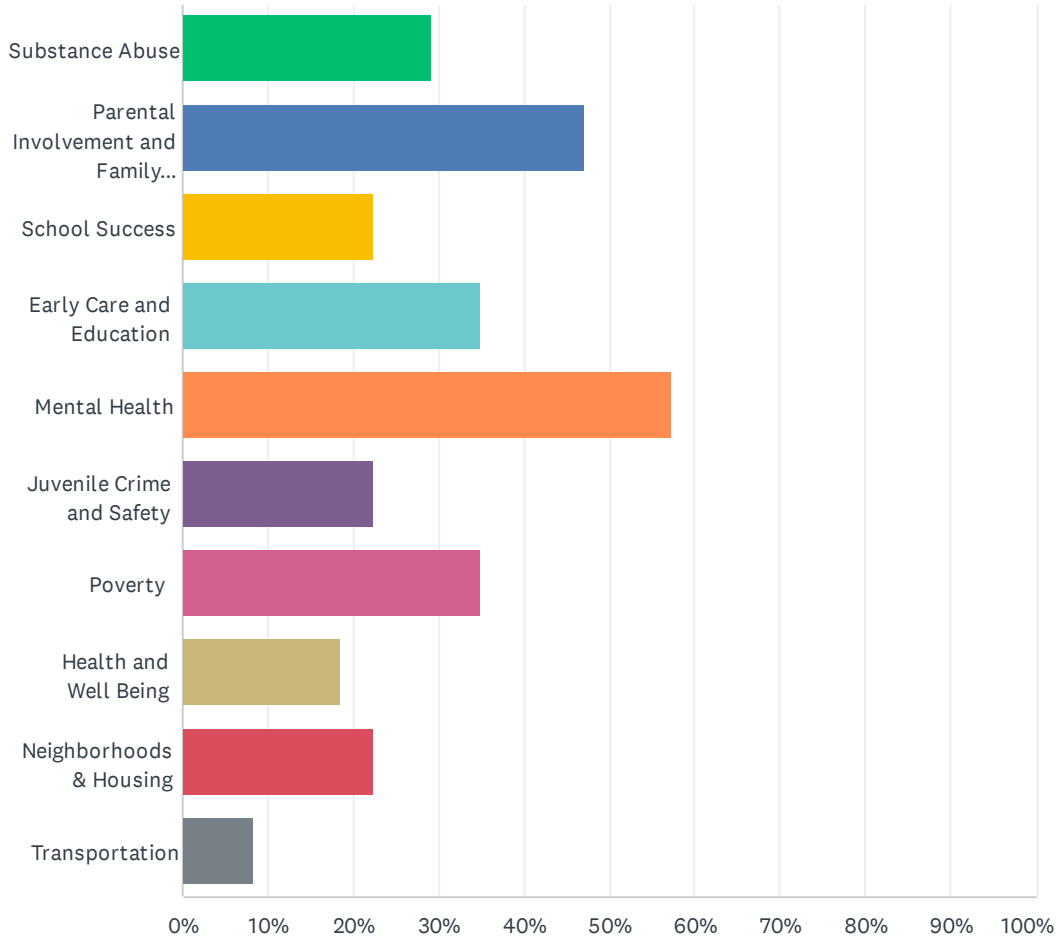


Q1 What are the TOP THREE (3) issues affecting children and families in Jefferson County? Check three from the list below.

Answered: 157 Skipped: 0



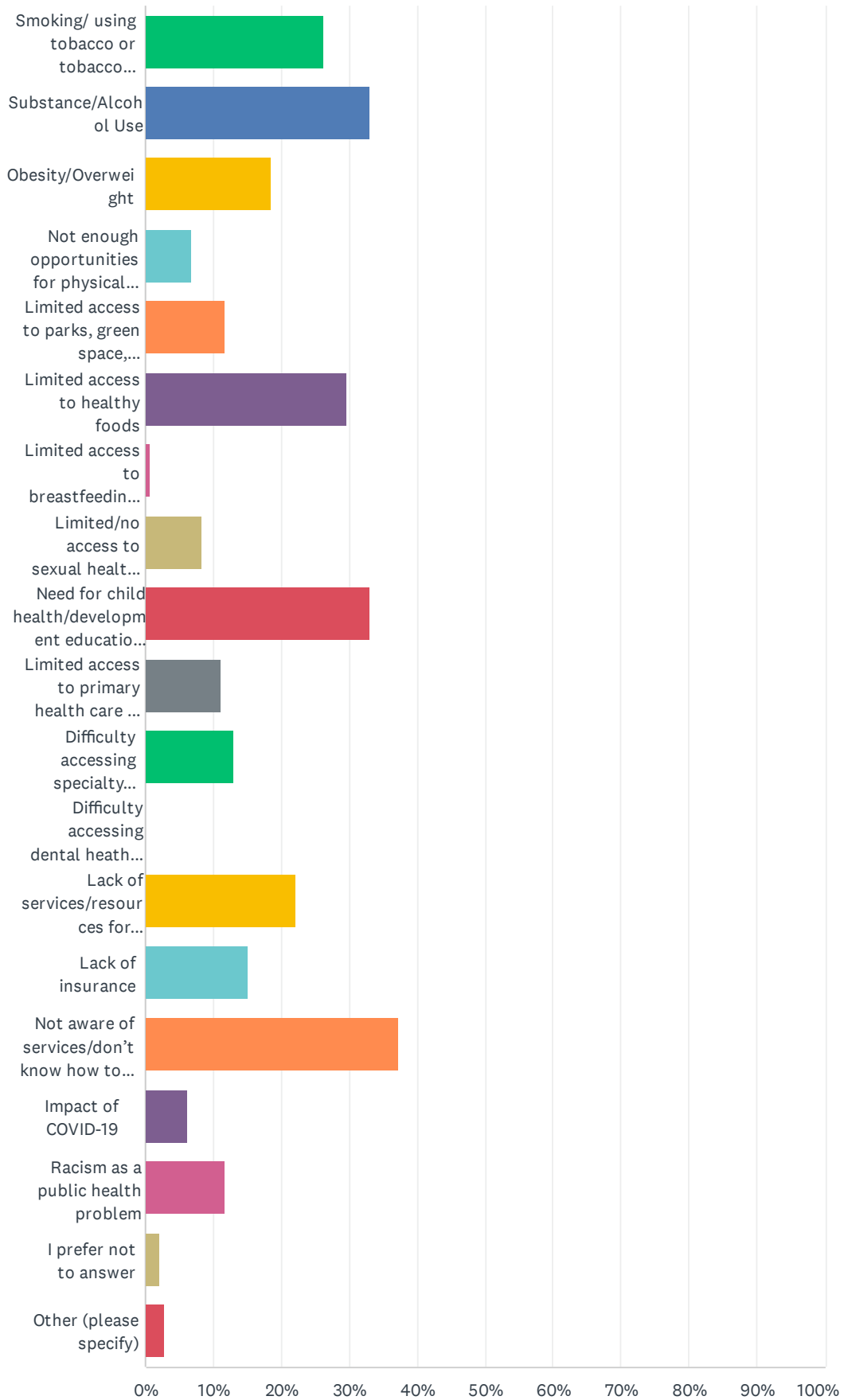
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Substance Abuse	29.30%	46
Parental Involvement and Family Engagement	47.13%	74
School Success	22.29%	35
Early Care and Education	35.03%	55
Mental Health	57.32%	90
Juvenile Crime and Safety	22.29%	35
Poverty	35.03%	55
Health and Well Being	18.47%	29
Neighborhoods & Housing	22.29%	35
Transportation	8.28%	13
Total Respondents: 157		

