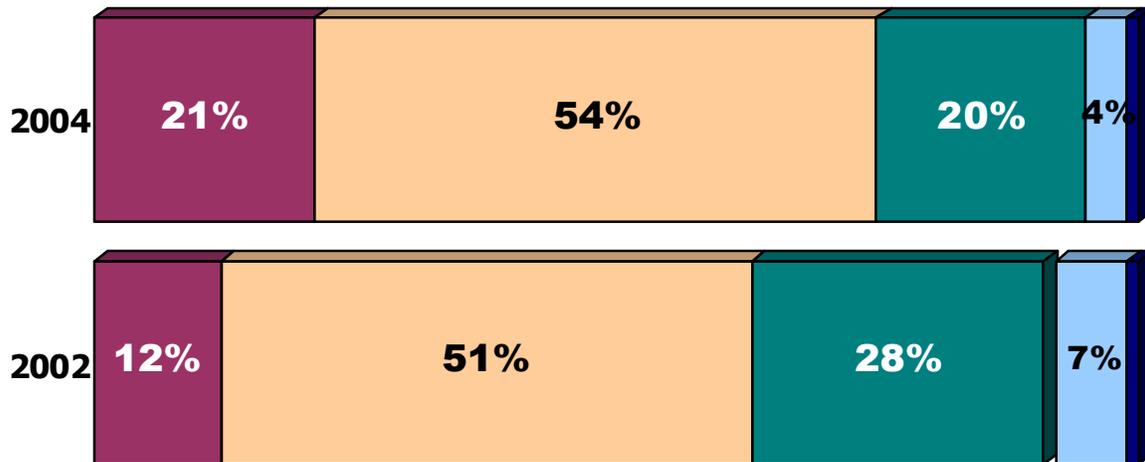


Majority Rate Renton Positively as Place to Live

How would you rate Renton as a place to live? Would you say...

■ Excellent ■ Very Good ■ Satisfactory ■ Only Fair ■ Poor



Most likely to say “Excellent” (21%)

28% Residents of South Renton

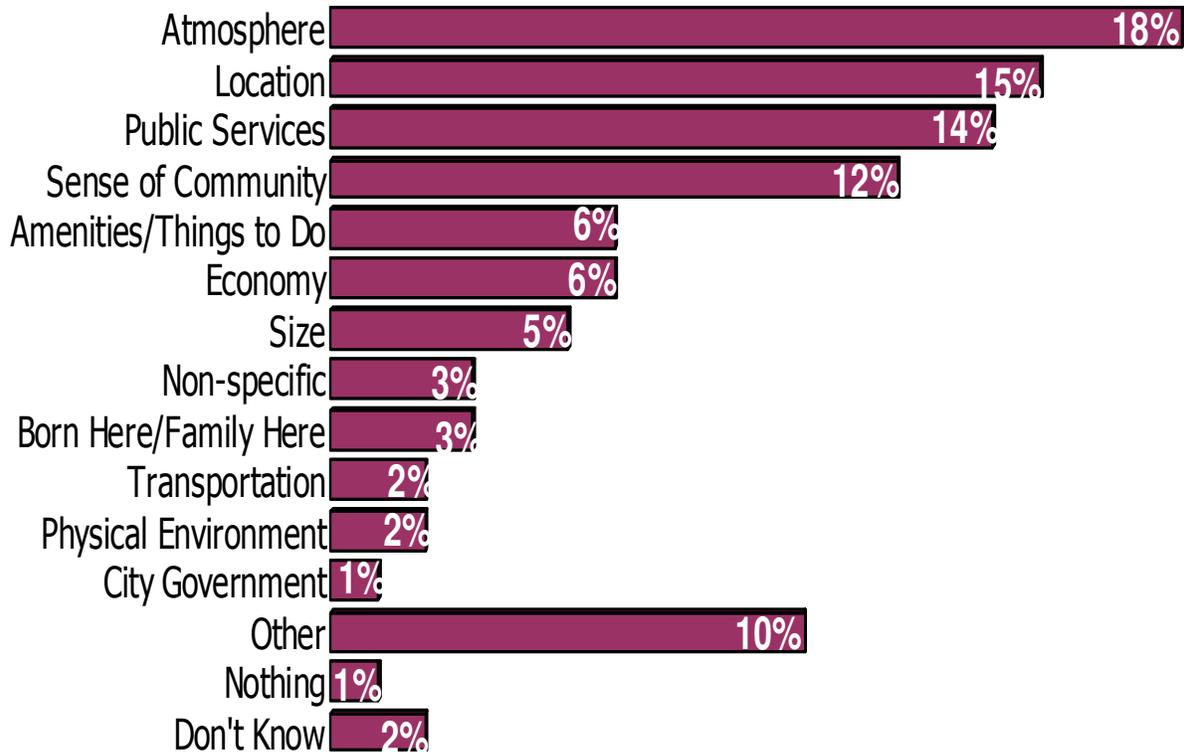
Most likely to say “Satisfactory” (20%)

