

Weld Comprehensive Plan Survey

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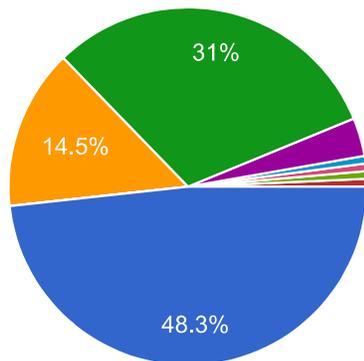
Demographic, Population and Housing

Maine Goals: No state goal specifically addresses population. But all other goals depend on an understanding of population and demographic data for the municipality and its region.

What is your residential status (to be a "resident" of a town, you must live within the Town of Weld for 6 months)

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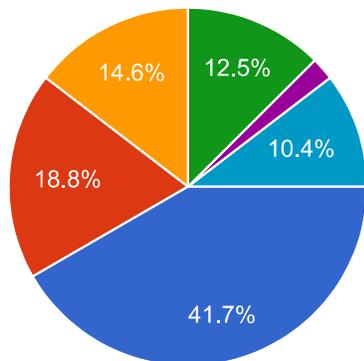


- Resident, property owner - year round
- Resident, renter - year round
- Seasonal resident, property o...
- Non-residential property owner
- Frequent visitor (family and fri...
- Visitor every year for a week
- I am a "seasonal" resident an...
- Seasonal/approximately 5 mo...
- Family burial plot and frequen...

This question is for residents only. If you are working, where is your job located?

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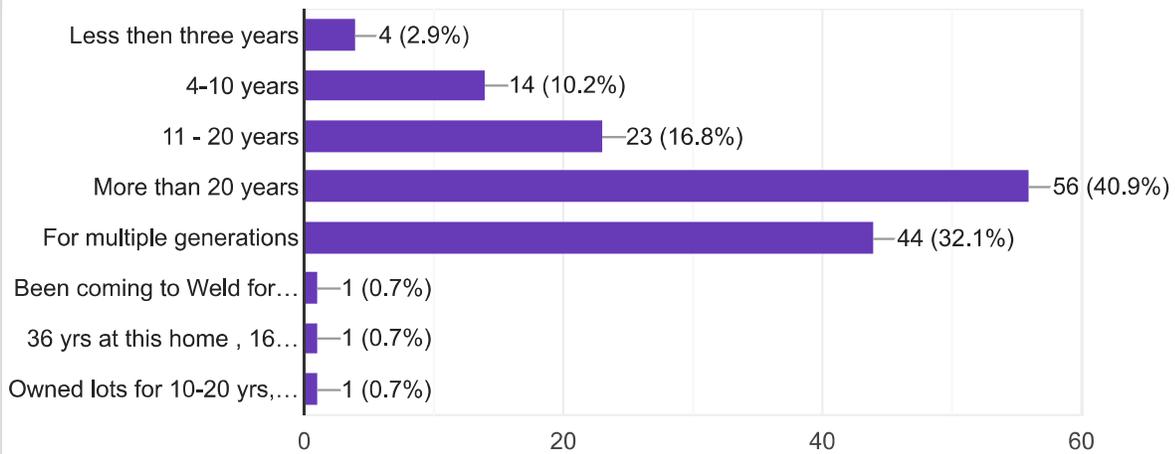
- At my residence in Weld
- At a business in Weld
- Outside of Weld within 30 minutes
- Outside of Weld within 60 minutes
- Outside of Weld greater than 60 minutes
- Outside of Maine



If you own real estate in Weld, how long have you owned it?



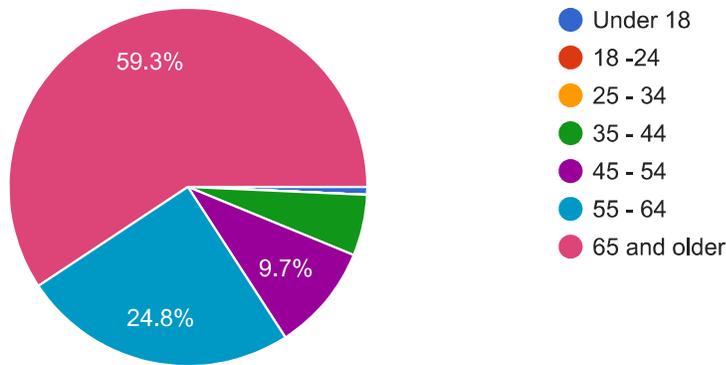
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What is the age of the person completing this survey?



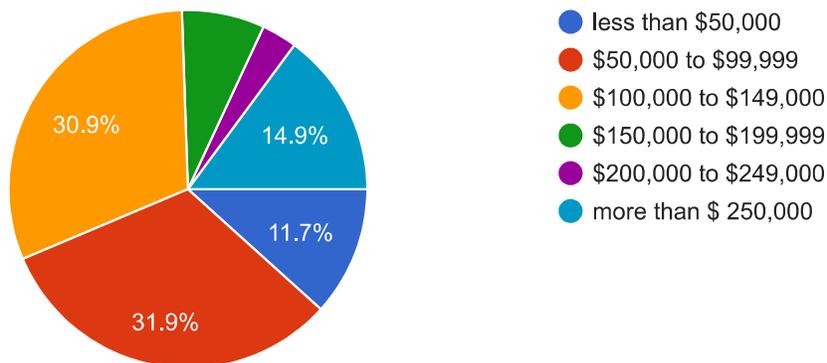
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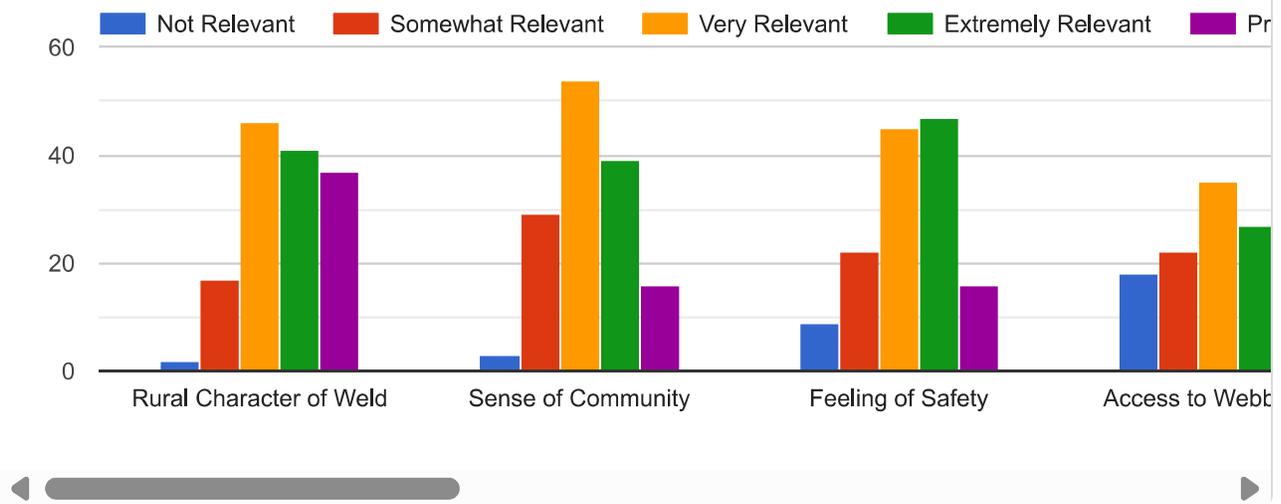
This question is optional - what amount best corresponds to your household's total annual income?



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Please indicate how the following community attributes influence your decision to move to, stay in, or visit Weld.

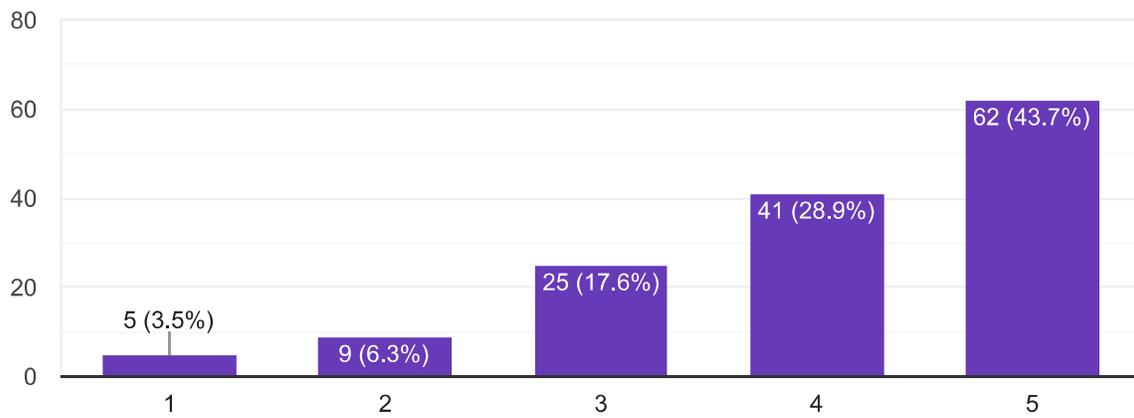


Water Resources

How would you rate the quality of your drinking water?



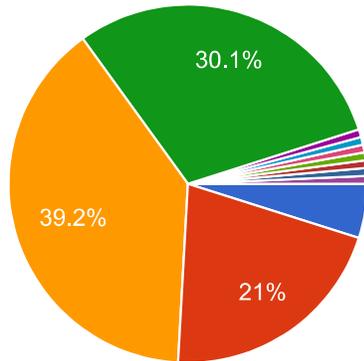
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What is your level of concern about water quality in local lakes, streams, or wetlands?



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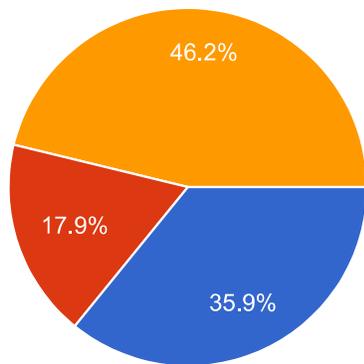
- Low - I think water quality is high
- Moderate - I think water quality is good
- Moderate - I think water quality is poor
- High - I am concerned about the future
- I have always appreciated the area
- We get our drinking water from a well
- We use the spring, so I would not be concerned
- While I am very concerned about water quality, I do not think it is a priority

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Do you own waterfront property?



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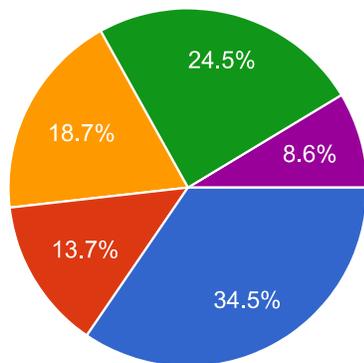


- Yes, seasonal
- Yes, year-round residence
- No

How old is your septic system?



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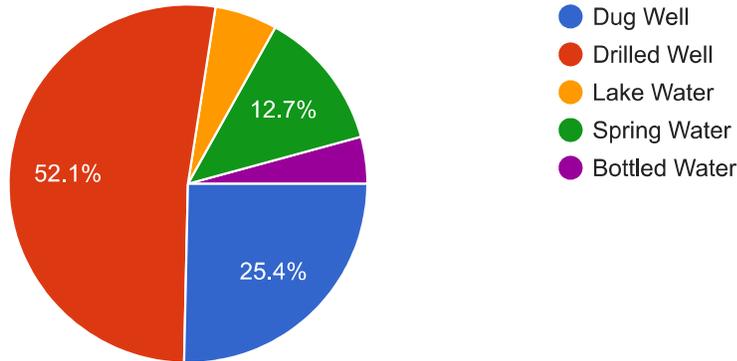
- less than 10 years
- 11- 16 years
- 17 - 25 years
- 25 or more years
- I do not know



What is your source for domestic water?

