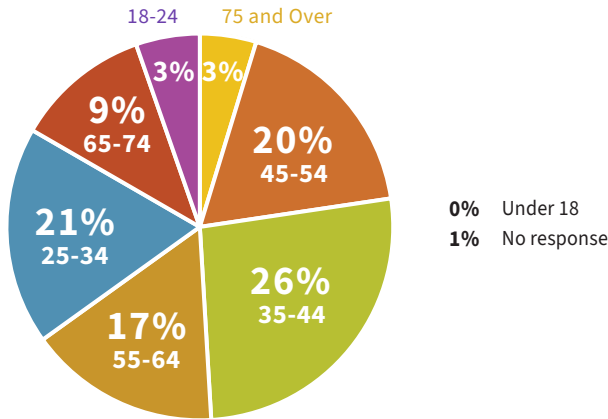


● COMMUNITY SURVEY

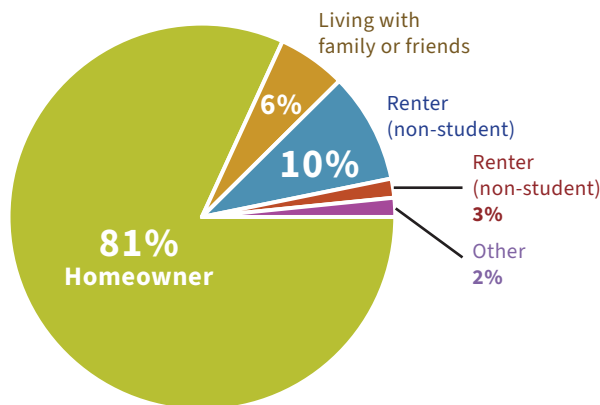
An online community survey was conducted from December 11th, 2025 to May 25th, 2026. The survey was available online and through paper copies at public engagement events. The Community Survey received **318 responses**, accounting for 2.7% of the 11,577 total population of Port Lavaca (2020 U.S. Census). The following sections highlights key findings from each community survey question.



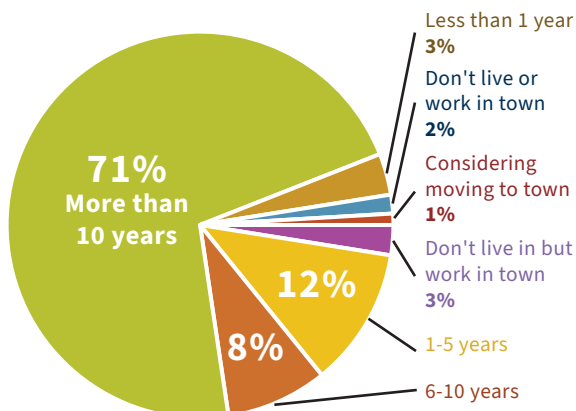
Ages of Respondents



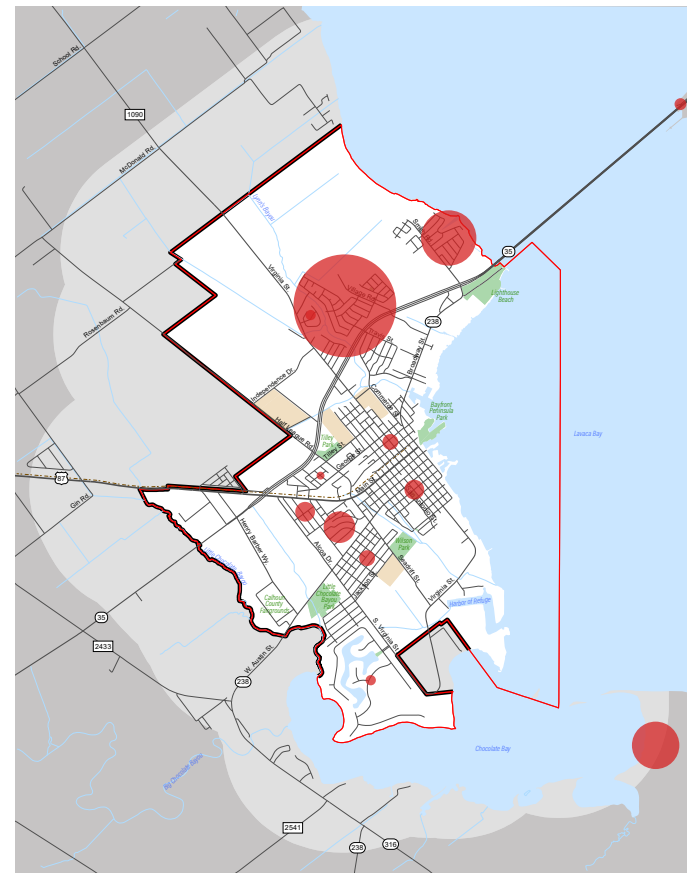
Living Arrangements of Respondents



How Long Have Respondents Lived in Port Lavaca?



Where do Respondents live?