30% Private sector employees

28% Renters

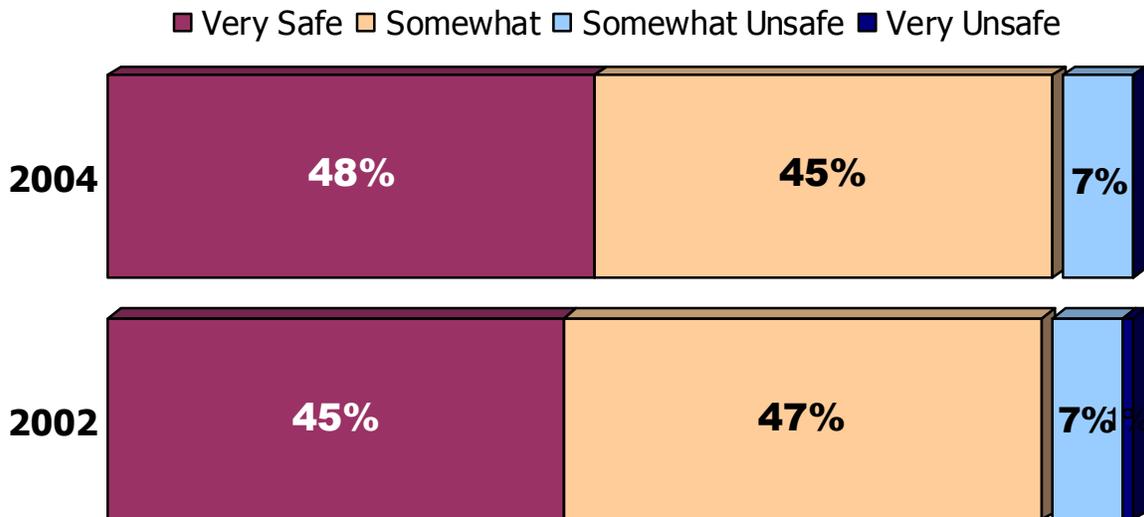
Reasons For Ratings of “Excellent/Very Good”

What is the main reason you rate Renton as a/an [Excellent/Very Good] place to live?



Residents Feel Safe

How safe do you feel in Renton? Would you say that, generally, you feel...



Most likely to say “Very Safe” (48%)

- 57% Those with incomes under \$25,000
- 56% Those with a graduate degree
- 55% Those with a high school degree
- 55% Single people without children*
- 53% North Renton residents*

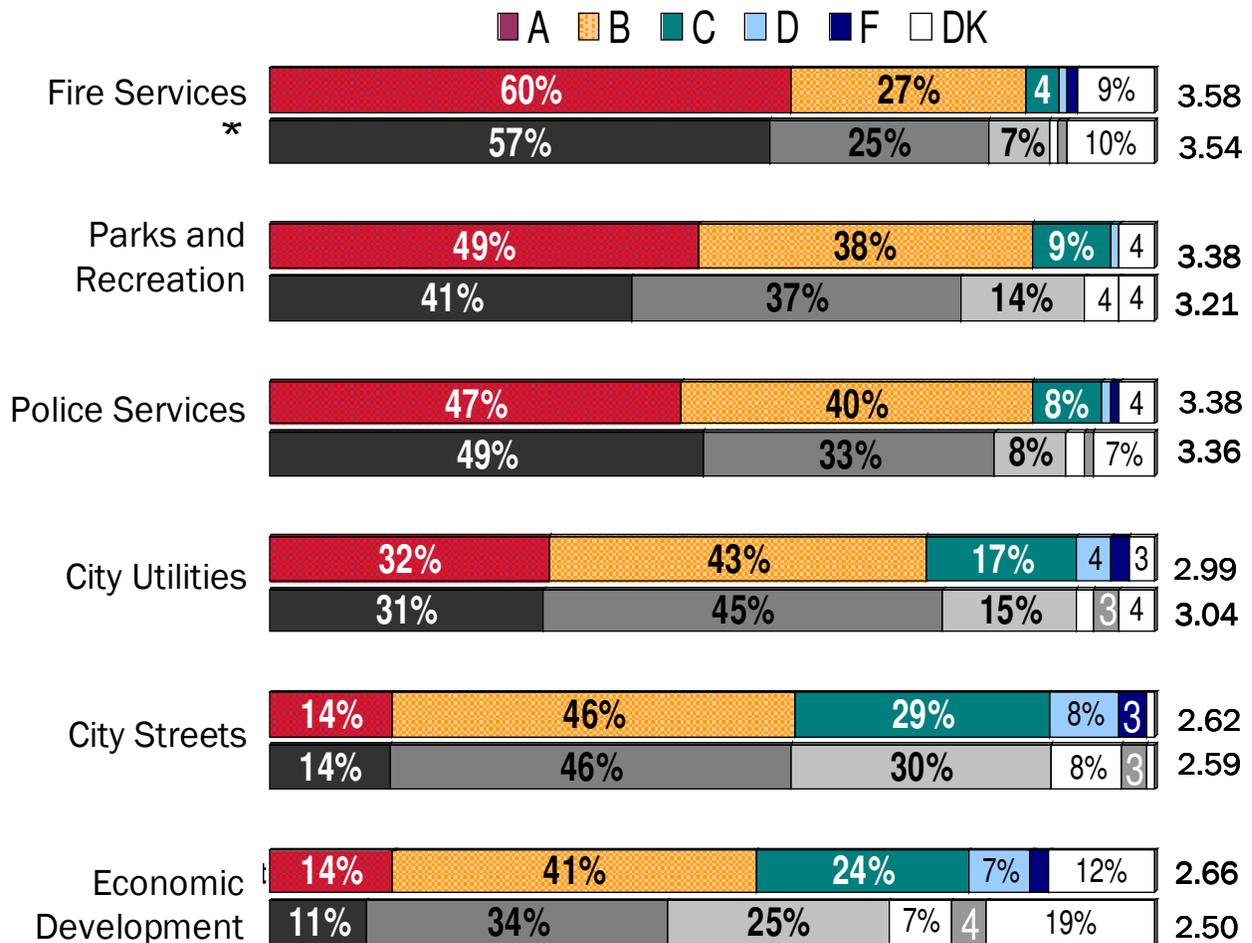
Most likely to say “Unsafe” (7%)