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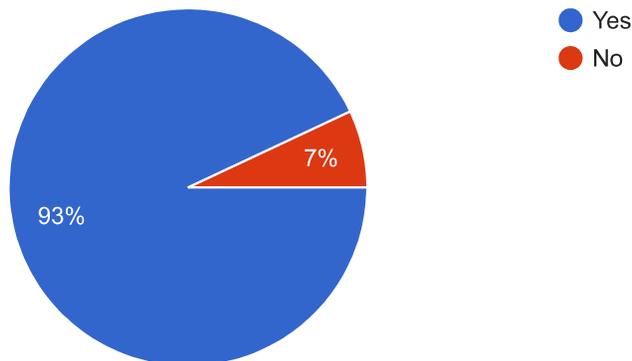


Habitats and Other Critical Natural Resources

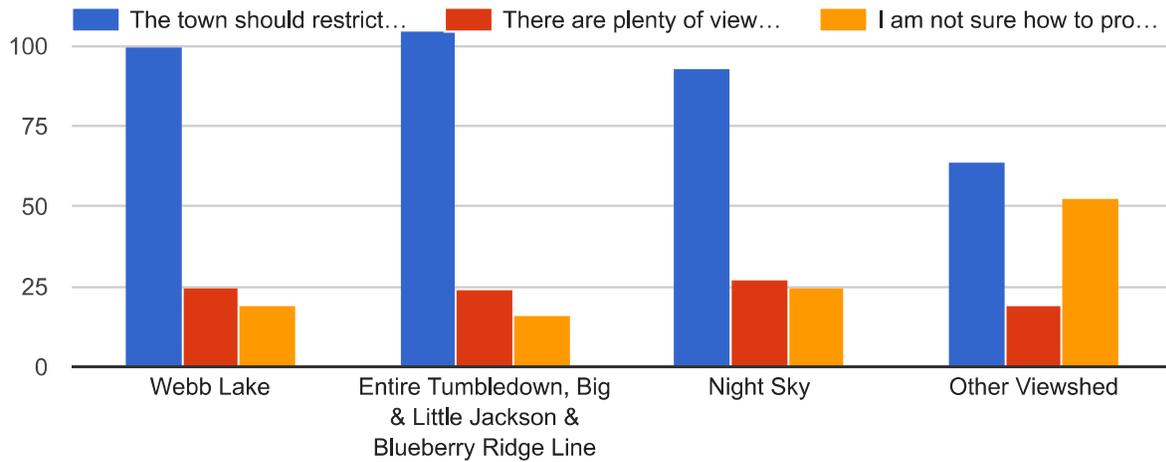
Do you think the viewsheds in Weld are natural resources and should be protected?

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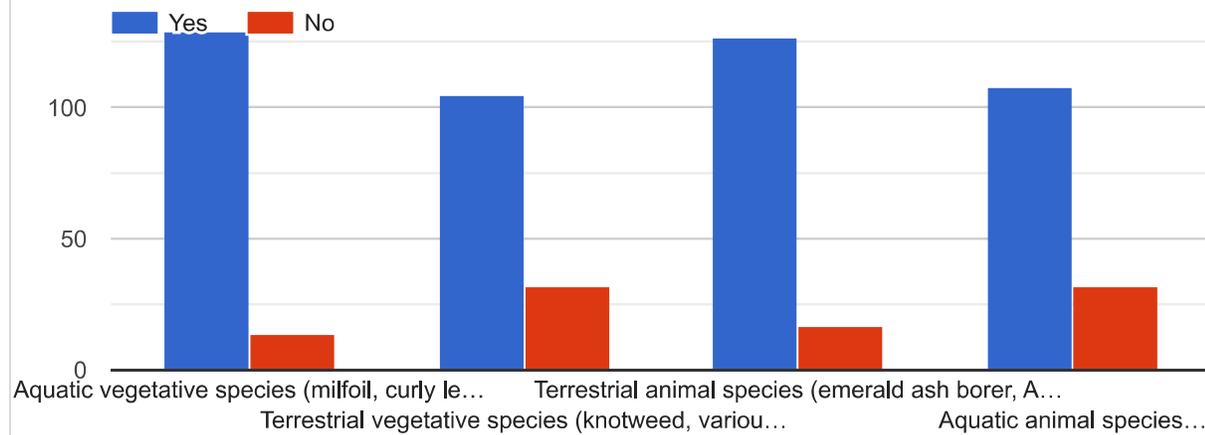
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Please consider the following views according to their value to the town's natural resources:



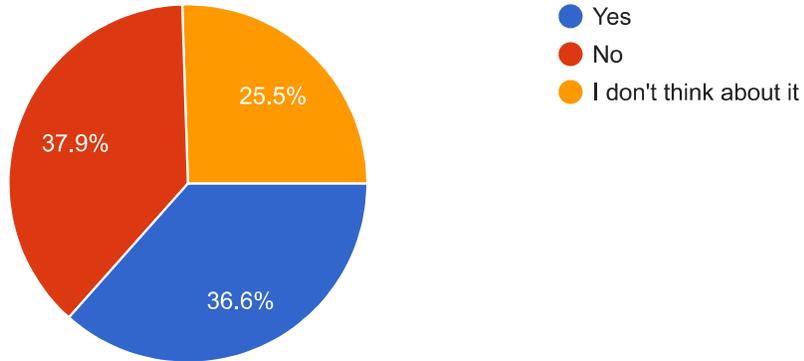
Are you concerned about the following invasive species?





Are you concerned about the extraction of minerals and terrestrial resources (such as sand and gravel) on a commercial scale within the Town of Weld?

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Historic and Archaeological Resources



What historic buildings, sites or features (like rock walls and foundations) in Weld are important to you?

99 responses

All of them

All

The library, the lake, the foliage and wildlife. views of the mountain ranges.

Weld Historical Society buildings, the Weld Free Public Library, the house at the State Park

The existing town center is very important to me, to include the church and the Hathaway building.

All of them.

Those on town property

Historical society bldgs

IDK

All walls

Unknown

None that I am aware of

I like what was done at Webb Corner. The characteristics of the four corners in town is pleasant and could probably be restored further if funds and opportunity allowed. The grange, historical society, etc. are all appreciated. I would also consider privately held buildings such as Kawanhee Inn to have historical relevance. Maybe the Weld Inn too, but that ship may have already sailed - not sure what's up over there. I do think it would be nice to also have more acknowledgement, recognition, and preservation of Wabanaki and other Native American / First Nations history in the area.

rock walls, WHS buildings, church, Park Headquarters, cemeteries

Library

Althea's Hole



Town Hall, Proctor's Pond Pyramid, Historical Society Bldgs.

Alot of the historic buildings and historic markers are delapatated and ignored. Protecting them would either protect there deterioration, or create a tax liability to protect them. Rather than the burdon be on the property owner, possibly burdoning it from future use or development.

Weld community church, cemetery's, any other historical sites and structures

To keep the rural historic look of Weld, stonewall should not be able to be eliminated, they should be rebuilt on the same property in another area of the property

Kawanhee Inn, White/Green Building near triangle in village, town library

Historical, library

Any which fall directly in town center.

none

N/a

Hathaway Store, Town Hall, Church, Library, Proctor's Pyramid and Pond

Overlook

Proctors pyramid Town Hall Historical Building Library and all Rock Walls

I should not be commenting on protecting a rock wall on private w

former Hathaways store and Mt Blue Garage in Weld Center

All, and development should be adjusted to preserve them

Rock walls, cemeteries

Library, historical buildings, town hall

Town Hall, Historical Society, family farms

Rehab or tear down the many dilapidated buildings.

I would like the uniqueness of the historic buildings to remain should renovation work be necessary. Old rock walls are important but should they need to be removed to help a



construction situation they then should be put back into the "original" condition

Kawanhee Inn, Weld Inn (RIP), Stowell farms at the head of the lake and on West Side Road

Hathaway, church, library, gas station, residential in town

State Park/Library

I enjoy seeing the rock walls and old foundations in the forests but can not specifically name any

The town grange, the historical site buildings, the church

Old Hathaway store

Without unreasonable restrictions on landowner rights, I support preservation.

The old lady's

Town Square and Historical Sites

the maintained old farm homes.

All of them. I treasure being able to find old foundations and celler holes.

Town Hall, Historical society

my home, the cemeteries, the Weld Inn

Town Hall, Church, and many old homes from the 19th century All stone walls and old rock foundations, Everything that pertains to the towns history. etc.

Procter property

No answer

The town hall. The weld Congregational church. The historical society buildings.

All viable historic building

Town Hall, Kawanhee Inn, Historical Society Buildings and property,

Old inn, grange, historical society etc



Weld town hall, library, Congregational church, old corner store.

Weld town hall, weld historical society building, Center Hill Nature Trail, Sinnett Cemetery

All should be protected if condition makes it practical for the owner but not with taxpayer monies. The Weld Historical Society is a fine example of a non-profit working to preserve town heritage.

Any structures with history should be documented to determine preservation needs.

Old stone walls, old orchards

Unknown

Town hall and cemeteries.

Existing buildings

Historical aspects in town are very important to me.

The cemeteries

None

all

Library

historical house, town hall

The historical buildings in town.

Indian Fort, Church

Town Hall, Weld Congregational Church, Library

All rock walls, old foundations & historic buildings are important.

Anything that is historic and not an actual eyesore

Yes

Wooden carved eagle. The (2) wooden signs at town line, at Chase corner and on the Wilton road. Also metal Webb corner sign.



Bridge sites, Old Inn, library,

Town Hall, Historical Society Building, Weld Public Library, Weld Hotel

old foundations rock formations

Until properties become dangerous or eyesores

I am not informed enough to answer. I am in favor of conservation within a practical guidelines. Would prefer each instance being discussed and voted upon.

Old Town Hall, foundations

Stone walls. Old farmhouse & barn foundations. Hathaway Building. Weld Inn. Town Hall. Historical Society. Old barns.

Cemeteries and the Weld Inn

Town Hall, rock walls along properties, Weld Inn, Several of the building uptown especially on the intersection

Center Hill Overlook

3 CENTER HILL! LOL!

Little White Schoolhouse, the entire farm at the base of Webb lake

Oh i hope i don't leave anything out--Historical Society Buildings, The Weld Intersection near the Fire Station, The Weld Free Public Library, The Weld Inn, The Kawanhee Inn, All Cemeteries, School House

Old homesteads, Town Hall, church, Weld Historical building, rock walls

I like old walls & some buildings, just not particular

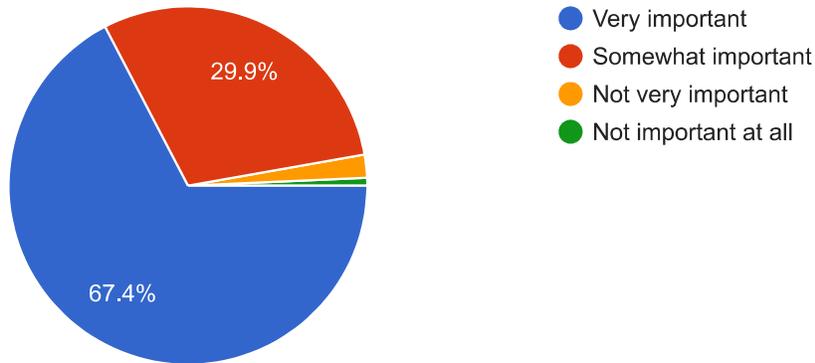
Agriculture and Forestry





How important is it to you that the Town of Weld protects working farms and forest land from development?

