

El Dorado County Youth Commission

2014-2015 Report Out

Commission Demographics

- Ages 14-18
- 2014-2015
- Number of commissioners per school
 - El Dorado HS - 4
 - Ponderosa HS - 1
 - Union Mine HS - 3
 - Oak Ridge HS - 1

Coin Drive

- Commissioners conducted a coin drive during the winter break to help support our local youth shelter.
- They decorated mason jars which were placed in classrooms at the high schools to bring awareness to those in need within our county and give them the opportunity to help.
- \$227 was raised in coins over a two week period.

Macaroni and Cheese Social

The Commissioners invited the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors and the El Dorado County Office of Education to an evening of tasty macaroni and cheese dishes prepared by the Commissioners and supported by the EDCOE kitchen staff with sides and beverages.



In attendance:

- El Dorado County Superintendent of Schools, Jeremy M. Meyers
- District II El Dorado County Board of Supervisor, Shiva Frentzen
- District III El Dorado County Board of Supervisor, Brian Veerkamp



- Deputy Superintendent, Edward Ed.D. Manansala
- Executive Director Charter Alternative Programs and Extended Day, David Publicover

- Multiple leadership and support staff from EDCOE and BOS
- Youth Commission Advisor, Lisa Boyle
- El Dorado County Youth Commissioners

El Dorado County Youth Commission Youth Survey 2014-2015

The El Dorado County Youth Commission (YC) hosted a Macaroni and Cheese Social with the El Dorado County Office of Education (EDCOE) and the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors (BOS) this year. During this event the YC had the opportunity to share their ideas, concerns and goals; as well as EDCOE and BOS discuss their programs for youth and ideas for the future.

The topic of attracting our youth to stay in El Dorado County; attracting youth to return after educational and career paths were established; and bring in new young residents and families was discussed. The BOS suggested that the YC run a survey to get feedback from our county youth.

The YC was very interested in the survey and decided to ask the high school seniors in the county for their responses. The high schools participating were: Oak Ridge; Union Mine; Charter University Prep; El Dorado; Golden Sierra; and South Lake Tahoe (their surveys have not been accessible online so their results are not part of the enclosed results). 561 Seniors participated.

Following are the results of the data collected. Most of the graphs represent the answers of all of the seniors combined. The YC found that the majority of seniors from the county high schools shared common goals, concerns and interests.

As most seniors are anxious to put their mark on the world and explore new environments, leaving El Dorado County is an understandable answer for most young adults. Their answers, and whether or not they would come back, are interesting as they reflect the reality, or perception, of the county through their eyes, and perhaps the limited experiences that they participated in.

An insight as to their activities, and what they enjoy doing in the county, is significant as these may be the very things that one day will be more important to them as they finalize their schooling, develop career paths, and look for a place to settle down. El Dorado County may be the very place that they would like to be.

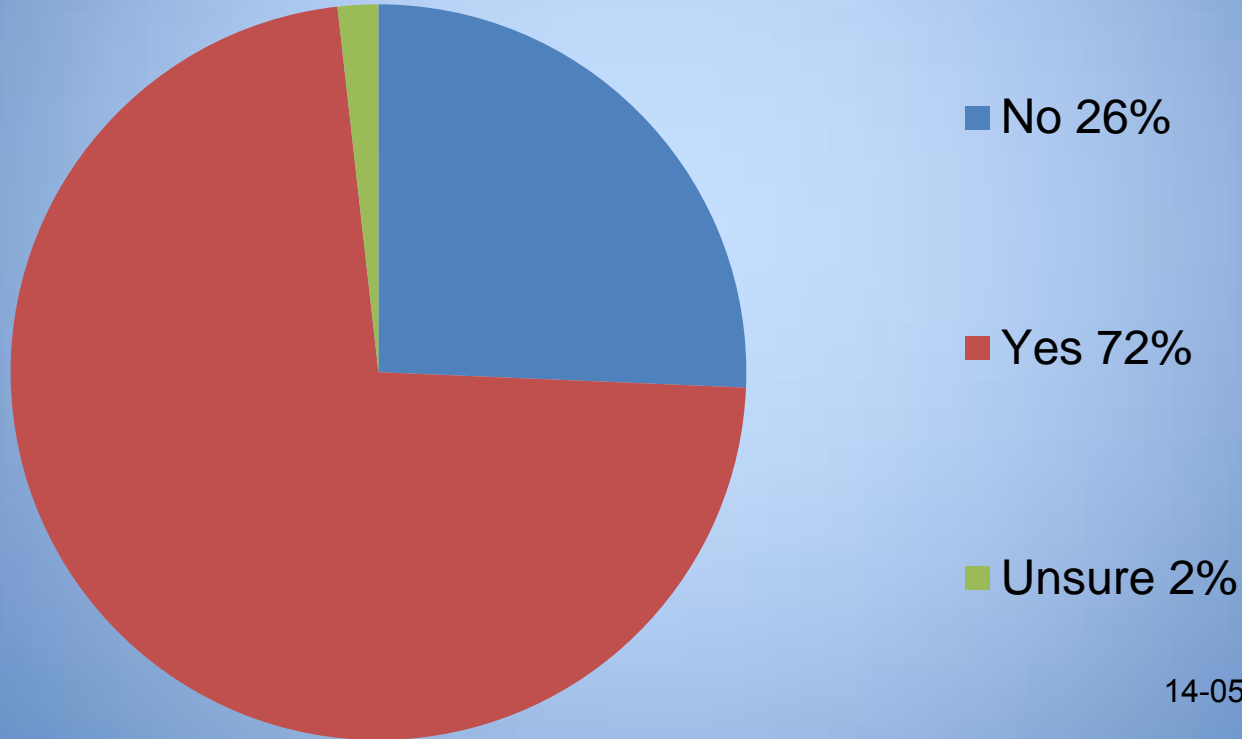
This survey is a foundation for further study. Our county offers a great variety of opportunities. Looking into how we can communicate to our youth and help them to become more engaged will enrich their lives as well as play a role into their interest in staying, or coming back to El Dorado County.

The process of developing, distributing, collecting and analyzing the data was an educational experience for the YC. The YC is thankful for the opportunity, and appreciate the support of, EDCOE, BOS and our county schools in this process.

Are you planning to leave El Dorado County after you graduate from high school?

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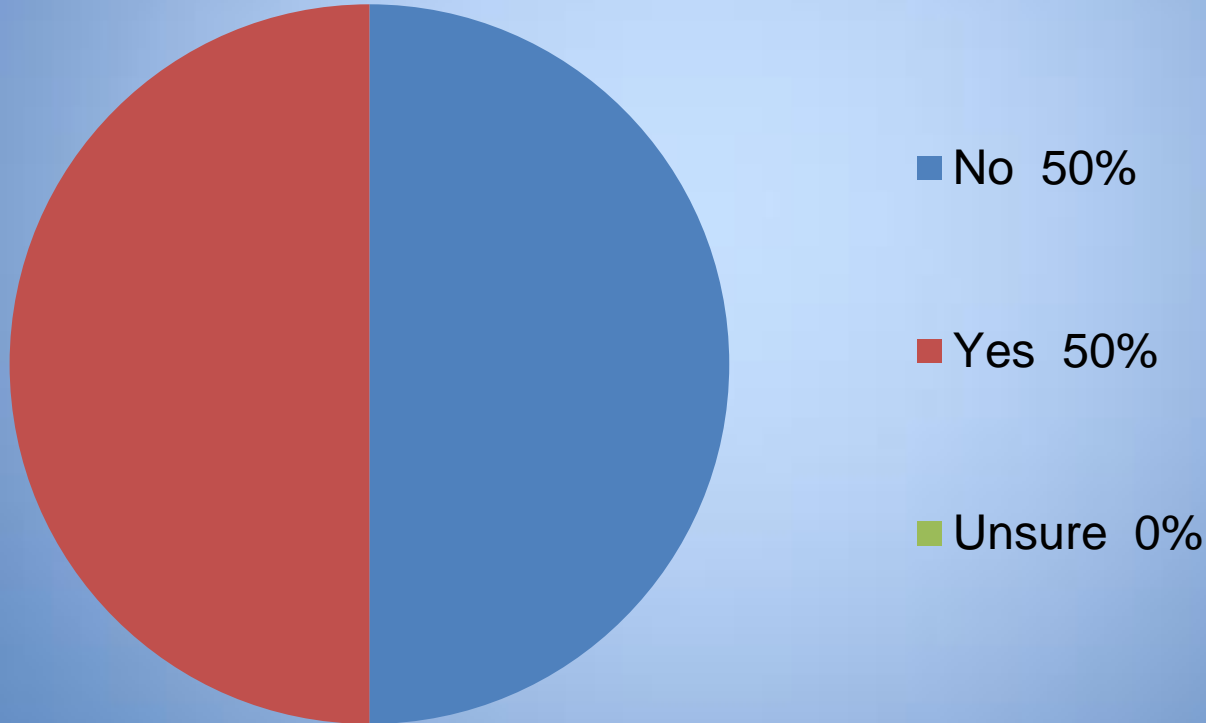
Responses from all schools participating



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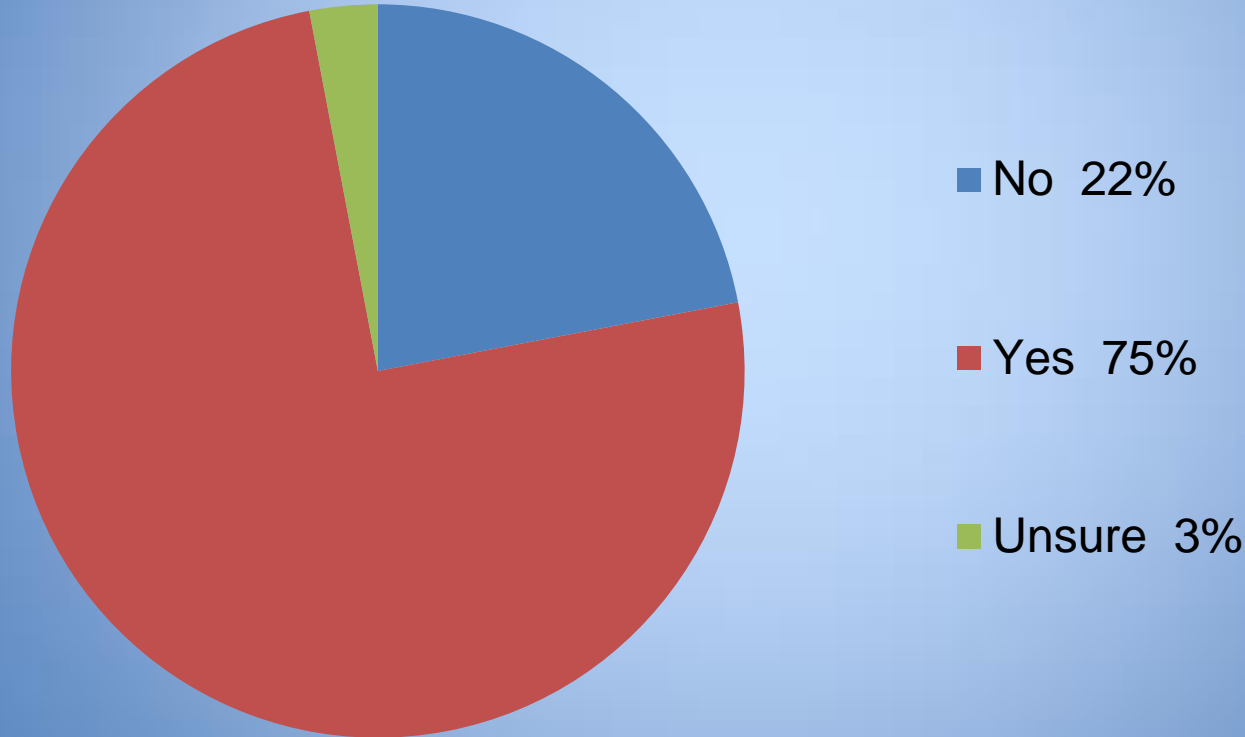
Responses from 20 Charter University Prep High School seniors



