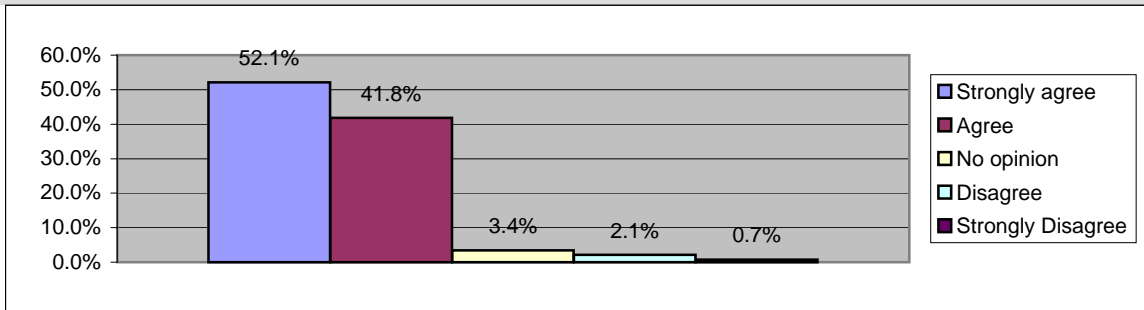


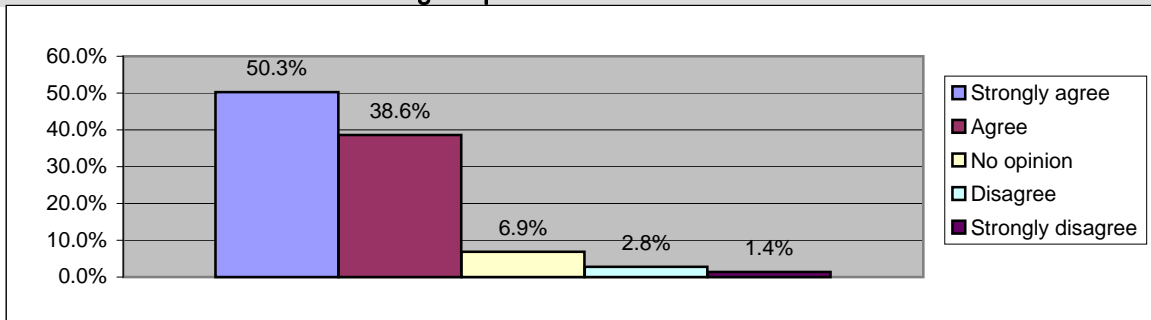
# Uniontown Colton Community Survey Results

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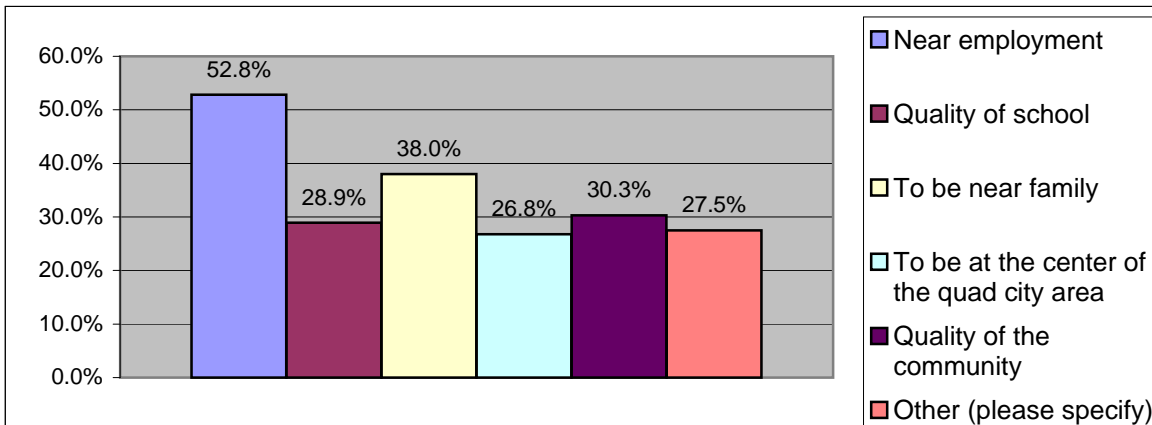
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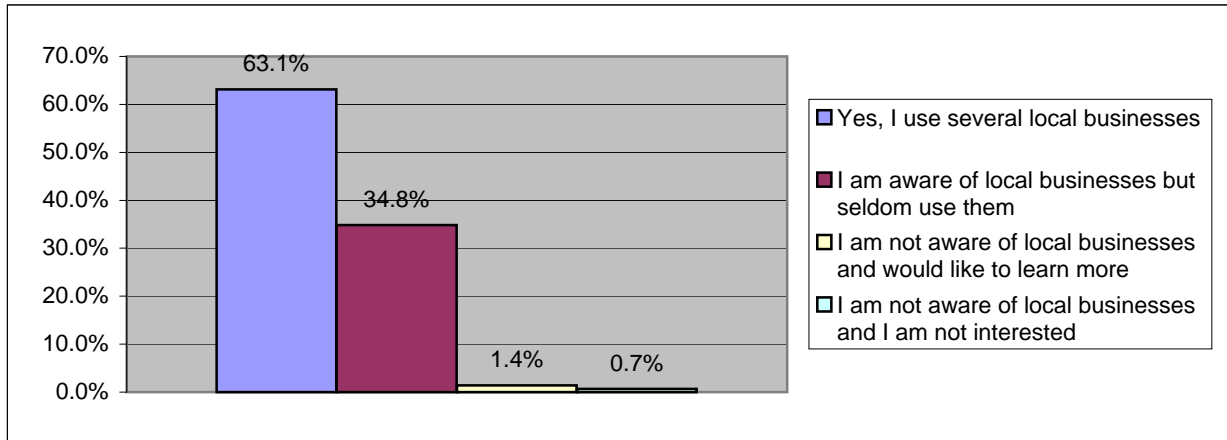


## Which of the following reasons were important to you when you originally located or acquired property in the Colton/Uniontown area? (Check all that apply)

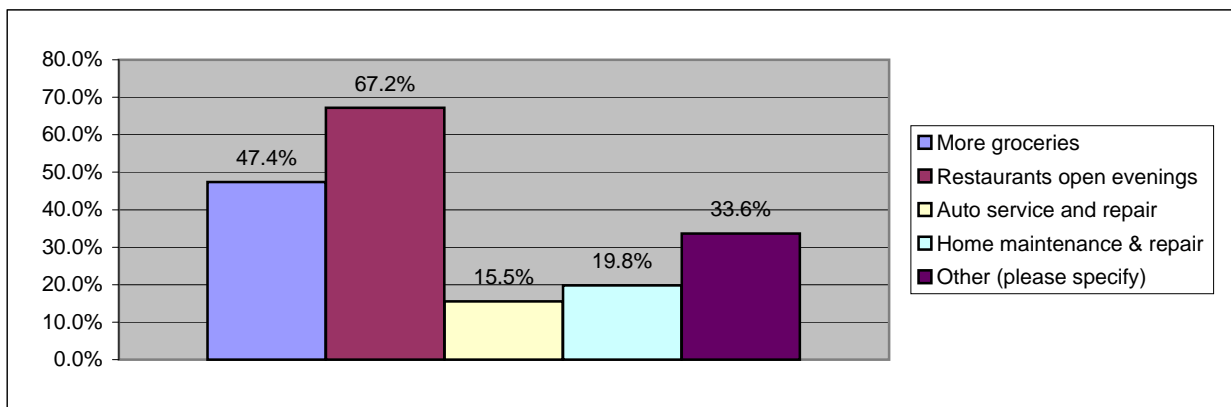


**Other reasons for living in Colton/Uniontown:** sports program, Relationship, Married a local, I farm here but the other property we own locally is because of all the reasons listed above, Life long resident., Rural, born here, Born here, Affordable housing, Rural, Cost of living/homes; proximity to Pullman/Moscow, Housing prices were appealing, Housing prices were lower than Pullman, born and raised here, Rural setting, Land Availability, To be in a less populated area, No sexual predators, Close to universities, property value, affordable housing, Housing cost, More affordable, Rural, Reasonable housing cost, I married a farmer here, Work in Pullman but did not want to live there, pioneering family, Catholic Parish, Born here, more affordable housing than Pullman, country living, Born here, Rural acreage available, Born here, Grew up here, Housing affordability, Affordable housing compared to Pullman and Moscow, Was born here, but I also moved away for awhile and am happy to have returned ... my choice

**Are you familiar with the businesses in Uniontown and Colton?**



**Would you like to see additional retail services in Uniontown/Colton (choose all that apply)?**

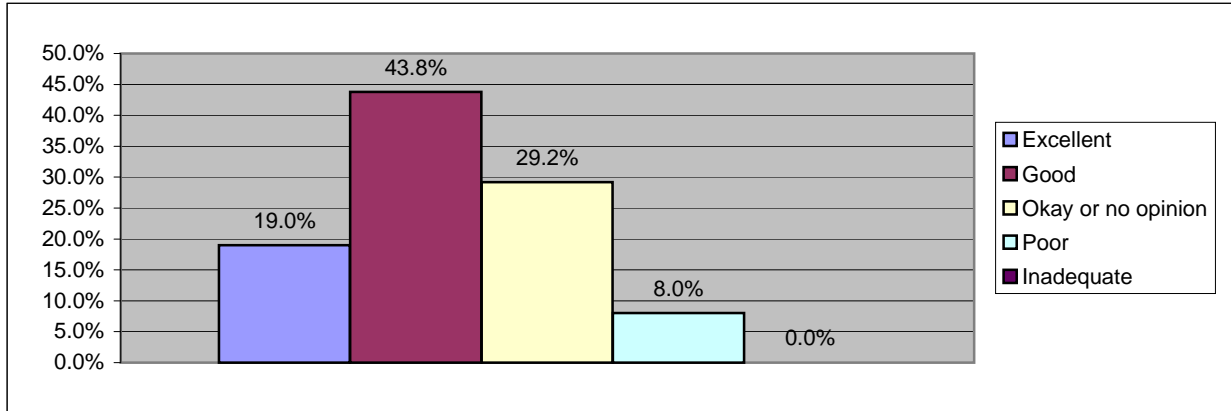


**Other businesses or services would like to see:** Fitness center with cardio equipment and free weights. This would be great for after work hours. Reasonably priced gas and diesel, Better gas station. With C-store. it was not good to lose Elenoars! I believe there is likely more room for antique/what-not stores, Restaurant open all day & gas station, bar or wine bar with food, Restaurant & bar, drive thru coffee, Public transportation, Bank that is open, local craft/sewing shop, I think a convenience store of some sort would do well in Colton. I think the school kids would use it a lot after school and between games, practices, etc., Ag. Related Repair Shop, ATM, Gas station, thrift store, Small light hardware supplies, Need another gas station to provide price competition. A food mart gas station would be good. Small town can't support more businesses, Handyman repairs, Businesses have a hard time making a go due to low population, If people would support the services we have we would have more businesses, NO MORE ANTIQUE SHOPS!!!,

