

Town of Canaan Community Development Survey April 2003

397 Total Respondents

Gender of Respondents

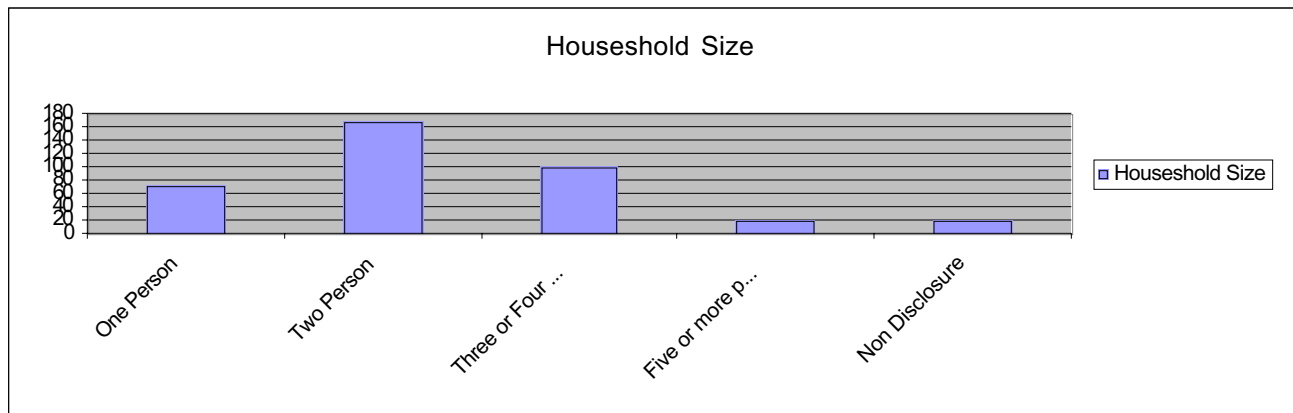
Males	191	50.40%
Females	181	47.76%
Non Disclosure	7	1.85%

Age Groups of Respondents

18-35	22	5.80%
36-59	194	51.19%
60 and over	148	39.05%
Non Disclosure	15	3.96%
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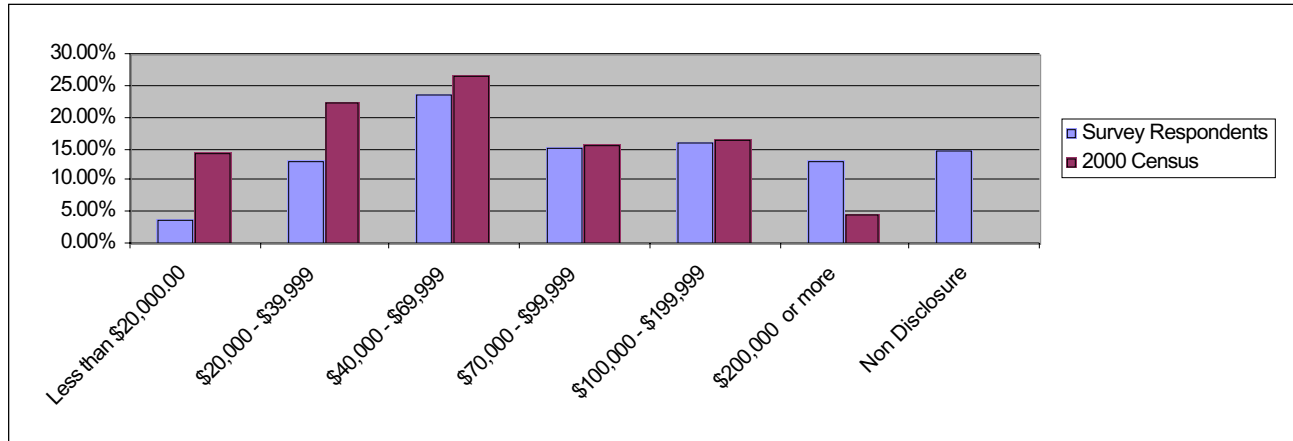
Number of People Residing in the Household

One Person	71	18.73%
Two Person	169	44.59%
Three or Four persons	99	26.12%
Five or more persons	21	5.54%
Non Disclosure	19	5.01%



Household Income of Respondents

	Survey Respondents		2000 Census	
Less than \$20,000.00	15	3.96%	92	14.38%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	50	13.19%	142	22.19%
\$40,000 - \$69,999	90	23.75%	170	26.56%
\$70,000 - \$99,999	58	15.30%	100	15.63%
\$100,000 - \$199,999	61	16.09%	105	16.41%
\$200,000 or more	49	12.93%	31	4.84%
Non Disclosure	56	14.78%		
total	323		640	



Number of People under Age 18 in Respondent's Household

0 or No Response	293	77.31%
1 Child	47	12.40%
2 Children	28	7.39%
3 Children	11	2.90%

Number of People over Age 60 in Respondent's Household

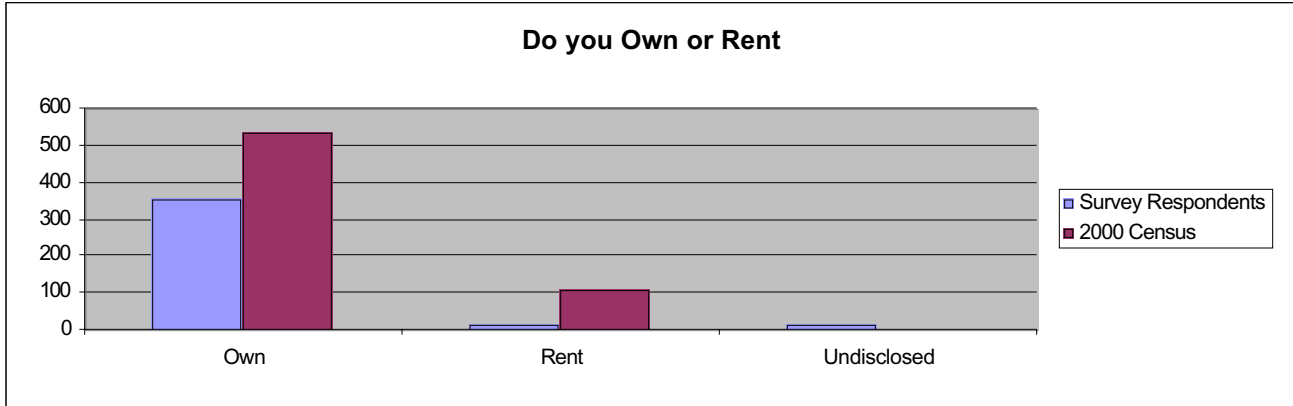
1 Residents	73	19.21%
2 Residents	85	22.37%
3 Residents	3	0.79%
4 Residents	1	0.26%
0 Responses	218	57.37%

Need Special Services for the Disabled?