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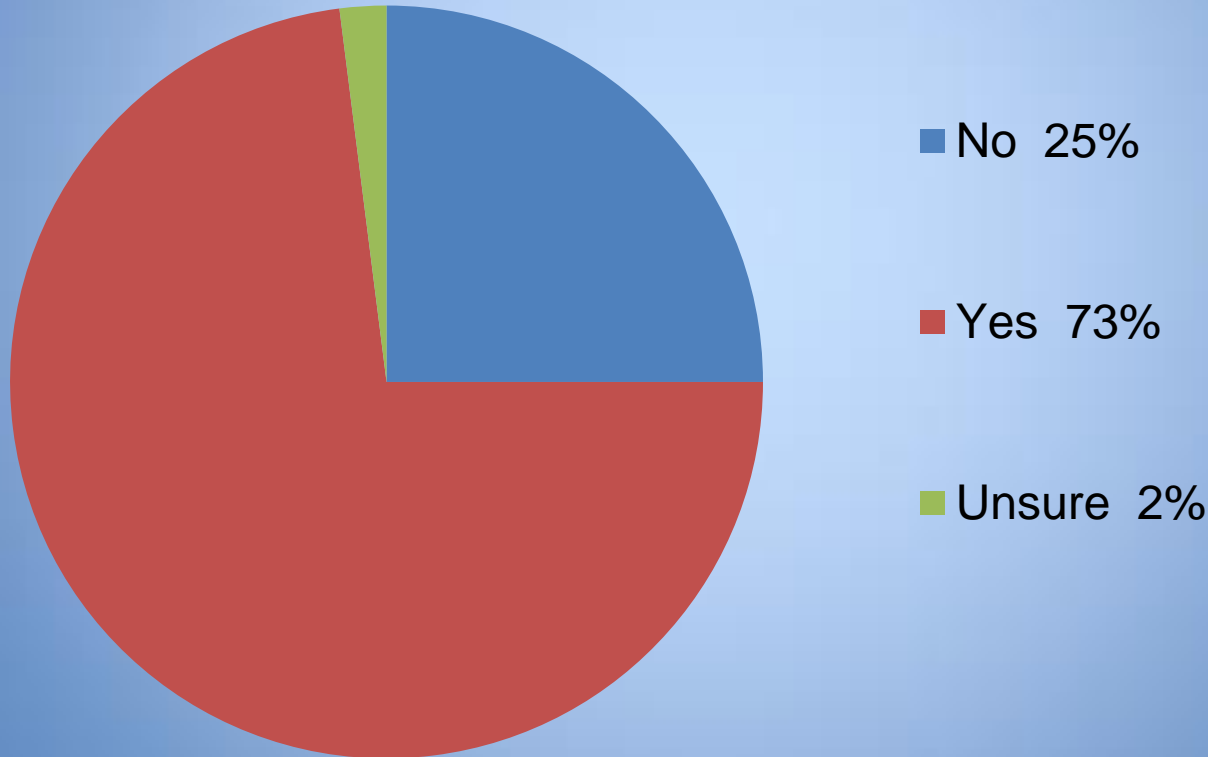
Responses from 106 Union Mine High School seniors



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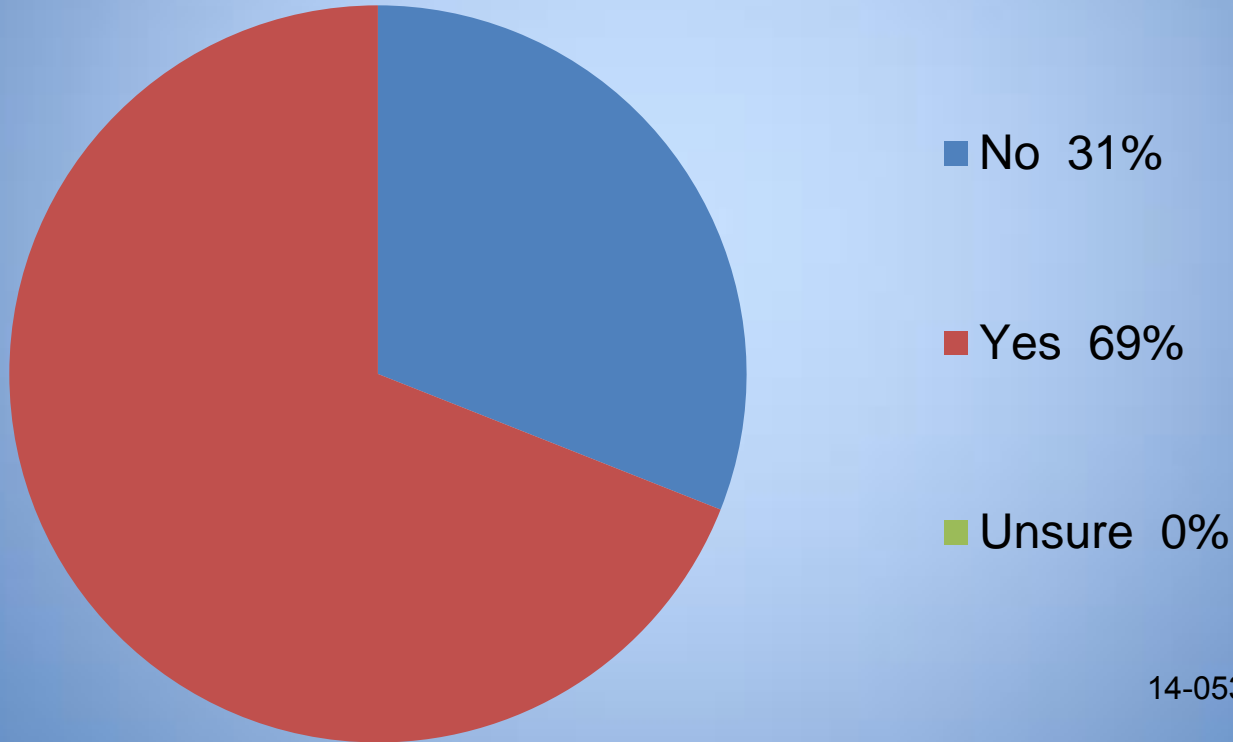
Reponses from 209 El Dorado High School seniors



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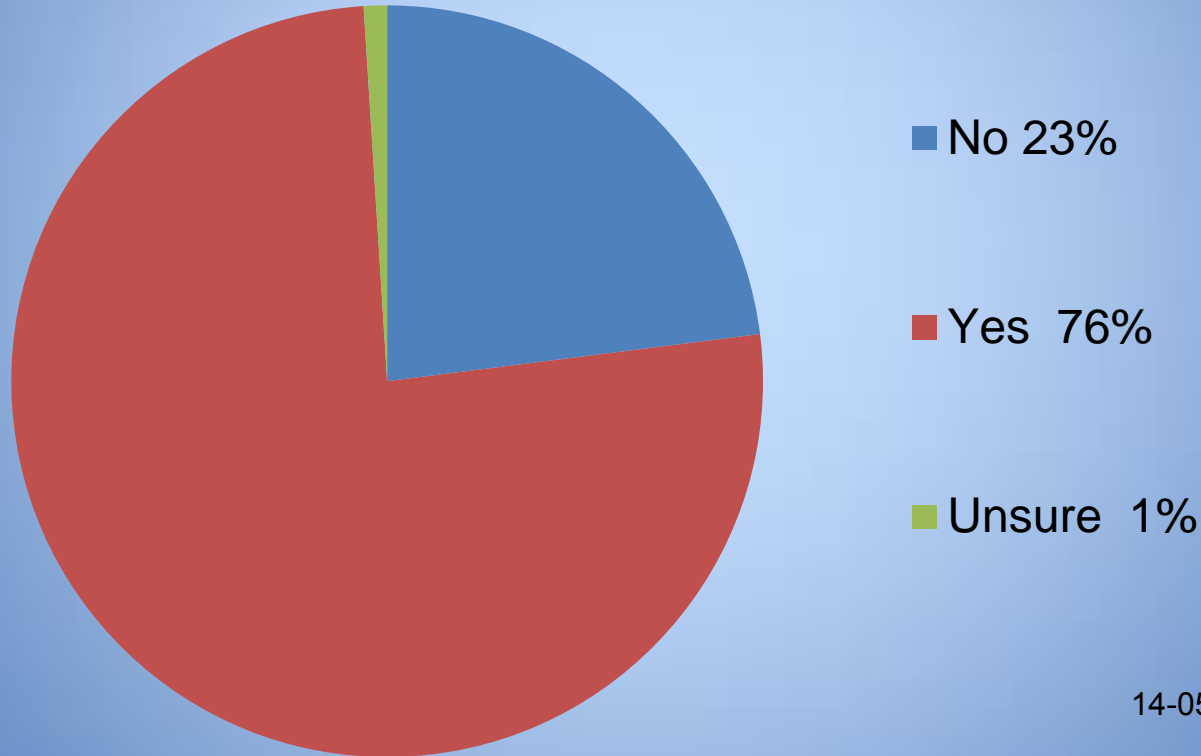
Reponses from 84 Golden Sierra High School seniors



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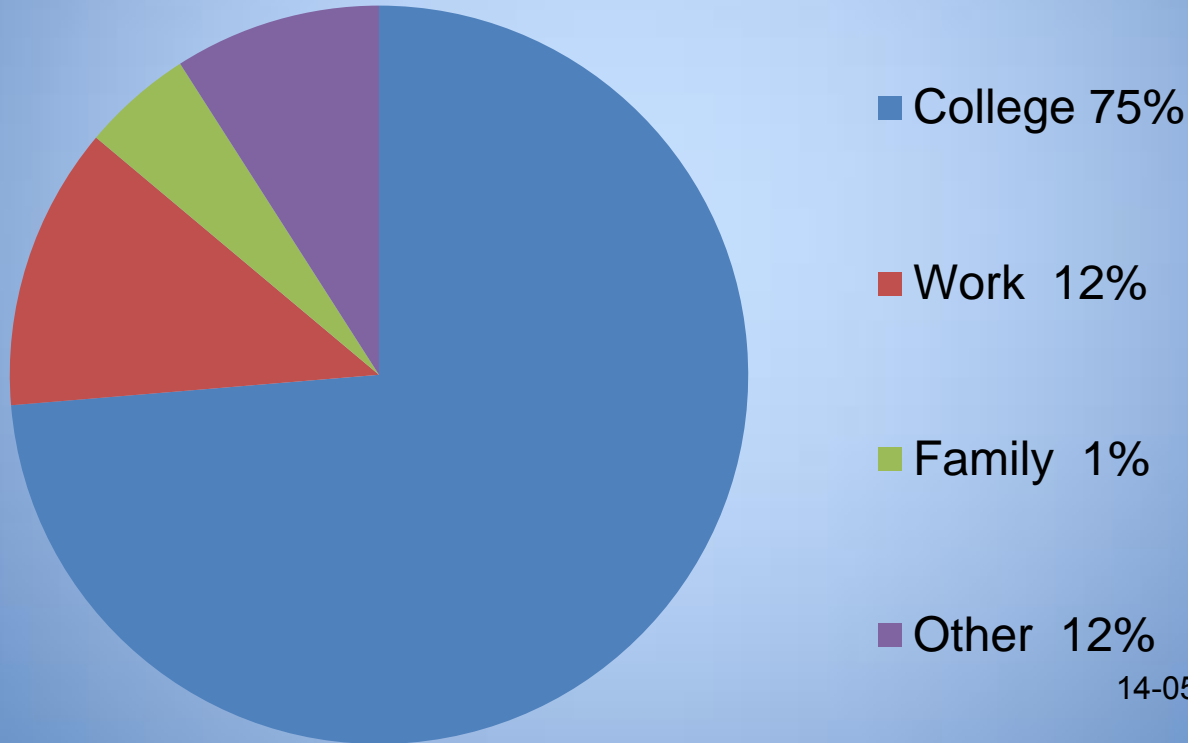
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Responses from 142 Oak Ridge High School seniors