Q2 Health and Well Being: Please check your TOP THREE issues or concerns related to the health and well being of children in Jefferson County.

Answered: 145 Skipped: 12

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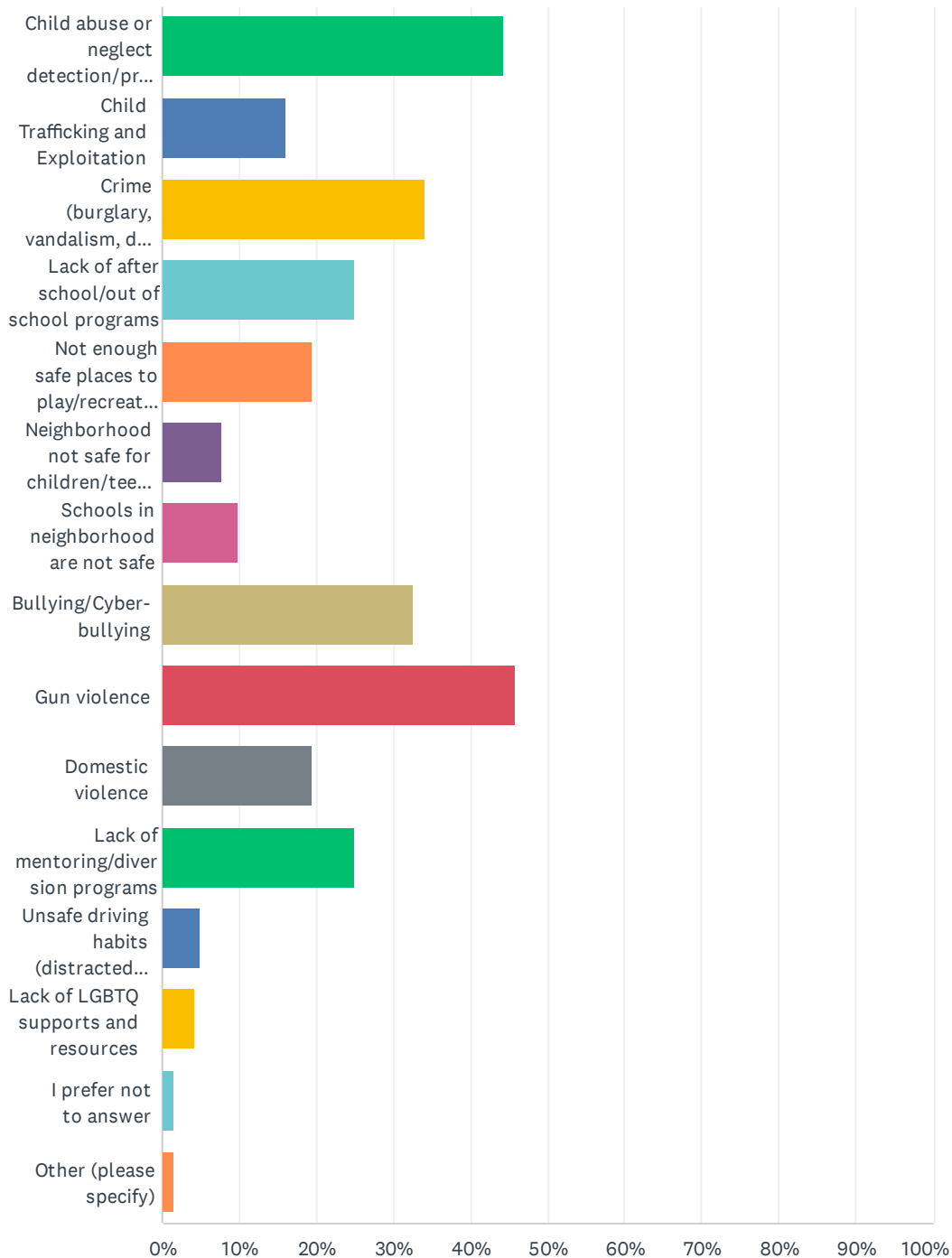
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Smoking/ using tobacco or tobacco products (cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, vaping, dipping, chewing)	26.21%	38
Substance/Alcohol Use	33.10%	48
Obesity/Overweight	18.62%	27
Not enough opportunities for physical activity	6.90%	10
Limited access to parks, green space, sidewalks, playgrounds, walking/bike paths, etc. (built environment)	11.72%	17
Limited access to healthy foods	29.66%	43
Limited access to breastfeeding support and education	0.69%	1
Limited/no access to sexual health education	8.28%	12
Need for child health/development education for parents	33.10%	48
Limited access to primary health care (a place for regular check-ups, immunizations, and sick visits)	11.03%	16
Difficulty accessing specialty health care services	13.10%	19
Difficulty accessing dental health services	0.00%	0
Lack of services/resources for children/teens with disabilities/special needs	22.07%	32
Lack of insurance	15.17%	22
Not aware of services/don't know how to navigate the system	37.24%	54
Impact of COVID-19	6.21%	9
Racism as a public health problem	11.72%	17
I prefer not to answer	2.07%	3
Other (please specify)	2.76%	4
Total Respondents: 145		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	limited access and affordability to child care	5/8/2024 3:36 PM
2	abuse	4/11/2024 9:59 AM
3	Lack of freedom from gun and other domestic and community violence	4/5/2024 9:13 AM
4	mental health supports in schools	4/5/2024 9:08 AM

Q3 Juvenile Crime and Safety: Please select TOP THREE (3) issues that you think are the biggest issues or concerns related to the juvenile crime and safety of children in Jefferson County.