The 318 respondents' cover a wide range of the City and surrounding area, including rural areas, historic Downtown, and new residential subdivisions. Dot sizes correlate with the number of respondents who are from the associated area. The most participation came from residents of the Brookhollow Estates subdivision, and residents living on or near Brookhollow Drive.

Port Lavaca Community Survey Summary:

Open From December 11th, 2025 to May 25th, 2026.

318 Total Responses (2.7% of the City's Total Population)

Respondent Characteristics

- 71% of respondents have lived in Port Lavaca for 10 or more years.
- Response rates by age are relatively equal between age groups, with the majority age range being between the ages of 35-44, at 26%.
- 81% of respondents are homeowners, while 72.4% of Port Lavaca residents overall are homeowners.

Satisfaction

- Only 33% of all respondents say they feel satisfied living in Port Lavaca.
- Respondents note roadway repairs, increased entertainment options, and sanitation improvements would improve the City.

Housing

- Respondents feel the top needs for housing in the community are affordability, quality, cleanliness, and proximity to education and essential services.
- The most desired housing types among respondents are single-family detached homes, single-family attached homes, and townhomes.
- Respondents consider safety and cleanliness, affordability, and quality of schools as the most important factors when selecting a living location.

Transportation

- Respondents feel the City's top transportation needs are better road conditions, more sidewalks and trails, and improved traffic flow.
- Nearly half of respondents feel there is a need for expanded public transportation options.
- 43% of respondents say they walk or bike at least once a day or weekly.
- 93% of respondents say their primary mode of transportation is car.
- The most common walking or biking destinations are the Bayfront, Little Chocolate Bayou Park, and Lighthouse Beach.
- 64% of respondents favorably rate the availability of safe walking/biking facilities.

Downtown

- Respondents feel Downtown Port Lavaca's top needs are building and storefront renovations, the addition of more retail, and landscaping improvements.
- 11% of respondents say they visit Downtown at least once a week, with 31% saying they never visit Downtown.
- 71% of respondents support the preservation of historic buildings and sites Downtown.
- About half of respondents hope to see Port Lavaca's waterfront developed into either a boardwalk, or retail shops and restaurants.

City Services

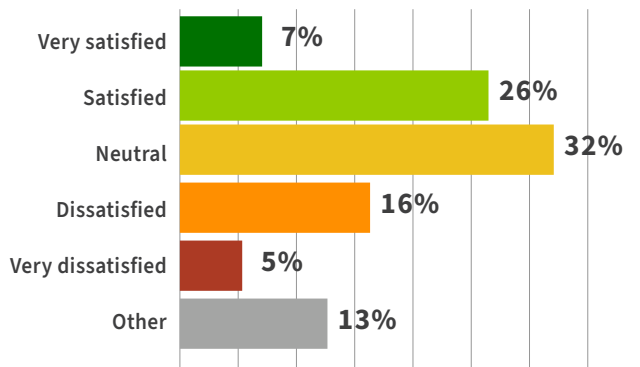
- Respondents consider the City's top utility infrastructure challenges to be aging infrastructure, poor water quality, and high utility rates.
- Respondents consider the City's top drainage infrastructure challenges to be aging infrastructure, blocked or clogged street drains and gutters, and flooding after heavy rain.

Port Lavaca's Future

- Respondents say the City's greatest strengths are a strong sense of community, proximity to major cities, and parks, open spaces, and natural features.
- Respondents say the top challenges facing Port Lavaca are housing affordability, limited retail and services, and limited job / employment opportunities.
- Respondents say the parks and recreation features that are lacking are parks and trails, youth activities and sports, and community centers.
- Respondents say the development and infrastructure features that are lacking and should be prioritized are the Downtown area, sewer and potable water facilities, and schools and education.
- Half of respondents say they might consider zoning in Port Lavaca, but need more information.
- Over the next 20 years, respondents said they'd like to see Port Lavaca become a more attractive destination for businesses and job creation, focus on making Downtown a lively place with additional commercial/retail, and focus on becoming a regional hub for retail and services.

SATISFACTION

? How would you rate your overall satisfaction with living in Port Lavaca?



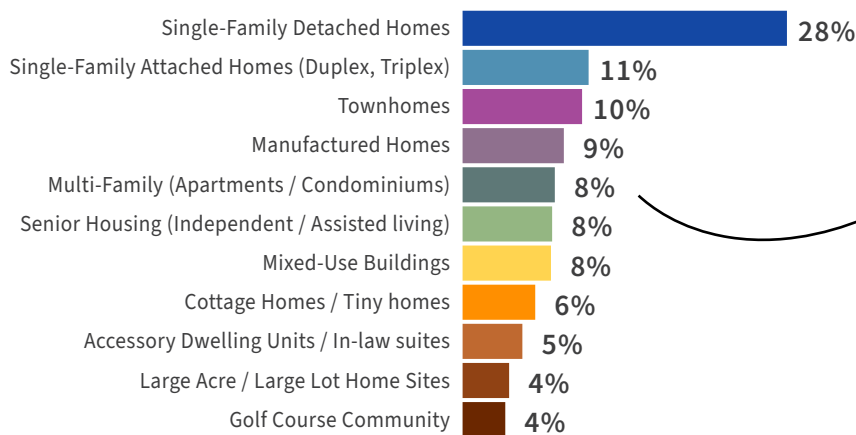
? What could be added or what actions could be taken by the City of Port Lavaca to make living in Port Lavaca better? Why?

