

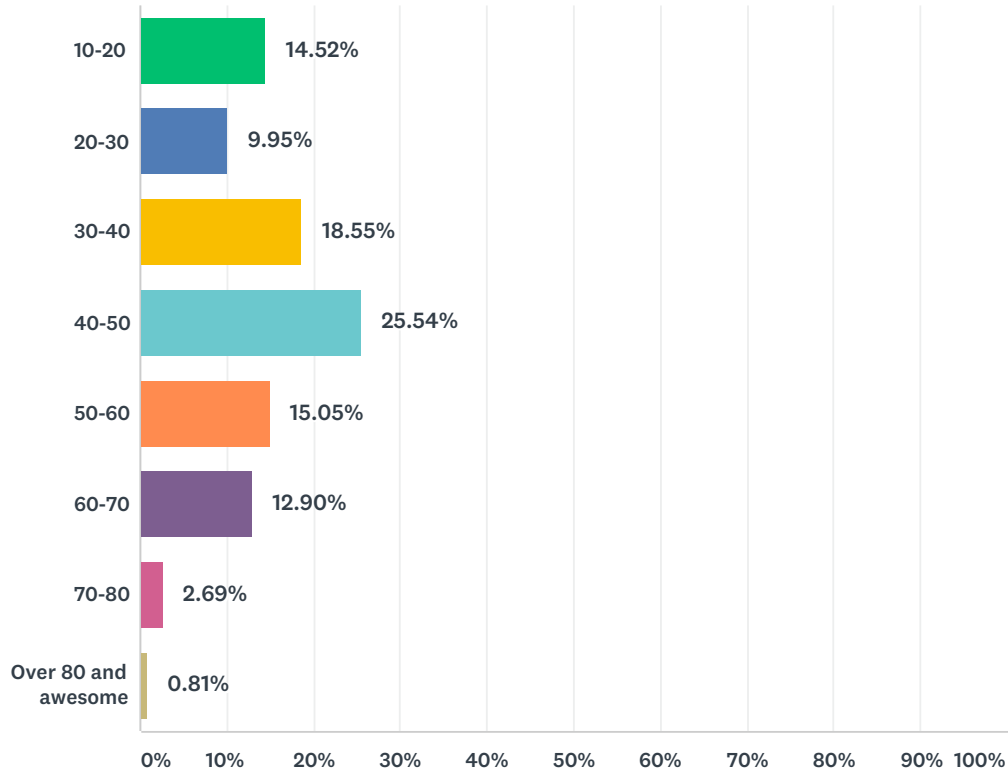
Comprehensive Plan Online Survey Results

October 2, 2017
Total Respondents: 372



Q1 How old are you?

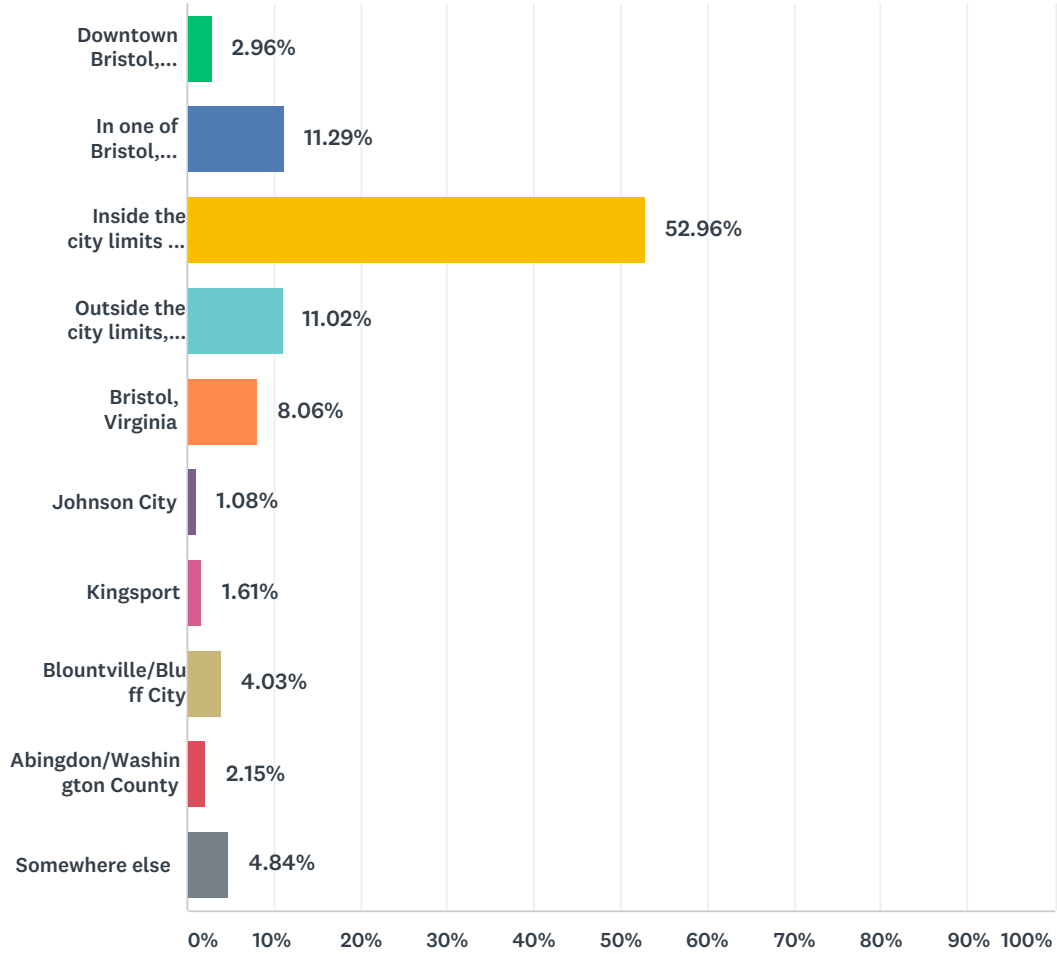
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---------------------|-----------|------------|
| 10-20 | 14.52% | 54 |
| 20-30 | 9.95% | 37 |
| 30-40 | 18.55% | 69 |
| 40-50 | 25.54% | 95 |
| 50-60 | 15.05% | 56 |
| 60-70 | 12.90% | 48 |
| 70-80 | 2.69% | 10 |
| Over 80 and awesome | 0.81% | 3 |
| TOTAL | | 372 |

Q2 Where do you live?

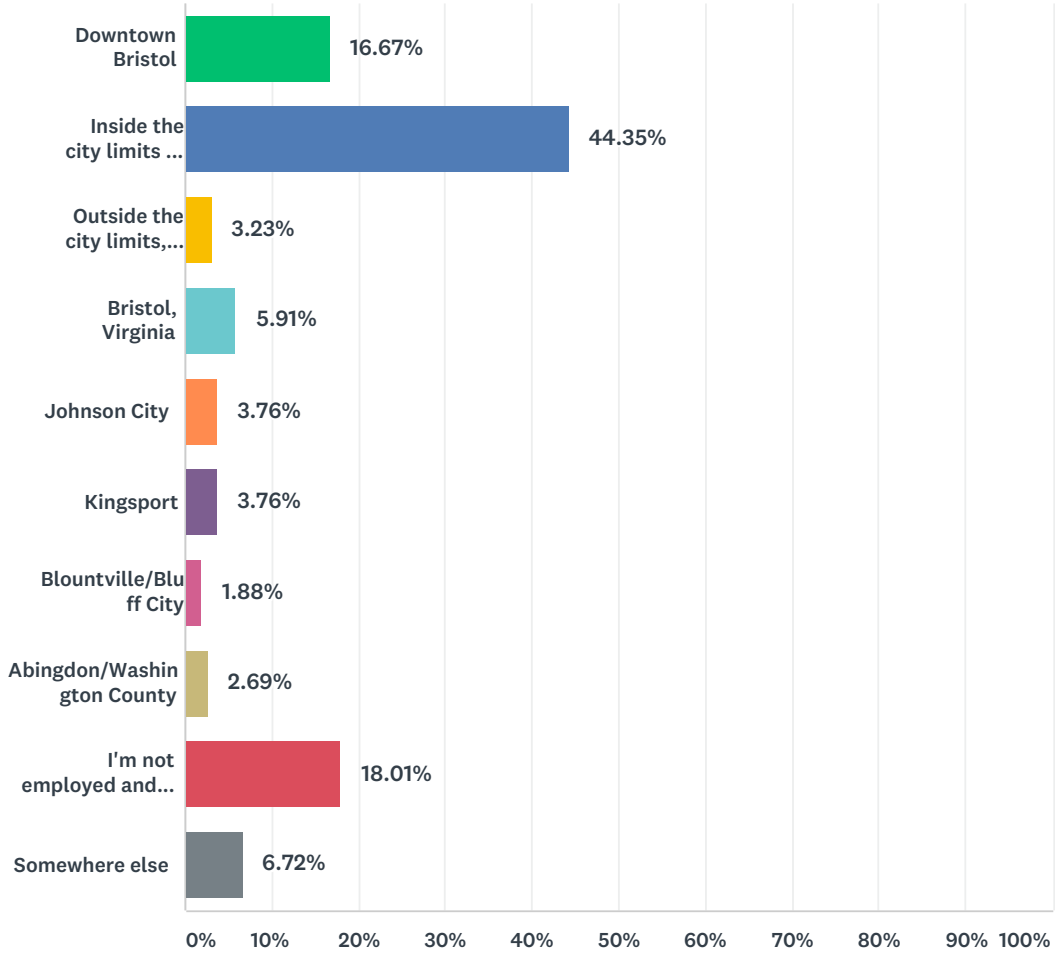
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|-----------|------------|
| Downtown Bristol, Tennessee | 2.96% | 11 |
| In one of Bristol, Tennessee's historic neighborhoods | 11.29% | 42 |
| Inside the city limits of Bristol, Tennessee | 52.96% | 197 |
| Outside the city limits, in Sullivan County | 11.02% | 41 |
| Bristol, Virginia | 8.06% | 30 |
| Johnson City | 1.08% | 4 |
| Kingsport | 1.61% | 6 |
| Blountville/Bluff City | 4.03% | 15 |
| Abingdon/Washington County | 2.15% | 8 |
| Somewhere else | 4.84% | 18 |
| TOTAL | | 372 |

Q3 Where do you work?

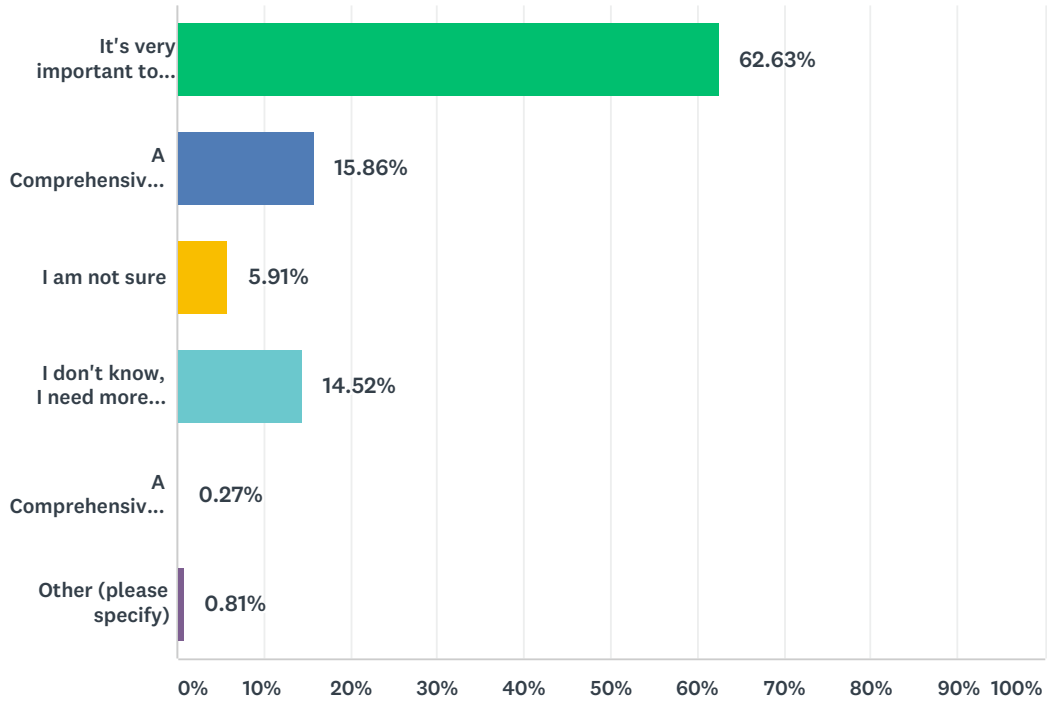
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--|-----------|-----|
| Downtown Bristol | 16.67% | 62 |
| Inside the city limits of Bristol, Tennessee | 44.35% | 165 |
| Outside the city limits, in Sullivan County | 3.23% | 12 |
| Bristol, Virginia | 5.91% | 22 |
| Johnson City | 3.76% | 14 |
| Kingsport | 3.76% | 14 |
| Blountville/Bluff City | 1.88% | 7 |
| Abingdon/Washington County | 2.69% | 10 |
| I'm not employed and/or retired | 18.01% | 67 |
| Somewhere else | 6.72% | 25 |
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Q4 How important is it for the City to have a Comprehensive Plan?