Yes	24	3.16%
No	14	1.84%
Undisclosed	341	44.93%

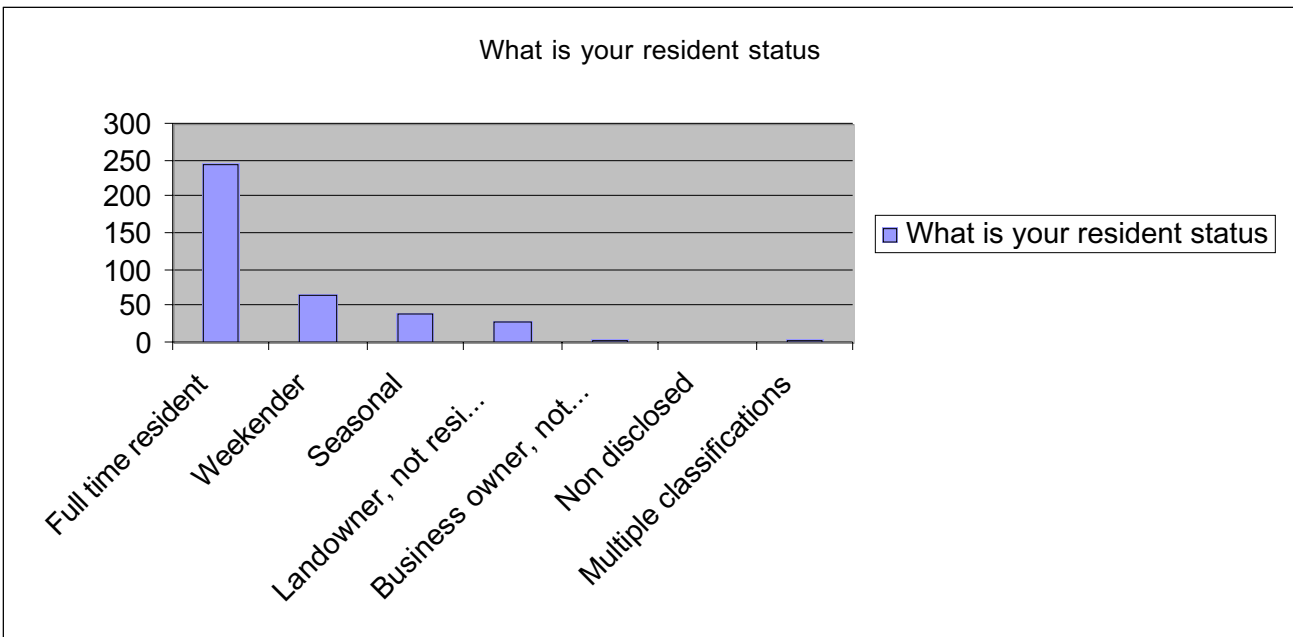
Do you rent or own?

	<i>Responses</i>		<i>Census</i>	
Own	352	92.88%	534	83.05%
Rent	12	3.17%	109	16.95%
Undisclosed	15	3.96%		



What is the Residential Status?

Full time resident	245	62.98%
Weekender	67	17.22%
Seasonal	42	10.80%
Landowner, not resident	28	7.20%
Business owner, not resident	2	0.51%
Non disclosed	0	0.00%
Multiple classifications	5	1.29%



How much land to you own

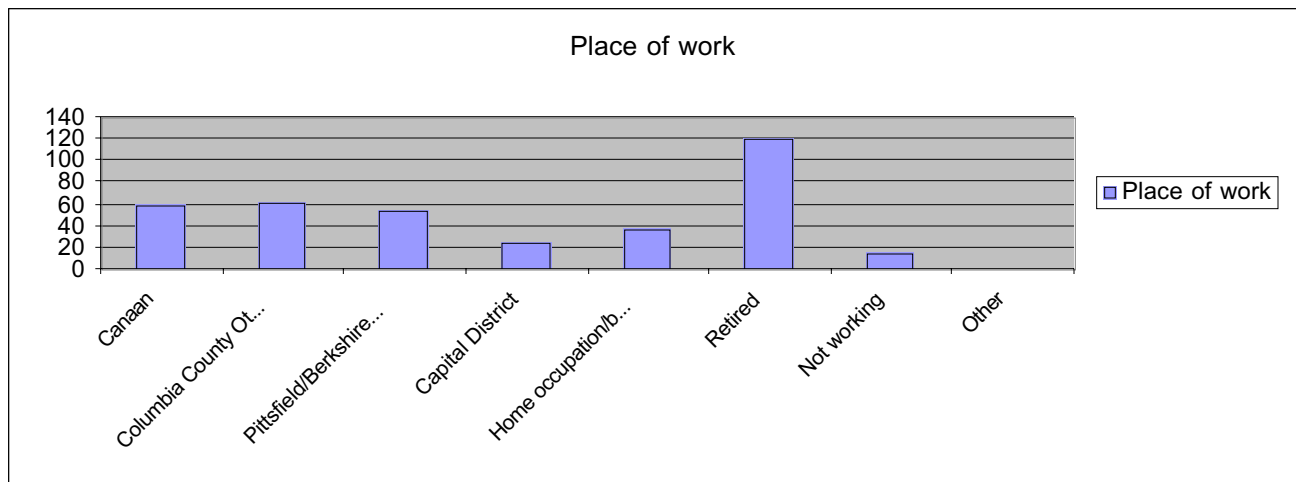
0-1 Acre	54	14.25%
1-2 Acre	30	7.92%
2-5 Acre	77	20.32%
5-10 Acre	78	20.58%
More than 10 Acres	118	31.13%
Do not own	12	3.17%
Non disclosed	10	2.64%

Which describes your current home?