Respondents most noted actions or additions include:

1. Add more recreational opportunities
2. Revitalize Downtown
3. Improve the Waterfront
4. Address street litter and trash
5. Renovate vacant buildings
6. Improve community programming
7. Add more housing
8. Increase amount of retail
9. Improve community safety
10. Repair damaged Roads
11. Improve water quality

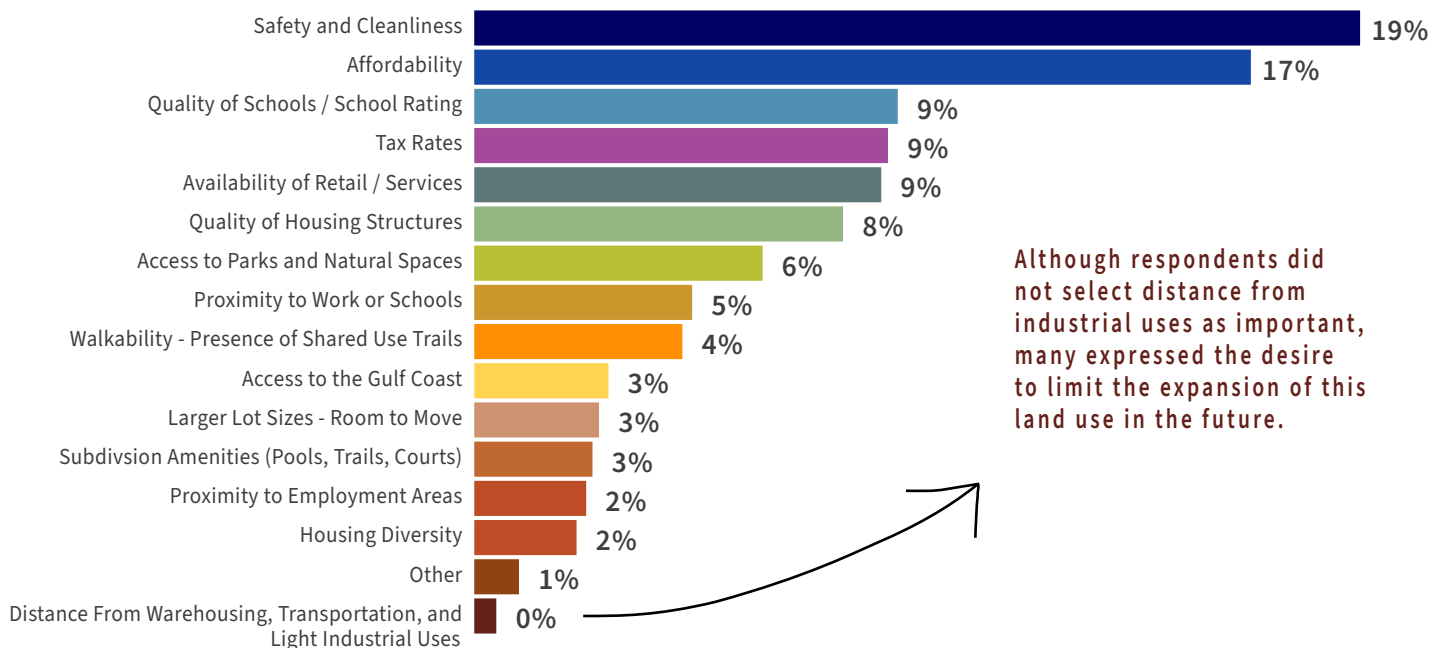
HOUSING

? What types of housing would you like to see more of in Port Lavaca? (Select all that apply)



37% of respondents selected a form of multi-family housing typology, while 28% selected single-family homes.

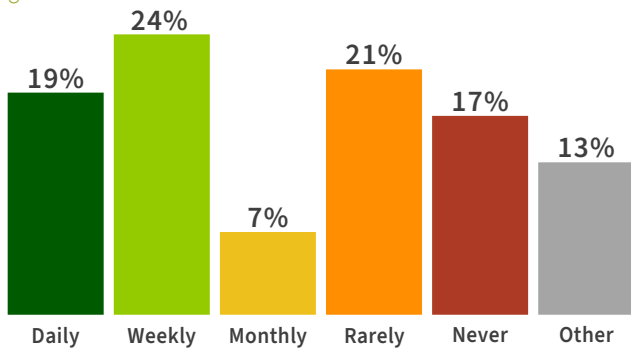
? What are the most important factors when considering moving to a new community? (Select up to five)



Although respondents did not select distance from industrial uses as important, many expressed the desire to limit the expansion of this land use in the future.