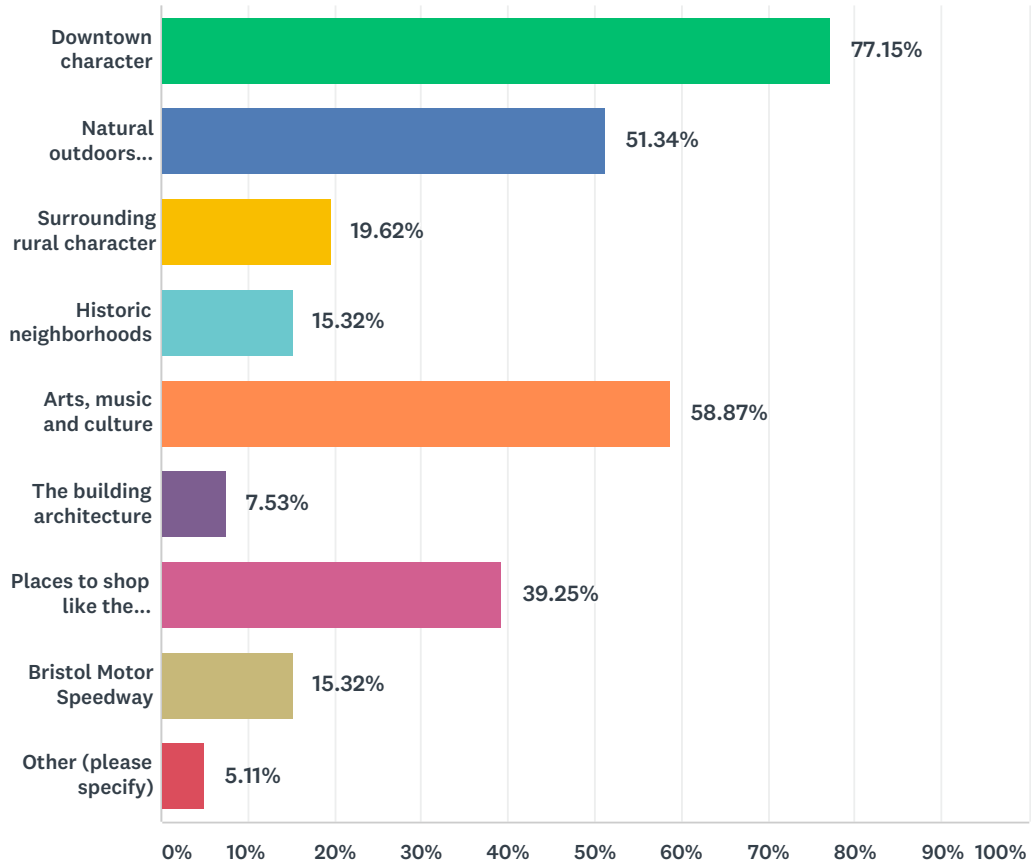
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| It's very important to have a Comprehensive Plan | 62.63% | 233 |
| A Comprehensive Plan is somewhat important to me | 15.86% | 59 |
| I am not sure | 5.91% | 22 |
| I don't know, I need more information | 14.52% | 54 |
| A Comprehensive Plan isn't important to me | 0.27% | 1 |
| Other (please specify) | 0.81% | 3 |
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Q5 Things I like about Bristol's physical qualities (choose top 3)

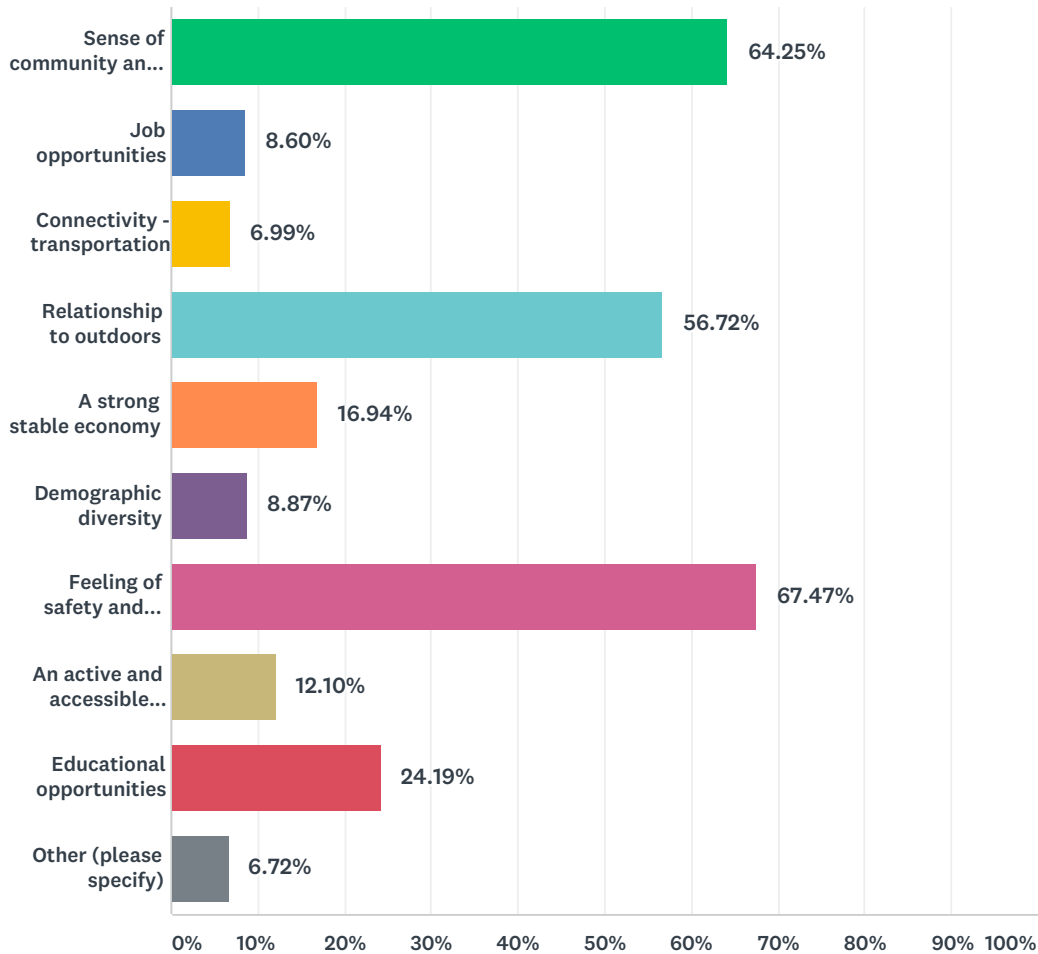
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Downtown character | 77.15% | 287 |
| Natural outdoors environment | 51.34% | 191 |
| Surrounding rural character | 19.62% | 73 |
| Historic neighborhoods | 15.32% | 57 |
| Arts, music and culture | 58.87% | 219 |
| The building architecture | 7.53% | 28 |
| Places to shop like the Pinnacle | 39.25% | 146 |
| Bristol Motor Speedway | 15.32% | 57 |
| Other (please specify) | 5.11% | 19 |
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Q6 The items I feel most satisfied with related to Bristol's quality of life are (choose 3)

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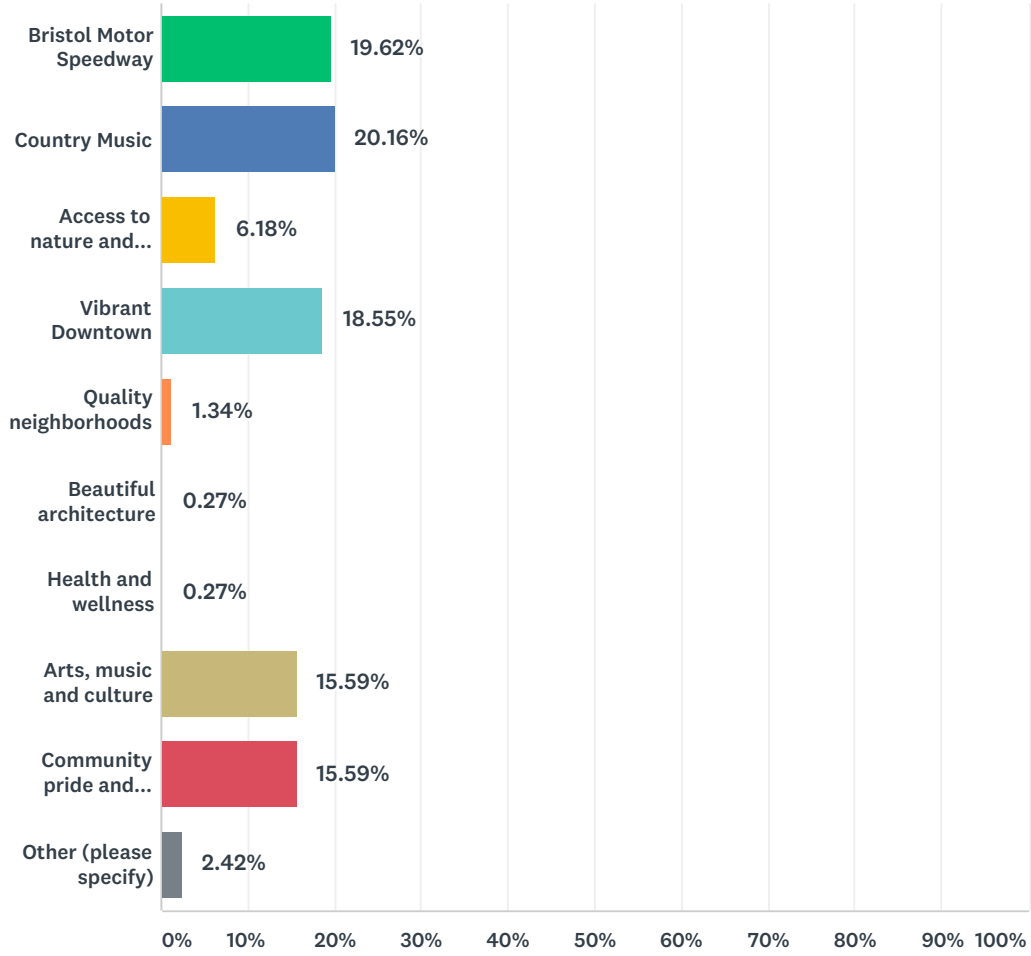
| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Sense of community and belonging | 64.25% | 239 |
| Job opportunities | 8.60% | 32 |
| Connectivity - transportation | 6.99% | 26 |
| Relationship to outdoors | 56.72% | 211 |
| A strong stable economy | 16.94% | 63 |
| Demographic diversity | 8.87% | 33 |
| Feeling of safety and security | 67.47% | 251 |
| An active and accessible government | 12.10% | 45 |
| Educational opportunities | 24.19% | 90 |
| Other (please specify) | 6.72% | 25 |

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Q7 Bristol's image is best exemplified by