Answered: 144 Skipped: 13



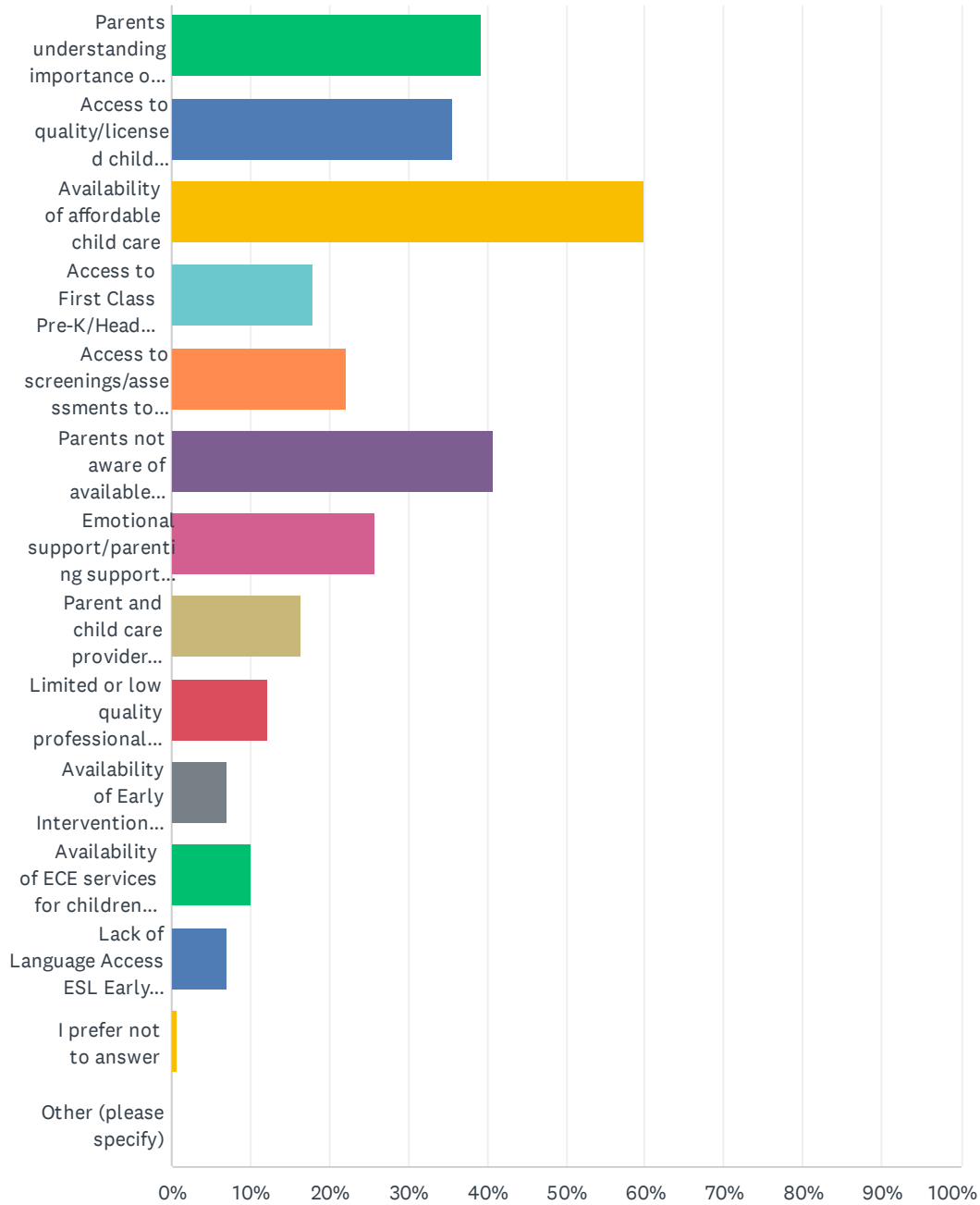
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Child abuse or neglect detection/prevention	44.44%	64
Child Trafficking and Exploitation	15.97%	23
Crime (burglary, vandalism, drug dealing, street violence)	34.03%	49
Lack of after school/out of school programs	25.00%	36
Not enough safe places to play/recreational programs	19.44%	28
Neighborhood not safe for children/teens to walk to/from school	7.64%	11
Schools in neighborhood are not safe	9.72%	14
Bullying/Cyber-bullying	32.64%	47
Gun violence	45.83%	66
Domestic violence	19.44%	28
Lack of mentoring/diversion programs	25.00%	36
Unsafe driving habits (distracted driving, speeding, texting/cell phone use, not wearing seat belt)	4.86%	7
Lack of LGBTQ supports and resources	4.17%	6
I prefer not to answer	1.39%	2
Other (please specify)	1.39%	2
Total Respondents: 144		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	not enough consequences for behavior and/or actions, especially in the schools. Teachers are punished before students.	5/8/2024 3:38 PM
2	parental support in getting kids to and from programs- parents stress/transportation/financial situations	4/5/2024 9:09 AM

Q4 Early Care and Early Childhood Education: Please select TOP THREE (3) issues that you think are the biggest issues or concerns related to the early care and early childhood education of infants and young children in Jefferson County.