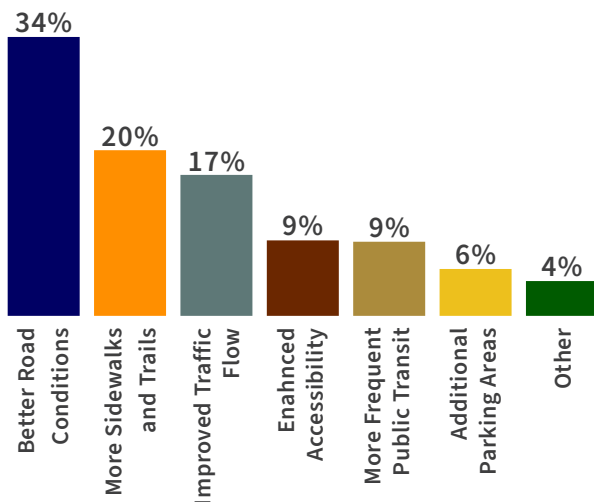
TRANSPORTATION

- ? How often do you walk or bike for leisure or errands within Port Lavaca, and where do you go?



Respondents who said "Rarely" or "Never" noted a lack of safe routes and a lack of sidewalks and trails as the main reason for not walking or biking.

- ? What would most improve your ability to get around Port Lavaca? (Select all that apply)



- ? Where in Port Lavaca do you walk or bike?

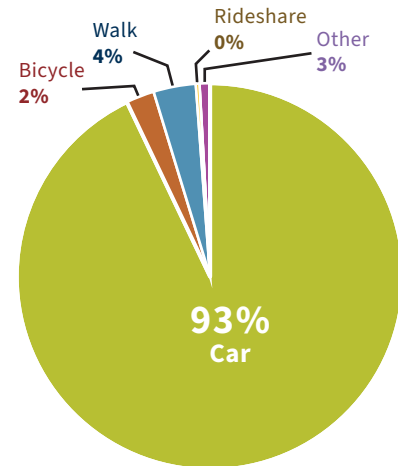
- Bayfront - 74
- Little Chocolate Bayou Park - 58
- Within Own Neighborhood - 56
- Lighthouse Beach - 44
- Local Parks - 11
- Beach - 11
- Sandcrab Stadium - 10
- Boardwalk - 6
- Downtown - 6
- Various Locations - 70

"Respondents primarily walk or bike for recreation, but express the desire to walk or bike for more practical purposes like errands."

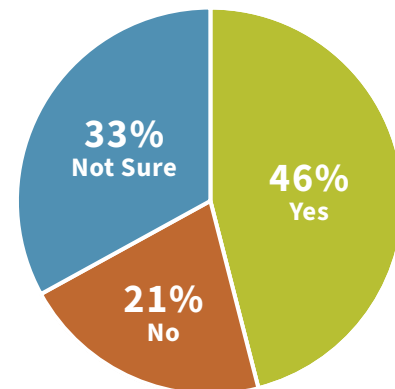
- Community Survey Respondent



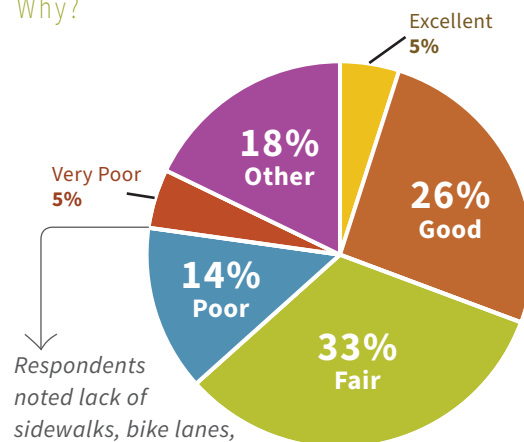
- ? How do you typically travel within Port Lavaca for work, school, or errands?



- ? Do you feel there is a need for expanded public transportation options in Port Lavaca (i.e., fixed-route service, ADA-accessible transit services for seniors, employment connections, etc.)?



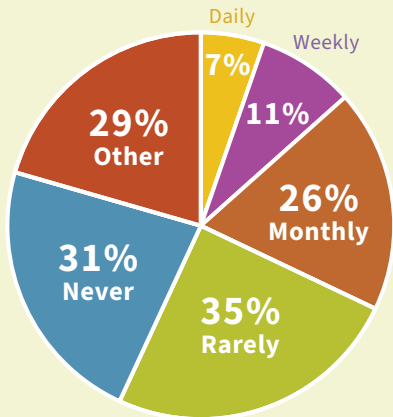
- ? How would you rate the availability of safe walking / biking facilities in Port Lavaca, and Why?