- 15% Self-employed
- 10% College graduates
- 10% Those with incomes over \$75,000

* Statistically significant (p=<.05)

Grades for the City

I'm going to read you a list of services and facilities provided by the city. For each one I read, I'd like you to give Renton City Government a letter grade – like they give in school – for that service. **A** for Excellent, **B** For Good, **C** for Satisfactory, **D** for Unsatisfactory, **F** for Failing. If you are not familiar enough with the program, just say that. What grade would you give the city for...



* Black and white bars represent the ratings from 2002.

“A” Grades

Most likely to Give an “A” to...

FIRE SERVICES (60%)

- 69% Those with incomes of \$25,000-\$75,000*
- 68% Retired people
- 68% Ages 55 and over*
- 68% People with some college education or less

PARKS & RECREATION (49%)

- 60% Public sector employees
- 57% Ages 18-35
- 56% Self-employed

POLICE SERVICES (47%)

- 59% Ages 65 and over*
- 57% Retired people
- 55% Those with a high school education

CITY UTILITIES (32%)

- 39% Ages 18-35
- 38% Ages 65 and over
- 36% Women*

CITY STREETS (14%)

- 30% Ages 18-35*
- 23% Those with a graduate degree*
- 23% Those with incomes under \$25,000

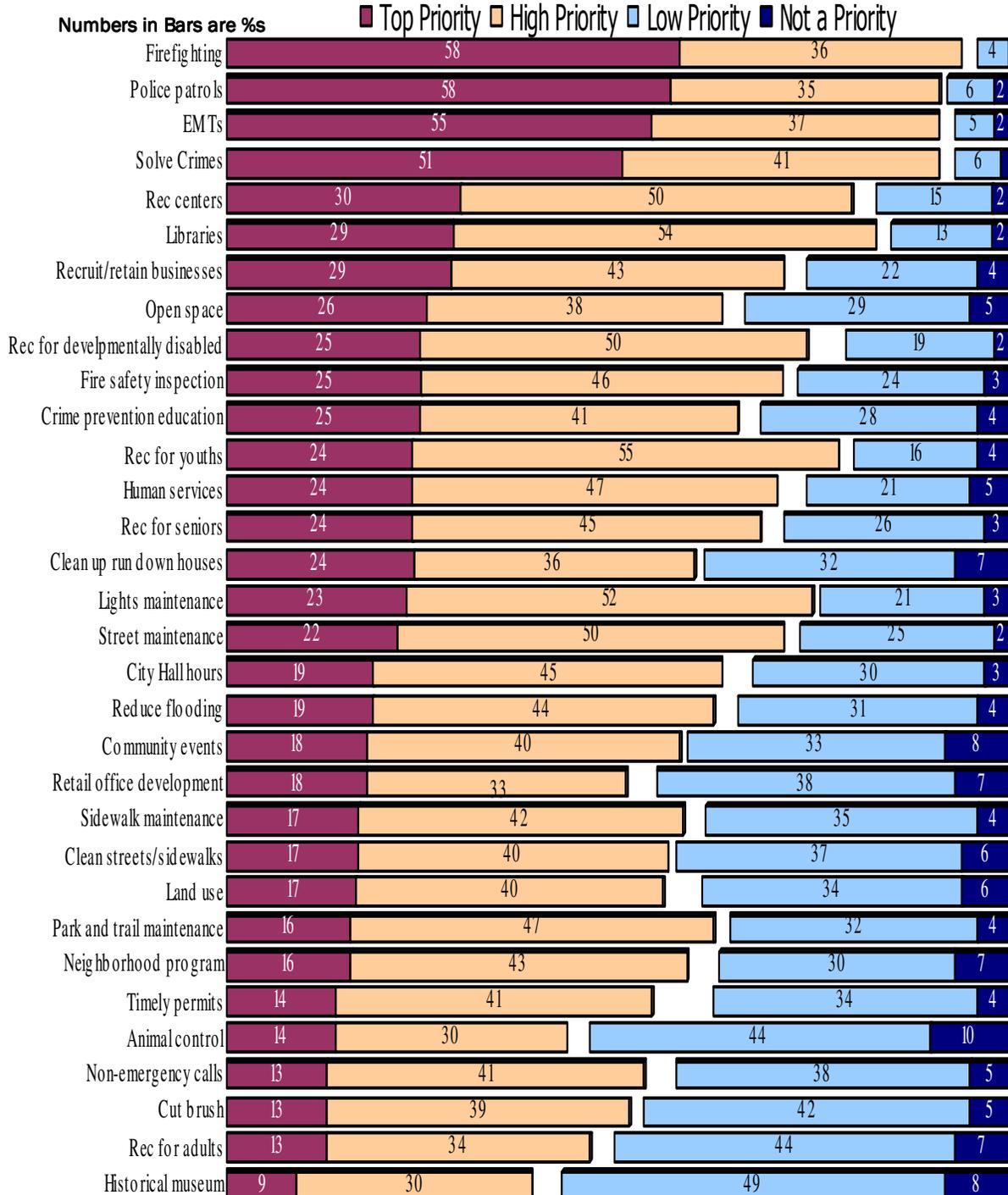
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (14%)