Answered: 140 Skipped: 17



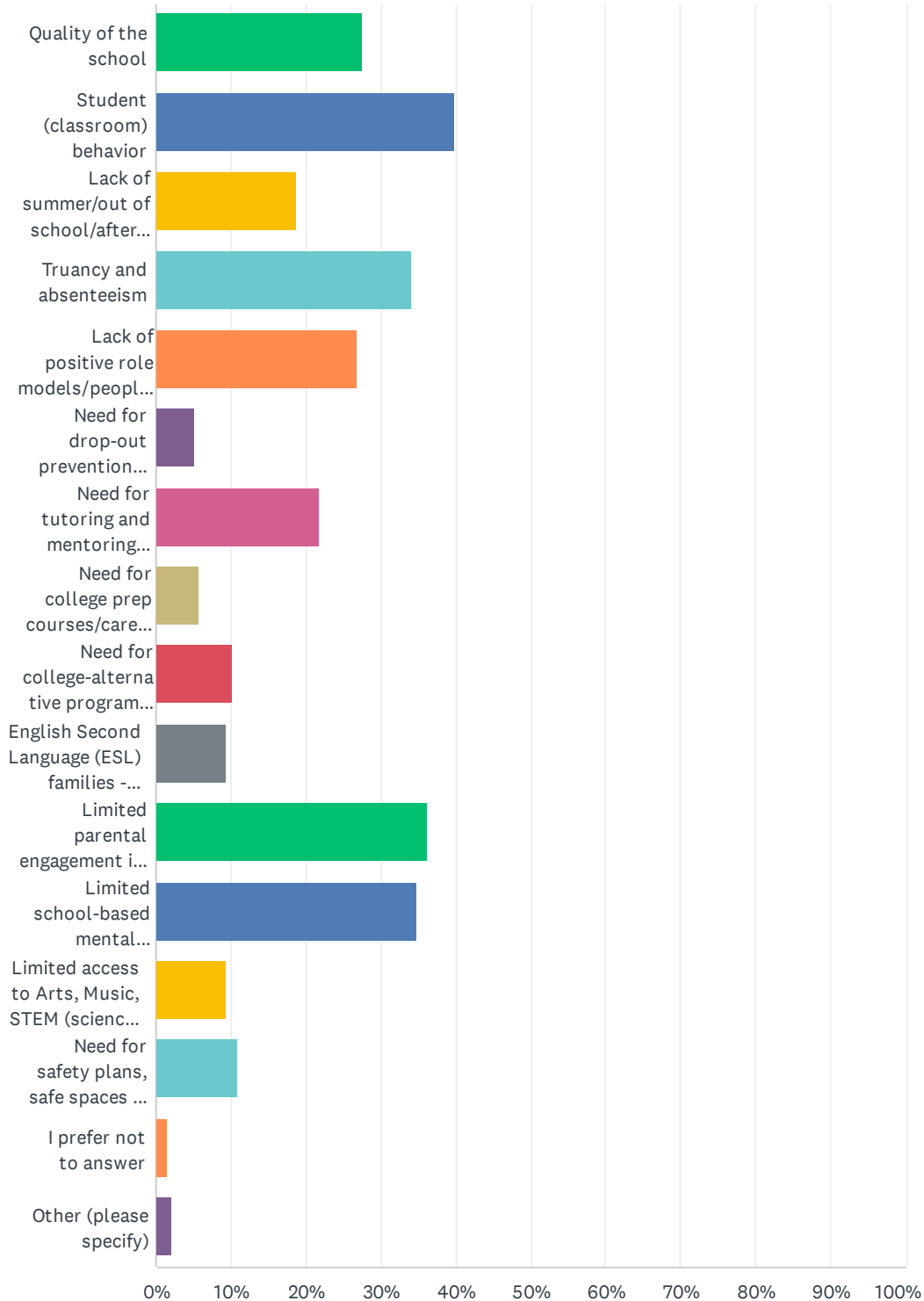
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Parents understanding importance of reading to their children birth to 5	39.29%	55
Access to quality/licensed child care/family care	35.71%	50
Availability of affordable child care	60.00%	84
Access to First Class Pre-K/Head Start programs	17.86%	25
Access to screenings/assessments to identify problems early (health, mental health/emotional well-being, and developmental)	22.14%	31
Parents not aware of available services and programs or don't know how to apply for them	40.71%	57
Emotional support/parenting support programs and resources for parents	25.71%	36
Parent and child care provider education re: food and nutrition, particularly with limited budgets	16.43%	23
Limited or low quality professional development for child care providers/early education teachers	12.14%	17
Availability of Early Intervention/Home Visitation Services	7.14%	10
Availability of ECE services for children with special needs birth to 5	10.00%	14
Lack of Language Access ESL Early education services/child care	7.14%	10
I prefer not to answer	0.71%	1
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 140		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q5 School Success: Please select TOP THREE (3) issues that you think are the biggest issues or concerns related to school success of children and youth in Jefferson County.