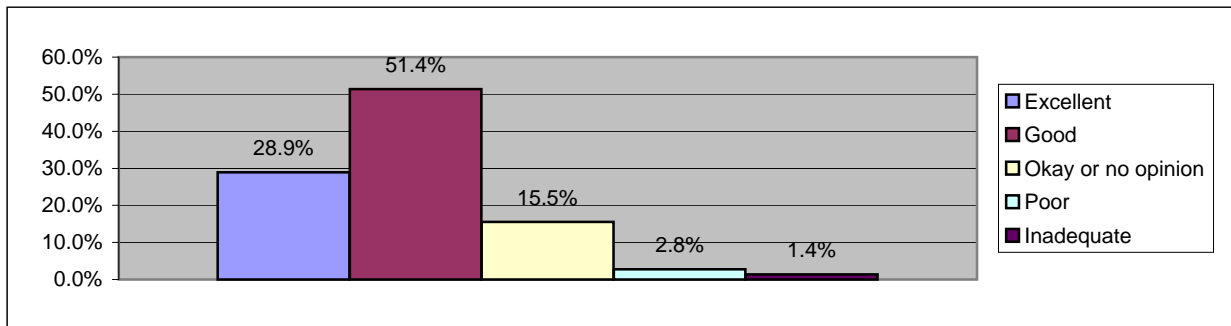
As I get older I think a van driven by a local person would be so good - for doc appointments, etc., Restaurant in Colton, Restaurant/bar, Possible ideas: Add high end consignment clothing to antique stores or independently. Bakery should be open more days a week, esp. Sundays. Add ATM to local business. Retail beer & wine sales. Alternative pub/restraunt. Consider opening liquor store since it is now privatized. Would love if we could recruit a weekend massage therapist. Medical outreach branch 1-2 days per week. Housekeeping service ( we would use!) Art, yoga, exercise courses (wellness and creativity) etc. More pormotion of the Community Club both to locals (posters, reader board, flyers, postcards) and people from out of town ie. WSU/Uof I- notices in local papers, advertising the specials and benefits of membership. Ideas: Add consignment clothing to antique shops? Bakery open more days a week, esp. Sunday's. Possible medical clinic 1-2 days per week. Housekeeping service. . tavern with beer and wine sales, specialty stores

Exercise classes. Recrute a massage therapist who may be willing to work on Saturdays. Retail sales of beer & wine. Possibly re-open liquor store since it is now privatized. Alternative pub/restraunt/wine bar. More promo of Club to locals and WSU/U of I, including specials and benefits of membership (reader boards, posters, advertisements in local papers), A bus route, Once the new road is completed behind the school in Colton hopefully it will open possibilities. A small rest home would be a good idea for the communities or a truck stop with perhaps a small cafe. late night coffee shop, Happy with what is here, I don't think retail business is what is going to increase our population. Manufacturing brings in living wage jobs that will grow the communities, which will in turn lead to more retail business opportunities. coffee shop, Room to have businesses, Quick stop with fuel, A bar in Colton, I think we need to attract manufacturing businesses, which would bring employment., Also, assisted care facility, I would love to see local shops selling handmade items ... a place where people can come spend the weekend.

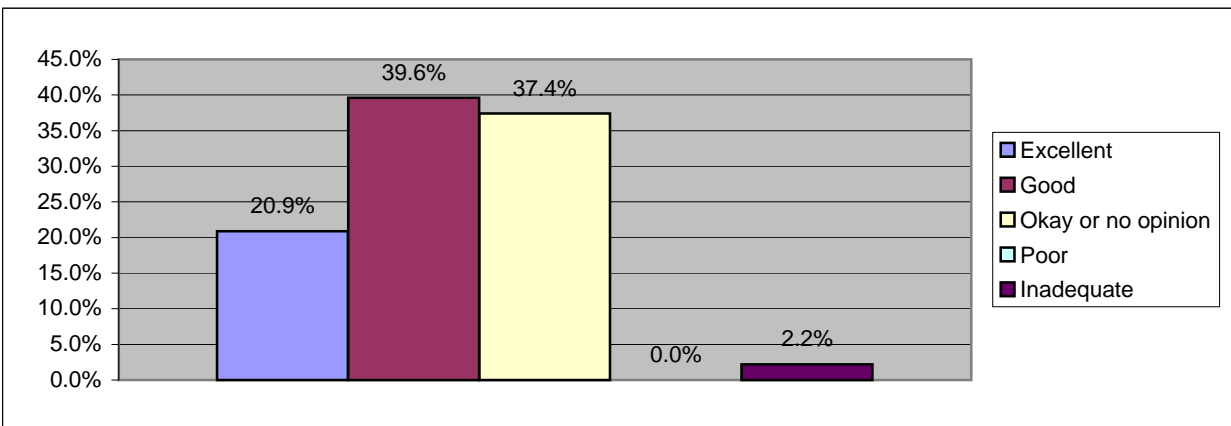
**How would you rate the water, sewer, and road maintenance provided by the town you live in?**



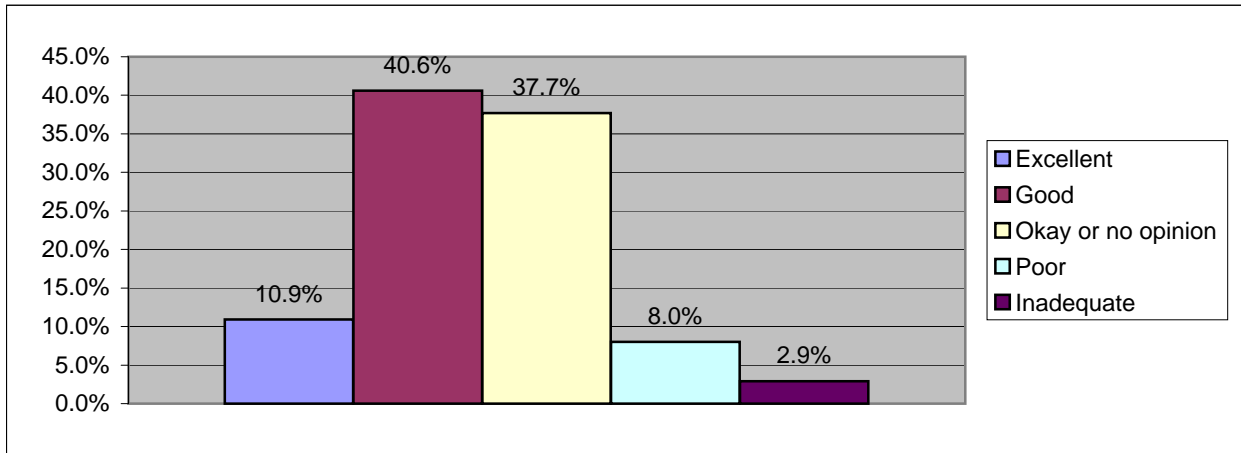
**How would you rate the condition of the parks?**



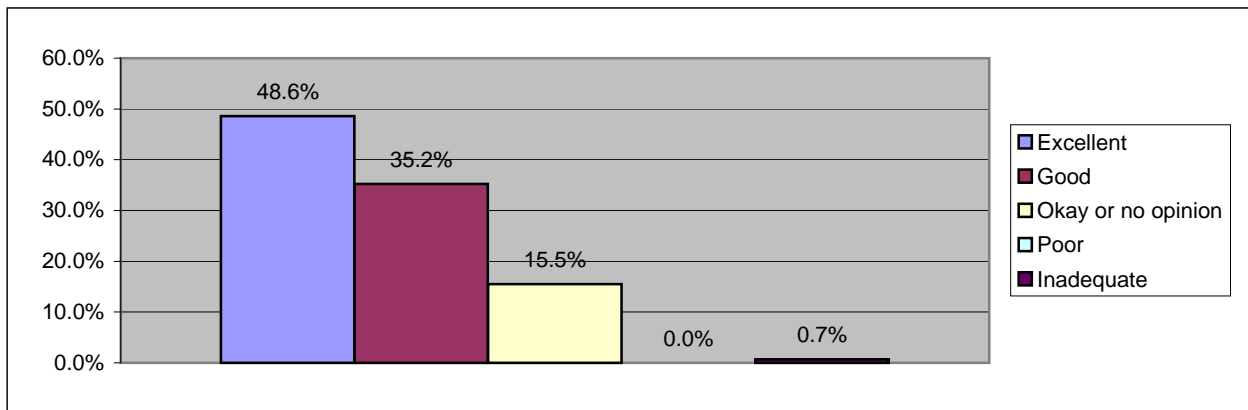
**Recreation programs have included summer baseball, soccer, Easter egg hunt, and Halloween children's party. How would you rate the recreation programs?**



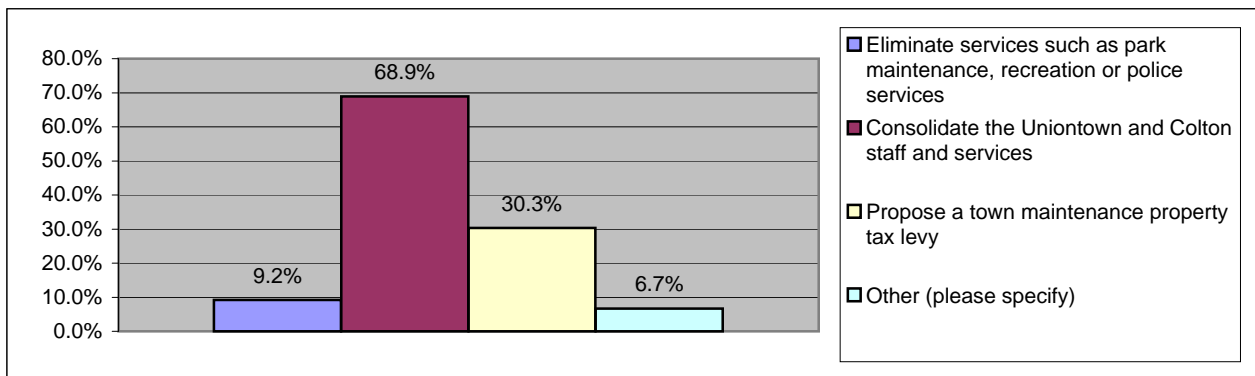
**How would you rate the Police service in your neighborhood?**



**How would you rate the fire suppression and EMT services provided by District 14?**



**If budget restrictions require a reduction in the cost of public services provided by the towns, what do you think should be done? Check one or more.**



**Other public service cost ideas:** I hesitate to say 'tax me' as I'm not sure where the money would be spent, but I do agree that we would need to increase revenue. Eliminate all unnecessary expenses. One town has a city employees who are either under qualified for their job or who spend taxpayer dollars pursuing personal interests on the job. Are these the only available options? I find that hard to believe. I would support some consolidation of the Uniontown and Colton staff and services where it makes sense. The people who use the park do the maintenance work. Reduce expenses. Charge more for events. Do annual flea market vendors pay a fee to the Town? Do not entirely cut a single service, but cut pieces from all services.