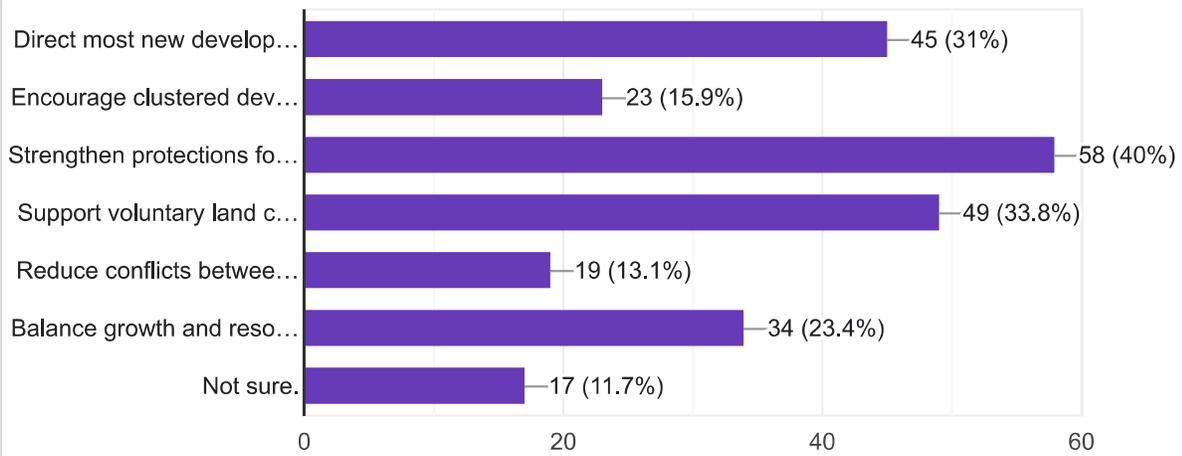
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In your opinion, what is the most important measure the Town of Weld should implement to protect agricultural and forest resources while accommodating future growth?



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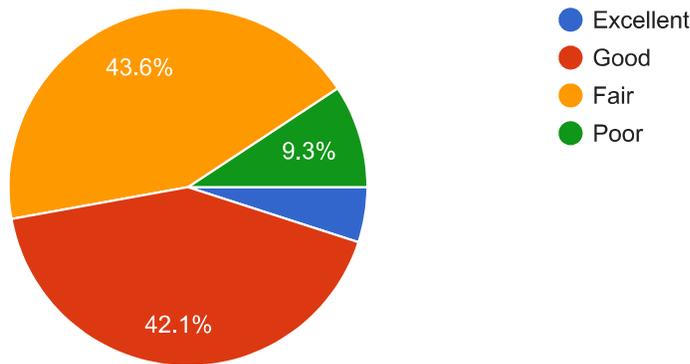
The Economy



How would you describe the overall economic health of our town?



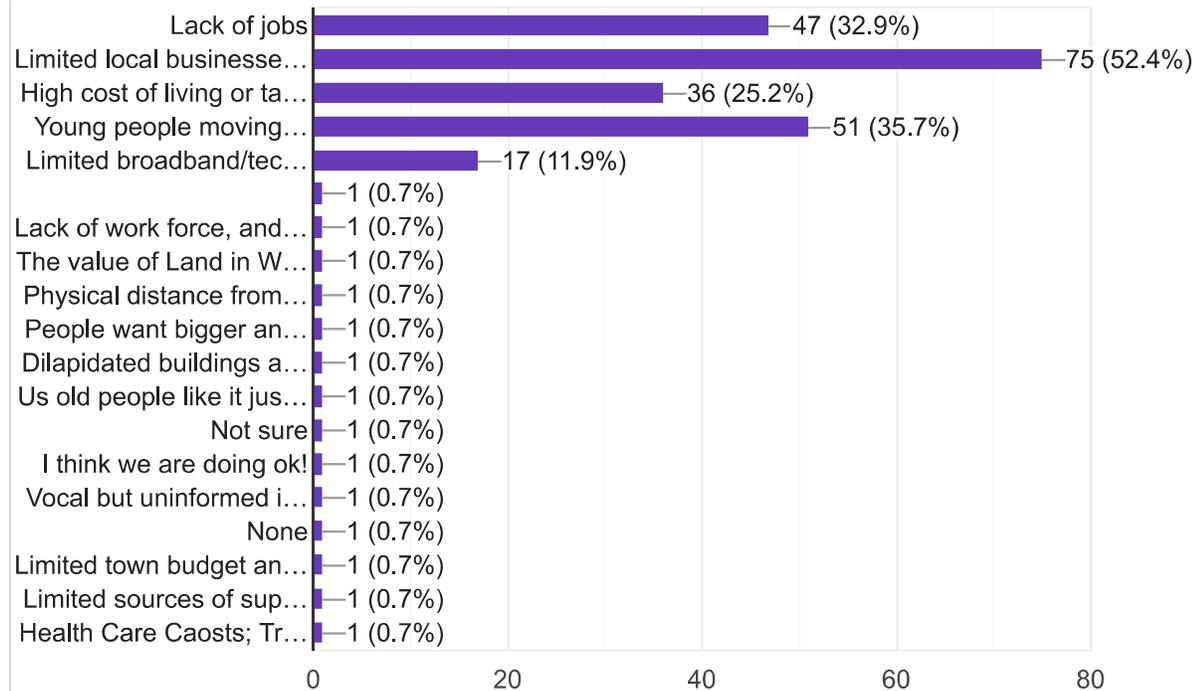
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What do you see as the biggest economic challenges facing the town?



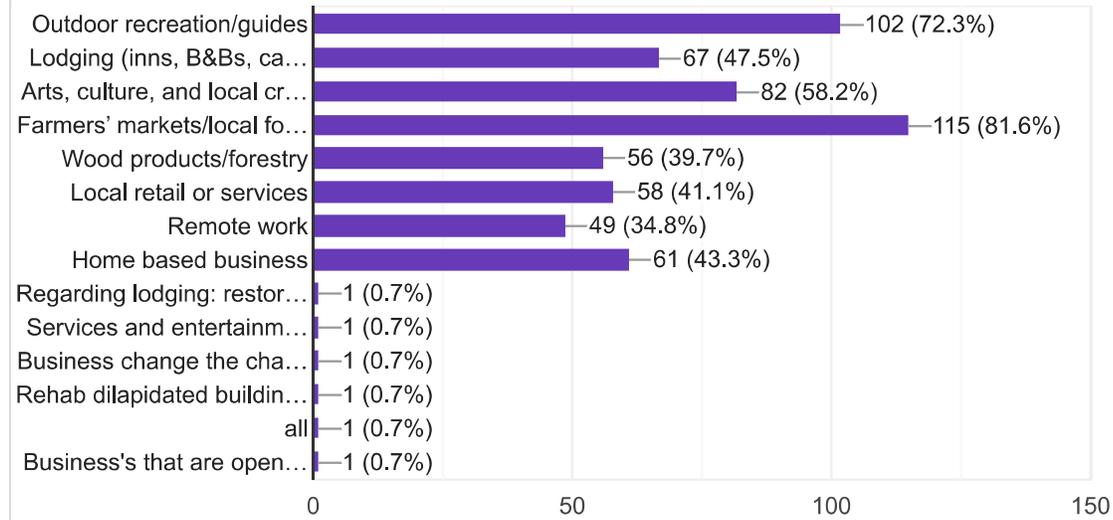
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Would you support more businesses related to:



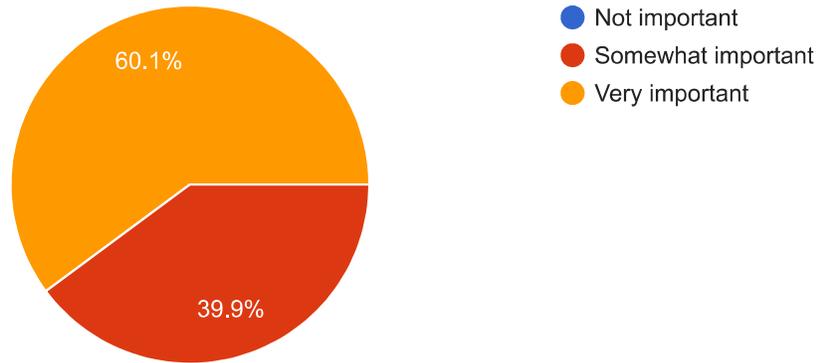
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How important is tourism to Weld's economy?



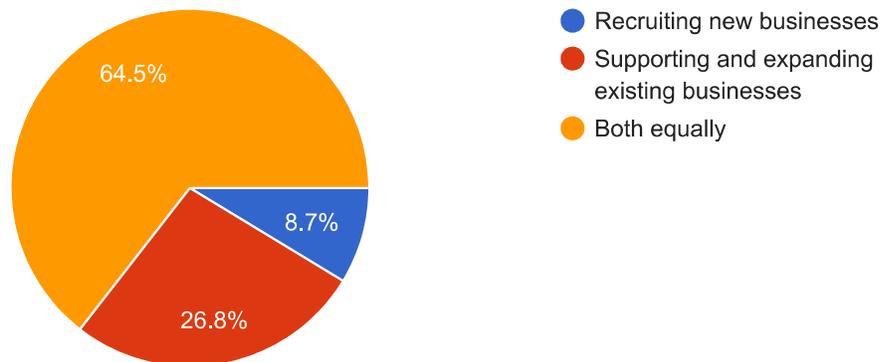
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Should the town focus more on:



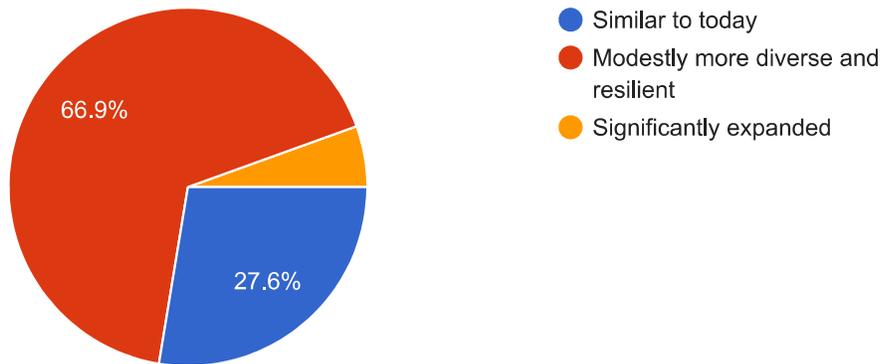
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In 10 years, what would you like the town's economy to look like?



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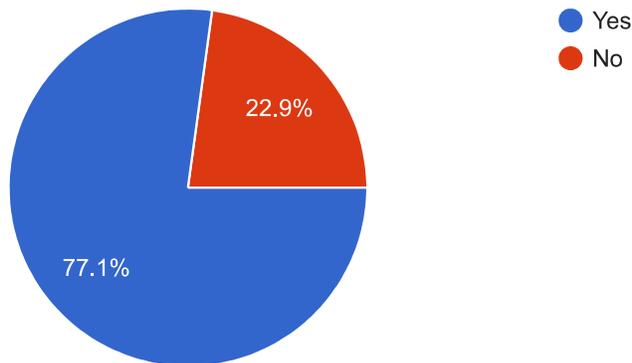


Land Use Patterns

Do you prefer to protect Weld's unique qualities rather than encourage or allow growth?



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What is the single most important land use concern facing the Town of Weld ?

