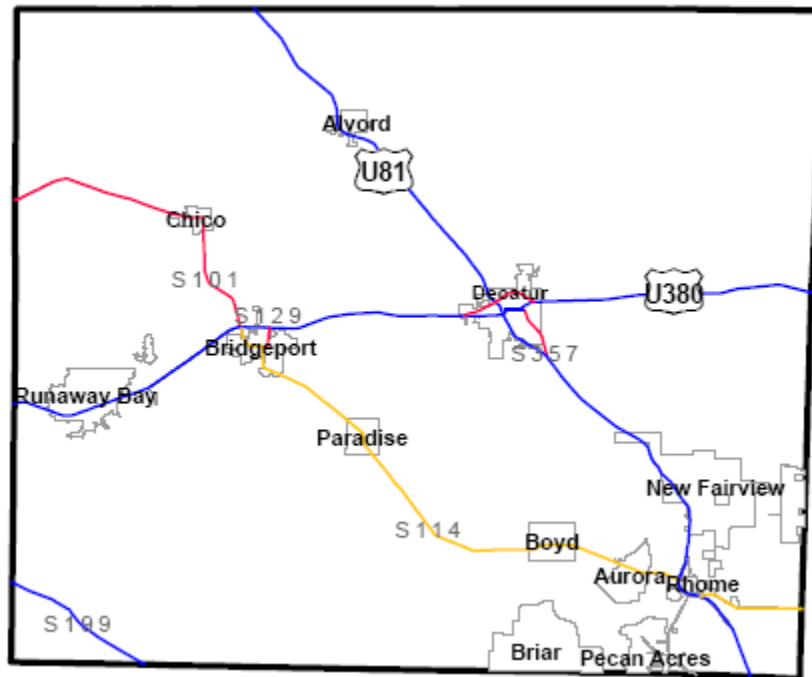


# Quality of Life and Energy Production in Wise County, Texas: An Illustrative Summary



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## Introduction

This document provides an illustrative summary of the results obtained from a 2006 general population survey of individuals in Wise County, Texas.

The purpose of this document is to provide insights into the current social impacts associated with the exploration and production of natural gas in Wise County, Texas. Moreover, attitudes and behaviors of the citizens of Wise County, as well as information on selected individual-level characteristics are presented. Figures and tables are used to simplify presentation of the data. No conclusions or inferences are made. County leaders and members of the general public interested in statistical analyses and more detailed information should contact Dr. Gene L. Theodori at:

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## Methodology

During the late spring and early summer of 2006, a survey questionnaire was mailed to a randomly selected sample of 800 households in Wise County, Texas. A cover letter explaining the purpose of the study and an addressed postage-paid return envelope accompanied the questionnaire.

To obtain a representative sample of individuals within residences, we stated in the cover letter that the questionnaire was to be completed by the adult in the household who celebrated his or her birthday most recently.

Approximately three weeks after the initial mailing, a reminder postcard was mailed to each sampled household that had not yet completed and returned the questionnaire. One week later a second wave of surveys was mailed. Then, approximately three weeks after the second mailing, a third and final wave was mailed.

The survey instrument, organized as a self-completion booklet, contained 42 questions and required approximately 60 minutes to complete. After three mailings, we received completed surveys from 299 individuals.

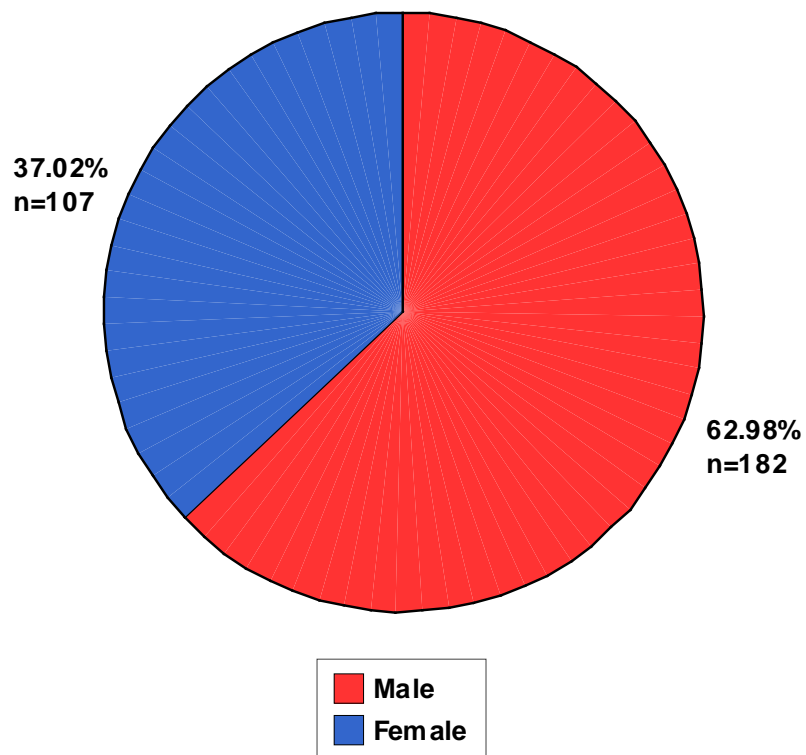
## **Section I**

# **Individual-Level Characteristics**

Figures 1 through 15 summarize selected individual-level traits of the survey respondents. Included here are characteristics such as gender, age, marital status, ethnicity, level of education, employment status, household income, home ownership, length of residence in the county, land ownership, and mineral rights ownership.

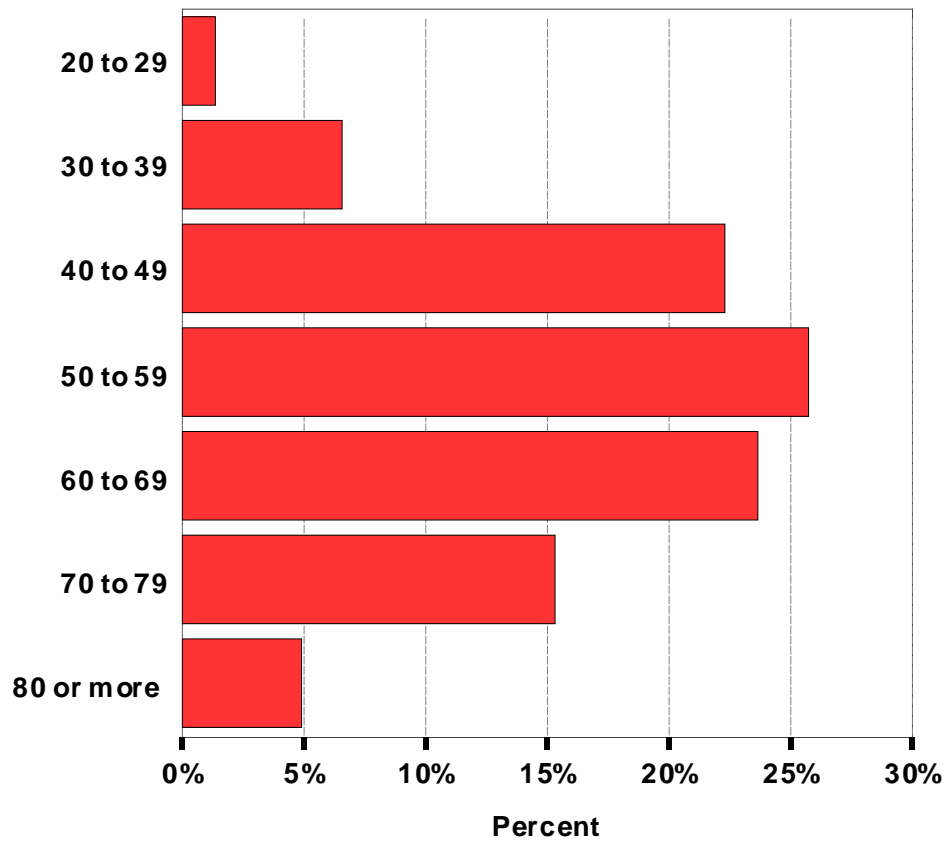
## Figure 1

### Gender



## Figure 2

Age  
(n = 287)