## Do you have recommendations for changes or improvements in services provided by the Towns or changes in the operations of the Towns?

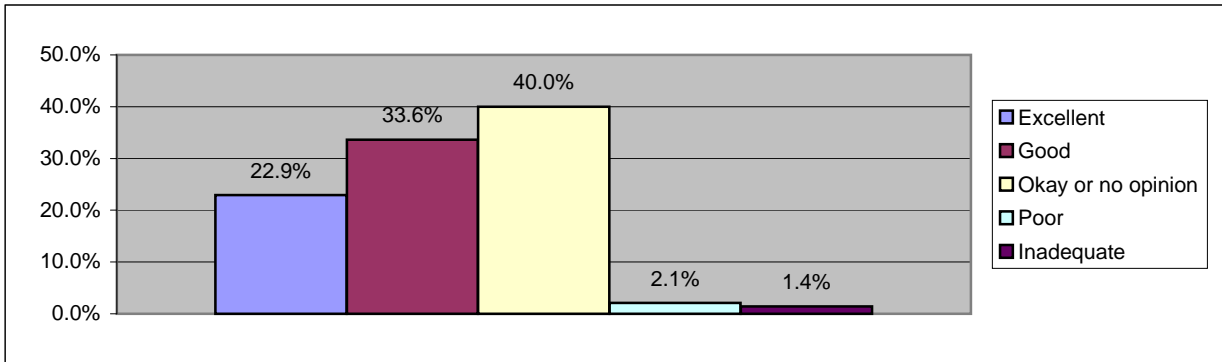
Bring back the recycling in Uniontown. Restrooms in Uniontown parks are unsanitary. Use better judgment on how \$ are spent. The restrooms in the parks in Uniontown are poorly maintained and often insanitary. There was dog crap in the men's bathroom at memorial park. The toilets and sinks have not been cleaned. If needed hire a helper to clean restrooms. Potholes in roads need repair. Something has to be done about the drug ring. It is appalling that after all these years that they are still littering the town with their drugs and surround their homes with garbage and old used non working cars etc. It is a very big problem in Uniontown. In addition, the city council will not follow through with plans to cite individuals for leaving their places in such a mess. I would like to see the town cleaned up some more. It is getting better but there are still far too many things parked or laying around on properties that could be easily be removed or at least moved out of sight. Police should be out on weekends.

Colton utility costs are too high. Education most important. Shame on all who voted improvement levy down. Improve street maintenance. Enforce ordinances regarding junk, cars not running, living in RVs. The snowplow in Colton seems to have a hard time plowing roads. Improve Town maintenance personnel. Honesty, good business practices, kick out dishonest. The school district name should be changed to reflect both communities (i.e. Colton-Uniontown School District) and help create more cohesion between the two towns. Also Colton should host more community events...currently it seems that besides the BBQ once in the summer at the gun club, Uniontown hosts all the family-friendly events such as many of those listed above (e.g. easter egg hunt, halloween party, etc.). Get rid of the old tennis court, take it down and put in a better park for kids. Consolidate Staff to one full time book keeper and one part time assistant and the same with maintenance. Do job evaluations to determine pay/benefits. Have more information on Colton on the web site. A community help day to clean up parks, etc. Recycling center needs to accept

Place to dump yard waste and large items. Wood chipper use. Include the police in the consolidation decision. Plow roads in Colton earlier in the morning when it snows. Set priorities and work within the income received. More park equipment especially for small children. Improve both city websites to keep locals informed. Make sure they know about the websites first. New Christmas Decorations. The creepy clown has to go....PLEASE! We would love to have our street paved. Consolidation of operations would be a detriment to all in both communities. It does take the present level of staff just to manage the Post Offices, roads, parks, snow removal, city and legal operations. Recreation programs may be able to provide some of the above suggestions such as exercise and art classes at a reasonable rate. I feel the reason why our services are so good is because they are adequately staffed, I believe the two communities require what is in place. If consolidation should occur everyone would suffer. All the recreation programs are targeted for kids. Some activities for adults would be nice, too.

I do not understand why there are new sidewalks only in front of certain peoples home and not others. haven't been to town hall meetings, but I would be interested to know what money could be saved and used more efficiently by consolidating the two towns. Our volunteers need to be acknowledged for all their hard work and time. Faster response to plowing streets during snow conditions. I can see how combining police services would benefit both towns by providing a full-time position. I believe it is very important to have police presence before and after school to keep the kids safe as they cross the busy highway. Traffic only goes 20 through the school zone when police patrol during that time. Yard debris dump locations. If the towns won't let us burn then they should give us an outlet to dump yard debris. Work harder. We are not getting our moneys worth. The police services are meager at best. The Town of Colton publishes a bulletin every spring stating Fireworks are banned in town yet every year we hear fireworks lit by kids going off before, on and after the 4th of July. No law enforcement has ever been available on the 4th. Also, snow removal on the streets of Colton are pathetic. Bill Frye used to keep the streets plowed and was out at 7am plowing every time it snowed. I would like the police to be more visible. Need a full-time police officer. Too many underage teens speeding through town on ATVs, dirt bikes, and snowmobiles. I think combining police services makes sense, but not other municipal services. Clean up in Uniontown

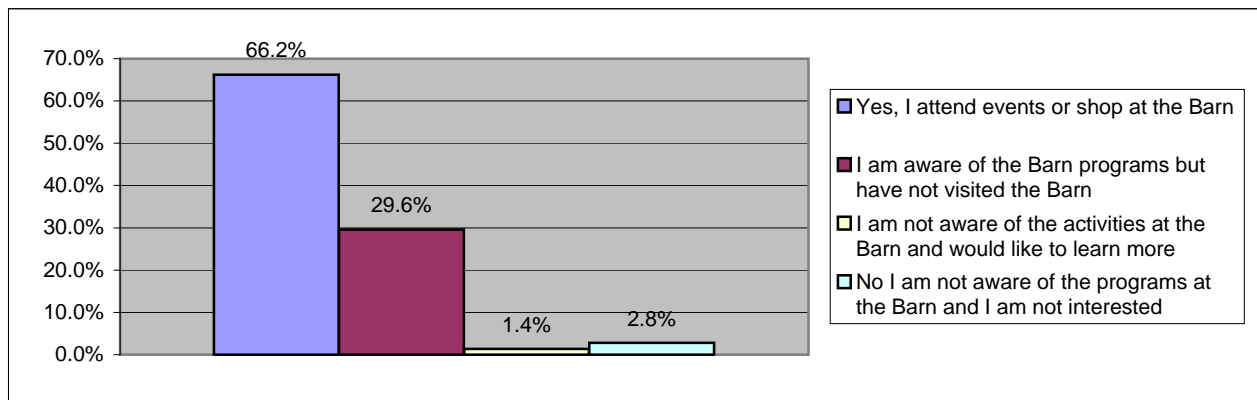
**How would you rate the library and the library programs?**



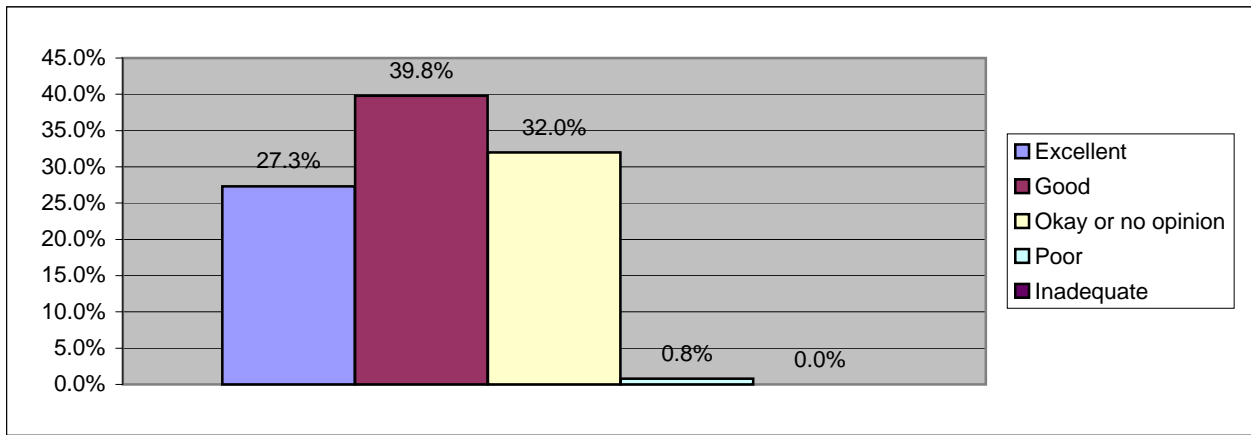
**Do you have recommendations for changes or improvements in the library services or operation?**

Open more hours and weekends. Could use more space in Uniontown. After school activities so a variety of ages and working parents could get involved. no real knowledge of system. Open one evening a week and one weekend day. Provide computer classes for seniors. Maybe combine the two libraries, open hours now open in separate locations, have more books. Don't use. Needs to be open more time. Need more access to computers. Needs to be open more hours. A little more flexible hours to accommodate residents who work outside of Colton/Uniontown. would be nice to have libraries available on a Saturday once in a while. I don't know if it's possible, but our family is able to use the library only after school and in the evenings. Adding an additional late afternoon/evening time would be nice for us. Seek grants to improve materials available. Holly does a great job. Love Holly & Chelsea. Not open very often. Seldom for people who work. Needs to be open more hours. Needs to be opened more. Maybe it could be staffed by volunteers. Close. Have an infant/toddler/preschool library program like the Pullman library has. Well done! We use the library nearly every week. Merge current services with the Valnet system. Hard to use because it is closed by the time we get home from work. Remodel so it looks like and is new, clean, safe and fun. Let people know what is available. The hours of operation are inadequate. Also, I requested books from another Whitman County library and never received them. I am very happy with the library - would be nice if they were open more hours but I understand it may take a larger customer base to make that happen. I wish they could be open more hours.