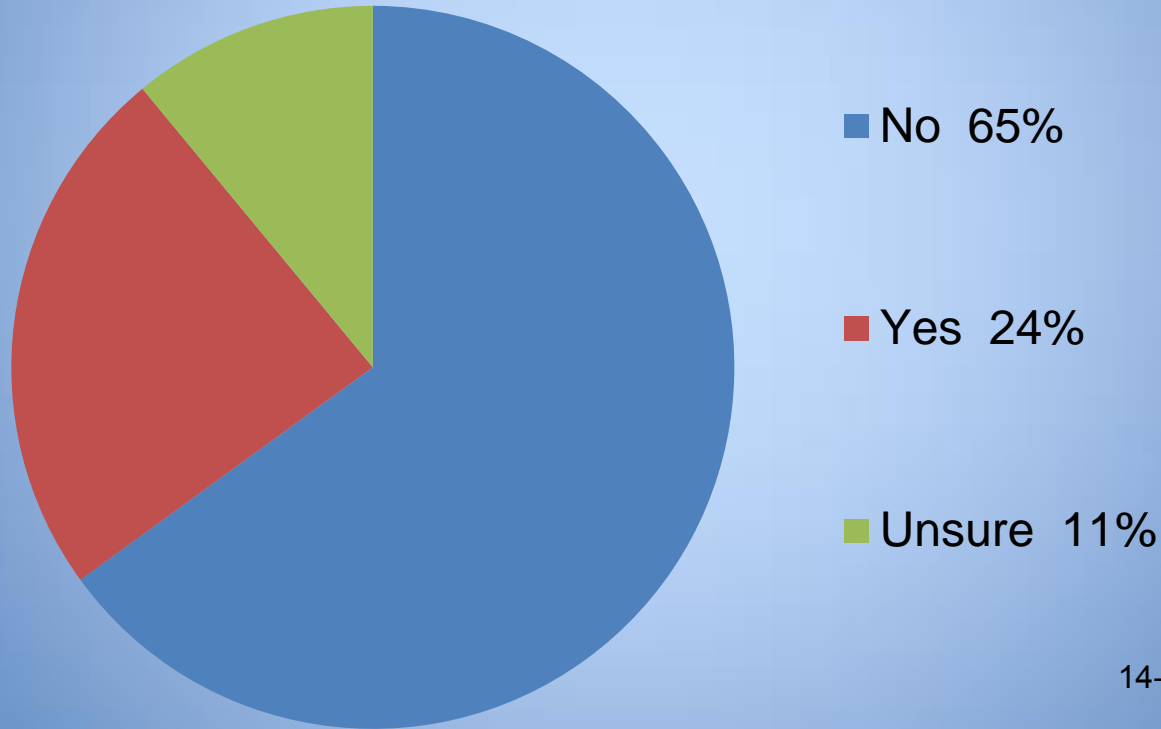
**Are you planning on leaving El Dorado County for
college, work, family, or other?
Question 2**

Responses from all schools participating



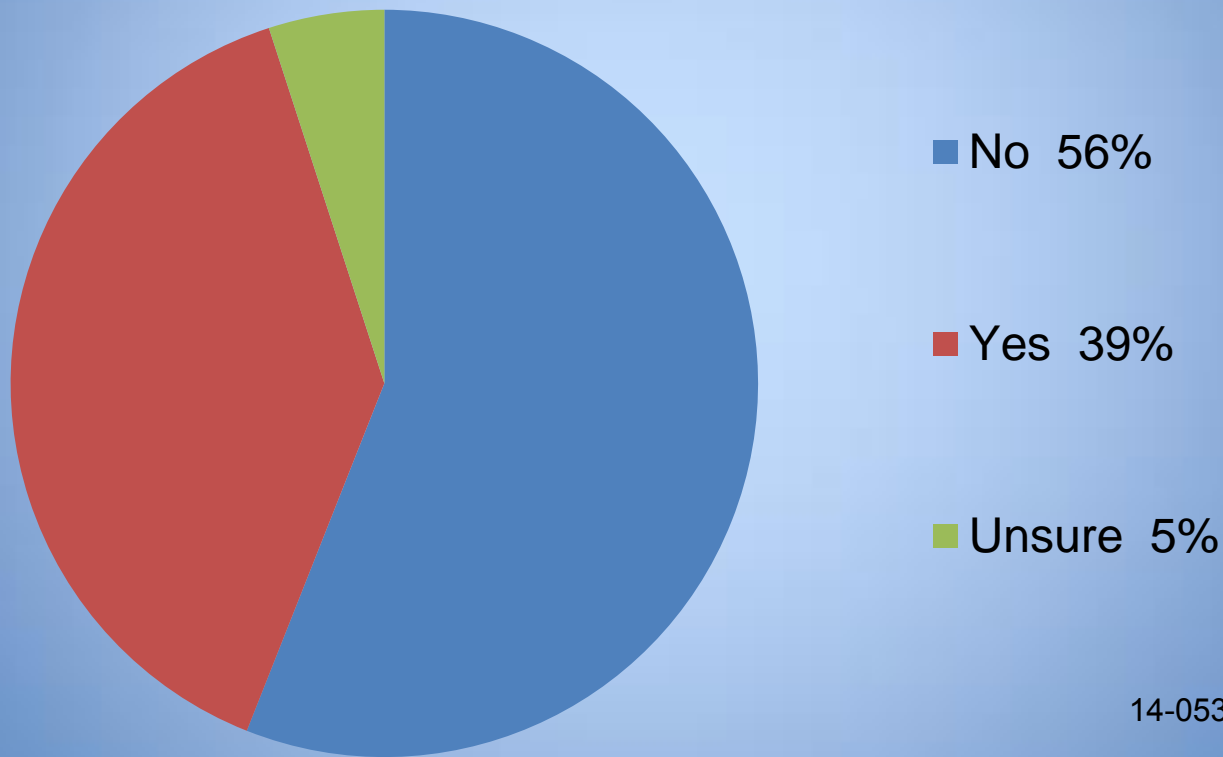
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Responses from all schools participating



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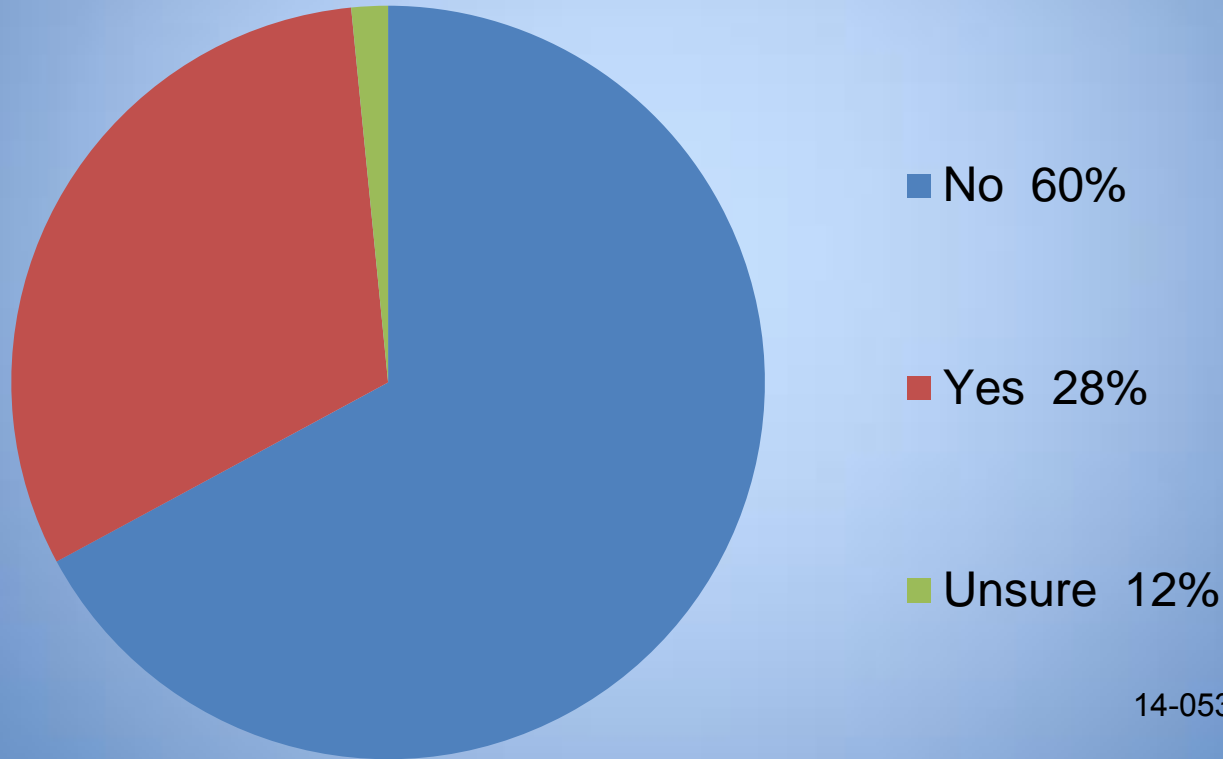
Reponses from 18 Charter University Prep High School seniors



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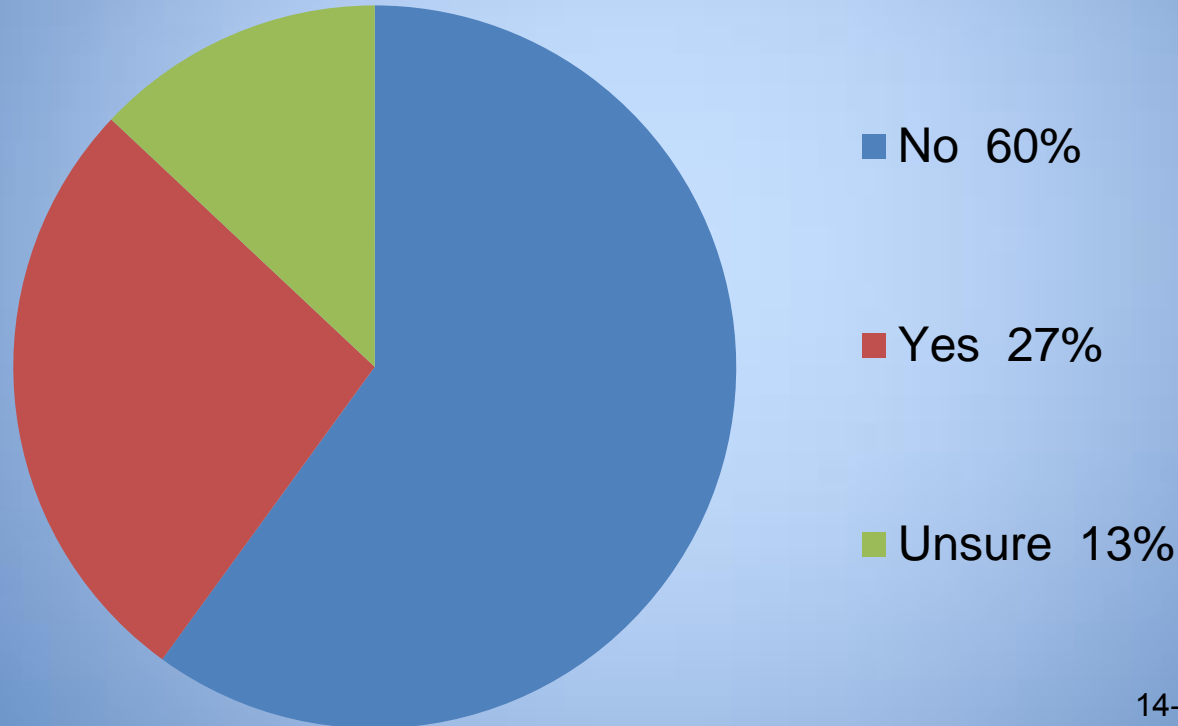
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Reponses from 101 Union Mine High School seniors