100 responses

i don't want to see it become overcrowded, and i'd like the natural beauty of Weld to be preserved.

more people moving to Weld and subdividing land into smaller parcels without adequate ordinances to regulate such divisions

Development not in keeping with the architectural standard of Weld/Maine.

Increasing traffic on the Lake

housing developments and lots being sold

new vacation homes

Scattered unplanned, uncontrolled development. Small single family homes popping up everywhere NO FUTURE, LONG RANGE PLANNING!

A little late for this survey since the town has already passed a commercial site plan review ordinance

A land use concern is that people see it as either/or--either we encourage growth OR protect unique qualities. This is limited thinking. Both can be achievable and must be for a future resilient community. Ordinances are VITAL to stewarding thoughtful growth. For example, some modular and mobile homes are excellent -- we must challenge dated perceptions.

Pressure on the whole watershed

NO solar panels or windmills

Scattered uncontrolled developments

[The item above really should not be a binary choice]. I think the single most important land use concern may actually be TVRs and the more 'opulent' development that is creeping up in recent years. Historically, even camps on the lake were generally modest and were multi-generational, passed down through families that - even if they did not necessarily live in Weld proper or the immediately surrounding towns - they did live in Maine, or at least had strong family ties to Maine. So even if there may have and may always be some division between year-round and seasonal residents, there used to be more overlap, especially in shared values and appreciation of the area and what makes it special. If there is an unchecked pivot towards temporary vacation rentals and upscale seasonal homes (some of which seem to be flouting shore land zoning), that will significantly and unfortunately permanently change the character



of the area. I would like to add that the former Stowell/Bean estate at the head of the lake is incredibly important; I considered adding it to the 'historical preservation' item in this survey. It is concerning how it already seems to be more exclusive than in the past (e.g. not being willing to host Lake Day), but most devastating would be development of that vast area that is so crucial to the character of Weld and Webb Lake. I sincerely hope that the entire property may be placed into some sort of conservation easement, if that has not already been done.

Housing development

NIMBYs

Solar farms small & large, and housing developments/building lots

Non developable properties owned by Weld Historical Society. 1 school street is some of the most prime real estate in the town of weld to develop a new business. However, it is owned by the historical society, and will never offer a space for commercial or economical development. In the last 5 years, there have been less than 50 events held on this property, they offer minimal tax revenue, no jobs, and no room for growth. Any commercial properties being converted to residential, particularly on our main streets, limits entrepreneurs options on starting businesses in town.

More public access to the lake within reason, small boats no jet ski's. For fishing summer and winter

Clear cutting

Taken away our hunting areas

Solar farms and Wind Turbines, but for very different reasons. Solar farms take acres of land making it impervious to water, except at the edge of the line of panels. There water gathers in rows 10 to 20 feet apart, that disrupt natural sheet flow of water in heavy rains and causes erosion and lots of it if you have ever experienced a Weld Thunder Storm. So Solar farms have an environmental impact besides taking down much needed trees that slow rain water hitting the ground then being absorbed.

Turbines are bad for the view, noisy to the neighbors and as a mach

Invasive species in the lake.

Large IT/other industries that use a lot of water and energy

More houses popping up ,there is going to be not homes but places the is going to be used as income, bring people to weld for a few days then off to the next place.

Non-compliance of regulations and irresponsible practices by unscrupulous logging companies.



Solar farms

Access to lake

Dummers Beach Tumbledown, Bald Mtn Webb Lake/State Pk

Over regulation

No Development

scattered new residential sites in previously undeveloped land

Solar Farm and Wind Turbine constructed in view shed

not sure

Development

Buildings in disrepair

No more wind farms , no solar farms

solar farms and wind turbines that could effect views and water sheds

Poor decisions like the cell tower.

ruining the view scape with structures that are higher or misplaced in the view scape

Water

Balancing Weld's unique qualities with expanded but modest economic growth.

Tree Cutting. We are loosing our beautiful forests.

The possibility of an individual developing a structure that impacts those around them negatively.

Don't know enough

Management of state park lands

Reasonable zoning restriction with excessive interference with property owner's rights. For example, some regulation would be welcomed but outright bans on forest development would unfairly impact landowner's rights and economic well being.



Why change ?

High density housing

This beautiful lake

I don't know.

Wind towers, cell towers and solar farms

Solar development without plan for deconstruction plans. The ugly and poor actual production is not worth the added eyesore for Weld.

Huge land use changes by outsiders

unmitigated development

developments

Using fertilizer that gets into our water streams and lakes.

Restrictive Shore Land Zoning that prevents owners from protecting their properties

Lake Webb water quality and protection It is a jewel of a lake

Loss of historic buildings

Purity of the lake

Overdevelopment

There are concerns about data farms, water plants, and other large businesses that would cause noise, light, or other issues. They have no place in Weld.

New houses on undeveloped land

Too much development

Large structure temporary lodging.

Solar

No large developments



Inconsistent development and the old Well Inn property future

Over development on the lake

Too many properties are being posted or closed off.

Rural Development

I'm not sure

protecting lake shore and mountains

Public, free access to lake

Too many people at Dummer's Beach. Does the current septic system support that number of people?

Development of large seasonal houses that will push existing residents and long-time property owners out

Solar farms or other large atructures impacting views

Not sure

Development of the lake shores and water shed

Commercial growth

Protecting the lake water

Limit residential expansion on the shores of Webb Lake

Residential development

No plan for encouraging growth

I grew up to a quiet lake with sailboats and canoes. Now if is overcrowded with a bunch of loud obnoxious jet skis and fast power boats, and intoxicated powerboat operators if you believe the rumors.

The lack of potable drinking water due to over population and lots (land concerns) sub dividing land into smaller parcels.



Lake developers

Segmenting large property into innumerable small and contiguous tracts, which can each be developed separately.

No access for Weld people to Webb Lake

Tree harvesting

Preserving the beauty & character of the town

Clean water, lake access

Subdivisions

enforcement of ordinances

Protection & integrity of Webb Lake and its view sheds. No water extraction by commercial companies.

sub divisions

STATE OWNS TOO MUCH

No big corporations should be allowed in. The small town feel is paramount to preserving what makes Weld amazing

I don't feel qualified to answer that question as I am not a year round resident but of course would love to see sane, small scale, highly zoned growth. Small business or restaurants (mom and pop, no chain businesses), no cluster development of homes

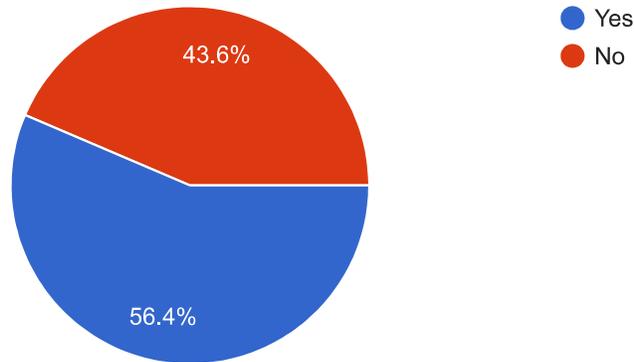
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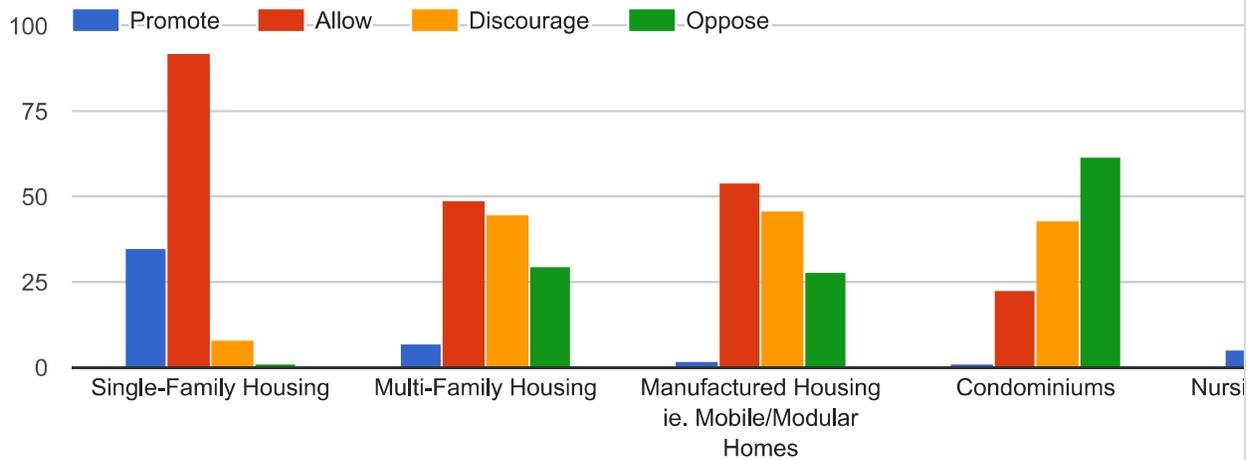
Are you concerned that the town may become overburdened by future developments in the areas of municipal services: road maintenance and repair, fire and medical emergency response, transfer station, Town Office needs/hours?



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What is your opinion of the following forms of possible development in Weld?



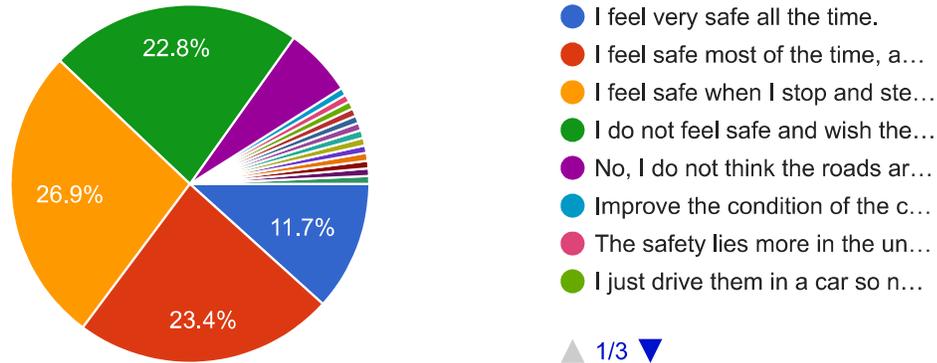
Recreation and Open Space



Do you feel that the roads in Weld allow for multiple uses such as driving, walking, running, bicycling, etc?



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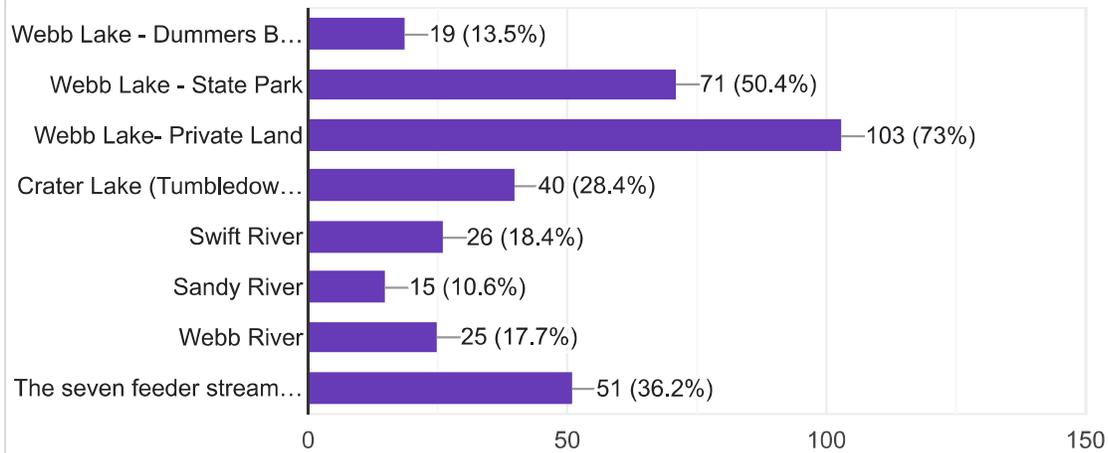


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What water bodies do you use for recreation (e.g., swimming, boating, fishing)? Select all that apply.