**Are you familiar with the programs and activities at the Dahmen Barn?**



**How would you rate the programs, classes and events at the barn?**



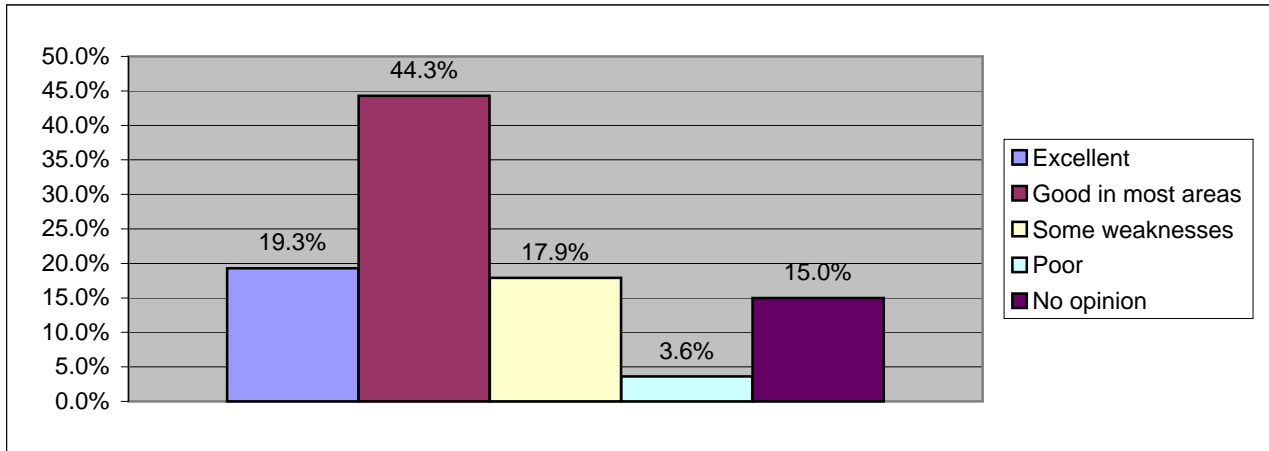
**Do you have recommendations for changes or improvements in the Artisans at the Dahmen Barn programs or operation?**

Try some form of a chautauqua program. I hope an Ag museum can happen. I have not been that involved but I am impressed at how well it has worked. A huge undertaking, seems to be very well managed a good mix of events... I would not have bet on it being this successful. Three cheers for all who are involved!! More advertising in outlying areas and surrounding communities. Advertise as an event venue. Public school more important than the Barn. More events for younger college age people. Basic classes on how to draw and paint. Add classes on cooking sewing, home finances and budgeting. Not interested. Who owns the barn? How much tax money goes into it? It might be nice to get more feedback form the community regarding the types of programs/classes that would be supportive of the community residents. Could we have Artisans from the barn come into the schools to offer mini-classes? Expand space. Coordinate with local groups for support and fund raising. At the barn or community building dance classes for kids, karate classes, zumba line dance for adults. Open gym at the community building. The barn takes away from our community building.

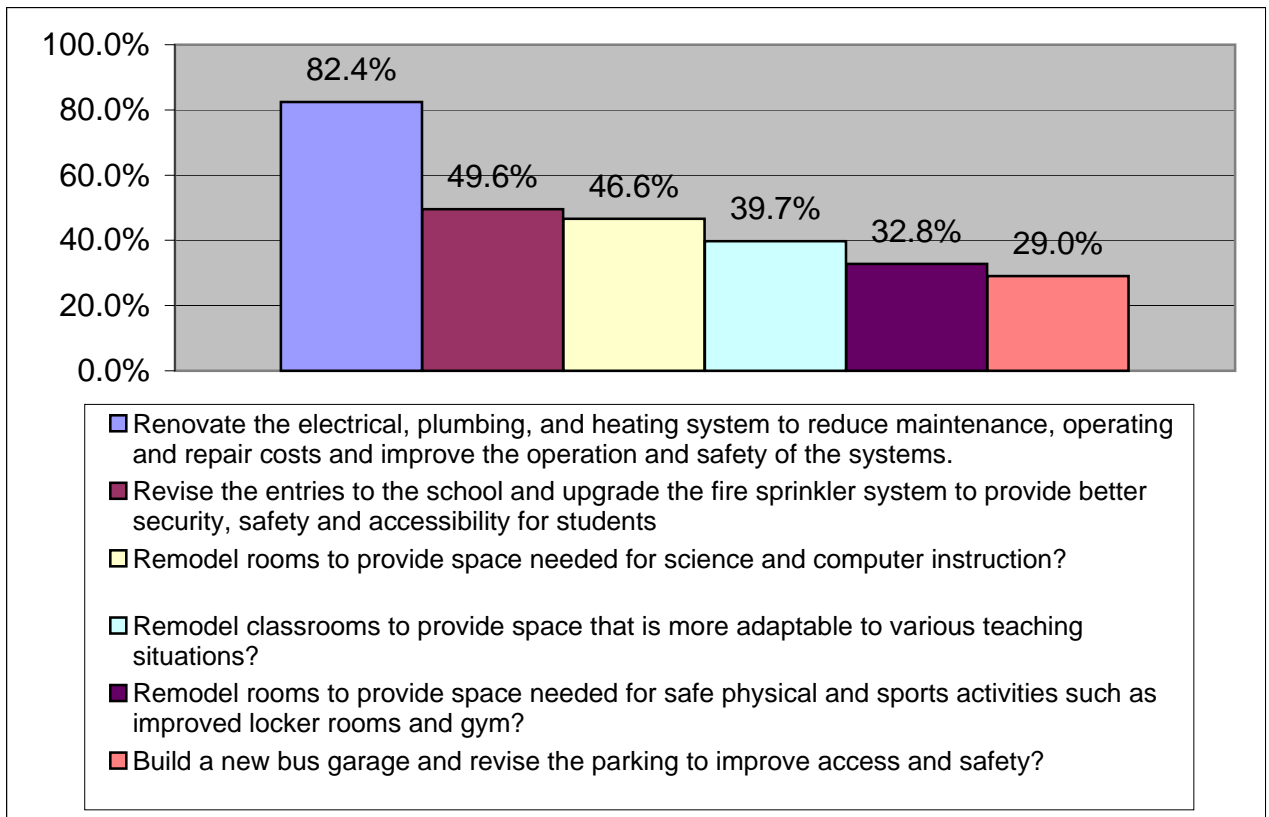
I think the activities are amazing and the barn and people. We enjoy the barn, in our retirement hope to take advantage more. too much emphasis on the barn instead of community. Activities at the Barn tend to highly cater to those outside of the community, which is a consensus among many locals, although we are proud of the barn. Events, classes, and products are fairly expensive. The events at the Barn tend to highly cater to those from outside our community, and most of the community member I have talked to are proud of the Barn, but are not interested in the type of events held there. Courses, events, and products are fairly expensive. More hands-on activities for all ages, but in general we are very fortunate to have a facility such as the Dahmem barn in our community. Too crowded with too much amateur art work. Maybe a game room, indoor track, bowling. Sometimes the cost of events is more than what I can afford, but that just means I have to decide which things I want to attend more. Summer literature, creative writing, illustration clinics for junior high. A week long camp with accommodations @ B&B.

Would like to see the fall craft sale expanded and more artisan sales events. Question #1 needs another option. I am aware of the programs at the barn, but only attend about once a year because only a couple have been appealing. I enjoyed the candidates forum a couple years ago and would like to see more. A couple of the exhibits have been interesting, but the entertainment is not appealing in the least. My kids attended an art class 2 summers ago, but I found it to be quite expensive for the limited amount they learned. I think it makes a good tourist stop, but fail to see how it can help increase our population. Actively promote a roadside rest area focusing on the scenic byway. I would like to see more Artisan events held at the barn. Perhaps expanding the fall craft fair would be a good start. I've visited the barn, but find no reason to return. It was a poor investment for development, focus should have been on the downtown. More offerings for classes in various media. It would be nice to offer beer / wine during the concerts. The Red Barn does this and the money from the beer / wine goes towards to school. A nice idea. Offer r

**How would you rate the education available at the Colton/Uniontown public school?**



The main portion of the school building and the utility systems were built in 1939 and all of the systems need upgrades to reduce operating and maintenance costs, improve security and safety, and adapt space to present uses. The gym and locker rooms on the north end were built in 1963. Would you support issuing bonds that would be repaid over 20 or more years based on the assessed value of your property for improvements in the following areas (50 to 60% of the cost would be paid by the State)? Check all that you support



**Comments:** This school is our saving grace and needs to be renovated to help attract more families with children to our community. Offer more diverse cultural courses. Renovation of systems should have been happening over the last 30 years. Was 100% behind the bond that failed. I am a land owner and would have asked to help pay for the upgrades. One thing that was not brought up during the bond process was the ongoing cost of education in the communities even without Colton School. We will continue to pay, we will have less say, and our kids will go away. We can not afford to let this happen. Run the bond again. Start with elementary and secondary administration, teachers, staff, and school board. There is workplace bullying and too many personal agendas! Poor science education!! Spaces don't need to be remodeled. They have been fine for years. Weak in math Remodeling not needed. The school must be a priority if we want young families to relocate here. The Pullman school district is so strong it eclipses the Colton-Uniontown District. The school is the lifeblood of the community. . We need the school updated to allow for enhanced learning for our young people. Vote for all of these improvements. Hurting children by voting no. No improvement needed. Would it be cheaper to build a new building? Scholarships should be available for needy students not rich kids. Should not rely on state funding. We do not support moving west wall of gym, too expensive. Remodeling and renovation not needed. I have supported the bond since the beginning and am highly disappointed that both communities have not realized the essential nature of supporting education. If the school facilities are not updated to reflect safe and current learning environments, it has the potential to VERY detrimentally impact both Colton & Uniontown as families begin leaving the communities (or not locating to the towns to begin with) in order to have access to more complete, cutting-edge and safe school facilities. Please try again and I truly hope the communities will finally realize that supporting this bond will have long-term positive implications for our communities. Building a new playground for the kids that is up to code and that has more climbing structures and activities.