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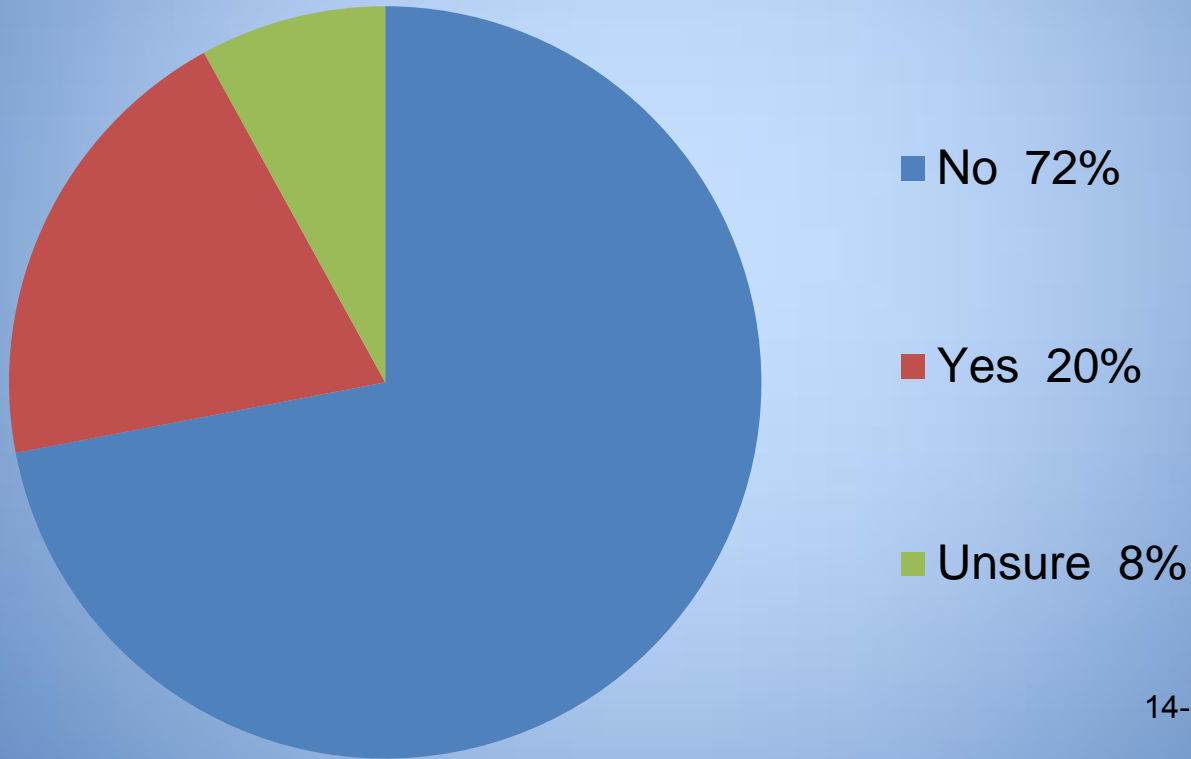
Responses from 200 El Dorado High School Seniors



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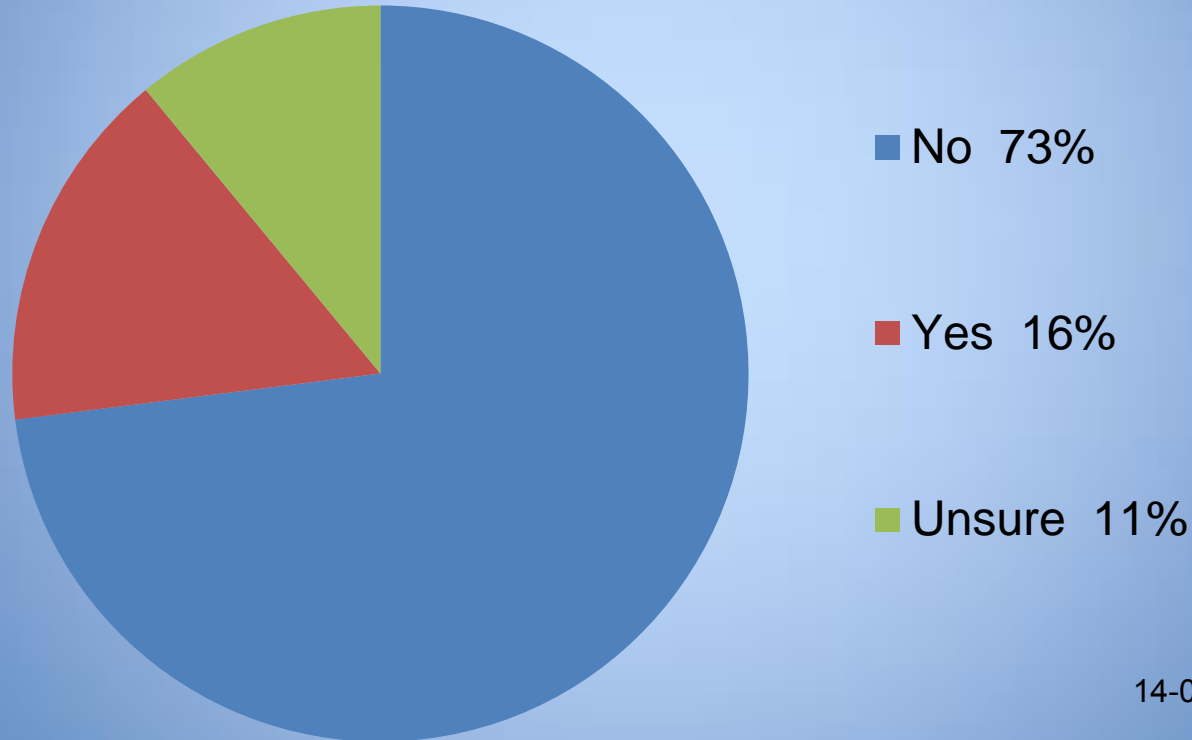
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Responses from 81 Golden Sierra High School seniors



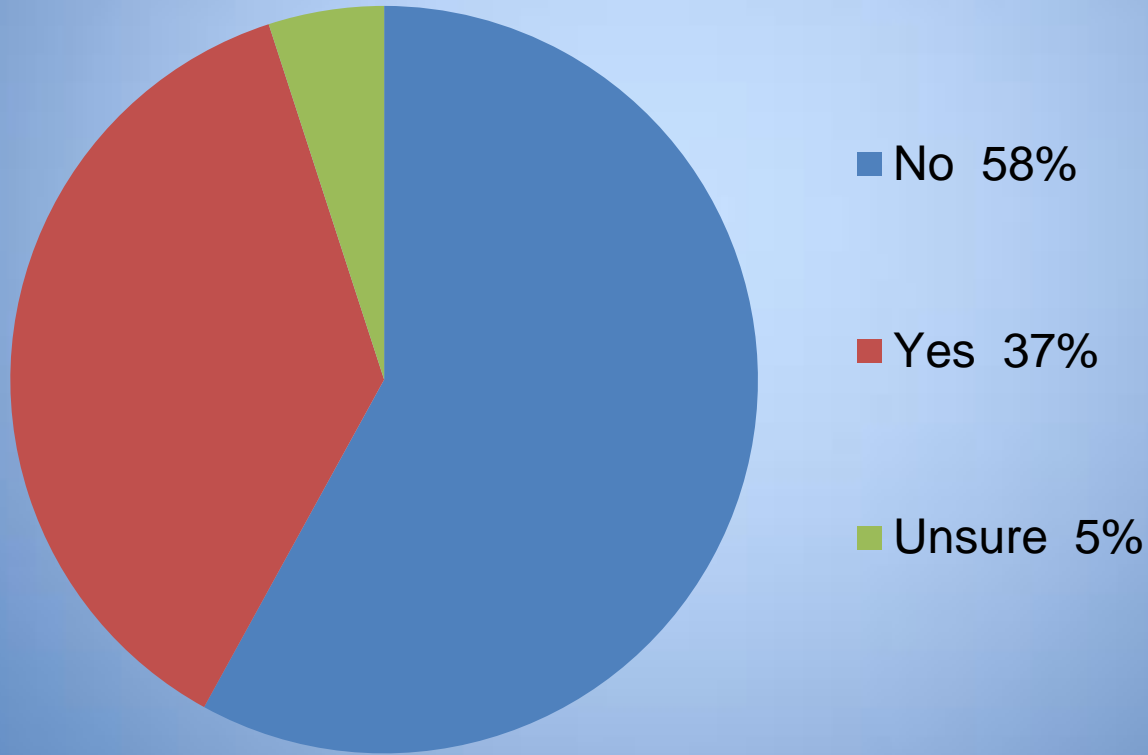
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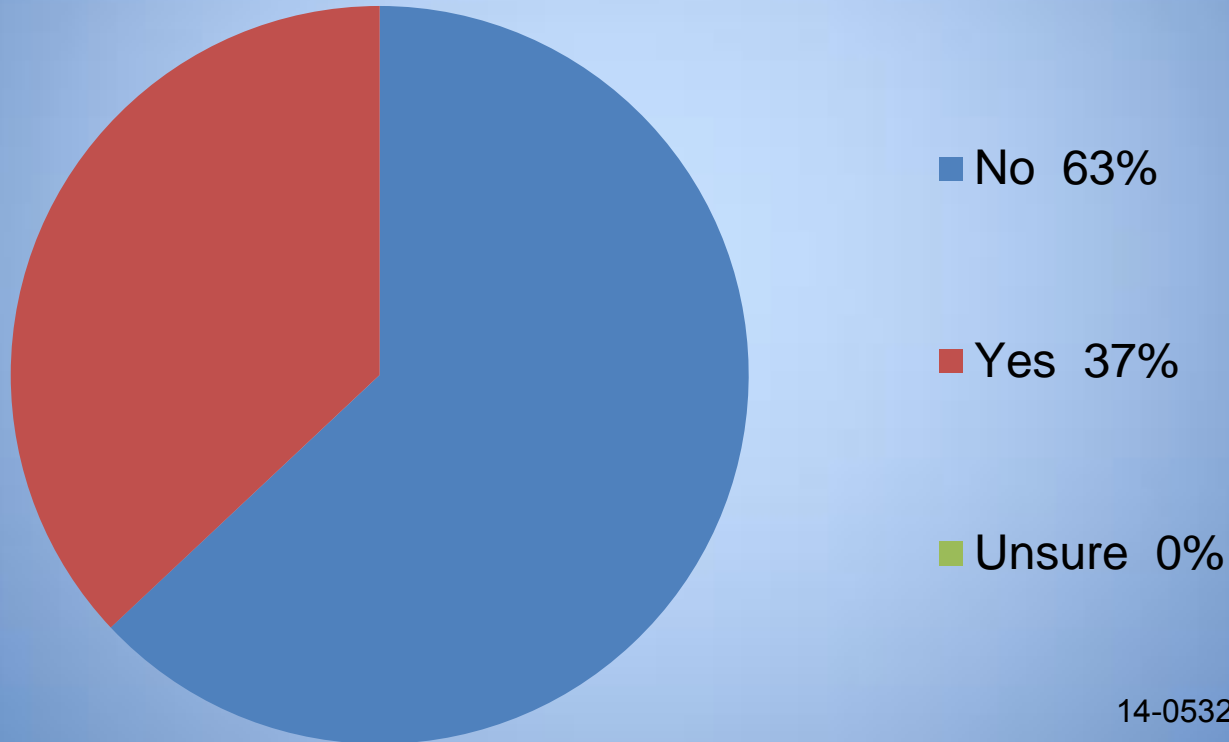
Responses from all schools participating



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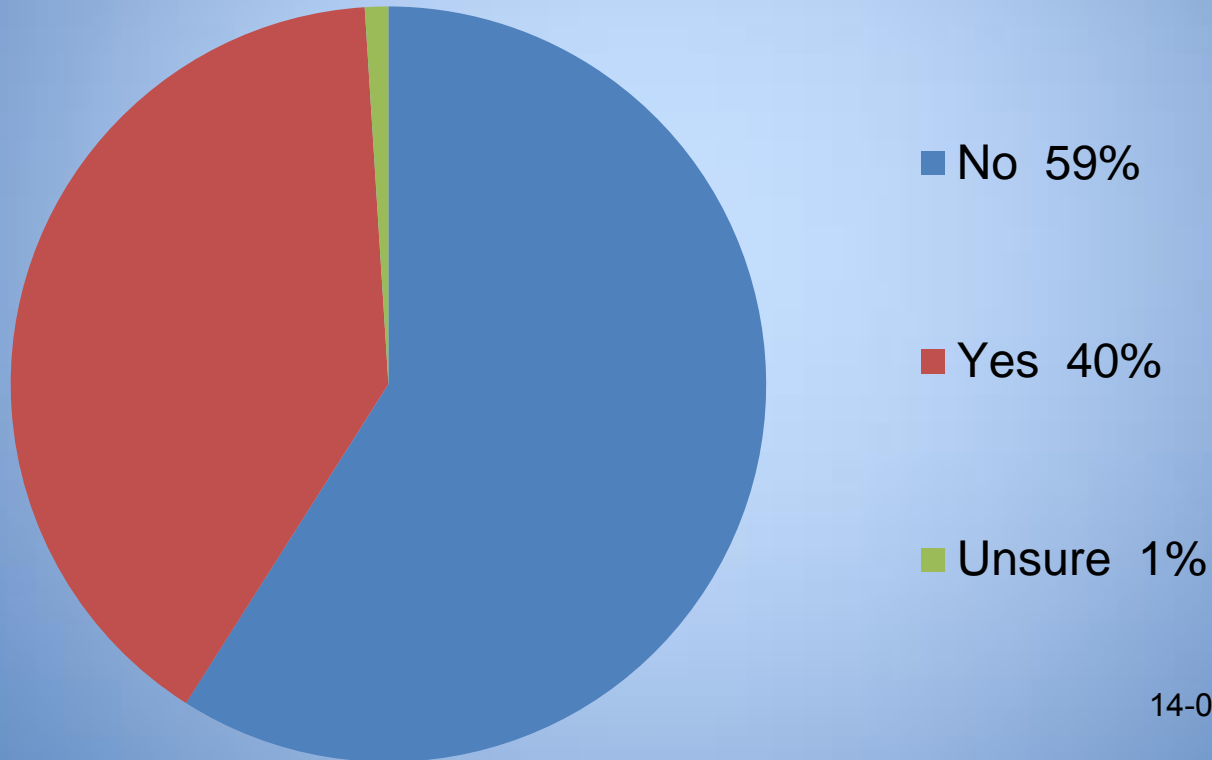
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Responses from 19 Charter University Prep High School seniors