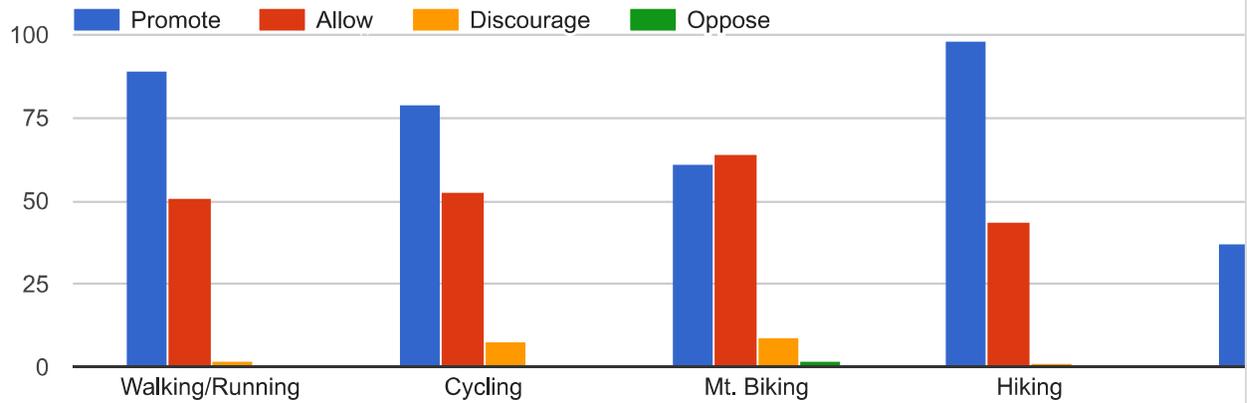


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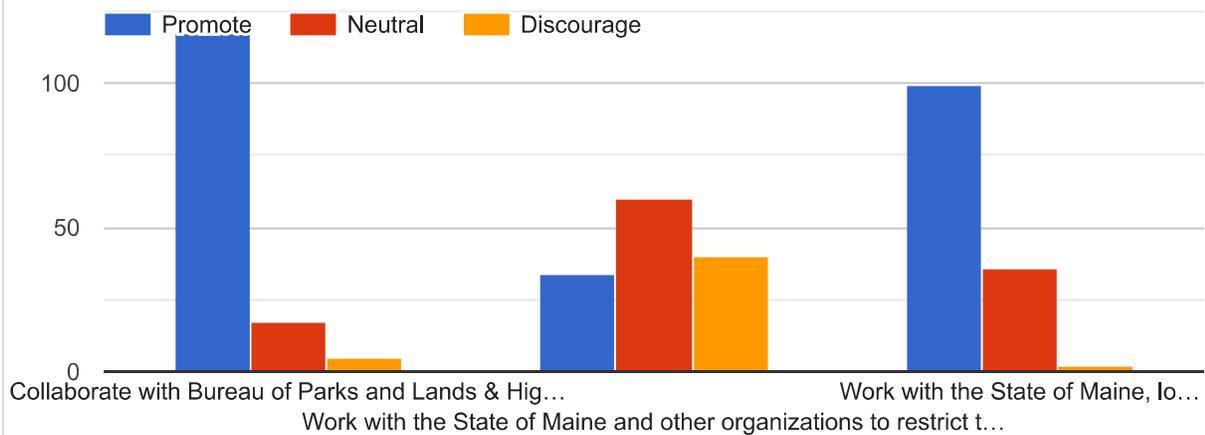




What is your opinion of the following forms of recreation in Weld? How should the town of Weld use its resources for each of the following:



In your opinion, how should the Town of Weld support activity on the Tumbledown Mt trails?



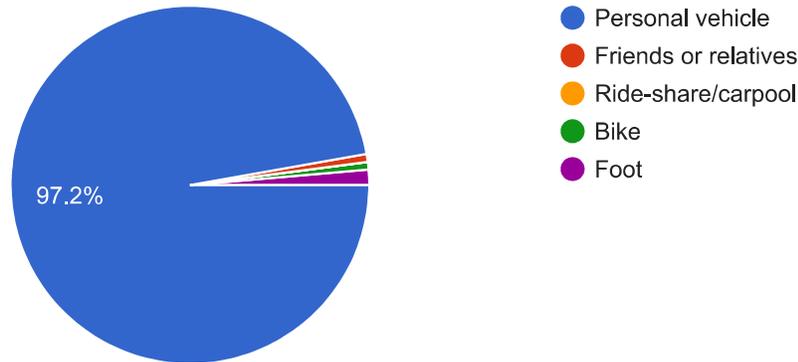
Transportation





What is your primary mode of transportation?

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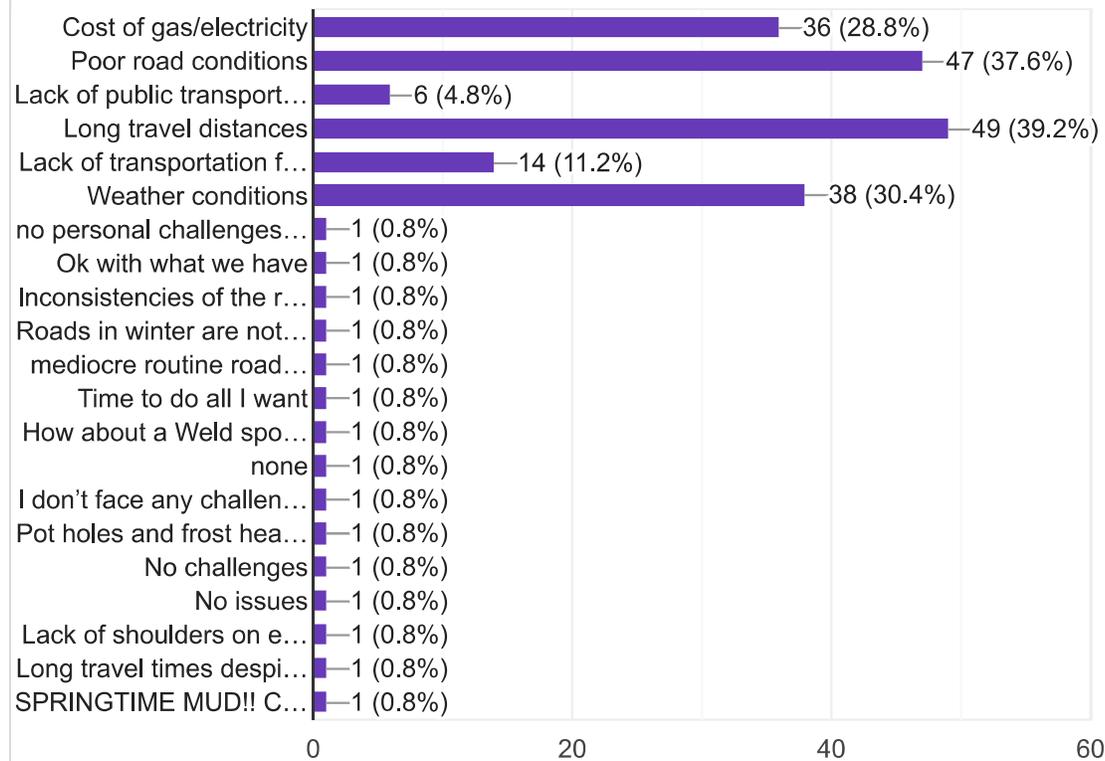


What are the biggest challenges you face with transportation in our area?



Check all that apply.

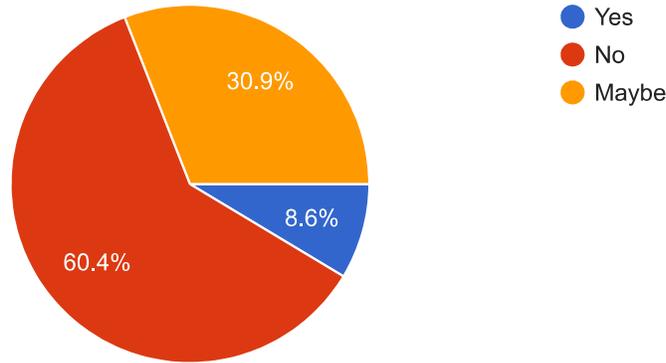
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Would you use a volunteer or community ridesharing service if available?



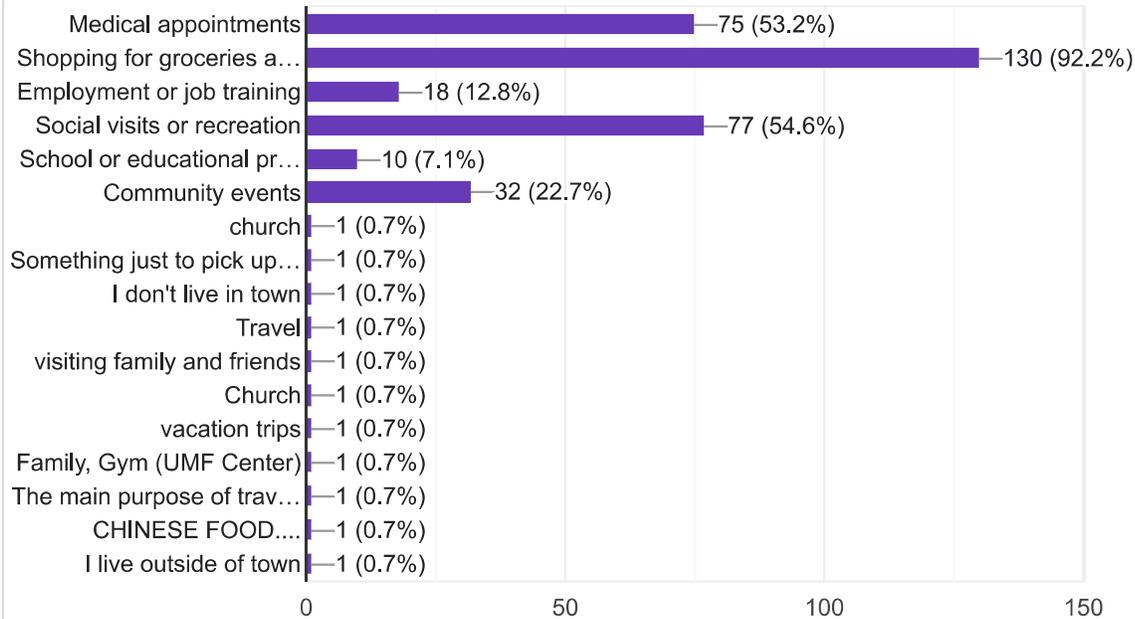
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When you do need to travel outside of town, what is the main purpose of your trip? (select all that apply)



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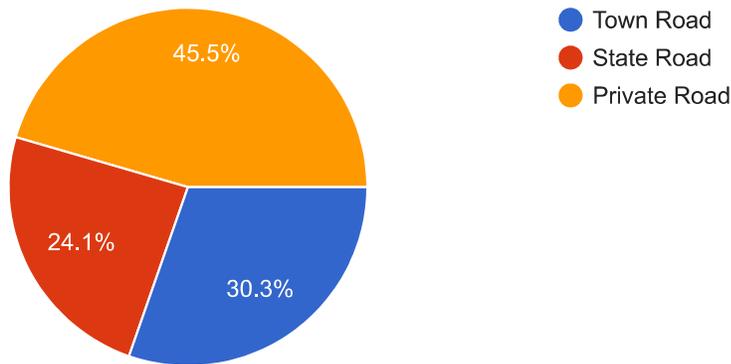
Public Facilities and Services