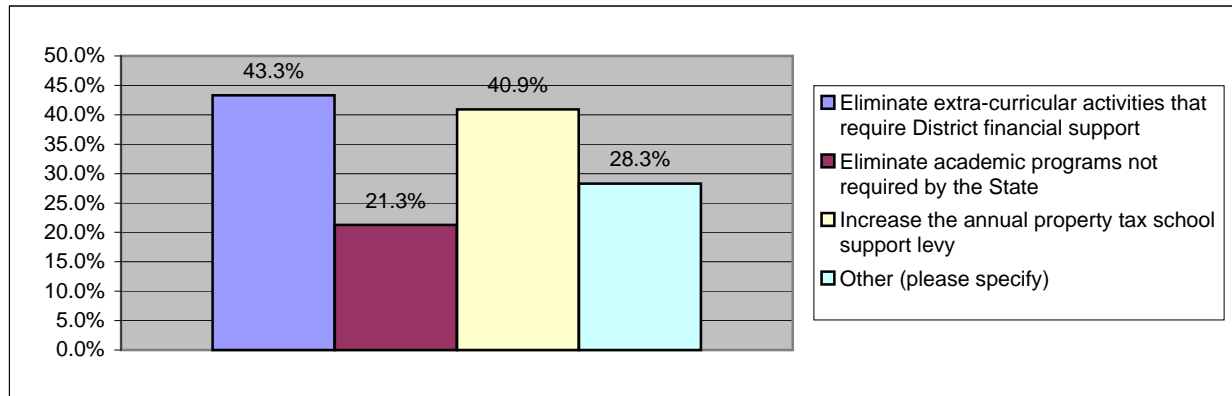
Also providing a better parking lot for public parking so that double parking isn't necessary. I think systems have been repaired and upgraded as needed. No more upgrades are needed. Merge the high school with Pullman. Redesign the existing facilities for Elementary & Middle School. The previous Superintendent lied to the communities for years when he told the boards the school was in fine shape. Improvements should have been made over time, now we are faced with a major remodel. It may be better for a new school. The costs for either can not be supported by the communities at this time. This issue is going to take more leadership and brainstorming than is currently be applied. If the school & its teachers were there for the students and the right reasons and NOT there for sports it would be worth the improvements. Colton/Uniontown suffer from a poor tax base thus keeping school bond costs at an alarming rate and much higher than surrounding districts. Need to reduce the tax rate to attract a major business. I keep voting for this. Something other than property tax to make these improvements. I am sorry but I have Close Colton school district and merge with Pullman. Taxes are already high. Should do what's needed to upgrade academics - not sports. Enrollment is too small for a major upgrade to the school. Renovate in stages as was done with windows. Use common sense when remodeling. Spend more on teachers who can teach advanced placement classes. Had to send our child to Pullman. Will continue to support needed maintenance and repairs. I will not support any levy that upgrades locker rooms and gyms. I'd like to add that the Catholic school has a great set up. Lets pass the bond! Try to pass the levy for remodeling again. Classrooms are cramped and small. Entries need to be accessible to those with disabilities. Although we originally moved to Colton for the schools, my children selected to transfer to other schools when they were older in order to have more variety in course work, teachers, and have access to AP and vocational courses which better met their intellectual needs and interests. Close the school, Merge with Pullman.

I would be loathe to support a bond that would support any kind of sports oriented activities. These are not necessary expenditures in the face of this economy. I have had to prioritize my own spending and do without in order to keep my family and business afloat; I do not think that the school is any different. None of the above. Wait until people have jobs and the economy is better. I have heard lots of comments from people against the remodeling of the school that too much emphasis is on athletics. These same people complain that we aren't a "close community" and we need more functions to bring the community together. If these people would attend a sporting event, they would see a "close community". There are only a couple functions in these 2 communities (the steak & wine dinner and sausage feed) that bring as many people together as a high school game. If we don't support our kids and our school, we will have nothing. Great things can come from athletics, too! It teaches discipline, team building, hard work, exercise, etc. and keeps our kids healthy, busy and out of trouble.

It also teaches time management and stresses academic performance (as is shown by winning the academic state championship for both volleyball and football). It seems to me that there are two groups of people in our communities: The pro-school group and the pro-barn group. There appears to be very little overlap. We have the opportunity to vote to improve our school building which will in turn preserve our property values.

Taxpayers were not given that option with the barn. It was funded largely by taxpayer dollars without consent and does little or nothing to preserve property values. Wait for the outlook of fed & state economies to improve so that residents feel more secure about paying for the proposed project. 2013? Cut funds for sports. Repair what you have. We need a better understanding of what we are getting and what is covering the over run. No remodeling should be done at this time, it's too costly and not necessary for the small size of the school. I consider all of these things to be basic. A lot of people in these towns are on fixed incomes, do not have children attending the school, and can not afford increased property taxes. Our present budget appears to be very lopsided with sports given the highest of priorities while academics, arts and manual shop suffer. I am not familiar with the school. I am not in favor of moving walls to change classroom space. That is just over the top. Need to keep high quality music and art programs as well as science and math

If school operating funding from the State declines, how should the school district respond to balance the budget?  
(Check all that you support)



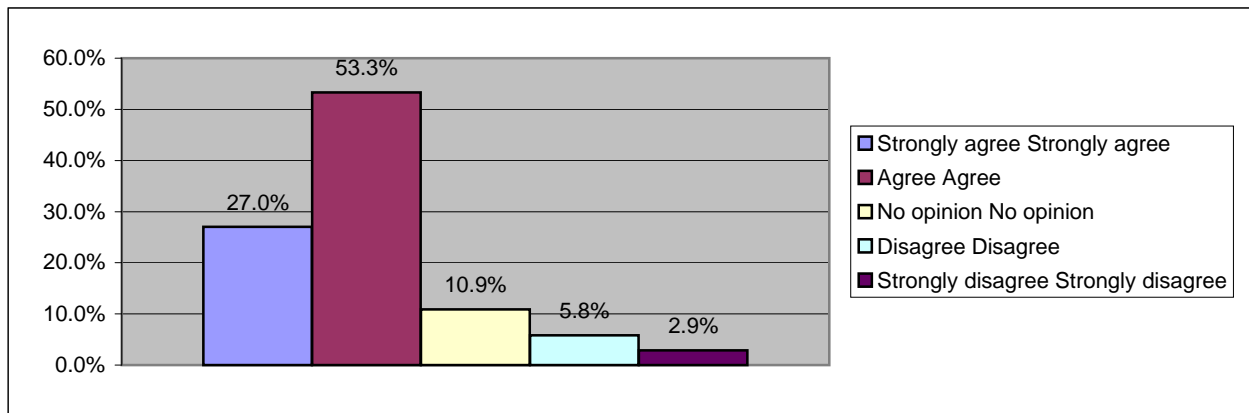
**Other ideas on school cost control:** We must put our schools first! Charge fees for participation in sports. Cut back on sports. I think for sports and some extra-curricular activities there could be some pay-to-play fees put in place. There are more options to choose from and the ones listed are too vague. Support school board decisions. Enlist or hire a grant writer. Consider merging with Pullman District if the school can stay open in Colton. Charge a fee to participate in extra-curricular activities. Recruit volunteers. Send out support request letters to alumni. Apply for grants. Unsure. Better communities help each other. look at all reductions across board not just extracurricular activities or academics not funded by state-these added to our district are what make our district a well rounded school and help enhance the quality for all students. many of these programs are preventative measures for students and enhance their learning environment. Please do not cut programs or activities...the school already offers such a slim selection to our students that they are at a deficit compared to many of their county contemporaries in terms of op

Perhaps we could look at our athletic schedules and reduce the mileage/expense travelling to non-league events. We could then fill in the schedule with other teams from our surrounding area--Genesee, Troy, Potlatch, etc. Ask those extra-curricular programs to work to raise funds for their own expenses. Every bit helps. Don't provide services for kids that will never be able to be a useful part of society. Charge for sports with program to waive fees for under privileged. Open a thrift store staffed by volunteers like Colfax did. reduce salary of administrative and support staff, but keep current salary for teachers. Before raising property taxes any higher consider consolidation of secondary programs with Pullman. Combine several alternatives. Prioritize all activities and operate within revenue. Tighten the purse strings. Hold community fund raisers. look at all creative money saving options and make sure we are not wasting money, consider areas that could be cut or consolidated, then and only then propose property tax increases. Online classes such as math with parapro support?