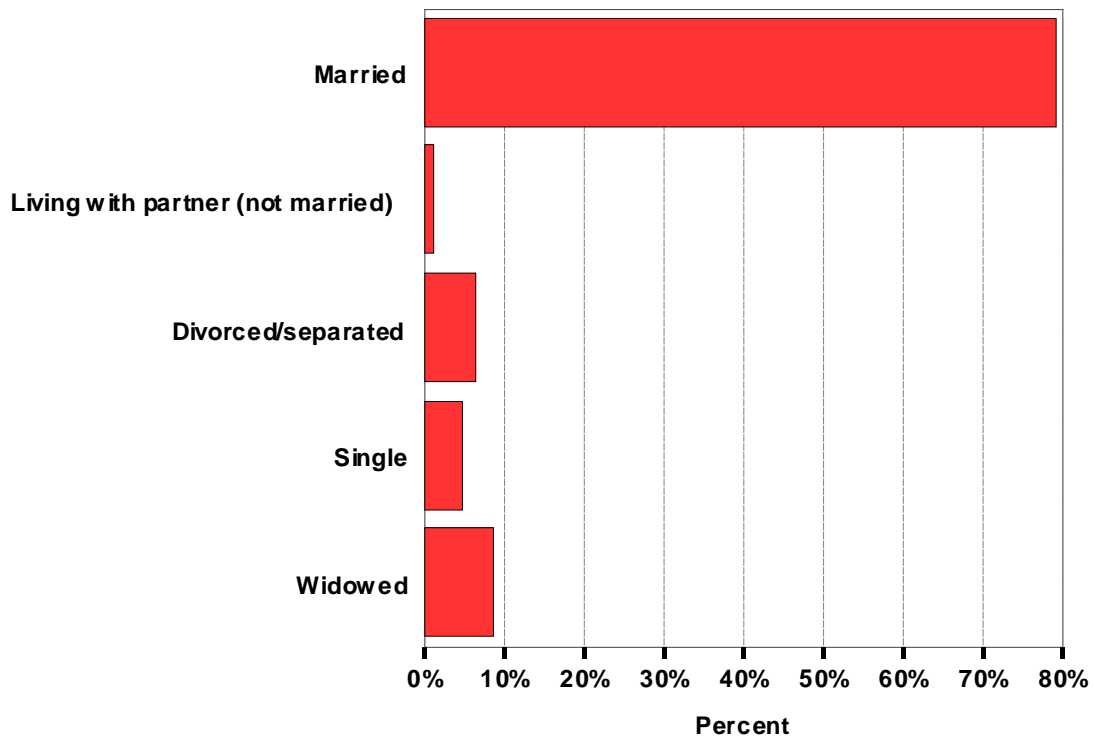




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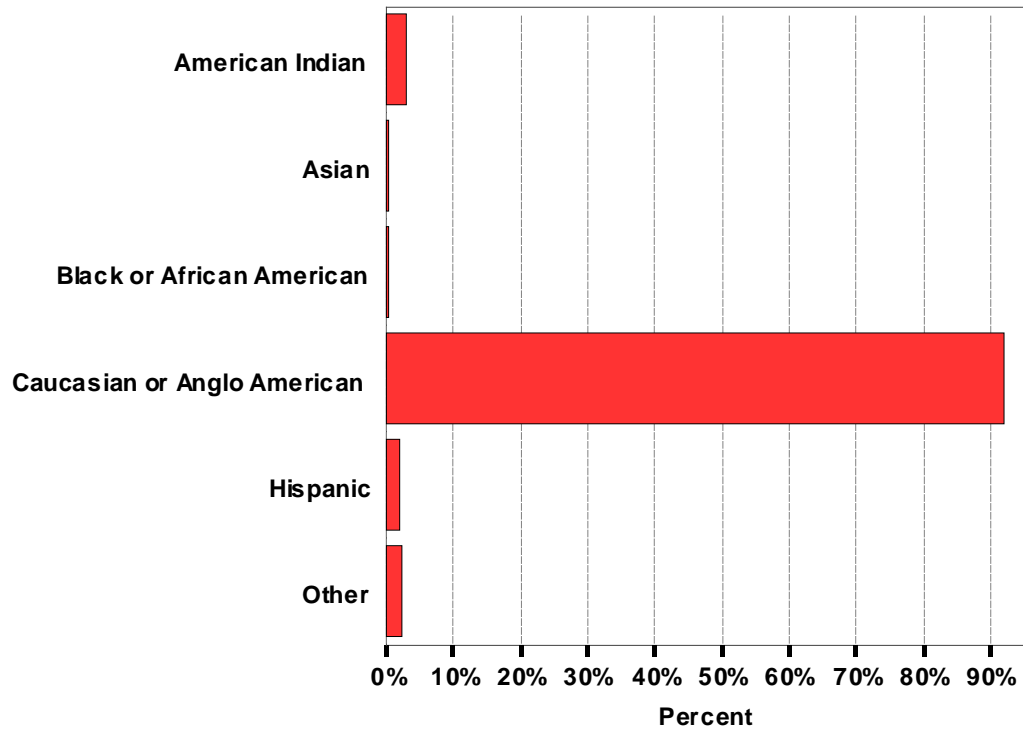
### Marital status

(n = 294)

