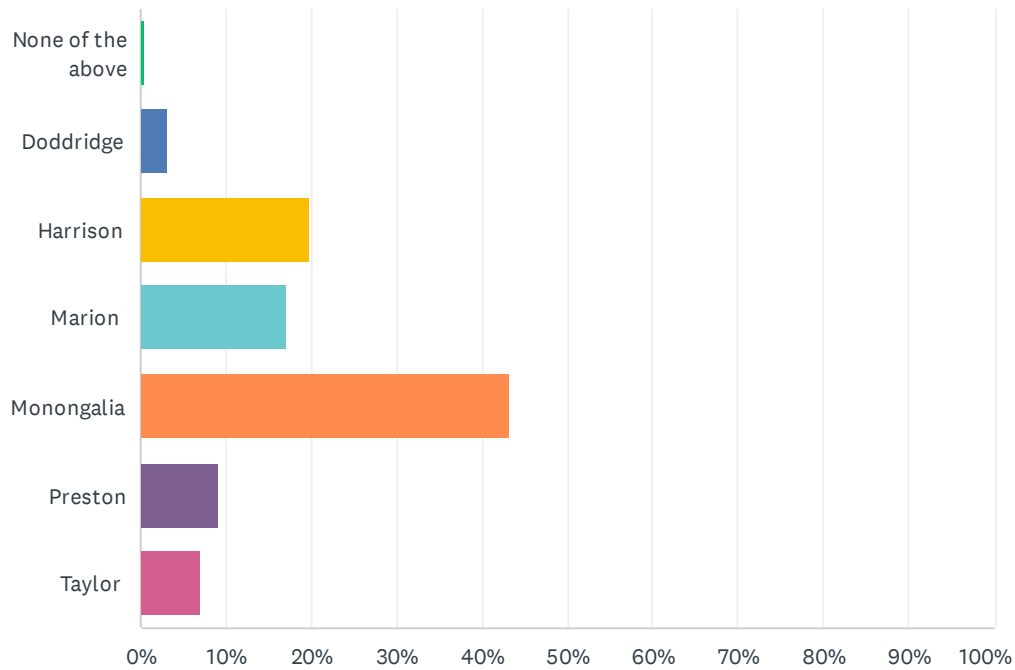


Q1 What county do you live in?

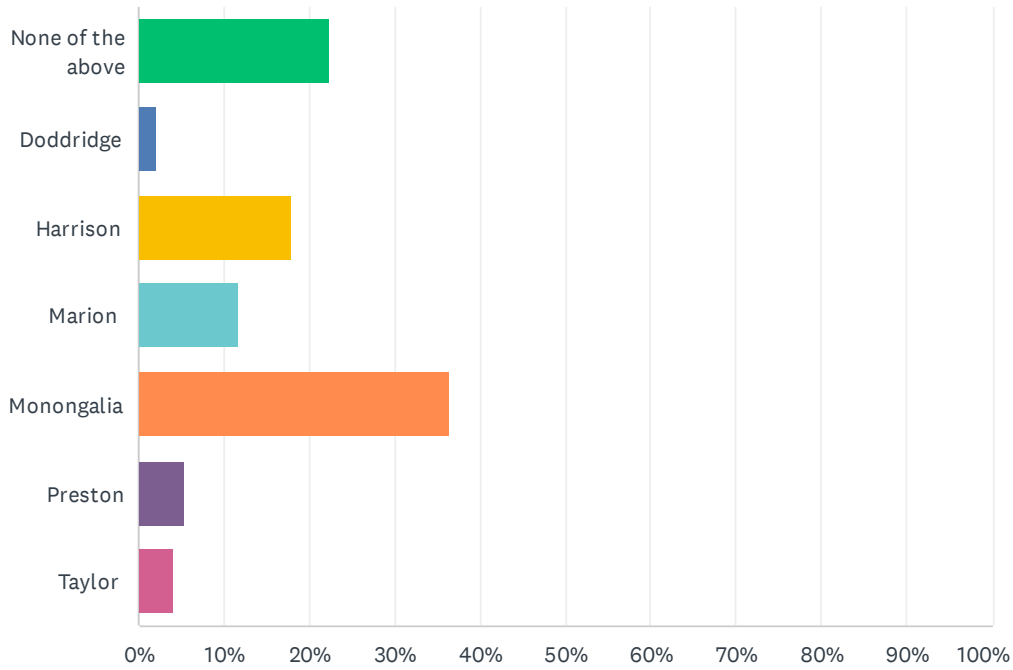
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	0.33%	1
Doddridge	3.30%	10
Harrison	19.80%	60
Marion	17.16%	52
Monongalia	43.23%	131
Preston	9.24%	28
Taylor	6.93%	21
TOTAL		303

Q2 What county do you work in?

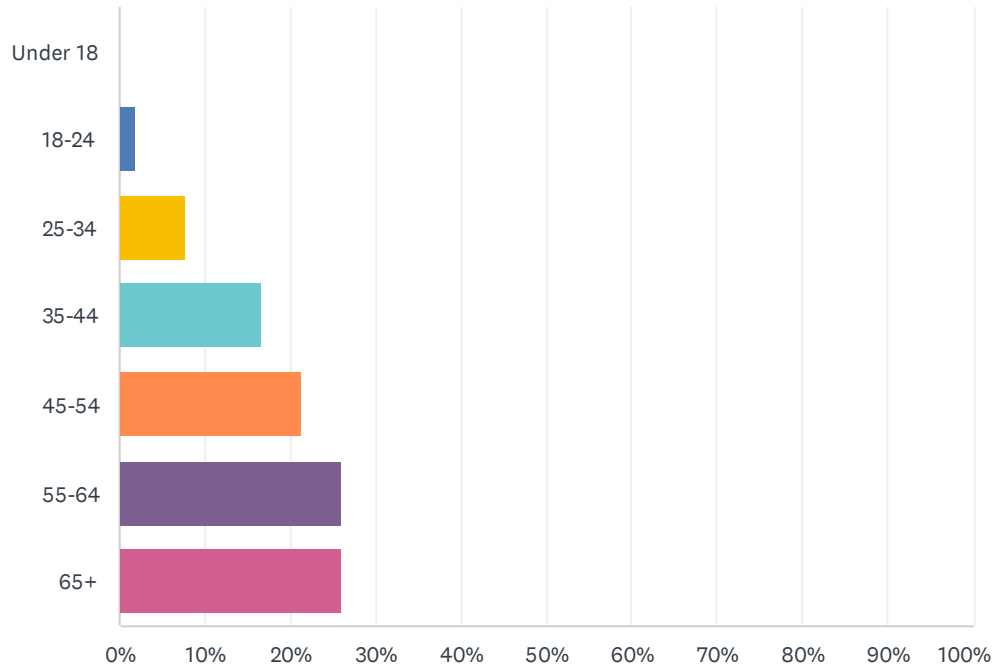
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	22.30%	66
Doddridge	2.03%	6
Harrison	17.91%	53
Marion	11.82%	35
Monongalia	36.49%	108
Preston	5.41%	16
Taylor	4.05%	12
TOTAL		296

Q3 Please select you age range.

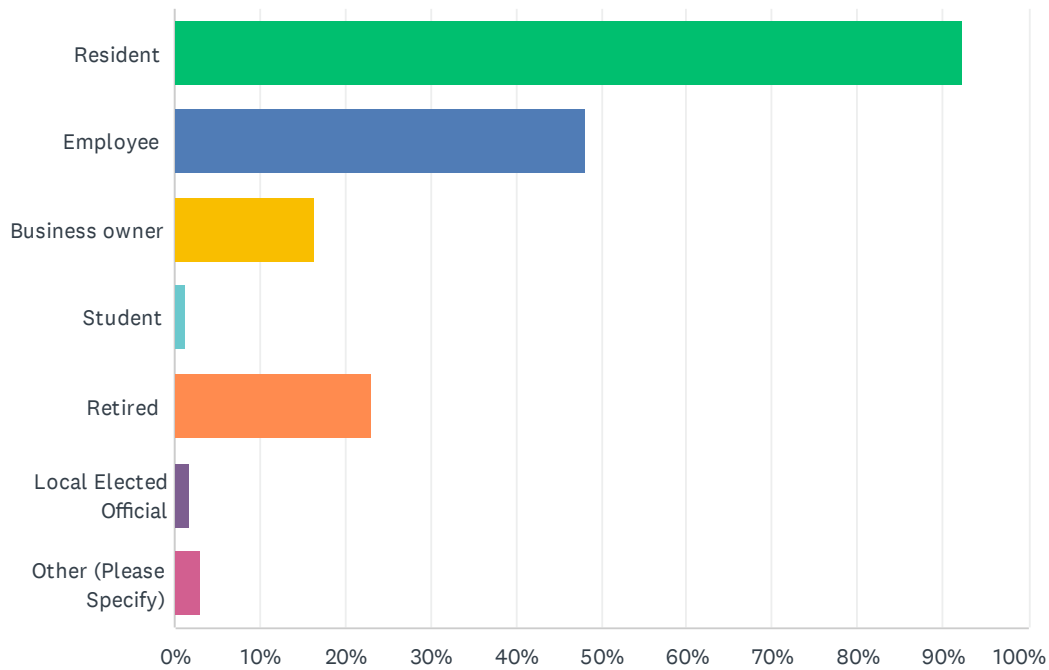
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-24	2.01%	6
25-34	7.69%	23
35-44	16.72%	50
45-54	21.40%	64
55-64	26.09%	78
65+	26.09%	78
TOTAL		299

Q4 What is your connection to the region? (check all that apply)

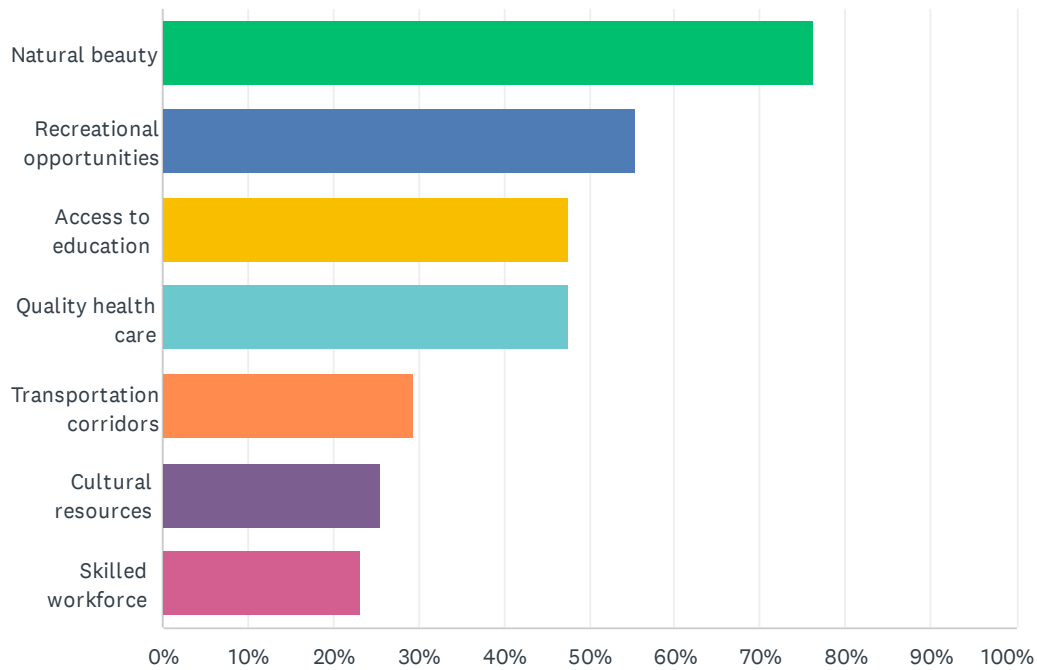
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Resident	92.41%	280
Employee	48.18%	146
Business owner	16.50%	50
Student	1.32%	4
Retired	23.10%	70
Local Elected Official	1.65%	5
Other (Please Specify)	2.97%	9
Total Respondents: 303		

Q5 What is the region's strongest asset? (check all that apply)

Answered: 292 Skipped: 11



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Natural beauty	76.37% 223
Recreational opportunities	55.48% 162
Access to education	47.60% 139
Quality health care	47.60% 139
Transportation corridors	29.45% 86
Cultural resources	25.68% 75
Skilled workforce	23.29% 68
Total Respondents: 292	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Close familial and community ties	10/21/2021 3:35 PM
2	Low cost of living	10/20/2021 12:00 PM
3	Small Communities	10/17/2021 9:45 PM
4	Responsible gun ownership culture	10/17/2021 3:01 PM
5	None	10/16/2021 9:55 AM
6	history	10/15/2021 6:29 PM
7	Affordable Housing, especially in Marion and Harrison Counties, are a big selling point for folks relocating from larger cities.	10/13/2021 11:15 AM

8	Racial diversity, especially in Monongalia county.	10/13/2021 7:03 AM
9	natural resources	10/12/2021 11:12 PM
10	Nothing	10/12/2021 4:17 AM
11	Natural resources	10/11/2021 5:38 PM
12	None of the above	10/9/2021 8:18 PM
13	Buildings neglected, buildings boarded up, thieves, drug heads	10/9/2021 1:50 PM
14	Family farm.	10/7/2021 10:13 PM
15	Its people and heritsge	10/6/2021 8:17 PM
16	Sports	10/6/2021 9:02 AM
17	maintaining and creating communities	10/5/2021 5:19 PM
18	natural resources	10/5/2021 11:53 AM
19	Morgantown's economic tripod: 1. WVU 2. Hospitals 3. Mylan (oops)	10/5/2021 8:41 AM
20	Public Resourcefulness	10/4/2021 8:40 PM
21	Lower taxes, less regulation than most states	10/4/2021 5:39 PM
22	Airport	10/4/2021 2:21 PM
23	jobs in technology, manufacturing, aerospace, and natural gas.	10/4/2021 1:18 PM
24	Location. Morgantown being within a days drive of a lot of cities and other very cool places is nice and underrated by many.	10/3/2021 1:02 PM
25	GOD and family	10/3/2021 11:44 AM
26	Abundant natural resources	10/3/2021 10:35 AM
27	Shopping	10/2/2021 10:25 AM
28	Downtown buildings	10/1/2021 9:54 PM
29	Steeped in history	10/1/2021 7:18 PM
30	Not dependent on coal or natural gas	10/1/2021 5:36 PM

Q6 How can our region use its assets and resources to boost the economy?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Marketing, partnerships between local, regional and private entities	10/25/2021 10:24 AM
2	Get rid of the do nothing people in office.	10/22/2021 12:31 PM
3	small business encouraged to offer rental of recreational equipment--bikes, kyacks, guided tours, publicity of same	10/22/2021 12:27 PM
4	Leveraging the natural beauty and recreational opportunities by expanding access, providing educational opportunities, and mitigation of degraded, abandoned, and blighted areas.	10/21/2021 10:41 PM
5	Better community college access	10/21/2021 7:03 PM
6	Fund local priorities. Allow people in the community to have a say in how they live and work without being slowed down by state-level bureaucracy. Reduce education costs so people from small towns can go to medical school, for example, and open a general practice back home without fear of not making enough money. Promote small farms and farmers markets. Tap into the deep and rich agrarian history of the area so we can have more agency in what we eat and put in our bodies.	10/21/2021 3:35 PM
7	Make it more welcoming to visitors, build an art/artisans community	10/20/2021 10:36 PM
8	Invest and build sustainable infrastructure and renewable energy development	10/20/2021 6:53 PM
9	Recreation and outdoor-based economy is a good start, but not a silver bullet. Revitalize the downtowns of these cool small towns.	10/20/2021 12:00 PM
10	Marketing a lower cost of living for a better lifestyle for families currently living in an urban or highly populated suburban environment and are now working from home. Work from a new and better home in WV	10/20/2021 10:29 AM
11	All of the assets are compelling for young professionals.	10/19/2021 8:04 PM
12	West Virginia has some of the most beautiful natural beauty in the area, but we do not respect it. We need to develop tourism, in particular ecotourism, that balances economic development environmental protection.	10/19/2021 7:01 PM
13	Wharehousing	10/19/2021 3:38 PM
14	Hospitality is key	10/19/2021 3:34 PM
15	Develop jobs that are catered to the degree field at WVU. Keep graduates here in Mon County.	10/19/2021 2:21 PM
16	Make some parts of 68 or 79 into too toll highways. Add parking and signage at Snake Hill trails. Connect Morgantown park trails somehow.	10/19/2021 7:57 AM
17	Lower taxes, remove social security tax	10/18/2021 7:00 PM
18	Create "the face of WV" at the north-central entry point to attract residents and business to the state Engage in cutting-edge community planning that balances development and preservation Revitalize blighted areas using local resources and giving assistance to property owners Partner with Fairmont, Bridgeport, Clarksburg, and perhaps other nearby towns to strengthen the NCWV region as a whole Build out broadband and capitalize on the benefits of telecommuting and the virtual economy	10/18/2021 5:54 PM
19	Connecting assets, towns, and people with trails, sidewalks, and buses that move our communities locally. With climate change,obesity, bad overall health mentally. We need to be able to connect locally to improve our infrastructure in this way we can accomplish all these things	10/18/2021 10:58 AM

20	legalize recreational marijuana	10/18/2021 6:15 AM
21	Reduce taxes over all	10/17/2021 10:23 PM
22	Improve parks and recreation, offer more "intro" to recreation opportunities, pay teachers well and give them excellent healthcare and retirement, improve/develop neighborhoods and communications, improve community centers	10/17/2021 9:45 PM
23	Stop taxing people to death and causing them to move to other places	10/17/2021 9:13 PM
24	Attract disaffected urban people with our libertarian values (ie Tim Poole)	10/17/2021 3:01 PM
25	While our interstates are somewhat maintained, we have to do a better job of keeping them open in the winter months and in maintaining them safely. However, the secondary roads have to also be maintained better. Our region needs to focus on what we are as West Virginians and be ourselves. In order to boost our economy, we must also boost our infrastructure...roads, bridges, fiber optics, schools, farms, medical institutions, and the needs of senior citizens.	10/16/2021 11:33 PM
26	Coal and natural gas	10/16/2021 7:06 PM
27	beautify downtown Morgantown to attract businesses.	10/16/2021 5:47 PM
28	I used to say skilled work (aviation) but there are zero mechanics to hire at the moment.	10/16/2021 9:55 AM
29	Keep the roads maintained!!!!!!!!!!!! Plan infrastructure for the future!! Northern bypass around Morgantown from Cheat Lake to Star City Bridge from Patteson Drive to UTC Widen I-79 to AT LEAST 6 lanes from Star City to Clarksburg PLANNING. FORESIGHT. LEADERSHIP.	10/16/2021 8:08 AM
30	Business incentives. Lower commercial property leases. Small businesses can't expand with the high lease prices.	10/16/2021 1:56 AM
31	Film tax credit as an incentive to attract film and streaming production.	10/16/2021 1:15 AM
32	Stop selling them for cump change	10/15/2021 8:07 PM
33	Develop our history into teaching visitors in an entertaining way. Coordinate and make travel from one site to another connect	10/15/2021 6:29 PM
34	Keep our rivers clean. Stop tearing down trees and green spaces. Retain those as much as possible and landscape parking and business areas.	10/15/2021 3:25 PM
35	Improve infrastructure, roads, bridges, and broadband. Make all levels of education more accessible.	10/15/2021 2:40 PM
36	Make it easier for small businesses to operate in the city.	10/14/2021 10:01 PM
37	Decouple local economy from extractive industries and polluting manufacturing industries	10/14/2021 8:58 PM
38	If you're looking to improve tourism. Improving access at tygart lake would be huge. I know the corps of engineers runs it. But the community has input to it. Why aren't there more boat docks. It's a two year wait to get a dock. If you own lakefront you still need their permission to put a dock in. Things like "environmental impact of erosion" would be more convincing if docks didn't float and there wasn't tons of environmental impact already flowing into the lake. If that lake was managed correctly. It could be a huge boon for Grafton. Just one idea.	10/14/2021 8:34 PM
39	Add more cultural events so we don't have to go to Pittsburgh, Columbus or DC for events.	10/14/2021 1:52 PM
40	unsure	10/14/2021 11:46 AM
41	Improve the roads!	10/14/2021 9:23 AM
42	Rails to Trails everywhere possible ...connect!!! Things can be setup along all trails ...camping, etc.	10/13/2021 9:23 PM
43	Capitalize on the draw of the Rail Trail and tourism. Also, the lower cost of living will be a great draw for the future remote workforce.	10/13/2021 9:12 PM
44	Develop a fun place to live. Tennessee is also a landlocked state, but is thriving because they develop fun and recreation.	10/13/2021 7:32 PM
45	More recreation also training programs in trades(other than mining) which could draw in students from Ohio, Kentucky and Maryland. Agritourism would be easy to develop as farms	10/13/2021 12:47 PM

	are present on major transportation corridors.	
46	Bring in more recreational opportunities. Get rid of drugs and drug dealers , especially those from other states.	10/13/2021 11:32 AM
47	The schools and young people in the area could be utilized if more jobs relevant to the 21st century could be attracted to the area. The Governor's Remote Work opportunity is a big step in the right direction, but without adequate 21st century infrastructure (internet, commuting options, and public workspace) these efforts could struggle to maintain themselves. Health care powered by WVU hospitals are big win, and if the young folks leaving school could just find a reason to stay put, instead of take their talent away, we would be in great shape! Are there "stay local" grants and opportunities for development of new business? Are there "hire local" incentives that are offered for current employers? In the coming years, with supply chain weaknesses being exposed for the first time in modern history, localized culture and economies will offer more convenience than economies of scale. Continuing to reward and promote those businesses as sustainable, local-friendly, and competitive in product and employment opportunities will give the advantage to the region.	10/13/2021 11:15 AM
48	More recreational opportunities.	10/13/2021 10:31 AM
49	Focus on independent regional micro grids, increased opportunities for food independence and farming, increased public transportation.	10/13/2021 7:03 AM
50	Promote/Develop environmentally sound industry growth	10/12/2021 11:36 PM
51	Advertise the recreational activities in the area. Tygart Lake State Park's restaurant needs to advertise.	10/12/2021 11:12 PM
52	We love our Mountaineers, but there are things just as enjoyable & gratifying as WVU that we miss. For example the Mon River. Our neighbors to the north enjoy the river in many ways. It is a hugely underutilized asset. The same with the cleanliness of our towns, our roads are horrible for the residents let alone attracting tourists. Also more local fairs, arts/artists events, embracing of our heritage past, present & future. Better balance of small business and franchise stores & restaurants. Better community development that isn't political, again balance.	10/12/2021 10:25 PM
53	Repair and maintain infrastructure: roads and internet.	10/12/2021 9:43 PM
54	Bring in more business. We lost all the mayor places to work in north central area.	10/12/2021 8:48 PM
55	Invest in education and tourism	10/12/2021 8:06 PM
56	Invest in green industry like solar. Improve infrastructure to make the area more attractive to new businesses and for people to move here.	10/12/2021 7:58 PM
57	More outdoor recreation opportunities to create tourism, and Mon County has got to deal with its downtown homeless population and clean up the downtown area.	10/12/2021 7:05 PM
58	Year around outdoor adventure. Trails, bike, xc ski, hike etc.	10/12/2021 4:39 PM
59	Focus on sustainable development in ALL areas of development. (Energy, transportation, housing...etc.)	10/12/2021 2:58 PM
60	Natural gas deposits. Main North-East highway. Plenty of land for development and housing. North Bend Rails to Trail access for tourism.	10/12/2021 9:48 AM
61	Get rid of the drugs and it starts at the police office whom don't do their jobs for known offenders	10/12/2021 4:17 AM
62	To develop our infrastructure roads water and sewer	10/12/2021 2:21 AM
63	Charge a nominal fee to enter state parks and forests	10/11/2021 11:03 PM
64	Continual cleaning up and maintaining our waterways. Support small scale day trip ecotourism and not just larger endeavors.	10/11/2021 10:08 PM
65	Beauty is all there is. There is NOTHING to do here. Develop more campgrounds	10/11/2021 8:54 PM
66	Drill baby Drill	10/11/2021 5:38 PM
67	Mon County is already growing, just keep the roads up.	10/11/2021 5:35 PM

68	Stop building gas stations & banks 100 feet from one another & invest in better businesses for these locations. The state is behind because the elected officials keep it that way.	10/11/2021 12:14 PM
69	Attract more outside investment	10/11/2021 11:36 AM
70	Cut the bureaucratic red tape and get with the times.	10/11/2021 10:03 AM
71	encourage tourism	10/10/2021 9:18 PM
72	do away with pay parking to bring back bus>nesses in to town	10/10/2021 8:02 PM
73	It needs to focus on the established assets and rethink the weaknesses so we have a skilled workforce and such.	10/10/2021 6:08 PM
74	Put more funding toward public access and information about outdoor recreation resources. Highlight small town tourism.	10/10/2021 6:07 PM
75	Provide more public land or access to public land. Grafton, WV needs to build a park and trail along the river. Doing this could help revitalize the area.	10/10/2021 2:57 PM
76	Stop destroying them for outdated resources like coal that pollutes our home.	10/10/2021 2:48 PM
77	Market and development recreational and tourism activities	10/10/2021 7:39 AM
78	Make it easier for business to be located and operate without restrictions giving more employment opportunities	10/10/2021 5:02 AM
79	Import more qualified people to fill in the qualified people requirements.	10/9/2021 10:39 PM
80	Add more recognized and under represented businesses to interstate areas.	10/9/2021 9:54 PM
81	Ecotourism is a huge opportunity as is our location in general - on and close to major interstates and significant population centers within 4-5hrs.	10/9/2021 8:45 PM
82	Concentrate on tourism. Make better transportation. Increase the minimum wage.	10/9/2021 8:34 PM
83	Has no assets or resources.	10/9/2021 8:18 PM
84	Make the area more attractive, help residents	10/9/2021 8:15 PM
85	Host events such as trail rides	10/9/2021 8:01 PM
86	knock down the derelict, uninhabitable homes and buildings and recover ALL the roads	10/9/2021 7:57 PM
87	Agritourism	10/9/2021 2:29 PM
88	Insure that our roads and freeways are kept in good order.	10/9/2021 2:23 PM
89	Tear down buildings falling apart, get new uncorrupt city officials in office including new police	10/9/2021 1:50 PM
90	New businesses in the downtown area. Bakeries, gift shops, thrift stores, mom and pop businesses. Make a welcoming area for businesses, tax breaks, opening bonuses, etc. Fix up old buildings and dilapidated homes.	10/9/2021 1:25 PM
91	This area seems to be completely obsessed with National chains (restaurants, retail outlets... etc). The majority of the people here are validated by "getting what everyone else has". It's a consumerist culture. And they do have money to spend. Supporting local businesses and local markets and artisans and artisans so that money spent stays in the community would be a great place to start.	10/9/2021 8:46 AM
92	More recreation that we have the more attractive it will be to businesses to locate here. Happy employees are better workers.	10/8/2021 4:36 PM
93	WV needs to become a manufacturing center for the U.S. to alleviate worldwide supply chain issues. We have a skilled workforce that needs to transition from coal and mining to a modern employment replacement.	10/8/2021 10:34 AM
94	With a abundance of outdoor recreation this area needs to attract remote workers by allowing competition for fiber to home. The broadband access in this state is horrible with the monopoly of Frontier and the cable companies.	10/8/2021 10:19 AM
95	Preserve culture and history. Don't appreciate what we have only want new.	10/7/2021 10:13 PM