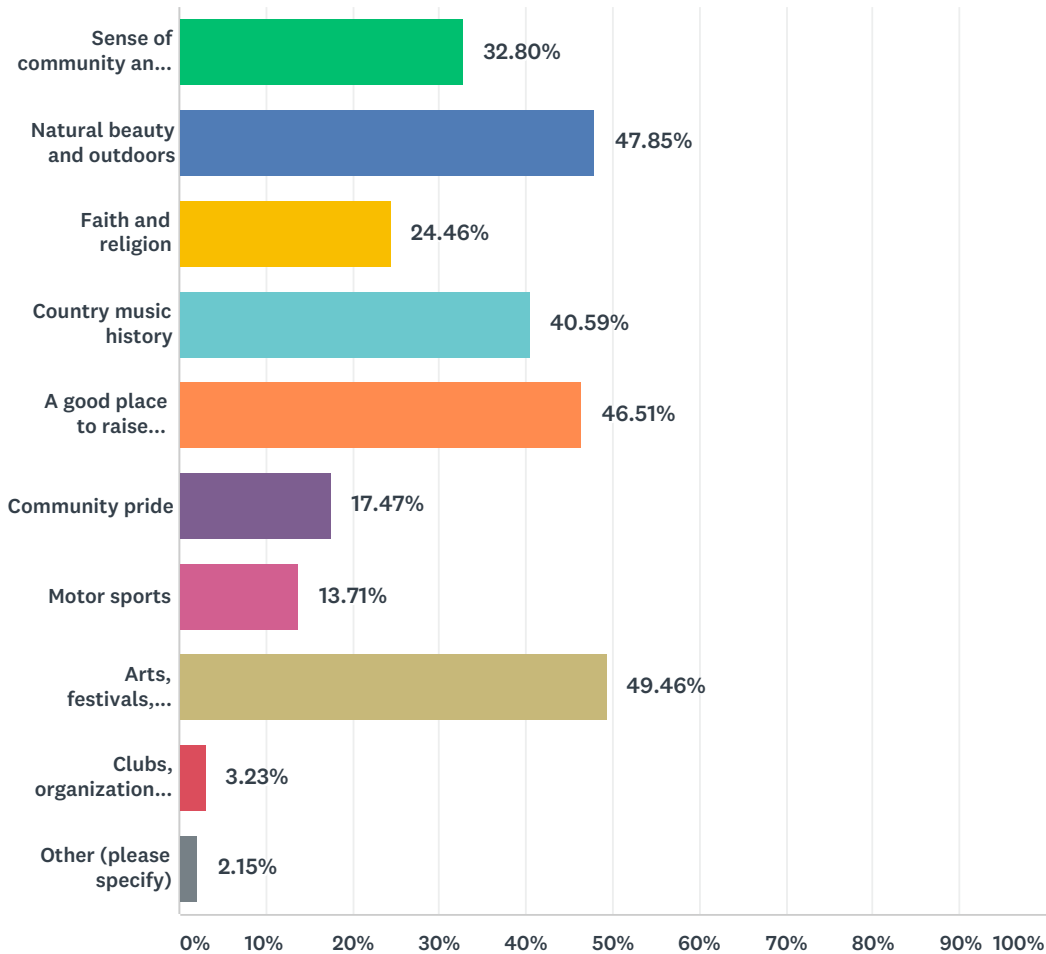
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Bristol Motor Speedway | 19.62% | 73 |
| Country Music | 20.16% | 75 |
| Access to nature and outdoors | 6.18% | 23 |
| Vibrant Downtown | 18.55% | 69 |
| Quality neighborhoods | 1.34% | 5 |
| Beautiful architecture | 0.27% | 1 |
| Health and wellness | 0.27% | 1 |
| Arts, music and culture | 15.59% | 58 |
| Community pride and friendliness | 15.59% | 58 |
| Other (please specify) | 2.42% | 9 |
| TOTAL | | 372 |

Q8 The items I feel most satisfied with related to Bristol's cultural identity are (choose 3)

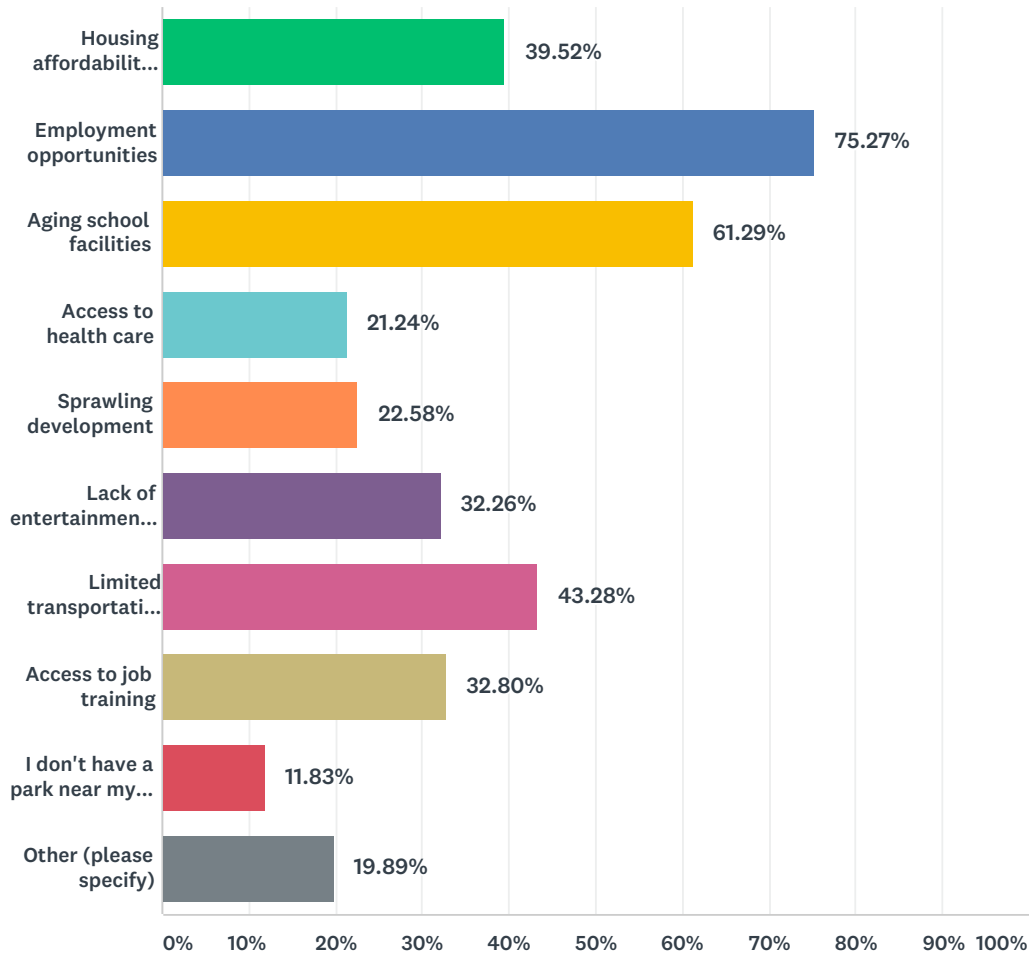
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--|-----------|-----|
| Sense of community and belonging | 32.80% | 122 |
| Natural beauty and outdoors | 47.85% | 178 |
| Faith and religion | 24.46% | 91 |
| Country music history | 40.59% | 151 |
| A good place to raise families | 46.51% | 173 |
| Community pride | 17.47% | 65 |
| Motor sports | 13.71% | 51 |
| Arts, festivals, crafts, music and entertainment | 49.46% | 184 |
| Clubs, organizations, associations | 3.23% | 12 |
| Other (please specify) | 2.15% | 8 |

Q9 For me, the least positive things about Bristol's quality of life are (choose top 5)

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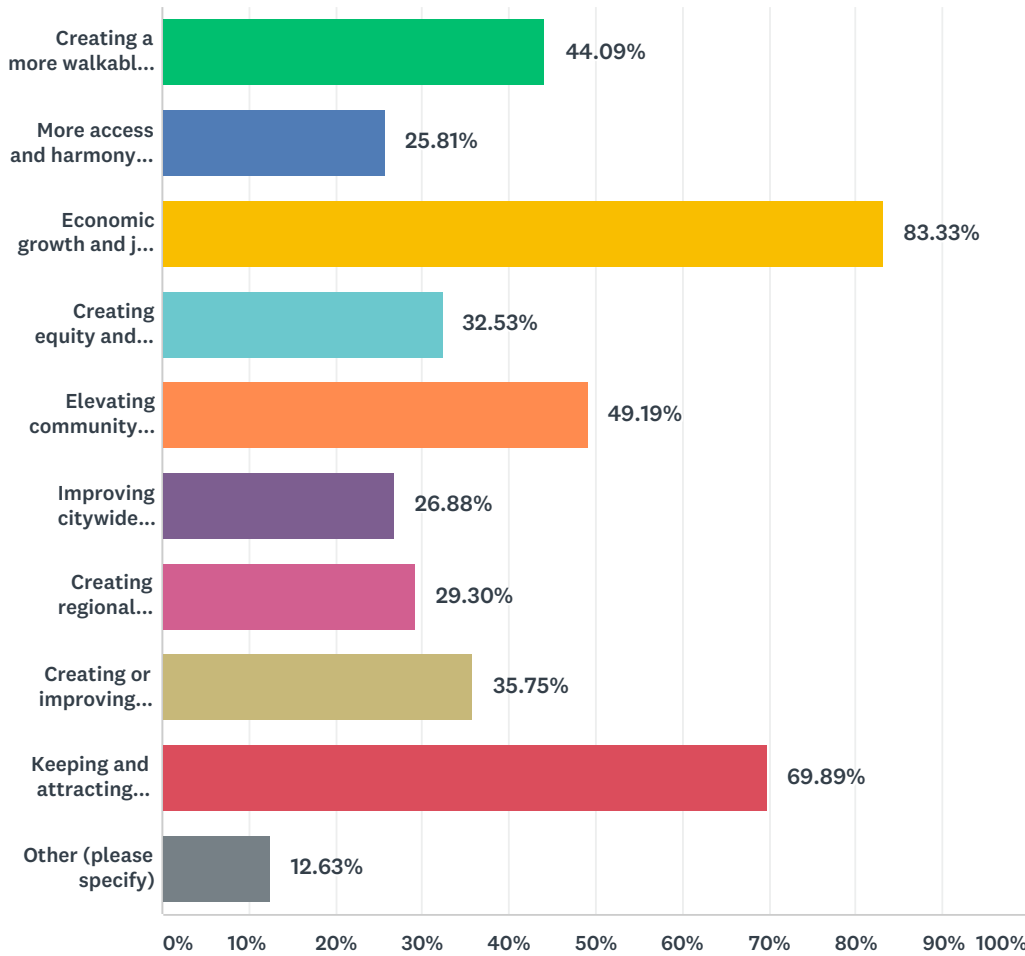
| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Housing affordability and/or choices | 39.52% | 147 |
| Employment opportunities | 75.27% | 280 |
| Aging school facilities | 61.29% | 228 |
| Access to health care | 21.24% | 79 |
| Sprawling development | 22.58% | 84 |
| Lack of entertainment and food choices | 32.26% | 120 |
| Limited transportation options | 43.28% | 161 |
| Access to job training | 32.80% | 122 |
| I don't have a park near my neighborhood | 11.83% | 44 |
| Other (please specify) | 19.89% | 74 |

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Q10 The most important "themes" to focus on in the Comprehensive Plan are (choose top 5)