Answered: 138 Skipped: 19



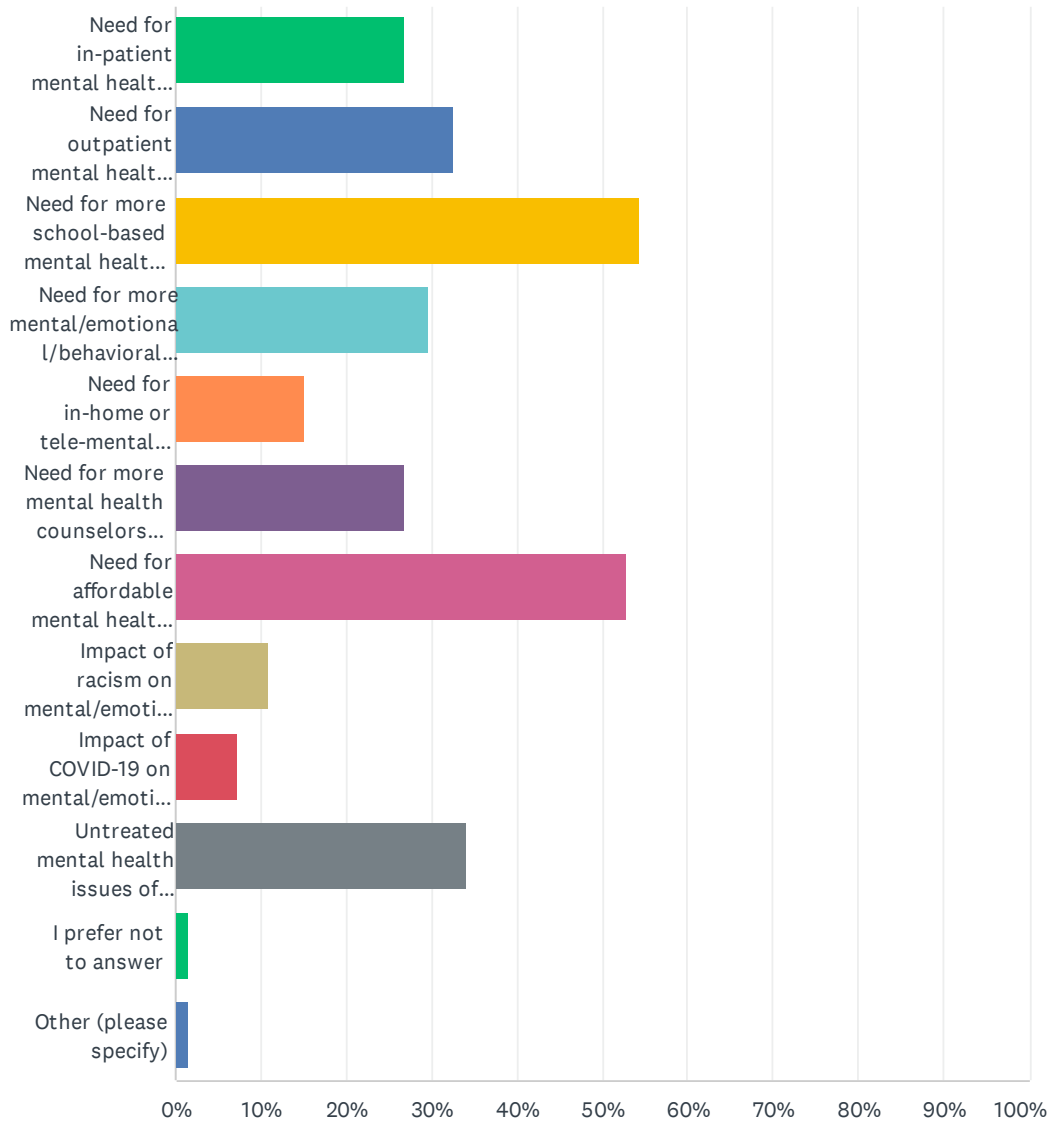
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Quality of the school	27.54% 38
Student (classroom) behavior	39.86% 55
Lack of summer/out of school/after school care and activities	18.84% 26
Truancy and absenteeism	34.06% 47
Lack of positive role models/people for children/youth to look up to	26.81% 37
Need for drop-out prevention programs	5.07% 7
Need for tutoring and mentoring programs	21.74% 30
Need for college prep courses/career planning programs	5.80% 8
Need for college-alternative programs (vocational school, technical programs, job training)	10.14% 14
English Second Language (ESL) families - difficulty helping with homework, reading and writing in English, etc.	9.42% 13
Limited parental engagement in school activities (homework, clubs, events)	36.23% 50
Limited school-based mental health/behavioral health supports and resources	34.78% 48
Limited access to Arts, Music, STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) programs and resources	9.42% 13
Need for safety plans, safe spaces and supports within schools for vulnerable children/teens (LGBTQ, ESL, special needs, other)	10.87% 15
I prefer not to answer	1.45% 2
Other (please specify)	2.17% 3
Total Respondents: 138	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	We need more preventative programming and staff (school counselors with correct ratio of 250 students to one counselor), but we also need resources like this all year for school aged children. I'm an elementary counselor in a well to do district and have never had this many students in crisis with mental health needs, but I am pulled to run testing and I need to teach preventative lesson too. I can only be in one place at a time.	4/7/2024 11:17 AM
2	help for EL families	4/5/2024 10:43 AM
3	segregation	4/5/2024 9:28 AM

Q6 Select the TOP THREE (3) issues pertaining to Mental Health affecting children and families in Jefferson County.