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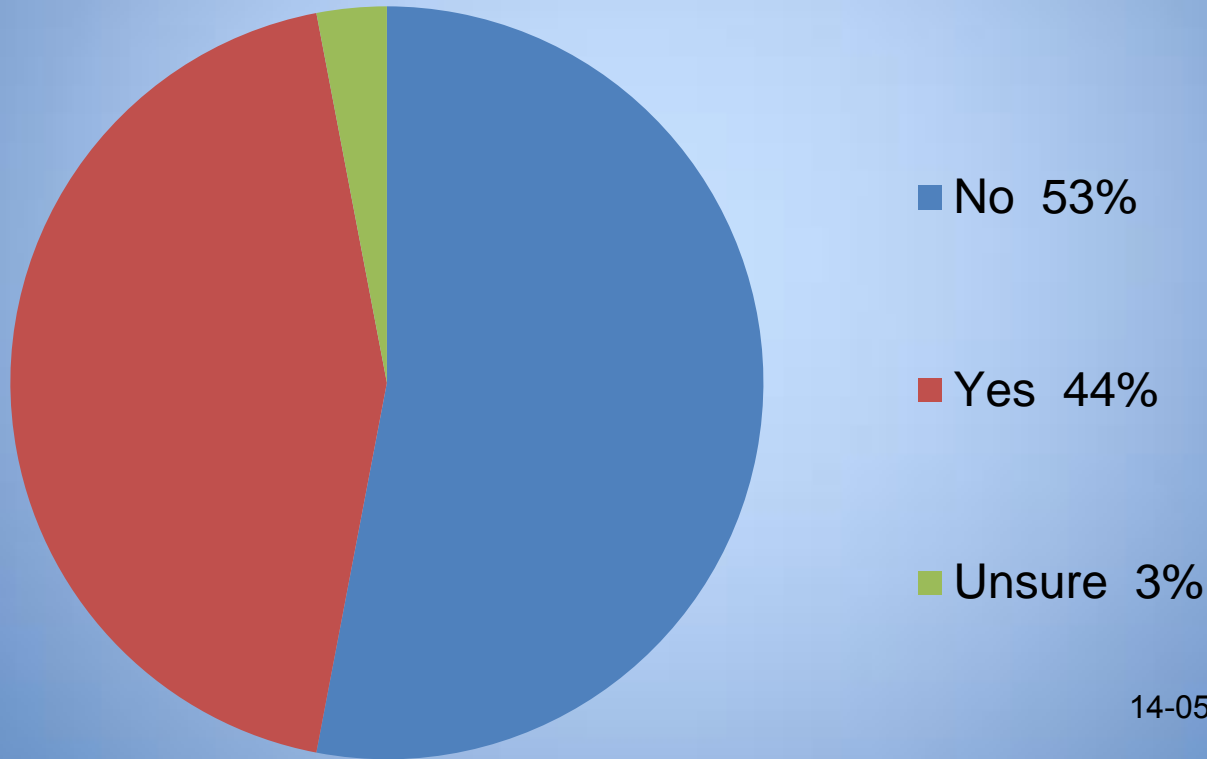
Responses from 96 Union Mine High School seniors



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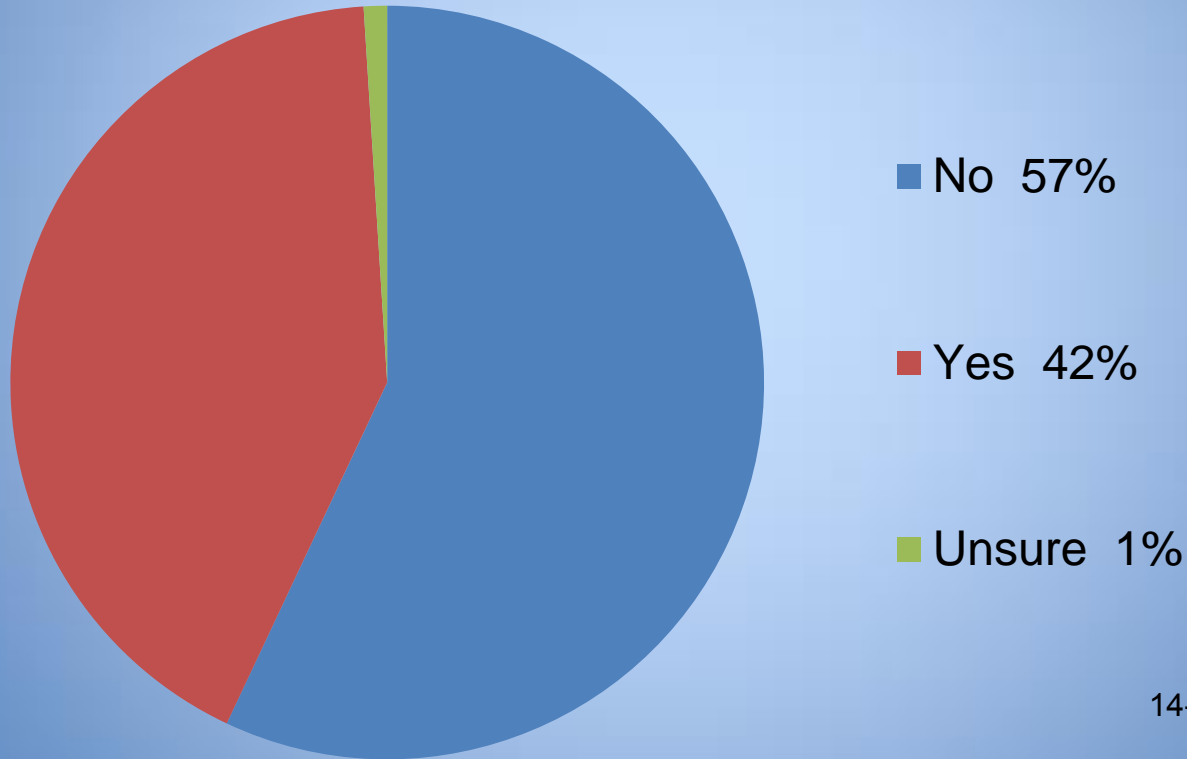
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Responses from 208 El Dorado High School seniors



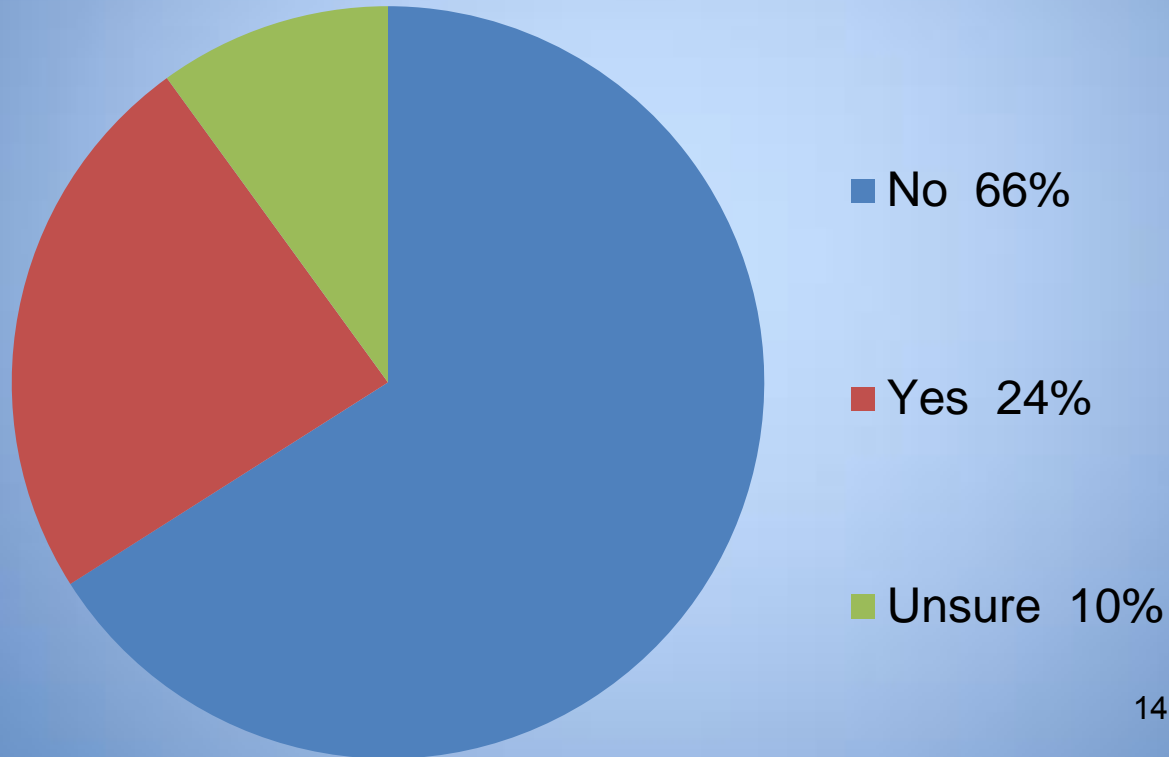
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Responses from 79 Golden Sierra High School seniors



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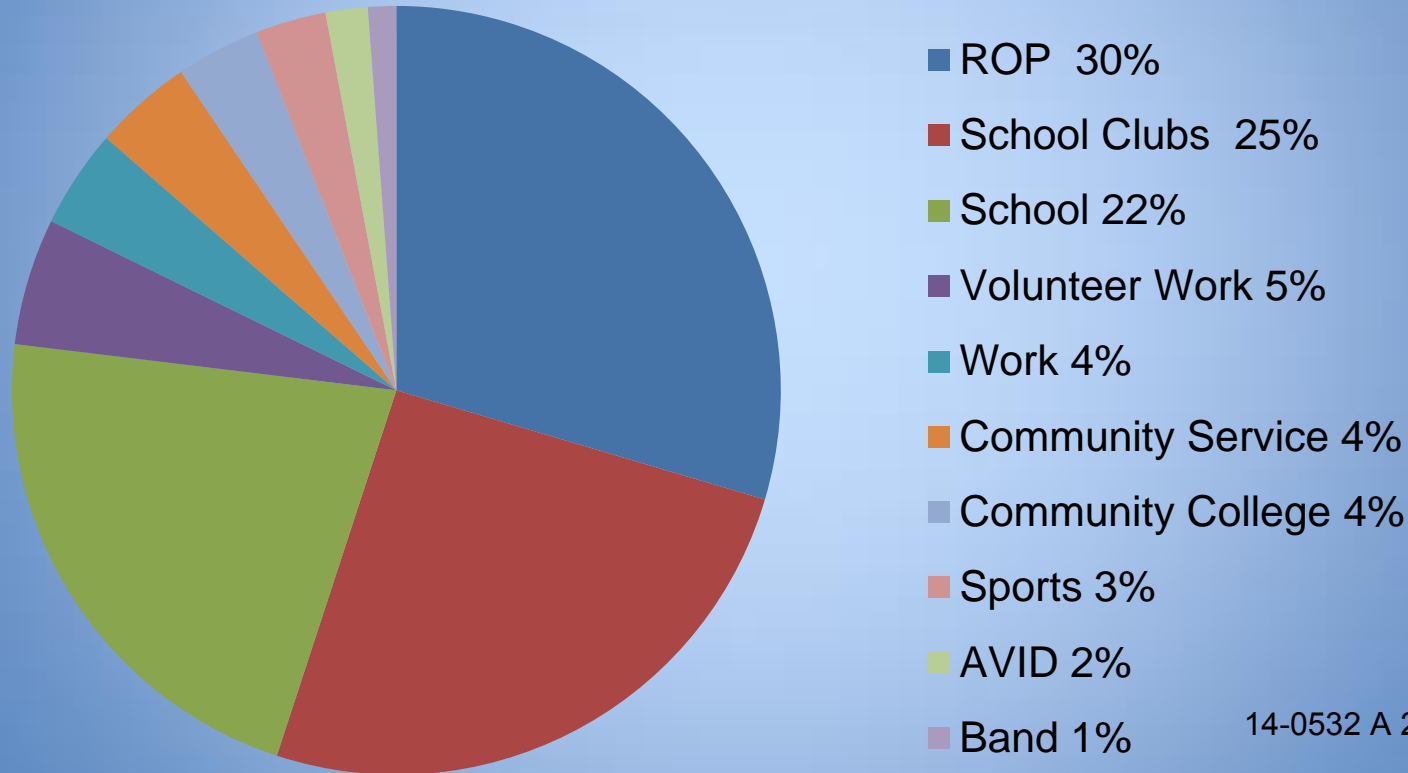
Responses from 138 Oak Ridge High School seniors



What programs in El Dorado County contribute to your career goals?