96	Develop more tourism. We need something to intercept some the traffic headed for Hatfield McCoy Trail.	10/7/2021 8:57 PM
97	We should rapidly eliminate the remains of the mining and dirty industry that dominated our economy 50 years ago. Green jobs, tourism, and high tech are the way to go.	10/7/2021 6:18 PM
98	Regional cooperation & collaboration. The strength is our combined resources.	10/7/2021 3:06 PM
99	Potential remote workers from metropolitan areas may still want some of the amenities which are in those areas. NCVW has some of these as opposed to rural WV.	10/7/2021 1:58 PM
100	Replace coal with renewable energy sources and publicize it. Make sure the region is known outside West Virginia	10/7/2021 1:40 PM
101	We need jobs & entertainment options.	10/7/2021 1:36 PM
102	Marijuana legalization and tourism.	10/7/2021 12:55 PM
103	Recently added a water park to the lake area	10/7/2021 12:25 PM
104	Promote Taylor County's central location to the three larger communities (Clarksburg, Fairmont, Morgantown). Small town atmosphere while being close to employment centers, top notch medical care, sports and cultural events.	10/7/2021 10:55 AM
105	Not sure I can provide a suitable answer to that.	10/7/2021 8:20 AM
106	Never ever shut down businesses again. Protect its residents from Federal GOV overreach, encourage small business growth, invest in small business	10/7/2021 6:17 AM
107	Develop and market our cultural and recreational assets to bring in more tourism	10/7/2021 5:01 AM
108	Make travel easier around the high traffic areas. Ease the intersections of route 50 and Emily drive with an over pass . Connect all the plazas and create concrete medians to make sure traffic is directed to the traffic lights that are there	10/7/2021 12:13 AM
109	Attract more highly educated people and more promotion of State Parks and natural areas.	10/6/2021 11:26 PM
110	Relatively inexpensive rural land with lots of natural beauty within a days drive of 3/4 of the population of the USA. This area should be a destination for tourism and sustainable living.	10/6/2021 9:50 PM
111	Improve downtowns, remove dilapidated buildings, engage citizens in volunteer based so,unions- clean ups,trails, recreation, etc	10/6/2021 9:17 PM
112	Invest in upcoming industries and advances to technology.	10/6/2021 8:58 PM
113	Focus on all the strengths checked previously and move away from the focus of fossil fuels and be a leader in clean energy.	10/6/2021 8:51 PM
114	Provide infrastructure and incentives for each town on the I68 corridor to develop regional arts and retail attractions.	10/6/2021 8:17 PM
115	Invest in renewable energy.	10/6/2021 6:45 PM
116	Become a destination to access pristine natural wilderness.	10/6/2021 6:34 PM
117	Promote outside activities. Improve downtowns and draw tourism.	10/6/2021 4:17 PM
118	Tourism for nature and culture, although heritage is not that well served except for Arthurdale	10/6/2021 3:53 PM
119	Incorporate events with these areas that already draw tourists and locals	10/6/2021 2:38 PM
120	The region needs more entertainment and activities to draw in people.	10/6/2021 2:37 PM
121	Jobs, better education, more cultural resources, supporting the arts more, more promotions/access of recreational opportunities, more access to broadband, legalize Marijuana, support renewable energy, update better transportation high speed rails,	10/6/2021 2:08 PM
122	There is a crisis developing within the blue collar field of professions within this state. Trade-labor businesses are few and far between and those that do exist are struggling to find workers. These trade businesses are essential in the development and maintenance of public utilities and commercial and residential development in the area.	10/6/2021 1:27 PM
123	Implement regional planning with Region VI providing land-use planning services to smaller	10/6/2021 12:47 PM

	jurisdictions. The goal should be to funnel growth to areas that complement development, unlike the current model of Monongalia County versus the world.	
124	Promote more	10/6/2021 11:40 AM
125	Provide tax incentives to healthy businesses willing to locate here	10/6/2021 9:02 AM
126	Mountain Bike trails, better river access for kayaking improved parks	10/5/2021 9:53 PM
127	Small business grants and guidance for new small businesses. Make commercial rentals more affordable for this businesses near the medical facilities to offer opportunities to visitors and employees in those sectors.	10/5/2021 9:03 PM
128	Attract manufacturing jobs to the area.	10/5/2021 7:09 PM
129	Draw in more young families with recreation and primary/secondary education. Become appealing to teachers to sell the educational opportunities for families. WVU and Fairmont State should be able to alleviate this terrible teacher shortage. Skilled workers need to be able to be trained locally so jobs go to local people.	10/5/2021 6:49 PM
130	Continued Development of 1-79 Aerotek Park Continued Development of Healthcare offerings Continued Development of High-Tech & Biometrics Continued Development of Clean Energy Continued Development of Tourism Industry	10/5/2021 6:18 PM
131	Bottom line is we must make area population clean up property and punish those that don't.	10/5/2021 5:48 PM
132	Develop high quality outdoor recreation opportunities.	10/5/2021 5:23 PM
133	Create a great place to live and they will come Create a network of side paths, sidewalks and multi-use trails to connect all of our area, urban centers and rural.	10/5/2021 5:19 PM
134	Offer tourists something other than restaurants.	10/5/2021 4:18 PM
135	1) fix and widen roads, 2) better pay for teachers, 3) hold developers accountable for the infrastructure that they impact	10/5/2021 3:18 PM
136	Ignore egos and historical issues to coordinate and sell our destination as a region. More people are working together now but there are so many more opportunities to work together to set up the region for greater success. We need to own who we are and best the best of who we are & then through truth in advertising sell our destination for what it is - a wonderful place to call home with a very high quality of life.	10/5/2021 1:24 PM
137	With much more care than seen in my lifetime. Increase opportunity and diversity while emphasizing the many wonderful givens.	10/5/2021 1:01 PM
138	West Virginia University collaborate with businesses to obtain grants, provide mentorship, as well as opportunities for student internships.	10/5/2021 12:41 PM
139	Transition to renewable energy to attract "green" businesses.	10/5/2021 12:08 PM
140	retain control over natural resources and not export to other areas	10/5/2021 11:53 AM
141	It can be used to attract new businesses to the region	10/5/2021 11:41 AM
142	Build up local businesses, then market the area	10/5/2021 11:37 AM
143	Affordable housing, quality broadband, & infrastructure improvements are all desperately needed. The housing & rental markets are too expensive for entry-level & young professionals commensurate with the relatively low wages offered in these positions.	10/5/2021 11:17 AM
144	Increase in investment toward protecting our natural resources- clean air, clean water, conservation of land. Investment in connected trail network and its promotion.	10/5/2021 11:09 AM
145	Develop bike trails, bike lanes, develop the river fronts in Morgantown and Fairmont. Utilize the amazing rivers and lakes in Preston and Taylor counties for recreation. Fix the damn roads! Clean-up the downtowns and blight. Make NCWV a destination like Asheville, NC. Mon County needs a metro-style government. Pure and simple. There is no reason that Morgantown, Westover and Granville have duplicate services. Be a leader in WV and show how sharing resources can drive quality of life.	10/5/2021 9:54 AM
146	The Mylan Center for American self reliance - bring our industry home. Interconnected urban and rail trail bicycle paths.	10/5/2021 8:41 AM

147	I know folks are doing a lot already to try to make the area attractive to tourism. I think the tourists who are still touristy now might benefit from something more guided. There are some gems in the area that some folks skip because they don't know about them.	10/5/2021 7:49 AM
148	Tourism!	10/5/2021 6:52 AM
149	Promote tourism and recreation culture, similar to Colorado. Expand internet access and public transportation.	10/4/2021 10:55 PM
150	WVIHF is nationally known, 42 years strong, but financially it's hard to have a festival because everything is so expensive and they could really use your help. Since this has a great reputation of bringing tourism, and bringing back families that have moved away Labor Day weekend, investing in a festival that has a wonderful reputation, we've lost too much in Clarksburg, please don't let us lose the best tourist attraction our state has. Contact the office to see how you can help, it's the most positive event that makes so many happy, and all the politicians come to the parade.	10/4/2021 10:48 PM
151	More public green space to and recreation for tourism and bring in residents. Bring in employers. Focus more on neighborhoods and downtowns rather than develop in outskirts. Would help small business.	10/4/2021 9:16 PM
152	Attract well-paid tech workers that are no longer bound by geographical offices	10/4/2021 9:03 PM
153	1) Decrease of personal and real taxation provides more opportunity for capital investment in entrepreneurial enterprise. This allows the region to invest in it's population. 2) Utilize social media to increase tourism to attract visitors to our region's natural beauty, recreational, and cultural opportunities. 3) Encourage wider range of learning opportunities and short term apprenticeships to local trades. 4) Provide incentives (tax breaks, temporary subsidies?, slight de-regulation) for small helm production, storage, and processing in the following areas: Hemp textiles and hemp paper products (from printer paper to notebooks).	10/4/2021 8:40 PM
154	Stop bringing folks from other states here and shit can Jim Justice!	10/4/2021 8:04 PM
155	Improve roads to get to them, e.g., feeder roads off of he interstates. Clean up trash along roads. Detracts from beauty.	10/4/2021 7:55 PM
156	We need to advertise what is here and how families can stay here and make a good wage and provide opportunities for their children.	10/4/2021 6:17 PM
157	Do not introduce new taxes, maintain less regulations for businesses and development. Improve all roads, and expand existing (such as Mileground) in a timely manner	10/4/2021 5:39 PM
158	Several old, gorgeous buildings exist in our region. These will never be revitalized as apartments IMHO. We need to turn them into artist studio space at low cost. Downtown Columbus, Ohio was revitalized by the "velvet mafia", gays in this way. If we could somehow showcase the architectural beauty and low cost space, they would come (artists). With them come restaurants, shops, etc.	10/4/2021 5:03 PM
159	I'd like to see more done in downtown Fairmont and the Fairmont City limits. The Petty John Inn (next to Pokey Dot) is a beautiful space that can be used for the community to help underserved children and parents. There's a free swimming pool there. Think free swim lessons. Lots of good green space too (to the left of it where you could have a community garden). The downtown needs more help. There's empty infrastructure areas there. All of the \$ shouldn't go to Wheeling or Charleston.	10/4/2021 4:20 PM
160	Workforce Development	10/4/2021 4:02 PM
161	We need to support public service and servants.	10/4/2021 2:40 PM
162	Work together more effectively to share all assets	10/4/2021 2:21 PM
163	Make students/residents aware that there are other pathways to success than traditional universities/colleges. Trades are the move of the future and will fill a gap in our employment.	10/4/2021 2:13 PM
164	Better roads and access for rural residents	10/4/2021 1:49 PM
165	Promoting our businesses, presence of IT sector, manufacturing, aerospace/aviation, transportation (I-79/Rt. 50), proximity to Pittsburgh, Baltimore/DC/NoVa, Columbus.	10/4/2021 1:18 PM
166	I think we do a fairly good job of leveraging our assets to boost the economy already. NCWV is	10/4/2021 1:11 PM

	perhaps the most livable location in West Virginia.	
167	Promoting these opportunities.	10/4/2021 9:33 AM
168	Not sure	10/3/2021 7:18 PM
169	People want to live, businesses want to locate where the quality of life is high. Clean Air, Clean Water, Protected greenspace, parks, trails. Protect and restore our natural resources, develop recreation and greenspace connectivity.	10/3/2021 6:48 PM
170	Improve road infrastructure to improve flow of traffic, then allocate resources towards tourism advertisement.	10/3/2021 6:33 PM
171	Would love to see Paula Deen Rest. come to Morgantown	10/3/2021 4:54 PM
172	Repair roads and sidewalks	10/3/2021 4:31 PM
173	Fix the roads	10/3/2021 4:28 PM
174	do something about the homeless problem	10/3/2021 3:25 PM
175	make more family-friendly	10/3/2021 1:12 PM
176	Learn very basic economics. Make the area easy to open business and cheaper to expand them. Lower taxes and cut government spending and waste. Get out of peoples way. Clean up the riff raff.	10/3/2021 1:02 PM
177	vote racist democrats out!!	10/3/2021 11:44 AM
178	Target blossoming companies and market them to relocate.	10/3/2021 11:19 AM
179	Having someone,who isn't in politics, take charge of the weak areas that need to be made important.	10/3/2021 10:38 AM
180	Get government out of the way.	10/3/2021 10:35 AM
181	Transition from an extractive economy to a a more sustainable one.	10/3/2021 10:31 AM
182	Get the closed-minded, anti-intellectual conservatives out of the way. Get better leadership in public health.	10/3/2021 9:21 AM
183	Build better highways	10/3/2021 9:02 AM
184	More organized community activities on the water, hiking, rail trails, etc. we also have good access to other regions and states which we could advertise in and bring in resources from other places.	10/2/2021 7:35 PM
185	We need to raise the citizens out of poverty into economic stability. Citizens who have money to spend will boost the economy. We should use our assets to attract businesses that will pay a good wage, not just retail/service industries.	10/2/2021 7:27 PM
186	Upgrade 50 to interstate standards. Diversify manufacturing into solar. Educate people to use tools. Bring diverse populations into all counties. Create health care facilities west of Clarksburg. Create destination areas (upgrade existing parks, campgrounds, cabins, special interest areas: oil n gas museums, railroad service, glass & ceramic historical/museums and outlets) Build better rest areas. More electric car power stations west of Clarksburg. Jobs, training, broadband, education, culture, healthcare, and safe roads.	10/2/2021 7:03 PM
187	(1) WVU (University and Hospital) System needs to prioritize their employees by providing a living wage and treating them well. Stop contracting out services. The small savings will be offset in staff loyalty and reduced turnover and labor shortages as well as keep those dollars in this community. As the largest employers in the area, the University and the Hospital/Clinics could have a huge impact on growth that is both good for the community and the people who live there, not just their bottom lines. (2) WVU Medicine needs to stop treating people as customers and start treating them as patients at every level. Right now, you hear people say, "Only go to WVU if you're in a car accident or have a stroke." People go to WVU if that is their only option for care because of how poorly they are treated by WVU's dehumanizing policies. For example, you can never speak to your doctor's office and must leave messages with a call center or on app that are never returned. This is detrimental to both patient care and to WVU's system. When people have a choice, they don't choose WVU for their health care. (3) Find areas of study and health issues that are underserved in the mid-Atlantic region and build	10/2/2021 3:02 PM

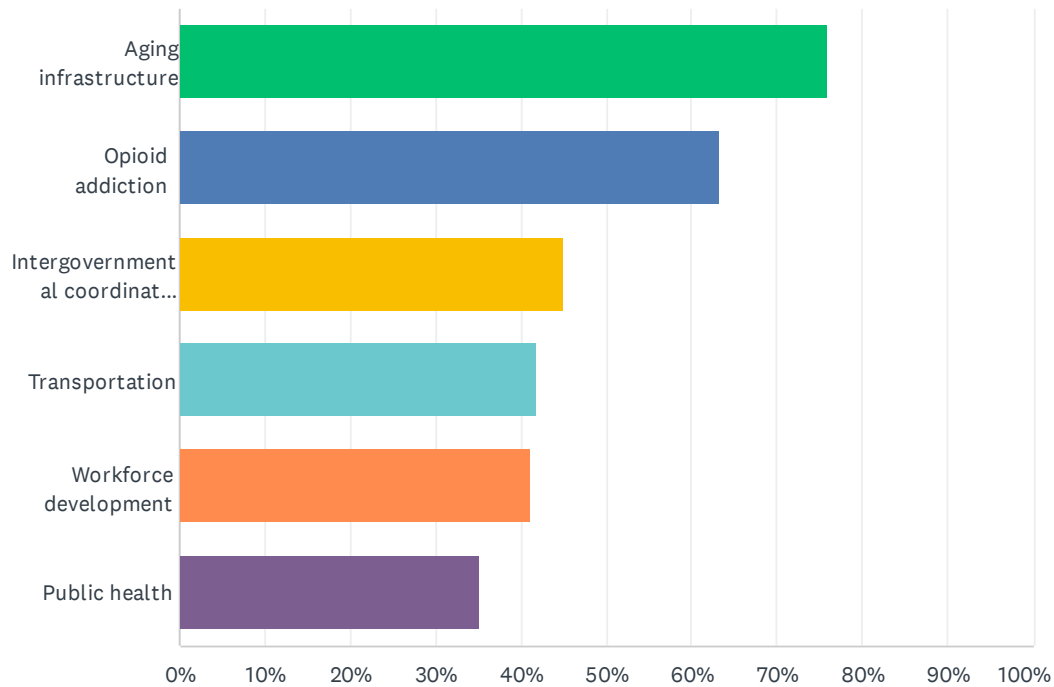
small, well-staffed, well-equipped, easily accessible colleges and clinics that attract students and patients because they are the gold standard of the nation. Do the same with non medical subjects. Make WVU the place to go. (4) Face the fact that Ruby needs a large, multi-story underground parking facility for patients, staff, and football with tunnels to access each location. (4) Consider grants to expand on the PRT system in a partnership with the College of Engineering as a way of improving traffic and modernizing what we currently have. Think of it as a modern, greener, smaller, faster, and more environmentally sustainable L (elevated) system like they have in Chicago that could also utilize alternative energy sources. Create raised monorail style tracks to overcome terrain issues. Gradually expand, adding stations to areas like UTC, Sunnyside, WVU Family Medicine, and the baseball stadium so it will be used by the community as well, not just students. Maintain some of the older cars and tracks where they make sense and for nostalgia's sake. If it's a success, lines could be added to other areas - Kingwood and Fairmont come to mind. I'd love to not drive I-79. (5) Stop trying to create huge bypasses and off ramps in and around the city of Morgantown that only antagonize the community and deplete the available land and instead thoughtfully upgrade and add lanes, sidewalks, and bike lanes to our existing roads so this city is more liveable. Maintain the roads we have. Stop adding costly traffic circles that no one wants. Traffic circles are good when they are utilized in places that they make sense, like those near Baltimore's Inner Harbor, (a great example of how they should work). The one in Morgantown is an embarrassment and is made fun of by people from out of state with good reason. Who designed a road that dead ends in a giant pile of dirt? (6) Hit Manchin up to bring a large, federal facility of some sort that is located halfway between Morgantown and Fairmont. His family owes Morgantown at least that much.

188	Better internet access is crucial to be in the 21st century (help public education, jobs, adaptation). Leverage the tight-knit supports (without nepotism?): put people to work building alt energy, reclaiming flattened mt-tops, flood-proofing; adequately paid teachers and childcare (not the same thing!!). Adapt jobs for the high rates of disabilities. Add recognition of non-Caucasian history sites and events - as brought forward by those groups (indigenous people, African Americans, middle eastern-origin people) and don't be afraid of recognizing the mine tragedies - pilgrimages and connecting with those roots also bring in travelers.	10/2/2021 11:48 AM
189	Recruit "green" industry	10/2/2021 11:01 AM
190	Prioritize affordable internet access from more than 1 company.	10/2/2021 10:25 AM
191	Other states, down to the municipal level, have economic development pools of money available for appropriation & allocation to projects that promise REAL jobs. West Virginia in general, Mon County included, does not think in these terms. Logical programs are not created (though the use of TIF Districts is a very good process -- when well conceived). We should be focusing on developing jobs that would logically "fit" in the mission of the Industrial Park and Commerce Park environments. Politics MUST be eliminated from those processes and every level of economic input should have a seat at the table. We have tremendous resources in Mon County that are often -- intentionally, in my opinion -- avoided or denied a seat at the table because a small group wants to retain control of the county's future. There is certainly a place for developers of all sizes, government agencies from federal, state and local levels, financial institutions from the largest to the smallest, educational resources from secondary schools to higher ed. Stop eliminating smaller players from meetings and groups that are making community impactful decisions.	10/2/2021 10:13 AM
192	Embrace immigrants and refugees	10/2/2021 9:19 AM
193	Invest in agriculture that can help alleviate some of our dependence on lumber and opioids.	10/2/2021 9:16 AM
194	Pay employees what they are worth. Boost local food systems.	10/2/2021 8:36 AM
195	Tourism	10/2/2021 8:32 AM
196	Proper marketing and planning for the future based on the area's assets.	10/2/2021 7:48 AM
197	Trails, dining/lodging options, eateries.	10/2/2021 6:46 AM
198	Improve roads, fund cultural opportunities at Arthurdale Heritage	10/2/2021 12:32 AM
199	We need to draw in businesses that are leaving high tax states. There are several ideas that may work which include giving tax breaks and finally ending the income tax on individuals.	10/1/2021 10:19 PM
200	Embrace the old by using it for modern tourist attractions to have a desirable atmosphere	10/1/2021 9:54 PM

201	Increase tourism to historic places and recreational places. Connect Decker's Creek trail from Reedsville into Arthurdale.	10/1/2021 9:02 PM
202	More new businesses based on recycling and reusing all electronics, plastics and fabrics, tree and bush residue and other materials that would be thrown into landfills.	10/1/2021 7:36 PM
203	Hit hard on our history! One example (albeit a horror) is the upcoming weekend focus on the Harry Powers debacle.	10/1/2021 7:18 PM
204	Improving and augmenting outdoor recreation infrastructure to develop our beautiful small towns.	10/1/2021 6:51 PM
205	Advertising	10/1/2021 6:26 PM
206	Develop and take care of our outdoor spaces with sensible environmental regulations and improving water/sewer treatment (and AMD remediation) infrastructure. Expand our trail system with more connectors and more trails. Develop our outdoor parks/natural spaces with more trails/etc. Likewise, our rivers and lakes. Our natural areas are the one thing that we've got going for us. We need to leverage them to attract people and businesses.	10/1/2021 6:17 PM
207	advertise the assets available	10/1/2021 11:13 AM
208	I truly feel that West Virginia has the opportunity to be a tourist destination for the surrounding states.	9/30/2021 5:26 PM
209	Continue to promote the region as one of the best places to live, work, and play in America.	9/29/2021 2:07 PM
210	Get out into nature, go camping, visit historical sites	9/25/2021 11:53 AM
211	Market tourism	9/24/2021 7:32 PM

Q7 What is the region's greatest weaknesses? (check all that apply)

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Aging infrastructure	75.96%	218
Opioid addiction	63.41%	182
Intergovernmental coordination and partnerships	44.95%	129
Transportation	41.81%	120
Workforce development	41.11%	118
Public health	35.19%	101
Total Respondents: 287		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Drugs killed grand kid.	10/22/2021 12:31 PM
2	lack of county wide communication causing lack of organization	10/22/2021 12:27 PM
3	Education	10/21/2021 10:41 PM
4	I am including lack of broadband internet as a weakness. I don't care about entrepreneurs making iphone apps but I do care that businesses lack a credit card reader on their machine or a business that works in the field can't connect to wireless.	10/21/2021 3:35 PM
5	Lack of Education funding	10/19/2021 3:38 PM
6	Lack of entertainment for young educated adults	10/19/2021 1:12 PM
7	Drive to develop without care for retaining anesthetics and natural wonders of our area. We're so driven by the need for money we are destroying what makes our area special. Small town	10/18/2021 5:54 PM

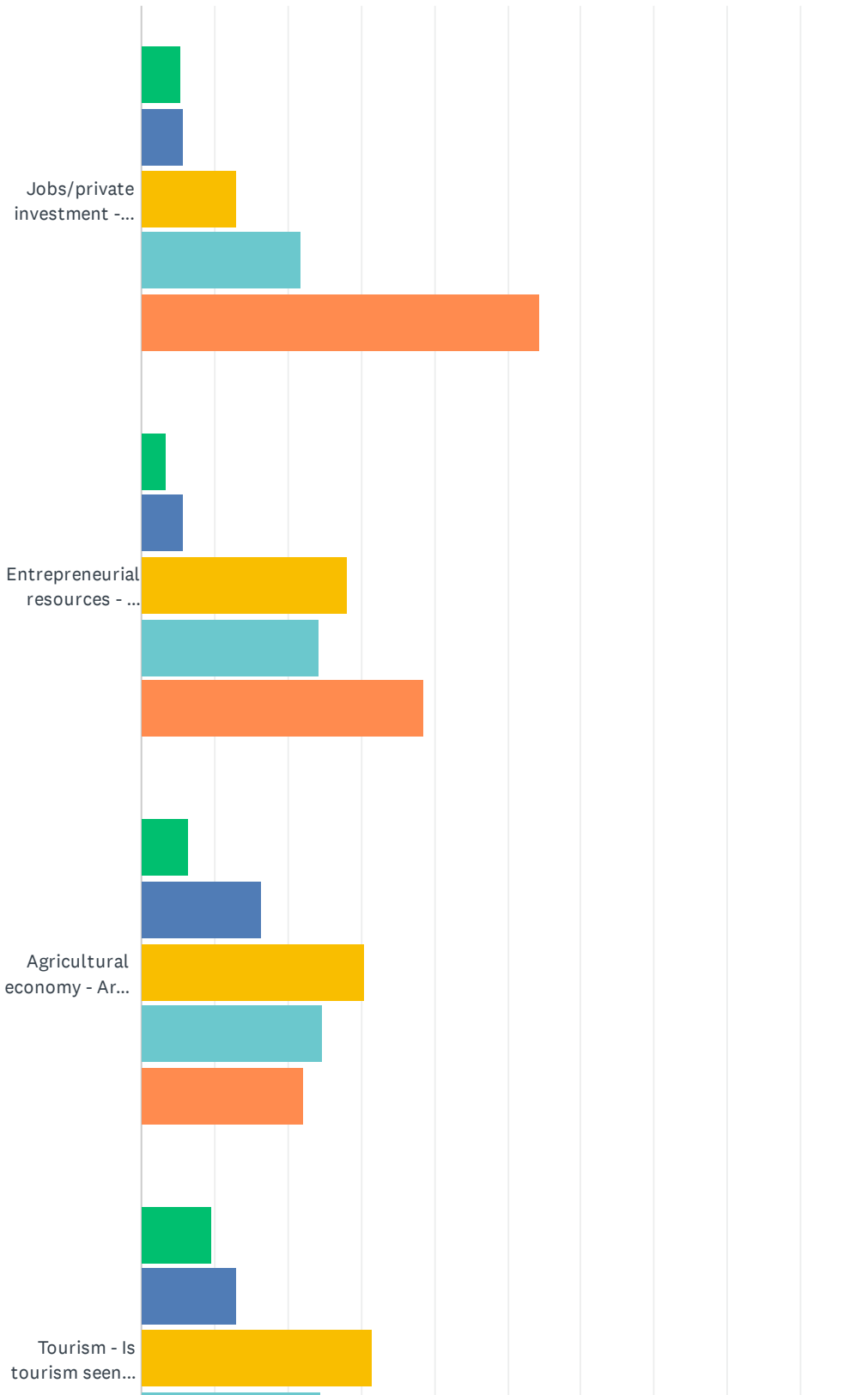
	feel, friendly, woodsy, traditional.	
8	All the above	10/18/2021 11:22 AM
9	ignorant & elderly people suck	10/18/2021 6:15 AM
10	Diversified high quality jobs with benefits	10/17/2021 9:45 PM
11	Driving people out because of government overreach and taxation	10/17/2021 9:13 PM
12	Progressive authoritarian from the Universities (WVU & FSU in particular) trying to impose an urban totalitarianism on us	10/17/2021 3:01 PM
13	Fossil fuels and conservatives and lack of opportunities are driving away young people	10/17/2021 12:04 PM
14	Aging Population, availability of affordable healthcare and prescriptions for senior citizens.	10/16/2021 11:33 PM
15	Man made structures in disrepair.	10/16/2021 5:47 PM
16	POOR PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF THE ENTIRE REGION	10/16/2021 8:08 AM
17	The stupid people	10/15/2021 8:07 PM
18	Safe transportation corridors for bike and walk commuting/recreation	10/14/2021 8:58 PM
19	The roads you can only do so much with. They're curvy period. But if they were paved and widened that would be huge.	10/14/2021 8:34 PM
20	City government	10/14/2021 1:54 PM
21	There are lots of recreation opportunities, but they are not promoted. This is a lack of vision and cooperation. A 30 minute drive from Fairmont to Morgantown and one can clearly observe a change in leadership and vision between the two communities. Granted, the two areas have different problems to address, but some over-arching theme of regional development should be a "big picture" target. Transportation capabilities are severely lacking, bus routes are not promoted, side-walks are scarcely maintained, incentive to bike, car-pool, or ride-share are non-existent. Developing a variety of transportation opportunities and promoting them as viable can be improved. If you don't have a car, you're out of luck. This is not the 21st century vision that will attract 21st century business. We have notable education institutions in almost every county in NCWV, they churn thousands of graduates out every semester, only a fraction of these graduates stay and apply themselves to the region. Promote the opportunities, and reward the ones that find a way to stick it out. Business loans, "hire-local" incentives, "produce-local" rewards, etc.	10/13/2021 11:15 AM
22	Lack of education and training	10/13/2021 7:03 AM
23	Our response to the opioid problem. We've swung from one end of the pendulum to another and I have lost a immediate family member to an overdose. Those that truly need pain management/support are treated as drug seeking addicts. Again, we are off balance in this area.	10/12/2021 10:25 PM
24	State government making restrictive social policy laws that make folks not want to live here	10/12/2021 7:58 PM
25	The homeless population is making downtown Morgantown not attractive to students or adult focused business.	10/12/2021 7:05 PM
26	Abandoned and rundown property	10/12/2021 4:17 AM
27	Negative attitude	10/12/2021 2:21 AM
28	Decaying downtown	10/11/2021 12:23 PM
29	Elected officials not giving a damn about residents of the state, only care about lining pockets	10/11/2021 12:14 PM
30	Primary education for children, inertia of poverty	10/11/2021 11:36 AM
31	Dying small towns	10/10/2021 6:07 PM
32	Lack of access to public land	10/10/2021 2:57 PM
33	Environmental protection, or more specifically, sacrificing the environment for money.	10/10/2021 2:48 PM
34	Lack of large developed level land to attract businesses, little or no emphasis on	10/10/2021 5:02 AM