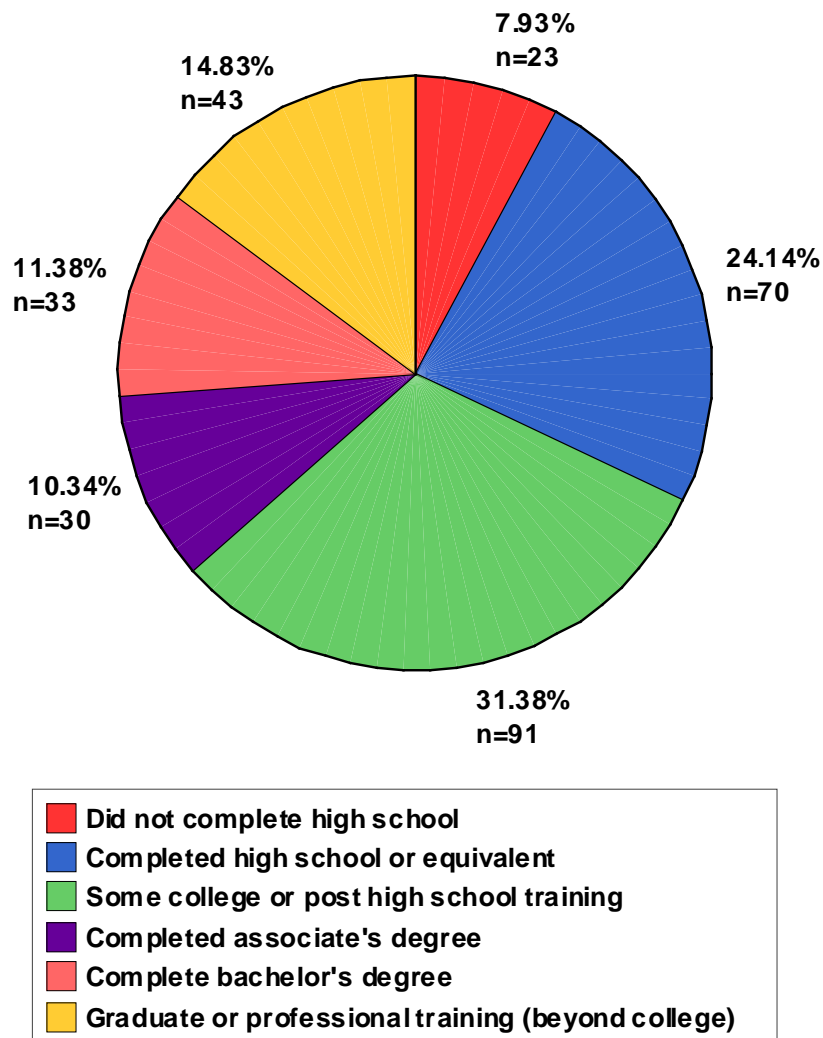


## Figure 4

### Ethnicity (n = 285)

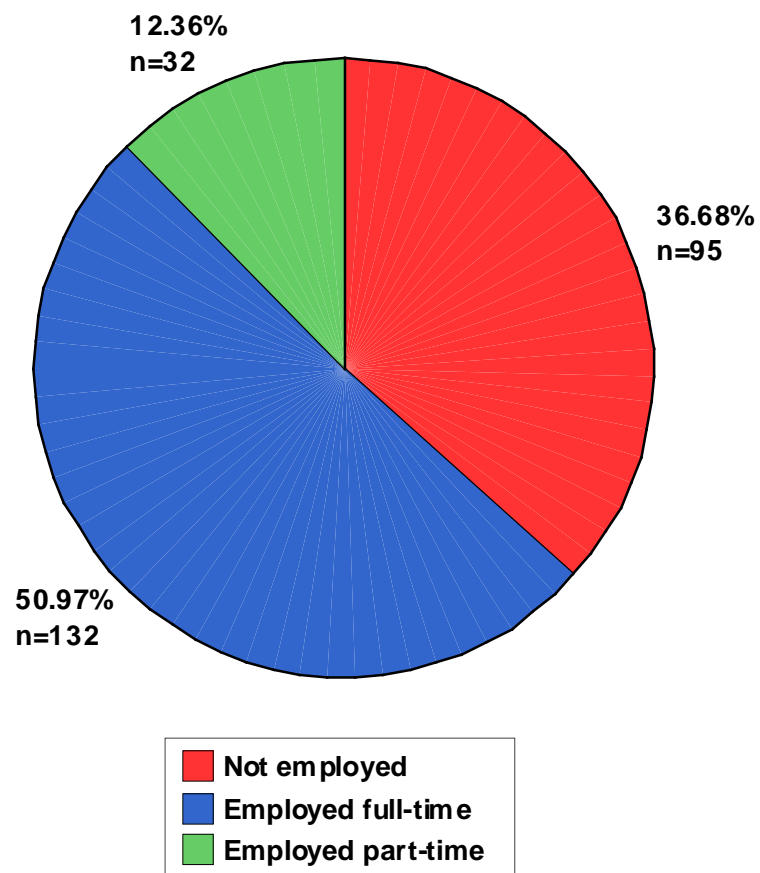


**Figure 5**  
**Level of education**



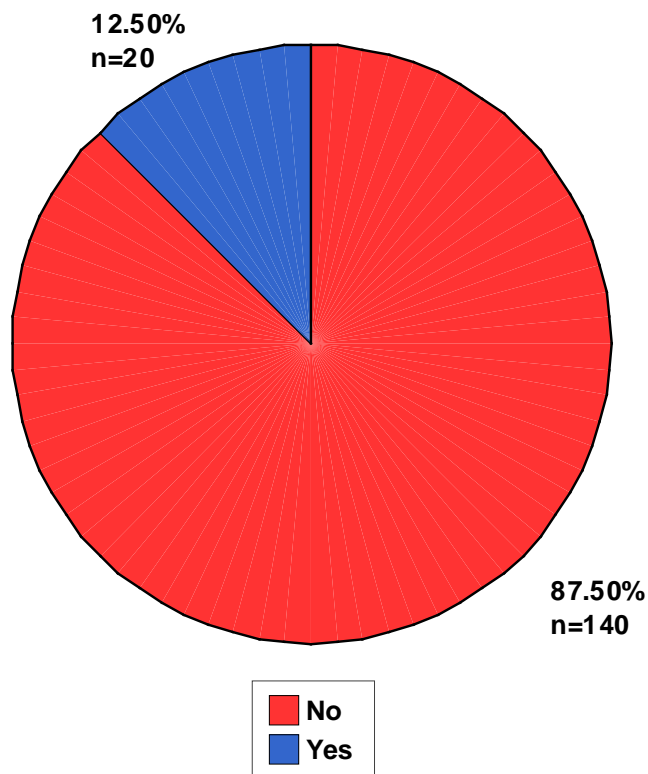
**Figure 6**

## Employment status



**Figure 7**

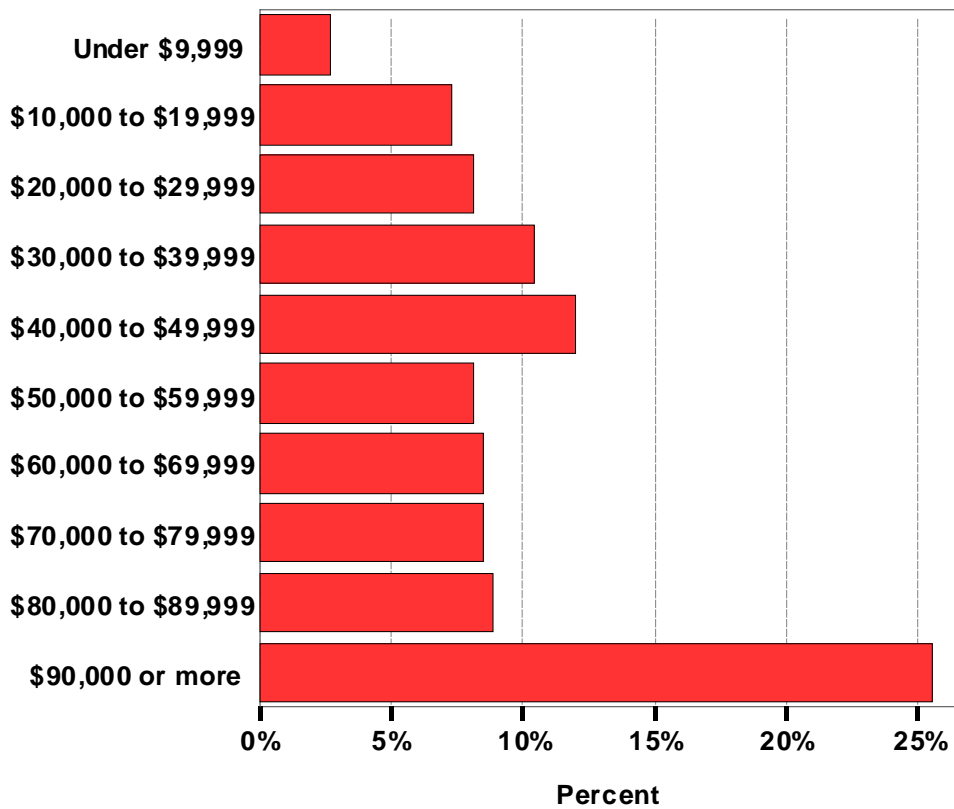
Employed (part-time or full-time) in  
an occupation related to the natural  
gas industry



## Figure 8

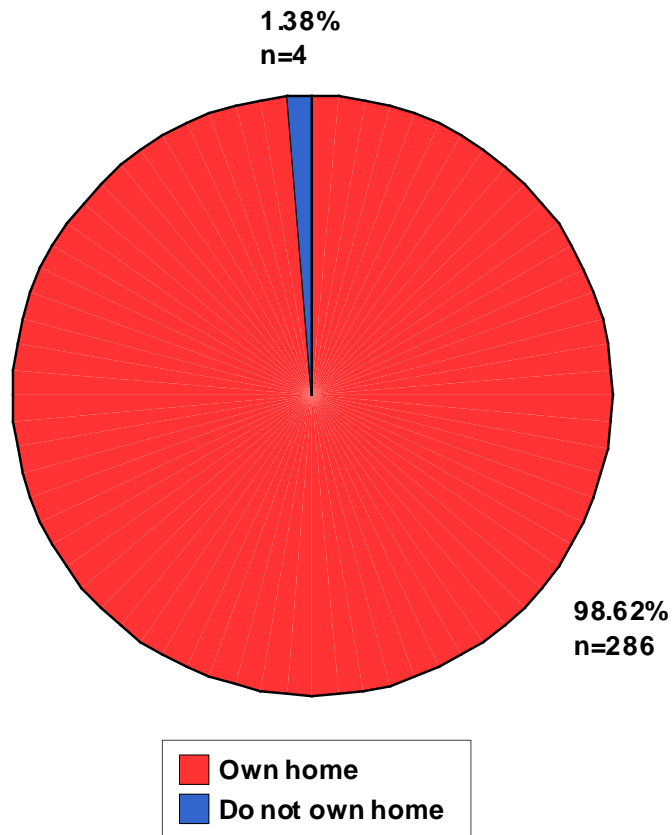
### 2005 household income

(n = 259)