- 27% 0-5 years in Renton*
- 24% Ages 18-35
- 21% Those with a graduate degree
- 20% Self-employed

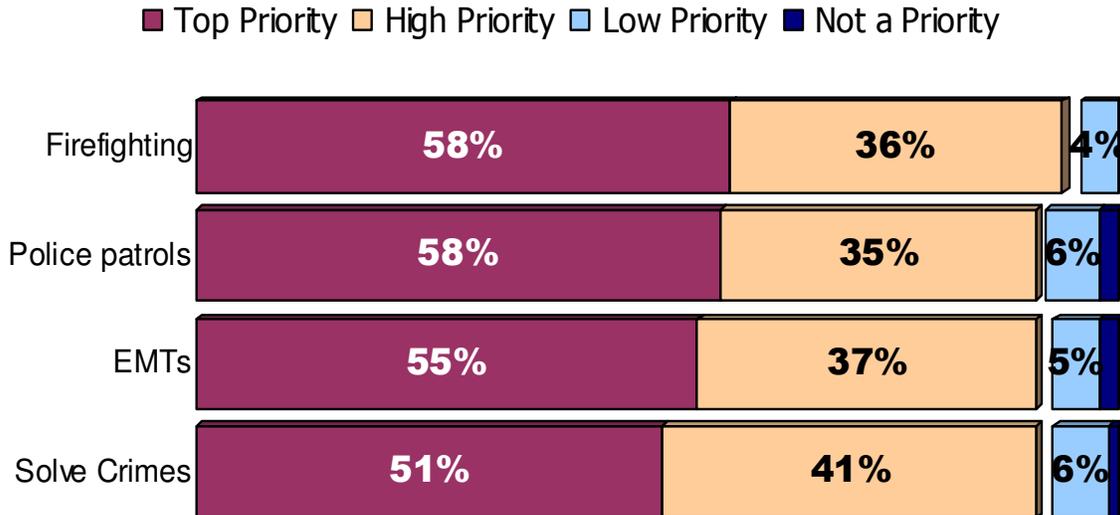
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Program Budget Priorities

1) "Top Priority", so funding should not be cut for that program; 2) "High Priority" but spending could be trimmed; 3) Low Priority" so spending could be cut significantly; or 4) Not a Priority," so that program could be eliminated, in your opinion.



Top 4 Priorities



Most likely to say a top priority is...