Single Family	348	91.82%
Single Family apartment	3	0.79%
Two family dwelling	3	0.79%
Multi family dwelling (3 or more)	4	1.06%
Boarding House	0	0.00%
Other	11	2.90%
See Attached report for details		0.00%
Non disclosure	10	2.64%

Where do you work?

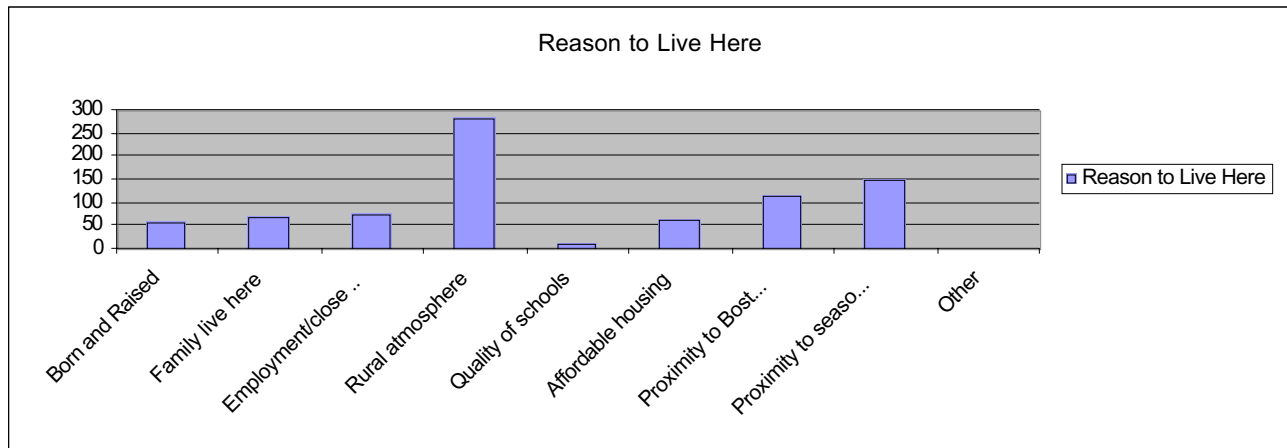
Canaan	58	15.30%
Columbia County Other than Canaan	62	16.36%
Pittsfield/Berkshire County	55	14.51%
Capital District	24	6.33%
Home occupation/business in town	38	10.03%
Retired	121	31.93%
Not working	15	3.96%
Other		



What reason(s) influenced your decision to live in Canaan?

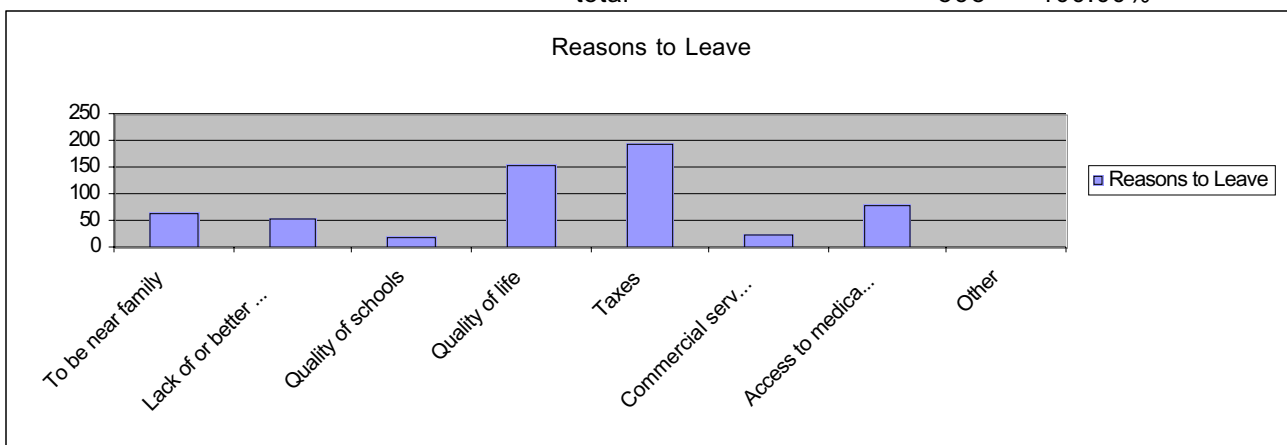
Born and Raised	59	7.16%
Family live here	68	8.25%
Employment/close to employment	73	8.86%

Rural atmosphere	280	33.98%
Quality of schools	14	1.70%
Affordable housing	61	7.40%
Proximity to Boston/New York City	117	14.20%
Proximity to seasonal cultural/recreational attractions	152	18.45%
Other		
total	824	100.00%



What reason(s) would influence your decision to leave Canaan?

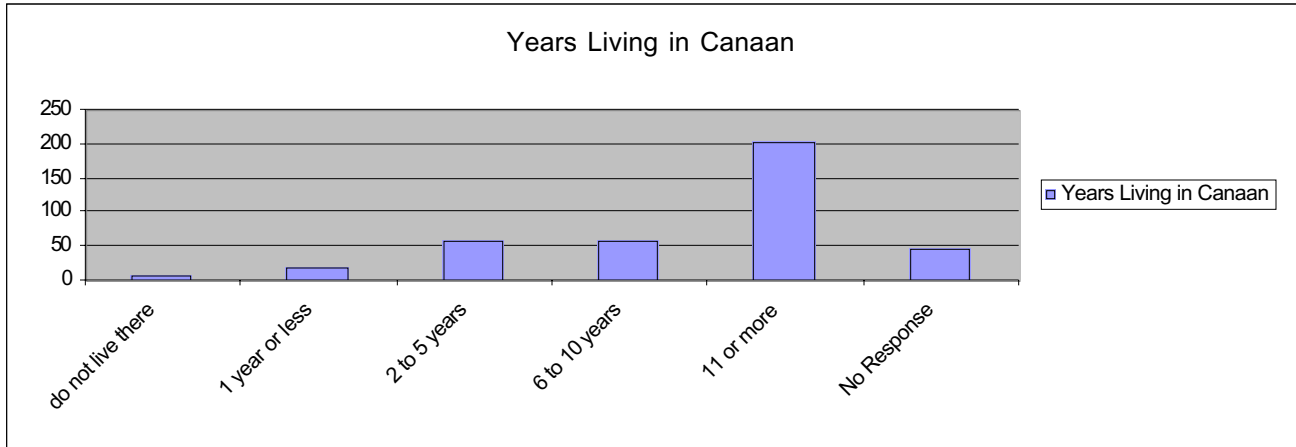
To be near family	65	10.92%
Lack of or better employment	57	9.58%
Quality of schools	22	3.70%
Quality of life	154	25.88%
Taxes	194	32.61%
Commercial services	24	4.03%
Access to medical care and social services	79	13.28%
Other		0.00%
total	595	100.00%