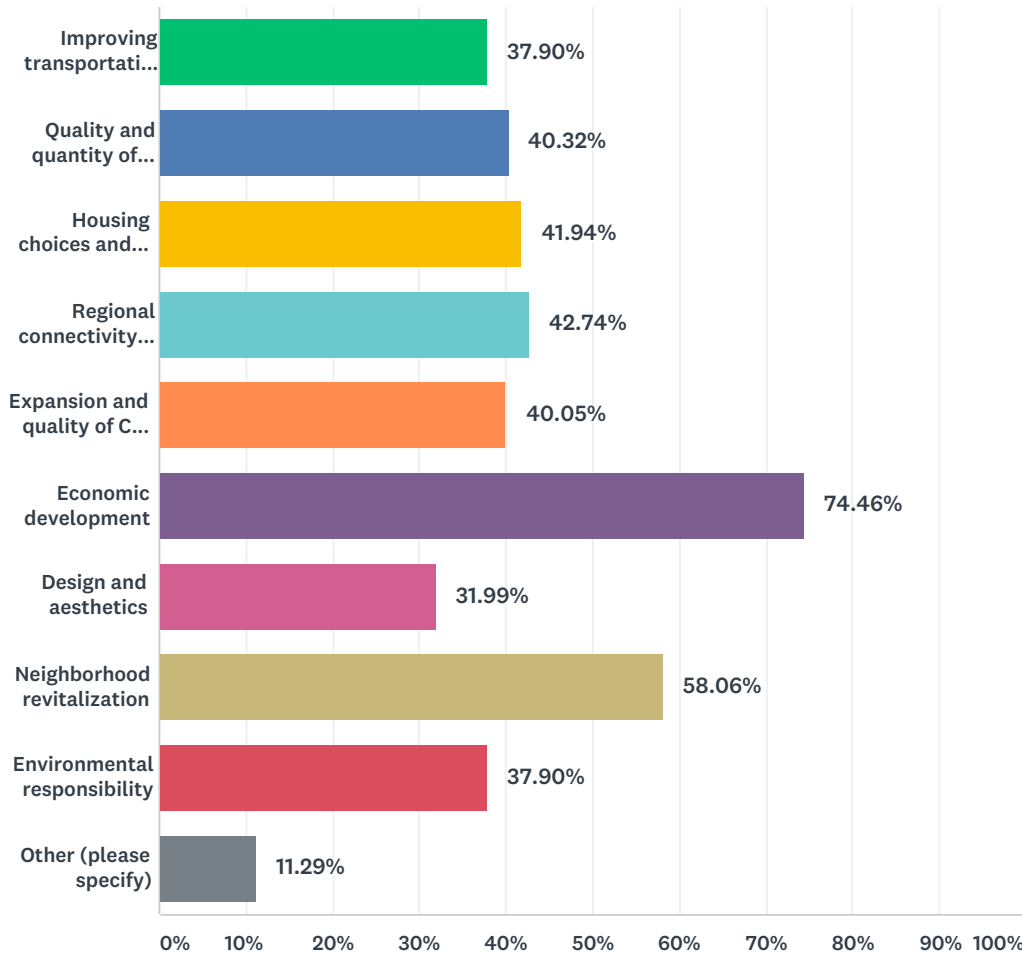
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|-----------|-----|
| Creating a more walkable built environment | 44.09% | 164 |
| More access and harmony with nature | 25.81% | 96 |
| Economic growth and job creation | 83.33% | 310 |
| Creating equity and fairness for all citizens | 32.53% | 121 |
| Elevating community health and wellness | 49.19% | 183 |
| Improving citywide transportation options | 26.88% | 100 |
| Creating regional transportation options | 29.30% | 109 |
| Creating or improving regional partnerships | 35.75% | 133 |
| Keeping and attracting younger folks | 69.89% | 260 |
| Other (please specify) | 12.63% | 47 |

Q11 The most important "topics" to focus on in the Comprehensive Plan are (choose top 5)

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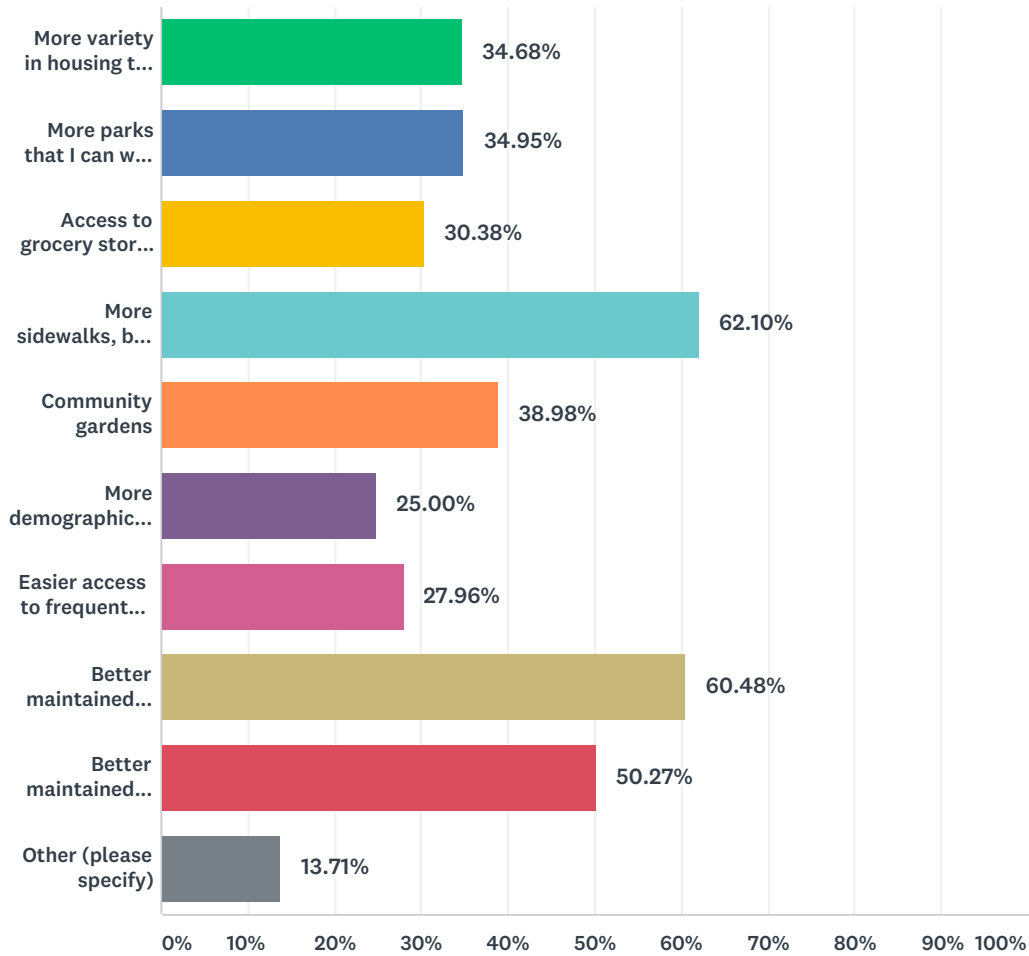


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--|-----------|-----|
| Improving transportation options | 37.90% | 141 |
| Quality and quantity of parks and open space | 40.32% | 150 |
| Housing choices and affordability | 41.94% | 156 |
| Regional connectivity and cooperation | 42.74% | 159 |
| Expansion and quality of City services | 40.05% | 149 |
| Economic development | 74.46% | 277 |
| Design and aesthetics | 31.99% | 119 |
| Neighborhood revitalization | 58.06% | 216 |
| Environmental responsibility | 37.90% | 141 |
| Other (please specify) | 11.29% | 42 |

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Q12 The thing I would like to improve in my neighborhood is (choose top 5)

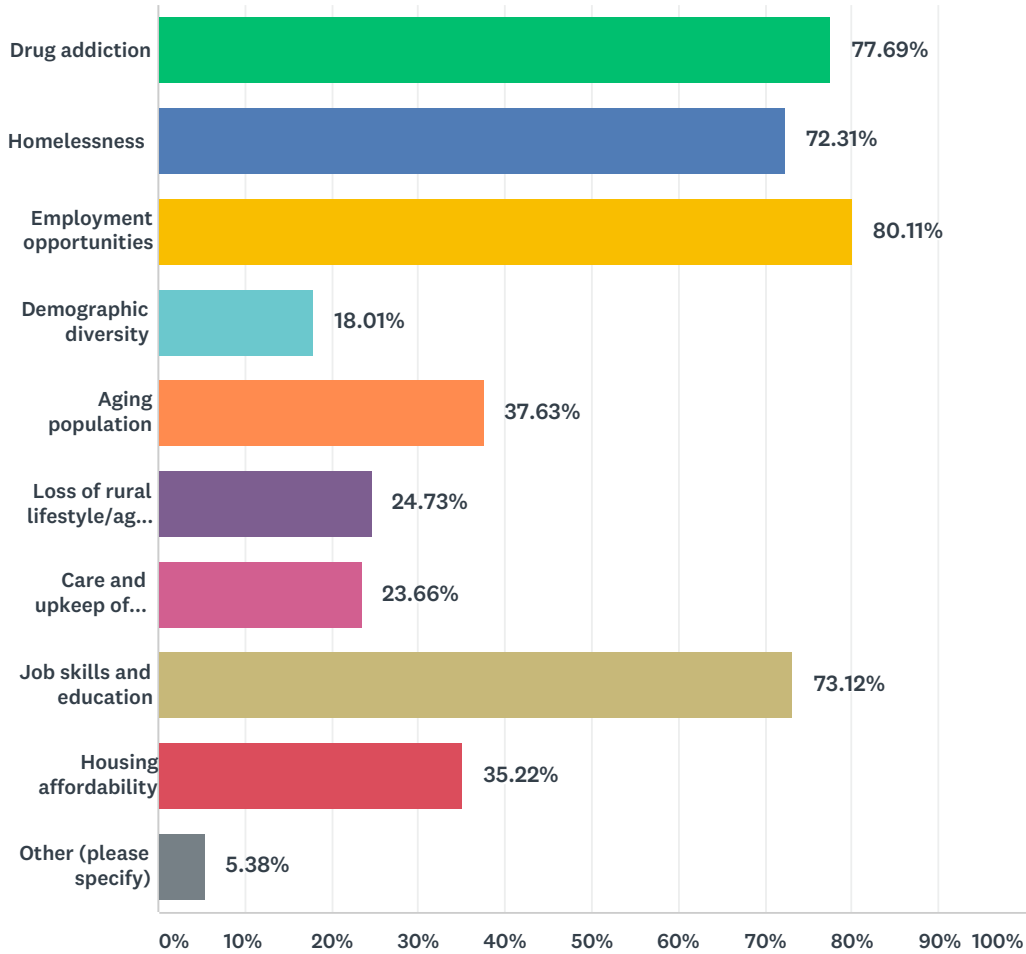
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--|-----------|-----|
| More variety in housing type and price | 34.68% | 129 |
| More parks that I can walk to | 34.95% | 130 |
| Access to grocery store or food choices | 30.38% | 113 |
| More sidewalks, bike lanes and trails | 62.10% | 231 |
| Community gardens | 38.98% | 145 |
| More demographic diversity | 25.00% | 93 |
| Easier access to frequent public transit | 27.96% | 104 |
| Better maintained streets and sidewalks | 60.48% | 225 |
| Better maintained houses and lots | 50.27% | 187 |
| Other (please specify) | 13.71% | 51 |

Q13 Critical social and cultural issues that should be prioritized include (choose top 5)