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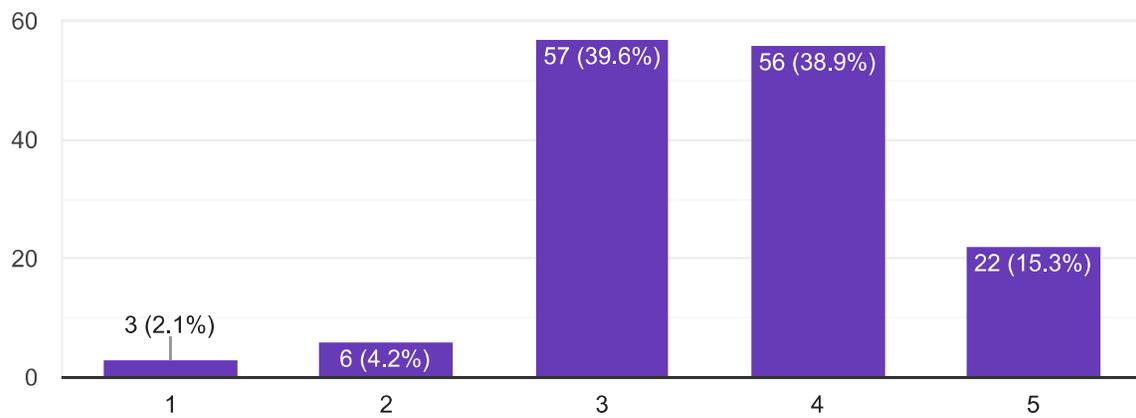
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How would you rate the condition and maintenance of the Town of Weld's roads?



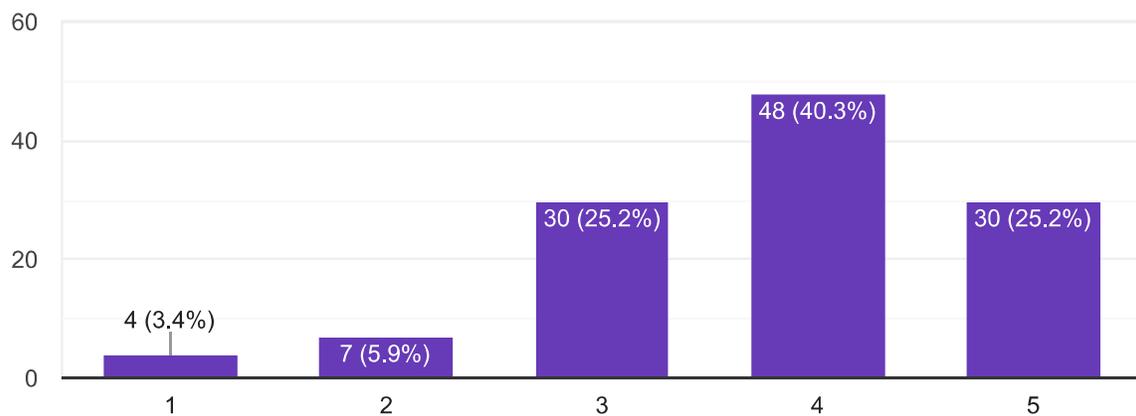
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How would you rate snow removal and winter road maintenance?



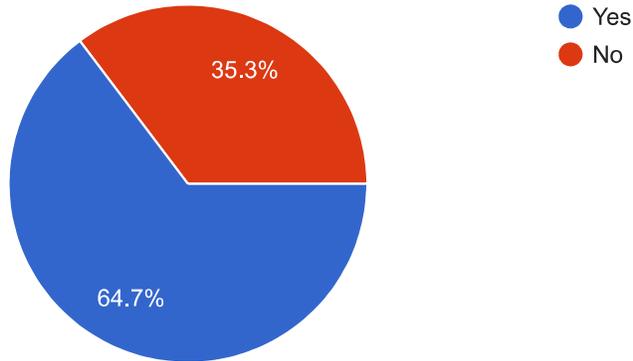
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Do you feel you have access to adequate medical services for emergencies?

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If you answered no above, please suggest how medical services might be improved.

44 responses

i think it's mostly just that the nearest hospital is a bit far away. the addition of the helipad at the head of the lake is a great start.

In a severe crisis, help can be slow in coming, but it is our choice to live in a rural place.

Not sure...it's just a very long drive if something bad happens.

Year round ambulance service

Well, I hope I may be able to help with that; I am a seasoned paramedic and plan to volunteer with Weld Fire Department as my career moves towards retirement and my availability expands. Further, Weld would benefit from a system-status EMS unit placed in closer proximity to the area, as well as even better integration of Lifeflight of Maine, but there are a lot of challenges facing EMS worldwide, and particularly in Maine, so this is going to be a tough nut to crack...

Further free training for 1st responders

Fire and ambulance access and turn arounds should be priority on all town roads after a storm, rather than clearing the post office or town hall. If a storm happens to end at 8pm, often times they will plow the post office, town office, and town hall, rather than opening access for first responders to our rural residents, even if it is a friday night or saturday when the businesses will remain closed for days, they seem to take priority over emergency access.

Maybe it will arrive with the proposed new fire station.

Plow. And Sand the road, dirt roads are always last,

Life is the most precious thing in the world, having good access to EMT services to save lives that requires a 7 minute response to cardiac events. The problem with all Towns is how to fund a critical care need in a sparsely populated Town. It takes money lots of money and it takes dedicated staff,.the least expensive is volunteer to drive costs affordable. EMT service in my town approach \$4500/ ride from Town emergency services,.they are not delivered effectively.

It likely can't be as it is a location issue (25 mins minimum to ER).

Train a resident that works at home or retired or fire department as paramedic

Winter roads must be better.

Education



Clearer understanding of how medical emergencies might be handled in town.

insure town supports ambulances and first responders

Response times

Urgent Care nearby

Walk-in clinic

More accessible AEDs and Epi Pens

I wish we had a North Star ambulance location at our fire department.

More personal that are able to reach us quicker.

What about a volunteers list to get folks to the hospital in a hurry?

I could use a night nurse every night .

more trained first responders that live locally

Maine EMS system allow Nurses and Doctors to respond to medical calls through the Fire Department if they are members of that Department allowing them to be certified through Maine EMS automatically

having a doctor in town

Community system by using nurses /paramedics and MD of the town to help with elders/veterens and those less fortunate.

I don't think there is anything you can really do

More EMS workers

Verifying addresses and access, especially of new construction. Many new areas do not provide correct directions and emergency response could be delayed due to it.

Better understanding as to the limits of the Weld fire department EMS services

No because there are boundaries ,used for emergency distances.

It feels too remote

Too far away from adequate emergency services in truly life or death situations



life flight

Limited local EMS response due to limited local responders.

Ambulance services stationed locally

Local urgent care

Changes to state Ems rules

BETTER COVERAGE FROM OTHER TOWNS

There is no local emergency room for quick emergencies. That need immediate attention

Local clinic

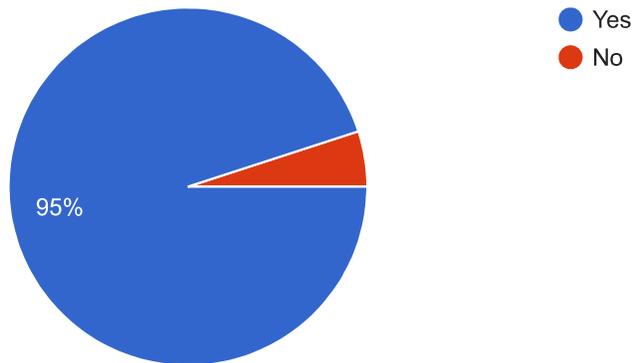
Weld is just so rural; Life Flight of Maine is one remedy.

more/better ems

Should the town be compensated for mountain rescue services provided by the Weld Fire Dept.?



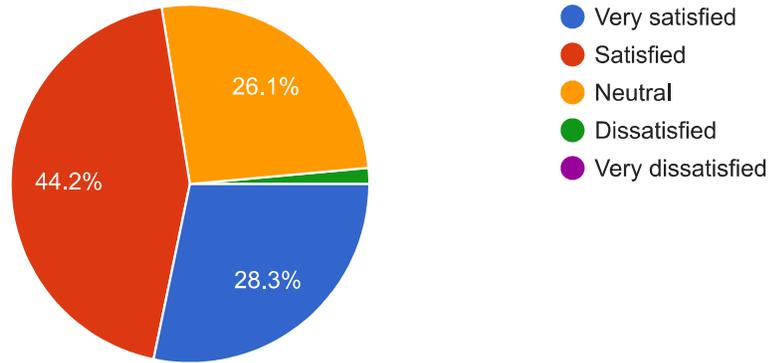
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How satisfied are you with local fire protection and rescue services?

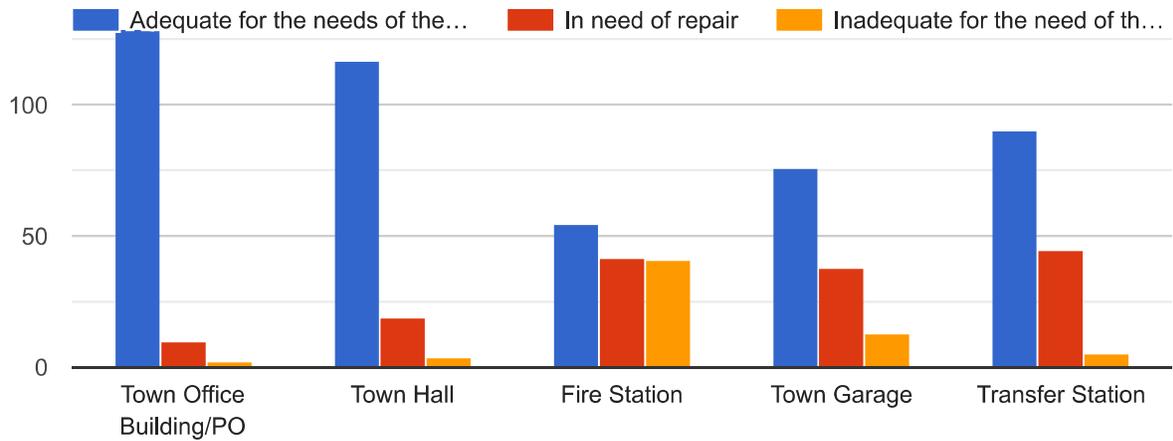
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Are the town facilities adequate, in need of repair, or inadequate for the needs of Weld?

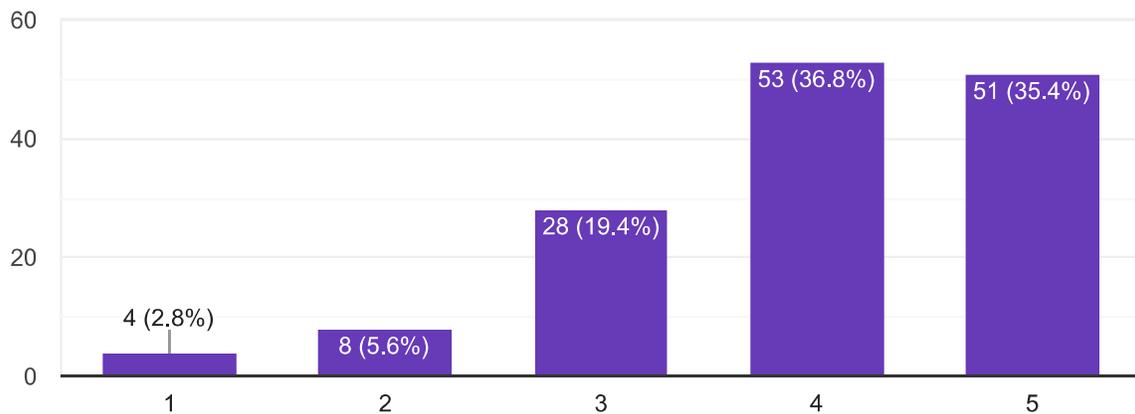
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How satisfied are you with transfer station/recycling services?