Question 4b

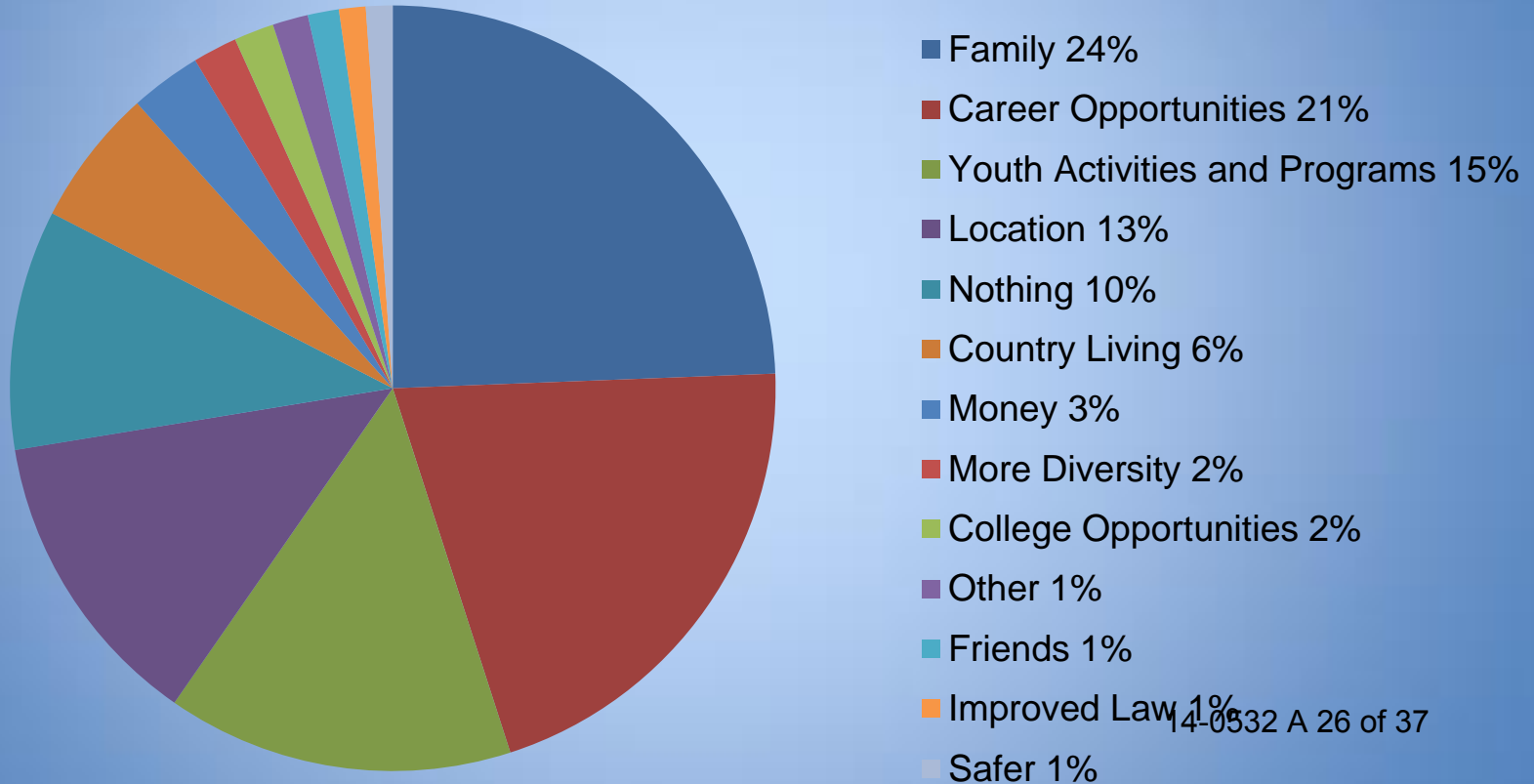
Responses from all schools participating



What would encourage you to stay in El Dorado County or consider returning?

Question 5

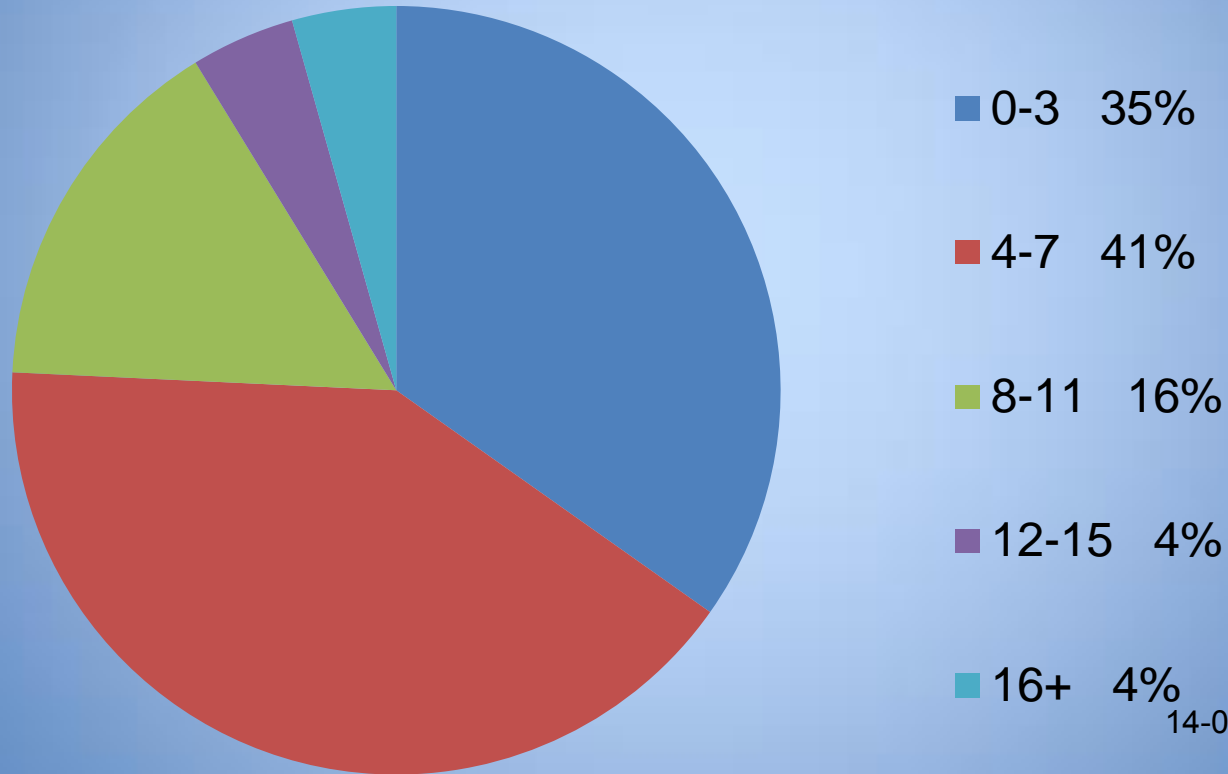
Responses from all schools participating



How many extracurricular activities did you participate in throughout your childhood?

Question 6

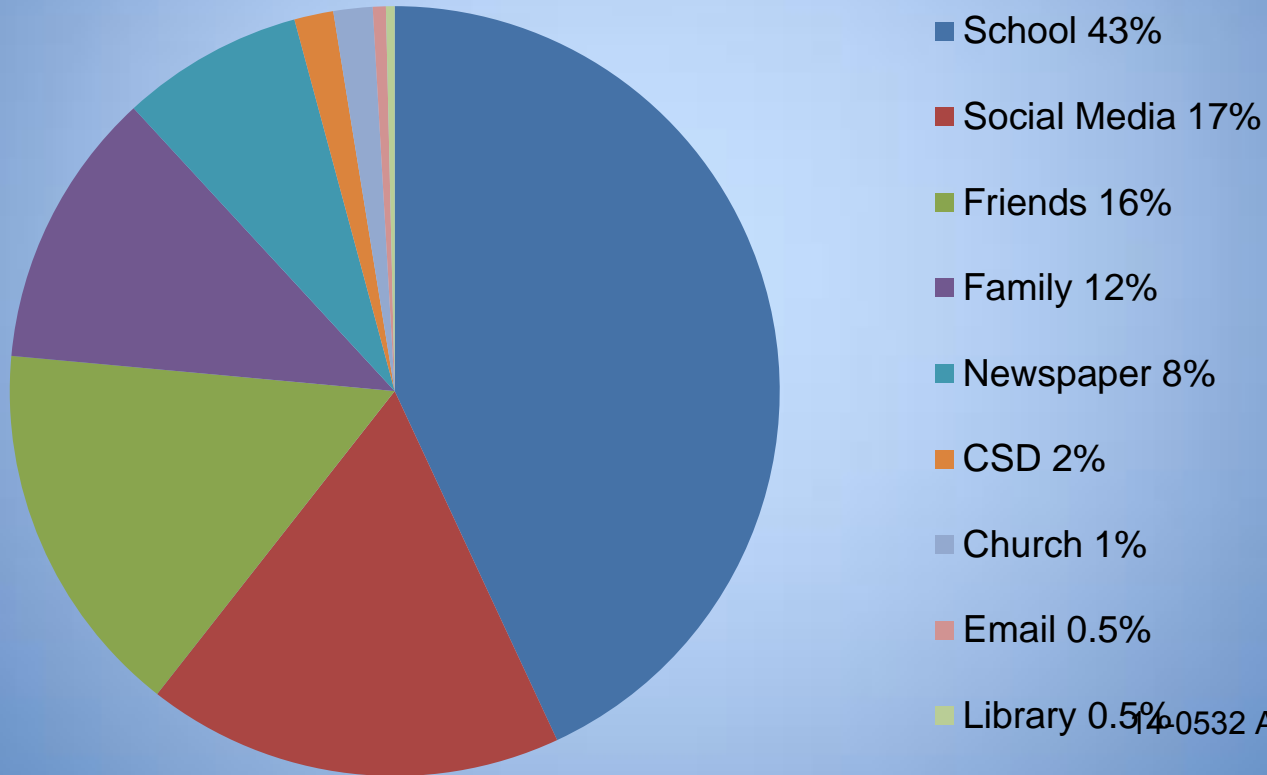
Responses from all schools participating



What was your best source for learning about new organizations and community events?