Total number of years Respondent lived in Canaan

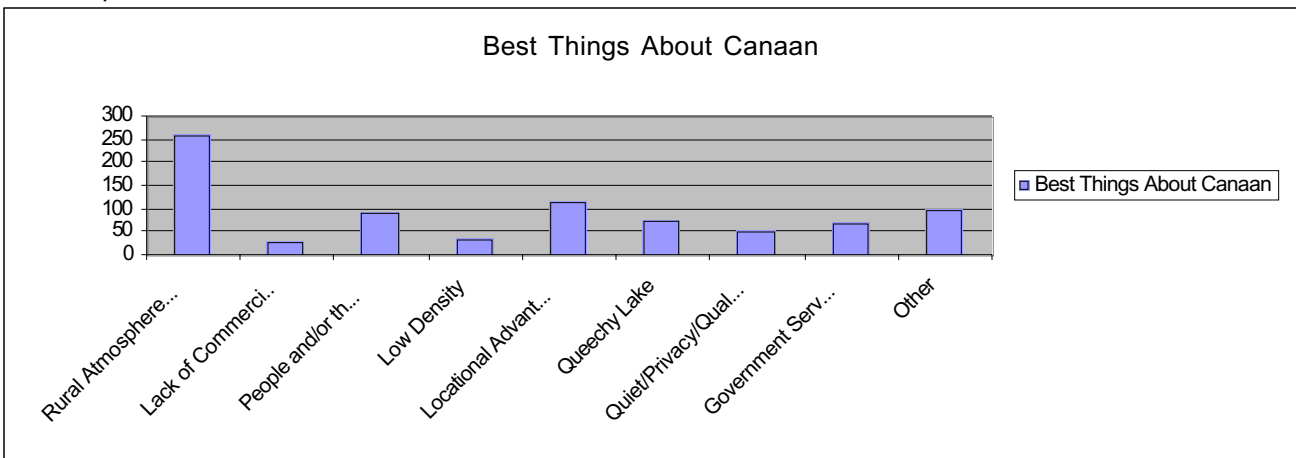
do not live there	6	1.53%
1 year or less	19	4.85%
2 to 5 years	59	15.05%
6 to 10 years	57	14.54%

11 or more	203	51.79%
No Response	48	12.24%



3 Best Things about Canaan

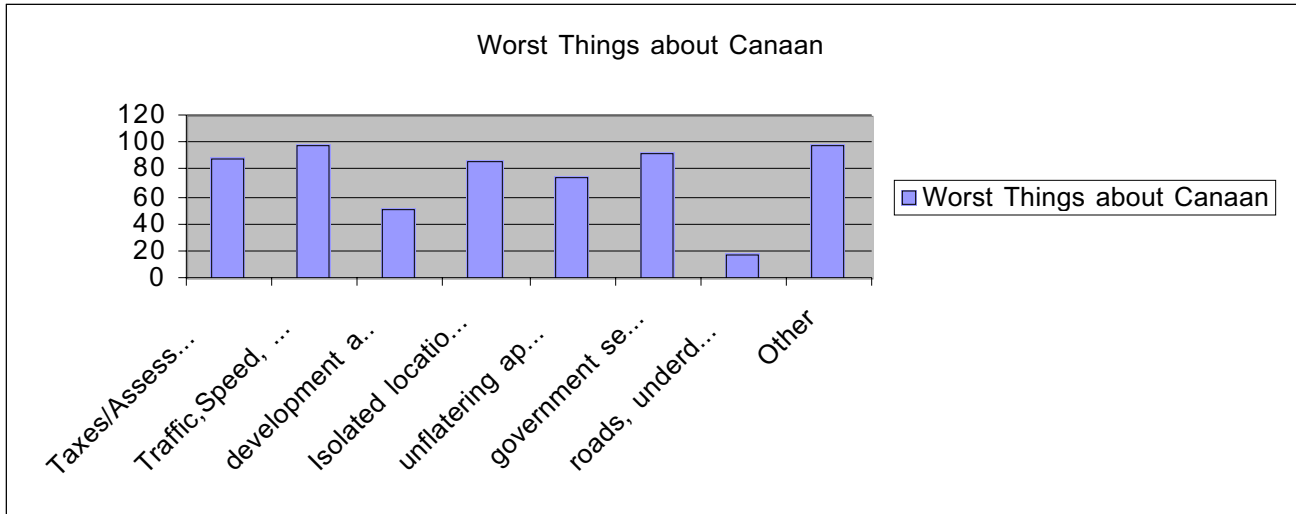
	Best 1	Best 2	Best 3	Total	Percent of Opprtunities	Percent of Responses
				1129		
Rural Atmosphere/ Rural Setting	150	70	39	259	22.94%	31.51%
Lack of Commercial Development	7	8	12	27	2.39%	3.28%
People and/or the Community	17	29	44	90	7.97%	10.95%
Low Density	20	8	9	37	3.28%	4.50%
Locational Advantages	26	49	39	114	10.10%	13.87%
Queechy Lake	42	21	12	75	6.64%	9.12%
Quiet/Privacy/Quality of Life	19	19	15	53	4.69%	6.45%
Government Services and Progran	12	25	32	69	6.11%	8.39%
Other	25	54	19	98	8.68%	11.92%
No Response	59	93	155	307	27.19%	