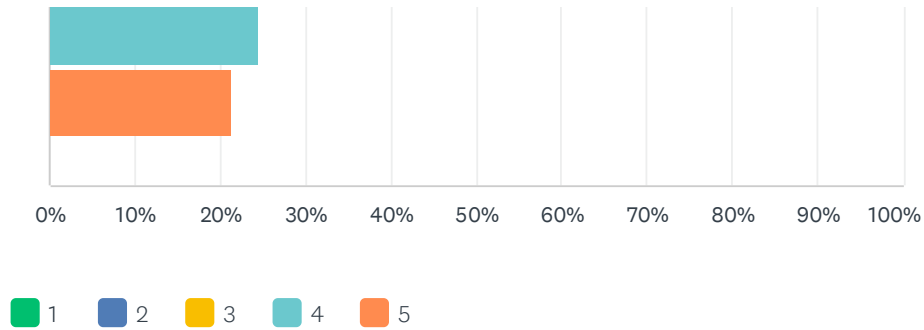
	apprenticeships instead of formal college degrees that are irrelevant	
35	Lack of educational success	10/9/2021 8:45 PM
36	Brain Drain and our Local Government since they keep making national news for being pieces of shit.	10/9/2021 8:34 PM
37	Lack of land use planning and zoning laws	10/9/2021 2:23 PM
38	Tear down buildings falling apart, get new uncorrupt city officials in office including new police	10/9/2021 1:50 PM
39	Why does Clarksburg have like 12 different fire departments? Why are we spending so much taxpayer money on maintaining all of these tiny little city governments when pooling resources could bring real change. It's this weird "Hatfield & McCoy" mentality where people spend so much time fighting their own tiny little corner that they don't realize the rooms are falling down around them.	10/9/2021 8:46 AM
40	WV negative imagine of hillbillies	10/8/2021 10:19 AM
41	Politics	10/7/2021 10:13 PM
42	Secondary road repair	10/7/2021 1:40 PM
43	More broadly than opioids, drug addiction and accompanying homelessness.	10/7/2021 9:20 AM
44	Corrupt government officials must be removed and prosecuted	10/7/2021 6:17 AM
45	All the vagrants in the downtown and glen elk areas . The Clarksburg neighborhoods are losing the battle	10/7/2021 12:13 AM
46	Selfish and greedy Republican politicians	10/6/2021 9:50 PM
47	Lack of vision and organization to develop projects that create sustainable progress	10/6/2021 9:17 PM
48	Lack of vision	10/6/2021 8:17 PM
49	Hold over sentiments to coal industry.	10/6/2021 6:45 PM
50	Outdated obstructive attitudes to change	10/6/2021 3:53 PM
51	Education	10/6/2021 2:08 PM
52	Lack of broadband access, policies that harm unsheltered people, racism	10/6/2021 8:04 AM
53	Community pride in keeping property clean and presentable	10/5/2021 4:18 PM
54	Insufficient/ inconsistent broadband, poor roads, connectivity of tourism resources	10/5/2021 1:24 PM
55	Status as US internal colony, wealth flies out as it travels up. For an area rich in resources and low population density we should be somewhere other than the bottom economically.	10/5/2021 1:01 PM
56	A state government that has lost its sense of the common good and which promotes special interests so that our wealth leaves the state	10/5/2021 12:41 PM
57	Over-emphasis on fossil fuels	10/5/2021 12:08 PM
58	lack of housing	10/5/2021 11:53 AM
59	Poor	10/5/2021 11:37 AM
60	Losing young, educated talent to other regions where there is more opportunity and more affordable housing.	10/5/2021 11:17 AM
61	Morgantown is central to the North Central WV but not central to the national transportation network	10/5/2021 8:41 AM
62	A general malaise of the population and weariness of volunteers. There are too many hats and not enough heads to hang them on.	10/5/2021 7:49 AM
63	We're being fleeced by Charleston. Taxes are taken but do not benefit us.	10/4/2021 9:03 PM
64	1) Reliance on a medical industrial complex, 2) Over/continual taxation of private and real property, 3) Over-regulation and taxation of small entrepreneurial endeavors, 4) Excessive	10/4/2021 8:40 PM

	salaries and benefits of public sector employees, 5) Lack of quantitative and quality return on educational levies, 6) Overdependence on social programs.	
65	Weak and ineffective gov't representation in Charleston	10/4/2021 5:39 PM
66	someone labeled high taxes to the city of Fairmont. This dissuades development.	10/4/2021 4:20 PM
67	Lack of vision and pandering to big business	10/4/2021 2:21 PM
68	Poor road infrastructure causing traffic and flooding in certain high traffic areas due to poor drainage.	10/3/2021 6:33 PM
69	Democrats	10/3/2021 5:03 PM
70	We need Senior housing communities , one level housing and not so many apartments	10/3/2021 4:54 PM
71	homeless	10/3/2021 1:12 PM
72	Government in WV sucks and always has. It's why WV will always be bottom 5 in the US. Morgantown is on its way down now too. I'm selling and moving barring some miracle that things turn around.	10/3/2021 1:02 PM
73	drugs, illegal monsters!!	10/3/2021 11:44 AM
74	Entrepreneurial spirit.	10/3/2021 11:19 AM
75	Over taxation	10/3/2021 11:02 AM
76	For over 80 years the government has been picking winners and losers. The government has a zero track record at predicting the future and maintaining the requirements after they have selected a path to take.	10/3/2021 10:35 AM
77	Oil and gas development at expense of ecosystem services	10/3/2021 10:31 AM
78	Just general anti-science attitudes, conservatism, lack of education	10/3/2021 9:21 AM
79	Too much emphasis on service/retail industries instead of trying to attract industry that gives people a chance to develop skills and earn a good living.	10/2/2021 7:27 PM
80	Abandonment of rural areas to fracking and broadband neglect. Failure to update and expand parks and "rails to trails" that correspond to Rt. 50.	10/2/2021 7:03 PM
81	self-centered politicians (especially Manchin!), capacity to be distracted by pseudo-religious "issues" rather than address real problems. Lack of funding for education - from roads that don't destroy school buses to school-based social work and nursing (that's not limited by racism).	10/2/2021 11:48 AM
82	No sidewalks in large retail areas to allow for foot travel.	10/2/2021 9:16 AM
83	Subpar healthcare systems. Subpar education systems	10/2/2021 8:36 AM
84	Community resistance to change	10/2/2021 8:32 AM
85	The roads are so bad that it forces traffic into other areas.	10/1/2021 9:10 PM
86	Apathy toward improvements. A general bad attitude when even small improvements are made by businesses, the City, the County, etc,	10/1/2021 7:18 PM
87	Blatant racism and outdated ideals	10/1/2021 7:15 PM
88	Legislatively endorsed bigotry that paints WV as a bigoted, backwards, stupid state	10/1/2021 6:17 PM
89	Republicans/conservatives and their limited do nothing else but extraction industry mindset	10/1/2021 5:36 PM
90	obesity and drug use	10/1/2021 11:13 AM
91	Lack of mass public transit that runs at a frequency which makes it more viable. 1 hour bus routes is not reliable public transit.	9/29/2021 2:07 PM

Q8 What economic topics can be improved in the region. 5 being in need of the most improvement, 1 being in little or no need of improvement:

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	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Jobs/private investment - Is new industry needed in the region to grow economic viability?	5.33% 16	5.67% 17	13.00% 39	21.67% 65	54.33% 163	300	4.14
Entrepreneurial resources - Are adequate resources available to assist entrepreneurs in starting local businesses?	3.38% 10	5.74% 17	28.04% 83	24.32% 72	38.51% 114	296	3.89
Agricultural economy - Are regional agricultural resources (including farmers markets) considered valuable economic drivers?	6.35% 19	16.39% 49	30.43% 91	24.75% 74	22.07% 66	299	3.40
Tourism - Is tourism seen as a valuable economic driver in the region?	9.63% 29	12.96% 39	31.56% 95	24.58% 74	21.26% 64	301	3.35

#	OTHERS?	DATE
1	Solar	10/22/2021 12:31 PM
2	Again, our populace has been captured by overly large, anti-competitive agriculture conglomerates and we lack the agency to grow our own food. We need to reduce our dependency on faceless, nameless agriculture corporations who care not about 1. the actual nutritional value of the food they sell or 2. the negative externalities of how they produce the food in the first place. West Virginians would benefit greatly from local, regenerative, just and resilient food systems.	10/21/2021 3:35 PM
3	Lack of big-draw tourism sites. Amusement park, ski resort, race track, etc.	10/18/2021 5:54 PM
4	legalize recreational marijuana	10/18/2021 6:15 AM
5	Removing regulatory roadblocks	10/17/2021 3:01 PM
6	Again, until we get better secondary roads AND improve the interstates, the rest is going to be hard to accomplish. We see bad wrecks on the interstates every single day because it cannot handle the amount of traffic of Morgantown/Fairmont/Clarksburg.	10/16/2021 11:33 PM
7	Transportation - especially public transportation	10/13/2021 7:03 AM
8	revitalize homes or tear down those beyond repair	10/12/2021 11:12 PM
9	traditional crafts	10/10/2021 9:18 PM
10	Positive benefits for people with degrees from WV staying in WV. If someone stays in the state after finishing school, give them like \$1000 a year they stay or something.	10/9/2021 8:34 PM
11	With workers being freed from their workplace NC WV has much to attract them. Environment, recreation, scenery, comparatively low housing prices, access to Washington DC, Pittsburgh and education	10/7/2021 1:40 PM
12	Lack of information to assist newcomers to the area and make them feel welcome	10/6/2021 8:17 PM
13	Poorly worded.question, mixes importance with needs improvement	10/5/2021 5:19 PM
14	Affordable housing	10/5/2021 8:41 AM

15	WV should provide training for remote capable jobs.	10/4/2021 10:55 PM
16	Taxes and regulation, go after PA businesses	10/4/2021 5:39 PM
17	Aerospace, healthcare, Big Data, IT, biometrics and anything to diversify the economy	10/4/2021 2:21 PM
18	Give a man a fish and he eats for a day. Teach a man to fish and he eats for a lifetime.	10/3/2021 1:02 PM
19	get rid of the insular mentality/distrust of outsiders	10/3/2021 9:21 AM
20	Health care west of Clarksburg.	10/2/2021 7:03 PM
21	pay the educators more than the sports coaches	10/2/2021 11:48 AM
22	Wages. Roads. Transportation	10/2/2021 8:36 AM
23	Baseline infrastructure including broadband and affordable housing.	9/23/2021 5:23 PM

Q9 What one topic should be focused on to strengthen the region's economic viability? What one strategy would you recommend?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	daycare centers for working parents	10/26/2021 9:56 AM
2	Coordination between local governments and private enterprise to offer well rounded job market	10/25/2021 10:24 AM
3	reducing regulatory bottle necks and redundancy at federal, state and local levels.	10/23/2021 12:39 PM
4	Get rid of the long noses in dc.	10/22/2021 12:31 PM
5	grass-fed beef marketed out of state to bring in "outside" dollars--maybe extension people could organize this, arrange for publicity and transport of frozen product out of state, get local farmers to buy into joining this sort of "movement"	10/22/2021 12:27 PM
6	Infrastructure- the water pipes, bridges & roads are in terrible condition. Who wants to move to areas with lead contaminated water pipes?!	10/21/2021 7:03 PM
7	Make it easier, safer and more inexpensive to raise a family. Daycares with more flexible hours; childcare workers with appropriate pay; Appropriately funded secondary schools that teach the youth how to live peacefully in a egalitarian, multi-racial, mutli-cultural small-d democratic society. Be as rooted in justice as possible: transportation justice, disability justice, racial justice and all the complicated and necessary intersections therein.	10/21/2021 3:35 PM
8	Infrastructure - ageing water treatment systems are holding back the rural rebound.	10/20/2021 12:00 PM
9	Educational opportunities in rural counties.	10/20/2021 10:29 AM
10	Workforce dev	10/19/2021 9:00 PM
11	Cost of home ownership and rent.	10/19/2021 8:04 PM
12	It will never happen with the current legislature, but we need to shut down the fossil fuel industry, or at least rely less upon it.	10/19/2021 7:01 PM
13	Infrastructure,,Education,,and mostly Fiber Optic	10/19/2021 3:38 PM
14	Educate the work force	10/19/2021 3:34 PM
15	Stronger recruitment. Citizens and officials need to be open to change. Annex all the little towns to all become part of the city of Morgantown. Will increase tax money which should improve infrastructure etc.	10/19/2021 2:21 PM
16	Bringing high paying jobs to the region.	10/19/2021 1:12 PM
17	Less income tax and property tax.	10/19/2021 7:57 AM
18	Lower taxes	10/18/2021 7:00 PM
19	Appearance. Physical and electronic. Too dirty, too many potholes, too many blighted structures, too dated, too behind the times. Focus on making Morgantown a gateway city. Invest in structural refurbishing, road improvements, modernized online presence of public and then private organizations. First impressions make all the difference.	10/18/2021 5:54 PM
20	Jobs/ manufacturing	10/18/2021 11:22 AM
21	Local connectivity.	10/18/2021 10:58 AM
22	try not to be ignorant trash	10/18/2021 6:15 AM
23	Make it easier to start new business and to grow new business	10/17/2021 10:23 PM
24	Broadband - Internet should be available to all homes just like electricity	10/17/2021 9:45 PM

25	Stop pocketing the money that is received and put it back into the community	10/17/2021 9:13 PM
26	Respecting individual freedom	10/17/2021 3:01 PM
27	ask young people what they want in order to stay and build	10/17/2021 12:04 PM
28	We cannot limit ourselves to only ONE topic. If you focus on health care only, the roads fall apart. If you focus only on fixing roads, the schools don't get funded. If you focus only on schools, something else fails. We need a Comprehensive Package that will address the needs of senior citizens, working families, single parents, children in the foster system, drugs and alcoholism, infrastructure, education, taking care of the poor and the needy, solving crime and getting more officers on the streets, etc. etc. etc. Because there is not a comment box for #10, my comment to that is that government is not designed to support businesses. Government is designed to support infrastructure in turn supports businesses.	10/16/2021 11:33 PM
29	Attracting more industry	10/16/2021 7:06 PM
30	Stop excusing and rewarding bad social behavior.	10/16/2021 6:22 PM
31	Fewer public-private partnerships with WVU to increase our tax base.	10/16/2021 5:47 PM
32	INFRASTRUCTURE!! ROAD MAINTENANCE REGIONAL PLANNING	10/16/2021 8:08 AM
33	Subsidies for small businesses. Place criteria that needs to be met to receive said subsidies. Win win for small businesses and workforce.	10/16/2021 1:56 AM
34	Roads	10/15/2021 8:07 PM
35	tourism opportunities with entrepreneurs and road repair	10/15/2021 6:29 PM
36	Districting to keep businesses discreet from residential areas.	10/15/2021 3:25 PM
37	More integrated government planning. A bad sction.	10/15/2021 2:40 PM
38	Deferred or adjusted taxes to give small businesses a chance to grow before impacting them financially.	10/14/2021 10:01 PM
39	Identity as an outdoor recreation community. We should be the coolest mountain university small city	10/14/2021 8:58 PM
40	Improve tourism. Small business incubators located in the small downtowns.	10/14/2021 8:34 PM
41	Lack of green infrastructure, parks, local downtown vitality to attract new, young residents	10/14/2021 3:33 PM
42	Form and fund a development authority within the city.	10/14/2021 1:54 PM
43	Congestion in Morgantown. Traffic is the worst I have ever experienced anywhere in the WORLD. Takes 30+ minutes to go 5 miles. From Pierpont to Star City needs a four lane with access to sport venues and hospitals!	10/14/2021 1:52 PM
44	Roads and access	10/14/2021 12:52 PM
45	Need educated people in local Government positions, not people who are "just friends or good old boys"	10/14/2021 11:46 AM
46	Better internet	10/14/2021 9:23 AM
47	Fix the infrastructure	10/14/2021 5:53 AM
48	Easy access ...better roads and infrastructure	10/13/2021 9:23 PM
49	Infrastructure - water/sewage, internet, cellular	10/13/2021 9:12 PM
50	Develop fun and the jobs will come with it.	10/13/2021 7:32 PM
51	Labor force training and reducing addiction in workforce	10/13/2021 12:47 PM
52	Jobs	10/13/2021 11:32 AM
53	Promote the utility and strength of a diverse and regionalized economy. Supply chain disruptions are being exposed as a big weakness, if not in maintaining economies of scale, but further still with ecological impact. Promote local as Good for business, but also good for the planet.	10/13/2021 11:15 AM

54	Education and training.	10/13/2021 7:03 AM
55	Intergovernmental cooperation	10/12/2021 11:36 PM
56	marketing our proximity to the populations on the east coast, our natural resources, our faithful work force	10/12/2021 11:12 PM
57	The university is established/stable, extend the same to other areas of strength. We've lost the mines and now Mylan. We need to look for something g unique and new for area economic development.	10/12/2021 10:25 PM
58	Fixing and maintaining infrastructure. Downsizing state government.	10/12/2021 9:43 PM
59	Advertise to change the stereotypes of WV	10/12/2021 8:06 PM
60	Invest in the environment and green energy, move away from extraction industry like coal.	10/12/2021 7:58 PM
61	Roads	10/12/2021 7:26 PM
62	Government incentives for changes toward sustainability.	10/12/2021 2:58 PM
63	An influx of leaders willing to break from the old good ole boy way of governing.	10/12/2021 9:48 AM
64	Give us the tools infrastructure and we can do it	10/12/2021 2:21 AM
65	No free stuff for those that don't work	10/11/2021 11:03 PM
66	Real estate cost and limited choice of companies to rent retail space kills small businesses. The retail space rental companies take advantage and rarely work to help their leasees.	10/11/2021 10:08 PM
67	Jobs. You have to drive 30-50 minutes to get anywhere good	10/11/2021 8:54 PM
68	Less Taxes	10/11/2021 5:38 PM
69	Less taxes	10/11/2021 2:55 PM
70	Gotta put another strong business in the old Mylan building. That hurt a lot.	10/11/2021 12:14 PM
71	Improved primary education and access to childcare - not only in Monongalia county.	10/11/2021 11:36 AM
72	Quality Local jobs	10/11/2021 11:29 AM
73	Get people off welfare	10/11/2021 10:55 AM
74	Road improvements	10/11/2021 10:03 AM
75	offer apprenticeships for jobs. Most jobs now request that potential employees have esperience but HOW does a person get experience IF no one gives them a chance to learn.	10/10/2021 8:02 PM
76	Developing the downtowns and communal spaces of small towns like Fairmont and Shinnston: more parks and outside dining and shopping resources more community gardens.	10/10/2021 6:08 PM
77	Move away from coal - diversify the economy	10/10/2021 6:07 PM
78	Public land	10/10/2021 2:57 PM
79	Improve the internet	10/10/2021 7:39 AM
80	Apprenticeships instead of irrelevant formal education. Skilled labor jobs are becoming more specialized and one can focus their education into a individualized field.	10/10/2021 5:02 AM
81	We need a Qualified, educated workforce. Bring people from outside of WV to staff difficult positions.	10/9/2021 10:39 PM
82	What local obstacles are driving businesses away from the area? Can we remove those obstacles to encourage more businesses to stay and provide competition, variety and jobs.	10/9/2021 9:54 PM
83	Improve quality of k12 education	10/9/2021 8:45 PM
84	Recreational marijuana tourism is one of the biggest opportunities to make money in the area and the stuff literally grows if you toss seeds randomly into the woods. We also need to remove the current city council in Fairmont since they keep making national news for being pieces of shit.	10/9/2021 8:34 PM

85	Need better jobs. (Factories)	10/9/2021 8:18 PM
86	More unique local business	10/9/2021 8:15 PM
87	More quality businesses brought into Marion County instead of all of the no name stores popping up.	10/9/2021 8:06 PM
88	Real workforce training for jobs that generate a living wage in the trades. There are plenty for welfare to work programs.	10/9/2021 8:01 PM
89	The local Government needs a complete overhaul	10/9/2021 7:57 PM
90	Good paying Jobs that are not fast food	10/9/2021 7:44 PM
91	Roads	10/9/2021 3:02 PM
92	Agriitourism	10/9/2021 2:29 PM
93	New industry is needed to replace the coal mining industry. Any continued mining should be directed toward mineral mining for use in making integrated circuits. Many of the same mines which are producing Coal for burning could be processing the coal to get rare earth metals and other materials for the integrated circuits.	10/9/2021 2:23 PM
94	New public/city officials, start a clean slate	10/9/2021 1:50 PM
95	Jobs, a welcoming area for living and working.	10/9/2021 1:25 PM
96	Historical preservation- People would rather move their businesses into an updated building with character than a brand new facility.	10/9/2021 11:43 AM
97	Tear down abandoned buildings! Provide funds to clean streets, plant trees, create parks. People can't envision themselves doing better if the world around them looks like a war zone.	10/9/2021 8:46 AM
98	Our low cost of living and average wages paid to employees is one of the lowest in the nation	10/8/2021 4:36 PM
99	Local agriculture!! food sovereignty and security is critical! Treatment for mental health and addiction !!!	10/8/2021 4:33 PM
100	Modern automated manufacturing companies need to move into the area to provide cost competitive U.S.-based products.	10/8/2021 10:34 AM
101	Broadband access, namely more fiber to home deployment	10/8/2021 10:19 AM
102	Don't let oil and gas destroy our way of life. Natural gas can be developed without destroying innocent people that have chosen to live here.	10/7/2021 10:13 PM
103	Enhancing tourism.	10/7/2021 8:57 PM
104	Sustainability	10/7/2021 4:26 PM
105	Improve the quality of the housing stock in/near city centers, train a new generation of contractors that can help rebuild the housing stock, and focus development on the central business district of Morgantown and along the rail-trail in Star City, Morgantown, & Westover. Redevelop the abandoned malls (Westover, Greenbag Road in Morgantown, for example) to be recreation facilities. Stop building big box retail outside of city centers.	10/7/2021 3:15 PM
106	Promoting the region as a business location. Each county has strengths/weaknesses-combined much more strength.	10/7/2021 3:06 PM
107	Need to address the low workforce participation rate - how do we get people who don't want to work but could back into the workforce.	10/7/2021 2:43 PM
108	Improved internet in outlying areas	10/7/2021 1:58 PM
109	Increase low wages measurably viz-a-viz other regions	10/7/2021 1:40 PM
110	Jobs. Jobs. Jobs.	10/7/2021 1:36 PM
111	Medical or recreational marijuana legalization.	10/7/2021 12:55 PM
112	Jobs	10/7/2021 12:25 PM
113	Transportation issues and road quality are two key factors in improving the economic situation	10/7/2021 10:55 AM

	here in Taylor County.	
114	The Opioid and Homeless Problem. I'm not meaning the homeless, that could be through circumstances beyond their control, it's the drugs and the homelessness of people who don't want a chance or an opportunity that are what I feel the biggest inhibitors.	10/7/2021 8:20 AM
115	Consumer protection, corrupt government officials	10/7/2021 6:17 AM
116	Marketing historic and cultural significance of WV	10/7/2021 5:01 AM
117	Tax dollars utilized more diligently. We can't continue to have cities with so few residents pay out so much for city workers and the budgets that are included with that for what little we get in return. Most of the budget could be utilized in upgrading infrastructure and downsizing the governmental work force in this area	10/7/2021 12:13 AM
118	Recreation. 1/3 of the US population lives within a days drive of WV.	10/6/2021 11:26 PM
119	High speed internet for all who want it.	10/6/2021 9:50 PM
120	Small Business development and support for those businesses.	10/6/2021 9:17 PM
121	Renewable energy and the jobs associated with it.	10/6/2021 8:58 PM
122	Embrace clean energy research and development.	10/6/2021 8:51 PM
123	Promotion of small business. It seems as if outsiders who attempt to start a new service here are no welcomed.	10/6/2021 8:17 PM
124	Transformation to renewable energy industry.	10/6/2021 6:45 PM
125	Protect natural resources.	10/6/2021 6:34 PM
126	Legalize marijuana. The tax revenue could greatly help our state.	10/6/2021 4:17 PM
127	Focus on new power options (renewables) and force big polluters to clean up their mess (which helps quality of life, tourism and employment)	10/6/2021 3:53 PM
128	Tourism	10/6/2021 2:38 PM
129	Tourism - the region is in need of better entertainment and activities to draw people into the area.	10/6/2021 2:37 PM
130	Tourism	10/6/2021 2:23 PM
131	Realize coal is dead, stop worrying about making coal barons richer, sue them to clean up the land and water they polluted, legalize pot, keep promoting the outdoor beauty and rec. activities, support more culture and arts so people have more reason to want to visit and stay. Establish specialty schools for music, arts, technical careers.	10/6/2021 2:08 PM
132	The job training of our youth to enter labor jobs. The main focus has to be shifted away from college-bound careers when there is a dire need for employees in trades.	10/6/2021 1:27 PM
133	Intergovernmental coordination.	10/6/2021 12:47 PM
134	Businesses that support health care delivery and research	10/6/2021 9:02 AM
135	More acknowledgement from leadership in Charleston	10/6/2021 8:27 AM
136	Sports destinations for tournaments	10/5/2021 10:10 PM
137	Broadband	10/5/2021 9:53 PM
138	Quarterly small business workshops that are online or "after-hours" to give guidance or brainstorm affordable advertising, understanding Quickbooks or similar products, etc.	10/5/2021 9:03 PM
139	Green energy	10/5/2021 8:27 PM
140	Roads, bridges, infrastructure	10/5/2021 8:26 PM
141	Attract light manufacturing or high tech manufacturing to the area	10/5/2021 7:09 PM
142	Workforce preparedness through primary, secondary, and post secondary opportunities. Offer cost of living grants or teacher loan forgiveness for teachers to relocate here. Offer paid	10/5/2021 6:49 PM

	internship opportunities for young people to learn skilled trades. Improve clean energy technology resources and manufacturing.	
143	Find a replacement Pharmaceutical Manufacturer for Mylan	10/5/2021 6:18 PM
144	Again. There is too much blight and disrepair of property. All must be held accountable	10/5/2021 5:48 PM
145	Develop and market our outdoor rec opportunities and showcase this region as an ideal place to live close to nature.	10/5/2021 5:23 PM
146	Make this county a great place to live so people stay here and want to come here: recreation, connections and trails and side paths between all homes and businesses and communities.	10/5/2021 5:19 PM
147	Workforce. Able body adults should not be penalized if they are working while collecting benefits. They are encouraged to not work.	10/5/2021 4:27 PM
148	Manufacturing, to include food products that are being made in Mexico now for us Companies, like Nabisco. Cookies and snack bars.	10/5/2021 4:18 PM
149	Tax reform and Business regulation reform using common sense to encourage local business growth in all economic sectors.	10/5/2021 3:23 PM
150	Better schools and more schools, so kids are no bused so far.	10/5/2021 3:18 PM
151	Education and job training as well as luring businesses to area.	10/5/2021 3:12 PM
152	Tourism (Question #10 wouldn't accept an answer so here is the answer to #10 - local governments just make it more difficult for small businesses to flourish by taxes, regulations, vs. providing a safe, clean, desirable location for small business.)	10/5/2021 1:24 PM
153	Legalizing cannabis and other ecotourism possibilities.	10/5/2021 1:01 PM
154	Development of a sense of community. The political divisions of the past few years make it mandatory that we express our commitment to each other. I think that this will be the basis for cooperation and entrepreneurship.	10/5/2021 12:41 PM
155	Transition to renewable energy to attract "green" businesses.	10/5/2021 12:08 PM
156	water supply and internet	10/5/2021 11:53 AM
157	Broadband and better planning during road construction to allow for future growth I.E. the university town center roundabout	10/5/2021 11:41 AM
158	Encourage small business growth	10/5/2021 11:37 AM
159	As stated above, entry-level professional & education wages need to improve, because the cost of living in metro-Mon county is so much higher than the rest of the state.	10/5/2021 11:17 AM
160	A combination of many investments. A model using the Progress Fund (PA) to invest in business. A focused drive on trail connectivity to boost economy it trail towns. Investment in infrastructure.	10/5/2021 11:09 AM
161	We need an anchor type industry that will spur other supply and service jobs. Good jobs drive hope. People need hope to stay drug free and appreciate what an education can do for them.	10/5/2021 9:54 AM
162	Save Mylan	10/5/2021 8:41 AM
163	Broadband. Specifically in the remote beauty. The workforce has become mobile. What better way to promote our tourism locations than to boast the ability to have a working vacation. Heck, I would do it and I live around here.	10/5/2021 7:49 AM
164	Reclaim and renovate old historic buildings as well as promote use of former industrial sites into new industry or reimagine spaces.	10/5/2021 6:52 AM
165	WV should focus on recruiting and retaining educated young people to stay in the state. This would require attracting employers to the region that have moderate to high-paying entry level positions that are competitive with big city salaries, when adjusting for cost of living.	10/4/2021 10:55 PM
166	More focus on future technology to stay competitive with bigger metropolitan areas. Transportation, sustainable cheap sources of energy, pump money into engineering.	10/4/2021 9:16 PM
167	Let's grow tech jobs! Silicon Valley already hires some of its finest engineers here (e.g.	10/4/2021 9:03 PM

	realtor.com Morgantown office) because quality of life is so much better than the Bay Area	
168	Tax and regulation reform.	10/4/2021 8:40 PM
169	Keep it local and stop hiring people from out of state!	10/4/2021 8:04 PM
170	Train & equip workforce for industries trying to attract. Let coal mining go. Obsolete industry that takes more from state than it contributes at this point.	10/4/2021 7:55 PM
171	Train here and live here. Show how training connects to good paying jobs and young people don't need to look elsewhere or leave.	10/4/2021 6:17 PM
172	Form effective coalition of business, development, and legislative representative to lobby and legislate in Charleston to obtain our fair share of State spending, resources, and staffing. Seems as if we send money down, and very little comes back. Region IV of DOH is prime example.	10/4/2021 5:39 PM
173	Close the Clarksburg Mission.	10/4/2021 5:03 PM
174	Let's help underserved families. Folks of color and Vets. It's crazy our downtown and even Petty John has great buildings. Need to see items in the community in there.	10/4/2021 4:20 PM
175	Aviation	10/4/2021 4:02 PM
176	Student loan repayment for staying here.	10/4/2021 2:40 PM
177	Continue to invest in the aerospace sector and the highly certified and trained workforce needed to continue to grow this \$1 billion+ sector	10/4/2021 2:21 PM
178	Family farming Stipends and assistance in purchasing farm land, equipment, etc. Prices of land in the area will kill the agricultural dreams of future farmers.	10/4/2021 2:13 PM
179	Community and technical college degree and certificate programs	10/4/2021 1:49 PM
180	Location/proximity to east coast US and access to outdoor recreation	10/4/2021 1:18 PM
181	Manufacturing facilities for the new economy (renewable energy, etc.)	10/4/2021 1:11 PM
182	Tourism.	10/4/2021 9:33 AM
183	Reduce cronyism in local and state government. Stop lining the pockets of politicians.	10/3/2021 7:18 PM
184	Zoning. The area needs to control development to protect from flooding, traffic problems, parking, riparian area protection, greenspace preservation, protection of neighborhoods, heavy trucks out of downtown,	10/3/2021 6:48 PM
185	Assist those with opioid addiction in order to bring them back to the workforce. New industry is needed to help grow the economy and move current residents above the poverty line.	10/3/2021 6:33 PM
186	Trump	10/3/2021 5:03 PM
187	jobs	10/3/2021 4:54 PM
188	Cutting taxes for more companies to enter our county.	10/3/2021 4:31 PM
189	Higher paying jobs	10/3/2021 4:28 PM
190	finding housing and jobs for the homeless	10/3/2021 1:12 PM
191	Change almost completely from the way we are currently heading. Be more careful and considerate with taxpayer money and just have a better local government in general. On top of that, Morgantown and other towns in WV are being taken over by "backpackers" who are not held accountable for their bad behavior. It's killing downtown Morgantown, which was one of the coolest towns in the east at one time. The police don't even arrest these folks, I've seen it with my own eyes. Who the hell wants to go downtown anymore lol? So yeah they just feed off taxpayers and our local government officials seem to think that is ok and it wont hurt anything. Yeah right. As a 47 year resident of Morgantown, I cant sell my house and leave soon enough. This town is quickly turning into a California-like shit-hole, and sadly, it will not change because the political environment is toxic and getting worse all the time.	10/3/2021 1:02 PM
192	vote democrats out!!	10/3/2021 11:44 AM