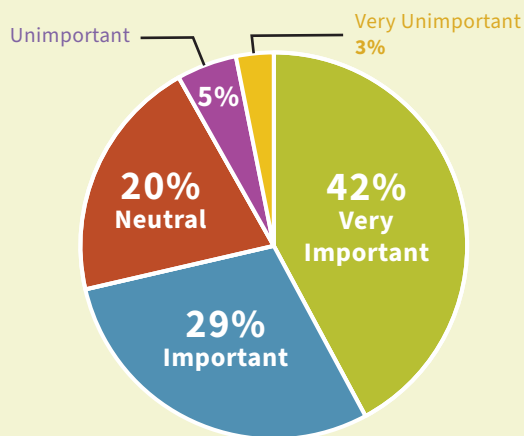
Respondents noted lack of sidewalks, bike lanes, and adequate lighting as the main reasons for rating "Poor" or "Very Poor".

DOWNTOWN

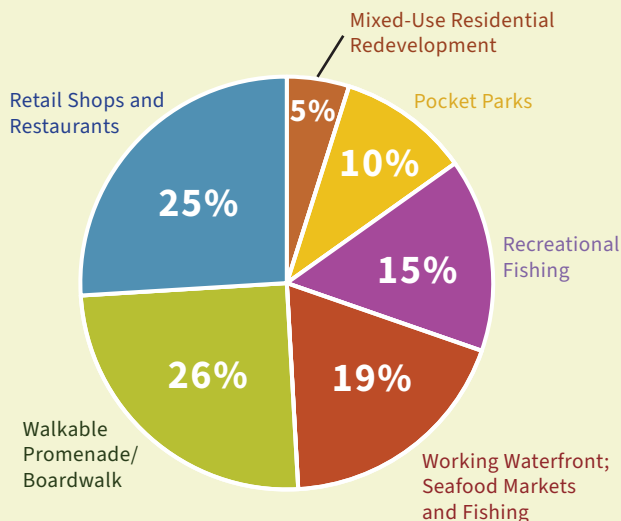
? How often do you visit Downtown Port Lavaca, and why or why not?



? How important is the preservation of historic buildings and sites in Downtown Port Lavaca?



? How would you like to see Port Lavaca's waterfront developed?



? What buildings or locations do you feel should be preserved and added to Port Lavaca's identity:

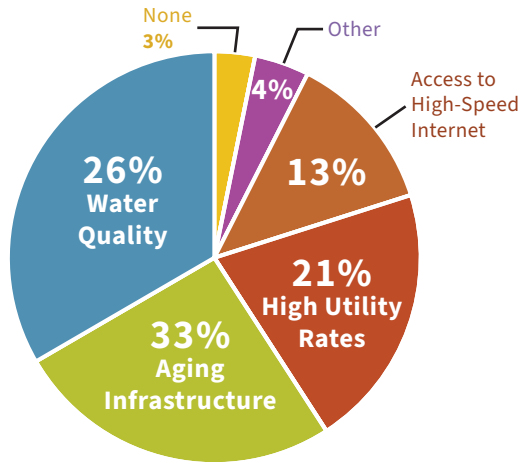
- Downtown / Old Towne - 58
- Main Street - 46
- Other - 23
- All Historic Structures - 17
- Theatre - 12
- Don't Know - 10
- Lighthouse - 9
- None - 8
- Waterfront - 7
- Beach Hotel - 6
- Any Building Possible - 6
- Train Depot - 4
- All Dilapidated Buildings - 4
- Museum - 3
- Firehouse - 3

? What additional features would make Downtown Port Lavaca more attractive?

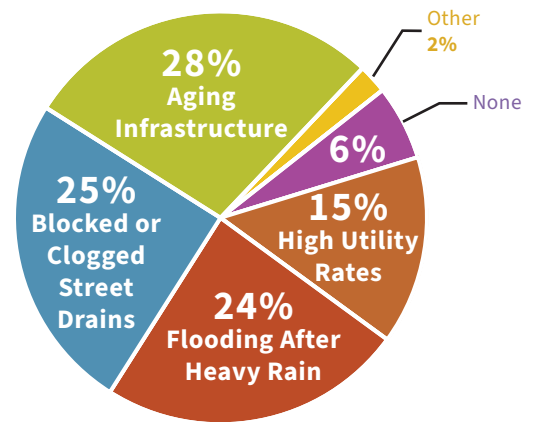
- Building Facade Improvements - 190
- Food Truck Court - 172
- Better Shade, Trees, and Landscaping - 146
- Public Art - 133
- Greenspaces / Parks - 130
- Public Restrooms - 123
- Improved Lighting - 119
- More Parking Options (on-street, shared lots) - 108
- Improved Crime Prevention - 84
- Accessible, Connected, and Safe Pedestrian / Bicycle Infrastructure (sidewalks, on-street bike lanes, shared-use paths) - 82
- Utilities Screening and Buffering / Removal of Overhead Utility Lines - 57
- Safer Intersections - 51
- More Housing Options - 50
- Other - 38
- Wayfinding and Directional Signage - 38
- Vehicle Charging Stations - 12

INFRASTRUCTURE

? What concerns do you have regarding Port Lavaca's utilities infrastructure?