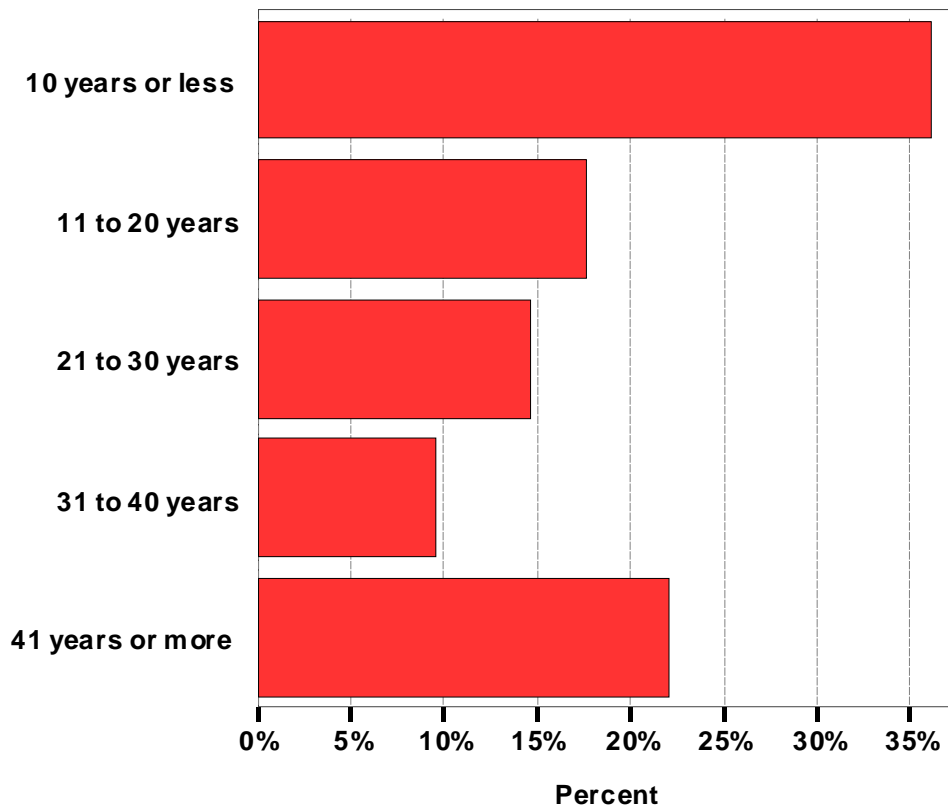
**Figure 9**

## Home ownership in Wise County



**Figure 10**

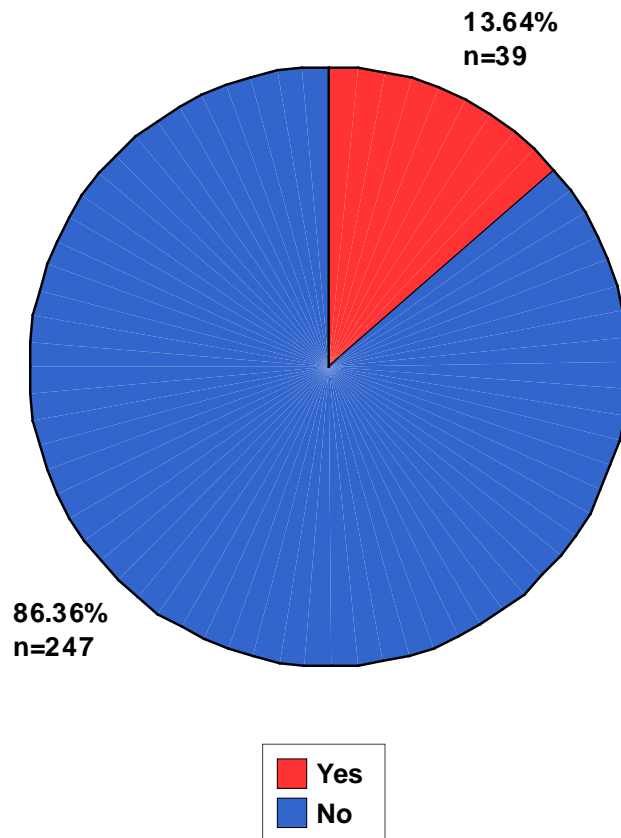
**Length of residence in the county**  
(n = 294)