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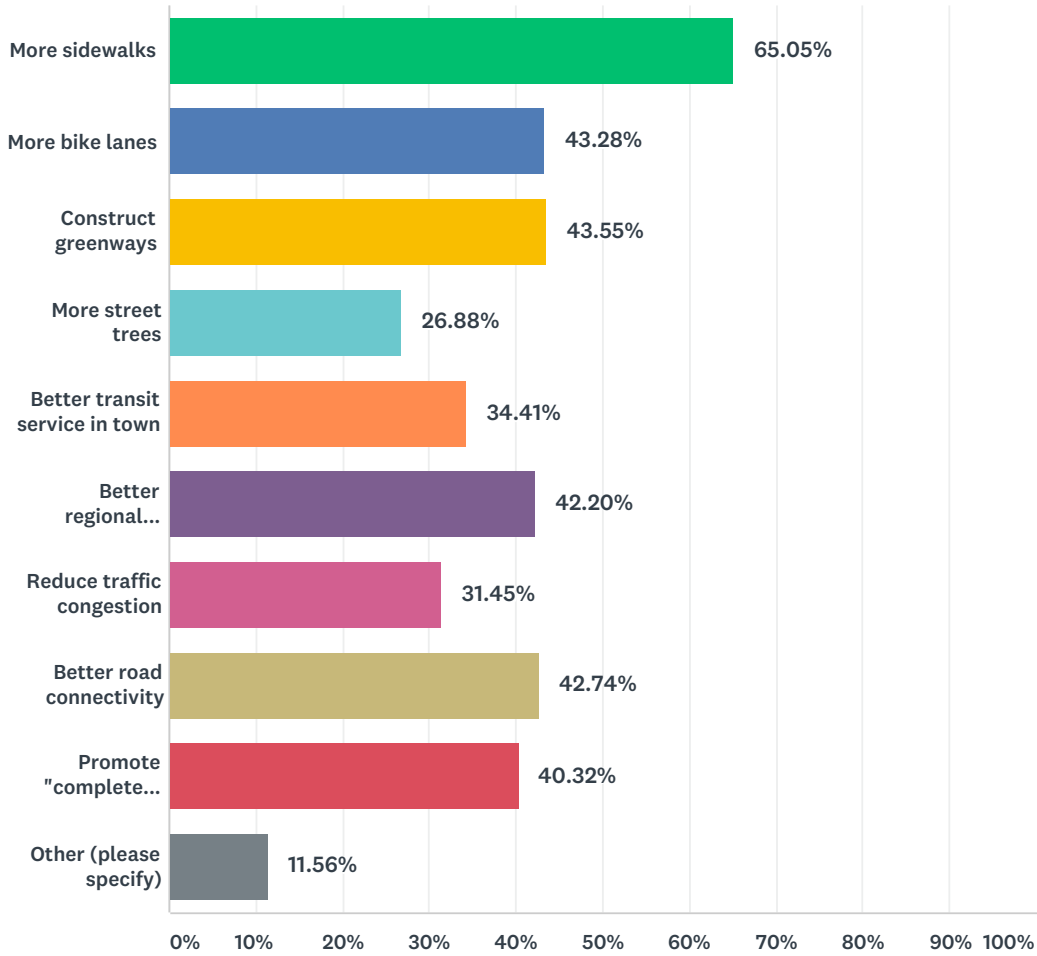
| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Drug addiction | 77.69% | 289 |
| Homelessness | 72.31% | 269 |
| Employment opportunities | 80.11% | 298 |
| Demographic diversity | 18.01% | 67 |
| Aging population | 37.63% | 140 |
| Loss of rural lifestyle/agriculture | 24.73% | 92 |
| Care and upkeep of public housing | 23.66% | 88 |
| Job skills and education | 73.12% | 272 |
| Housing affordability | 35.22% | 131 |
| Other (please specify) | 5.38% | 20 |

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Q14 As it relates to transportation planning, we need (choose top 5)

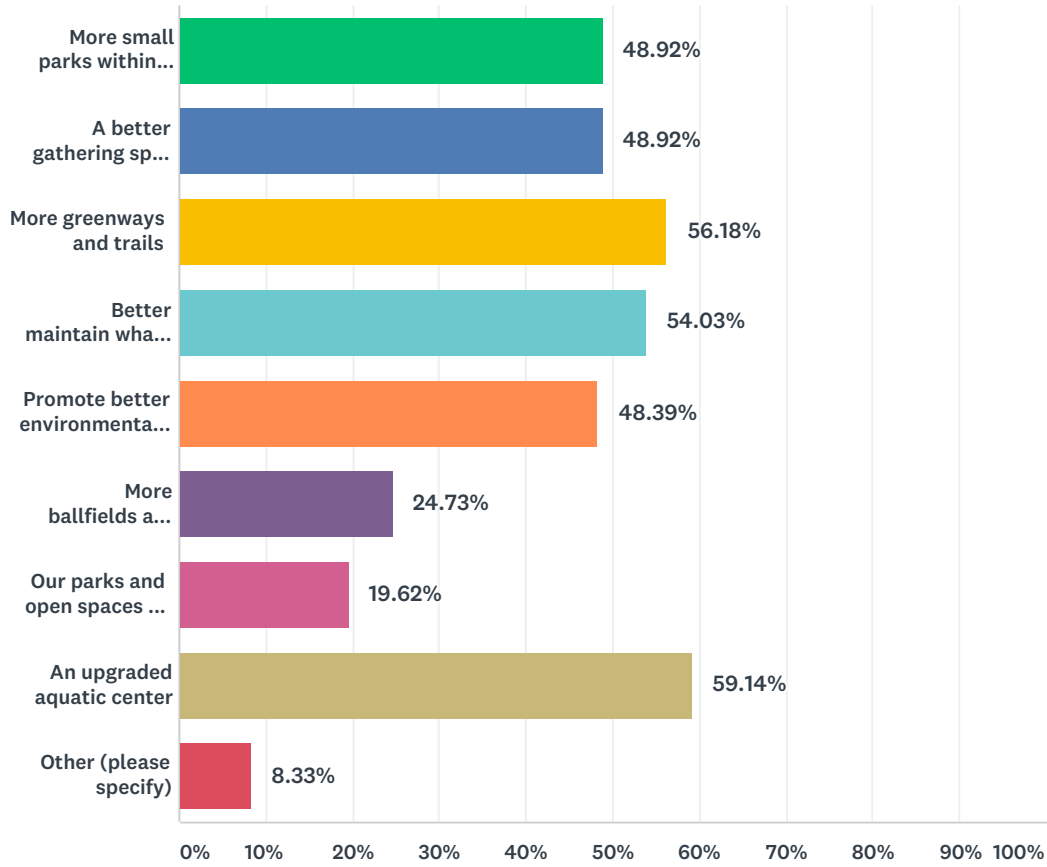
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----|
| More sidewalks | 65.05% | 242 |
| More bike lanes | 43.28% | 161 |
| Construct greenways | 43.55% | 162 |
| More street trees | 26.88% | 100 |
| Better transit service in town | 34.41% | 128 |
| Better regional transit | 42.20% | 157 |
| Reduce traffic congestion | 31.45% | 117 |
| Better road connectivity | 42.74% | 159 |
| Promote "complete streets" | 40.32% | 150 |
| Other (please specify) | 11.56% | 43 |
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Q15 As it relates to parks and open space, we need (choose top 5)

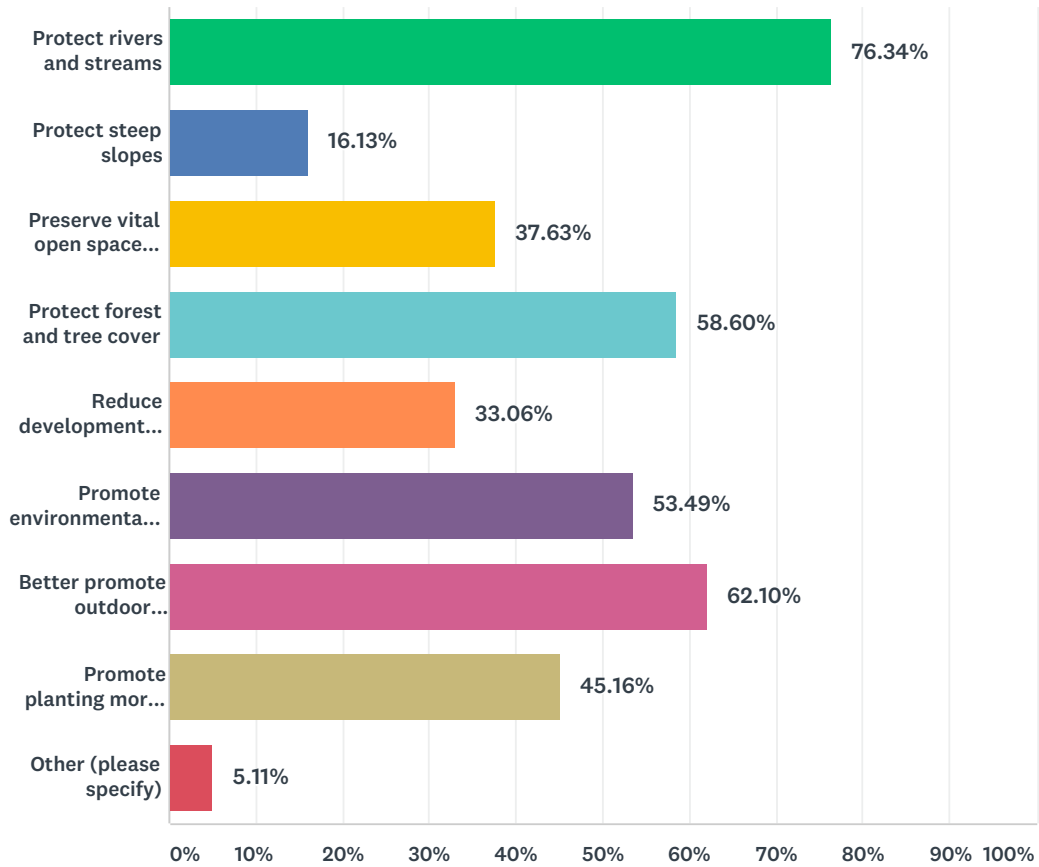
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| More small parks within neighborhoods | 48.92% | 182 |
| A better gathering space downtown | 48.92% | 182 |
| More greenways and trails | 56.18% | 209 |
| Better maintain what we currently have | 54.03% | 201 |
| Promote better environmental stewardship | 48.39% | 180 |
| More ballfields and organized sports | 24.73% | 92 |
| Our parks and open spaces are adequate as is | 19.62% | 73 |
| An upgraded aquatic center | 59.14% | 220 |
| Other (please specify) | 8.33% | 31 |
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Q16 As it relates to natural open space and the outdoors, the City should (choose top 5)

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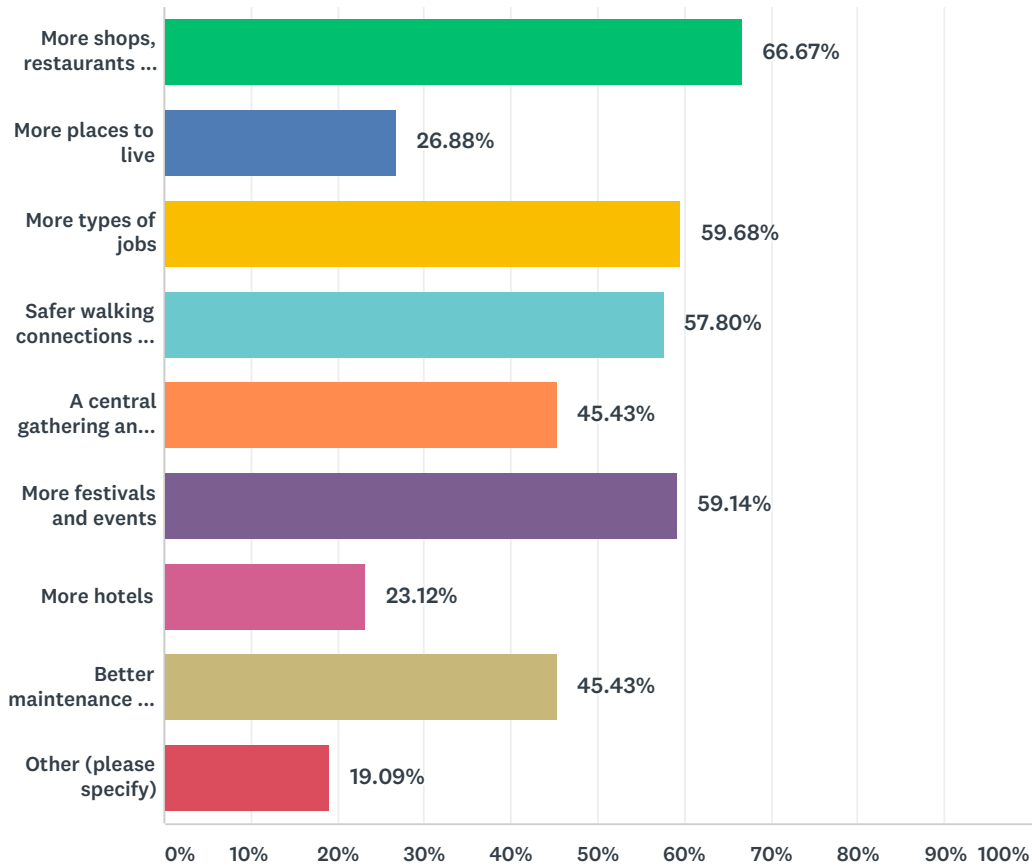