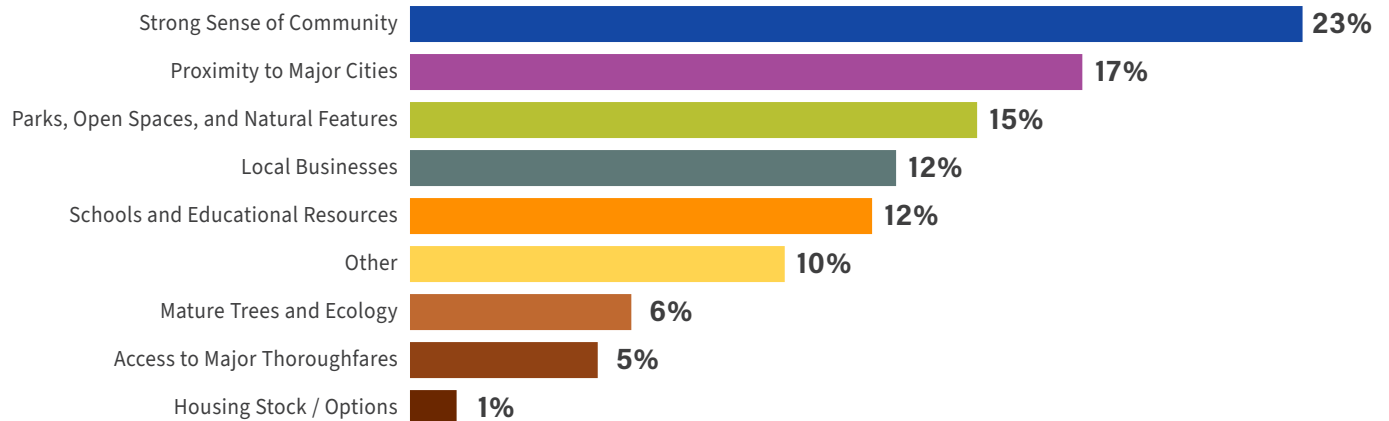


? What concerns do you have regarding Port Lavaca's drainage infrastructure?