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144 responses



What public facility or service improvements should be the town's highest priority in the next 10 years?

93 responses

Lake access

New Fire Station

New Fire Station

Fire station

maintenance and service to the public works equipment and garage; repairing and upgrading the transfer station facilities

Ensuring the fire department continues to be adequately maintained, both building and equipment, for the Weld Community.

Fire station upgrade, upgrade of recreational space next to town garage

pickleball

new fire station

Fire Station highest priority - though not to the point of ignoring the needs at the transfer station

creating a new fire dept. concept

rescue

Roads

Fix the driveway by the post office

Fire dept

I don't think I have enough local expertise on this to comment with any authority; I defer to year-round residents on this.

Fires station

Plan for a new Combined Public Works and Public Safety facility.



We need an adequate Fire Station to house equipment and train First Responders

Transfer station.

Obtaining workers without limitations, who can properly do the job description. Our transfer station dumpster is almost always full while the attendee is sitting inside the office, selling goods (vegetables) for profit, on company-town- time, or tending to the free trade area. The free trade, flea market area seems to take president of running the trash compactor, and creates a large traffic jam. We often have trash strewn through the parking lot, along the edges, but we spend hours per week saving trash, setting it on tables, organizing it, caring for it during storms, and talking about the display to folks coming through to use the services.

Water mitigation at the transfer station would be amaizing. Slight ditching or maintenance of the parking and driving area would reduce pooling and holes developed with each storm. It seems we only corrwct the thrashing potholes once per year or less.

Rescue and fire should be high priority!

Town Hall

Maintaining dirt roads

The Town needs a Emergency Response plan and have commitment from those people tapped to support Emergency Services on board they can support what the Town needs.. a Blizzard doesn't mean the Town owns 18 loaders as an example, but it has a commitment from the business sector to drivers available to run Town Equipment so eliminate the threat in reasonable time. Equipment can run 24/7 for 3 day people can't. Every Town is presented with very different challenges and the Town needs a risk accessment and resolution to those threats that brings a response of all the people to come together and making that threat minimal almost to normal life.

Make sure the EMT crew has what they need including water rescue capabilities.

Medical needs as above

none

The transfer Station, it's muddy in the spring and inthe summer there are so many people standing around you can not drop off and move on,

New fire station and public access to the lake

Weld Fire Dept Station

Unposted road access



Fire station or town hall

P.O. parking lot, Fire Station, Town Garage

Fire protection, rescue

Medial facility, such as Urgent Care.

Fire station

new fire station, PO parking lot repaved due to bumps

making sure fire and ambulance services keep up with growth

I wish you could fix the large pot holes at the transfer station.

Expect transfer station personnel should learn how to use a shovel and use it.

Roads & Transportation

I would love to see the town office, tennis court area and town hall be better connected

Library

To be the same in 10 years .

I don't know.

Fresh produce

Public Safety Building (Fire Station)

Paying town employees a living wage and replacing the fire station

road maintenance

Fire and DPW

Can't think of anything right now

New fire station. New shingles on the town hall.

Fire Station and equipment



Maintain current schedule

ongoing roadway improvements, signage, and maintenance

Recreation options

Transfer station

Fire Department

Encourage younger people to move in

Fire House roads

Unsure

post office

Not sure

Please repair the driveway and parking areas at the Post Office

Fire Station

Perhaps a public bathroom

Maintenance of the roads

Town Hall needs restaining, needs lights in back parking area. Fire Station and Town Garage needs enlarging.

As dictated by local town meeting support

Upgrade firefighting equipment

Fire station and public works

Cleanup the dump

Expand roads to include shoulders to allow alternative transportation in & around Weld
Protect dark skies with appropriate street lights and moratoriums for future lighting needs
Have a ban on unlicensed signage & make uniform signs around Weld for local businesses.

Safe walking and cycling paths.



Fire Station Building
Public Works Building
Transfer Station Building
Promote more Recycling
Heat Pumps in Buildings
Roof insulation needed in buildings

Diversity services

Town bridge in front of town hall

Fire station, road maintenance

Fire Dept.

fire station

Fire House Roads

Fire House, Public works building, transfer station repairs

Maintaining the function stability of the above listed buildings.

Fire Station

FIRE AND POLICE COVERAGE

I feel all areas will need some type of improvement

Local medical help

Open Spaces. No high density housing

Weld Fire Station

recreational

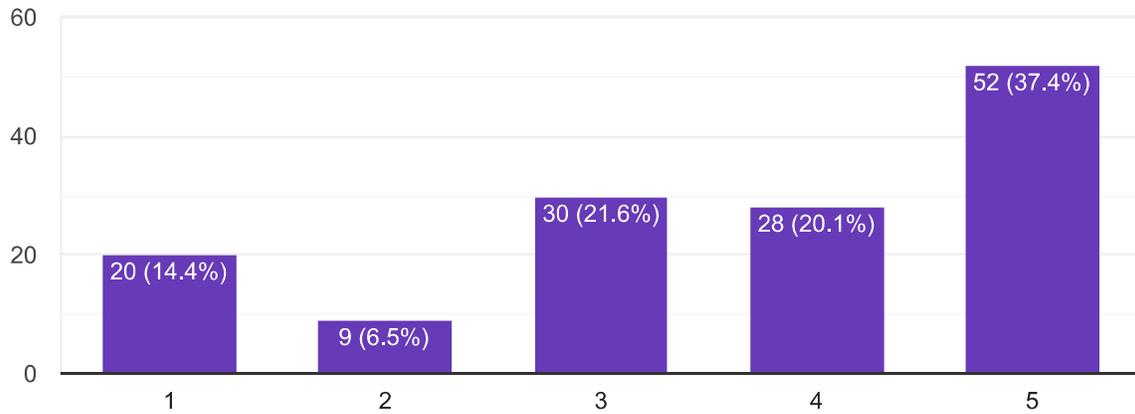
FOOD SOVEREIGNTY





Please rate the importance of food sovereignty to you

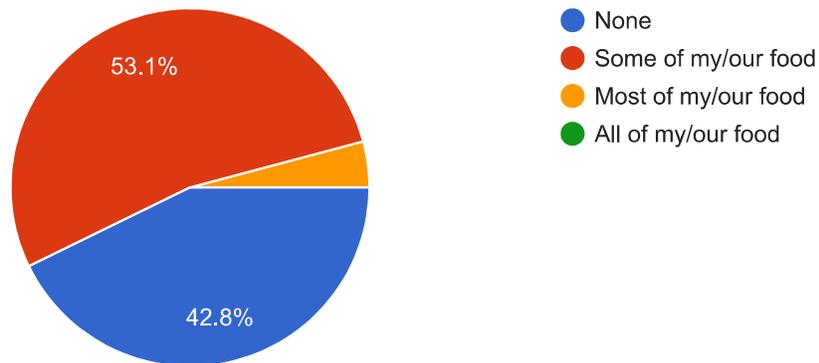
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Do you produce food for your home?



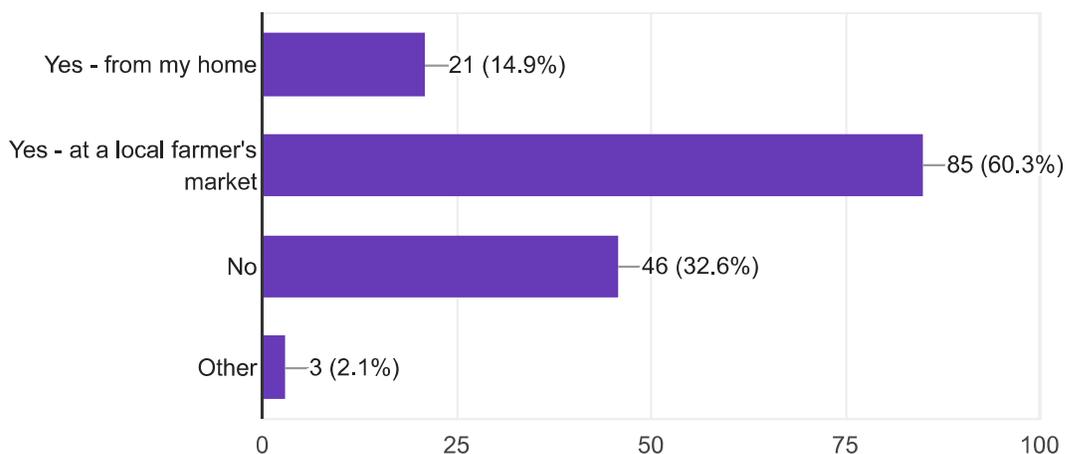
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Do you, or would you, like to buy, sell or barter/trade food in town?

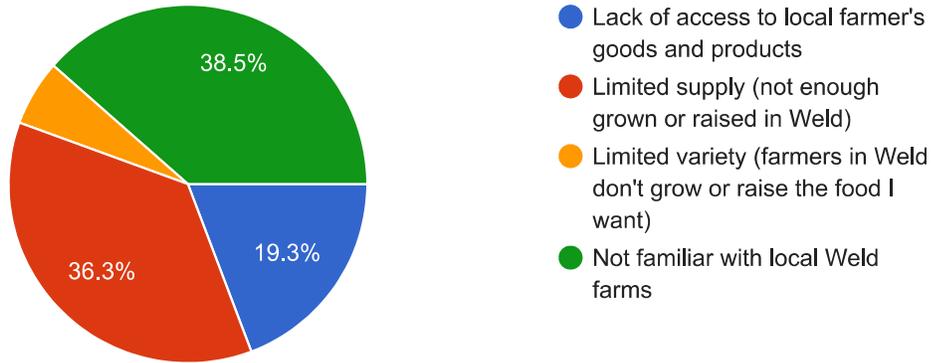


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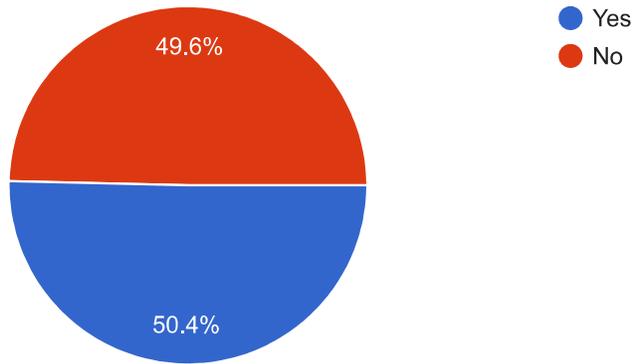
What prevents you from buying more of your food from local Weld farms? Copy