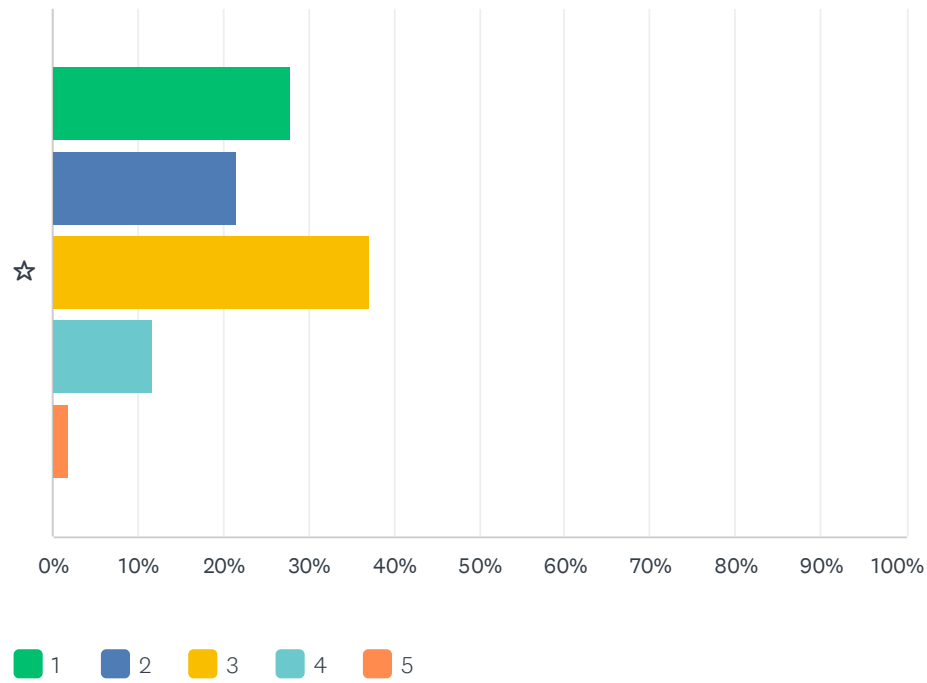
193	New investment	10/3/2021 11:19 AM
194	55+ housing communities	10/3/2021 11:02 AM
195	Better paying jobs,and pay more for the jobs we have.	10/3/2021 10:38 AM
196	Support trade jobs and stop telling young people the fantasy that just because they have a college degree, they can get a good job.	10/3/2021 10:35 AM
197	Focus on small business development and local ownership. Give mineral rights back to surface owners.	10/3/2021 10:31 AM
198	Attitudinal change	10/3/2021 9:21 AM
199	Jobs	10/3/2021 9:02 AM
200	More cultural (not just Appalachian, but also hitting the communities in Morgantown and fairmont) to have diverse activities, food, education, etc.	10/2/2021 7:35 PM
201	Broadband. Fewer studies, more action. I've been hearing about "broadband" for way too many years now.	10/2/2021 7:27 PM
202	Destination recreation, upgrades; transportation access; made in West Virginia manufacturing. Solar, broadband, & education for jobs.	10/2/2021 7:03 PM
203	accessibility. trains, busses, airports, navigable roads -- anything that can actually function well, unlike what we have now	10/2/2021 6:25 PM
204	strong education - but that would threaten the big bosses that prefer uneducated masses. Strategy could include focusing on heritage of deep care for family (which is so widely defined here), creative resilience vs absentee landlords and big bosses - especially the stories of minorities, like African Americans	10/2/2021 11:48 AM
205	Zoning, to encourage responsible and sustainable development	10/2/2021 11:01 AM
206	Affordable, fast internet.	10/2/2021 10:25 AM
207	Our Morgantown community has absolutely no business operating four different city governments. Star City, Westover, Granville and Morgantown should be all one entity. The benefits of the larger population thereby reported would be impactful for generations to come. The municipal leaders of the three smaller communities MUST find a way to merge all these entities into one city (Morgantown must be the surviving entity) with representation from each area within that consolidated municipality. This MUST happen. It is absolutely critical.	10/2/2021 10:13 AM
208	Train the school kids on vocational jobs. This younger generation can't work on anything. No work ethic. When our generation is gone whose going to work on anything.	10/2/2021 9:46 AM
209	Tourism	10/2/2021 9:19 AM
210	Cultivation of rapidly renewable resources such as hemp, bamboo, and medical marijuana.	10/2/2021 9:16 AM
211	Fix the roads	10/2/2021 8:36 AM
212	Entrepreneurial focus. Leveraging the small business development center in schools and on college campuses could help.	10/2/2021 8:32 AM
213	Recreation	10/2/2021 6:46 AM
214	Transportation - improve roads and failed and failing bridges, slipped roads, access to hi speed internet	10/2/2021 12:32 AM
215	Go to Tennessee or Florida to figure out how they work without taxing citizens to death.	10/1/2021 10:19 PM
216	City force owners of downtown property to maintain buildings and bring in businesses. The city should force the appearance of downtown buildings to be cohesive	10/1/2021 9:54 PM
217	Transportation infrastructure	10/1/2021 9:02 PM
218	Entrepreneurial resources and promotion of \$15/hour livable wage. Adequate quality childcare to support this.	10/1/2021 7:36 PM
219	Recruit businesses into the area! Personally contact 'anchor' stores that could locate in	10/1/2021 7:18 PM

downtown Clarksburg or very near by (NOT at Eastpointe or Mall). Best Buy, 5-Below are examples. Find investors who will work to improve the west end of Clarksburg; put a roller skating rink at the former Krogers along with entertainment fun like pinball machines, etc. Will definitely need security!

220	Outdoor recreation and tourism as a catalyst for business development, talent recruitment, and talent retention.	10/1/2021 6:51 PM
221	The political leaders need to quit fighting with each other and quit worrying about their own agenda and work to get a viable company to move into the old Mylan building and provide adequate employment for the 1500 employees who lost their jobs. The employment in this area is bountiful, but jobs that allow one to support their families are scarce.	10/1/2021 6:30 PM
222	Increase control over developers.	10/1/2021 6:26 PM
223	broadband internet widely available	10/1/2021 6:17 PM
224	Encouraging local governments to empower personal freedom and provide less intrusion into and tax breaks for private business	10/1/2021 3:14 PM
225	riverfront development to attract tourism	10/1/2021 11:13 AM
226	Pleasant shopping experiences. And Middletown Commons is not it. Ace Hardware, and yet another Dollar General and others that no-one cares about. Please, please stop already with the Dollar General's, Family Dollar and Dollar Tree stores...too much. Look at other successful small towns in different states to come up with fresh ideas and what does/doesn't work.	10/1/2021 5:48 AM
227	I think to get tourists in, we have to break many of the stigmas surrounding the state's identity. Road infrastructure must be a priority.	9/30/2021 5:26 PM
228	Quality of place above all else. WV's intrinsic beauty is why people come and desire to stay.	9/29/2021 2:07 PM
229	Increase knowledge of historical places and diversify careers.	9/25/2021 11:53 AM
230	Addressing all the dilapidated structures.	9/24/2021 7:32 PM
231	Elimination of so many governmental silos.	9/23/2021 5:23 PM

Q10 How well does your local government support small businesses?

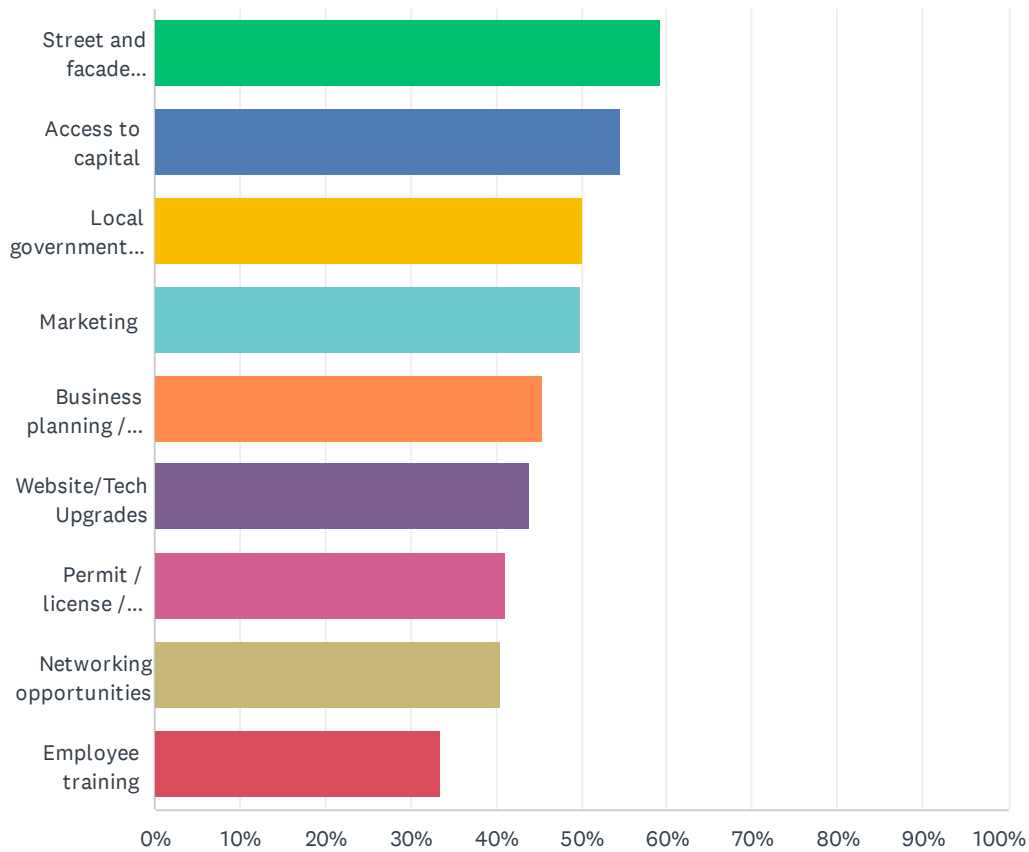
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Q11 What could help expand or develop businesses within the region?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Street and facade Improvements	59.17%	171
Access to capital	54.67%	158
Local government business retention/expansion programs	50.17%	145
Marketing	49.83%	144
Business planning / coaching	45.33%	131
Website/Tech Upgrades	43.94%	127
Permit / license / regulatory assistance	41.18%	119
Networking opportunities	40.48%	117
Employee training	33.56%	97
Total Respondents: 289		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Work not welfare.	10/22/2021 12:31 PM
2	someone to take charge, to organize, to establish a cohesive group of like minded people	10/22/2021 12:27 PM

3	Retrain coal miners with a livable skills	10/21/2021 7:03 PM
4	Parks, parks, parks! Outdoor dining areas and green space	10/19/2021 7:01 PM
5	Lower taxes	10/19/2021 7:57 AM
6	try to bring in educated progressives from blue states	10/18/2021 6:15 AM
7	Deregulation	10/17/2021 3:01 PM
8	Not Local but Regional	10/16/2021 8:08 AM
9	Our best asset is the beauty of the area. We should be attracting retirees like NC,SC, and Georgia are doing. Clean up downtowns, encourage business to open and clean their store fronts. Tout low real estate prices for retirees.	10/14/2021 8:34 PM
10	New sewer plant	10/14/2021 1:54 PM
11	A robust community college presence focused on multiple layers of training	10/13/2021 7:03 AM
12	WV is a hard state to deal with. The company I work for has begun to add additional services to allow the owners to expand the business. These services have been approved in over 45+ other states. Of course, WV is making it very difficult & is not allowing these services. I've heard this has happened in other areas in bringing in new ideas.	10/12/2021 10:25 PM
13	Real functioning high speed internet. Better cell phone coverage across the area.	10/12/2021 9:43 PM
14	Unhelpful local owners	10/12/2021 4:17 AM
15	Access to prime real estate that is monopolized by certain individuals	10/11/2021 11:03 PM
16	Rent control	10/11/2021 10:08 PM
17	Good internet for ALL	10/11/2021 5:38 PM
18	access to internet	10/11/2021 11:36 AM
19	Stop relying on and providing incentives for coal and other industries that increase pollution.	10/10/2021 2:57 PM
20	Stare of the art trades training center.	10/9/2021 8:01 PM
21	Land use and space availability; high cost of local government business taxes and fees; lack of technology (free wi-fi etc), lack of shopping, restaurants, entertainment; too many homeless, drug addicts and crime	10/9/2021 7:44 PM
22	Urban renewal and land use planning	10/9/2021 2:23 PM
23	Cleanup properties such as illegal salvage yards and delapidated buildings	10/7/2021 8:57 PM
24	The whole region needs more marketing but also need things to market. Robinson grande needs something happening there every weekend. If this was a private funded company instead of funded through the government you would see shows or something going on everyday there	10/7/2021 12:13 AM
25	Better and more accessible rural internet	10/6/2021 9:50 PM
26	Broadband is sorely needed.	10/6/2021 8:17 PM
27	Youth programs to inspire young entrepreneurs. Stop pushing our youth to the college bound track only.	10/6/2021 1:27 PM
28	Get addicts off the streets downtown	10/6/2021 8:27 AM
29	They need workers.	10/5/2021 6:49 PM
30	Make the area a great place to live! Create and support interconnected communities ,	10/5/2021 5:19 PM
31	Pedestrian mall	10/5/2021 8:41 AM
32	Lower taxes	10/4/2021 10:19 PM
33	Leverage existing infrastructure (Mylan plant)	10/4/2021 5:39 PM

34	Heavy/overweight trucks out of retail and residential areas.	10/3/2021 6:48 PM
35	Vote out democrats	10/3/2021 5:03 PM
36	get rid of the crime	10/3/2021 3:25 PM
37	Get out of peoples way and lower taxes. Pull your far-left heads out of your asses and realize that everything the government touches turns to shit.	10/3/2021 1:02 PM
38	police, law and order!! jail time for druggies, polititions!	10/3/2021 11:44 AM
39	Get government out of the way, not more involved. Promote as a free market zone.	10/3/2021 10:35 AM
40	Broadband internet	10/3/2021 10:31 AM
41	A welcoming attitude toward folks outside who have needed skills and abilities	10/3/2021 9:21 AM
42	all of above	10/2/2021 11:01 AM
43	Lower rent downtown/rent assistance	10/2/2021 9:19 AM
44	I know of a number of companies who have wanted to relocate into Clarksburg over recent years but choose not to because of astronomical taxation.	10/2/2021 9:16 AM
45	Lower tax rates for businesses. Quality stores	10/2/2021 8:36 AM
46	Infrastructure. I'm from out-of-state, and nothing else matters unless we have appropriate drainage, roads, and access to internet.	10/2/2021 8:32 AM
47	resolve bigotry and back-asswardness so we can recruit professionals to come here. We're desperate to hire another 6 figure employee, but it's VERY difficult to recruit people to move here	10/1/2021 6:17 PM

Q12 What economic opportunities exist or are developing in your county and in our region?

Answered: 153 Skipped: 150

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Opportunity #1	100.00%	153
Opportunity #2	76.47%	117
Opportunity #3	55.56%	85

#	OPPORTUNITY #1	DATE
1	Chamber of Commerce networking	10/25/2021 10:24 AM
2	Selling drugs.	10/22/2021 12:31 PM
3	some small business have developed	10/22/2021 12:27 PM
4	WVU health	10/21/2021 7:03 PM
5	WVU	10/21/2021 3:35 PM
6	Aviation	10/20/2021 10:29 AM
7	Retail	10/19/2021 8:04 PM
8	Retail- low wage jobs	10/19/2021 7:01 PM
9	Some Tech	10/19/2021 3:38 PM
10	Care services for elderly and disabled	10/19/2021 3:34 PM
11	Healthcare	10/19/2021 2:21 PM
12	nothing	10/18/2021 6:15 AM
13	I don't know of any	10/17/2021 10:23 PM
14	None	10/17/2021 9:13 PM
15	responding to the ammo shortage	10/17/2021 3:01 PM
16	art/artisanship	10/17/2021 12:04 PM
17	None	10/16/2021 7:06 PM
18	WVU is like a cancer spreading everywhere. Otherwise, nothing else.	10/16/2021 6:22 PM
19	None that I know of	10/16/2021 9:55 AM
20	Tourism	10/16/2021 8:08 AM
21	Coal	10/15/2021 8:07 PM
22	ourdoor recreation, mtn biking in particular	10/14/2021 8:58 PM
23	Upper Dog Run	10/14/2021 1:54 PM
24	Expand WVU partnership to bring big name concerts and events	10/14/2021 1:52 PM
25	Hospital	10/14/2021 10:50 AM
26	None	10/14/2021 9:23 AM
27	Friends of Cheat improved river health	10/13/2021 9:23 PM

28	Coal mine	10/13/2021 7:32 PM
29	Middletown Commons	10/13/2021 11:32 AM
30	Historic B&O Tax Credits	10/13/2021 11:15 AM
31	Marijuana	10/13/2021 10:31 AM
32	Low wage service jobs that are dead ends	10/13/2021 7:03 AM
33	Medical/healthcare	10/12/2021 11:36 PM
34	Taylor Co BOE	10/12/2021 11:12 PM
35	Medical field jobs	10/12/2021 9:43 PM
36	Very few.	10/12/2021 8:48 PM
37	manufacturing	10/12/2021 2:58 PM
38	Education is prioritized	10/12/2021 9:48 AM
39	None	10/12/2021 4:17 AM
40	Fast food	10/11/2021 11:03 PM
41	Waterway trail systems	10/11/2021 10:08 PM
42	Nothing on this end of the county	10/11/2021 8:54 PM
43	Healthcare	10/11/2021 5:35 PM
44	Middletown commons	10/11/2021 12:14 PM
45	Side by side outdoor recreation and trails	10/11/2021 11:36 AM
46	Local business	10/11/2021 11:29 AM
47	Coal again	10/11/2021 10:55 AM
48	Middletown Commons Development	10/11/2021 10:03 AM
49	small personal stores/restaurants	10/10/2021 9:18 PM
50	Outdoor/adventure economy	10/10/2021 6:07 PM
51	Tourism seems to be increasing but lack of public land access hinders opportunity.	10/10/2021 2:57 PM
52	Rails to trails development	10/10/2021 7:39 AM
53	Main Street Fairmont	10/9/2021 9:54 PM
54	Bridgeport is booming on its own via momentum	10/9/2021 8:45 PM
55	There aren't.	10/9/2021 8:34 PM
56	None	10/9/2021 8:18 PM
57	Middletown Commons	10/9/2021 8:16 PM
58	None	10/9/2021 7:57 PM
59	Middletown Commons in Whitehall	10/9/2021 7:44 PM
60	Rail trail	10/9/2021 2:29 PM
61	West Virginia University	10/9/2021 2:23 PM
62	None	10/9/2021 1:50 PM
63	Travel	10/9/2021 11:43 AM
64	Medical/Helath	10/9/2021 8:46 AM
65	Natural resource	10/8/2021 4:33 PM

66	New shopping area (Menard's and Bass Pro Shops)	10/8/2021 10:34 AM
67	Redevelopment of Middletown Mall	10/8/2021 10:19 AM
68	FBI complex	10/7/2021 10:13 PM
69	Oil and gas extraction	10/7/2021 8:57 PM
70	tourism	10/7/2021 4:26 PM
71	Build on our existing business & industry-suppliers and customers	10/7/2021 3:06 PM
72	healthcare	10/7/2021 2:43 PM
73	Mitsubishi	10/7/2021 1:58 PM
74	Renewable energy	10/7/2021 1:40 PM
75	A dam is being fixed in Mannington for a fishing venue	10/7/2021 12:55 PM
76	West Ridge is developing very nice.	10/7/2021 8:20 AM
77	Robinson grande	10/7/2021 12:13 AM
78	Tourism	10/6/2021 9:50 PM
79	Downtown cultural activities	10/6/2021 9:17 PM
80	Expanding health care	10/6/2021 8:51 PM
81	Coffee shop	10/6/2021 8:17 PM
82	Renewable energy	10/6/2021 6:45 PM
83	Wilderness destinations	10/6/2021 6:34 PM
84	WVU	10/6/2021 4:17 PM
85	Medical	10/6/2021 3:53 PM
86	Airport expansion	10/6/2021 3:00 PM
87	Not sure	10/6/2021 2:23 PM
88	Tourism	10/6/2021 1:27 PM
89	Clarksburg - It is better Fairmont and cheaper than Morgantown	10/6/2021 12:47 PM
90	Medical feild	10/6/2021 11:40 AM
91	New airport development	10/5/2021 10:10 PM
92	Broadband developing	10/5/2021 9:53 PM
93	Local coffee shop- Stone Tower Brews-Bridgeport	10/5/2021 9:03 PM
94	Health care	10/5/2021 7:09 PM
95	Medical	10/5/2021 6:49 PM
96	High-Tech	10/5/2021 6:18 PM
97	Create communities and connections between communities, great place to live	10/5/2021 5:19 PM
98	Unkown	10/5/2021 3:23 PM
99	Rural broadband	10/5/2021 3:18 PM
100	Tourism	10/5/2021 1:24 PM
101	?	10/5/2021 1:01 PM
102	Solar energy	10/5/2021 12:41 PM
103	Technology	10/5/2021 11:41 AM

104	Airport business park	10/5/2021 11:41 AM
105	North bend rail trail is developing	10/5/2021 11:37 AM
106	Mountaineer Trail Network	10/5/2021 11:09 AM
107	New exit for Morgantown Industrial Park	10/5/2021 9:54 AM
108	Potential generic drug manufacturing facility. Make America self reliant	10/5/2021 8:41 AM
109	Local foods have become more accessible over the past few years but there is room for growth here. A lot of it lacks a retail presence.	10/5/2021 7:49 AM
110	Tourism	10/5/2021 6:52 AM
111	Tourism and outdoor recreation close to big cities without long-distance travel	10/4/2021 10:55 PM
112	Education	10/4/2021 9:16 PM
113	Tech	10/4/2021 9:03 PM
114	Coal	10/4/2021 8:04 PM
115	Retail	10/4/2021 7:55 PM
116	Aviation	10/4/2021 6:17 PM
117	Travel and Leisure	10/4/2021 5:39 PM
118	Fintech	10/4/2021 4:20 PM
119	Aerospace	10/4/2021 2:21 PM
120	Infrastructure Improvements	10/4/2021 2:13 PM
121	Culinary tourism	10/4/2021 1:49 PM
122	numerous resourced for workforce development	10/4/2021 1:18 PM
123	The Mountaineer Trail Network/Other outdoor activities	10/4/2021 1:11 PM
124	Restoration economy, fixing damage from the coal industry's tragic legacy.	10/3/2021 6:48 PM
125	Opportunity for new business to bring in jobs and stimulate economic growth	10/3/2021 6:33 PM
126	West side	10/3/2021 4:54 PM
127	Unknown	10/3/2021 4:31 PM
128	none	10/3/2021 3:25 PM
129	Salems ACTs program	10/3/2021 1:12 PM
130	Fast food	10/3/2021 1:02 PM
131	work	10/3/2021 11:44 AM
132	Solar	10/3/2021 10:38 AM
133	Retail and service minimum wage jobs.	10/3/2021 10:35 AM
134	Mountain biking and hiking trail development	10/3/2021 10:31 AM
135	potential to welcome Afghan refugees to jumpstart our economy	10/3/2021 9:21 AM
136	Medical	10/3/2021 9:02 AM
137	Healthcare	10/2/2021 7:35 PM
138	Bridgeport/ along I-79	10/2/2021 7:03 PM
139	nature-based education, especially at elementary-high school level	10/2/2021 11:48 AM
140	Service industry positions	10/2/2021 10:25 AM
141	Morgantown Industrial Park and new interchange with I-79 is critical and should be pushed	10/2/2021 10:13 AM

forward as quick as absolutely possible. The County and all municipalities in the area should support this effort monetarily, not simply with resolutions.

142	Not sure	10/2/2021 9:46 AM
143	Oil and gas	10/2/2021 9:16 AM
144	Main Street programs	10/2/2021 8:32 AM
145	Entrepreneurship	10/2/2021 7:48 AM
146	Broadband	10/2/2021 6:46 AM
147	tourism	10/1/2021 9:02 PM
148	Outdoor adventure outfitters	10/1/2021 6:51 PM
149	Mylan Park	10/1/2021 6:26 PM
150	Lot of retail, that's all I've seen	10/1/2021 5:36 PM
151	Marion Remote	9/30/2021 5:26 PM
152	Technology	9/29/2021 2:07 PM
153	Tourism	9/24/2021 7:32 PM
#	OPPORTUNITY #2	DATE
1	Mon Health/WVU expansion	10/25/2021 10:24 AM
2	regular fish stocking in Cheat River	10/22/2021 12:27 PM
3	The Bridge	10/21/2021 7:03 PM
4	Government	10/21/2021 3:35 PM
5	HealthCare	10/20/2021 10:29 AM
6	Food service	10/19/2021 8:04 PM
7	Low wage jobs	10/19/2021 7:01 PM
8	Some warehousing	10/19/2021 3:38 PM
9	Small farms	10/19/2021 3:34 PM
10	Healthcare	10/19/2021 2:21 PM
11	nothing	10/18/2021 6:15 AM
12	None	10/17/2021 9:13 PM
13	encouraging homesteading	10/17/2021 3:01 PM
14	renewable energy	10/17/2021 12:04 PM
15	None	10/16/2021 7:06 PM
16	I just want to earn a living wage	10/16/2021 9:55 AM
17	Tech	10/16/2021 8:08 AM
18	arts, culture, food, and brewery/spirits	10/14/2021 8:58 PM
19	Property along Rt 50	10/14/2021 1:54 PM
20	New business park	10/14/2021 10:50 AM
21	River health and access improve recreational advances	10/13/2021 9:23 PM
22	Recreation	10/13/2021 7:32 PM
23	2 new hospitals	10/13/2021 11:32 AM
24	Recreation Development (Rail-Trail)	10/13/2021 11:15 AM

25	Healthcare	10/13/2021 10:31 AM
26	Expensive college if you can get accepted from our failing schools	10/13/2021 7:03 AM
27	Grafton Hospital	10/12/2021 11:12 PM
28	Education jobs	10/12/2021 9:43 PM
29	jobs	10/12/2021 2:58 PM
30	Trying to redevelop downtown West Union	10/12/2021 9:48 AM
31	None	10/12/2021 4:17 AM
32	Breweries	10/11/2021 10:08 PM
33	Retail	10/11/2021 5:35 PM
34	I79 reparations	10/11/2021 12:14 PM
35	Get some food trucks on the road	10/11/2021 11:36 AM
36	WVU Expansion	10/11/2021 10:03 AM
37	green energy	10/10/2021 9:18 PM
38	Tourism	10/10/2021 6:07 PM
39	Middletown Commons	10/9/2021 9:54 PM
40	Airport as hub	10/9/2021 8:45 PM
41	Recreational Marijuana if we'd actually legalize it.	10/9/2021 8:34 PM
42	Plenty of jobs	10/9/2021 2:29 PM
43	Development in advanced technology	10/9/2021 2:23 PM
44	None	10/9/2021 1:50 PM
45	Tourism	10/9/2021 11:43 AM
46	AeroSpace/Airport	10/9/2021 8:46 AM
47	Fbi	10/8/2021 4:33 PM
48	Morgantown airport expansion	10/8/2021 10:34 AM
49	natural parks	10/7/2021 4:26 PM
50	New and expanding industrial sites	10/7/2021 3:06 PM
51	aerospace	10/7/2021 2:43 PM
52	The new plant in the Morgantown Industrial Park	10/7/2021 1:58 PM
53	Inexpensive high-quality higher education	10/7/2021 1:40 PM
54	I've heard too many people talk about the need for a Hockey Rink. I'm not really a jockey fan, but there are a lot of them here.	10/7/2021 8:20 AM
55	More restaurants In downtown	10/7/2021 12:13 AM
56	Small family farms	10/6/2021 9:50 PM
57	Optimizing the federal installations in the i79 corridor	10/6/2021 9:17 PM
58	Tourism	10/6/2021 8:51 PM
59	Vegetarian restaurant options	10/6/2021 8:17 PM
60	Farmers Markets	10/6/2021 6:34 PM
61	Hyperloop testing	10/6/2021 4:17 PM
62	New energy	10/6/2021 3:53 PM