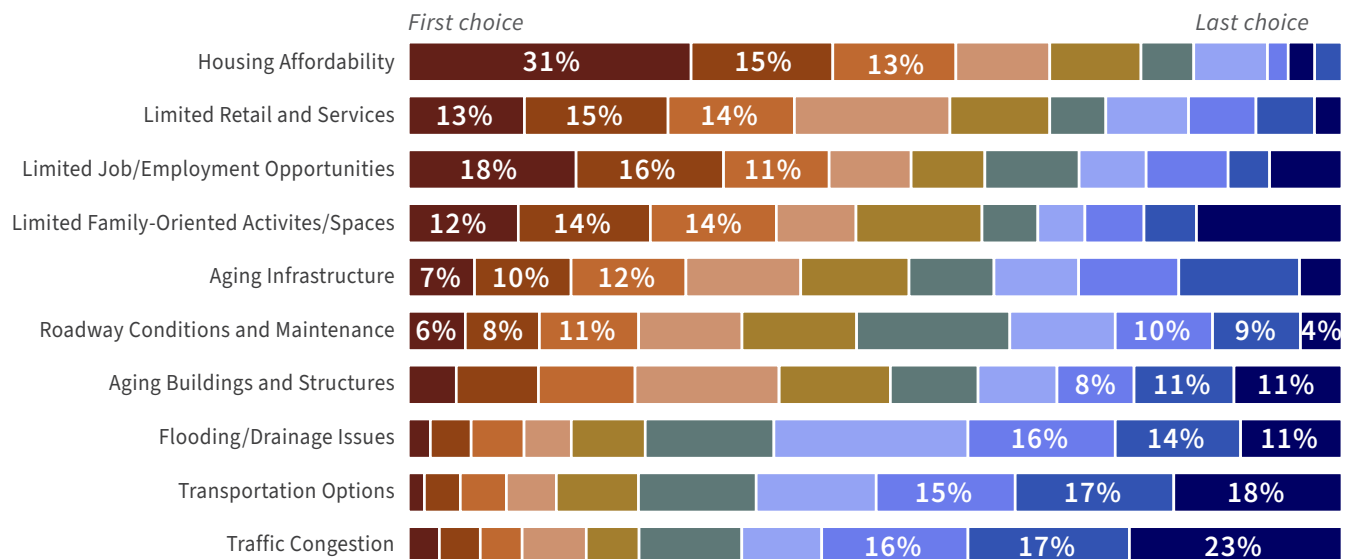


PORT LAVACA'S FUTURE

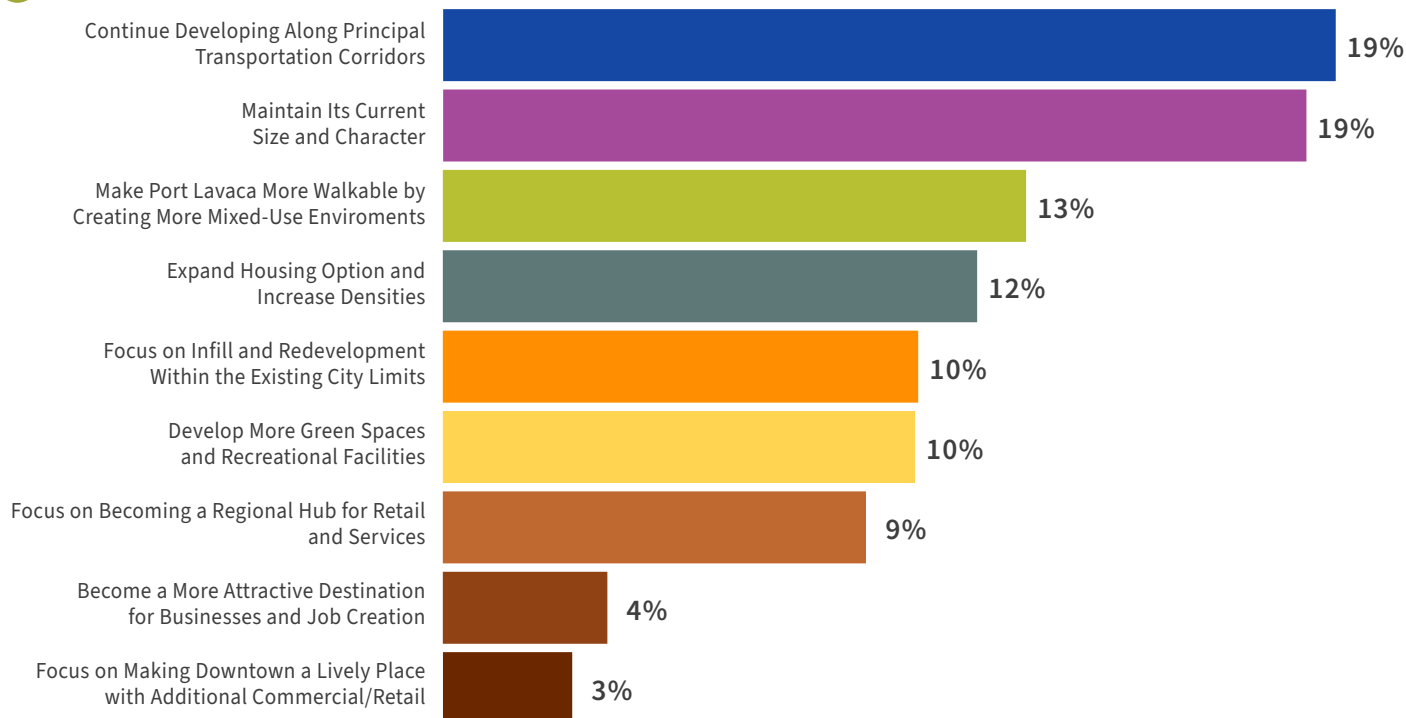
? What do you see as Port Lavaca's greatest strength or asset?



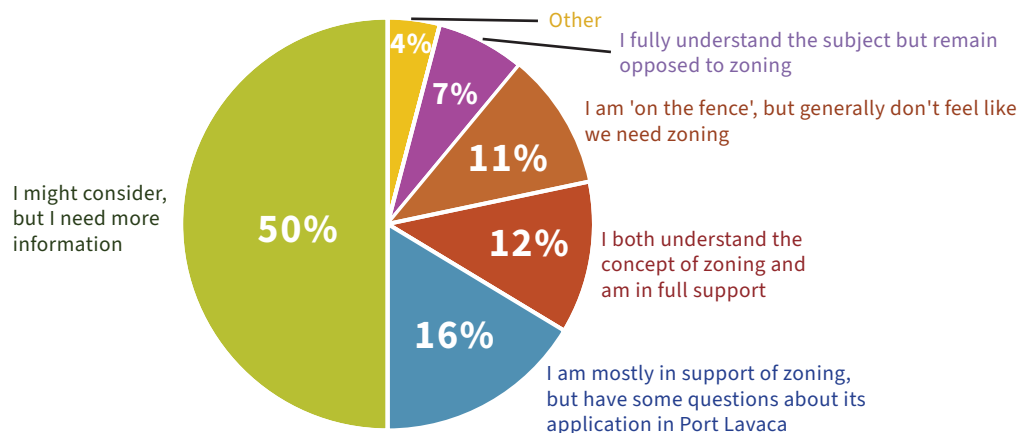
? What are the top challenges Port Lavaca faces as a viable community to live, work, and play?