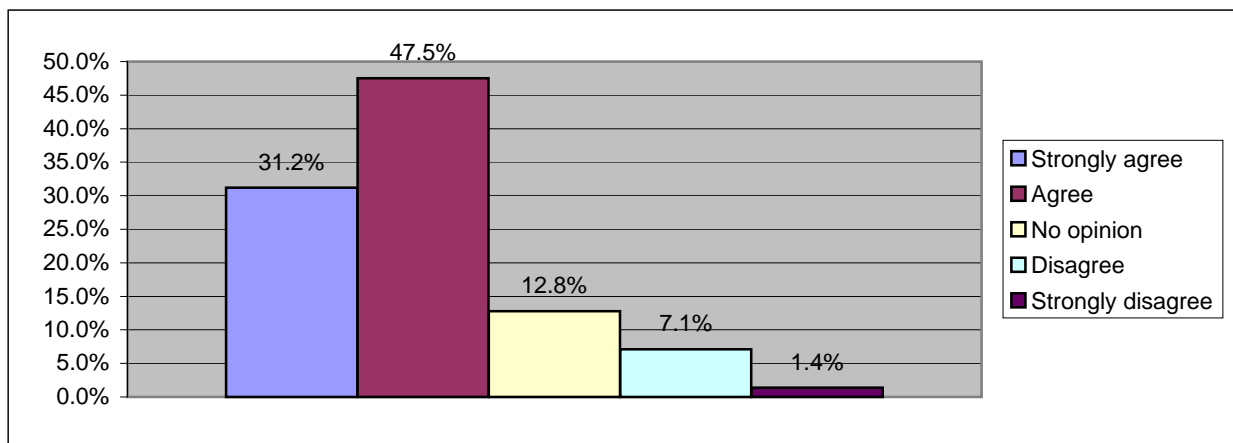
Extra curricular programs such as art were already eliminated-- which is very sad. No public input was sought for that decision. Perhaps it is time to consider consolidation with the Catholic school and or Pullman. The community is too small to support it all. Fundraising, grant writing, donations. Need to wait and see what comes out of the supreme court ruling. a small charge for students to participate in extra curricular activities. 4 day school week. Close the School, Merge with Pullman. Busy kids are usually good kids, not likely to get into trouble. Again, I feel that our tax payers should not bear the brunt of this expense. We have many senior citizens in this community and families on fixed income that cannot withstand further taxes. As a business owner, I am taxed to the limit and every time my property tax goes up I have to figure a way to cover it without increasing my prices. If sports/extra curricular activities are of such importance, it should be on a "pay-to-play" basis at this point. Charge sport fees. I am not in favor of higher taxes, but I would be in this case. If we lose our school, our communities are lost as well. Reconsider s Consolidate admin support staff? 1/2 day kindergarten & K-staff?

**What strategies should be used to improve the communities?**

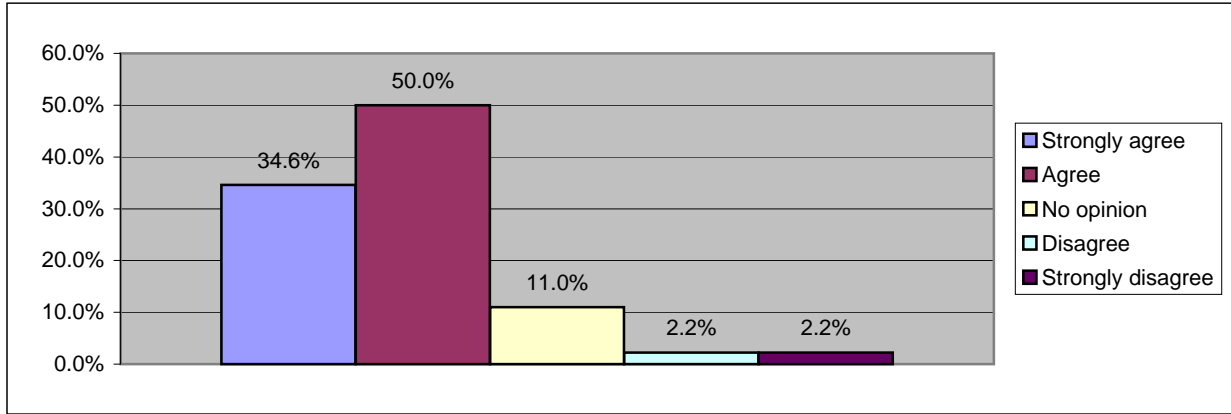
**Recruit young families to move to or stay in the Uniontown/Colton area** with the objective of increasing the number of students in the school and increasing the number of customers for local businesses. To achieve this objective, we will need to actively market our communities and we will need to facilitate the construction of affordable housing. The objective will be to increase the population in the area by 2% to 4% per year.



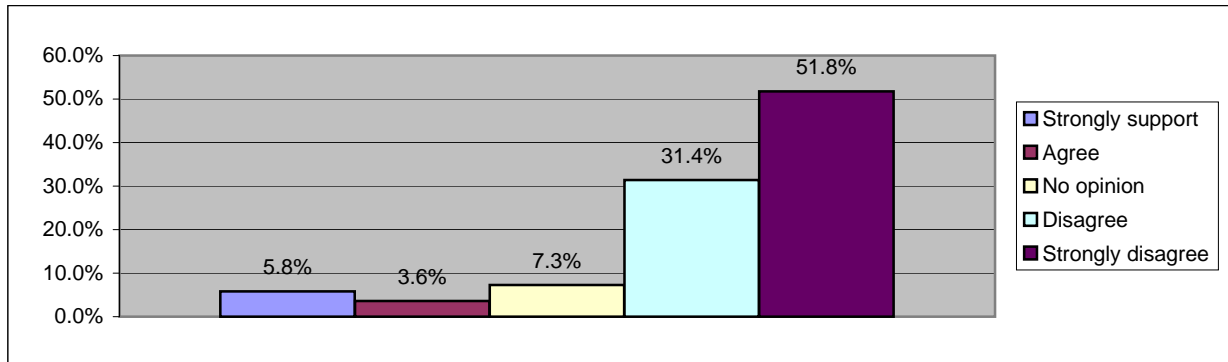
**Encourage the development of and attract small businesses** to provide more services and job opportunities in the Uniontown/Colton area. Use tactics such as providing business start up loans, providing technical assistance needed for business start up and expansion, encourage home based businesses and other similar tactics.



**Find more ways for Colton, Uniontown, the school district, library and Dahmen Barn to work together** in providing needed community services. The objective would be to reduce costs while increasing services.



**Doing nothing is always an option** and is the easy path. The probable result of doing nothing will be a continuing decrease in population, a gradual decline in public services, closing of one or both post offices, closing of the bank, merging the School District with the Pullman School District, and a continuing decline of real estate values. What is your opinion on a “do nothing” approach?



**Do you have ideas or recommendations on how to improve the Colton and Uniontown communities?**

This community is too unique and family oriented to mix with any other. We love our small towns. Clean up Uniontown, Get some sort of public transportation, bring back volunteerism . Who or what group would build affordable housing? Need young families. Present residents are past child bearing age. Youth are leaving to find good jobs. Focus on improving academic education (sports should not top the school's priority list). Too many kids are going to Pullman for better schooling. Move county shop and put in antique/what-not mall, possible area also for local museum. Sign on both ends of corridor letting people know how proud we are to live, work, and educate our kids here. As much dress-up, especially in Uniontown, of all that is visible. If we act like we are proud to live here I believe others will want to live here with us! Grocery store & restaurant. Market these communities as family friendly satellite communities (avoid the term "bedroom communities") for Pullman, Moscow and Lewiston/Clarkston. Work with the HR people at the largest employers to help new hires find more affordable and attractive living arrangements .

I feel the school being updated would be a huge attraction to people looking to relocate and through that the other issues would somewhat take care of themselves. Without an excellent school we have a dead horse. We need to look at the overall outlook of the community. We need to start acting as one community! It starts with a better school to make it more attractive for families to move here. More people will support more businesses but we need to start with the school. Vote yes on levies. Schools are most important. Why spend money getting more people? Build a trail between the two towns. Clean up Uniontown, enforce the laws on junk. Have a fitness center. Use highway frontage to attract businesses and people. A community workout area/building would be great (Rec Center). Need some sort of public transportation, car pool support. Need town clean up and dumpster twice a year. Need recycling in Uniontown. Good, honest Christian people can make this happen.

Focus on bringing in business(es) that do not focus solely on retail, but rather can be based in Colton-Uniontown and provide full-time employment to residents (or new residents who might relocate in order to be nearer to their place of work). If some of these type of manufacturing-administrative-development businesses came into the communities it would then create a bigger population base that could then make retail-business more sustainable. Consider absorbing/closing the Catholic school. Every time there is a fundraiser/community awareness event for St. Boniface it divides the towns' already limited resources between two education sources, rather than focusing on being one stronger, united front. If all the "support" went to one school, it could create a huge amount of change - in both dollars and people-resources. Colton needs a public playground for kids. We need more services available to keep kids busy during summer holidays and weekends. An outdoor pool like the town of Palouse has would be a terrific summer addition to the town! Any time we can work together rather than separately is a bonus. As communities, we I think working together more often as schools, parishes, and municipalities would benefit all involved. A few people are doing a lot of work in all of these areas, if we worked together the burden would be lightened and the results would be better than they have been. I only agree with #4 because I'm not sure it's reasonable to expect these small communities to adequately and appropriately fund the school district. The communities need to be more welcoming & supportive of newcomers. Advertise and Recruit. Request teachers to live in the community - note request not require. The same should be applied to all city employees. Reduce the drug element of the communities. Several businesses have wanted to start or locate here but have specifically mentioned the drug element as being undesirable for a small town. It is very hard to increase the population and keep who moves into Colton here because of the "tight-nit" community and they way that long time residents treat so called "outsiders". The same if also with the students and teachers at the Colton School. Teacher are more willing to help the students that have lived here since they were little and not the new comers.

The students are unwelcoming and tight as a group that are unwilling to let new students into their groups. Transparency - Do our best to get the word out to the community that we need help. Continue to hold meetings where people can voice opinions and find ways to help. Palouse has great success with growth over the last several years. Maybe we could contact their town council and ask what has worked for them. Make people clean up the trash in yards. Need something to draw people that off sets gas prices. Focus on tourism and highway traffic for new and more business. Include in the marketing of the communities the outstanding performance based Catholic grade school that possesses equal or better facilities than the public school. Cleaning up in Uniontown would help attract more families. Recruiting young families to stay in the Uniontown/Colton area is useless. these families need to buy property to expand the tax base. Swimming pool for kids in the summer. Need a food mart gas station. Affordable family housing.