Question 7

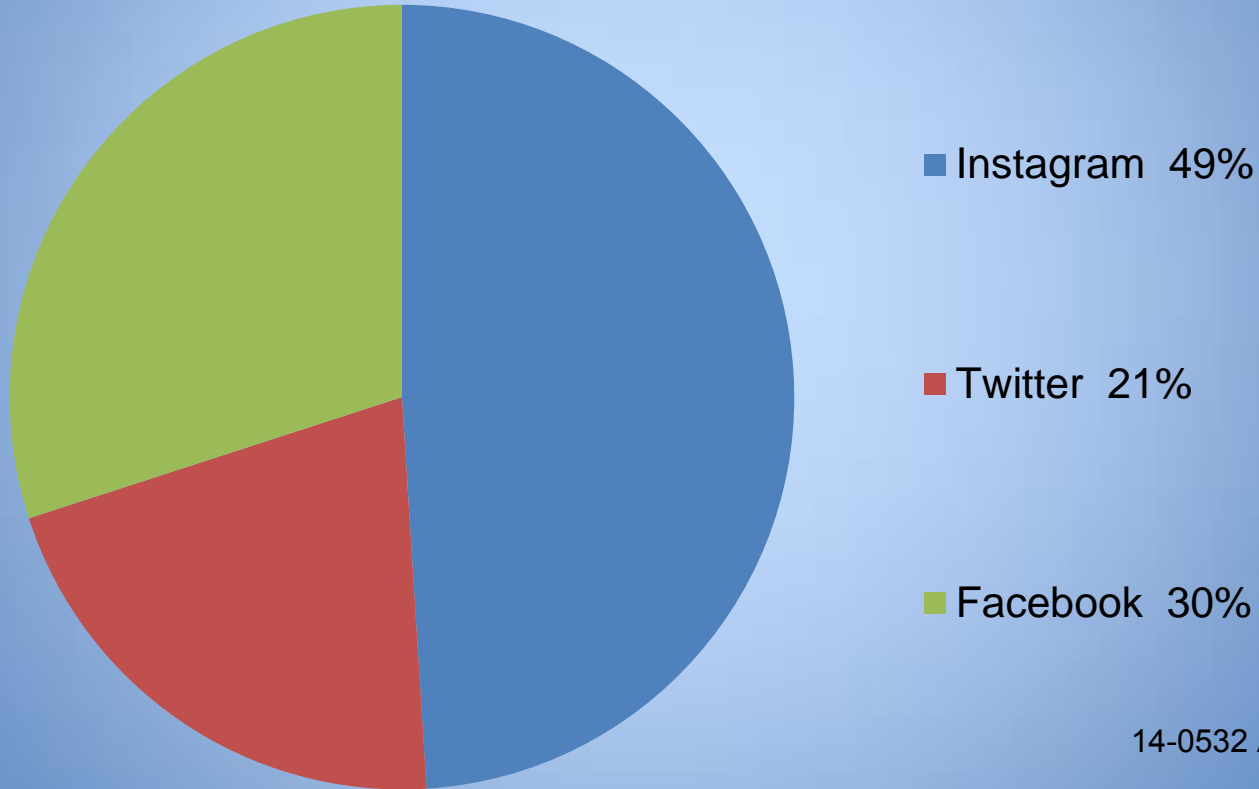
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Which social network do you use the most?

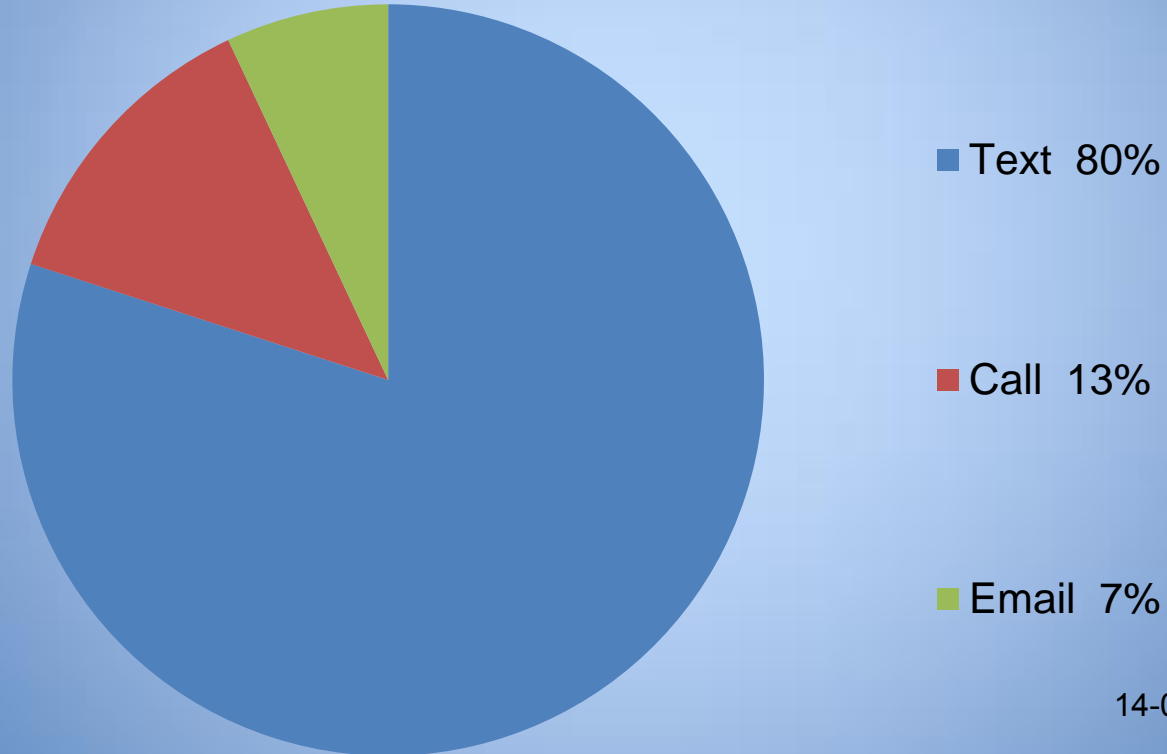
Question 8

Responses from all schools participating



Which form of communication do you use the most? Question 9

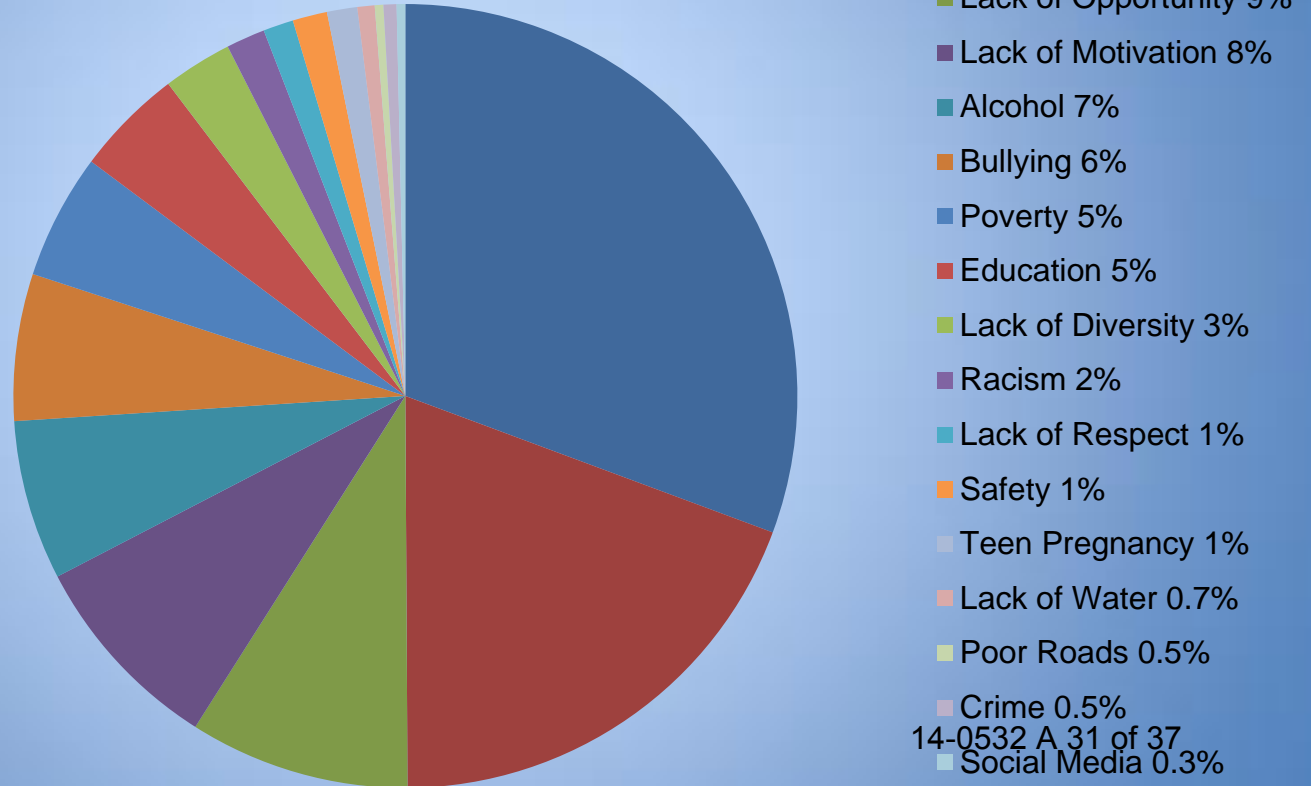
Responses from all schools participating



What are your top three concerns about El Dorado County pertaining to youth?

Question 10

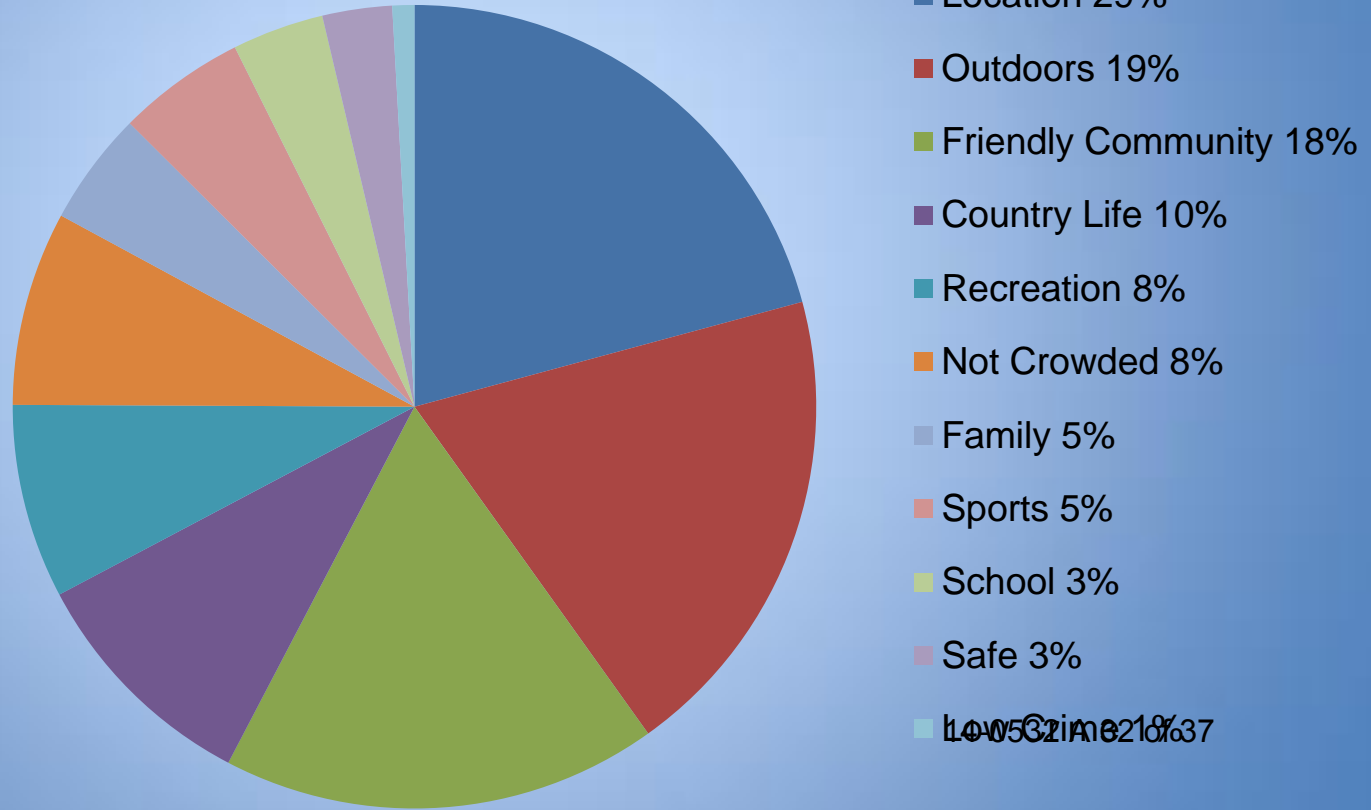
Responses from all schools participating



What are some of your favorite highlights of living in El Dorado County?