Answered: 138 Skipped: 19



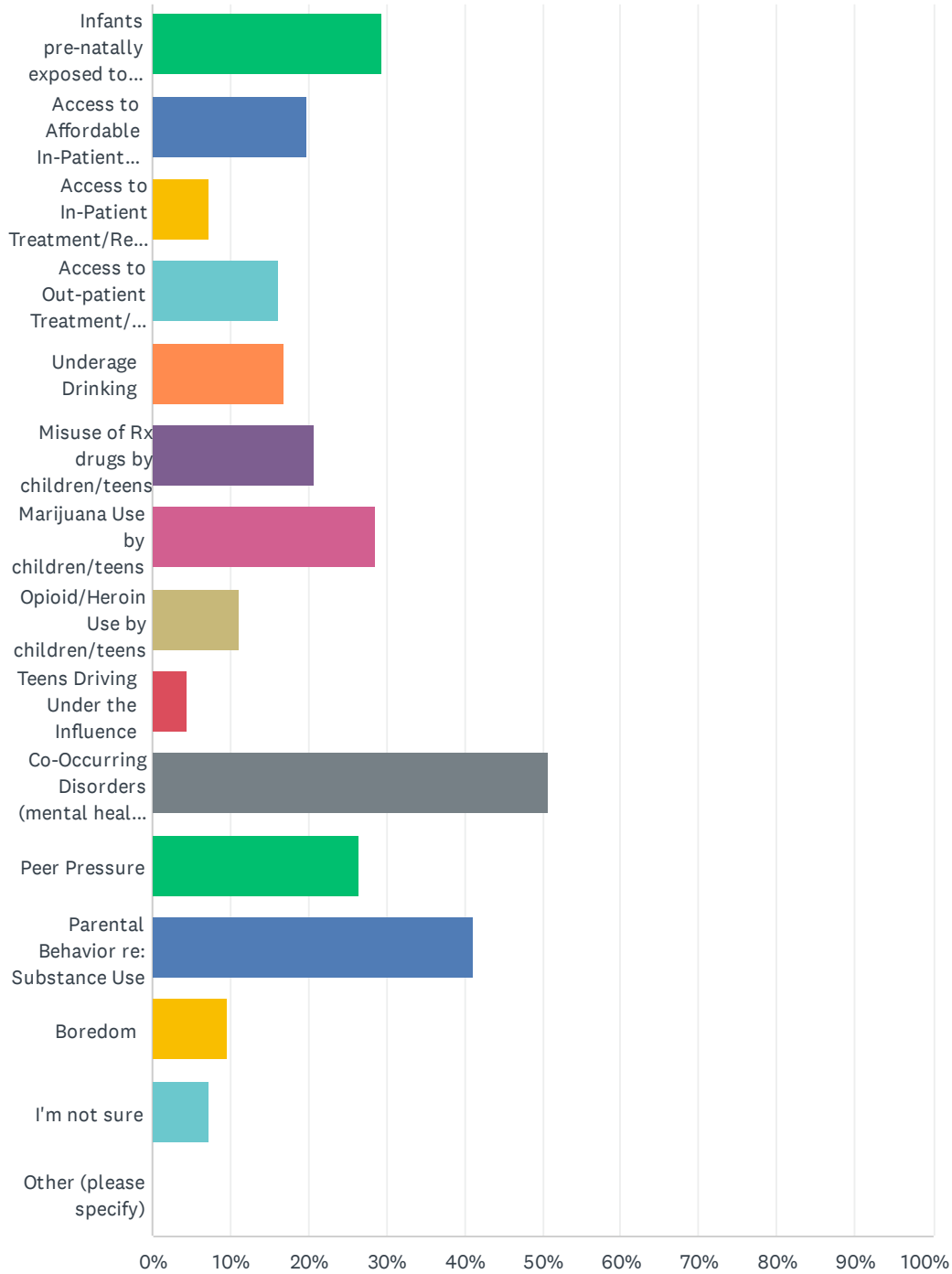
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Need for in-patient mental health services for all ages	26.81%	37
Need for outpatient mental health services for all ages	32.61%	45
Need for more school-based mental health services	54.35%	75
Need for more mental/emotional/behavioral health services for children birth to 8 years	29.71%	41
Need for in-home or tele-mental health services for children and families	15.22%	21
Need for more mental health counselors trained in trauma-based therapies	26.81%	37
Need for affordable mental health services, access regardless of income	52.90%	73
Impact of racism on mental/emotional/behavioral health	10.87%	15
Impact of COVID-19 on mental/emotional/behavioral health	7.25%	10
Untreated mental health issues of parents/family members	34.06%	47
I prefer not to answer	1.45%	2
Other (please specify)	1.45%	2
Total Respondents: 138		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	not enough bilingual mental health professionals	5/14/2024 10:43 AM
2	Need more resources as parents to identify mental health issues in children before it becomes catastrophic.	4/8/2024 12:01 PM

Q7 Select the TOP THREE (3) issues pertaining to Substance Abuse affecting children and families in Jefferson County.

Answered: 136 Skipped: 21



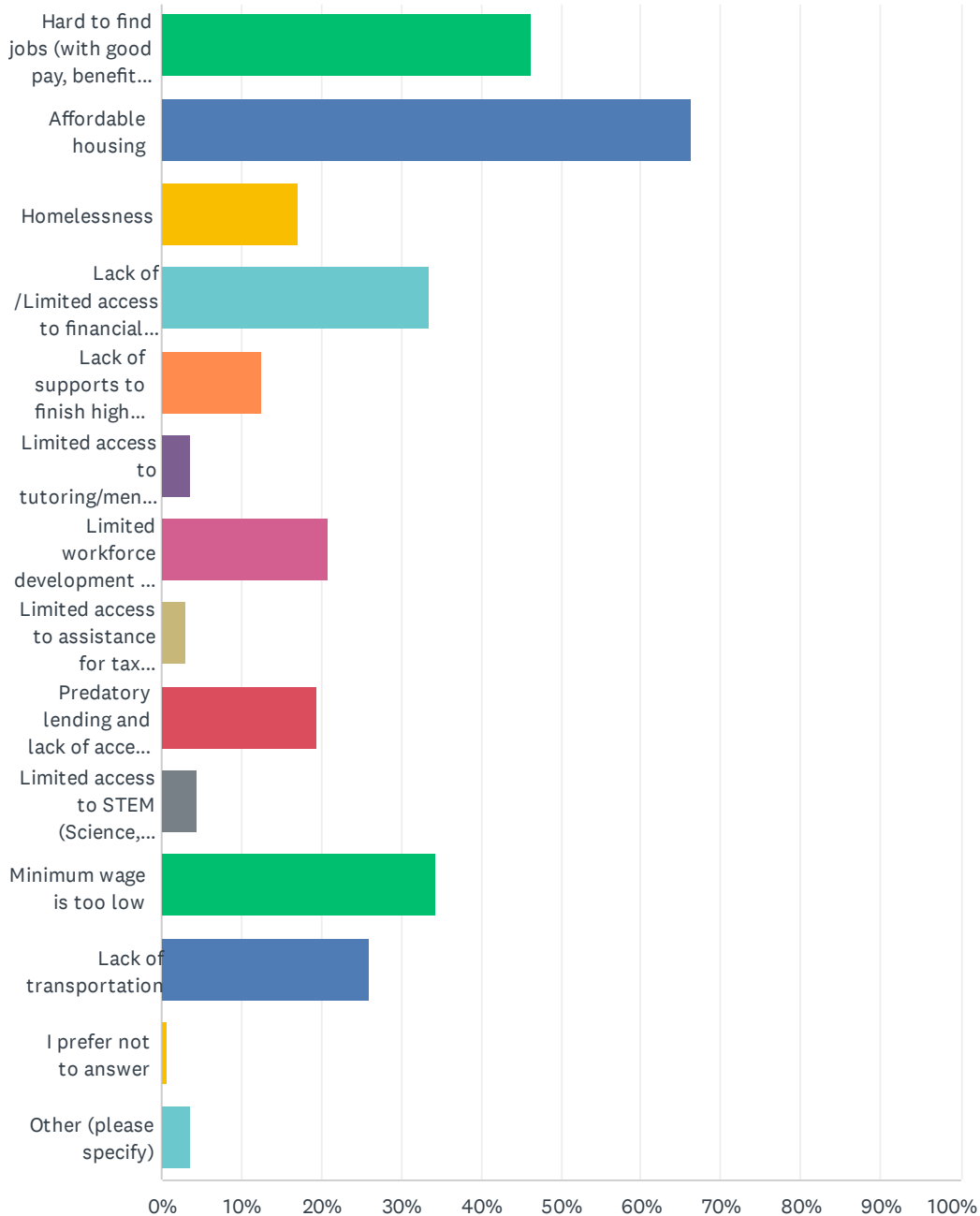
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Infants pre-natally exposed to substances	29.41%	40
Access to Affordable In-Patient Treatment/Recovery Services for children/teens	19.85%	27
Access to In-Patient Treatment/Recovery Services for Mothers and their Babies staying together	7.35%	10
Access to Out-patient Treatment/ Recovery services for children/teens	16.18%	22
Underage Drinking	16.91%	23
Misuse of Rx drugs by children/teens	20.59%	28
Marijuana Use by children/teens	28.68%	39
Opioid/Heroin Use by children/teens	11.03%	15
Teens Driving Under the Influence	4.41%	6
Co-Occurring Disorders (mental health, depression, anxiety, trauma/PTSD, ACE)	50.74%	69
Peer Pressure	26.47%	36
Parental Behavior re: Substance Use	41.18%	56
Boredom	9.56%	13
I'm not sure	7.35%	10
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 136		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q8 Poverty: Please select THREE TOP (3) issues that you think are the biggest issues or concerns related to the Economic Security of children and families in Jefferson County.

