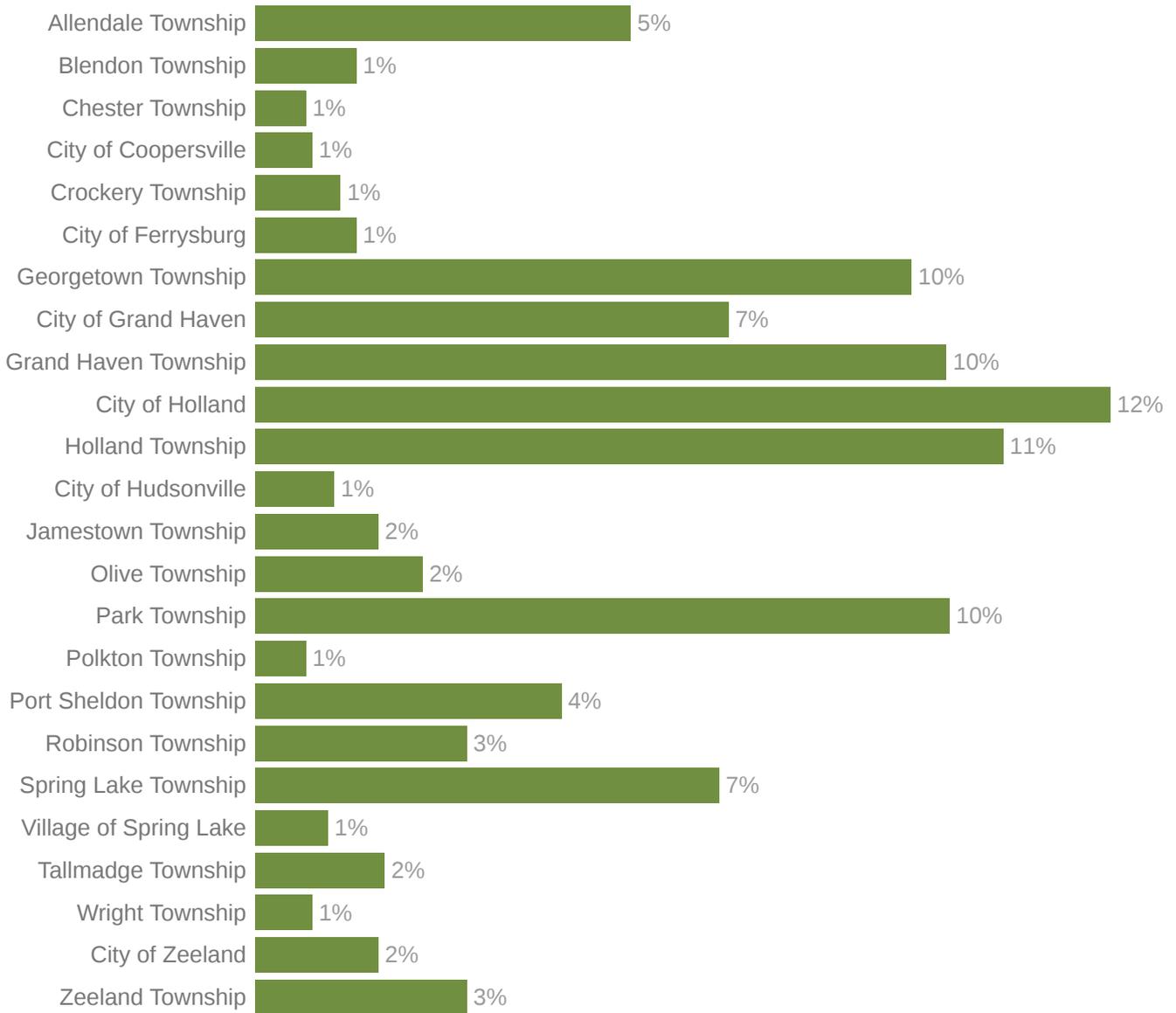
### Do you own or rent your home?