Too much junk in yards and surrounding areas in Uniontown. Its disgusting, people should not be allowed to do this. Enforce the town ordinances. Possibly more people would to live here then. Enforce the town ordinances. Find a way to unite the communities by getting more people involved and create a real atmosphere of community. The way this town looks, I wouldn't want to move in or start-up a business. It is a disgrace. It is time to clean up! Help current businesses advertise, cost is prohibitive for small businesses. Maybe an area brochure. The trib's are too expensive. Need more activities for young families. Encourage town wide spring clean up efforts, increase drug education in school and have an annual community Meth awareness meeting to discourage drug activities in the area. People want to move their families to a safe, clean, small town so they don't worry about their children. Consolidation is an excellent suggestion. Perhaps art could be brought back to the school with minimal cost. Utilizing the Whitman County Library system for research projects, career training, etc. would be a good use of resour

New families do not always feel welcome in the community. New ideas seem to be frowned on. Participation is not always welcome. So marketing to new families has to have support and willingness from the current stake holders to listen to AND support new ideas-- not just how it has always been done. Merging with the Pullman School district for middle and high school could possibly have some real educational benefits. It should be considered. Host meetings at different town businesses each month so meeting goers have a chance to experience other businesses in the area if they have not done so already. Uniontown enforce ordinances and clean up eyesores. We enjoy living here, we like to participate in community events, strongly support these endeavors. Actively research and seek out those who may be willing to invest in a business in the area, or bring a service into the area whether it be a full service or 1-2

local restrictions that may be preventing someone from considering bringing a business into the area or purchasing a

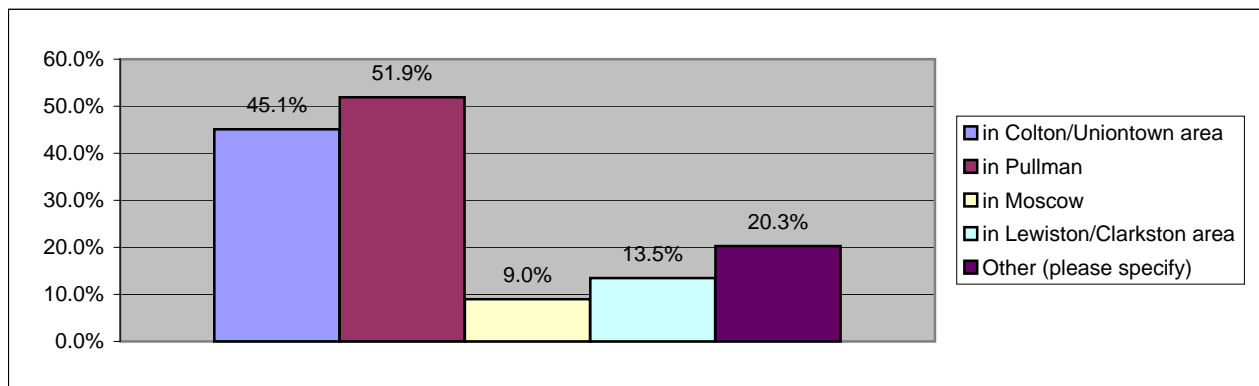
Intentionally work with realtors to actively encourage potential home buyers/renters to consider looking outside of the Moscow-Pullman-Valley for homes (good schools, safety, friendly, etc) Create or update website that promotes the area. Work with LCSC/WSU business departments to promote college students to create advertising, etc. for course credit/projects- and to consider opening business in the area. Our two communities are often seen as "separate" - we need to promote togetherness. Using business start-up loans is not something I would encourage. Encouraging home-based businesses is wise. There should be some balance between no financial support for businesses yet encouraging home based businesses. Why are you not promoting German Catholic heritage with 2 Catholic parishes and a Catholic school. Shame on you. Bus lines, small grocery store. Working together to bring tourism and families to both communities, Working together to save costs & gain efficiencies. The time has come to close the Catholic school and send those children to the public school, A religion class could be provided by the church

Advertise our day care availability Closing the School and merging with Pullman would in fact improve the social well being of remaining people in that they would be surrounding themselves more often with other way's of life. Doing nothing is not very proactive, nor a very viable solution. As a small business owner, I would not be able to pay a loan, however, to help my business. It would just make another monthly payment. I think attracting families with more affordable housing may help. I find it interesting that our Catholic school/ churches as a source of community investment is mentioned here?? Make SBA options more visible. Dahmen Barn artists teach at school. Repeal development restrictions on adjacent ground, Consider/support annexation. Two post offices 3 miles apart is a waste of taxpayer money. While I strongly agree with most of question #1, I don't necessarily believe that facilitating affordable housing is the way to improve property values. I think the way to increase population is by providing living wage jobs. Marketing toward Plumbing, HVAC, & Electrical contractors, manufacturers, etc. as a central location may

Those types of businesses don't have to rely on just locals to make it. They are usually run and staffed by people with families (kids for our schools), offer good wages, and can lead to retail businesses after the population grows. I also think we need to figure out a way to keep more of our retired people in our communities by putting in an assisted living and/or independent living complex. Garfield has a very good example of this. School athletics coordinate tournaments, small businesses respond with food, shelter, sponsorship, etc. Need strong land use planning. Develop specific plans for the communities before marketing. Johnson is in the Colton district and should not be ignored in planning. Find a place for businesses and support them. Realistically the towns are bedroom communities for those who work in Pullman or Moscow. Also, there is not the population to support much in the way of someone investing alot of money in starting up a business. I would like to see The Red Barn expand it's Fall festival like the Green Bluff festival in Spokane. Based on the large turnout last fall in 2011 it's clear many people in the Maybe the Dahmen Barn should consider having some type of festival. Where can small businesses locate, is there property available. Vision and patience??

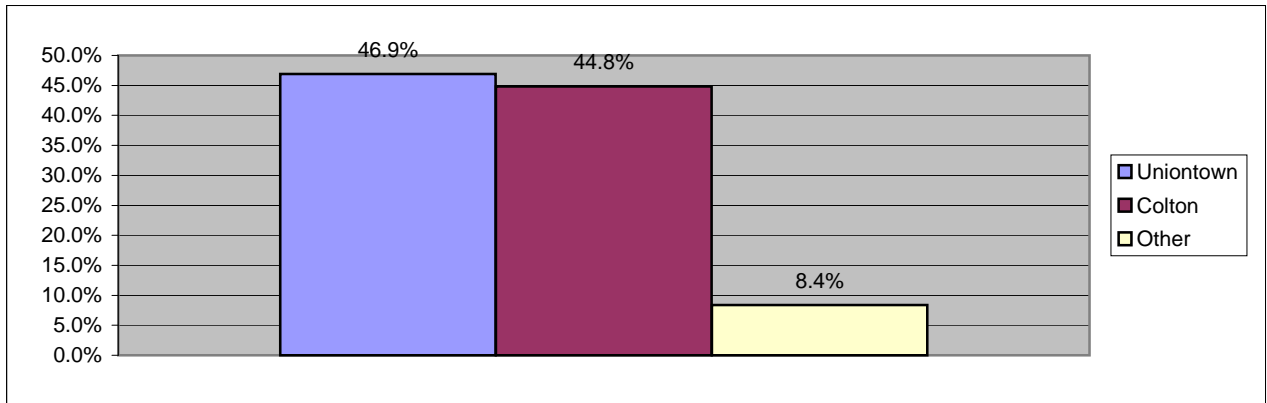
Growth is not necessarily a good thing. Keep the communities small. Increased size means increased costs and you will never net out on the positive side and the quality of life will decrease with growth. Don't spend good money after bad on the flawed concept of the Barn. Do more advertising of our communities at larger area employers: SEL, Blount, Clearwater Paper. Educate the real estate brokers in the Quad Cities about the value of homes in Colton & Uniontown. the program that has been initiated of the two communities working together towards a common goal is an excellent idea and would to be strongly encouraged. I would love to see a bike path connecting the two communities. Clean up the dilapidated buildings in the community.

**Where do the employed people in your household work (check all that apply)?**

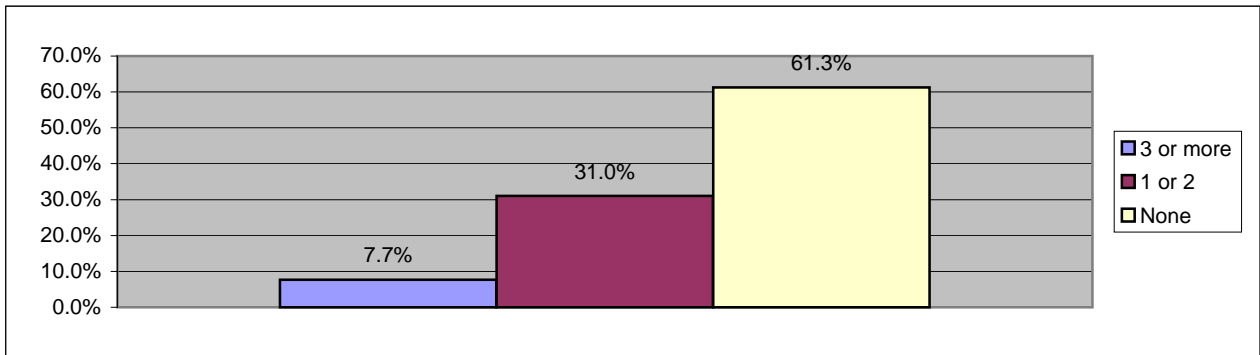


Other places of employment listed included Colfax and Spokane. Many listed retired

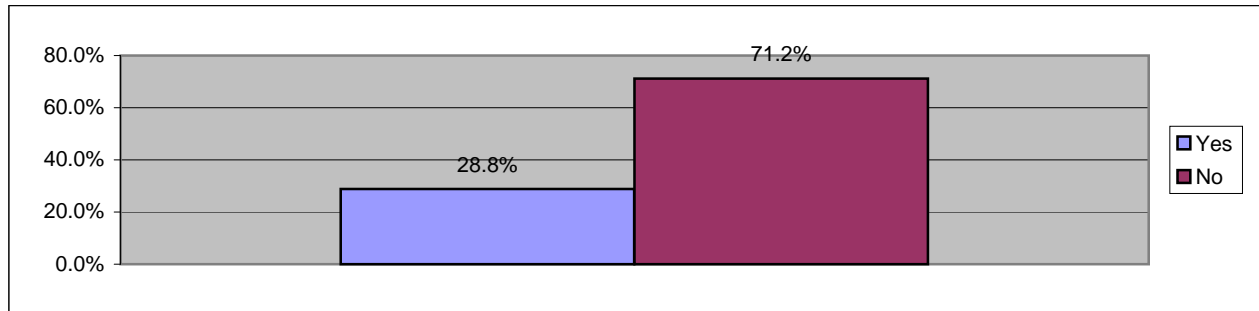
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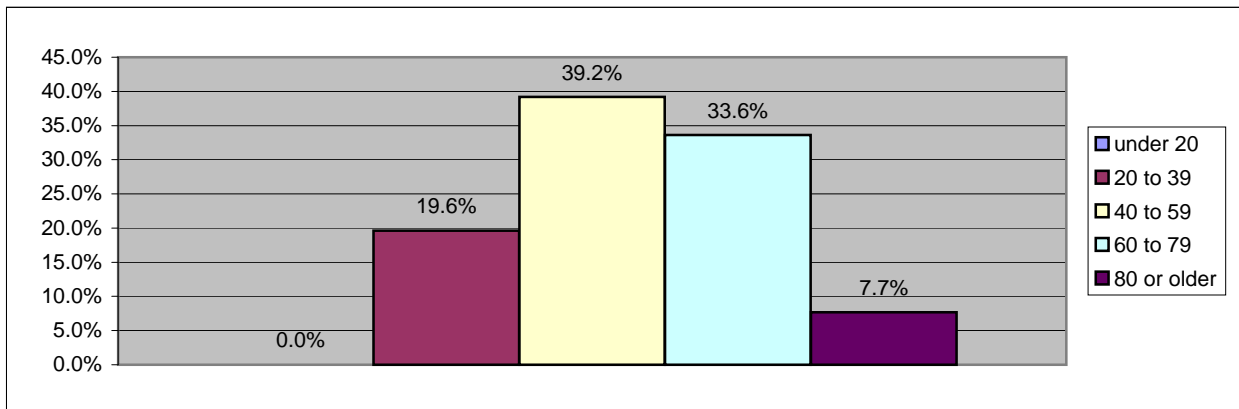
**How many people in your household are under 18 years old?**