Answered: 134 Skipped: 23



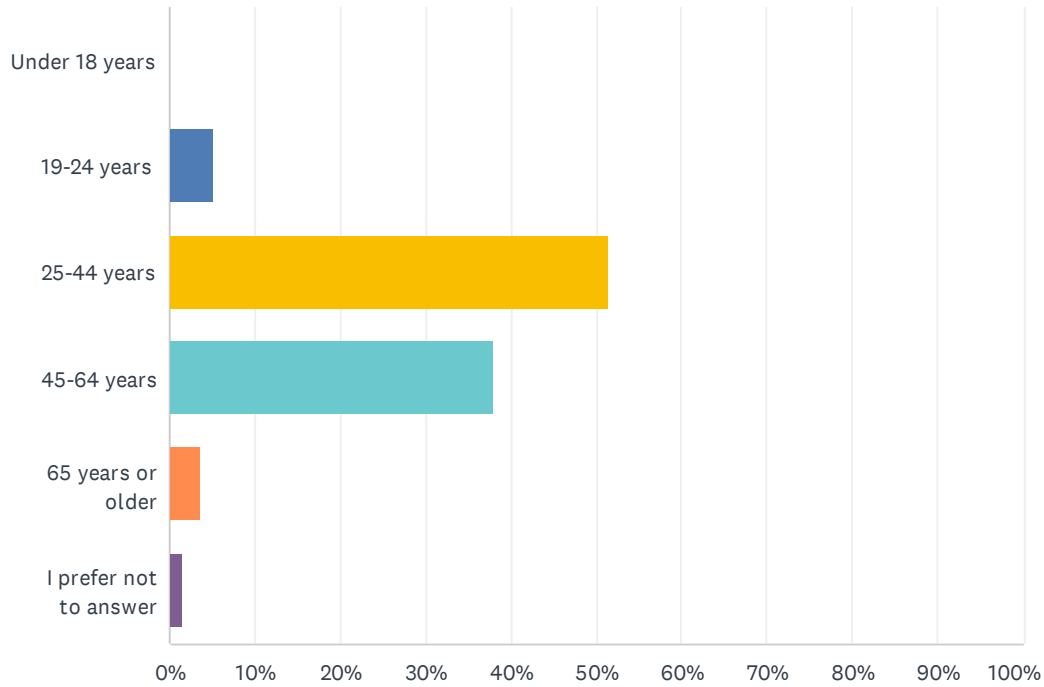
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Hard to find jobs (with good pay, benefits, etc.)	46.27%	62
Affordable housing	66.42%	89
Homelessness	17.16%	23
Lack of /Limited access to financial literacy/budgeting skills programs	33.58%	45
Lack of supports to finish high school or get a GED	12.69%	17
Limited access to tutoring/mentoring	3.73%	5
Limited workforce development for high skilled jobs	20.90%	28
Limited access to assistance for tax filing/tax credit education	2.99%	4
Predatory lending and lack of access to credit counseling services	19.40%	26
Limited access to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) programs/career development paths	4.48%	6
Minimum wage is too low	34.33%	46
Lack of transportation	26.12%	35
I prefer not to answer	0.75%	1
Other (please specify)	3.73%	5
Total Respondents: 134		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	limited opportunities because of legal status	5/14/2024 10:44 AM
2	Poor childcare resources for working parents	4/10/2024 11:11 AM
3	Not wanting to work	4/8/2024 1:22 PM
4	structural racism causing socioeconomic segregation	4/5/2024 9:30 AM
5	People don't want to work	4/5/2024 7:57 AM

Q9 What is your age?