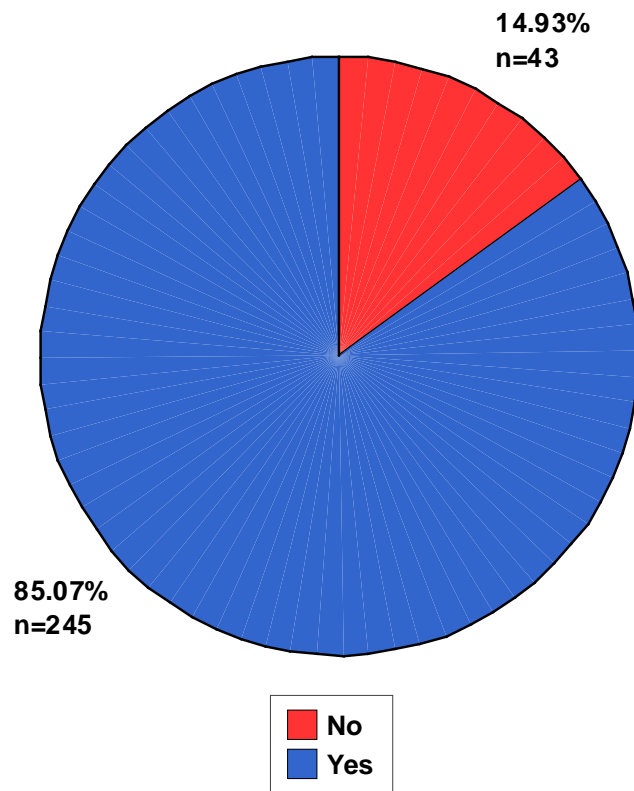
**Figure 11**

Life-long resident of the county



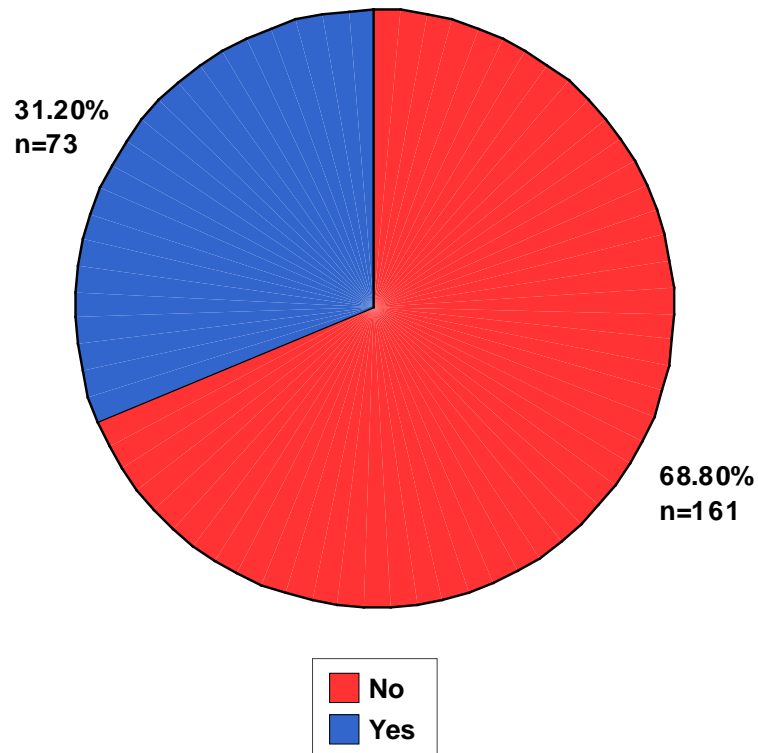
**Figure 12**

## Land ownership in Wise County



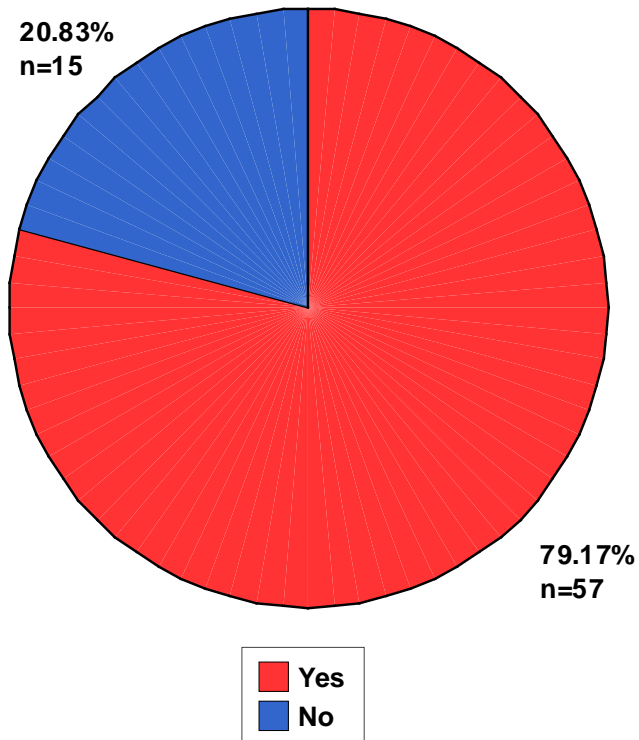
**Figure 13**

## Ownership of mineral rights with land owned in Wise County



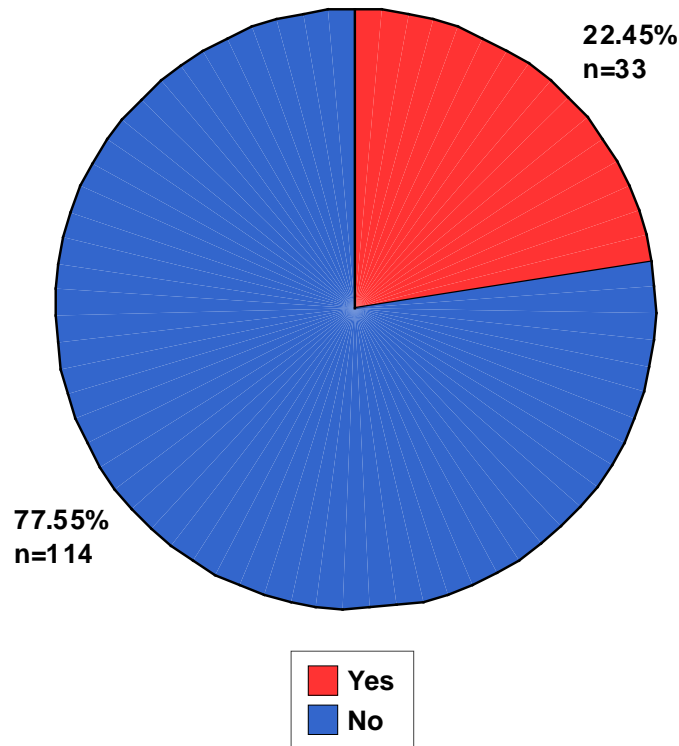
**Figure 14**

Land currently being leased to gas industry operators by landowners who OWN mineral rights



**Figure 15**

Land currently being leased to gas industry operators by landowners who DO NOT OWN mineral rights



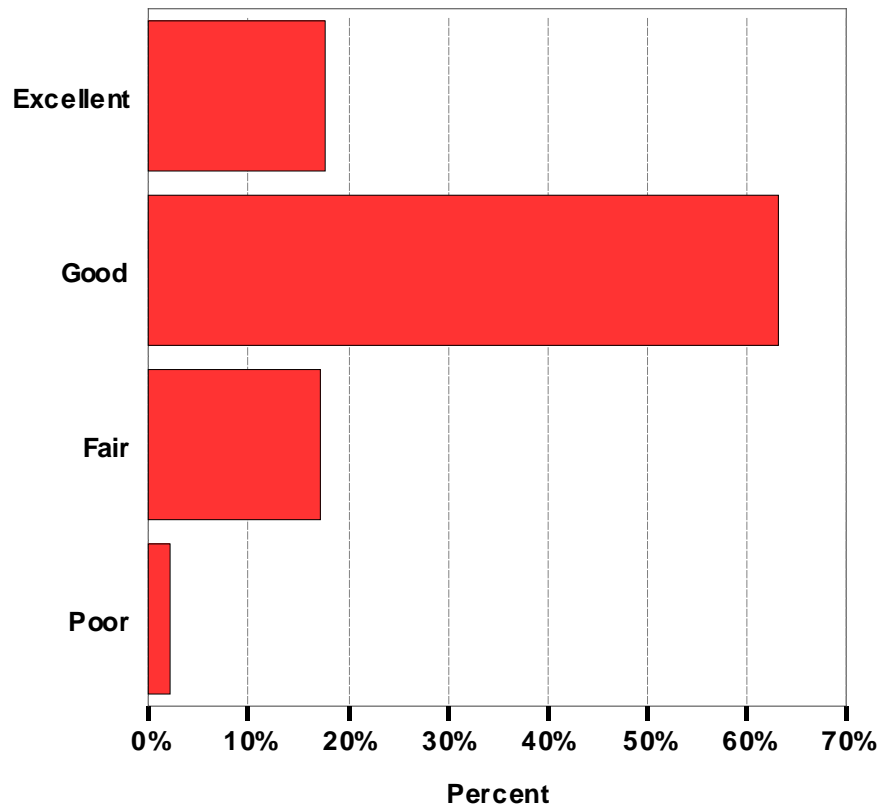
## **Section II**

# Quality of Life

Figures 16 through 19 illustrate residents' perception of the overall quality of life in Wise County. Included here are past and present-day ratings of the quality of life, as well as the perceived effect on quality of life from the large-scale exploration and production of natural gas. In addition, residents' likelihood of moving away from Wise County in the near future is summarized.

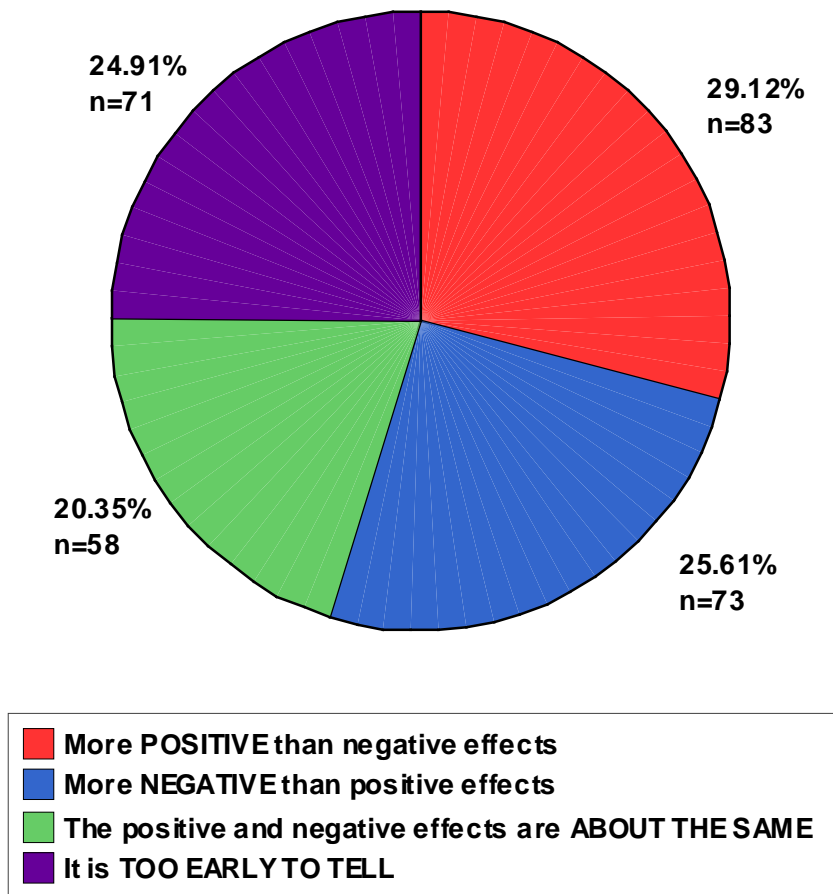
## Figure 16

Overall, how would you rate the quality of life in  
Wise County today?  
(n = 293)



**Figure 17**

Effects of exploration and production of natural gas in Wise County on quality of life