63	Regional provision of water and sewer	10/6/2021 3:00 PM
64	Expansion of lodging	10/6/2021 1:27 PM
65	Hyperloop	10/6/2021 12:47 PM
66	Construction	10/6/2021 11:40 AM
67	Sports tourism	10/5/2021 10:10 PM
68	Rail Trails exist	10/5/2021 9:53 PM
69	Healthy Harrison has become a growing and sustainable program.	10/5/2021 9:03 PM
70	Votech training	10/5/2021 7:09 PM
71	Infrastructure/clean energy	10/5/2021 6:49 PM
72	Healthcare	10/5/2021 6:18 PM
73	Clean businesses that pay good money, technology parks	10/5/2021 5:19 PM
74	Unkown	10/5/2021 3:23 PM
75	Marketing of locally grown food	10/5/2021 3:18 PM
76	Expansion of business parks attracting private businesses	10/5/2021 1:24 PM
77	?	10/5/2021 1:01 PM
78	Online businesses	10/5/2021 12:41 PM
79	Small business	10/5/2021 11:41 AM
80	Mountaintop bottling plant	10/5/2021 11:41 AM
81	Doddridge county park draws tourism	10/5/2021 11:37 AM
82	Parkersburg to Pittsburgh Trail Corridor	10/5/2021 11:09 AM
83	New exit and North Morgantown bypass	10/5/2021 9:54 AM
84	The High Street pedestrian mall	10/5/2021 8:41 AM
85	Transportation is a perennial issue in these parts. Uber and Lyft won't touch rural areas like ours. We need competition in that market.	10/5/2021 7:49 AM
86	Recreational marijuana and taxes.	10/4/2021 10:55 PM
87	Technology	10/4/2021 9:16 PM
88	Milan needs a new owner	10/4/2021 9:03 PM
89	Coal	10/4/2021 8:04 PM
90	Technology	10/4/2021 6:17 PM
91	Hi Tech start ups- leverage what is here to expand more	10/4/2021 5:39 PM
92	Tourism	10/4/2021 4:20 PM
93	IT/Big Data	10/4/2021 2:21 PM
94	Engaged generation of workers coming up	10/4/2021 2:13 PM
95	Historical tourism	10/4/2021 1:49 PM
96	broadband expansion projects	10/4/2021 1:18 PM
97	The knowledge economy	10/4/2021 1:11 PM
98	Tourism	10/3/2021 6:33 PM
99	Unknown	10/3/2021 4:31 PM

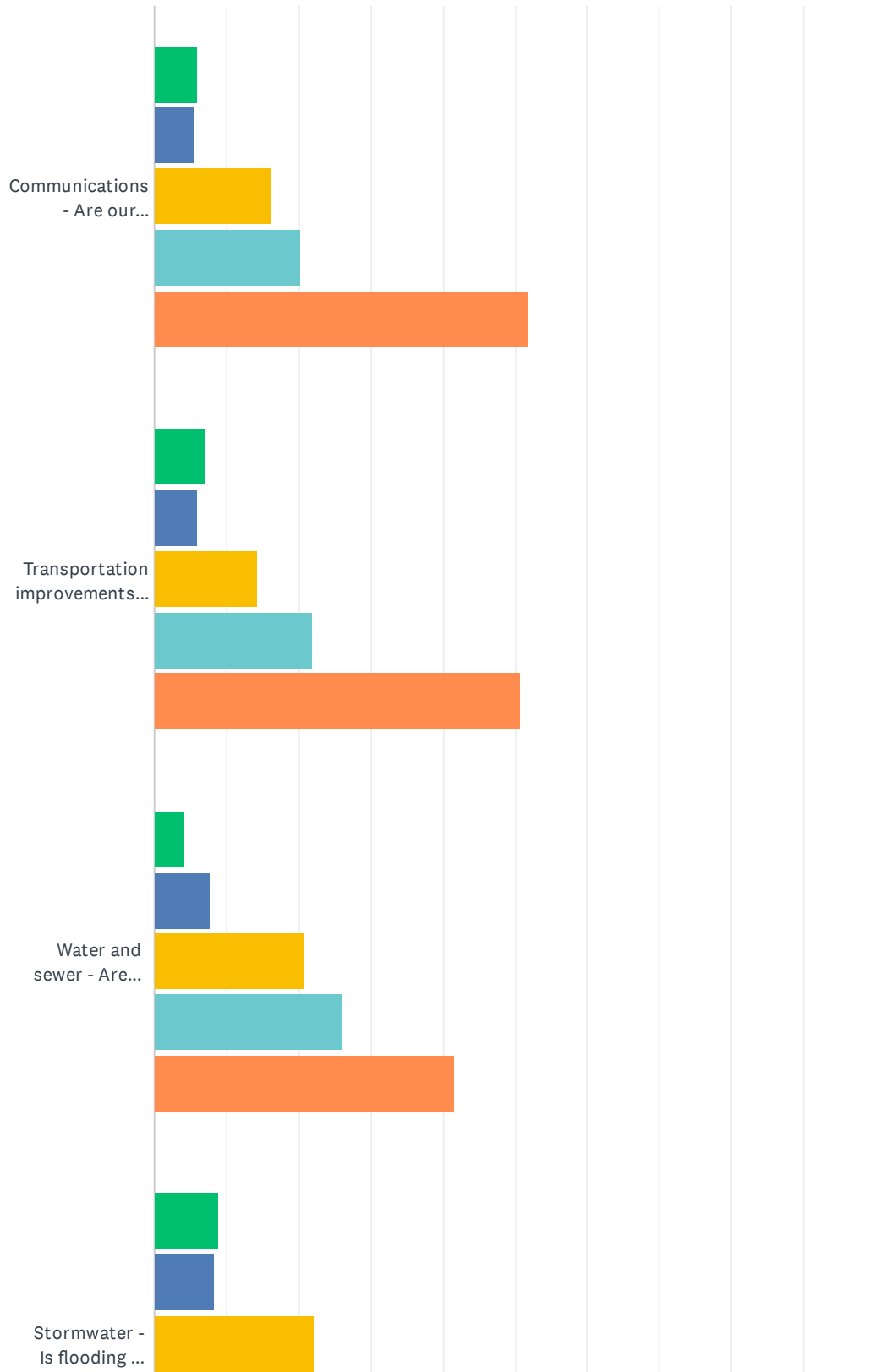
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101	Strip malls	10/3/2021 1:02 PM
102	removing illegals	10/3/2021 11:44 AM
103	Wind	10/3/2021 10:38 AM
104	Construction	10/2/2021 7:35 PM
105	Oil n gas in rural areas = fracking/water problems	10/2/2021 7:03 PM
106	local agriculture	10/2/2021 11:48 AM
107	AEC	10/2/2021 10:25 AM
108	Additional highway and infrastructure (water/sewer, broadband, assure the future of public transportation)	10/2/2021 10:13 AM
109	Commercial development/revitalization	10/2/2021 8:32 AM
110	Recreational activities	10/2/2021 7:48 AM
111	Rail trails	10/2/2021 6:46 AM
112	Agri-tourism	10/1/2021 9:02 PM
113	Camping and outdoor-focused lodging	10/1/2021 6:51 PM
114	New development across from UTC	10/1/2021 6:26 PM
115	Marion Regional Development Council	9/30/2021 5:26 PM
116	Tourism	9/29/2021 2:07 PM
117	RECREATION	9/24/2021 7:32 PM
#	OPPORTUNITY #3	DATE
1	Private housing developments	10/25/2021 10:24 AM
2	flat water rafting	10/22/2021 12:27 PM
3	Real estate condos/apartments	10/21/2021 7:03 PM
4	Contractor for WVU or government	10/21/2021 3:35 PM
5	Information Technology	10/20/2021 10:29 AM
6	Health care	10/19/2021 8:04 PM
7	Low wage jobs	10/19/2021 7:01 PM
8	Not much in Marion County	10/19/2021 3:38 PM
9	Hospitality	10/19/2021 3:34 PM
10	Healthcare	10/19/2021 2:21 PM
11	nothing	10/18/2021 6:15 AM
12	None	10/17/2021 9:13 PM
13	Remote office work	10/17/2021 3:01 PM
14	farming	10/17/2021 12:04 PM
15	None	10/16/2021 7:06 PM
16	outdoor festivals that celebrate outdoor recreation/environment	10/14/2021 8:58 PM
17	Salem Armory property	10/14/2021 1:54 PM
18	Airport upgrades	10/14/2021 10:50 AM
19	Small Business slowly trying to conform around river health and future opportunities.	10/13/2021 9:23 PM

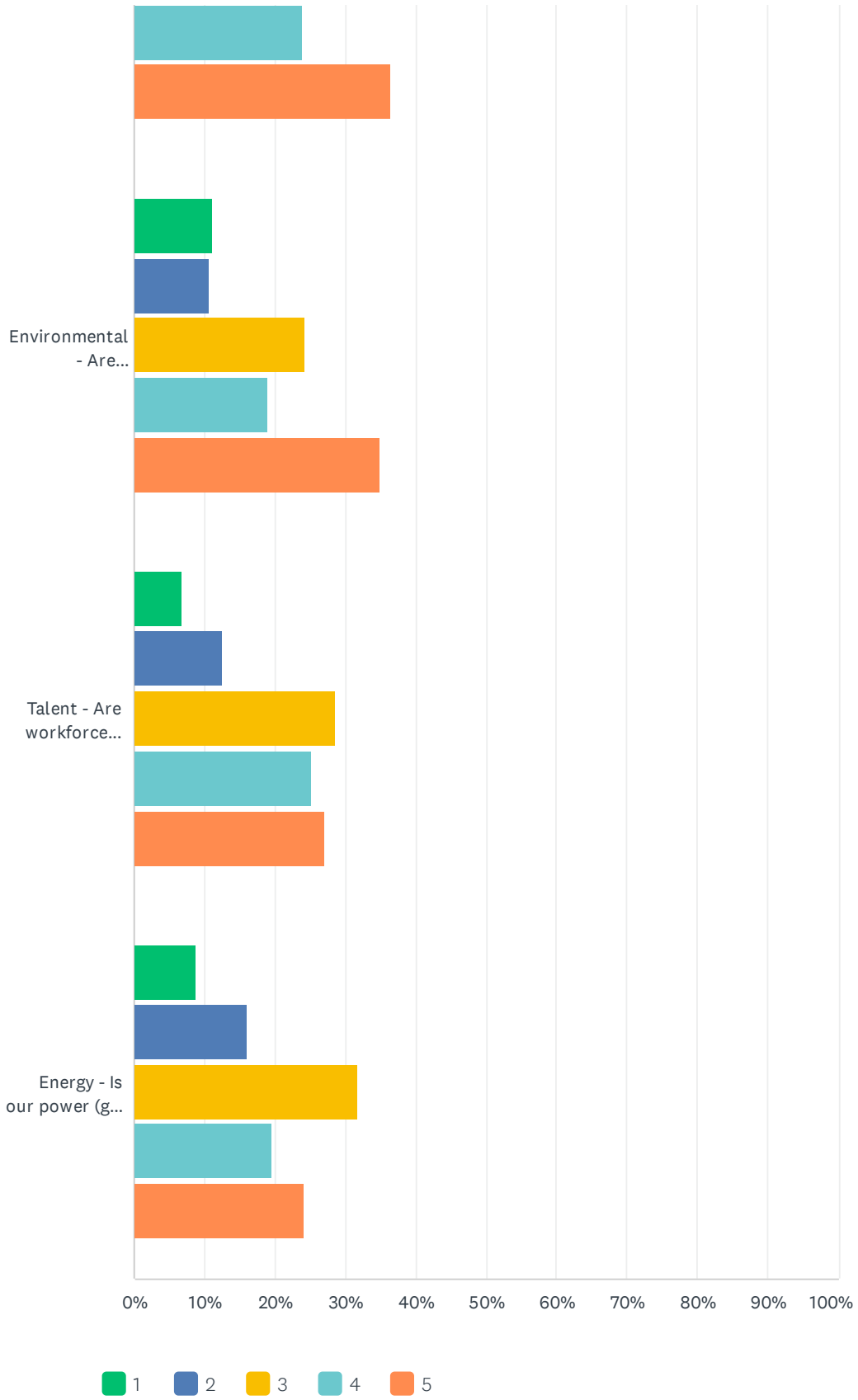
20	Factory	10/13/2021 7:32 PM
21	Activities that bring people to the downtown areas	10/13/2021 11:32 AM
22	Infrastructure upgrades (internet access)	10/13/2021 11:15 AM
23	Recreation	10/13/2021 10:31 AM
24	Drive to Pittsburgh	10/13/2021 7:03 AM
25	Lear Mine	10/12/2021 11:12 PM
26	tourism	10/12/2021 2:58 PM
27	Trying to upgrade the North Bend Rails to Trails and other tourism.	10/12/2021 9:48 AM
28	None	10/12/2021 4:17 AM
29	Local arts and crafts	10/11/2021 10:08 PM
30	Educated populace	10/11/2021 5:35 PM
31	Bridge construction	10/11/2021 12:14 PM
32	Expand livery and other services for water and rail trails	10/11/2021 11:36 AM
33	Widening of I79	10/11/2021 10:03 AM
34	expanded national parks etc.	10/10/2021 9:18 PM
35	Hemp/marijuana industries	10/9/2021 8:45 PM
36	4 seasons	10/9/2021 2:29 PM
37	None	10/9/2021 1:50 PM
38	Retail	10/9/2021 8:46 AM
39	clean energy	10/7/2021 4:26 PM
40	construction trades	10/7/2021 2:43 PM
41	I-68 Industrial Park	10/7/2021 1:58 PM
42	High-level medical resources	10/7/2021 1:40 PM
43	Hotels or convention center in Clarksburg	10/7/2021 12:13 AM
44	Street and facade improvements	10/6/2021 8:51 PM
45	Artist coops	10/6/2021 8:17 PM
46	Educational opportunities	10/6/2021 6:34 PM
47	Newly designated national park	10/6/2021 4:17 PM
48	Small business	10/6/2021 1:27 PM
49	Marijuana	10/6/2021 12:47 PM
50	Agripeneurship	10/5/2021 6:49 PM
51	Higher Ed	10/5/2021 6:18 PM
52	Businesses related to our assets, modernization, no coal, no natural gas	10/5/2021 5:19 PM
53	Unknown	10/5/2021 3:23 PM
54	County & municipalities to work together, also work with regional partners.	10/5/2021 1:24 PM
55	?	10/5/2021 1:01 PM
56	Service/retail/food industry	10/5/2021 12:41 PM
57	University	10/5/2021 11:41 AM

58	West ridge development	10/5/2021 11:41 AM
59	Excellent Schools cause population increase	10/5/2021 11:37 AM
60	Broadband investment	10/5/2021 11:09 AM
61	Develop the Morgantown, Westover, Granville and Star City riverfronts	10/5/2021 9:54 AM
62	Zev bicycles in Westover.	10/5/2021 8:41 AM
63	The only overnight accommodation I know of in the county is the Tygart Lake Lodge. We need a place folks can stay or they can't come here.	10/5/2021 7:49 AM
64	Remote jobs and city flight.	10/4/2021 10:55 PM
65	Manufacturing	10/4/2021 9:16 PM
66	Coal	10/4/2021 8:04 PM
67	Local universities partnerships	10/4/2021 5:39 PM
68	Health Care	10/4/2021 4:20 PM
69	Healthcare	10/4/2021 2:21 PM
70	NETL	10/4/2021 2:13 PM
71	expansions of aerospace/aviation and manufacturing looking for workers.	10/4/2021 1:18 PM
72	High-tech businesses	10/4/2021 1:11 PM
73	Road infrastructure development to allow for tourism and new businesses expansion	10/3/2021 6:33 PM
74	none	10/3/2021 3:25 PM
75	Taxpayer funded jobs	10/3/2021 1:02 PM
76	prison for democrats	10/3/2021 11:44 AM
77	Timber	10/3/2021 10:38 AM
78	Farming	10/2/2021 7:35 PM
79	providing care to little kids and the home-bound	10/2/2021 11:48 AM
80	Healthcare	10/2/2021 10:25 AM
81	With highway development, assure access to areas north and west of Morgantown for developable land - then get gov't regulations out of the way of the growth that will occur. Now, the government oversight must be appropriate but not burdonsome. We must have building codes, etc., but state and local officials MUST find ways to expedite approvals (be helpful while reasonably controlling the development efforts).	10/2/2021 10:13 AM
82	Solar	10/2/2021 6:46 AM
83	Restaurants and experiences near outdoor recreation	10/1/2021 6:51 PM
84	Main Street Fairmont	9/30/2021 5:26 PM
85	Small scale manufacturing	9/29/2021 2:07 PM

Q13 What infrastructure topics can be improved in the region. 5 being in need of the most improvement, 1 being in little or no need of improvement:

Answered: 302 Skipped: 1





	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Communications - Are our communications networks (broadband, cellular, wireless) reliable and affordable?	5.98% 18	5.65% 17	16.28% 49	20.27% 61	51.83% 156	301	4.06
Transportation improvements - Are current / planned road improvements efficient? Is more improvement needed?	7.00% 21	6.00% 18	14.33% 43	22.00% 66	50.67% 152	300	4.03
Water and sewer - Are utilities within the region in need of updating, price adjustments, or expansion?	4.32% 13	7.64% 23	20.60% 62	25.91% 78	41.53% 125	301	3.93
Stormwater - Is flooding and pollution from stormwater being managed safely and effectively?	8.97% 27	8.31% 25	22.26% 67	23.92% 72	36.54% 110	301	3.71
Environmental - Are businesses and local governments doing enough to mitigate environmental concerns?	11.00% 33	10.67% 32	24.33% 73	19.00% 57	35.00% 105	300	3.56
Talent - Are workforce development programs providing the training needed?	6.78% 20	12.54% 37	28.47% 84	25.08% 74	27.12% 80	295	3.53
Energy - Is our power (gas, electric, and renewables) resilient and affordable?	8.67% 26	16.00% 48	31.67% 95	19.67% 59	24.00% 72	300	3.34

#	OTHERS?	DATE
1	Cant aford the high speed internet fairview	10/22/2021 12:31 PM
2	WV learned the lack of internet deprived students from their education	10/21/2021 7:03 PM
3	Deregulated spaces	10/17/2021 3:01 PM
4	Hold companies accountable for pollution and site cleanup. We do not drink the water here because fracking chemicals have been found in it.	10/16/2021 5:47 PM
5	Lack of education at all levels from childcare to community college to college access to elder care. I can't keep employees due to bad schools and lack of quality childcare	10/13/2021 7:03 AM
6	Frontier absolutely Sucks	10/11/2021 5:38 PM
7	Energy	10/11/2021 10:55 AM
8	Recycling	10/9/2021 3:02 PM
9	Note difference between urban major corridor advantages and poor services in rural areas	10/7/2021 1:40 PM
10	All these need a lot of work	10/6/2021 9:17 PM
11	Zoning and planning commission. Put some thought into what the future holds and what infrastructure is needed. Do it right the first time and stop letting everyone build with no consideration on impact of infrastructure.	10/5/2021 9:54 AM
12	Affordable is the issue.	10/4/2021 7:55 PM
13	Recreation/tourism - Rail trails, ATV trails, X Country skiing	10/4/2021 5:39 PM
14	Trucks out of retail and residential areas	10/3/2021 6:48 PM
15	Arrest the junkies, fix the roads, lower taxes and get out of peoples way. Promote that this region is gorgeous and is business friendly (which its really not much anymore) and the mid-atlantic offers advantages for companies, especially larger ones.	10/3/2021 1:02 PM
16	removing commies	10/3/2021 11:44 AM
17	You forgot to mention coal and nuclear.	10/3/2021 10:35 AM
18	improving reputation of WV as a good place to live for ALL people, so we can recruit talent	10/1/2021 6:17 PM

Q14 What one topic should be focused on to strengthen the region's infrastructure to support economic growth? What one strategy would you recommend?

Answered: 199 Skipped: 104

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Accessible and reliable high speed internet. Partnership with existing or start up company to provide across region. Alternative sources of energy should also be explored to reduce costs and environmental impact	10/25/2021 10:24 AM
2	local local city/county highway improvements	10/23/2021 12:39 PM
3	Get rid of the drugs.	10/22/2021 12:31 PM
4	a county wide focused project communicated to folk in small town meeting settings to get people involved in participating and figuring out what to produce to market out of state	10/22/2021 12:27 PM
5	Cell & internet access	10/21/2021 7:03 PM
6	A kitchen sink approach to emission-free electricity generation and grid resiliency. Step down coal and natural gas -- or at least implement some kind of carbon capture and sequestration regardless if it is economic at the time -- while increasing solar, wind, geothermal, pumped hydro, hydrogen energy generation and long duration energy storage. However, all of those clean electrons would be worthless if the distribution lines to people's homes are down so also invest in replacing distro lines through the state with new ones or potentially buried lines that can withstand weather effects.	10/21/2021 3:35 PM
7	Broadband expansion	10/20/2021 12:00 PM
8	While Bridgeport is served greatly with IT infrastructure, outlying areas, need much improvement with respect to broadband. Increasingly people are working from home and need broadband to their homes which many times are in surrounding counties.	10/20/2021 10:29 AM
9	Local officials cooperation	10/19/2021 8:04 PM
10	Diversify the economy.	10/19/2021 7:01 PM
11	Roads	10/19/2021 3:38 PM
12	Broadband access for all	10/19/2021 3:34 PM
13	Better collaboration between city and county. Stronger recruitment. Citizens and officials need to be open to change. Annex all the little towns to all become part of the city of Morgantown. Will increase tax money which should improve infrastructure etc.	10/19/2021 2:21 PM
14	Reusable energy	10/19/2021 1:12 PM
15	Old water mains in need of replacement in older residential areas.	10/19/2021 7:57 AM
16	Broadband. Idk what the strategy should be. Tactics I suggest include utility partnerships to share distribution costs and opening the market to more providers to create a competitive environment. Take advantage of federal funding. Impose a tax to help fund build-out.	10/18/2021 5:54 PM
17	I think we have the tools but no government desire to do anything with them.	10/18/2021 11:22 AM
18	Local connectivity	10/18/2021 10:58 AM
19	a maximum voting age	10/18/2021 6:15 AM
20	Improve internet service county wide	10/17/2021 10:23 PM
21	This is not #1 but I have not seen it mentioned... Do we really need an airport in Mon and Harrison Counties? Is this the best use of funds for our region?	10/17/2021 9:45 PM

22	New leadership	10/17/2021 9:13 PM
23	Encouraging city folks with our pro-freedom attitude to come and live their dreams without intrusive local government constraints.	10/17/2021 3:01 PM
24	The one strategy is to address the comprehensive needs of multi-faceted infrastructure within our region and the people of all ages that live within the region.	10/16/2021 11:33 PM
25	Improve the roads in preston county	10/16/2021 7:06 PM
26	Internet	10/16/2021 6:22 PM
27	In addition to holding companies accountable, raise property taxes and use funds for infrastructure improvements. They're dirt cheap compared to other states. Also, make it more difficult for out of state companies to remove our natural resources while leaving WV with little in return.	10/16/2021 5:47 PM
28	REGIONAL LEADERSHIP WORKING FOR THE GOOD OF THE ENTIRE REGION RATHER THAN PETTY HIGH SCHOOL/COUNTY LEVEL SELFISHNESS	10/16/2021 8:08 AM
29	Internet access.	10/16/2021 1:15 AM
30	Make our own energy	10/15/2021 8:07 PM
31	Improve roads	10/15/2021 2:40 PM
32	Roads!	10/14/2021 10:01 PM
33	updated infrastructure to improve health of our waterways	10/14/2021 8:58 PM
34	Road improvements and expansion	10/14/2021 1:52 PM
35	Better infrastructure	10/14/2021 9:23 AM
36	Communication	10/13/2021 9:23 PM
37	High speed Internet	10/13/2021 9:12 PM
38	Stop building new buildings when you can't even fill the ones that exist and online shopping has changed the world. Spend the money to develop fun. Everyone will come for that.	10/13/2021 7:32 PM
39	Workforce development	10/13/2021 12:47 PM
40	Better roads	10/13/2021 11:32 AM
41	Don't think of infrastructure so much as roads and bridges, but more as Cables and Networks. To quote doc Brown, "Where we're going Marty, we don't need roads!"	10/13/2021 11:15 AM
42	Roads	10/13/2021 10:31 AM
43	Renewable energy and microgrids	10/13/2021 7:03 AM
44	Roads	10/12/2021 11:36 PM
45	Taylor County needs industries to promote economic growth; WV legislature needs to find ways to make the state more business friendly.	10/12/2021 11:12 PM
46	Road improvement. Also affordable housing in general and gated over 50 senior housing communities. WV drives their older citizens out of the area.	10/12/2021 10:25 PM
47	Downsize state government and redirect that money towards infrastructure repairs	10/12/2021 9:43 PM
48	Invest in roads, childcare, access to broadband	10/12/2021 8:06 PM
49	Roads and clean reliable access to water	10/12/2021 7:05 PM
50	sustainability	10/12/2021 2:58 PM
51	Better, affordable, accessible broadband access for all	10/12/2021 2:37 PM
52	Broadband, housing, water and sewer infrastructure.	10/12/2021 9:48 AM
53	None	10/12/2021 4:17 AM

54	More access roads to 79	10/12/2021 2:21 AM
55	Cities need to be able to expand through forced anexatiom	10/11/2021 11:03 PM
56	Widespread broadband.	10/11/2021 5:35 PM
57	Bring in big business ...good paying jobs	10/11/2021 2:55 PM
58	Fixing the roads with a more permanent solution would be a start.	10/11/2021 12:14 PM
59	Increase outreach to opportunities created by education - too many people just don't care or think things will get better.	10/11/2021 11:36 AM
60	Roads	10/11/2021 11:29 AM
61	Roads are bad , water is bad , bridges are worst	10/11/2021 10:55 AM
62	Investments	10/11/2021 10:03 AM
63	better publicity about natural beauties	10/10/2021 9:18 PM
64	the lein attached to property where condemned structures were torn down is keeping the average person to shy away from trying to purchase and rehab said property. Might want to try an incentive program where lot/area could be purchased with an improvement clause of possibly 2 years. If no improvements, then property reverts back to the city	10/10/2021 8:02 PM
65	Better wireless options and broad band.	10/10/2021 6:08 PM
66	Recreation opportunities. Public land access. Stop relying on coal and other declining industries that ruin the natural landscape.	10/10/2021 2:57 PM
67	Extensive paving, ditches, cutting brush-take care of the deplorable roads coming into Morgantown.	10/10/2021 12:04 PM
68	Improve internet access	10/10/2021 7:39 AM
69	Land development,	10/10/2021 5:02 AM
70	Construction jobs and companies that would hire qualified locals.	10/9/2021 9:54 PM
71	Broadband	10/9/2021 8:45 PM
72	More help for those on disability even when we make over the poverty level. Just because a person worked before they became unable to work doesn't mean they now make enough to live.	10/9/2021 8:06 PM
73	Broadband. Build it.	10/9/2021 8:01 PM
74	Clean up all derelict properties	10/9/2021 7:57 PM
75	High cost of all utilities, exorcism Fairmont City water/ sewage/ garbage; recent increases in real estate taxes; too many derelict, abandoned buildings/ houses in Fairmont causing neighborhoods to decline and owners to leave or not provide upkeep on the property (in Fairmont High cost of building permits n too many code regulations)	10/9/2021 7:44 PM
76	Road upgrades and maintenance	10/9/2021 3:02 PM
77	Broadband access	10/9/2021 2:29 PM
78	Urban renewal. Old dilapidated buildings and homes need to be condemned and removed.	10/9/2021 2:23 PM
79	Tearing down of bad non-used buildings	10/9/2021 1:50 PM
80	Fix streets and sidewalks.	10/9/2021 1:25 PM
81	Small Town's are dying - we've been waiting 12 long years for our infrastructure to happen and still nothing.	10/9/2021 11:43 AM
82	This region is very accessible. I79 and Rt50 run right through it. There's a lot of hotels. It would be an ideal location for a large concert venue. A place where régional and national touring acts could stop. Something like Wolf Trap in Virginia.	10/9/2021 8:46 AM
83	Central location to over 65% of the nations population	10/8/2021 4:36 PM

84	Local Food Economy by supporting small farms and growers. Fund public education so that being a teacher in this region is a GOOD job 60-70k with benefits .. nobody wants to live somewhere and raise a family with out good schools! Mental health and addiction treatment ASAP!	10/8/2021 4:33 PM
85	Transportation throughout Morgantown becomes a nightmare. A method of transportation that bypasses roadways like PRT should be expanded.	10/8/2021 10:34 AM
86	This area really needs a expressway between Clarksburg/Fairmont/Morgantown. I79 is a bottle neck due to heavy traffic and accidents and the only other routes are single lane roads.	10/8/2021 10:19 AM
87	Broadband	10/7/2021 10:13 PM
88	Expanded water and sewage	10/7/2021 8:57 PM
89	Look to the future. Incentivize the move away from coal and natural gas. Examples include electric vehicle charging stations, tax incentives for electric vehicle purchases, tax incentives for all sizes of solar installation on residential and community property. Eliminate the power plant from 6th Street area in Morgantown.	10/7/2021 3:15 PM
90	Broadband is critical to both homes and businesses. Water and sewer outside of the major municipalities is important to capture growth. There are too many small water utilities and sewer PSDs.	10/7/2021 3:06 PM
91	building broadband capacity and reliability	10/7/2021 2:43 PM
92	Improved roads...particularly in Mon County and improved internet in rural areas to better attract remote workers.	10/7/2021 1:58 PM
93	Rebuilding bridges and US and county highways. Interstates are in good repair	10/7/2021 1:40 PM
94	Jobs	10/7/2021 1:36 PM
95	Internet access to rural communities would increase economic opportunities.	10/7/2021 12:55 PM
96	Jobs	10/7/2021 12:25 PM
97	In Morgantown, coordinate the traffic lights. Traffic is a big issue, maybe even have police assist during peak hours during the afternoon to get the flow of traffic moving.	10/7/2021 8:20 AM
98	Internet Access	10/7/2021 6:17 AM
99	Broadband access everywhere	10/7/2021 12:13 AM
100	Either improving roads for transportation or making broadband accessible to everyone.	10/6/2021 11:26 PM
101	Cannabis legalization	10/6/2021 9:50 PM
102	More young people and organizational support around development opportunities. A Main Street program working on downtown redevelopment tom a chapter of generation WV, neighborhood groups organized for safety and public improvements, economic development authority taking on major issues like broadband and tourism destination development and quality of workforce.	10/6/2021 9:17 PM
103	Access to highspeed internet in all areas, for everyone.	10/6/2021 8:58 PM
104	Streetscape work in Morgantown. As a hub for the region, Morgantown needs to present its best self. University avenue streetscape is not a welcoming sight. Utility lines everywhere and unsightly, unattractive and unsafe sidewalks and crosswalks, lighting and landscaping are very lacking. University is the gateway to the city of Morgantown and the region	10/6/2021 8:51 PM
105	Broadband	10/6/2021 8:17 PM
106	Renewable energy	10/6/2021 6:45 PM
107	Develop affordable internet to all areas.	10/6/2021 6:34 PM
108	Legalize marijuana before it's too late as other surrounding states are already doing so.	10/6/2021 4:17 PM
109	Communications	10/6/2021 3:53 PM
110	Highway expansion and maintenance in Monongalia County	10/6/2021 3:00 PM