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--|-----------|-----|
| Protect rivers and streams | 76.34% | 284 |
| Protect steep slopes | 16.13% | 60 |
| Preserve vital open space corridors | 37.63% | 140 |
| Protect forest and tree cover | 58.60% | 218 |
| Reduce development footprint | 33.06% | 123 |
| Promote environmental stewardship | 53.49% | 199 |
| Better promote outdoor recreation assets | 62.10% | 231 |
| Promote planting more trees | 45.16% | 168 |
| Other (please specify) | 5.11% | 19 |
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Q17 As it relates to improving downtown, I would like to see (choose top 5)

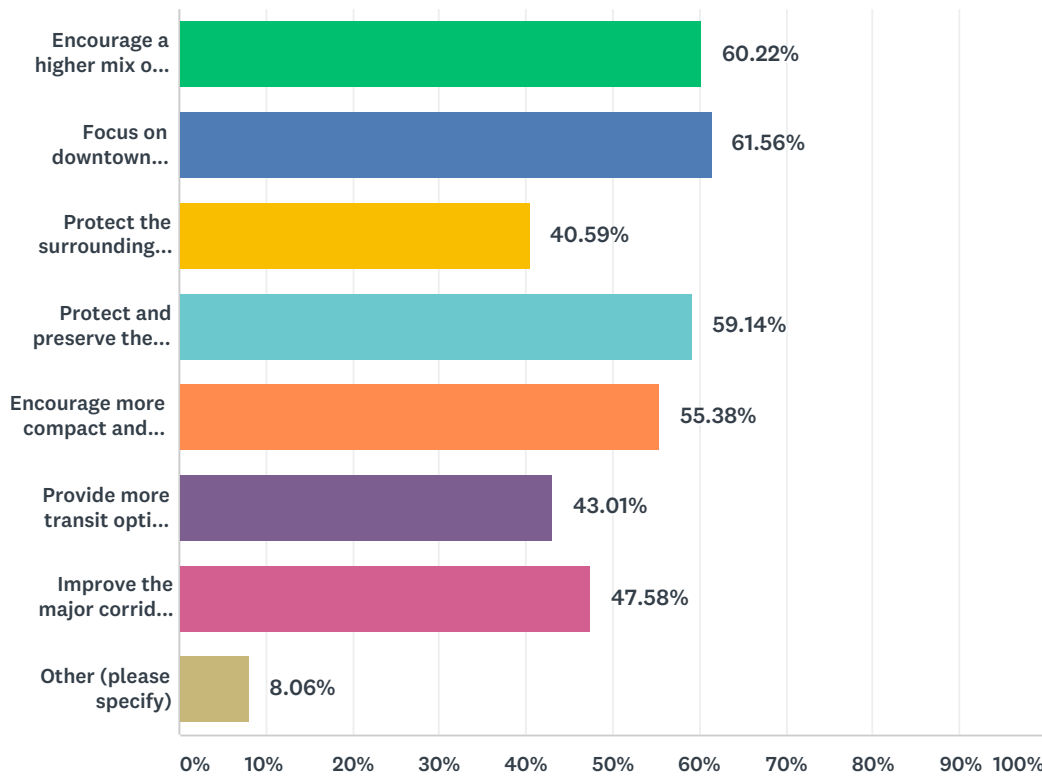
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|-----------|-----|
| More shops, restaurants and entertainment | 66.67% | 248 |
| More places to live | 26.88% | 100 |
| More types of jobs | 59.68% | 222 |
| Safer walking connections to downtown | 57.80% | 215 |
| A central gathering and event space | 45.43% | 169 |
| More festivals and events | 59.14% | 220 |
| More hotels | 23.12% | 86 |
| Better maintenance of public spaces | 45.43% | 169 |
| Other (please specify) | 19.09% | 71 |
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Q18 As it relates to land use planning and policy, the City should (choose top 5)

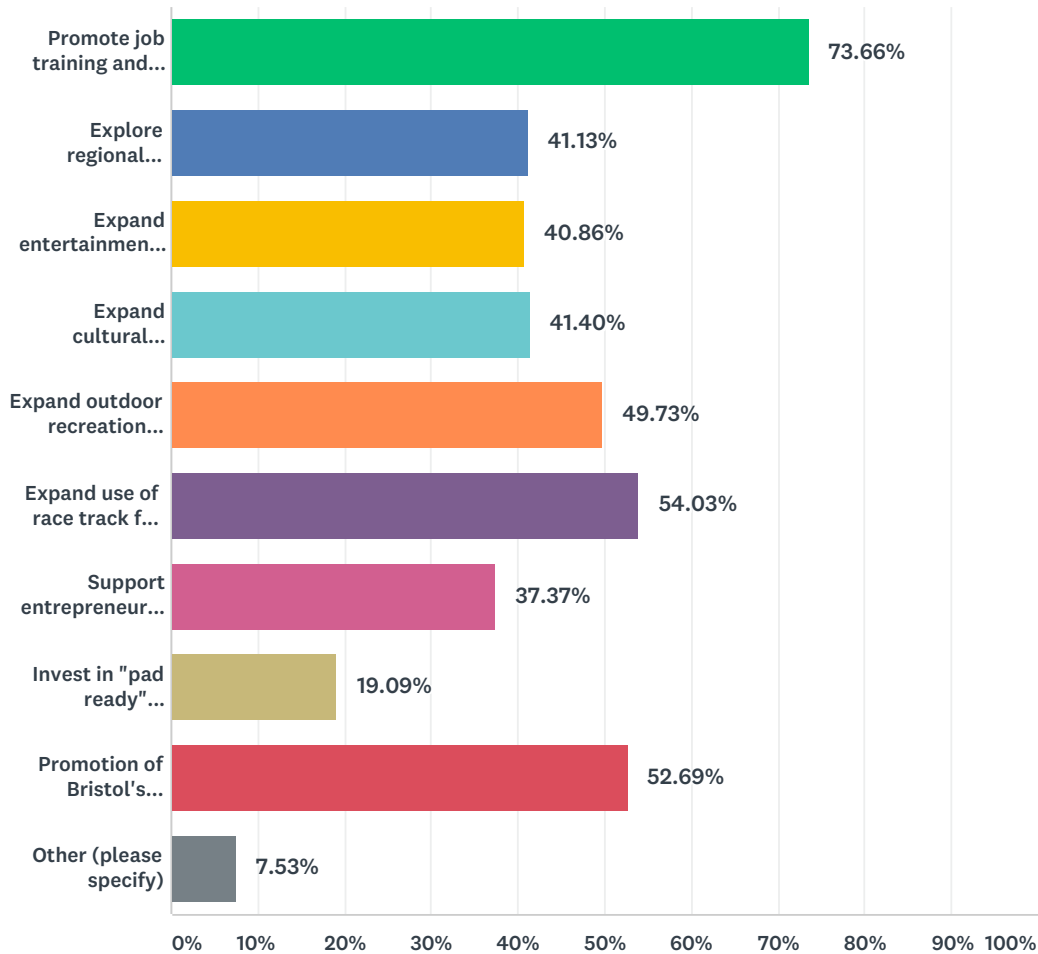
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|-----------|-----|
| Encourage a higher mix of uses around Downtown | 60.22% | 224 |
| Focus on downtown redevelopment | 61.56% | 229 |
| Protect the surrounding rural countryside | 40.59% | 151 |
| Protect and preserve the natural environment | 59.14% | 220 |
| Encourage more compact and walkable development | 55.38% | 206 |
| Provide more transit options and linkages | 43.01% | 160 |
| Improve the major corridors into town | 47.58% | 177 |
| Other (please specify) | 8.06% | 30 |
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Q19 As it relates economic development planning and policy, the City should (choose top 5)

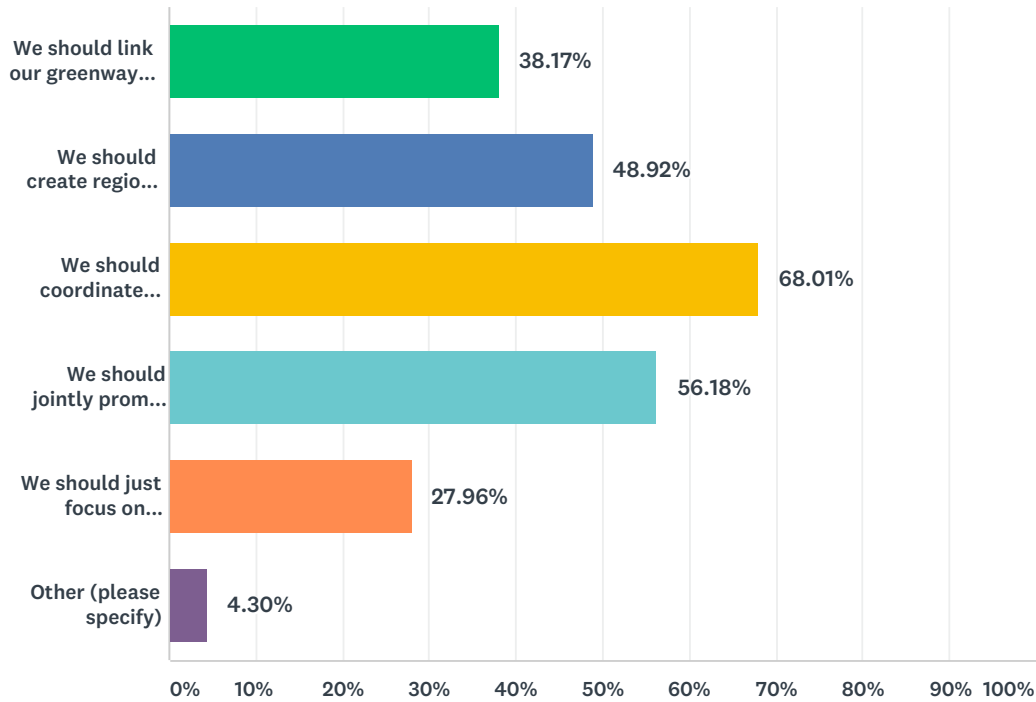
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--|-----------|-----|
| Promote job training and education | 73.66% | 274 |
| Explore regional cooperation/collaboration | 41.13% | 153 |
| Expand entertainment industry | 40.86% | 152 |
| Expand cultural tourism | 41.40% | 154 |
| Expand outdoor recreation tourism | 49.73% | 185 |
| Expand use of race track for large events | 54.03% | 201 |
| Support entrepreneurship and incubators | 37.37% | 139 |
| Invest in "pad ready" industrial sites | 19.09% | 71 |
| Promotion of Bristol's unique qualities nationally | 52.69% | 196 |
| Other (please specify) | 7.53% | 28 |

Q20 As it relates to regional cooperation and partnerships, the City should (choose all that apply)

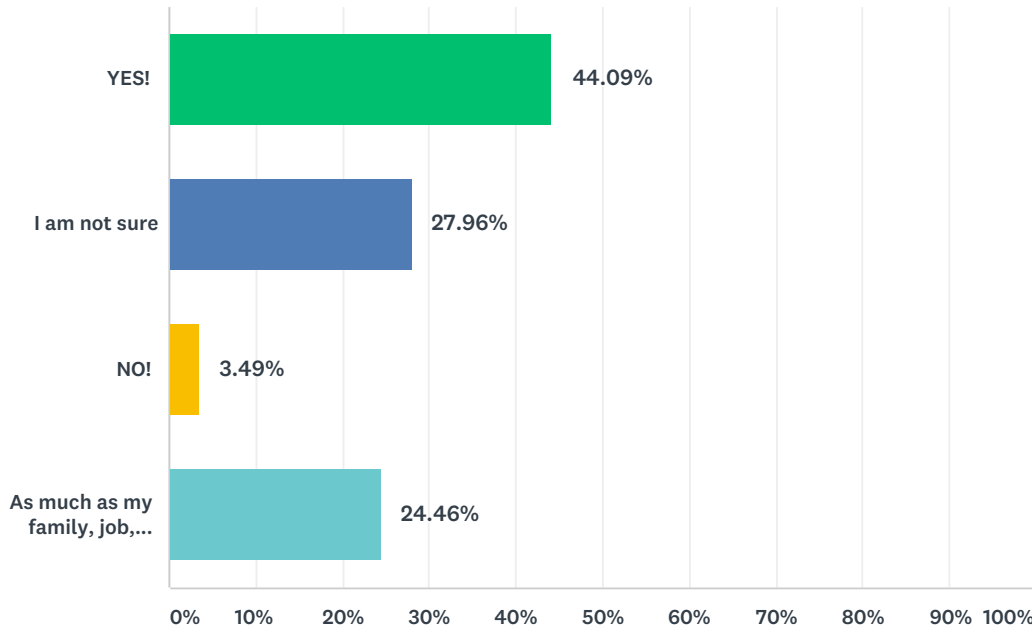
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--|-----------|-----|
| We should link our greenways regionally | 38.17% | 142 |
| We should create regional transit connectivity | 48.92% | 182 |
| We should coordinate economic development | 68.01% | 253 |
| We should jointly promote the region | 56.18% | 209 |
| We should just focus on Bristol | 27.96% | 104 |
| Other (please specify) | 4.30% | 16 |
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Q21 I plan on continuing to participate in the Comprehensive Plan process

Answered: 372 Skipped: 0



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|-----------|-----|
| YES! | 44.09% | 164 |
| I am not sure | 27.96% | 104 |
| NO! | 3.49% | 13 |
| As much as my family, job, dog, cat will allow! | 24.46% | 91 |
| TOTAL | | 372 |

Q22 Anything else? Give us any additional comments and/or ideas.