Firefighting (58%)

73% Ages 55-64*

70% Those with incomes under \$25,000

Police Patrols (58%)

65% Those with incomes under \$25,000

Emergency Medical Technicians (55%)

64% Singles without children

63% Those with incomes of \$25,000 - \$75,000

61% Ages 55 and over

Solving Crimes (51%)

62% Those with a high school education*

62% Renters

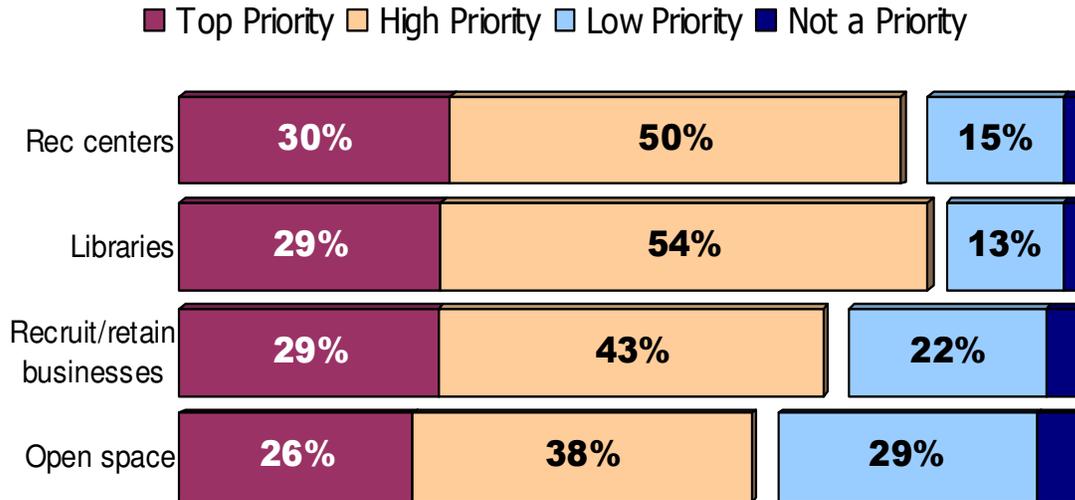
61% Singles without children*

59% Those with incomes under \$50,000

58% Women*

* Statistically significant (p<.05)

Second 4 Priorities



Most likely to say a top priority is...

Recreation Centers (30%)

- 40% Those with a high school education
- 38% Not working right now
- 37% Renters
- 37% Self-employed

Libraries (29%)

- 45% Renters*
- 43% Not working right now
- 39% Ages 18-35
- 37% Self-employed
- 37% Those with a graduate degree

Recruiting/Retaining Businesses (29%)

- 51% Self-employed*
- 49% Those with a graduate degree

Open Space (26%)

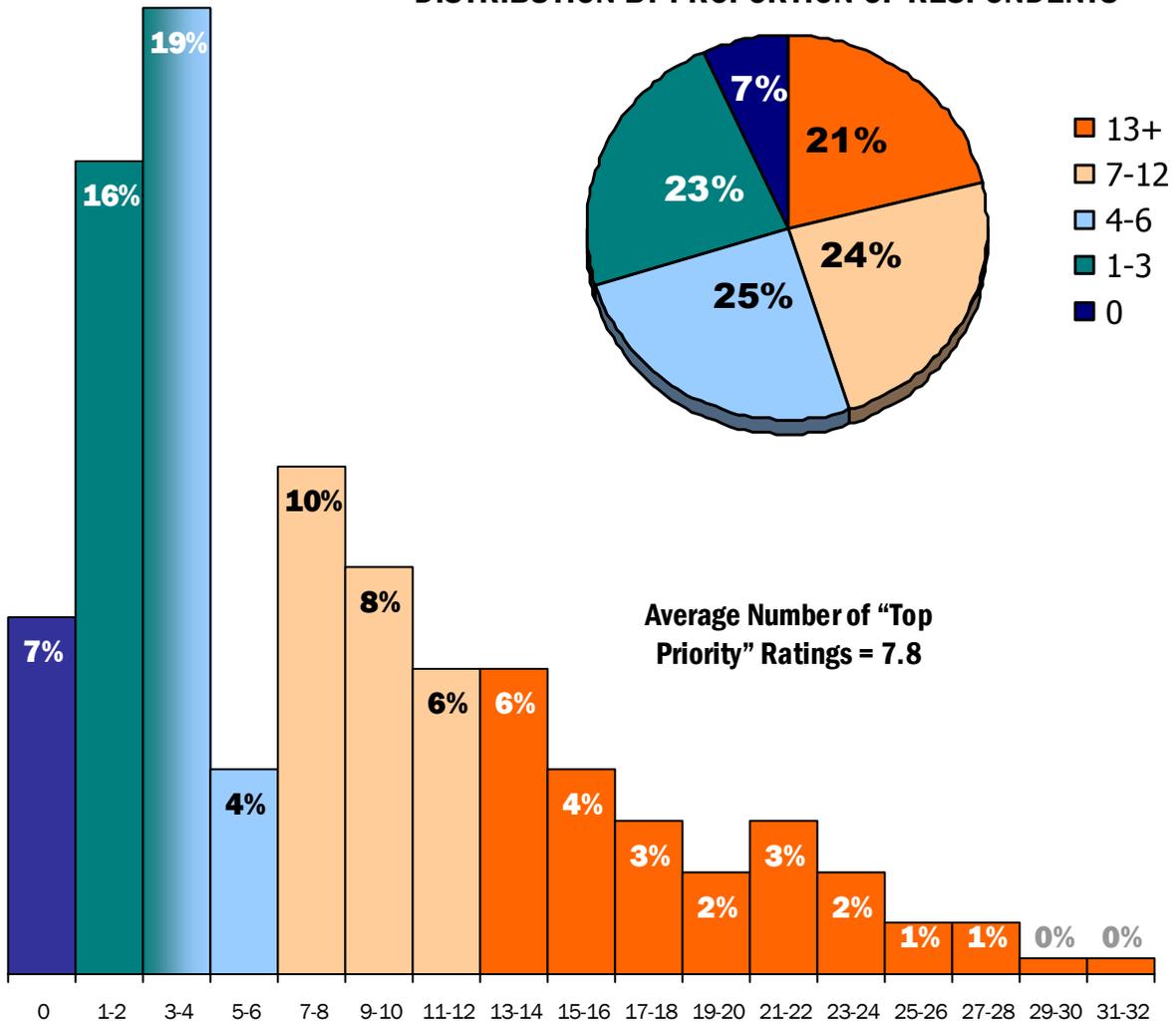
- 36% Those not working right now
- 34% Self-employed
- 30% Women*