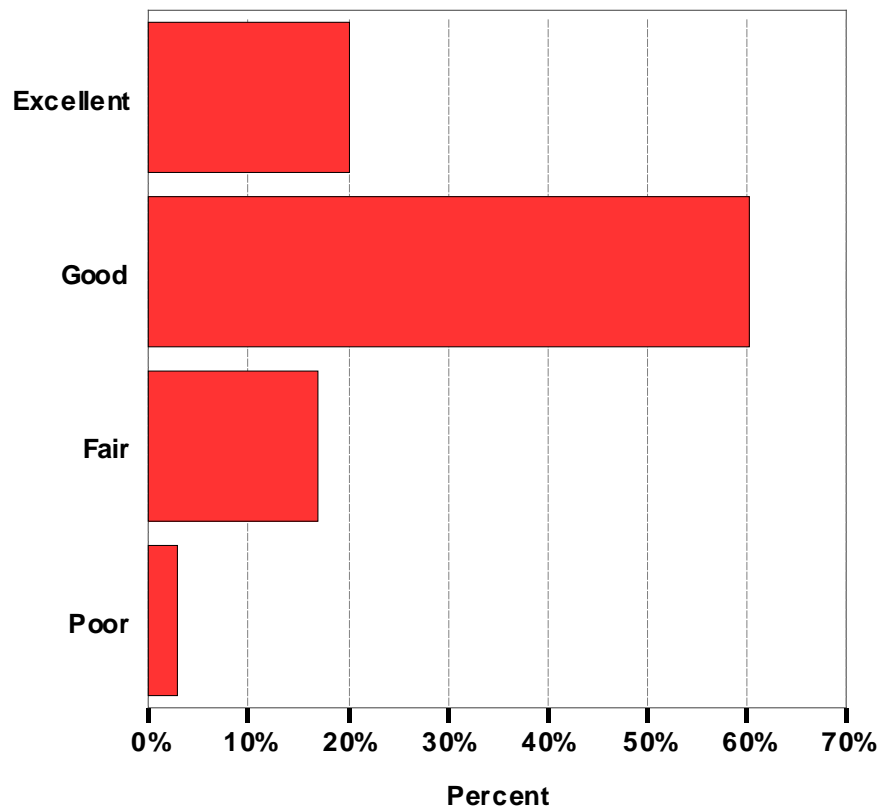




## Figure 18

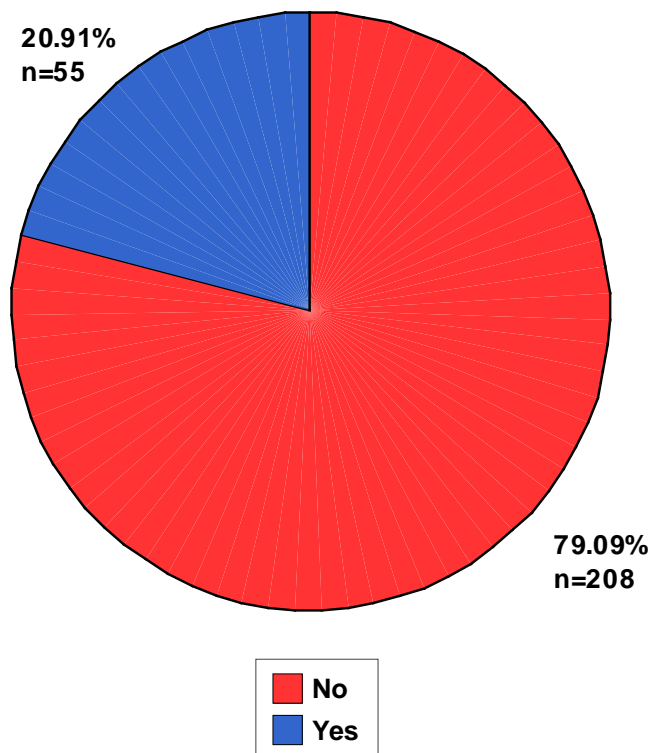
How would you rate the quality of life in Wise County BEFORE the large-scale exploration and production of natural gas began?

(n = 279)



**Figure 19**

Is it likely that you might move away from Wise County within in the next 5 years?



## **Section III**

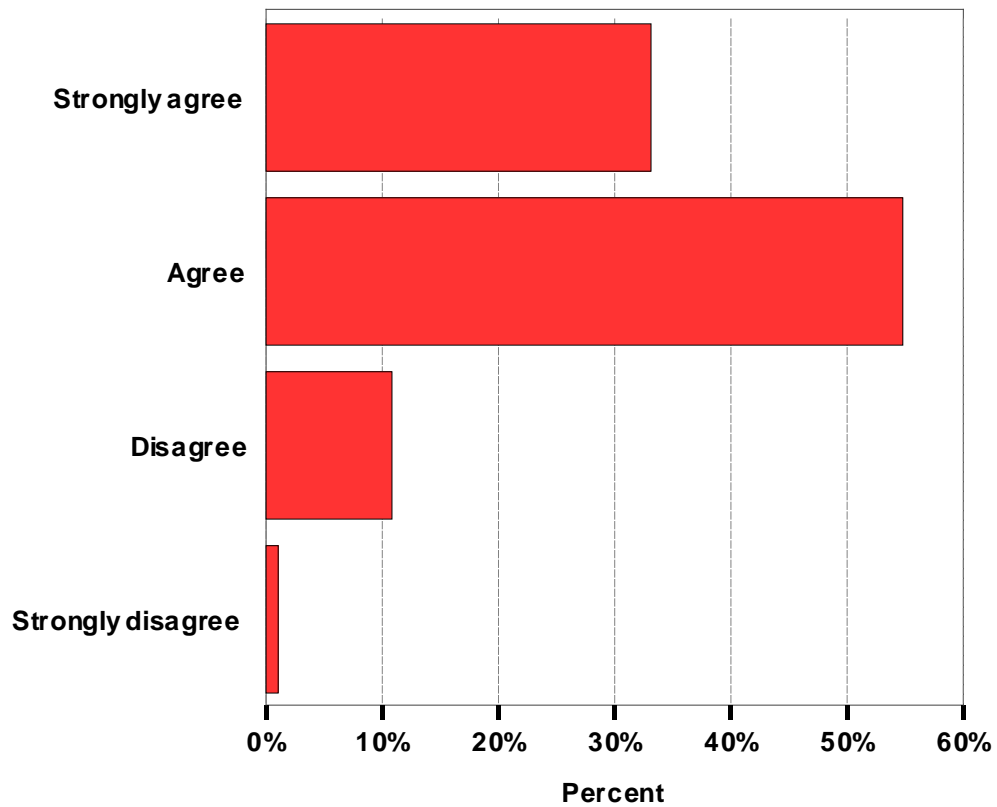
# **Attitudes Toward the Exploration and Production of Natural Gas in Wise County**

Figures 20 through 38 summarize residents' attitudes toward the production and exploration of natural gas in Wise County.

## Figure 20

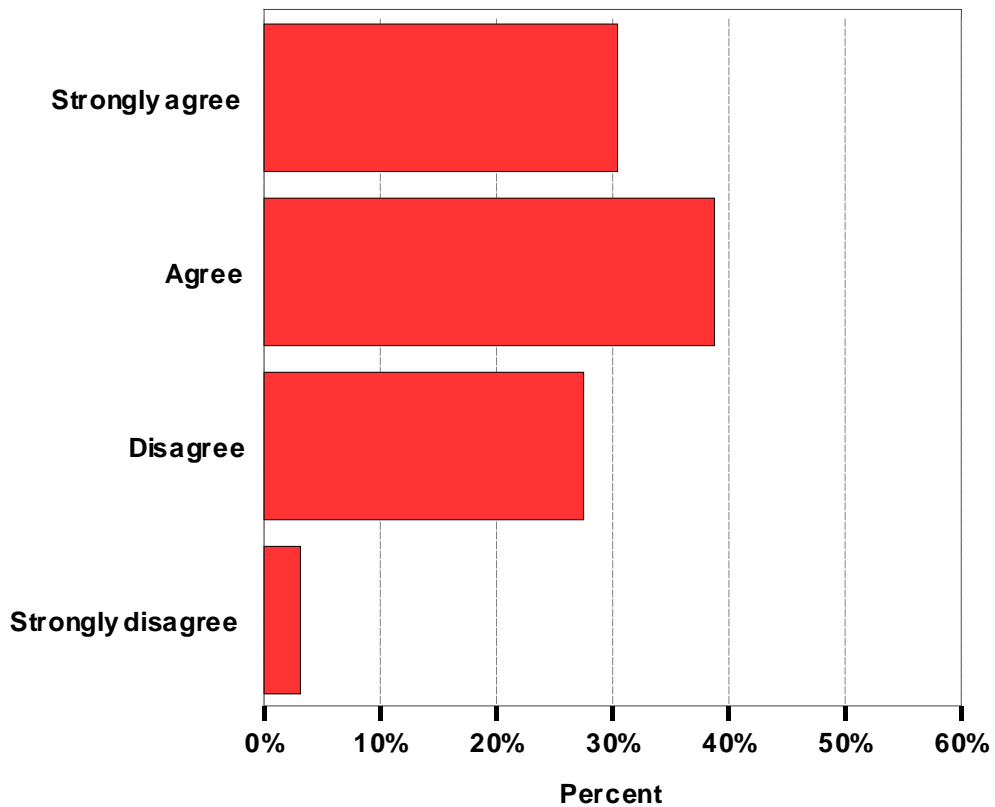
The natural gas industry is important to the local economy.