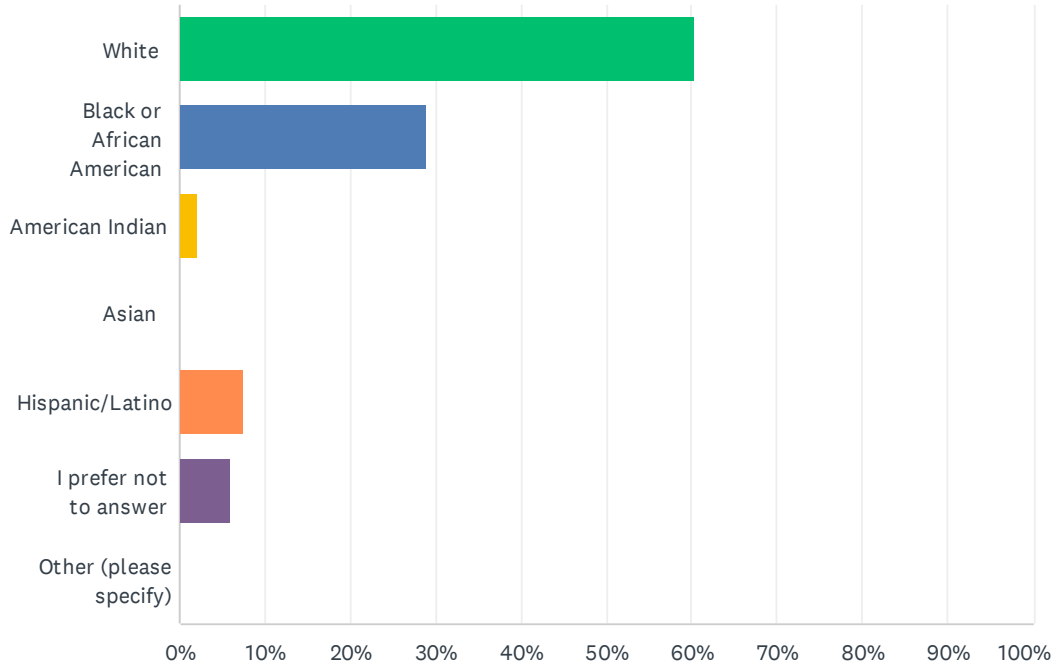
Answered: 134 Skipped: 23



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18 years	0.00%	0
19-24 years	5.22%	7
25-44 years	51.49%	69
45-64 years	38.06%	51
65 years or older	3.73%	5
I prefer not to answer	1.49%	2
TOTAL		134

Q10 How would you describe your race and ethnicity? [Check all that apply]

Answered: 134 Skipped: 23



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
White	60.45%	81
Black or African American	29.10%	39
American Indian	2.24%	3
Asian	0.00%	0
Hispanic/Latino	7.46%	10
I prefer not to answer	5.97%	8
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 134		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q11 Is there anything else you'd like to add or share concerning unmet needs of children, youth, and families in Jefferson County?

Answered: 37 Skipped: 120

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No	6/5/2024 10:48 AM
2	There are not enough transitional living programs to house mothers with their children.	5/30/2024 2:39 PM
3	No	5/21/2024 10:54 AM
4	The children should always be put first in our community and also, we need more after school programs and fun age-related events to keep kids out of trouble and motivate them to do better things in life and making life choices.	5/21/2024 8:23 AM
5	N/a	5/20/2024 7:09 PM
6	No	5/20/2024 5:02 PM
7	No	5/15/2024 3:17 PM
8	We need more accessible services for Immigrants, Refugees, and Asylum Seekers.	5/13/2024 9:02 AM
9	Need for Affordable and accessible mental health services. Also lack of providers that are bilingual. Jefferson has a huge population of Hispanic and mental health services for Hispanic are limited and not accessible due to lack of health coverage.	5/10/2024 8:18 AM
10	No	5/6/2024 11:08 AM
11	na	5/6/2024 8:16 AM
12	n/a	5/5/2024 9:28 PM
13	no	4/11/2024 10:03 AM
14	We need more laws banning the sale of specific gas station drugs. Specifically, all the versions of Delta 9 cannabis, (Delta 6, 8, 10, 11, THC-O, THC-A etc.), phenibut, tianeptine, supplements labeled as, "Nootropic". All of these "natural, herbal, dietary supplements" are HIGHLY addictive and they are being advertised specifically to children (in various forms of candy, cookies, etc.) These substances should be banned and determined to be illegal substances.	4/9/2024 9:42 AM
15	Parents need to be involved in their child's life.	4/8/2024 2:54 PM
16	Access to quality pre-school is critical and everything layers on top of that.	4/8/2024 11:11 AM
17	Mental health services include so many things: preventative education in preschools and elementary schools through additional school counselors, education on childhood development, comprehensive programs for young families to support needs, especially those of: financial literacy, secure housing, education, quality child care, work, and managing stress. All children in every school need more support for developing skills to manage stress and upsets. Build resilient communities!	4/7/2024 11:28 AM
18	Add more Juvenile probation officers...woefully understaffed for the need especially as it relates to truancy	4/5/2024 2:33 PM
19	Need more access to professionals who can test for learning disabilities such as ADHD and Dyslexia. Currently, the waiting list just to get tested is typically 6 months.	4/5/2024 2:03 PM
20	We have to do BETTER!	4/5/2024 1:37 PM
21	Needed: access to screenings for autism - affordable and accessible for all, too many kiddos going unnoticed by pediatricians. Screenings for all children so they can get critical early intervention services. Need autism coaches in all counties for early intervention, more mental	4/5/2024 1:17 PM

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health supports in the schools. Parent substance abuse in all socio-economic communities- parental/caregiver substance abuse impacting children - neglect and behavior matching up with parent struggling with addiction

22	Mental health is a big issue even for little ones and it's affecting their school performance	4/5/2024 12:58 PM
23	No	4/5/2024 12:10 PM
24	I believe Jefferson County as a whole does a good job with trying to provide services for all children and families.	4/5/2024 12:09 PM
25	No	4/5/2024 11:08 AM
26	DHR needs more support!!	4/5/2024 10:48 AM
27	DHR and Foster care inadequacies	4/5/2024 10:43 AM
28	I am concerned with the response and lack of communication from the Department of Human Resources regarding neglect and abuse of children.	4/5/2024 10:17 AM
29	Socioeconomic integration of neighborhoods and schools is what should be discussed more.	4/5/2024 9:31 AM
30	The exponential growth in children and youth who are experiencing gun violence, its related trauma and life-long sequelae, especially in low-income African-American communities needs to be comprehensively addressed.	4/5/2024 9:23 AM
31	Until child care licensing makes standards higher across the board, low income families will continue to have limited access to quality care for littles	4/5/2024 9:08 AM
32	None at this time	4/5/2024 8:17 AM
33	Jefferson County is so incredibly diverse, and the gaps are wide, yet the common factors I see even in my job in Mountain Brook are the ACEs impacting youth/teen mental health which therefore contributes to the substance use and risky behaviors. We need to start addressing the root causes which affect all children and further the generation cycles (ACEs such as messy divorces, abuse/neglect, parent substance use, etc.) These things impact the high rates of truancy and absenteeism, which only compound the other concerns.	4/5/2024 8:17 AM
34	DHR needs more staffing and resources for children in all areas of Jefferson County including the more affluent areas. There are serious problems there as well.	4/5/2024 8:04 AM
35	Grants for childcare providers are needed in order to pay teachers what they need to survive.	4/5/2024 7:59 AM
36	NA	4/5/2024 7:51 AM
37	N/A	4/5/2024 4:09 AM