2119 Responses



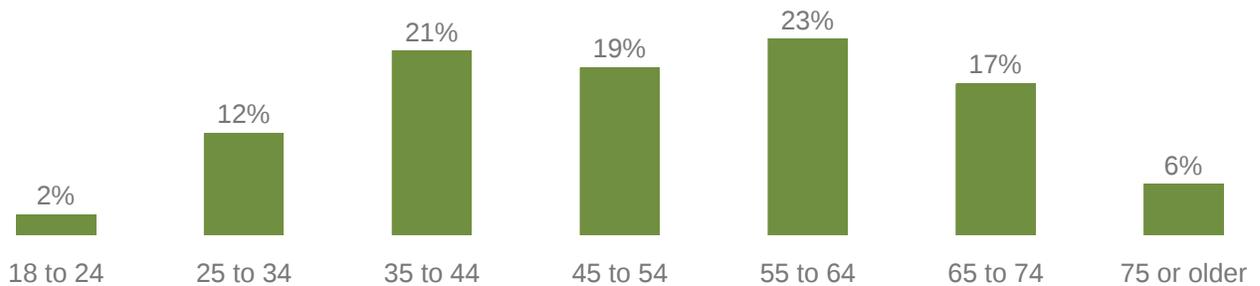
**In which township or city do you live or own a business? If you answered the survey as a resident and business owner, please select one township or city.**

2181 Responses



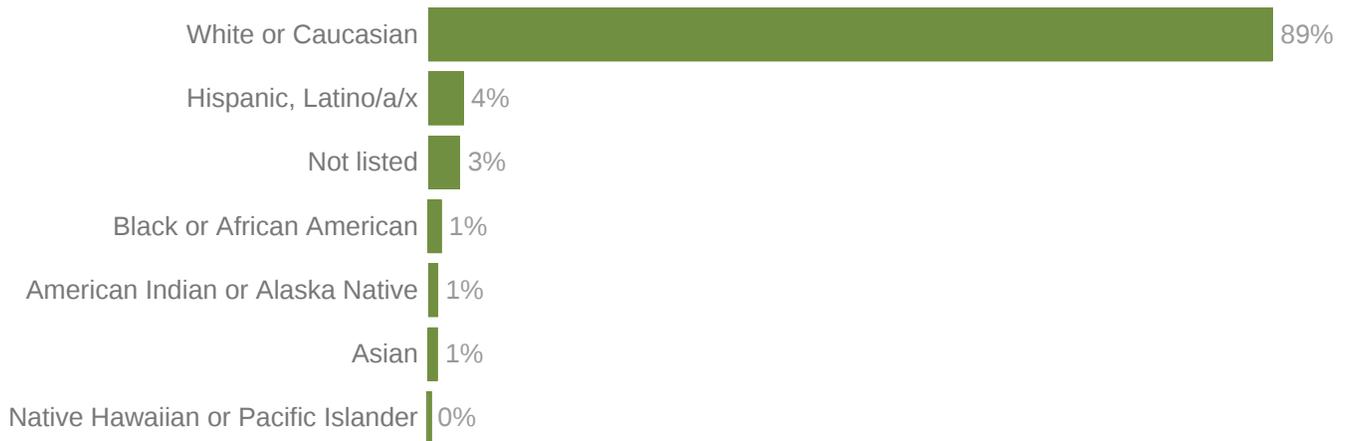
**Please select your age group:**

2162 Responses



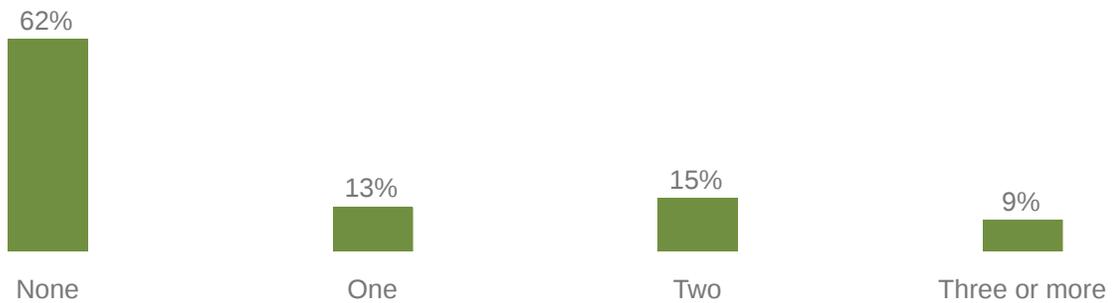
### How do you describe your race/ethnicity? You may select multiple options.

2114 Responses



### How many children under the age of 18 currently live in your home?

2166 Responses



### Which category best represents your household's total income over the past year before taxes?

1994 Responses