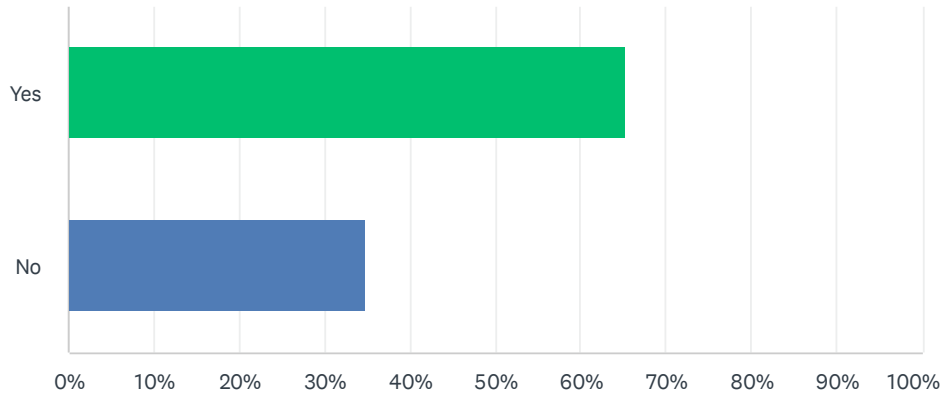
111	communications	10/6/2021 2:38 PM
112	Access to affordable internet in rural areas. Requiring companies to provide coverage to the entire area.	10/6/2021 2:37 PM
113	BroadBand access to all people	10/6/2021 2:23 PM
114	Renewable energy, high speed rails, better broadband,	10/6/2021 2:08 PM
115	Transportation road improvement	10/6/2021 1:27 PM
116	Transportation	10/6/2021 12:47 PM
117	Broadband	10/6/2021 8:42 AM
118	Roads	10/6/2021 8:04 AM
119	Better Roads	10/5/2021 9:53 PM
120	Roads. Broadband	10/5/2021 8:26 PM
121	Competition in high speed Internet. Comcast monopolizes	10/5/2021 7:09 PM
122	Workforce development and environmentally sustainable growth	10/5/2021 6:49 PM
123	Broadband Access	10/5/2021 6:18 PM
124	Roads and property	10/5/2021 5:48 PM
125	Ensure true broadband (100mps+) is available to all residents.	10/5/2021 5:23 PM
126	Broadband, fast and well done	10/5/2021 5:19 PM
127	Utilize existing buildings and business parks rather build new all the time.	10/5/2021 4:18 PM
128	Create business friendly environment. With expansion of business within region there would be increase in tax revenue even with lowered taxes. Make the region attractive to business development. Let businesses pick up the slack by building their own on site infrastructure. With low enough taxes they would. Increase in business growth would also increase employment which would increase tax revenues more.	10/5/2021 3:23 PM
129	No single topic or strategy is sufficient, we need resources across the board.	10/5/2021 3:18 PM
130	Communications - boradband	10/5/2021 1:24 PM
131	Protecting the biosphere over profits.	10/5/2021 1:01 PM
132	Raising the minimum wage. The available jobs require many charitable resources--food, help with utility bills, healthcare--just to live from day to day.	10/5/2021 12:41 PM
133	broadband	10/5/2021 11:53 AM
134	Planning for future growth when doing infrastructure construction	10/5/2021 11:41 AM
135	Broadband	10/5/2021 11:37 AM
136	Broadband availability, speed, & affordability	10/5/2021 11:17 AM
137	Investment in Broadband- but not at the expense of our recreational assets.	10/5/2021 11:09 AM
138	Spend money on wireless high speed broadband. Don't waste money running physical lines around the counties.	10/5/2021 9:54 AM
139	Turn High St into a pedestrian mall with safe access to the rail trail. Make Morgantown a health and recreation destination.	10/5/2021 8:41 AM
140	Network bandwidth and reliability are key to attracting tourism and running businesses.	10/5/2021 7:49 AM
141	For Taylor County: broadband and road improvement. Taylor county needs to capitalize on being in between two regional airports that connect to metropolitan areas. Improve and widen the roads to make it easier to get to Grafton.	10/5/2021 6:52 AM
142	Access to broadband internet. Expansion of public and wireless options available to compete with private monopolies.	10/4/2021 10:55 PM

143	High speed transportation	10/4/2021 9:16 PM
144	See above	10/4/2021 9:03 PM
145	Keep it local	10/4/2021 8:04 PM
146	Roads; broad band	10/4/2021 7:55 PM
147	Broadband- provide structures for private investment	10/4/2021 6:17 PM
148	Improved existing roads and bridges, airports, and expansion of same. It is embarrassing when business people from other areas visit.	10/4/2021 5:39 PM
149	We have 5G, if you're on top of a hill. It's spotty and needs filled in.	10/4/2021 5:03 PM
150	Getting an ESG panel from outside the state / government to help make change. Our politicians are dated. We need to move with new thoughts. They have to be more collaborative.	10/4/2021 4:20 PM
151	Workforce initiatives	10/4/2021 4:02 PM
152	Student loan forgiveness	10/4/2021 2:40 PM
153	Broadband for EVERYONE and redundant broadband capabilities for industry	10/4/2021 2:21 PM
154	I purchased land in Preston County, but am unable to move their because of lack of reliable fast internet. This will destroy our ability to grow anywhere other than the cities.	10/4/2021 2:13 PM
155	Entrepreneur peer networking	10/4/2021 1:49 PM
156	continue with broadband expansions	10/4/2021 1:18 PM
157	Local governments in NCWV are held back by paper pushers and politicians in Charleston. We need more local control of our roads and other infrastructure. NCWV is not getting its fair share from the State.	10/4/2021 1:11 PM
158	Clean up environment such as streams and rivers, expand broadband, water and sewer.	10/4/2021 9:33 AM
159	Reliable and economical internet for everyone	10/3/2021 7:18 PM
160	Quality of life issues. Clean water, clean air. Enact and enforce stronger environmental protections. Establish funds to acquire, protect and restore greenspace.	10/3/2021 6:48 PM
161	Need for new business to provide decent paying jobs to current/future county residents. Road infrastructure improvements to allow for smoother flow of traffic. There is so much land in and around Morgantown to allow for new construction of new businesses, which is much needed in order to stimulate the economy. New or existing Incentives for new or existing businesses to relocate/ open new locations in Mon. county need to be advertised in order to incentivize businesses to 'open up shop' here. This will vastly improve the economy through providing jobs to those in need of decent paying work, currently living under the poverty line, unable to spend and stimulate the economy further.	10/3/2021 6:33 PM
162	jobs and opportunities for Wvu Students geadulating	10/3/2021 4:54 PM
163	Repairing roads and businesses.	10/3/2021 4:31 PM
164	more community involvement	10/3/2021 1:12 PM
165	Pure and true free-market Capitalism is the only way. No more corruption. corporatism or cronyism. No more oligarchy, pay to play bull shit. The good ol' boy network in WV has always held it back as well.	10/3/2021 1:02 PM
166	remove ALL token racist democrats!!	10/3/2021 11:44 AM
167	Political influence.	10/3/2021 11:19 AM
168	We need competition for Comcast	10/3/2021 11:02 AM
169	Fix roads,bridges,train tracks	10/3/2021 10:38 AM
170	Reduce regulatory burden, reduce corporate taxes on small businesses.	10/3/2021 10:35 AM
171	Equitable distribution of funds for road maintenance and construction. Pay highway workers a living wage.	10/3/2021 10:31 AM

172	Talent	10/3/2021 10:00 AM
173	Attitudinal change.	10/3/2021 9:21 AM
174	Develop sites	10/3/2021 9:02 AM
175	Community development to attract workers to want to live here too	10/2/2021 7:35 PM
176	Bring Rt 50 to interstate standards. Revamp the interchange at 50 & I-79 Increase rest area and destination attractions on 50.	10/2/2021 7:03 PM
177	actual accountability /supervision and communication skills. Hard to choose between roads and internet.	10/2/2021 11:48 AM
178	The internet	10/2/2021 10:25 AM
179	Most people will say broadband, I suspect, and that is clearly important. But broadband development without traditional infrastructure improvement that allows for expansion of development opportunities (areas north and west of Morgantown, for example) will eventually choke out the value of the broadband investment. The inter-relationship of all those factors are essential, in developing plans.	10/2/2021 10:13 AM
180	Training in tradesmen	10/2/2021 9:46 AM
181	We need public transportation that goes later into the night to areas of retail and manufacturing for workers who don't own vehicles. These areas are typically nowhere near residential areas and have no sidewalks or even roads that are not highways for people to legally walk home on after work.	10/2/2021 9:16 AM
182	Lower taxes for small businesses	10/2/2021 8:36 AM
183	If they're building new roads and expanding 79, were feasibility studies reviewed to bury conduits for fiber, or fiber itself? Or was it just the "cheapest" option, making other improvements cost prohibitive?	10/2/2021 8:32 AM
184	Reliable broadband service.	10/2/2021 7:48 AM
185	Replacing inadequate infrastructure	10/2/2021 6:46 AM
186	Hi speed internet AND improved roads	10/2/2021 12:32 AM
187	It is all about taxing.	10/1/2021 10:19 PM
188	Infrastructure. The drainage systems and roads need redone but with an actual plan for growth.	10/1/2021 9:10 PM
189	Expand and improve internet access. Broadband access needs to be available and affordable	10/1/2021 9:02 PM
190	Broadband and wireless communications improvement throughout the counties.	10/1/2021 7:36 PM
191	Utilizing outdoor recreation assets and small business development to spur economic growth	10/1/2021 6:51 PM
192	Morgantown was not built to withstand the number of students and residents who drive on our roads on a daily basis. Our infrastructure needs a complete overhaul.	10/1/2021 6:30 PM
193	Roads and road maintenance	10/1/2021 6:26 PM
194	1) broadband 2) clean water (natural bodies AND household) 3) roads	10/1/2021 6:17 PM
195	Fix the roads around Fairmont. Disgraceful. Offer new businesses leases on long empty storefronts at a deep discount for the first two years. Seek out entrepreneurs/business owners new to the state for fresh ideas. Having city council members who have lived here their entire lives is not working.	10/1/2021 5:48 AM
196	Tourism	9/30/2021 5:26 PM
197	Regional transportation is too focused on the private automobile. Resiliency and economic justice will require focus on additional modes of transportation.	9/29/2021 2:07 PM
198	We need better internet access in the state. Roads are improving but need to continually work on them.	9/25/2021 11:53 AM
199	Broadband	9/24/2021 7:32 PM

Q15 Do you believe there are gaps in educational resources? (Including K-12, Community College, University, etc.)

Answered: 288 Skipped: 15



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	65.28% 188
No	34.72% 100
TOTAL	288

#	IF YES, AT WHAT LEVEL?	DATE
1	1-9	10/26/2021 9:56 AM
2	vocational	10/23/2021 12:39 PM
3	The whole school sytem	10/22/2021 12:31 PM
4	high school and beyond--more hands on vocational training	10/22/2021 12:27 PM
5	All levels: there are distinct gaps between high schools within the same county!	10/21/2021 3:35 PM
6	Post secondary, technical/apprenticeship	10/20/2021 10:36 PM
7	Trade schools	10/20/2021 3:56 PM
8	k-12	10/20/2021 12:00 PM
9	Community College	10/19/2021 9:00 PM
10	K 12	10/19/2021 3:38 PM
11	How can you not have pre-K on this list?	10/19/2021 3:34 PM
12	High school	10/19/2021 2:21 PM
13	Ubiquitous	10/19/2021 1:12 PM
14	every level	10/18/2021 6:15 AM
15	Beginning at k-12	10/17/2021 10:23 PM
16	k-12	10/17/2021 9:45 PM
17	Every level	10/17/2021 9:13 PM
18	There need to be more alternatives to government K-12 schools	10/17/2021 3:01 PM

19	all	10/17/2021 12:04 PM
20	all levels, but if the issues are addresses at the K-12 level, that will carry over to the jobs that do not need a college education, as well as for those that do require one. More focus needs to be given to Trade Schools as an option for high school students.	10/16/2021 11:33 PM
21	K-12	10/16/2021 6:22 PM
22	All	10/16/2021 5:47 PM
23	All	10/15/2021 8:07 PM
24	all	10/15/2021 6:29 PM
25	High school	10/14/2021 10:01 PM
26	Primary education	10/14/2021 12:52 PM
27	After graduation students dropout of college because try aren't prepared enough	10/14/2021 11:46 AM
28	All levels	10/14/2021 5:53 AM
29	K-12	10/13/2021 9:23 PM
30	College level snd Trade	10/13/2021 7:32 PM
31	All levels	10/13/2021 4:29 PM
32	Honestly, Pre-K. It's not seen as education, but early childhood development opportunity is lacking.	10/13/2021 11:15 AM
33	All	10/13/2021 10:31 AM
34	All levels but worst in childcare, community college and elder care.	10/13/2021 7:03 AM
35	Not enough community college classes available	10/12/2021 11:12 PM
36	All levels.	10/12/2021 8:48 PM
37	K-12	10/12/2021 8:06 PM
38	K-12	10/12/2021 7:26 PM
39	technical - STEM	10/12/2021 2:58 PM
40	Need more support and options for post K-12	10/12/2021 2:37 PM
41	All	10/12/2021 4:17 AM
42	Community college	10/12/2021 2:21 AM
43	K-12	10/11/2021 6:44 PM
44	Post secondary technical and trade	10/11/2021 5:14 PM
45	High school	10/11/2021 12:14 PM
46	k-12	10/11/2021 11:36 AM
47	High school to college	10/11/2021 10:55 AM
48	K-12	10/11/2021 10:03 AM
49	a tendency to close local k-12 schools	10/10/2021 9:18 PM
50	9-12	10/10/2021 8:02 PM
51	All levels	10/10/2021 6:08 PM
52	Improve access to technical schools and community college	10/10/2021 2:57 PM
53	K-12	10/10/2021 8:16 AM
54	Need more education on trade skills, IT skills, finance skills at all levels	10/10/2021 5:02 AM

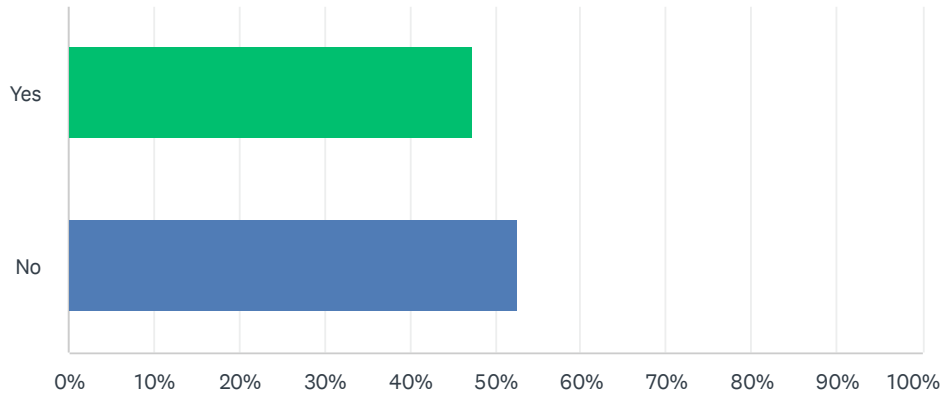
55	All levels. Understanding basic English would be excellent.	10/9/2021 10:39 PM
56	The middle and high schools don't prepare students for the workforce adequately.	10/9/2021 9:54 PM
57	K12 - it all stems from there	10/9/2021 8:45 PM
58	Very few people can actually afford to go to school without going in debt, which encourages them to leave.	10/9/2021 8:34 PM
59	K-12	10/9/2021 8:16 PM
60	6th/7th	10/9/2021 8:06 PM
61	High school	10/9/2021 8:01 PM
62	Marion County Public Schools are failing according to latest WV Chamber of Commerce survey	10/9/2021 7:44 PM
63	8-12	10/9/2021 3:02 PM
64	All	10/9/2021 1:50 PM
65	Preschool and higher education	10/9/2021 1:25 PM
66	Middle school	10/8/2021 4:36 PM
67	K-12	10/8/2021 4:33 PM
68	Charter & private schools	10/7/2021 3:06 PM
69	k-12	10/7/2021 2:43 PM
70	Technical training for plumbers, electricians, engineers etc	10/7/2021 1:40 PM
71	All levels	10/7/2021 12:55 PM
72	All	10/7/2021 12:25 PM
73	All levels need to focus on education not GOV propaganda	10/7/2021 6:17 AM
74	Vocational training	10/7/2021 5:01 AM
75	All levels	10/7/2021 12:13 AM
76	All of the above	10/6/2021 9:50 PM
77	Training for workforce life skills.	10/6/2021 9:17 PM
78	All levels of education have gaps and are creating graduates who lack knowledge they should have	10/6/2021 8:58 PM
79	Colleges and Universities are underfunded in the state.	10/6/2021 8:51 PM
80	Funding for teacher pay.	10/6/2021 6:45 PM
81	Pre-K	10/6/2021 6:34 PM
82	Income equality	10/6/2021 4:17 PM
83	K-12	10/6/2021 3:53 PM
84	Monongalia County needs a community college	10/6/2021 3:00 PM
85	community college	10/6/2021 2:38 PM
86	K-12	10/6/2021 2:37 PM
87	K-12	10/6/2021 2:23 PM
88	All of them	10/6/2021 2:08 PM
89	Vocational	10/6/2021 1:27 PM
90	High school to non college technical training	10/6/2021 9:02 AM
91	Community college	10/6/2021 8:42 AM

92	K-12 and Technical college	10/5/2021 9:15 PM
93	K-12	10/5/2021 9:03 PM
94	College and University	10/5/2021 7:55 PM
95	We need more votech training	10/5/2021 7:09 PM
96	K-12 teacher shortage	10/5/2021 6:49 PM
97	K-12	10/5/2021 6:18 PM
98	All. Grade school through high school	10/5/2021 5:48 PM
99	High school students graduate with insufficient reading comprehension, writing ability and math skills.	10/5/2021 3:18 PM
100	School vouchers or charter schools are a frequent request by families considering moving to WV. The image the WV school system has to out-of-state recruits are the 55 strong that closed the schools and marched at the Capital in Charleston. It is hard to convince recruits otherwise.	10/5/2021 1:24 PM
101	Higher education continues to be out of reach for many and the debt crpples many.	10/5/2021 1:01 PM
102	High school graduates are lacking knowledge and skills in science, math, finances, and critical thinking.	10/5/2021 12:41 PM
103	All	10/5/2021 12:08 PM
104	No real community college option	10/5/2021 11:30 AM
105	Community college opportunities are limited. Pierpont is not high-quality.	10/5/2021 11:17 AM
106	pre-school, college affordability	10/5/2021 11:09 AM
107	Community College and technical education	10/5/2021 9:54 AM
108	Too much reliance on home/alternative schooling at pre-university levels	10/5/2021 8:41 AM
109	The county is surrounded by excellent educational resources which seems to leave a vacuum here.	10/5/2021 7:49 AM
110	Socioeconomic	10/5/2021 6:52 AM
111	K-12	10/4/2021 10:55 PM
112	Secondary schools	10/4/2021 10:19 PM
113	Vocational	10/4/2021 9:16 PM
114	All levels. Current education is falling short in almost all departments.	10/4/2021 8:40 PM
115	College is useless to much leftist garbage	10/4/2021 8:04 PM
116	No idea	10/4/2021 7:55 PM
117	K-12	10/4/2021 6:17 PM
118	Charter schools, school choice to introduce competition and reduce stranglehold government and unions have on education	10/4/2021 5:39 PM
119	We need to do more for individuals of color.	10/4/2021 4:20 PM
120	The gaps are the silos that K-12 operate in and higher-ed operate in. We have implemented policies that are not student and industry friendly, therefore industry doesn't get enough students graduating with credentials they require.	10/4/2021 2:21 PM
121	All	10/4/2021 2:13 PM
122	Secondary education	10/4/2021 1:49 PM
123	more emphasis and support needed for community college growth; larger campus, more buildings, more training.	10/4/2021 1:18 PM

124	Need pre-school.	10/4/2021 9:33 AM
125	All levels	10/3/2021 9:40 PM
126	Technical and trade school	10/3/2021 7:18 PM
127	need more techical training after high school	10/3/2021 4:54 PM
128	Community College	10/3/2021 4:31 PM
129	A bunch	10/3/2021 4:28 PM
130	college	10/3/2021 1:12 PM
131	Education sucks. We are dumber than ever. Don't believe me? Read a book written in the 1800's or earlier, better yet, ask a high school kid to do that. Focus on usable education instead of emotional division. What kids are learning now isn't helping them or their communities.	10/3/2021 1:02 PM
132	All	10/3/2021 10:38 AM
133	Not enough emphasis on trade schools	10/3/2021 10:35 AM
134	Out-dated educational approaches that have been disproven by research, conservative anti-intellectualism even in our schools	10/3/2021 9:21 AM
135	All resources needs to be improved	10/3/2021 9:02 AM
136	High school into more education	10/2/2021 7:35 PM
137	Post high school	10/2/2021 7:27 PM
138	Skilled workmen Union trained.	10/2/2021 7:03 PM
139	the state government is actively trying to destroy public education (k-12)	10/2/2021 11:48 AM
140	6	10/2/2021 10:25 AM
141	Community College and the trades.	10/2/2021 10:13 AM
142	Math is lagging. Just trying to get change back is chore. Kids math skills most cant think with their brain. To much computer and Google looking up answers.	10/2/2021 9:46 AM
143	PREK-12	10/2/2021 8:36 AM
144	All of them.	10/2/2021 8:32 AM
145	At all levels.	10/2/2021 7:48 AM
146	High school to college	10/2/2021 6:46 AM
147	Not sure, I did not move to WV until 2019	10/1/2021 10:19 PM
148	K-12 and community college, technical schools	10/1/2021 7:36 PM
149	As has been the case for decades, a huge amount of resources are thrown into Bridgeport schools, but a mere pittance to the other schools in the county.	10/1/2021 7:18 PM
150	Career and technical education	10/1/2021 6:51 PM
151	K-12	10/1/2021 5:36 PM
152	Little school choice. Affordable charter schools would be nice.	10/1/2021 3:14 PM
153	Trades such as carpentry, masonry, electricians, HVAC, and other manual labor work.	9/29/2021 2:07 PM
154	All. If you start below average there's not enough catch up to help you level out before adulthood/ever	9/25/2021 11:53 AM
155	Technical programs within each county	9/24/2021 7:32 PM
156	Vocational education	9/23/2021 5:23 PM

Q16 Does your community have the resources to develop a skilled workforce?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	47.37% 135
No	52.63% 150
TOTAL	285

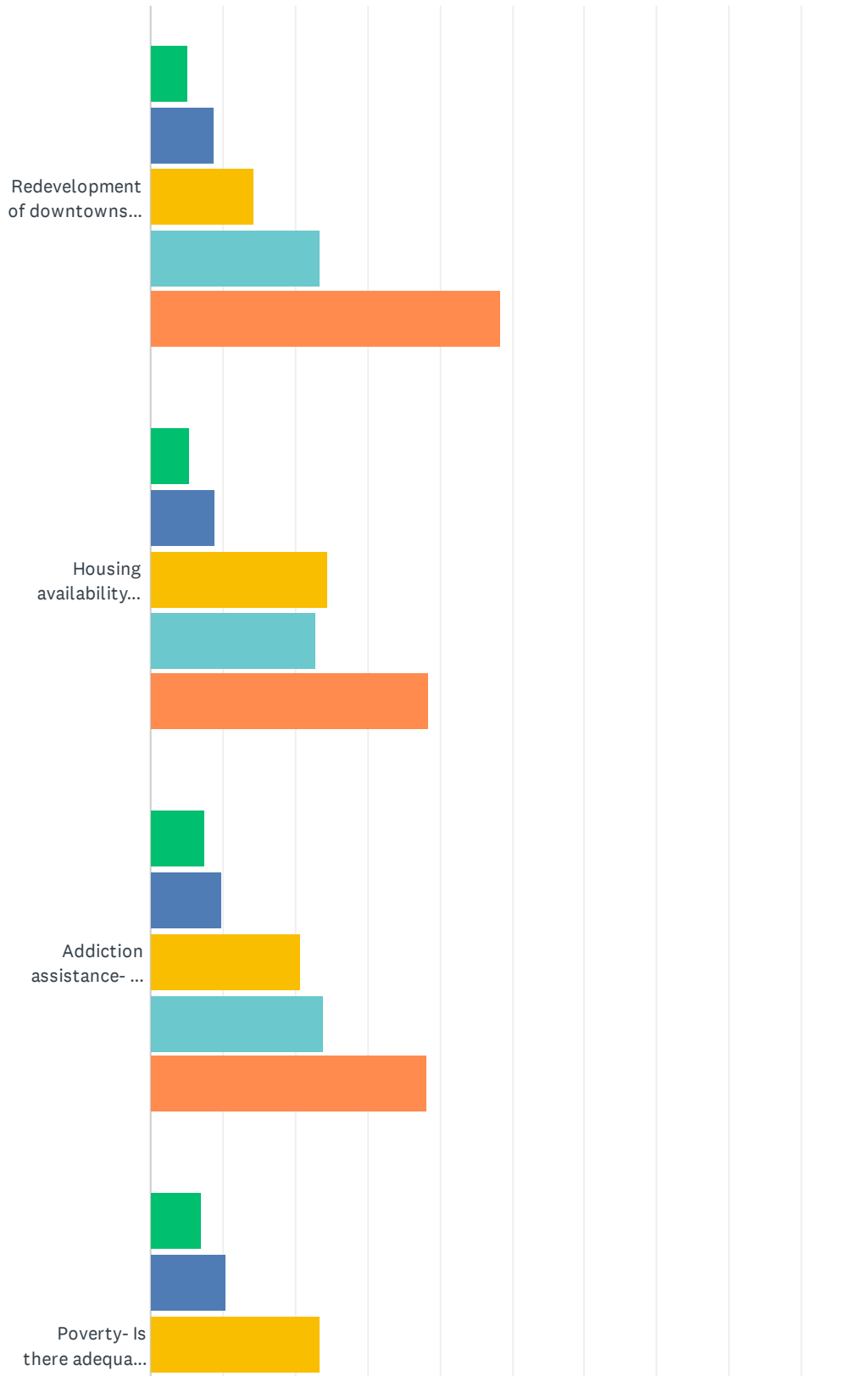
#	IF YES, PLEASE LIST WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS AND INSTITUTES THAT SUPPORT INNOVATION.	DATE
1	Veteran training, homeless coalitions	10/25/2021 10:24 AM
2	Programs at BHS, RCBI, Fairmont State, Pierpont/Aerospace training.	10/20/2021 10:29 AM
3	More CTE programs	10/19/2021 9:00 PM
4	MTEC	10/19/2021 8:04 PM
5	WVU	10/19/2021 7:01 PM
6	Need monemoney to expand Vo tech and Community 2 year associate degrees	10/19/2021 3:38 PM
7	Local schools and colleges	10/19/2021 3:34 PM
8	High school trade school	10/18/2021 11:22 AM
9	Getting folks to use the resources is the issue	10/18/2021 10:58 AM
10	The internet	10/17/2021 3:01 PM
11	Mainly WVU	10/16/2021 5:47 PM
12	I has the resources but no skilled work. A kid graduates school, why stay here when they could move and make way more money?	10/16/2021 9:55 AM
13	WVU, FSU and Pierpont CTC	10/14/2021 1:52 PM
14	New opportunities for jobs	10/13/2021 11:32 AM
15	Pierpont CTC	10/13/2021 11:15 AM
16	Workforce WV, Votech, FSU, WVU	10/13/2021 10:31 AM
17	Universities, community/technical schools	10/12/2021 11:36 PM