3 Worst Things about Canaan

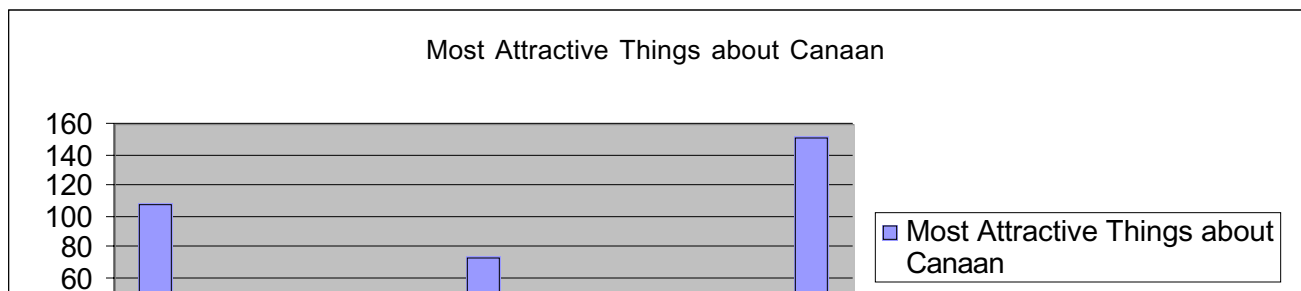
	worst 1	worst 2	worst 3	Totals	Percent Opportunities	Percent Responses
				1124		
Taxes/Assessments	52	21	16	89	7.92%	14.64%
Traffic,Speed, Noise	48	30	20	98	8.72%	16.12%

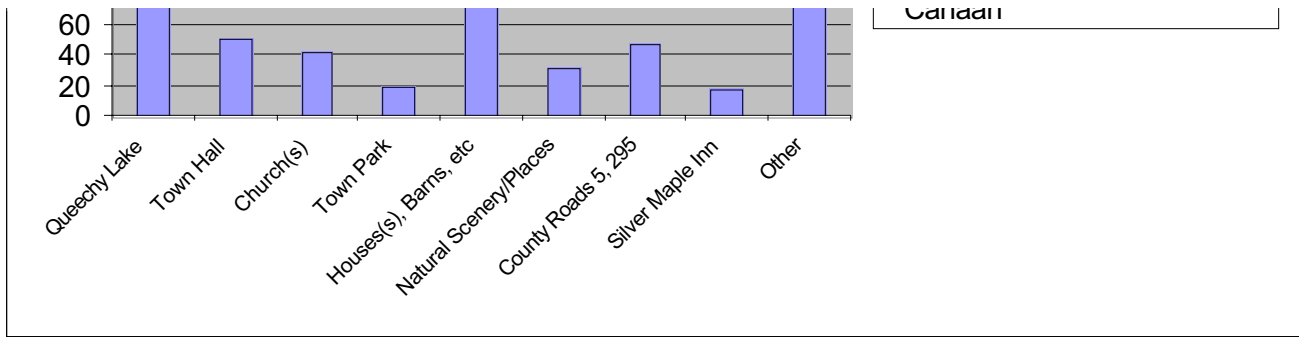
development and changing mix of	21	21	9	51	4.54%	8.39%
Isolated location/lack of services	19	36	31	86	7.65%	14.14%
unflattering appearance of bulding	34	21	19	74	6.58%	12.17%
government services and program	46	34	13	93	8.27%	15.30%
roads, underdevelopment/mainter	9	6	3	18	1.60%	2.96%
Other	50	33	16	99	8.81%	16.28%
No Response	96	172	248	516	45.91%	



Most Attractive Things About Canaan

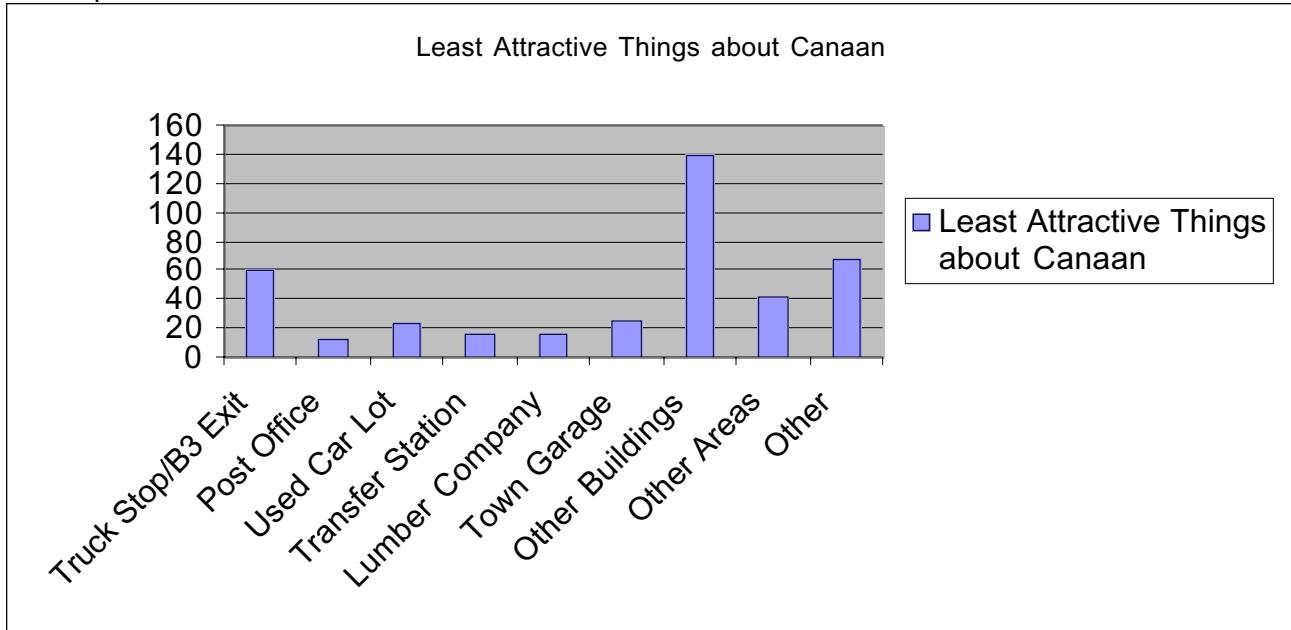
	most 1	most 2	most 3	Totals	Percent Opportunities	Percent Responses
Queechy Lake	48	47	12	107	9.48%	19.93%
Town Hall	31	14	5	50	4.43%	9.31%
Church(s)	24	11	6	41	3.63%	7.64%
Town Park	8	6	6	20	1.77%	3.72%
Houses(s), Barns, etc	27	28	18	73	6.47%	13.59%
Natural Scenery/Places	12	12	7	31	2.75%	5.77%
County Roads 5, 295	20	15	12	47	4.16%	8.75%
Silver Maple Inn	6	4	7	17	1.51%	3.17%
Other	67	45	39	151	13.37%	28.12%
No Response	133	194	265	592	52.44%	