Answered: 128 Skipped: 244

Thank you for planning for Bristol's future and for the opportunity to provide input.

9/30/2017 8:04 AM



There really need to be more activities and jobs to attract a younger population. Also focus on cleaning up streams and the environment. Drugs are a real problem in Bristol as well.

9/30/2017 4:33 AM



Remember that there is more places in Bristol that needs attention than just downtown.

9/29/2017 11:20 PM



Let's be open to outdoor recreation! There are amazing opportunities to bring in jobs, tourism money, and citizens to our area. And please, please, please remember our smaller, locally owned businesses. The big box stores serve their purpose, but their presence can harm and sometimes eliminate our local businesses. I would absolutely hate to see this happen.

9/29/2017 5:46 PM



I think Bristol is unique and it's no doubt that most people in Bristol know this as well but yet instead of focusing our money towards making our city a better place by focusing our efforts locally and investing in making our city unique with one of a kind stores and natural resources we are so lucky to have we see dollar bills that make a very few rich but don't benefit the entire community...Cabelas and the falls...at least the Pinnacle is making money but doesn't make our beautiful city unique or represent us as a whole. What if we invested our money in things that you couldn't travel to Knoxville or Blacksburg to get but rather invested in our community for a change and believed in the people of Bristol to build our economy. Instead of taking out a mountain to build a Cabelas or a Bass Pro why not invest that money into the Mendota Trail, our Down Town, Rhythm and Roots, anything that makes Bristol Bristol...not just another Big Box that after it serves its purpose is recycled down the road and moves on to the next little town to fill its wallet.

9/29/2017 5:14 PM



Get Amtrak to stop here by getting Nashville involved in getting routes established; add Bus Stops and Routes Signs; get the 'Sessions Hotel' project going, add a real 'Deli' / Coffee shop' downtown, add a

decent safe NightClub and not just a Beer Bar downtown; make this area more Tourist Friendly; get the BUMS and PanHandlers off the downtown areas. Add more 'Shops/ Delies/ etc on Shelby St to get more people to frequent that vacant area

9/29/2017 4:03 PM



No

9/29/2017 3:23 PM



I've provided all the input that I can provide. It's up to YOU, the city, to make our voices heard. Put a little effort into keeping young people, keeping neighborhoods clean, and leave downtown alone. It's fine, really. Business is booming down there and it is now self sustainable. Reverse this "retirement community" vision that surrounding areas have on Bristol. People from out of town come to the pinnacle and that's all, because there's nothing else to do here. Just some advise that I hope you find useful from a late 20s male with wife, kid and dog...who are trying to leave because until we reach the age of 60, there's nothing here for us. Sincerely, S. D.

9/29/2017 2:19 PM



Bristol has the opportunity to grow, but as long as the factions continue to work against each other instead of together we're a disjointed hodgepodge of hourly jobs without sustainability. True growth will come with hard looks at our transient population, drug dependency, undereducated & underemployed assets - our people.

9/29/2017 1:34 PM



None

9/29/2017 12:45 PM



Bristol is already a very nice place to live, but its seniors need more help and young families need more money. Perhaps that could be explored together.

9/26/2017 4:52 PM



Jobs shouldn't hold felons because of there past if they have changed n been on good behavior. I've searched n searched for a job and always get denied and it's ridiculous

9/21/2017 12:43 PM



I feel the downtown is fun, safe, & has lots of things to do most of the time. Parking is often an issue.

9/21/2017 11:17 AM



Some dumb questions

9/21/2017 10:20 AM



Bristol needs to focus on good paying jobs...Most of the jobs in this area are teenager pay grades... Ball corporation, Dana Corporation were great companies. We need to focus on getting companies like this in area. It seems like the main focus in Bristol is the races or events downtown.... Martinsville was at one time a thriving city. Now look at it..... Do we want Bristol to be the same....If something doesn't turn around Bristol will become a ghost town in the next 10 to 15 years.

9/20/2017 6:33 AM



Bristol really is a good place to live, but there is a lack of jobs with benefits in the area. It also takes longer to get to Kpt and JC than it does to go between the other two cities. Since we are out of the way, we need to make ourselves unique to the other tri cities. What is going to encourage people to come here to shop? What is going to encourage people to drive 45 minutes to see a movie, or go out to eat? We need unique business, restaurants, experiences that people can only get here.

9/19/2017 3:33 PM



nope

9/19/2017 2:43 PM



We need better paying jobs!!

9/18/2017 10:20 PM



Rhythm and Roots Reunion would remain a focus.

9/18/2017 10:13 AM



Good Luck

9/18/2017 9:16 AM



I have been a member of the Chamber, and support its work. I have attended local comprehensive planning meetings. The chamber is a great resource and should be used more. The comprehensive planning process seems to me to be an elite, "I know better than you" process. I do not favor 'five year' plans by those who know better than me.

9/17/2017 2:57 PM



This survey was way too long and clearly not done by someone who is from this area, it read like a yankee from Chicago did it, biased questions and a clear agenda, complete waste of taxpayer dollars and will need to be redone,

9/16/2017 1:23 PM



new school buidings

9/16/2017 12:53 PM



Guard against blight in neighborhoods and surrounding areas within the city limits.

9/16/2017 9:30 AM



Maintain essential services especially fire and police.

9/15/2017 4:21 PM



Apt complexes need more attention for resources Regional transportation as in bus to help people get to job in Jc or Kingsport to advance careers if they have transportation issue. Like big metro area

9/15/2017 4:13 PM



Improve the customer service provided by the water and finance department. Clerks could be nicer.

9/15/2017 3:57 PM



Reopen 8th street to Volunteer Pky over creek.

9/15/2017 3:44 PM



More breweries! More for younger people! Check out shindig on the green in Asheville...homegrown folks not super professional but super fun!

9/15/2017 3:42 PM



Focus on downtown

9/15/2017 3:16 PM



I do not think you are doing a adequate job as a city of getting the citizens involved in the process. Everything that is done in this city by the city, and the council is already decided. The surveys , and meetings are just eye candy to keep the citizens thinking they have a voice in city government. The real decisions are made in private, and are the opinions of those that are smarter than the cows that make up the city.

9/15/2017 3:15 PM



I believe the city's financial department needs major updating. I work part time as a yoga instructor at the slater center and waiting a month or more to get paid by a mailed paper check is completely archaic. We can do better.

9/15/2017 3:12 PM



Great job guys!!

9/15/2017 1:30 PM



I would like to see a Breakfast Restaurant and Book Store/ Coffee places.

9/15/2017 12:08 PM



Amtrax connection will boost tourism and easier interstate travel, a confrence center will boost entertainment and profit with the potential ways of entertainment like WWE, hockey, concerts, monster trucks and much more, it would give bristol tennessee a way of income besides the race track

8/31/2017 2:16 PM



I believe we should work on having a convention center where we could he conventions, concerts, etc. To help get people out and help out local economy. Also, I think a teen center would be nice. One that's free, like the slater center.

8/31/2017 1:58 PM



make more activities for kids and teenagers and make the speed limit higher.

8/31/2017 1:57 PM



no

8/31/2017 1:56 PM



I think that the state of Tennessee should have a place where teens and young people could work out and train for free.

8/31/2017 1:56 PM

I want more doughnut shops.

8/31/2017 1:54 PM

No

8/31/2017 1:53 PM

make more parks or more lake places to go fishing in

8/31/2017 1:51 PM

Please improve our sidewalks, roads, schools, etc. I want more city parks. I want more attractions, theme parks, and events. I want a better YMCA. I want a better Bristol Police Department. I want a better environment around Bristol. I want the city of Bristol shine more than ever with better attractions overall. We've come along way, but we still have a longer way to go.

8/31/2017 1:11 PM

Paying more at part time jobs

8/31/2017 12:51 PM

We need a new aquatic center, the haynesfield pool is in bad shape.

8/31/2017 12:50 PM

The main focus of the town needs to be engaging the youth. Right now, Bristol is run by people over the age of 55. Laws and services favor older citizens in our town (for example, slow speed limits so older drivers feel safer, and the Slater Center which offers free classes, exercise equipment, and more for all people over 55). If Bristol stays the way it is, it will continue to be the type of town that if a younger person who graduates high school is lucky enough to get an opportunity to leave, they will leave and never return because, as stated before, there are no good opportunities for youth. Also, the fact we

spent almost \$75,000 for a team from Oklahoma to give our town a new slogan without asking any citizens for their opinion on doing so is a disgrace and major waste of tax payer money. On top of that, they came up with a horrible slogan ("Bristol is..." really?) a group of 10-years-olds with 5 minutes to make a slogan could make.

8/31/2017 9:45 AM



Spending \$75,000 of tax payer's money on the creation of a local slogan that the locals had no input is completely absurd. Next time, hold a competition where everyone from the city can submit and vote on a slogan, and the winners receive a cash prize that is fractional to \$75,000. Please spend our money wisely.

8/30/2017 10:38 PM



The new slogan is a waste of tax money.

8/30/2017 1:00 PM



This survey was rather poorly made. It is clearly biased towards retired and elderly people. A large part of Bristol's youth wish to leave Bristol solely because the government here ignores certain demographics to appeal to people who don't even contribute to the community. I suggest focusing on modern ideas such as faster internet and promotion of new developments like electric cars. The Pinnacle was a very big step in the right direction.

8/30/2017 11:26 AM



We need cultural diversity. More diverse food shops.

8/30/2017 10:44 AM



The new slogan was a waste of money, let local people decide on trivial things like that. Renovating the swimming pool was also a waste of money.

8/30/2017 10:44 AM



Mainly, Bristol should have more things to do.

8/30/2017 10:43 AM



We need a Downtown parking garage due to the growth we are experiencing.

8/29/2017 5:46 PM



Thank you for soliciting the input of citizens!

8/27/2017 8:39 PM



I love Bristol. We need to help our citizens have more opportunities to have their students in preschools and help parents find better jobs to support their families.

8/27/2017 5:11 PM



Swimming pool at Slater for seniors to do laps. Small parks in neighborhoods, esp equipment for toddlers. Wholesome activities for kids and teenagers - small recreation centers scattered throughout Bristol; revise roller skating rink or create new one; indoor swimming pool, etc.

8/26/2017 11:48 PM



Preserve and promote more natural environments. Stop paying for and exposing us to poisons like Roundup and Fluoride (study the current research on the cancers these substances cause) Stop paying to pave over more green areas and instead promote or FORCE the upgrade and usage of existing, abandoned or empty buildings/paved parking areas.

8/25/2017 11:28 AM



None

8/25/2017 9:15 AM



Hope comprehensive plan builds in a community review every 3 - 5 years and measurements to know when a new planning process is needed.

8/24/2017 10:31 PM



Economic development is key to our communities future.

8/24/2017 10:28 PM



n/a

8/24/2017 2:37 PM



Our city schools are in terrible shape. Band-aids have been administered far too long and more new schools are needed as the older ones are just too out-dated, it's like trying to put a NASCAR engine in scooter, it just doesn't make sense.

8/23/2017 12:38 PM



Make Bristol a retirement destination.