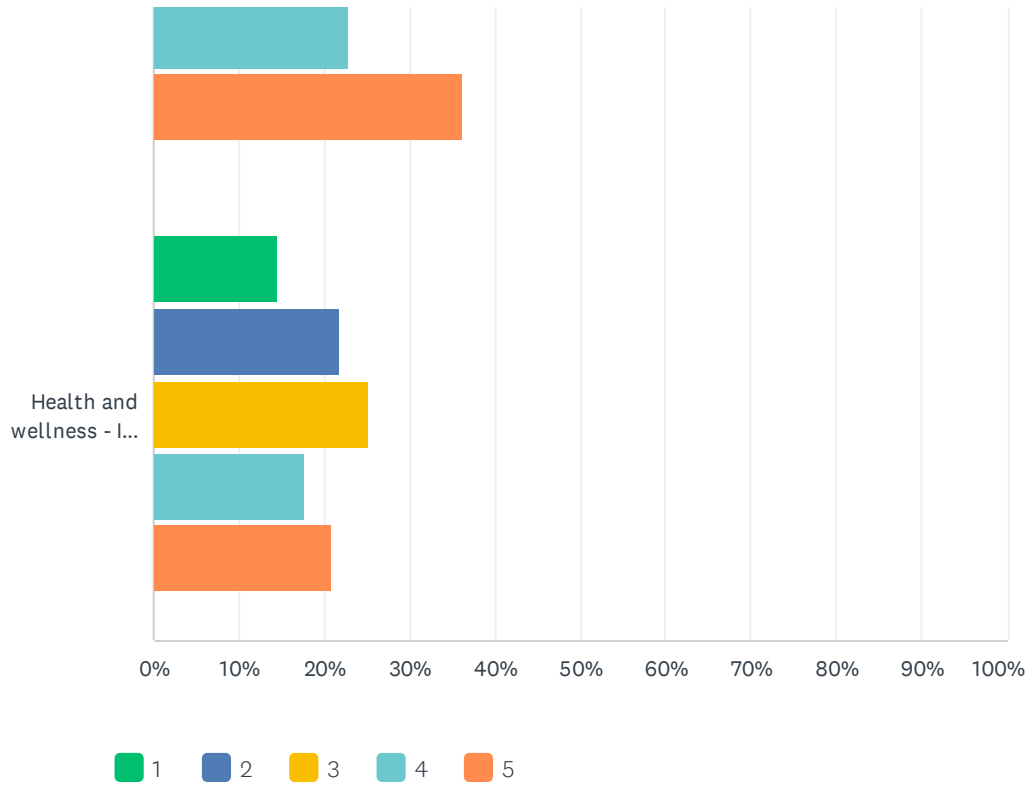
18	Local public schools including vo tech schools; smaller affordable colleges including community college	10/12/2021 9:43 PM
19	Fairmont State	10/12/2021 2:58 PM
20	Votec training easily implemented and taken to the next level at the high school level.	10/12/2021 9:48 AM
21	Internet	10/11/2021 11:03 PM
22	Do they have a natural gas class at the United Technical Center ? NO	10/11/2021 5:38 PM
23	WVU, technical schools	10/11/2021 5:35 PM
24	HRDF/HRDE	10/11/2021 12:12 PM
25	Vo-Tech	10/11/2021 11:29 AM
26	Women Work, Gore Tech, pier pony aeronautical programs, RCBI	10/9/2021 8:45 PM
27	Doddridge boe	10/9/2021 2:29 PM
28	MTEC	10/9/2021 2:23 PM
29	Community college system and vo-tech centers coupled with state & federal training assistance programs	10/7/2021 3:06 PM
30	programs and funding are abundant - finding people to train and employee is getting ever more difficult	10/7/2021 2:43 PM
31	Extension agencies	10/7/2021 1:40 PM
32	MTech, Community College, WVU	10/6/2021 11:26 PM
33	LBI	10/6/2021 9:50 PM
34	Pierpont	10/6/2021 9:17 PM
35	We have several community/technical schools and universities that have the capability to train appropriately	10/6/2021 8:58 PM
36	Tech programs, WVU,	10/6/2021 6:34 PM
37	Technical colleges in morgantown	10/6/2021 4:17 PM
38	united tech center	10/6/2021 2:38 PM
39	UTC and WVJC	10/6/2021 2:37 PM
40	Pierpont, WVU, Fairmont State, WV Junior College, Ross College.	10/6/2021 12:47 PM
41	MTEC Community College	10/5/2021 9:53 PM
42	Spokes	10/5/2021 9:03 PM
43	Pierpont CT&C	10/5/2021 6:18 PM
44	Training and certificate programs to suit businesses	10/5/2021 5:19 PM
45	Technical centers and community colleges	10/5/2021 4:18 PM
46	Local universities, colleges and trade schools. Also online resources.	10/5/2021 3:23 PM
47	MTEC. Hopefully WVU.	10/5/2021 12:41 PM
48	creer centers	10/5/2021 11:53 AM
49	Doddridge co boe	10/5/2021 11:37 AM
50	Brownfield Assistance Center, MTEC, Outdoor Economic Development Collaborative, BAD Buildings Program, WV Water Research Institute	10/5/2021 11:09 AM
51	Need more alignment with businesses looking to relocate	10/5/2021 9:54 AM
52	Mtec & Pace	10/5/2021 8:41 AM

53	None that I'm aware of	10/5/2021 7:49 AM
54	Community Colleges and WVU	10/4/2021 10:55 PM
55	WVU, FSU & Pierpont Community College. Mon Co Public Schools Vocational program.	10/4/2021 7:55 PM
56	Universities, MTEC, Junior college. But need more at HS level	10/4/2021 5:39 PM
57	Pierpont comes to mind.	10/4/2021 5:03 PM
58	Pierpont's Robert C. Byrd National Aerospace Education Center Part 147 AMT FAA certified training program	10/4/2021 2:21 PM
59	WVU	10/4/2021 2:13 PM
60	WV Dept of Econ Dev, USDOL, Comm & Tech College, High School CTE programs, WIOA OJT	10/4/2021 1:18 PM
61	too numerous to list.	10/3/2021 6:48 PM
62	WVU, access to community college, as well as plentiful access to trade schools local to this area.	10/3/2021 6:33 PM
63	M Tec	10/3/2021 4:54 PM
64	People are the best resource. Encouraging them to work harder is about all we can do, and perhaps making it harder for them to be slackers. Nothing good was ever built by slackers. Nothing good is built by government. I know amazingly talented folks with great ideas but they hold themselves back so they don't lose their food stamps and welfare. So sad. Rewarding people for failure and punishing people for success is a losing formula for economic development.	10/3/2021 1:02 PM
65	army, navy, local police, vocation schools, coal companies	10/3/2021 11:44 AM
66	Procurement Technical Assistance Center, SBDC	10/3/2021 11:19 AM
67	Pierpont Community College	10/3/2021 10:00 AM
68	Not sure, but certainly WVU must be able to provide programs.	10/2/2021 7:27 PM
69	Technical center but its doesn't have enough trades vocation available. Need hvac training added cant find any service techs or people to do metal fabrication	10/2/2021 9:46 AM
70	WV Adult Education, MTEC, Pierpont	10/2/2021 9:19 AM
71	Once again, not sure.	10/1/2021 10:19 PM
72	Trade schools via United Career Center; Gaston Caperton Center	10/1/2021 7:18 PM
73	Don't know specifics, but Mon Co has resources, people just don't use them	10/1/2021 5:36 PM
74	numerous universities and community colleges	10/1/2021 3:14 PM
75	I'm not sure of specifics, but I know Marion County has workforce development.	9/30/2021 5:26 PM

Q17 What community topics can be improved in the region. 5 being in need of the most improvement, 1 being in little or no need of improvement:

Answered: 300 Skipped: 3





	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Redevelopment of downtowns - Are there a significant number of vacant and/or dilapidated buildings in our region? Do the region's towns appear welcoming to visitors and new businesses?	5.02% 15	8.70% 26	14.38% 43	23.41% 70	48.49% 145	299	4.02
Housing availability/affordability - Are the number of residential areas adequate? Are housing prices affordable and/or of correct value for the region?	5.35% 16	9.03% 27	24.41% 73	22.74% 68	38.46% 115	299	3.80
Addiction assistance- Is there enough support for managing addiction in our communities?	7.48% 22	9.86% 29	20.75% 61	23.81% 70	38.10% 112	294	3.75
Poverty- Is there adequate assistance provided to lift people out of poverty?	7.05% 21	10.40% 31	23.49% 70	22.82% 68	36.24% 108	298	3.71
Health and wellness - Is healthcare in the region sufficient for the population?	14.43% 43	21.81% 65	25.17% 75	17.79% 53	20.81% 62	298	3.09

#	OTHERS?	DATE
1	Do these programs really work???	10/19/2021 9:00 PM
2	Child care/ Elder Care	10/19/2021 3:38 PM
3	I don't know.	10/18/2021 11:22 AM
4	Deregulation	10/17/2021 3:01 PM
5	Lack of information- from broadband to lack of public libraries	10/13/2021 7:03 AM
6	Stricter zoning laws would help cities look more appealing. Morgantown, in spite of it's growth, is a very junky looking city.	10/12/2021 9:43 PM
7	Assist those that work hard and let the lazy and drug drug adled die off	10/11/2021 11:03 PM
8	Treatment needs to be 6-12 months.	10/9/2021 8:01 PM

9	Too many thieves, corrupt city officials	10/9/2021 1:50 PM
10	Getting contractors willing to work	10/6/2021 8:17 PM
11	Access to mental health support and facilities available to help people need to added all over the state	10/6/2021 2:08 PM
12	We need to do something about public drug and alcohol use and intoxication. Our ratio of bums to normal people is way out of wack.	10/6/2021 12:47 PM
13	Solid waste drop-off/transfer stations easy access.	10/5/2021 4:18 PM
14	Long bus routes and long waits for buses. Great health care - if you can afford it.	10/5/2021 8:41 AM
15	Improve ingress areas to region's towns and cities. Clean it up!	10/4/2021 5:39 PM
16	Addiction and crime with the opioids is a mess. You have folks coming in from Detroit ruining our town.	10/4/2021 4:20 PM
17	We need FUN! Outdoor concerts, breweries, tourism destination fun needs improved in Harrison County!	10/4/2021 2:21 PM
18	Government cant "lift" people out of poverty. Government creates no wealth. They take the wealth of others and use it to mess everything up. Its like we pay them to screw shit up.	10/3/2021 1:02 PM
19	Downtown areas are vacant and dilapidated in many cases because area citizens avoid areas with poor parking and safety issues.	10/1/2021 3:14 PM
20	Addiction assistance is significantly under funded and understaffed at the local level.	9/29/2021 2:07 PM

Q18 What do you like about your community?

Answered: 208 Skipped: 95

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Small town feel with local officials interacting with citizens/supporting small businesses	10/25/2021 10:24 AM
2	medical care, recreation, cultural options.	10/23/2021 12:39 PM
3	Peace	10/22/2021 12:31 PM
4	Hard working people who care about each other	10/22/2021 12:27 PM
5	Friendly people	10/21/2021 7:03 PM
6	Closeness to family	10/21/2021 3:35 PM
7	Good Corr group of concerned citizens	10/20/2021 10:36 PM
8	The culture, the people, the accessibility to nearby wild places, the food	10/20/2021 6:53 PM
9	It has a hometown feel.	10/20/2021 10:29 AM
10	People	10/19/2021 9:00 PM
11	Sense of community	10/19/2021 8:04 PM
12	Not much anymore. I was recently talking with a friend about how vibrant the downtown community used to be with local shops that people actually wanted to shop in, not just bars that cater to the student population	10/19/2021 7:01 PM
13	People	10/19/2021 3:38 PM
14	Lovely setting; wonderful people — until we divided into red or blue	10/19/2021 3:34 PM
15	Healthcare, work, the fact that Morgantown is showing efforts of developing and growing. Proximity to bigger cities and other areas for dining, shopping and site seeing.	10/19/2021 2:21 PM
16	The potential for revitalization	10/19/2021 1:12 PM
17	Aldi, Cooper's Rock, hospitals, our church	10/19/2021 7:57 AM
18	It's not affected much by "social justice" or "woke" silliness.	10/18/2021 7:00 PM
19	It's home. Familiar. Enough to do without being overwhelmed. Progressive. Arts focused. Easy access to resources, both natural and man-made.	10/18/2021 5:54 PM
20	Quiet. Has about all I need for a retired man.	10/18/2021 11:22 AM
21	Ridgedale elementary. It's an amazing school that would be a center in our community but due to current road infrastructure it's not. It's actually a dangerous intersection along with a heavy traffic road and unsafe driving. School zones need to be put in place and monitored. Ideally a round about or a light. With widening of 119 with side walks, trail, and lower speed limit (45mph) and 15mph at schools	10/18/2021 10:58 AM
22	how close it is to pittsburgh	10/18/2021 6:15 AM
23	The sense of family.	10/17/2021 10:23 PM
24	Variety of activities available year round in driving distance.	10/17/2021 9:45 PM
25	Access to recreation.	10/17/2021 3:01 PM
26	uniqueness	10/17/2021 12:04 PM
27	Preston County still has an abundance of farms, farm families, and farm products. The County has close proximity to surrounding counties that offer what bigger counties offer. As with all of West Virginia, I love our people!	10/16/2021 11:33 PM

28	Natural beauty and friendly people	10/16/2021 7:06 PM
29	The tree. I'm moving	10/16/2021 6:22 PM
30	I can walk to work, live music especially outdoors	10/16/2021 5:47 PM
31	I like that my house was cheap and is a reasonable distance to stores and the interstate	10/16/2021 9:55 AM
32	Vibrancy	10/16/2021 8:08 AM
33	No zoning	10/15/2021 8:07 PM
34	The people are friendly	10/15/2021 6:29 PM
35	Small town atmosphere	10/15/2021 2:40 PM
36	Friendliness	10/14/2021 10:01 PM
37	intelligence, innovation, creativity, and global diversity (morgantown) and outdoor recreation community	10/14/2021 8:58 PM
38	I like the small town feel. Low real estate prices. Relatively low crime.	10/14/2021 8:34 PM
39	Local businesses for groceries, downtown rail trail/green space/restaurant district, easy access to downtown and to recreation	10/14/2021 3:33 PM
40	Size but not much else	10/14/2021 1:54 PM
41	Access to the rivers and mountains	10/14/2021 1:52 PM
42	Quiet	10/14/2021 9:23 AM
43	Slowly working back from each flood hitting over and over since 1985 - most people left Preston County.	10/13/2021 9:23 PM
44	Quaint historic district with potential. Good people.	10/13/2021 9:12 PM
45	Natural beauty	10/13/2021 7:32 PM
46	History and people	10/13/2021 11:32 AM
47	Fairmont is a big "Small Town" as opposed to Morgantown which is a small "Big Town"	10/13/2021 11:15 AM
48	Diversity in Mon county, access to parks	10/13/2021 7:03 AM
49	friendly, relaxed atmosphere compared to larger towns, Tygart Lake is beautiful, safe, quiet neighborhood	10/12/2021 11:12 PM
50	The history and beauty of our area. Our taxes are not as high as neighboring states. We have much to be proud of but need to raise our standards to what they use to be.	10/12/2021 10:25 PM
51	Outdoor recreational activities; small businesses; farmers' markets; good public schools	10/12/2021 9:43 PM
52	Lived here all my life and things have changed and not for the better.	10/12/2021 8:48 PM
53	Recreational opportunities, access to a major university	10/12/2021 8:06 PM
54	Friendly	10/12/2021 7:26 PM
55	That I have space	10/12/2021 7:05 PM
56	WVU	10/12/2021 2:58 PM
57	Good community based individuals and family. I think most individuals strive and urn for a better sense of opportunity and community.	10/12/2021 9:48 AM
58	It is home	10/12/2021 4:17 AM
59	The people	10/12/2021 2:21 AM
60	The hard working people even though they are forced to support the fat and lazy	10/11/2021 11:03 PM
61	Variety is available if searched out while still having a small town feel.	10/11/2021 10:08 PM

62	Small town	10/11/2021 8:54 PM
63	Beautiful place to live just needs to be modernized in just about every way.	10/11/2021 12:14 PM
64	Community is impoverished, landscape is nice.	10/11/2021 11:36 AM
65	Hometown , Small town attitude	10/11/2021 11:29 AM
66	Very pretty area , Secluded	10/11/2021 10:55 AM
67	People	10/11/2021 10:03 AM
68	friendly helpful people, small stores and restaurants	10/10/2021 9:18 PM
69	It's close to other communities and it's where I'm employed.	10/10/2021 6:08 PM
70	Proximity to outdoor recreation	10/10/2021 6:07 PM
71	Beautiful area and distance to recreational opportunities.	10/10/2021 2:57 PM
72	I love the natural beauty of my home. I like that I can safely go outside and not worry about crime, granted I live in the country.	10/10/2021 2:48 PM
73	Natural beauty. People care about the community & are trying to improve it.	10/10/2021 8:16 AM
74	Needs more civic involvement	10/10/2021 7:39 AM
75	No urban gangs	10/10/2021 5:02 AM
76	Affordable and we have nice people here.	10/9/2021 10:39 PM
77	The majority of people of the community are genuinely friendly and helpful to others.	10/9/2021 9:54 PM
78	I don't have to talk to my neighbors, but if I need help, I can ask.	10/9/2021 8:34 PM
79	I like my house, I stay to myself, other than that, nothing.	10/9/2021 8:06 PM
80	Natural resources	10/9/2021 8:01 PM
81	Nothing, Fairmont is a complete dump!	10/9/2021 7:57 PM
82	Palatine Park free events; antique, craft, and Thrift shops; Folk Life Center at FSU and their free programming;	10/9/2021 7:44 PM
83	People	10/9/2021 3:02 PM
84	The people are kind.	10/9/2021 2:29 PM
85	It's relationship with West Virginia University	10/9/2021 2:23 PM
86	Nothing. ACTS in Salem, WV	10/9/2021 1:50 PM
87	The kindness of people. Those few local volunteers who are trying to help fix up the town without support of the city council.	10/9/2021 1:25 PM
88	I like that my community is finally finding it's voice and asking our town government to step up or step out. We've been working very hard as a community to improve our town and have hit roadblocks and mishandling at every turn. Our City Manager has an 8th grade education and simply doesn't understand the word economy or ethics.	10/9/2021 11:43 AM
89	The Bridgeport Farmers Market is great. I like that I can easily travel to places that have more interesting cultural/arts events than Harrison County.	10/9/2021 8:46 AM
90	Beautiful and located with in 4 to 5 hours of 7 large metropolitan cities	10/8/2021 4:36 PM
91	nice people , not over crowded, small town living, local restaurants, fresh air and space to get outside and enjoy nature	10/8/2021 4:33 PM
92	I like the wide range of cultures in the area.	10/8/2021 10:34 AM
93	A lot of folks who still help out neighbors and each other in the community.	10/8/2021 10:19 AM
94	Isolation	10/7/2021 10:13 PM
95	The since of community pride.	10/7/2021 8:57 PM

96	That it is still very rural.	10/7/2021 6:01 PM
97	Neighborhoods near the city center, with easily accessible rail-trail and parks. Also, easily accessible parks & outdoor recreation outside of town.	10/7/2021 3:15 PM
98	Small enough to not get lost and people have the opportunity to contribute and make a difference	10/7/2021 3:06 PM
99	positive growth and development on multiple levels and across many industry sectors	10/7/2021 2:43 PM
100	NCWV has developed into a small version of a metropolitan area (Morgantown - Clarksburg corridor). We should all embrace this as opposed to seeing our cities as separate markets.	10/7/2021 1:58 PM
101	K - graduate education.	10/7/2021 1:40 PM
102	I like the potential and the history of Mannington.	10/7/2021 12:55 PM
103	Nothing at this point	10/7/2021 12:25 PM
104	The historical and recreational venues that are present as well as the ones which can be developed or enhanced.	10/7/2021 10:55 AM
105	It's home, it always has been.	10/7/2021 8:20 AM
106	Parents involvement in children's activities.	10/7/2021 6:17 AM
107	The people that want to work together. Small restaurants and the historic buildings	10/7/2021 12:13 AM
108	Relative nice. WVU makes it a more viable city.	10/6/2021 11:26 PM
109	Beautiful mountains with beautiful rivers.	10/6/2021 9:50 PM
110	Good Small businesses, new/ old theater, relatively safe, relatively affordable, some good events...the parks are great	10/6/2021 9:17 PM
111	My local government is making effort to change and working together to improve. It is reminding me that it can be the place I grew up.	10/6/2021 8:58 PM
112	Natural beauty that needs to be enhanced by the cleaning up of the urban areas by attractive streetscape work.	10/6/2021 8:51 PM
113	The scenery and people. The regions heritage.	10/6/2021 8:17 PM
114	Availability to WVU athletic events and cultural activities.	10/6/2021 6:45 PM
115	Location to other areas, college town, more liberal leaning.	10/6/2021 4:17 PM
116	not much	10/6/2021 2:38 PM
117	The natural beauty of the area	10/6/2021 2:37 PM
118	The ability to access the resources needed	10/6/2021 2:23 PM
119	It's diverse, there are more job opportunities, and public transportation is available, along with all the public utilities I need. Morgantown could use more affordable housing though.	10/6/2021 2:08 PM
120	Good people who want to see better in our community	10/6/2021 1:27 PM
121	My property values increase.	10/6/2021 12:47 PM
122	I appreciate Morgantown's progressive policies	10/6/2021 8:04 AM
123	Parks & Recreation,, schools, local business	10/5/2021 10:10 PM
124	It's a great place to live	10/5/2021 9:53 PM
125	Clarksburg Community Action is making great efforts to improve the Clarksburg community with reinvestment in our neighborhoods.	10/5/2021 9:03 PM
126	Most of my friends live here	10/5/2021 7:09 PM
127	It is a small town and used to be safe, but recent influx of vagrants from Clarksburg coming in. There are nice outdoor recreation opportunities, though they are no longer safe to do for women	10/5/2021 6:49 PM

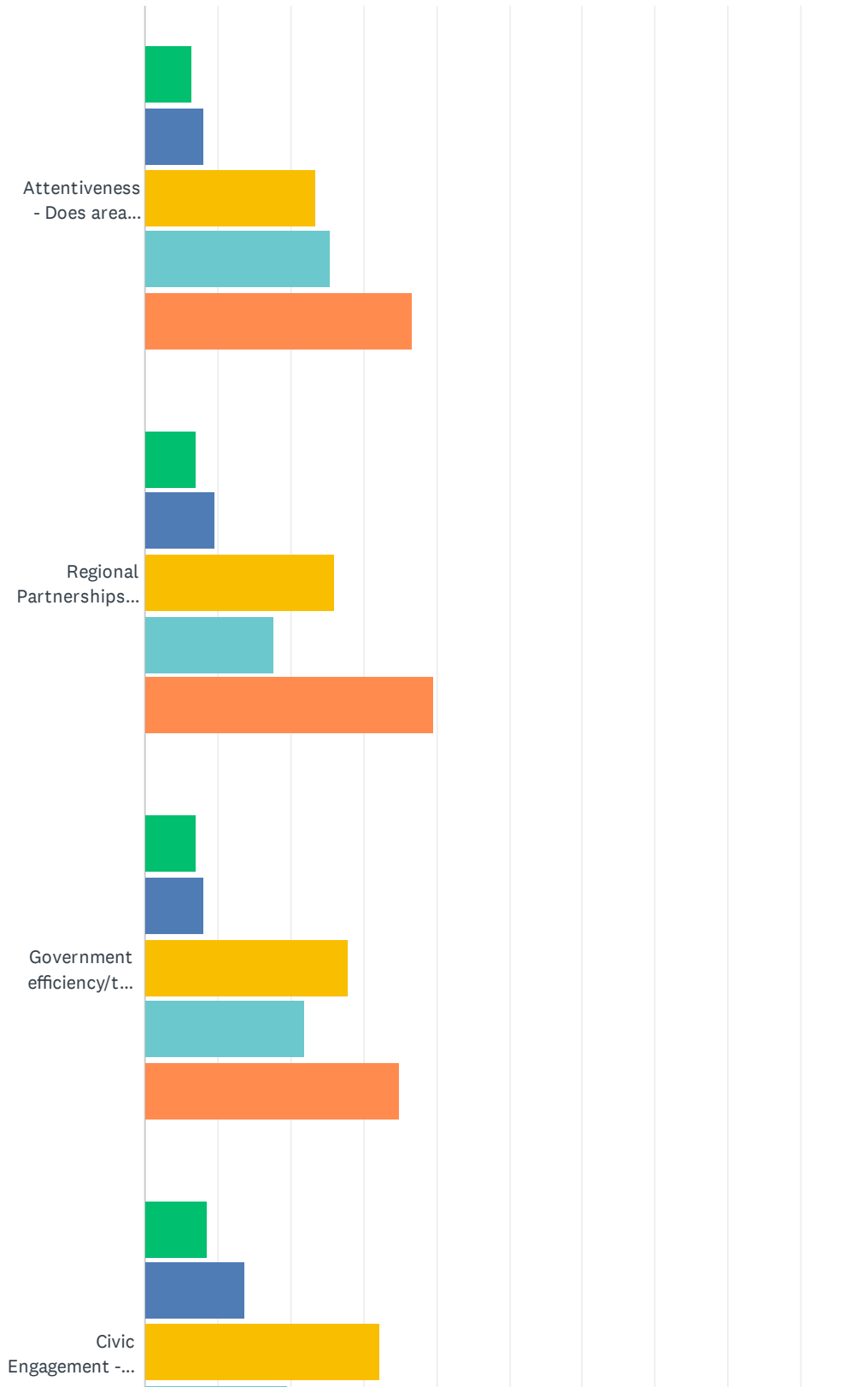
	and children especially.	
128	The people	10/5/2021 6:18 PM
129	Location. Centrally located but lot of it can be improved	10/5/2021 5:48 PM
130	Natural beauty, architecture,	10/5/2021 5:19 PM
131	Back roads offer a lot of beauty not known to those that just focus on the interstate.	10/5/2021 4:18 PM
132	Overall a quiet small town feel.	10/5/2021 3:23 PM
133	Natural beauty and friendly people.	10/5/2021 3:18 PM
134	People working together to improve our community. We are a large town thinking small town. Mountaineer hospitality is our secret sauce.	10/5/2021 1:24 PM
135	I live in the boonies.	10/5/2021 1:01 PM
136	My neighbors. Our Morgantown City Council's commitment to improve our city.	10/5/2021 12:41 PM
137	low crime rate	10/5/2021 11:53 AM
138	City atmosphere with a small town feel.	10/5/2021 11:41 AM
139	Recreational opportunities	10/5/2021 11:41 AM
140	Good kind people.	10/5/2021 11:37 AM
141	If it weren't a college town, with the cultural, intellectual, and sporting opportunities, I would not live here.	10/5/2021 11:17 AM
142	Community involvement, Recreational Assets, Farmers Market, Rail-Trail, Good local restaurants, Festivals	10/5/2021 11:09 AM
143	We're all connected and small-town feel. Need jobs and infrastructure to drive the future.	10/5/2021 9:54 AM
144	Rail Trails Rural living but close to town	10/5/2021 8:41 AM
145	I like that there are people willing to give of themselves to help make it a better place to live, work, and raise a family.	10/5/2021 7:49 AM
146	Taylor county has a group of individuals that are making improvements in our community. Our natural beauty lends itself to tourism.	10/5/2021 6:52 AM
147	Strong sense of community and a desire to see WV succeed.	10/4/2021 10:55 PM
148	Somewhat educated	10/4/2021 9:16 PM
149	Level of education	10/4/2021 9:03 PM
150	The rural population is highly motivated and self reliant.	10/4/2021 8:40 PM
151	It's small and folks here are local and have been for generations and we need to keep it that way!	10/4/2021 8:04 PM
152	Beauty, library system, public education in Mon Co.	10/4/2021 7:55 PM
153	Small enough to not be on top of one another. Yet close enough to a multitude of activities.	10/4/2021 6:17 PM
154	People, environment, ability to control one's own destiny.	10/4/2021 5:39 PM
155	I love Fairmont. Please help save it.	10/4/2021 4:20 PM
156	This is my home.	10/4/2021 2:40 PM
157	It is a nice place to live on paper. Boring, but good to raise a family.	10/4/2021 2:21 PM
158	plethora of businesses for needs	10/4/2021 2:13 PM
159	Friendly	10/4/2021 1:49 PM
160	Small town feel, great people, access to I-79/Rt 50 to the larger cities, great outdoor activities/recreation	10/4/2021 1:18 PM