* Statistically significant (p=<.05)

Number of “Top Priorities”

These charts indicate the proportion of respondents who rated programs “Top Priority.” The pie chart divides the respondents into quartiles; the histogram displays the distribution by number of programs.

DISTRIBUTION BY PROPORTION OF RESPONDENTS



Average Number of “Top Priority” Ratings = 7.8

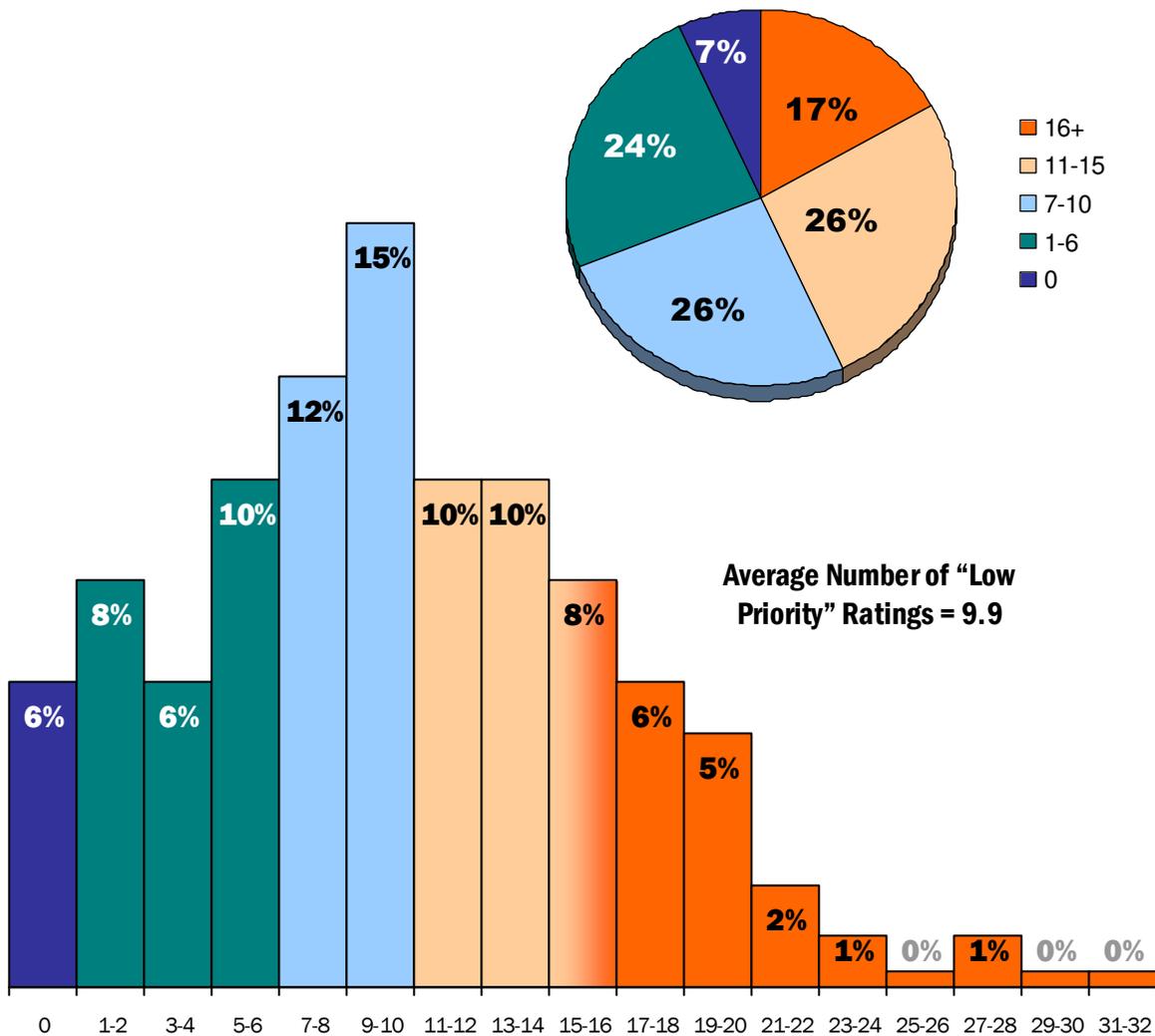
NUMBER OF “TOP PRIORITY” RATINGS BY PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS

For Example, 7% rated 0 programs “Top Priority”; 16% rated 1-2 programs “Top Priority”, etc.

Number of “Low/Non Priorities”

These charts indicate the proportion of respondents who rated programs “Low Priority” or “Not a Priority.” The pie chart divides the respondents into quartiles; the histogram displays the distribution by number of programs.

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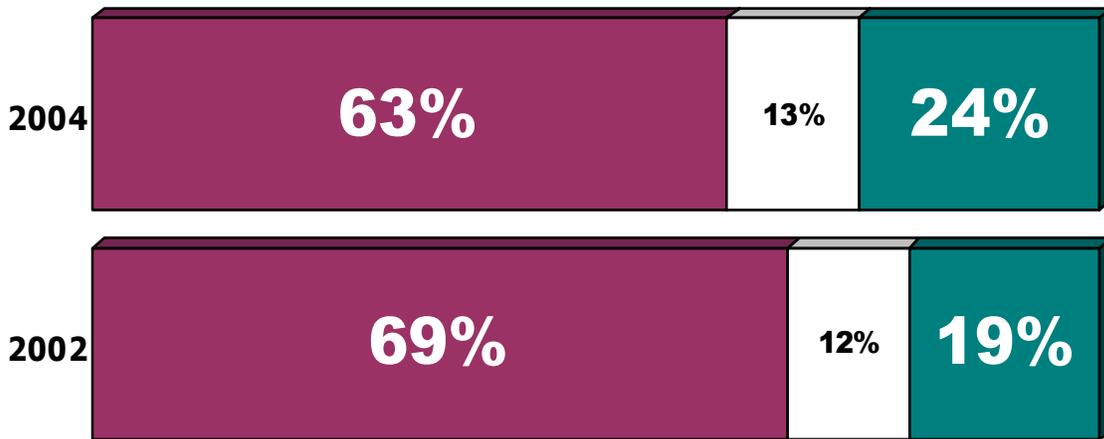
NUMBER OF “LOW PRIORITY” RATINGS BY PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS

For Example, 6% rated 0 programs “Low Priority”; 8% rated 1-2 programs “Low Priority”; 6% rated 3-4 programs “Low Priority”; etc.

6 in 10 Say Their Taxes are Well Spent

You have heard a list of some of the services that city government provides. As a citizen of Renton, you support City government services and facilities with property tax, sales, and other taxes. Considering all the things we have talked about, do you think that your tax dollars are being well spent here? Or not?

■ Well spent □ Don't know ■ Not well spent



Most likely to say “Well Spent” (63%)

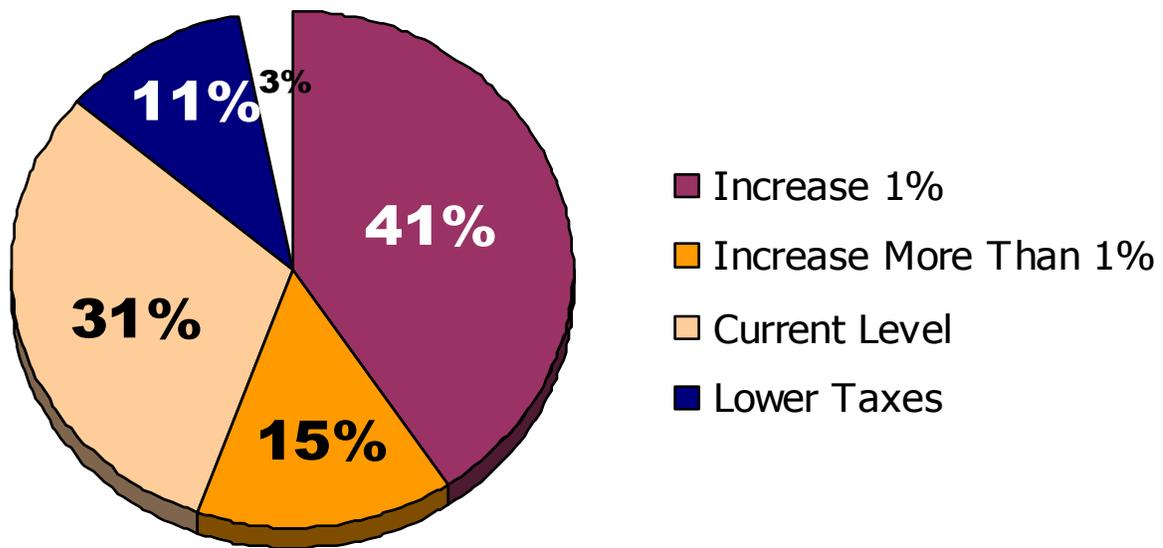
- 79% Public sector employees
- 74% Those with a graduate degree
- 69% High School graduates