3 Least Attractive Things about Canaan

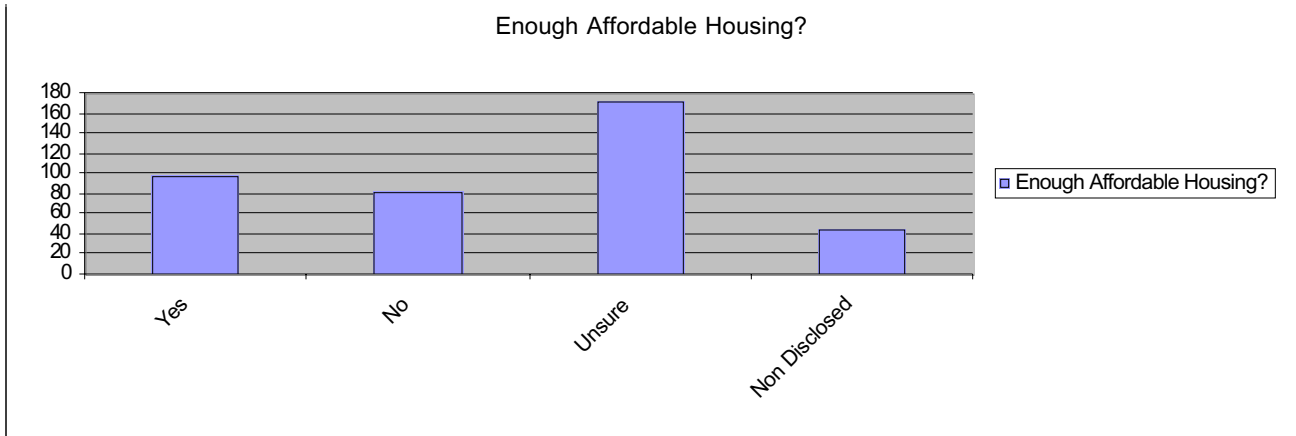
	least1	least 2	least 3	Totals	Percent Opportunities	Percent Responses
				1124		
Truck Stop/B3 Exit	33	19	8	60	5.34%	14.81%
Post Office	9	1	2	12	1.07%	2.96%
Used Car Lot	16	4	4	24	2.14%	5.93%
Transfer Station	10	6	1	17	1.51%	4.20%
Lumber Company	5	9	2	16	1.42%	3.95%
Town Garage	10	12	3	25	2.22%	6.17%
Other Buildings	69	46	25	140	12.46%	34.57%
Other Areas	26	14	3	43	3.83%	10.62%
Other	33	12	23	68	6.05%	16.79%
No Response	158	254	307	719	63.97%	



Is there Enough Affordable Housing in Canaan?

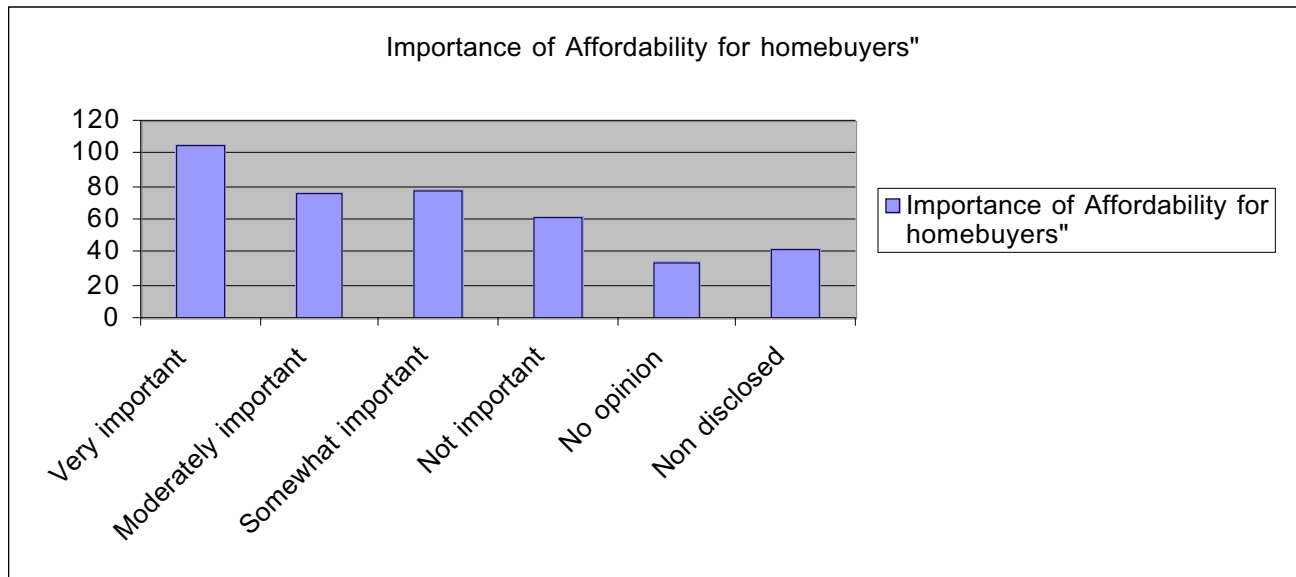
Yes	99	24.94%
No	82	20.65%
Unsure	171	43.07%
Non Disclosed	45	11.34%

Enough Affordable Housing?