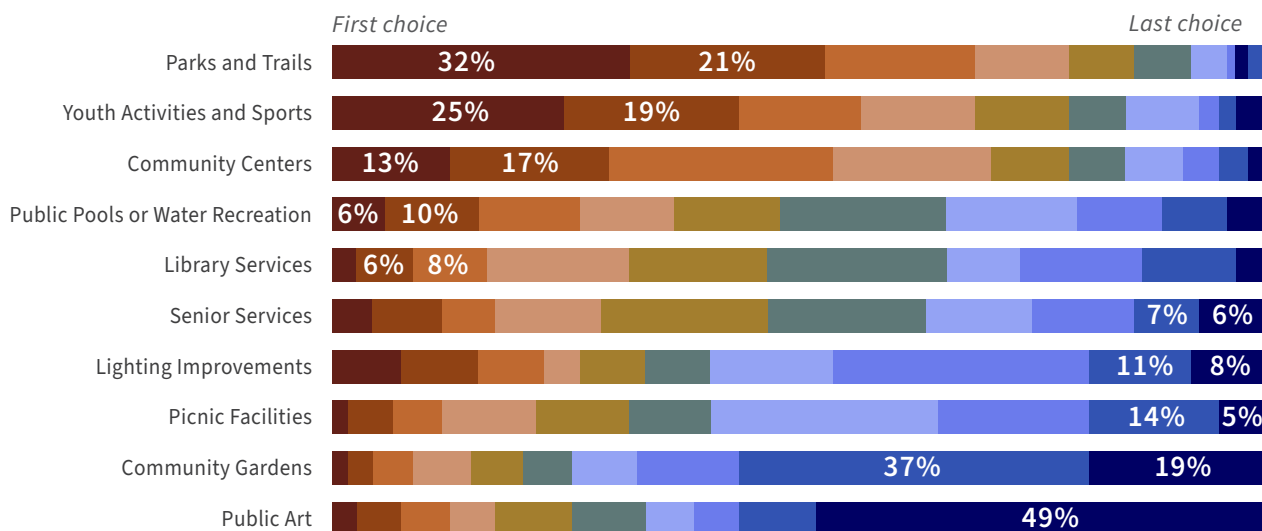
? How would you like Port Lavaca to grow over the next 10-20 years?



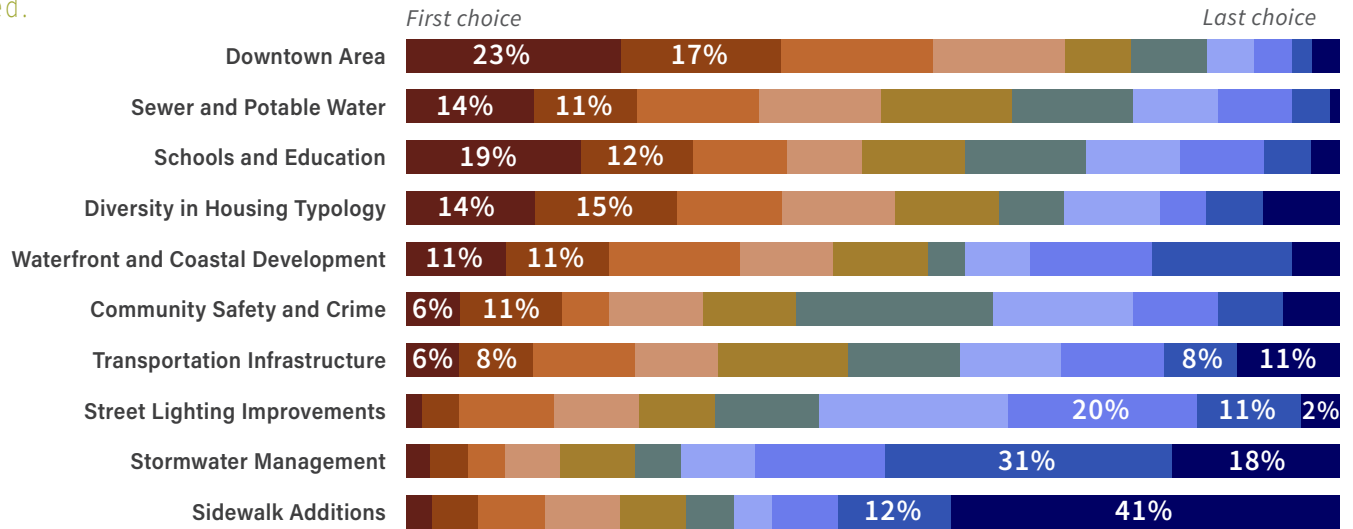
? How strongly would you consider or not consider zoning in Port Lavaca?



? What Parks and Recreation community features do you feel are lacking within the City of Port Lavaca and should be prioritized? Please rank the following options where 1 (highest) is your top priority/need.



? What Development and Infrastructure community features do you feel are lacking within the City of Port Lavaca and should be prioritized? Please rank the following options where 1 (highest) is your top priority/need.



? Please provide three (3) words you would want to include in a Community Vision Statement that best characterize how you would like to see Port Lavaca grow and develop in the future:



? What additional ideas, concerns, or priorities would you like the City to consider as it shapes the vision for the Comprehensive Plan?