Most likely to say “Not Well Spent” (24%)

- 32% Self-employed
- 30% Ages 35-54
- 28% Private sector employees

Majority Willing to Increase Tax

Renton City government is facing a budget deficit. Maintaining the city services and facilities at their current level will require an increase in the property tax levy of 1 percent – or about \$10 per year for the average homeowner. Given this situation, which of the following do you tend to favor:



Most likely to say “Increase by 1%” (41%)

- 56% Those with a graduate degree
- 53% Public sector employees
- 50% Not working right now
- 47% Ages 55-64

Most likely to say “Increase by More Than 1%” (15%)

- 22% Those with incomes of \$50,000 - \$75,000

Most likely to say “Current Level” (31%)

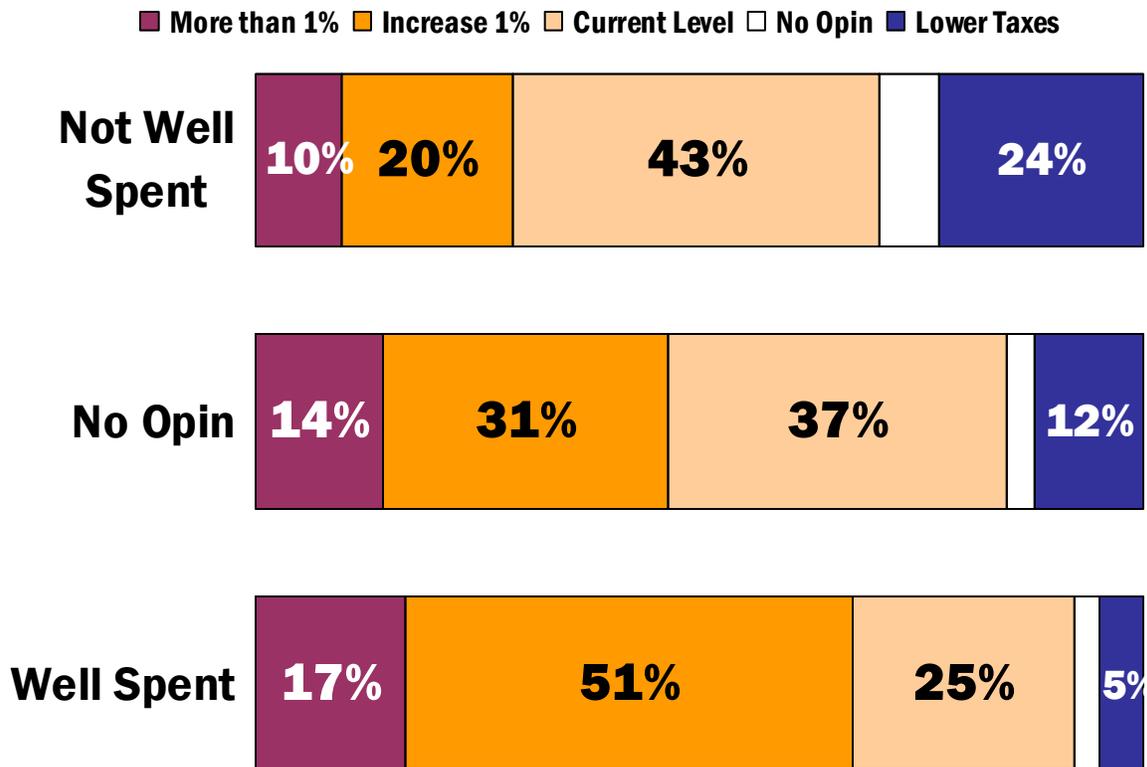
- 37% Southeast Renton residents

Most likely to say “Lower Taxes” (11%)

- 15% Self-employed

Support for Taxes by Opinion of Current Spending

Support for tax increase related to opinion about current City spending



of Top Priorities and Opinion on the Tax Proposal

Of the 32 programs and services, the number of them rated as “top priorities” by each respondent had a statistically significant [$p < .05$] relationship with how the respondents felt about the idea of a tax increase.

The table below shows the percentage of respondents who supported or opposed a tax increase according to how many programs and services they had rated as “top priorities”.