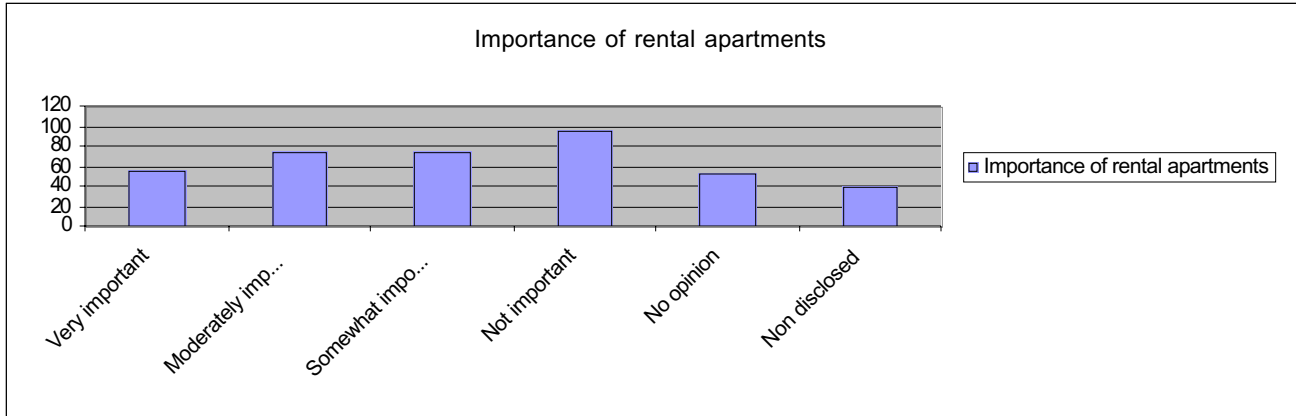
How Important is the affordability of homes to buy?

Very important	105	26.45%
Moderately important	77	19.40%
Somewhat important	78	19.65%
Not important	61	15.37%
No opinion	34	8.56%
Non disclosed	42	10.58%



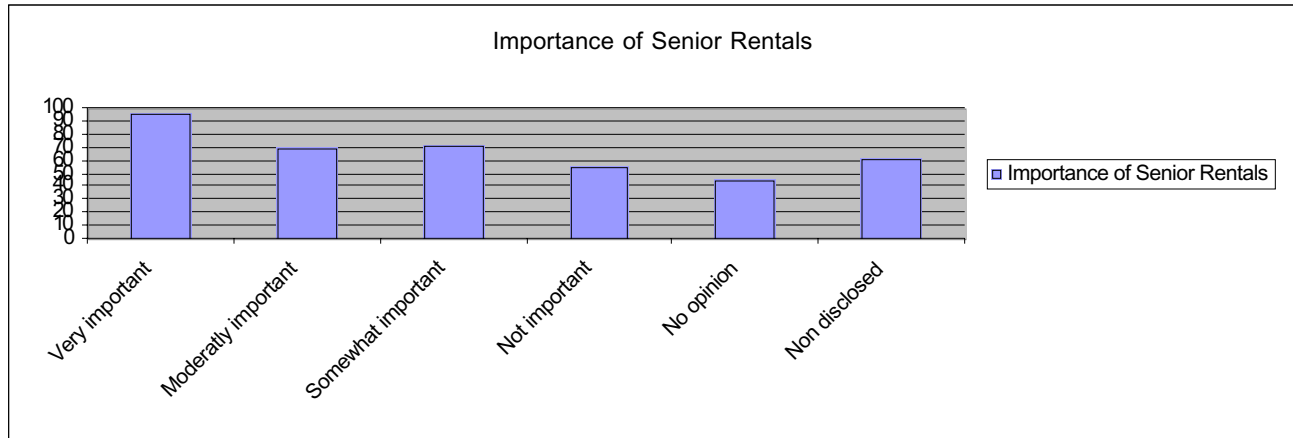
How important is Rental Housing?

Very important	57	14.36%
Moderately important	75	18.89%
Somewhat important	74	18.64%
Not important	97	24.43%
No opinion	53	13.35%
Non disclosed	41	10.33%



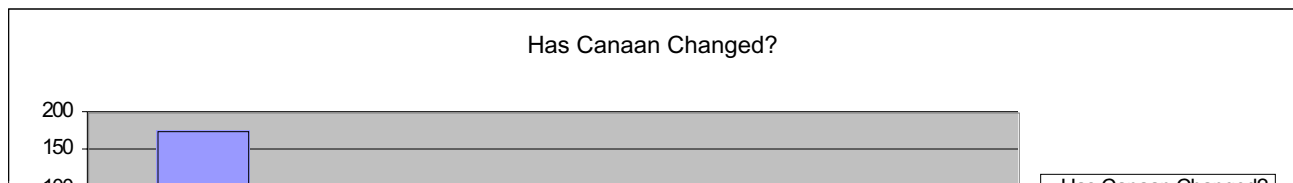
How important is the availability of affordable rental apartments for seniors?

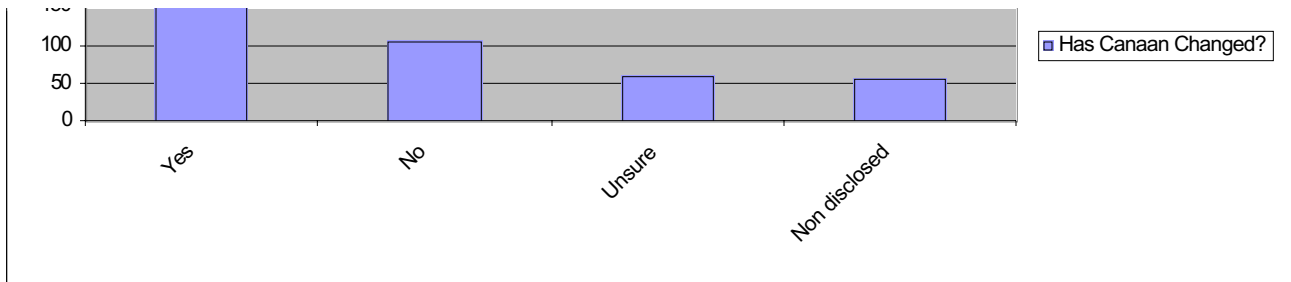
Very important	95	23.93%
Moderatly important	69	17.38%
Somewhat important	72	18.14%
Not important	56	14.11%
No opinion	44	11.08%
Non disclosed	61	15.37%



Has the Town Changed?