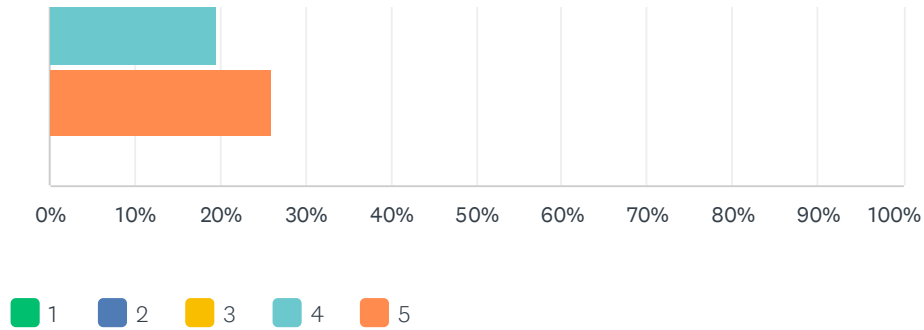
161	NCWV is a great place to live. It is a place of immense natural beauty and vast economic opportunity.	10/4/2021 1:11 PM
162	Rural but fairly close to stores, doctors, etc.	10/4/2021 9:33 AM
163	Very little. And I truly never dreamed I would feel this way.	10/3/2021 7:18 PM
164	it's close to Coopers Rock State Forest, Monongahela National Forest, Rail-Trails, Arboretum, Mon River, Botanic Garden, City Parks, State Parks, etc.	10/3/2021 6:48 PM
165	Natural beauty, friendly people, affordable housing, plentiful opportunity for self growth.	10/3/2021 6:33 PM
166	Quite	10/3/2021 5:03 PM
167	its home easy to get to things, big range of activities has great opportunities for people with disabilities Pace, Stepping Stines and Special Olympics	10/3/2021 4:54 PM
168	The people	10/3/2021 4:31 PM
169	not much	10/3/2021 3:25 PM
170	That they provide support where they can	10/3/2021 1:12 PM
171	Memories. History. Lots of good people.	10/3/2021 1:02 PM
172	non commies	10/3/2021 11:44 AM
173	Proximity to great healthcare and education. Lack of hurricanes, wildfires, and rising ocean. People are generally decent.	10/3/2021 11:19 AM
174	WVU	10/3/2021 11:02 AM
175	Small town,friendly people.	10/3/2021 10:38 AM
176	Sense of family and cooperation among our close community; akin to tribal support. We will need this more than anything else very soon.	10/3/2021 10:35 AM
177	People leave me alone. But, helpful when needed.	10/3/2021 10:31 AM
178	Most of my neighbors are nice enough, and I like our city leadership. We have good representation in the state government.	10/3/2021 9:21 AM
179	Quiet	10/3/2021 9:02 AM
180	I love the people and quietness/rural location of our area	10/2/2021 7:35 PM
181	I have the economic stability to be able to enjoy good internet, good healthcare, ease of access to grocery stores, access to good restaurants, etc.	10/2/2021 7:27 PM
182	Safe	10/2/2021 7:03 PM
183	friendly, lots of people are community-minded	10/2/2021 11:48 AM
184	The people are really nice!	10/2/2021 10:25 AM
185	Good quality of life, healthcare is growing in capacity and quality, just enough "arts" resources for average individuals	10/2/2021 10:13 AM
186	We have good neighbors but there's nothing for kids to do.	10/2/2021 9:46 AM
187	Diversity, local businesses, beautiful outdoor spaces, University-related opportunities	10/2/2021 9:19 AM
188	I like that the city is finally demolishing dilapidated buildings that slum lords have run for far too long.	10/2/2021 9:16 AM
189	The people. We have amazing people here. Unfortunately, many resources are not available	10/2/2021 8:36 AM
190	I live in pleasant valley in Marion county, where many of these improvements have already started. Our town government has proven efficient. Culverts are being repaired, reducing flood impact and property damage. Roads are refinished, making the area look more up to date (and it's better on the car..)	10/2/2021 8:32 AM
191	Convenient access to shopping and medical care.	10/2/2021 7:48 AM

192	Recreational opportunities and small town feel	10/2/2021 6:46 AM
193	Quiet, room on my land, good neighbors	10/2/2021 12:32 AM
194	I love the small town atmosphere.	10/1/2021 10:19 PM
195	The passion individuals have to improve clarksburg	10/1/2021 9:54 PM
196	The people.	10/1/2021 9:10 PM
197	Beautiful historic buildings in Arthurdale are cared for and appreciated. Members of our community care about each other and help each other.	10/1/2021 9:02 PM
198	Neighborhood Associations	10/1/2021 7:36 PM
199	Our churches which try many different ways to reach out to others; not just in the religious sense, but to be helpful, caring and genuinely concerned about finding ways to improve the community for its residents.	10/1/2021 7:18 PM
200	Outdoor opportunities and healthcare	10/1/2021 6:26 PM
201	1. Most people are kind. 2. Outdoor recreation opportunities.	10/1/2021 6:17 PM
202	Economy is already in pretty good shape.	10/1/2021 3:14 PM
203	low crime rate with exception of drug abuse	10/1/2021 11:13 AM
204	My neighbors	10/1/2021 5:48 AM
205	The passionate people wanting to make it better.	9/30/2021 5:26 PM
206	The natural landscape and smaller, local businesses.	9/29/2021 2:07 PM
207	I love small towns. I love that people are willing to help their neighbors and there's so much natural beauty.	9/25/2021 11:53 AM
208	Safety	9/24/2021 7:32 PM

Q19 What leadership topics can be improved in the region. 5 being in need of the most improvement, 1 being in little or no need of improvement:

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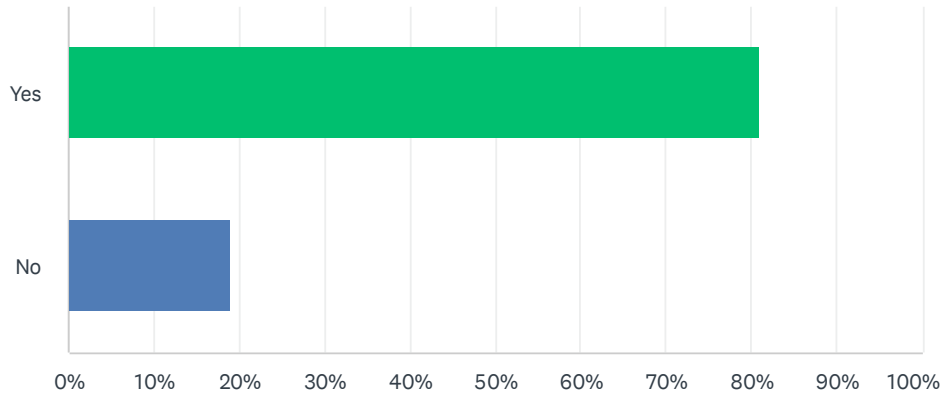
	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Attentiveness - Does area leadership need to be more understanding/responsive to economic issues?	6.44% 19	8.14% 24	23.39% 69	25.42% 75	36.61% 108	295	3.78
Regional Partnerships - Do you feel leaders are working together to increase opportunities in the region?	7.12% 21	9.49% 28	26.10% 77	17.63% 52	39.66% 117	295	3.73
Government efficiency/taxation - Do you feel your local government operating up to its best capability?	7.07% 21	8.08% 24	27.95% 83	21.89% 65	35.02% 104	297	3.70
Civic Engagement - Are there programs working to make a difference in the civic life of one's community?	8.56% 25	13.70% 40	32.19% 94	19.52% 57	26.03% 76	292	3.41

#	OTHERS?	DATE
1	Loss of experienced , educated and willing people to hold office	10/19/2021 3:38 PM
2	our legislators look like someone buried the cast of "duck dynasty" in the pet seminary	10/18/2021 6:15 AM
3	Lack of personal responsibility among the citizens	10/17/2021 3:01 PM
4	selfish short-sighted city councilors that undermine our democracy and impede progress	10/14/2021 8:58 PM
5	Lack of commitment to diversity outside of Mon	10/13/2021 7:03 AM
6	Less government is best. Their only task should be infrastructure and law enforcement.	10/11/2021 11:03 PM
7	Government needs to stop being pieces of shit. They've ended up on national new for being pieces of shit multiple times.	10/9/2021 8:34 PM
8	Monongalia county commission and Morgantown City Council are generally working in opposition with the County Commission focused on economic development strategies that worked in the mid-1980s (malls, sprawl, etc).	10/7/2021 3:15 PM
9	all of these things need major improvement.	10/6/2021 9:17 PM
10	All the elected people have been around forever and seem to be relsted	10/6/2021 8:17 PM
11	NCWV seems to often be overlooked for projects and improvements compared to southern ww.	10/6/2021 4:17 PM
12	Would like to see all local government employees trained on what other income sources such as grant/grant writing they can utilize to collect funds to improve the area.	10/6/2021 1:27 PM
13	Morgantown city government seems more interested in social justice than roads, supporting our police, cleaning up the downtown, promoting business downtown	10/5/2021 7:09 PM
14	Working together very important	10/5/2021 5:19 PM
15	Government spending (time & resources) is spent too much on emotional/ trendy non-issues if you research the data	10/5/2021 1:24 PM
16	Everyone has been "hunkered down" during covid, trying to get their particular group or area of interest compliant to restrictions and innovative in outreach.	10/5/2021 12:41 PM
17	Metro Government. Consolidated boards of education. Others need to adopt levy like Mon	10/5/2021 9:54 AM

	County	
18	Government good at County level. Not at State level	10/4/2021 5:39 PM
19	Regionalism makes everyone paranoid! It is a great idea and we need to keep trying!	10/4/2021 2:21 PM
20	County Commission that lacks vision, is power happy, and egotistical, won't work with City government for petty/personal reasons..	10/3/2021 6:48 PM
21	Leaders? You mean public servants. That's part of the issue. Government is not efficient and never will be. If business owners operated as inefficiently and wasteful as government, they would never make it.	10/3/2021 1:02 PM
22	Leaders need to realize that WV's reputation as a hotbed of bigotry is harming our economic development. We can't recruit professionals to move here, and I'm sure it's the same with recruiting businesses to locate here.	10/1/2021 6:17 PM

Q20 Have you ever watched local government meetings online or attend a meeting in person?

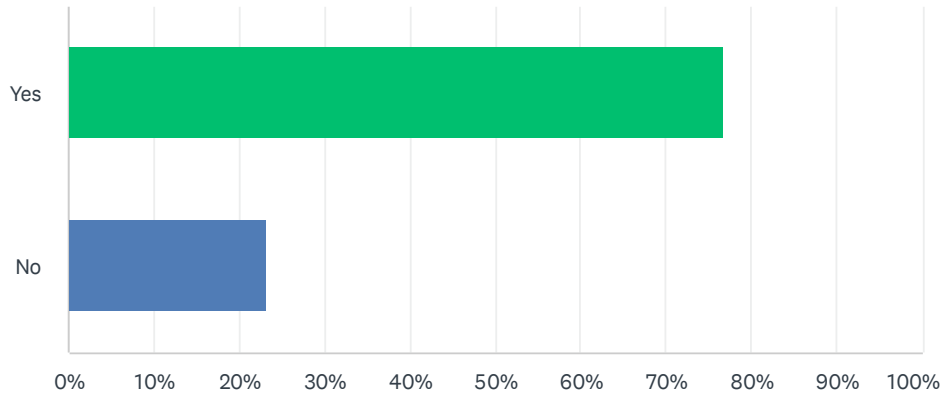
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	81.06%	244
No	18.94%	57
TOTAL		301

Q21 Would you spend an extra dollar every week on groceries, if it meant resolving your biggest community issues?

Answered: 297 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	76.77%	228
No	23.23%	69
TOTAL		297

#	WHY?	DATE
1	our money is wasted that we pay now. needs to be used more wisely	10/26/2021 9:56 AM
2	Understand that finances play a big role in providing services to community	10/25/2021 10:24 AM
3	no trust in city government to use wisely	10/23/2021 12:39 PM
4	Because that's called a tax and one of the costs of living in polite societies is paying your taxes. However, I do not believe that money is the end-all-be-all in civic life. A renter has just as much to say as a homeowner in a community. Students at Fairmont State are one part of the community just as much as the business owner of 50 years. Community issues cannot be solved by money alone.	10/21/2021 3:35 PM
5	Because it's for the greater good of the community as a whole	10/20/2021 6:53 PM
6	If it is voluntary, yes I would contribute. If it's another tax, no way.	10/20/2021 10:29 AM
7	fixed income	10/20/2021 6:41 AM
8	Groceries prices are soaring now	10/19/2021 9:00 PM
9	Maybe. Depends on what it was spent on	10/19/2021 7:01 PM
10	We rise together	10/19/2021 3:34 PM
11	Absolutely. We try to do all of the our shopping locally and pay a premium for that. We understand that when you shop locally, more of that money stays local.	10/19/2021 1:12 PM
12	Sales tax is more fair than property or income tax.	10/19/2021 7:57 AM
13	We are taxed enough!!!!	10/18/2021 7:00 PM
14	I can afford it. If it is put to good use why not?	10/18/2021 11:22 AM
15	i'm surrounded by idiots	10/18/2021 6:15 AM

16	Throwing money at a problem does not solve it	10/17/2021 10:23 PM
17	I am happy to pay more in taxes if I can see a direct improvement for the community and it's citizens.	10/17/2021 9:45 PM
18	Too much graft already. Use wisely what is already available	10/17/2021 9:13 PM
19	The problem is too much government. More taxes would be counter productive	10/17/2021 3:01 PM
20	It seems like a no-brainer	10/17/2021 12:04 PM
21	Throwing money at the problems is not the only way. PLANNING is very important.	10/16/2021 11:33 PM
22	Because throwing more money at the problems never works. NEVER. And I'm tired of being taxed endlessly while all of my neighbors are sucking of the system enjoying life.	10/16/2021 6:22 PM
23	Not until we have better and more effective stewards of our current tax dollars	10/16/2021 8:08 AM
24	Making life better for all	10/15/2021 6:29 PM
25	Not invested in this community. I support a number of charities.	10/15/2021 3:25 PM
26	rising tides lift all ships. if we all do our part, we are a healthier community	10/14/2021 8:58 PM
27	But this would need to be explained further.	10/14/2021 8:34 PM
28	I would spend much more than an extra dollar a week to help my community	10/14/2021 3:33 PM
29	something needs done in our area	10/14/2021 11:46 AM
30	For the greater good	10/14/2021 10:50 AM
31	More taxes solves nothing	10/14/2021 9:23 AM
32	If able? I am senior on limited income had to retire early during covid to be caregiver elder parents.	10/13/2021 9:23 PM
33	Quality of life and making a difference to help the overall community	10/13/2021 9:12 PM
34	I she always paid a lot in taxes...what's another dollar?	10/13/2021 7:32 PM
35	Such a small amount to bring better opportunities to the areaorunities	10/13/2021 11:32 AM
36	Yes, but I don't want any leader using this as a justification to throw new money at old solutions.	10/13/2021 11:15 AM
37	They put a road tax on the water bill for all employees and residents of the city. They "borrow" from it and don't even maintain the roads.	10/13/2021 10:31 AM
38	WV is declining except for Mon county. This will continue if the region refuses to invest in community.	10/13/2021 7:03 AM
39	We need real solutions	10/12/2021 11:36 PM
40	I already support our local businesses tho more expensive to purchase a privately owned grocery.	10/12/2021 11:12 PM
41	If its only a dollar/week. Where is the extra \$3 Morgantown city tax going, or the WV lottery tax? We were all for it when they began but many feel the money is never used for the issues that they were promised.	10/12/2021 10:25 PM
42	Because I feel that my current taxes should be addressing the issue. If they are not, where is my tax money going? I'd like to see more tax money accountability at the state level.	10/12/2021 9:43 PM
43	Taxed enough already with no reward	10/12/2021 4:17 AM
44	No more taxes	10/11/2021 11:03 PM
45	I already pay a fee to work in the city in which I work.	10/11/2021 10:08 PM
46	Our town fights to shut down any business that wants to be here. They are horrible!	10/11/2021 8:54 PM
47	Gov. Doesn't use current resources well as it is.	10/11/2021 6:44 PM

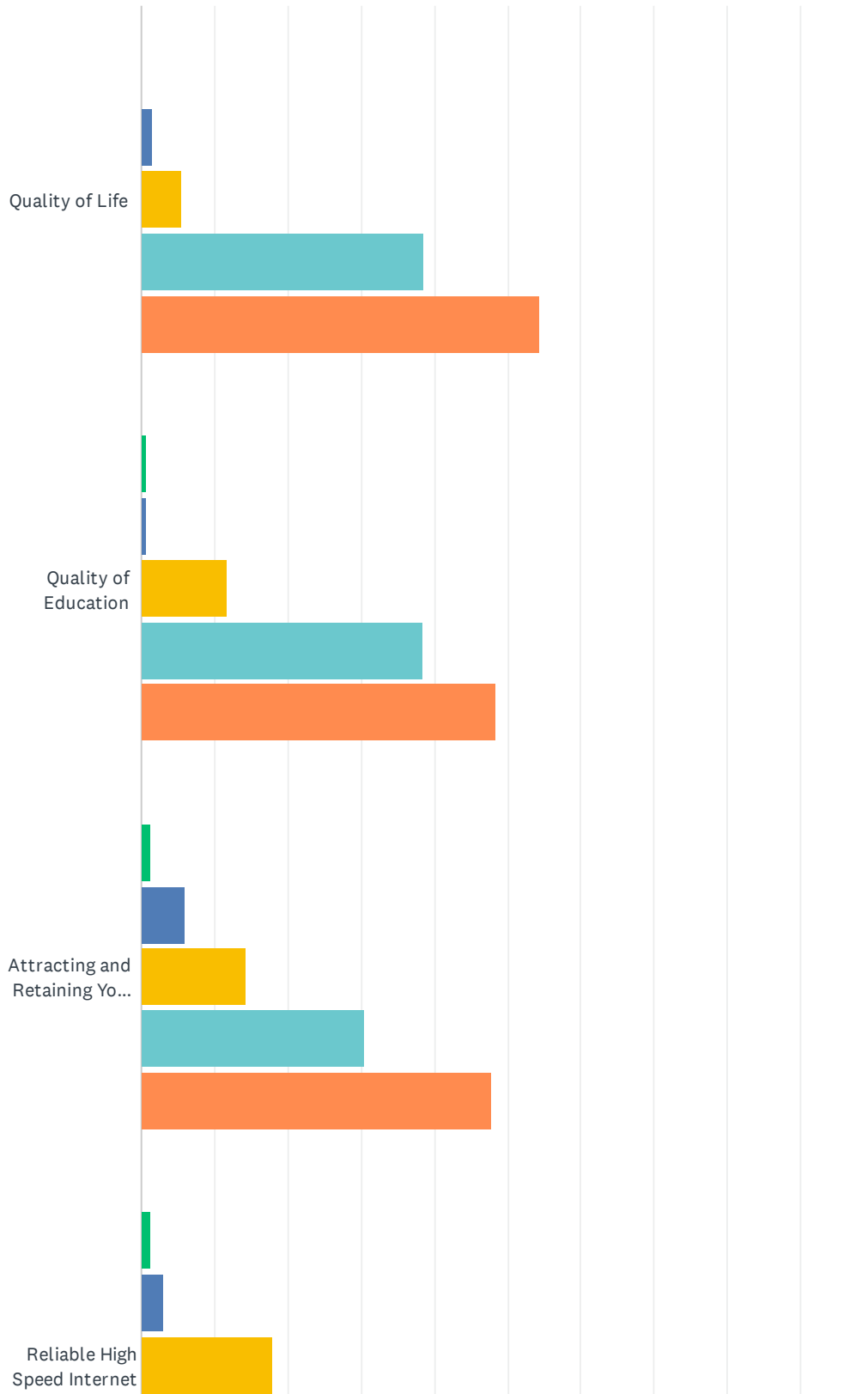
48	They get enough freakin taxes already	10/11/2021 5:38 PM
49	Need for better roads, homelessness,	10/11/2021 5:35 PM
50	We already spend the money and issues don't get solved	10/11/2021 12:14 PM
51	Wouldn't help - they would concentrate the money in Morgantown	10/11/2021 11:36 AM
52	lol	10/11/2021 11:29 AM
53	It would have more of a negative on me than positive	10/10/2021 6:08 PM
54	It is MY community, improvements only happen through me.	10/10/2021 8:16 AM
55	I believe the government can help solve problems	10/10/2021 7:39 AM
56	One dollar a week on groceries isnt going to help	10/10/2021 5:02 AM
57	There are few Human Resource, Gand few govt services organizations.	10/9/2021 10:39 PM
58	I feel our money is already mismanaged.	10/9/2021 9:54 PM
59	Because I'm already paying out the ass to fix these things and it's being spent on bullshit.	10/9/2021 8:34 PM
60	I pay enough on taxes.	10/9/2021 8:18 PM
61	Don't have it to spend	10/9/2021 8:06 PM
62	Stewardship	10/9/2021 8:01 PM
63	Sorbet \$1 on groceries has nothing to do with solving the biggest issues in this county	10/9/2021 7:44 PM
64	Because they never do what they say they will once they get the money. Just like the roads to prosperity bill	10/9/2021 3:02 PM
65	Not on groceries, but I'll give a dollar or two	10/9/2021 2:29 PM
66	We can afford it	10/9/2021 2:23 PM
67	There is nothing good in my small town and things need to change	10/9/2021 1:50 PM
68	We have one grocery store in our town. Because it has a monopoly on the business we are already being price gouged.	10/9/2021 11:43 AM
69	So my family can stay in the area and live.	10/8/2021 4:36 PM
70	Everyday life would improve.	10/8/2021 10:34 AM
71	Pay enough taxes	10/7/2021 10:13 PM
72	But it must be true results	10/7/2021 3:06 PM
73	I have been fortunate economically and would like to give back to my community	10/7/2021 1:40 PM
74	Try to help in small ways adds up to bigger things	10/7/2021 12:25 PM
75	Not sure how me buying an extra bag of cookies is going to solve the community problem.	10/7/2021 8:20 AM
76	We need to reduce the BS spending of tax dollars. Get officials hands out of the cookie jar.	10/7/2021 6:17 AM
77	Because it's important to fix where me and my family live	10/7/2021 12:13 AM
78	Worth it to have a better community.	10/6/2021 11:26 PM
79	I believe we all need to participate in the solutions	10/6/2021 9:17 PM
80	Well worth it!	10/6/2021 4:17 PM
81	Improves quality of life for everyone	10/6/2021 3:53 PM
82	A small donation makes less impact	10/6/2021 2:38 PM
83	not sure	10/6/2021 2:23 PM
84	I don't want to pay more for groceries.	10/6/2021 12:47 PM

85	High enough	10/6/2021 11:40 AM
86	It is a small price to pay for improving my community	10/5/2021 8:27 PM
87	\$52 a year that's why	10/5/2021 7:09 PM
88	It will take everyone to make things better for our children.	10/5/2021 6:49 PM
89	Why not get extra groceries and resolve our problems, win win	10/5/2021 5:19 PM
90	Sounds like no specific plan, just collect money.	10/5/2021 4:18 PM
91	There is no evidence of extra taxation ever being used efficiently.	10/5/2021 3:23 PM
92	Our county leadership is strong but the municipalities either pursue their own pet projects/ interests or they just aren't equipped to lead and resolve difficult issues.	10/5/2021 1:24 PM
93	It depends, often seems like the usual public recieving the losses while p0rofits are private.	10/5/2021 1:01 PM
94	My husband and I are already involved in food scarcity and homelessness outreaches. How we treat our most vulnerable is an indication of the state of our community.	10/5/2021 12:41 PM
95	It snowballs into improvements throughout, even better groceries	10/5/2021 11:37 AM
96	Our biggest issues are daunting. I think more funding would help.	10/5/2021 11:09 AM
97	No way are these issues being resolved by \$1/person/week	10/5/2021 8:41 AM
98	This is a way to give our community the funding to make improvements.	10/5/2021 6:52 AM
99	Already doing that with home rule taxes	10/4/2021 10:19 PM
100	I would if I thought it would be effective. I would if it would pave the streets in my neighborhood.	10/4/2021 9:03 PM
101	An already excessive amount of taxes are already collected under the pretense of being used to "resolve" larger community issues. Instead, Lets lower civil servant salaries and benefits, as well as cut funding from ineeficient/effective social programs. No civil servant's salary should be more than twice the poverty level (Example, Clarksburg City manager has a salary of 100K, while the median income of the city population is les than 24k, and the poverty rate is over 20%.	10/4/2021 8:40 PM
102	Improved quality of life.	10/4/2021 7:55 PM
103	Why tax food? That is regressive. How about EVERYONE pay a small % of income taxes to be more equitable	10/4/2021 5:39 PM
104	Individual wants will never outweigh community needs	10/4/2021 1:49 PM
105	I will financially support the community as long as the value of the asset/opportunity is worth it.	10/4/2021 1:18 PM
106	Economic growth means inflation of common goods. If I see prices of common items going up, and that's due to a good thing, I'm happy.	10/3/2021 6:33 PM
107	Prices too high now	10/3/2021 4:28 PM
108	because community is important	10/3/2021 1:12 PM
109	Because it wont work. Government is not trustworthy on either side. Why should we trust them with even more money when they haven't done well with what they have already been given?	10/3/2021 1:02 PM
110	manchen's steal our money	10/3/2021 11:44 AM
111	Pay for what you get.	10/3/2021 11:19 AM
112	Food should not be taxed	10/3/2021 11:02 AM
113	No matter what,we are going to be paying more tax \$\$\$ for everything here on out.	10/3/2021 10:38 AM
114	Government needs more civic engagement, not more of my money.	10/3/2021 10:35 AM
115	There is adequate funding available	10/3/2021 10:00 AM

116	I try to buy my groceries in the city limits so that my taxes support our city government. I am involved in city government.	10/3/2021 9:21 AM
117	I would, but also, there is not much shopping in Doddridge. I would want my extra tax to go to my county, not Clarksburg	10/2/2021 7:35 PM
118	I waste more than \$1/week and would gladly pay more if it meant that our community worked better for lower income residents.	10/2/2021 7:27 PM
119	Prices of groceries are going up by a \$1 an item already. \$52 a year would just be another tax we can't put to solving our personal problem - like a dangerous intersection on 50. So I would pay to see something done within the year!	10/2/2021 7:03 PM
120	Why not?	10/2/2021 6:25 PM
121	Because we need to live as a community and treat it as such, not an individual living in the area.	10/2/2021 10:25 AM
122	I would be agreeable to a small tax IF the proper people are making decisions regarding how those dollars are allocated and spent. The local "insiders" group would not be my choice of decision makers. Insiders include most of our current elected officials (particularly in the municipal gov't entities -- towns and cities - as well as the largest developers. They've mostly shown too much self-interest to make appropriate decisions (though they do have experience that should be consulted).	10/2/2021 10:13 AM
123	Seems all money goes to one area in harrison county. The commission only worries about clarksburg and bridgeport. Outlying areas don't matter.	10/2/2021 9:46 AM
124	If they were quality groceries. We need better access to real food not food like products	10/2/2021 8:36 AM
125	Current do via a 1% city tax on all purchases.	10/2/2021 7:48 AM
126	Because it would be worth it.	10/1/2021 9:10 PM
127	It makes sense!	10/1/2021 9:02 PM
128	Supporting improvement of infrastructure is a great way to ensure the future of the community.	10/1/2021 7:18 PM
129	Because I'm not a selfish dick.	10/1/2021 6:17 PM
130	Pouring more money into taxes won't fix problems of drug use and poor governmental leadership and discretion.	10/1/2021 3:14 PM
131	If the funds are being allocated properly, there should be no reason for residents to pay for it.	10/1/2021 5:48 AM
132	Small price to pay for prosperity.	9/30/2021 5:26 PM
133	\$1 per week isn't a lot to help others	9/25/2021 11:53 AM

Q22 Rank the following items on a scale from least important to most important:

Answered: 301 Skipped: 2





	LEAST IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	MOST IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Quality of Life	0.00% 0	1.39% 4	5.57% 16	38.68% 111	54.36% 156	287	4.46
Quality of Education	0.67% 2	0.67% 2	11.71% 35	38.46% 115	48.49% 145	299	4.33
Attracting and Retaining Youth to West Virginia	1.33% 4	5.98% 18	14.29% 43	30.56% 92	47.84% 144	301	4.18
Reliable High Speed Internet	1.33% 4	3.00% 9	18.00% 54	39.67% 119	38.00% 114	300	4.10
Dependable Transportation and Infrastructure	1.33% 4	3.33% 10	17.67% 53	39.67% 119	38.00% 114	300	4.10
Access to Economic Opportunity	1.01% 3	1.68% 5	24.58% 73	48.48% 144	24.24% 72	297	3.93
Adequate Public Services	2.68% 8	5.02% 15	23.75% 71	39.13% 117	29.43% 88	299	3.88

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Greenspace!!!	10/19/2021 7:01 PM
2	We are falling miserably all categories.	10/19/2021 3:38 PM
3	Attracting pro-freedom people to WV	10/17/2021 3:01 PM
4	Making sure that our Senior Citizens and Veterans is also a "Most Important" Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts.	10/16/2021 11:33 PM
5	decarbonizing our local government	10/14/2021 8:58 PM
6	When people work hard, they want to go home to fun: walking and bike trails, nature, shows, playgrounds, restaurant variety, water recreation, art, and more	10/13/2021 7:32 PM
7	We are the poorest and most unhealthy state in the US. Half our kids are in poverty. Kids are fleeing. Not addressing those issues again and again will continue to bankrupt the area.	10/13/2021 7:03 AM
8	In reality, all the above are very important. Oddly stated question; needed two additional rankings to adequately complete. .	10/12/2021 11:12 PM
9	Education reform. Support the quality students and get the disruptive kids out. of.	10/11/2021 11:03 PM
10	Need to attract more outsiders to WV	10/11/2021 11:36 AM
11	Shopping options are limited	10/6/2021 9:02 AM
12	Connectivity between businesses and communities and rec opportunities and neighborhoods	10/5/2021 5:19 PM
13	More assistance for the older unincorporated communities .	10/5/2021 4:18 PM
14	Community leadership does a poor job of defining "adequate public services" otherwise I would rate it higher.	10/5/2021 1:24 PM
15	*quality of education should start with a merit based reform of the educational institutions in the area.	10/4/2021 8:40 PM
16	WV needs to quit settling for being 50th. We deserve all of the above	10/4/2021 2:21 PM
17	We are attracting plenty of youth to WV lol. They are all camping out by the rail trails, pissing on the streets and using meth right in front of people, and being supported by hard working tax payers who would go to jail for the crap these kids get away with. I am excited to take my money, music and art somewhere else.	10/3/2021 1:02 PM
18	support for innovation	10/3/2021 9:21 AM

19	Attracting and retaining settlers, adults, and a workforce with ethics and knowledge; not just youth!	10/2/2021 7:03 PM
20	Our area needs more jobs for people that pay at a wage level that families can afford to live here. Good paying jobs are difficult to find in this area. Something needs to be done to bring in a major manufacturers to the old mile and building so that the 1500 workers who lost their jobs can be rehired out of wage that is a living wage and sustainable.	10/1/2021 6:30 PM