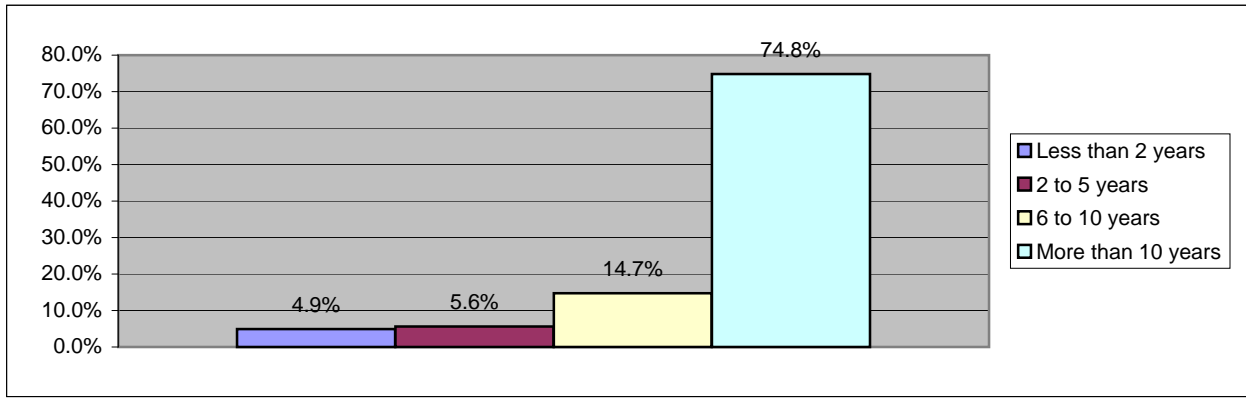
**Are any people in your household 70 or older?**



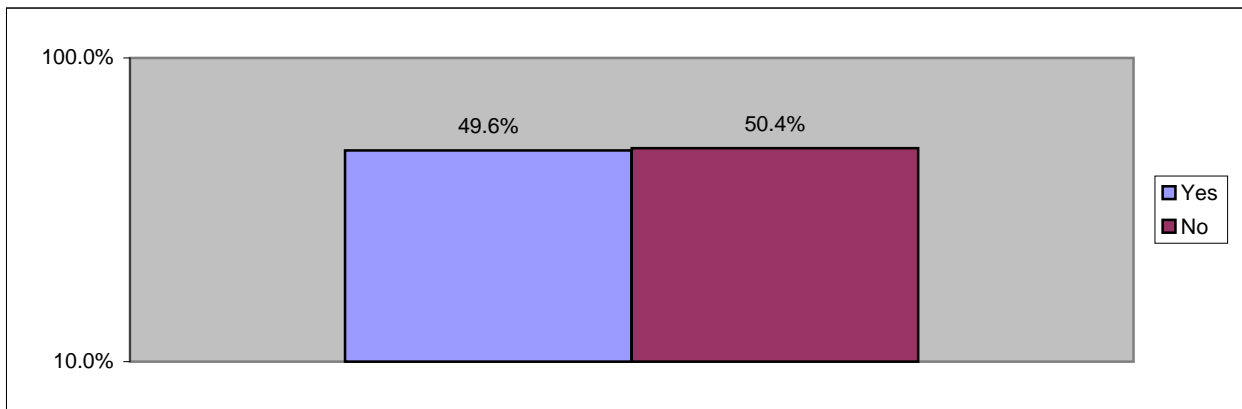
**What age group are you in?**



**How long have you lived in or worked in the Uniontown/Colton area?**



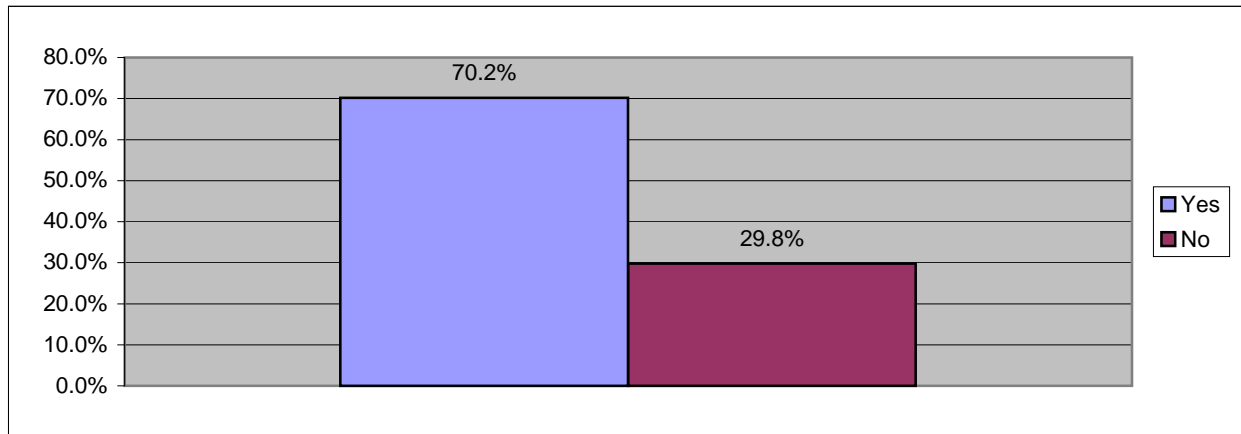
**A community meeting** is scheduled for Wednesday February 29th at 6:30 PM on the second floor of the Dahmen Barn to review the results of this survey and help develop a community improvement action plan. Will you attend the community meeting and help develop a community improvement action plan?



**Comments:** I will be out of town. Would be nice to have child care available so my spouse and I could attend together. Would be much easier to attend if child care was readily available. Thank you for getting this started. Maybe. Workers, not organizers. If we can find childcare we will plan to be there! We will try to attend. Maybe. Already have a meeting that nite. Maybe. I know I'm not staying in Colton due to the issues with the school and because of the unwelcome feeling so I don't care to attend. I maybe able to make the meeting I am unsure at this time. Maybe. Depends on work schedule. I will come if I remember it. Out of town on the 29th. Another commitment conflict. Having the meeting at the barn rather than the community building is why I don't like the barn. It took functions away from the community building. we have a wedding to attend. Yes I know that sounds like a stupid excuse but who make that up? Perhaps. If the 29th is available...I may have a conflict with a business meeting. Out of town. Best of luck! Would like to help, but out of town that day. Unable to attend meeting. Depends on my work schedule.

I would like to, but the last community meeting I attended was not very helpful and felt very one sided to me. I will make it if I can. I would have much preferred the school as a location so people could see the poor state of the building. Working. I'm away. Depends on my work load at the time of the meeting.

**Are you willing to volunteer** to help with a recreation program, or serve on a planning commission, or help with a community clean up, or serve on a town council, or do other types of community volunteer work?



**Comments:** Where ever the help is needed. Where needed. Maybe, many other commitments. Community clean up, town council, recreation programs. Planning, clean up, involvement with UCDA. Education-related work (a local PTA would be a nice addition to the school district). I will help with clean ups and possibly volunteer to help maintain parks. I will do all I can. Town council. Community clean-up, volunteer at the library, volunteer with activities at the Dahmen Barn. Maybe. We did our time volunteering. Help with community clean up. Already help. Not able to help. EMT Distance & gasoline costs hinder us, we would like to help but ... Already help run the recreation programs but am willing to serve on the school remodel committee. We will be happy to volunteer once the service needs are clearly determined and outlined in the action plan. We have no qualms at pitching in time and expertise if it is in a specific and goal-oriented way. not sure Not sure right now. Maybe. Already serve on too many of these activities. Too many folks already doing the same for their own interests. Maybe I would if I was staying.

Community clean up, any short term help opportunities. Volunteer at the school. Planning, clean-up, food bank, holiday lights, etc. community clean up. Continue to volunteer when needed at the barn. I have volunteered in the past and willing in the future, but I need to believe in the projects. Wherever age & energy could handle job given to me. I would like to see what is needed and bring my skills to the table. I have worked a lot on projects but not willing to be on the council or planning commission. Already involved in many projects. Create an e-mail notification list of events taking place so people who want to volunteer keep informed of events going on. People who work out of town never know what is happening. Any way help is needed. I could help get classes or things started, Nobody supports the community building any more. Already volunteer Health is a major limit. If there something we can do, we are willing. Can't help due to health problems. would just depend on my available time. We already are volunteer fire and EMS. Maybe. Again, new people and ideas are not always welcomed. I need to become more inv

Volunteer with a recreation program, help with community clean up and other community volunteer work. I can bake cookies for a meeting. Until I retire do not have time but after Sept 2012 ask again. Wherever needed. Maybe. Depends on what type of help is needed. Any way we can. Getting too old. I have helped in the past with clean up and various community events, like the sausage feed, flea market etc. I can not help because of health issues. Support not lead. Too many time constraints. Possibly. I already volunteer for a number of organizations and with 2 kids, time is limited. holiday decorating committee needs to be developed again...I would participate. Already volunteer. Already volunteer with a recreation program and will continue to do so. Street signs in Johnson. Volunteer, planning, council. studies and planning? ork on future development projects. I do now. Planning

volunteer which I will continue to be. Should wait until I am not so busy working. I am already quite involved and will s