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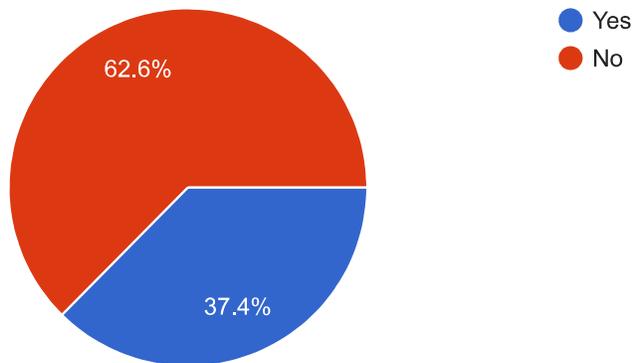
Should the Town of Weld have a community garden? Copy

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If yes, would you be willing to pay higher taxes to purchase and maintain the property? Copy

115 responses



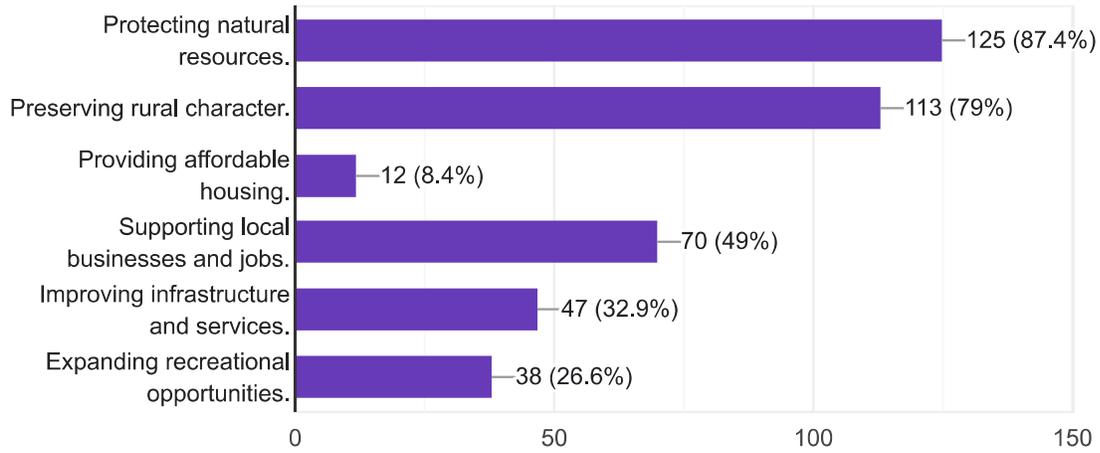
Final Priorities and Comments





Which three priorities should guide Weld's decisions over the next 10-15 years?

143 responses



What is your single most important issue you want the committee to consider as they update the comprehensive plan?

109 responses

Protection of natural resources

keeping the character of weld but improving quality of life for long term and short term residents alike

When updating the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Weld, I would like to see the committee prioritize preserving the natural and rural character of the Town and preventing segmenting properties into small tracts.

I cherish my 40 plus year association with the community and thank you all for the effort in charting the town's course for the next 10-15 years. Common sense is usually the best guide, and if folks look inward on why they love Weld, I'm hopeful the path chosen is supported by the majority. For me, the people of Weld have always been my most beloved part of the community, followed by the natural surroundings, and I wish you all good luck with the current endeavor.

Balancing inevitable growth between development and conservation. Learn from other towns that have grown successfully and unsuccessfully. Weld is a diamond. You must encourage responsible Economic growth without destruction of the qualities that make it precious. It is a task to serve two masters. Leadership must thread that needle.

Protecting Natural resources

not to let Weld become commercialized or a resort town. Weld for "Welders". We do not need to be like bigger towns or cities - if you like those things then move there.

Develop a plan to deal with the uncontrolled development occurring in town. Simply stating we don't want things to change is ensuring that things are going to change. I realize that folks in Weld do not like the word ZONING, but failure to plan is going to result in a Weld that no one recognizes in 30 years.

Don't need more restrictions to benefit summer people

Please explore a lighting and noise ordinance.

Protecting the Webb Lake watershed

Maintain the small town character and charm. Growth does not necessarily mean better how Weld.



Protecting our unique rural character

Look at our uniqueness and build on it and our strengths... we dont want to be old orchard beach, Bath or any town. We want to be Weld ... isolated but connected by choice and by design

Land use for all; economic viability especially for year-round residents

Natural resources

Do no harm. One aspect of life in Weld that is extremely important and not referenced in this survey is the freedom to use our property in a manner that each property owner deems appropriate. Don't impose the strongly held views of a few on the majority by creating restrictive boundaries and restrictions that limit the freedom of personal choice.

Maintaining the rural, quiet integrity of our town, where local residents - not commercial interests or outsiders - decide our direction.

Financial waste/financial accountability. We have a majority in our comitee of selectmen, who have a completely different financial reality from the residents of this town. The people deciding to raise our taxes, dont understand realistic average maine household income, or realistic operation of the departments they are running.

The town of weld is paying the maintenance road department for two employees to drive to a neibghoring town to purchase gasoline, sometimes multiple times per week. There is no accountability for the vast waste of payroll in this department in any way. This department was also able to make a purchas of over 50 thousand dollars without the towns poeples approval. The item purchased is an excavator, that we do not have the ability to move from jobsite to jobsite without purchasing more equiptment or using a 3rd party. A very un thought out purchase, especially when we have a backhoe tractor that can do the same job with the ability to drive from place to place... and is being un maintained.

Public access to the lake within reason.

Keep municipal government affordable for everyone

Bringing more people the roads need to be better

Protect what Weld provides to the residents both full time and seasonal visitors. Clean lakes, fantastic vacation spot for many more than the year round population. But in doing that know what are critical service and have the ability to expedite those services when needed no matter the crisis and that comes through community commitment.. Weld is nothing without the people there and the commitment to others in need as your family may be next. As an example a fire truck as well as an ambulance in the garage a seems a waste of money, when they are not realize someone in our Town is having a very bad day



How to balance the needs of helping the local community have a better quality of life while still keeping the great relaxed vibe of a small town with great access to outdoor recreation.

Keep our water quality, quietude and views safe from development and industries.

Future residential growth

don't become too restrictive.

Do not try to make this a place that everyone is moving away from, everyone says it is a nice little place, keep it a Nice Little place.

Preventing road sand and pollution from entering the waterways around town.

Limiting big businesses and things like solar farms

Increasing towns population

People in town should have access to the lake. Limit hours of mountain climbing. Certain hours you should be off the mountains unless you are spending the night. Otherwise be prepared for any weather or injury.

Keeping the quaint rural aspect of the town and reducing/ limiting development and destruction to the natural resources and land scape

Find a way to preserve Weld's unique landscape and character, while providing economic and educational opportunities so young people don't all move away. I do not know if this will be possible.

Maintaining and improving town facilities, protecting natural resources

Keep the town healthy while preserving the quiet and character that make it unique. (Note I did not answer some questions where I did not feel that I had adequate insight.)

Development

Protect natural resources...forests, streams and Webb Lake

Preserve the unique nature of the town

Tax Dummies and the Weld Inn into oblivion. Start enforcing or creating codes and take action against the abandoned dilapidated buildings and blue tarp shit shows. You cannot drive in or out of town without being overwhelmed with these eyesores. That is what is hurting property values and your tax base. Open your eyes!



designate a commercial zone that does not infringe on the view; that is the town's tax revenue and will reduce the tax burden escalation; require deciduous screening for these commercial zones and require them well off the road. Some of your questions were too broad and it was hard to answer this section:"The town should restrict development if it blocks view of this viewshed from the road."It would be virtually impossible to state what constitutes acceptable development from different perspectives i.e. from center hill vs 156 vs Temple Rd for instance. What would infringe on the view from Temple Rd would not infringe from center hill. Or what would infringe from a vehicle vs walking. Need more work on the conditions -it was too broad of a question to answer

Our exquisite natural environment is what drives tourism and much of the summer economy. This needs to be both protected and promoted.

The night sky in town is terrible. ALL security and street lights should be motion detectors

Keep Our Taxes Low.

Protecting the natural resources that make Weld unique

Be welcoming to outsiders. Public access to Webb lake.

Environmental and watershed protection.

I like Weld the way it is .

make sure older residents can afford to stay in their homes

Keep the Town Happy as always - previously

Maintaining the character of the town.

preserve character of town - governed by it's residents for it's residents. And to maintain it's natural beauty and small-town feel.

A highway department that has the ability and equipment to maintain Weld's roadways.

Maintenance of the natural environment

No solar farms!

water quality security (protection from contamination) in all forms: wells, springs, streams, wetlands, lakes

commercial properties limited



pickleball court

Protect the character of the town and protect those that have made Weld the beautiful place that it is.

N/A

Preserve Lake Webb in its most natural condition

Keeping weld small, rural, and quiet.

Protect the natural beauty of Weld. Support elderly residents.

Needs of Fire Dept

Commercial development

Keep Weld wild!

Maintain the character of Weld.

Work with State government to get major improvements to Routes 142 and 156.

regulation of sanitation (septic systems), especially near watershed areas and new construction

Retain rural character of town!

Too much developing

Property owners rights and protections.

No solar or windmill farms !

Speed limits in and around town -logging trucks and commercial vehicles do not observe limits.

Preserve the lake

protecting our natural resources

Unsure

Free access to the lake



That they know what is best for the whole town.

Maintaining the rural atmosphere

Please fix the town roads and the parking lot by the post office.

I love that Weld has managed to avoid attracting the kind of money that fundamentally alters the community and makes affordability hard for long time residents. However, I also remember when we had several dining options, bakeries, ice cream, and more activity in general. There has to be a little bit of a balance between increasing activity and options without large scale development and loss of the wonderful community we have here.

Protecting the lake itself and views

Updating public safety, public works and transfer station buildings

Please protect Webb Lake. It is the centerpiece of Weld. Without a high quality lake, Weld loses value.

Affordability and availability of housing/opportunity for all residents.

Protecting Welds natural resources.

Maintain local charm & character with moderate growth to keep Weld people here in Weld.

Keep taxes down

Protect our natural assets and rural character.

Clean up un-sightly properties to further increase desirability in our community and increase property values. Set an example by cleaning up the dump. Create congruency with licensed signage.

Protect natural resources

Maintaining the current scenic and rural character of the town.

Other Comments::

1. The survey inquired as to encouraging or discouraging "protections for working farms and forests." I encourage protections for current working farms, and discourage clearing forest to create new working farms. I encourage forest preservation and management and I discourage logging.

2. I strongly discourage jingoistic "food sovereignty" nonsense as part of town policy/ordinances. Everyone likes "food" and "sovereignty" but the description of "food



sovereignty" in this survey is misleading, deceptive and detrimental to sensible and informed civic behavior. Individuals that sell food to the public should adhere to widely-agreed standards of safety. Individuals that consume their own food should not confuse their personal right to indulge in self risk with some sort of inalienable right to imperil others.

3. The survey inquired whether it was a priority to support government efforts to maintain and expand Tumbledown trails. I encourage the town to support government efforts to maintain Tumbledown etc. trails systems, but do not consider it a strong priority for (although I do not object to) the town to support expanding Tumbledown etc. trail systems.

Protection of our lake (water)
 protection of visual beauty in town
 Keep the downtown looking inviting
 make sure our fire dept is up to date

Moderation. I think with the world changing so quickly, it is impossible to put together a 20 year plan. I prefer a five or ten year plan that can be revisited.

Maintaining the town's beauty & character while encouraging growth in the tax base

Openness. Share ideas and potential project projects before full commitment. Utilize town talents if possible and not already maxed out (smile).

To keep Weld as it is today. No subdivisions, no solar farms, no wind towers and very limited growth

How to balance personal property rights with regulations on future growth.

To ensure that the values of the town are transcribed into town ordinances that will guide and protect the rural integrity, beauty, view sheds, water and solitude of our area.

Natural resource preservation

8 more responses are hidden

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