Yes	*See attached report for If yes, how has it changed?	174	43.83%
No		107	26.95%
Unsure		60	15.11%
Non disclosed		56	14.11%





*How important is it for the community to be concerned with:
On a scale of 1-5 (1 being least important and 5 being most important)*

	1	2	3	4	5	No Response
Architectural design	53	32	63	46	87	98
Availability of employment	66	45	74	35	71	88
Building height	35	29	50	60	114	91
Building scale	37	17	55	56	119	95
Business signs	33	25	61	51	116	93
Canaan Library	24	26	58	56	136	79
Commercial density	25	21	47	49	144	93
Farming	20	18	60	64	143	74
Landscaping	36	27	79	51	90	96
Noise levels	26	17	30	54	177	75
Proximity of residential development to commercial	41	20	52	58	118	90
Quality of employment	50	46	76	45	67	95
Residential density	19	13	47	64	153	83
Sense of community	14	15	57	56	148	89
Site design	28	29	78	54	83	107
Stoddard Park facilities	19	26	83	66	80	105
Tourism	82	39	76	35	44	103
Traffic	21	28	47	58	139	86
Unpaved roads	52	42	66	43	80	96
Visual character	16	16	41	63	157	86
Water quality	17	10	17	44	210	81

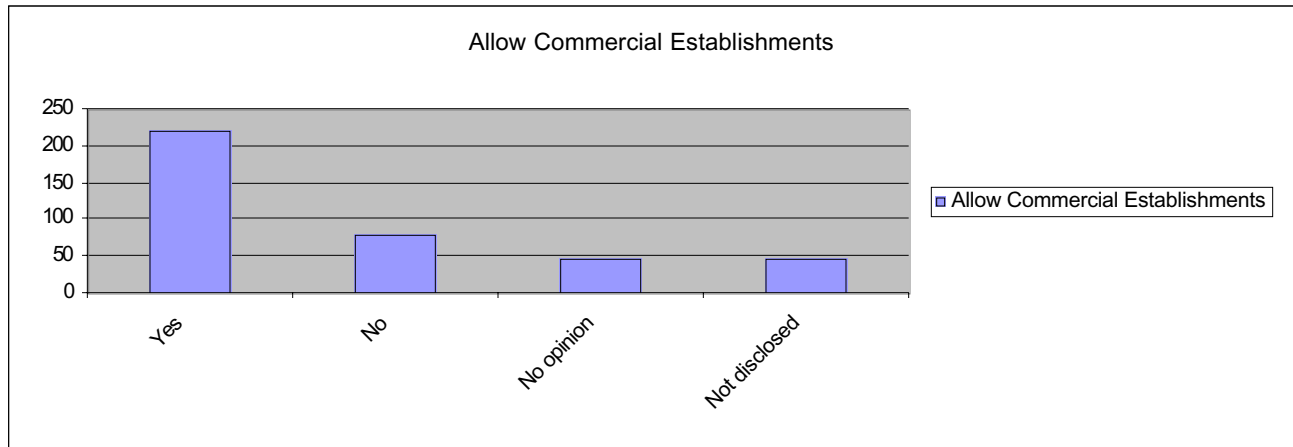
Is there a need for the following services?

	1	2	3	4	5	No Response
Access to basic services such as supermarket/pharmacy	99	38	51	43	70	78
Access to better long distance service	93	40	56	27	70	93
Access to cable service	99	25	46	42	72	95
Access to high-speed internet acc	77	27	49	51	81	94
Additional recreational facilities	85	57	68	47	28	94
Availability of commercial space for new businesses	104	52	65	33	28	97
Child day care	85	44	78	34	35	103
Improved library services	49	42	75	69	56	88
Infrastructure to support industrial/commercial businesses	125	44	64	29	16	101

Public access t Queechy Lake	85	31	57	45	77	102
Public sewer system	158	32	37	14	27	129
Public transportation	165	37	30	26	20	119
Public water system	156	39	28	13	27	116
Road imporovments	56	48	74	43	81	77
Waste/junk pick-up	118	36	52	28	53	92

Should Commercial Establishments be Encouraged in Areas Zoned for Commercial?

Yes	221	55.67%
No	80	20.15%
No opinion	48	12.09%
Not disclosed	48	12.09%



How important is it for the community to preserve the following?

	1	2	3	4	5	No Response
Farmland	16	9	31	50	223	50
Historic buildings and sites	13	12	45	44	212	53
Open space	18	17	24	46	224	50
Ridgelines	15	21	36	35	181	91
Scenic views	21	12	27	37	229	53
Woodlands	13	12	26	46	234	48

Is there a need for the following recreation or leisure activities in town?

	1	2	3	4	5	No Response
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Baseball/softball field	91	42	63	35	34	114
Basketball court	94	42	64	32	36	111
Bird watching areas	76	40	71	47	41	104
Community center	75	33	78	39	43	111
Cross country ski trail	82	48	52	37	53	107
Fishing	63	37	72	32	50	125
Golf course	180	19	18	16	16	130
Hunting	142	25	26	19	41	126
Nature areas with public access	63	22	62	57	86	82
Nature areas without public access	87	29	50	25	67	121
Outdoor ice skating	78	28	68	41	53	111
Playground	59	20	75	41	69	115
Senior citizens center	66	40	72	45	51	105
Snowmobile trail	177	20	22	5	19	136
Swimming	55	33	53	46	83	109
Tennis courts	87	43	55	32	41	121
Youth center	85	29	77	37	35	116
Walking/hiking paths	56	20	51	53	90	109

Encourage, Prohibit, Allow or Allow with Conditions New Residential Development?

	<i>Encourage</i>	<i>Prohibit</i>	<i>Allow</i>	<i>Allow w/Conditions</i>	<i>No Response</i>
Single-family dwelling	205	1	82	57	34
Two family dwelling(s)	50	48	101	137	43
Multi-family dwelling(s)	11	130	19	67	152
Mobile home parks	6	222	15	66	70
Attached housing such as condominiums	31	148	39	114	47