Question 11

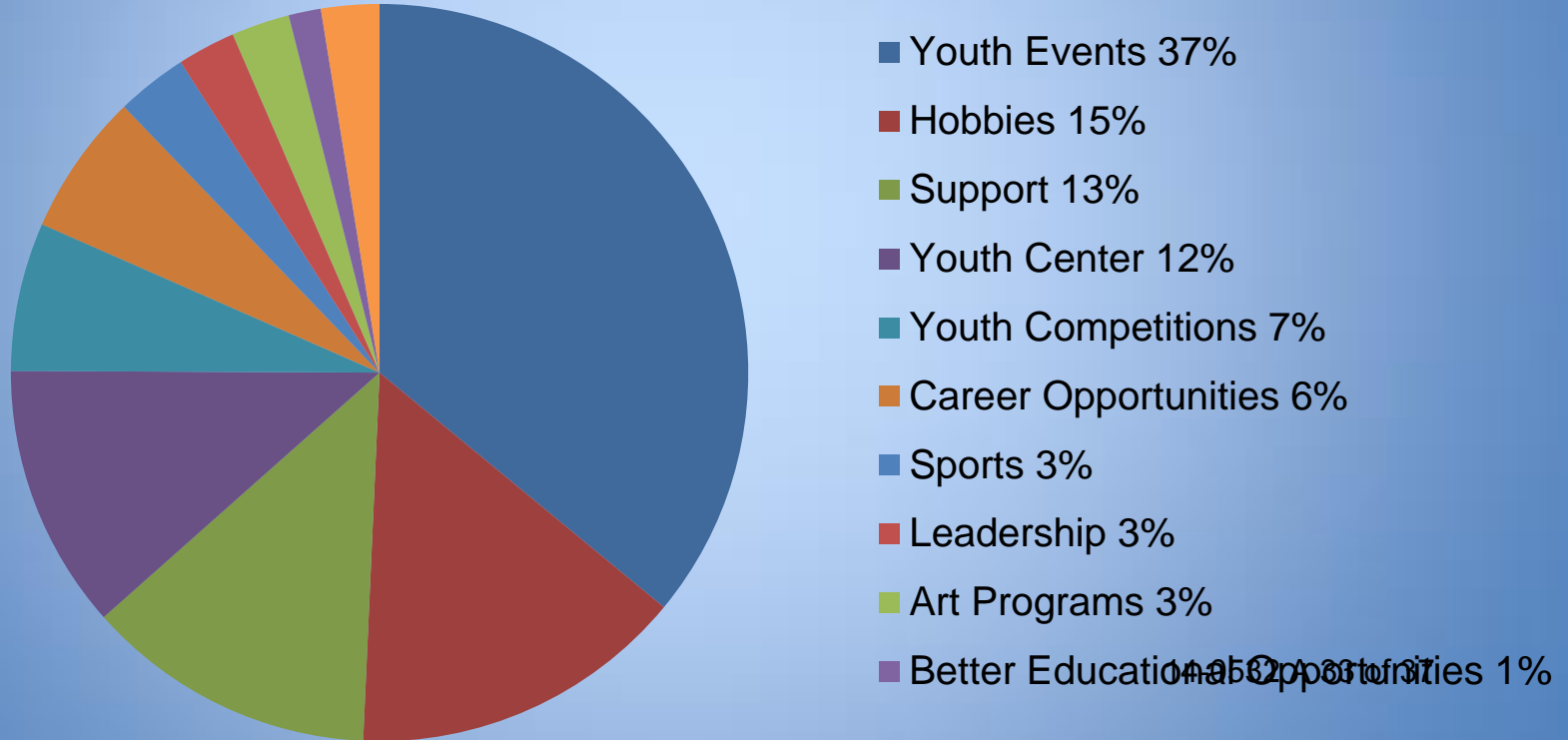
Responses from all schools participating



What opportunities and programs would you like to see developed in El Dorado County for youth?

Question 12

Responses from all schools participating



What message would you pass on to the youth of El Dorado County?

Question 13

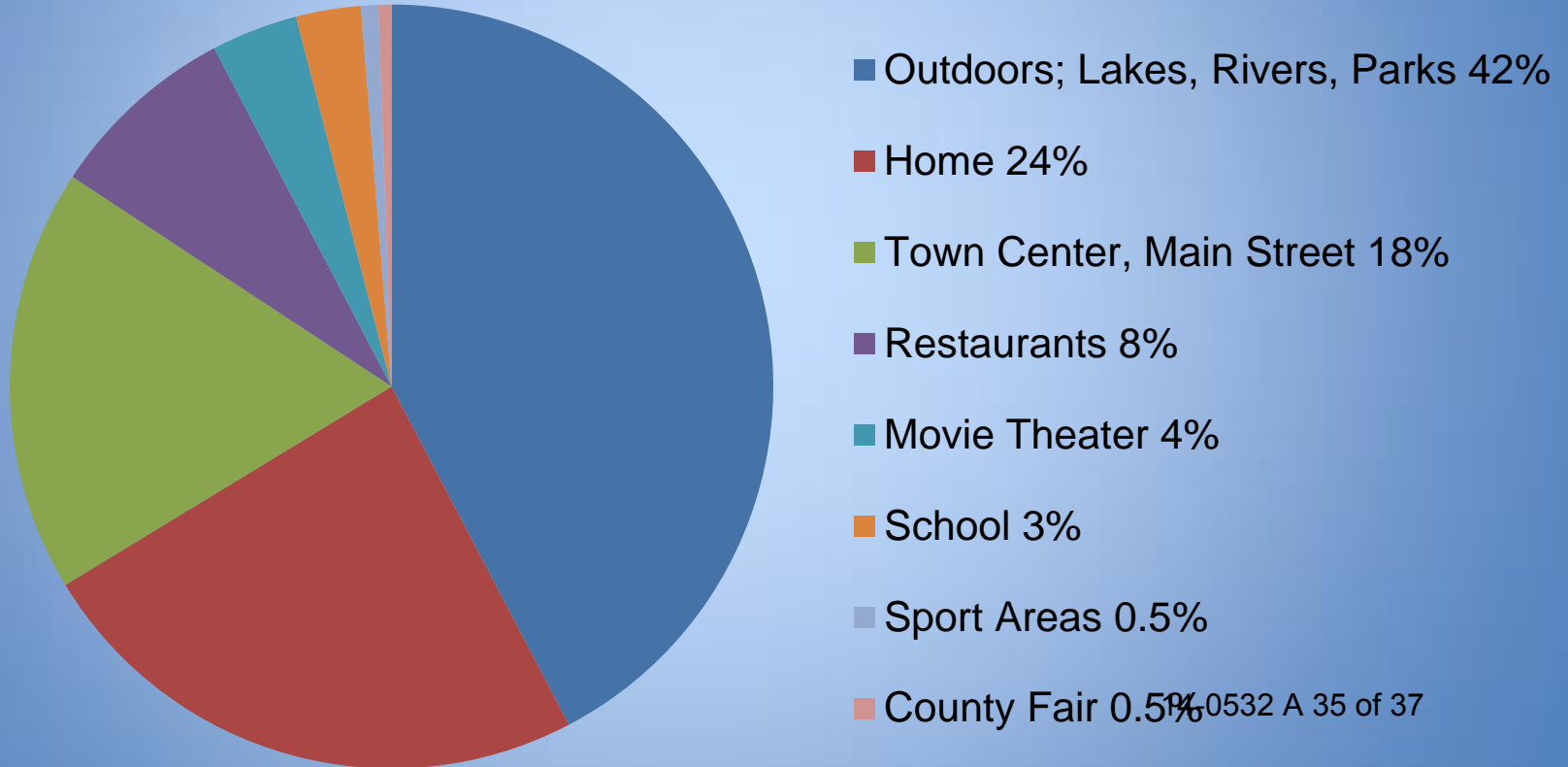
Responses from all schools participating

• Explore your passions/live to the fullest	• Embrace the community
• Work hard	• Travel
• Study!!!	• Follow your dreams
• Love yourself	• Stay in school
• Live your life	• Stay involved
• Focus on your future/be determined	• Take advantage of the opportunities
• Don't do drugs/make good decisions	• Create your own path
• Be kind	• Have fun/enjoy yourself
• Participate in extra activities	• Be organized and put effort towards school
• Make friends	• Preservation
• Be happy living here, there are more boring and dangerous places to live	

Where is your favorite place in the county to spend time with family and friends?

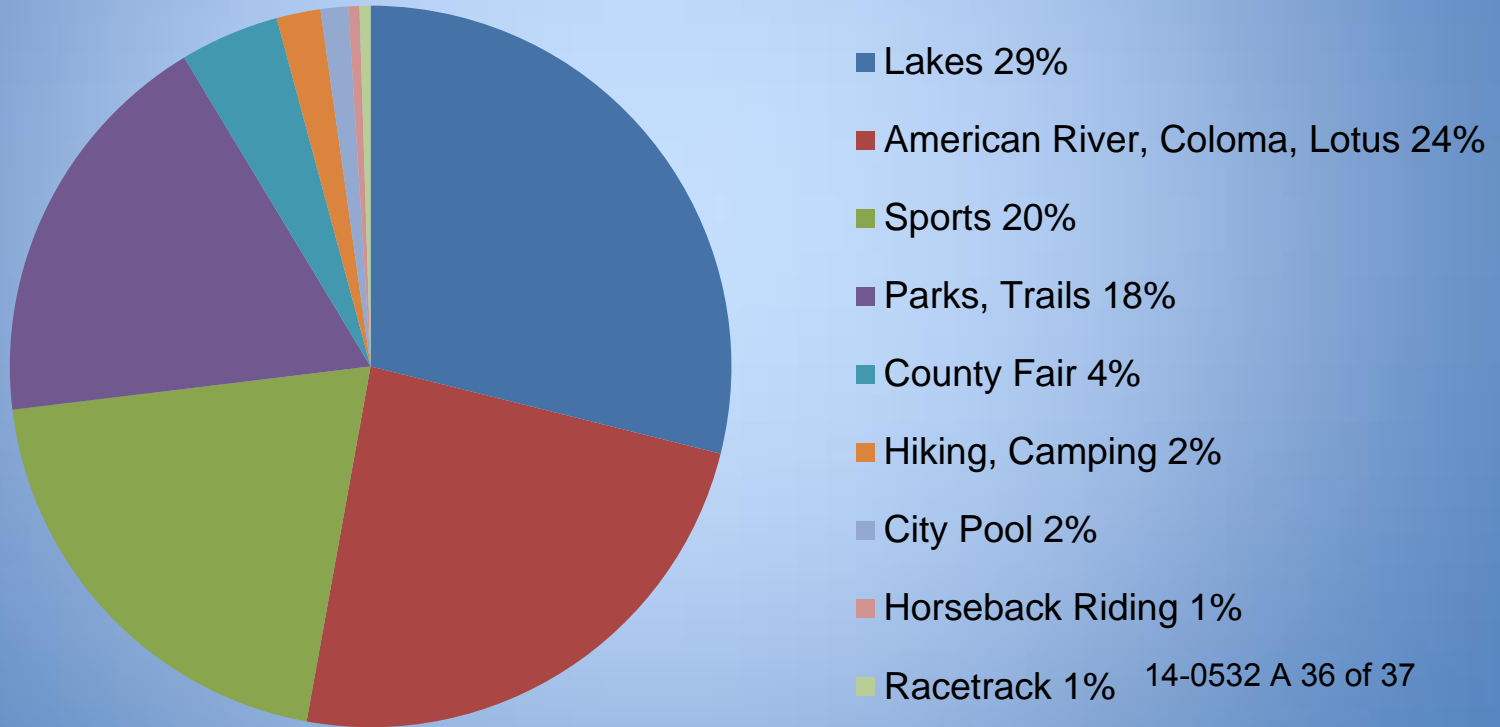
Question 14

Responses from all schools participating



**What are some recreational areas or activities
that you remember the most
within the county?
Question 15**

Reponses from all schools participating



What we hope to see in the future...

- Increased participation from all of our schools
 - Potential teleconferencing
 - Weekend meetings or events
- More activities and opportunities with the Board of Supervisors
- Expand YC outreach to promote youth activities within the county
- Sponsor students to attend leadership conferences