(n = 292)



## Figure 21

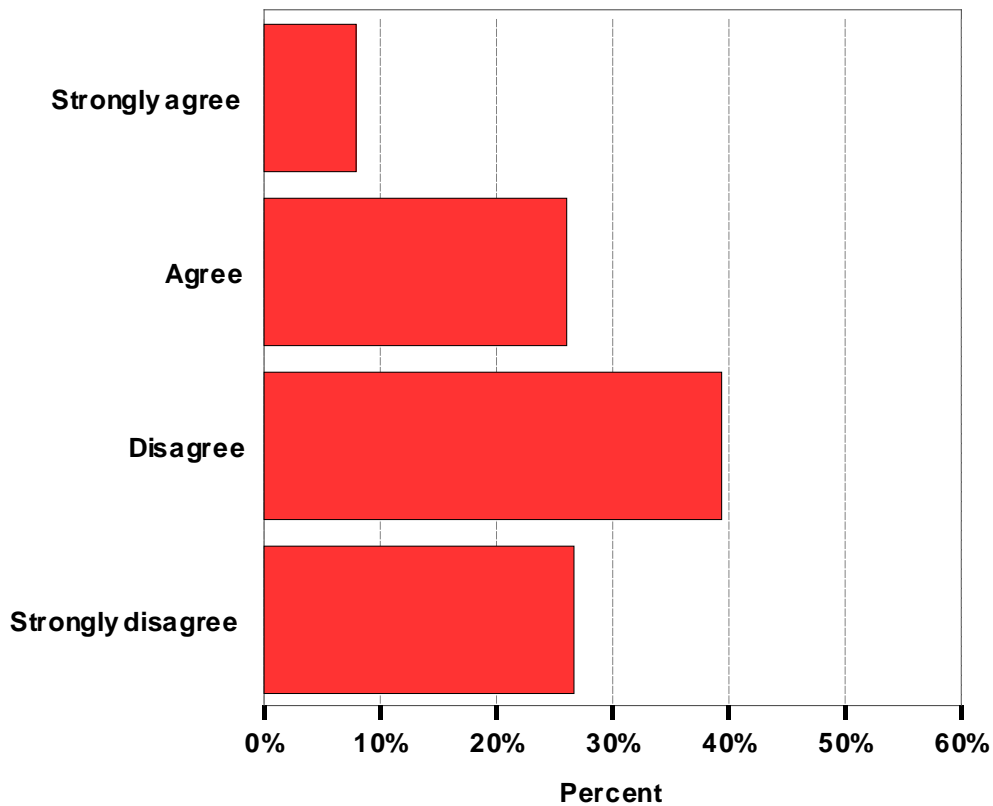
Natural gas industry operators in this area are  
too politically powerful.  
(n = 276)



## Figure 22

Decisions about natural gas-related development should be made solely on economic grounds.

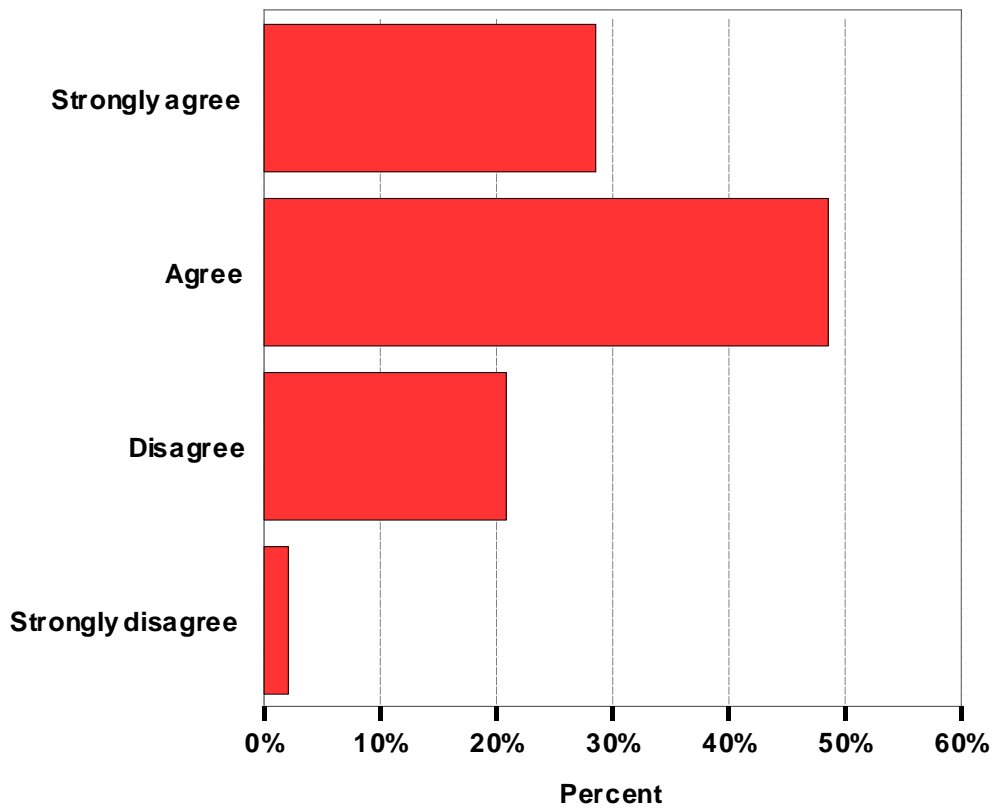
(n = 277)



## Figure 23

Not enough information concerning the development of natural gas is being made available to the general public.

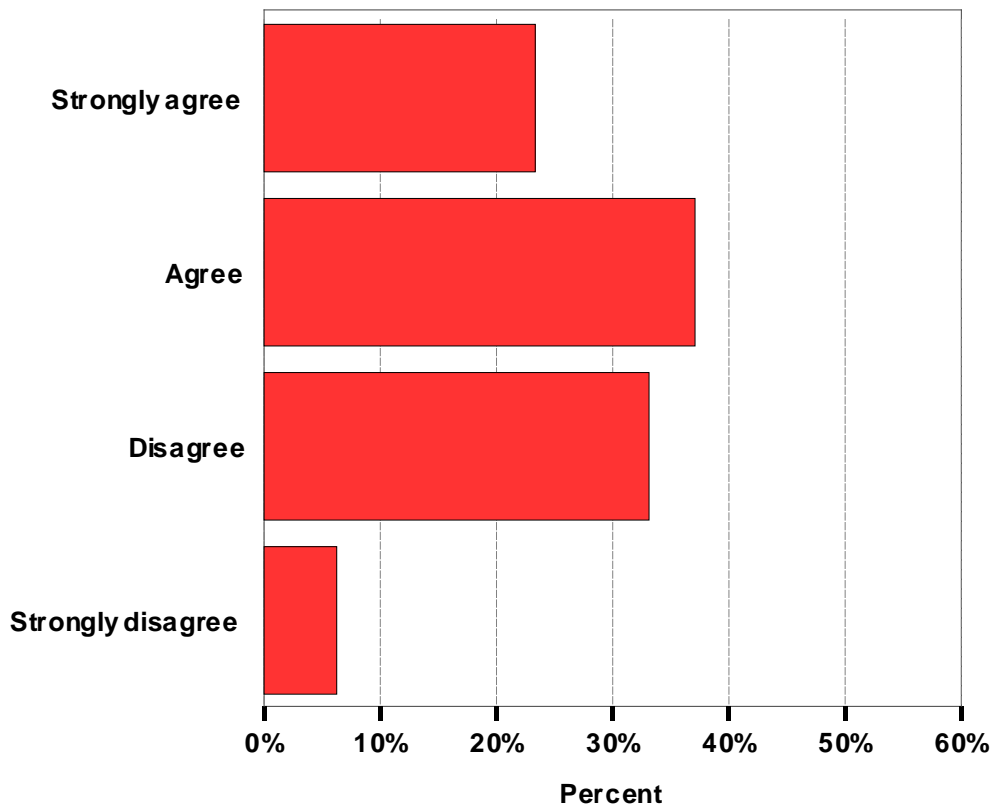
(n = 284)



## Figure 24

Even when carefully controlled, natural gas development is likely to upset the quality of life in a local area.