8/23/2017 11:30 AM



Ban smoking downtown at event. I do not attend downtown events because of all of the smoking.

8/22/2017 8:37 PM



Bristol desperately needs to become a GREEN city. There should be more steps taken to make businesses, schools, and households environmentally viable. There should be mandatory recycling. Businesses, such as banks, throw countless sheets of paper away daily. Schools need to have recycling for paper, bottles, cardboard products. Also, Bristol needs to have a recycling center for plastic #5! We are so behind. Let's catch up with other cities!!!!

8/22/2017 8:14 PM



Jesus back in our society

8/22/2017 7:47 PM



Much has been done to improve school buildings; however, the needs are still great. I appreciate a comprehensive plan.

8/22/2017 7:34 PM



We would love to see more restaurants near the end of town on Volunteer Parkway.

8/22/2017 2:46 PM



This has been awesome! Please allow us (voting Bristol Citizens) to participate in these government decisions more often. This is easier than attending City Council Meetings which occur after I have worked from 7:30 - 9:30 through 2 jobs.

8/22/2017 2:27 PM



We must work on the PEOPLE of Bristol. We need to control the drug addiction problem first and foremost. We need to create jobs and give housing only to those who maintain a job. Without people who are willing to work and keep our environment and city clean and safe, none of this means anything. We have kids who are not fed, who are not safe, who can not read. All because we have adults who choose drugs and poverty over working. This must be the first priority of Bristol because without it, Bristol will become overrun with addicts and homeless.

8/22/2017 1:40 PM



We need more jobs!!! More industry for low and high skilled laborers!!!

8/22/2017 1:35 PM



We are in desperate need of a new aquatic center. Our city school buildings ie: THS and Vance middle are in poor condition. There is a lot to be said about the perception of the city you live in with how nice the school facilities are.

8/22/2017 12:54 PM



We need youth sports facilities. My son has been participating in sports since he was a small child and there have been very few opportunities in our city. Lots of opportunity in JC and Kingsport and Knoxville..

8/22/2017 12:44 PM



I really feel that the city has a long-standing obsession with keeping taxes low to the point of hurting infrastructure upkeep and access to services. I understand that's what a lot of voters want in order to keep their own payments low (I don't blame city representatives for trying to focus on it either), but this makes it difficult for larger corporations to take the city seriously as a base for operations because the transportation options are so limited, businesses are so spread out, and there's no real commitment to large-scale walkability or even access. Essentially, we have a few nice places in town that are separated by a lot of space that's either undeveloped, underdeveloped, or actively deteriorating (what executive would be excited to go to Vance Middle School and envision their child attending school in that building?). Retail spaces and outdoor options are both fine, but putting all of our eggs into having a small number of walkable and accessible spaces while neglecting the issue of how we connect them seems like a problem. Similarly if I can't walk more than a few blocks from downtown without losing access to sidewalks, the idea of having a single community is unrealistic. The problem with access means that you almost always have to drive to an event or a location, so you have to be proactive about wanted to engage in the experiences provided. This prevents a single, cohesive community from forming. Instead, we end up with three basic communities: the middle to upper-middle class who go to downtown events and the Pinnacle, retirees who go to community events that they enjoy, and the ever-shifting number of former blue-collar workers who have to move between scraping by and unemployment as they are continually left further behind by a lack of access and opportunities.

8/22/2017 12:38 PM



Increasing Drug availability and use and aging/unkept school buildings are a huge negative impact to our city's growth.

8/22/2017 12:26 PM



Glad to have participated in this process. Would love to receive further invites in the future.

8/22/2017 12:24 PM

We must focus on attracting industry and helping folks earn a living wage - we also have to get a handle on the transient issue of our downtown - those folks can hinder progress and tourism - I desire to equip them NOT enable them!!!!

8/22/2017 12:16 PM

I love my community but I do not feel safe near the VA AVE food city. We have an opus epidemic and it needs to be quickly addressed.,

8/22/2017 12:13 PM

Desperately need to work on school facilities- especially to build a new Vance.

8/22/2017 12:06 PM

A better partnership with schools to try and keep the good students here instead of them leaving.

8/22/2017 11:56 AM

Empty commercial sites need to be redeveloped and revitalized before more are built. The empty building along with houses that are empty and need to be condemned are eyesores and need addressing.

8/22/2017 11:56 AM

I love the idea of using the track as a venue for larger events. I thought the concert last year, before the football game, was great! Would love to see some more big names in concert here in our hometown.

8/22/2017 11:49 AM

I would like to say thank you to our city leaders for what they have already done. We have finally had growth.

8/21/2017 2:49 PM



Recycling. I believe that both sides of town need to improve and offer more recycling options. It should be collected like trash. Also glass services need to be offered. Recycling is still important to the future. It's embarrassing that Bristol does not recycle in downtown, neighborhoods or at events.

8/20/2017 11:34 AM



none

8/19/2017 4:09 AM



As a business owner and resident downtown, I'd like to see more focus on it. I believe it's one of the biggest attractions here. Why not treat it that way? Go to downtown Greenville SC, or Pearl Street in Boulder Colorado. Look at Market Square in Knoxville or Smaller cities like Asheville. There's a lot that could be done downtown, but it lacks vision and thinking outside of the box. It also requires funding and willingness to work together even though Bristol, Va has dropped the ball. This past year I've seen more separation on State Street when it comes to the Twin Cities. Businesses downtown shouldn't be punished because of the incompetence of the Bristol Va council. That's not being good neighbors. Need an example, look at the "Bristol Is" slogan and how Va businesses can't use it.

8/18/2017 11:30 PM



I feel the main thoroughfare downtown (State Street) is closed too frequently.

8/18/2017 11:02 PM



N/a

8/18/2017 8:03 PM



Get some major development and job opportunities going asap Let people know how they can help

8/18/2017 7:25 PM



If we do not focus on bringing better jobs, then we can support the other areas of development.

8/18/2017 7:20 PM



I would love to see more industry to create jobs, such as an automotive factory.

8/18/2017 6:42 PM



Our \$70,000 to \$100,000 paying jobs have moved out of the region. We need to attract more employers who pay this level of income, but keep the cost of living stable.

8/18/2017 5:22 PM



It's time to start the Whole country music deal to our advantage. We have nothing going on outside of Rhythm and Roots. We should have music going on everywhere. This could be little Nashville.

8/18/2017 3:12 PM



Tourism is extremely important to Bristol. Unlike our counterparts in Johnson City, Kingsport, and Abingdon, Bristol has two unique tourism opportunities with Bristol Motor Speedway and the Birthplace of Country Music. No other town in a 200 mile radius has this type of built in tourism draw. A percentage of lodging tax should be allocated to tourism, not just a flat rate. Tourism continues to increase in Bristol, and it will have the largest and fastest return of investment through Sales Tax collections. If more is invested into tourism and marketing efforts of the city, then Bristol will continue to grow and expand, becoming a stronger leader in the region.

8/18/2017 3:02 PM



As someone who goes downtown mostly for work and not for fun, one of the biggest deterrents to enjoying the city is the amount of homeless who sit on the streets begging for cash or those who loiter and make things uncomfortable. As a female, I never feel safe walking down state street to get coffee from Blackbird. I always feel like I have to rush from the office to the cafe in order to not be asked for cash or catcalled. Maybe it's just me, I don't know... but I would enjoy the downtown area much more if that were not the case. I will say that it's at least not as bad as downtown Johnson City- I almost feel like JC is worse.

8/18/2017 2:51 PM



Expand the area between TN high and Vance middle school. Vance needs more parking on the southside and access for students, teachers, and parents. As a home owner in this area, it is long past time for the city to take my property and the others for this purpose. We are held captive as it is by what is by the normal activities of these . They need the space and we need assistance in moving.

8/17/2017 9:25 PM



It's too difficult to get across Bristol from East to West! And I really hope the Amtrak link develops.

8/17/2017 6:30 PM



I have been very impressed with the good work of the City of Bristol, TN in terms of economic development and downtown revitalization. I appreciate the active engagement of the community through surveys like this and the event you hosted at the Slater Center. There are many ways to improve and ideas to build on. From my view as a 31 year old native of Bristol, the biggest challenge is to develop and retain an educated and trained workforce. If we don't, it will be increasingly difficult to keep young people in town for the long term. We need to focus on fostering investment in initiatives that create jobs that are attractive but realistic (and good paying) for those of us who want to stay here but at the moment don't have a lot of career options. I would love to see the City partner with THS, Northeast State, and local welders, contractors, factories, etc. to develop an apprenticeship program that would a) provide a steady stream of qualified individuals for companies to hire and b) give young people more job opportunities. Thanks for all you do. -C.M. 829 Taylor Street

8/17/2017 11:49 AM



I have seen these come, and then fade away when people didn't answer the way the city planners wanted them to. I hope this time is different. A small downtown grocery would be nice. But mainly getting more people downtown without more car congestion.

8/17/2017 11:41 AM



Bristol has not been my home for very long, but I couldn't be happier than I am now that I do live here. It is a wonderful city and a great place for me to raise my children.

8/17/2017 11:09 AM

Asking for a specific number of "checks" for a particular question/category skews the survey. I only checked the ones of importance to me.

8/16/2017 5:17 PM

overall it is a great place to live

8/16/2017 4:01 PM

Great survey

8/15/2017 8:38 AM

Thank you

8/15/2017 8:11 AM

No

8/14/2017 5:53 PM

Downtown sidewalk- using each sidewalk section to create "walk of fame" but instead of a star use the sidewalk as an actual story "sidewalk story board" starting with the sessions and going up through history as you walk (maybe with a bluetooth headset telling the backstories!) and can be added to by future generations. It is two fold one people will stop to look at the story board section and spend more time in front of the individual stores which could increase foot traffic. Every addition could be a town event...

8/11/2017 2:59 PM

Not at the moment

8/11/2017 6:45 AM



N/a

8/10/2017 11:41 PM



There have been plans for a long time to widen the 421 down Pennsylvania Ave to Virginia Ave. I think most residents here would prefer for that to not happen as it would decrease the quality of life in one of the city's oldest neighborhoods, and decrease property values.

8/10/2017 9:38 PM



Love Bristol. My hometown!

8/10/2017 6:55 PM



Bristol has a great deal of potential, however, the people there will have to pull their heads out of their rear ends and start to realize it. ;>

8/10/2017 6:18 PM



Promote educational opportunities for young people and sell the cultural and natural beauty of Bristol with the entertainment and historical amenities I

8/10/2017 5:00 PM



I think the City does a wonderful job offering community events, but unfortunately I seem to find out about them AFTER the event. I'm subscribed to the City Voice and the City's Facebook page but I still seem to miss out on events. Advertisements of events could be better.

8/10/2017 4:21 PM



Economic Development should bring in bigger companys that paid more. Give tax breaks to small companies.

8/10/2017 3:33 PM

no

8/10/2017 10:34 AM

Love the concept of using BMS for major events. Concert venue being the #1.

8/10/2017 9:17 AM

Keep up the good work. Viewed a great presentation a few weeks ago, but the video was too long....shorter clips would be great promotional series for social media.

8/10/2017 2:34 AM

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8/9/2017 9:00 PM

I would love to see Bristol connected to cities outside our region via Amtrak. I would love to see more parking and activities downtown. There is a desperate need for updates to the aging schools in the community.

8/9/2017 7:51 PM

None

8/9/2017 7:15 PM

Expand neighborhood watch to promote community awareness and safety. Have more events with law enforcement, fire department, etc to maintain unity.

8/9/2017 5:20 PM

Clean up and promote all of Bristol not just the Pinnacle and downtown.

8/9/2017 4:15 PM



Bristol needs manufacturing jobs and to stop promoting jobs that are min wage\tip based. Cannot create wealth and healthy growth swapping tips.

8/9/2017 3:50 PM



No

8/9/2017 3:44 PM



No

8/9/2017 3:35 PM



Jobs!....Good jobs....not just minimum wage retail jobs. This city needs outside industry here to bring in higher paying jobs to keep our young people here.

8/9/2017 3:35 PM



A regional promotion should be secondary to expanding and upgrading the needs inside the city of Bristol.

8/9/2017 3:33 PM



Please publicize these meetings better, create an email / text message list to let people know when they are, hold meetings at times and places convenient for working people.

8/6/2017 12:26 PM