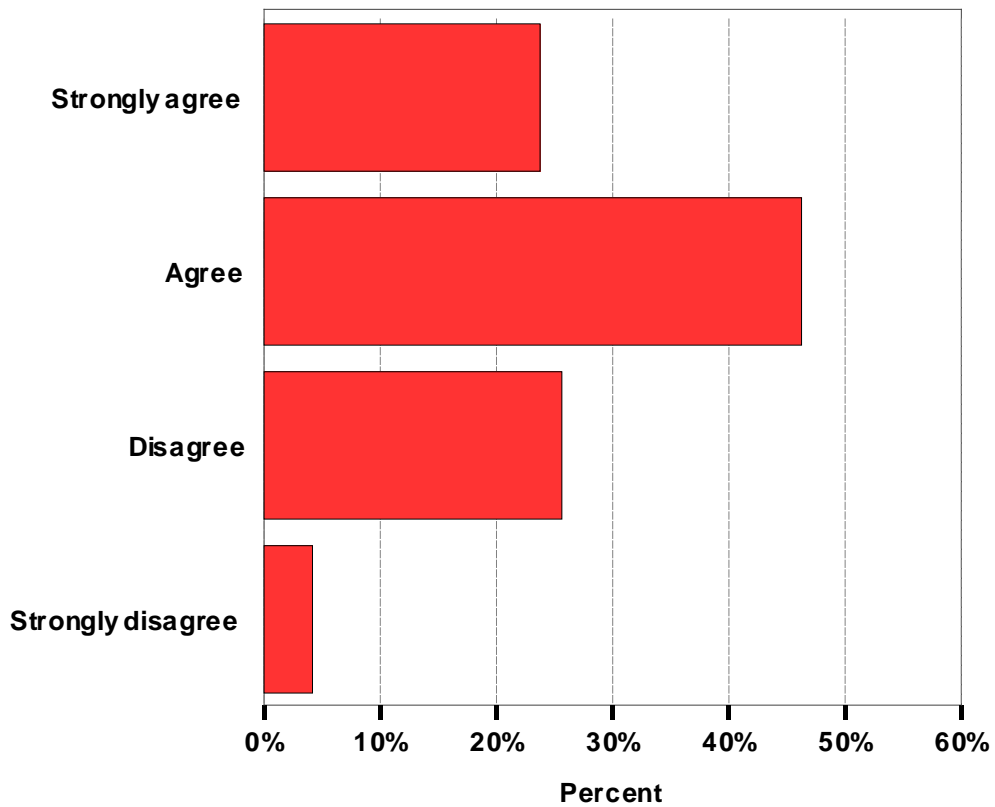
(n = 283)





## Figure 25

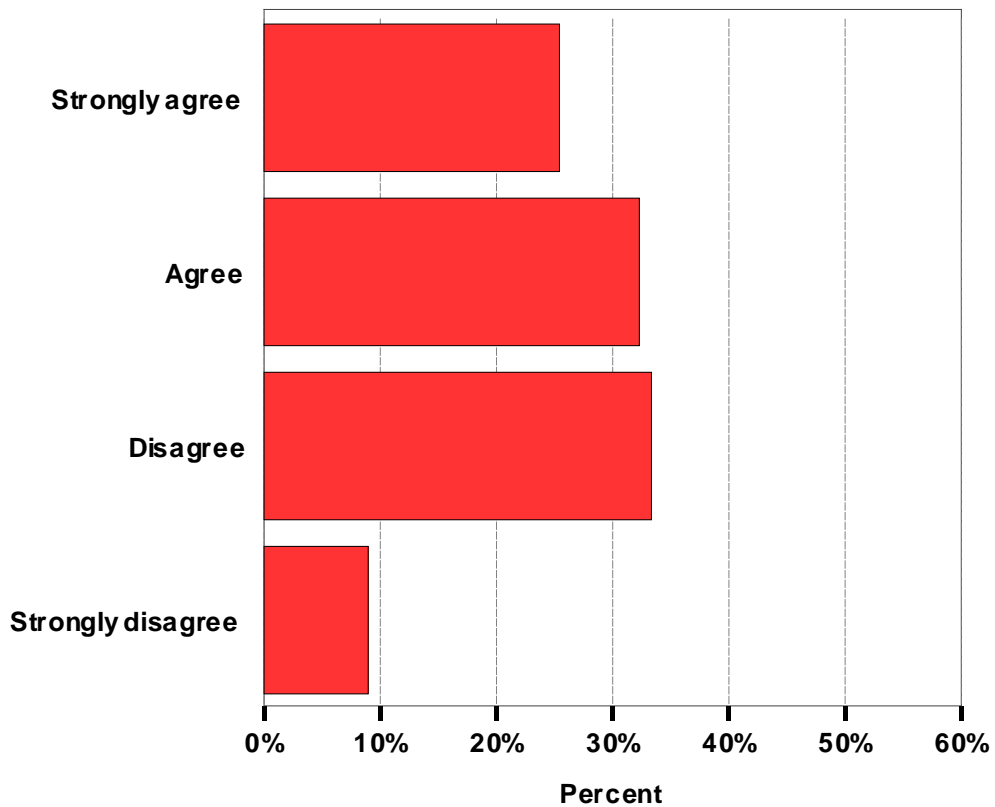
Too little attention is being paid to the social costs of natural gas development.  
(n = 268)



## Figure 26

The natural gas companies have no compassion  
for our natural environment.

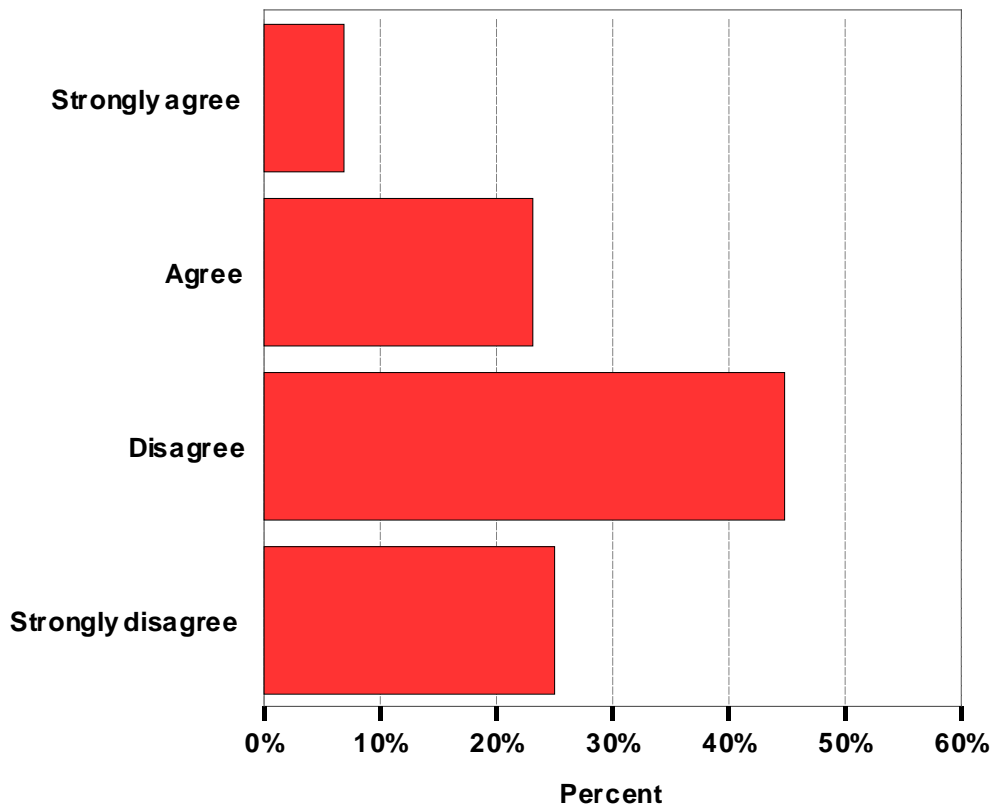
(n = 276)



## Figure 27

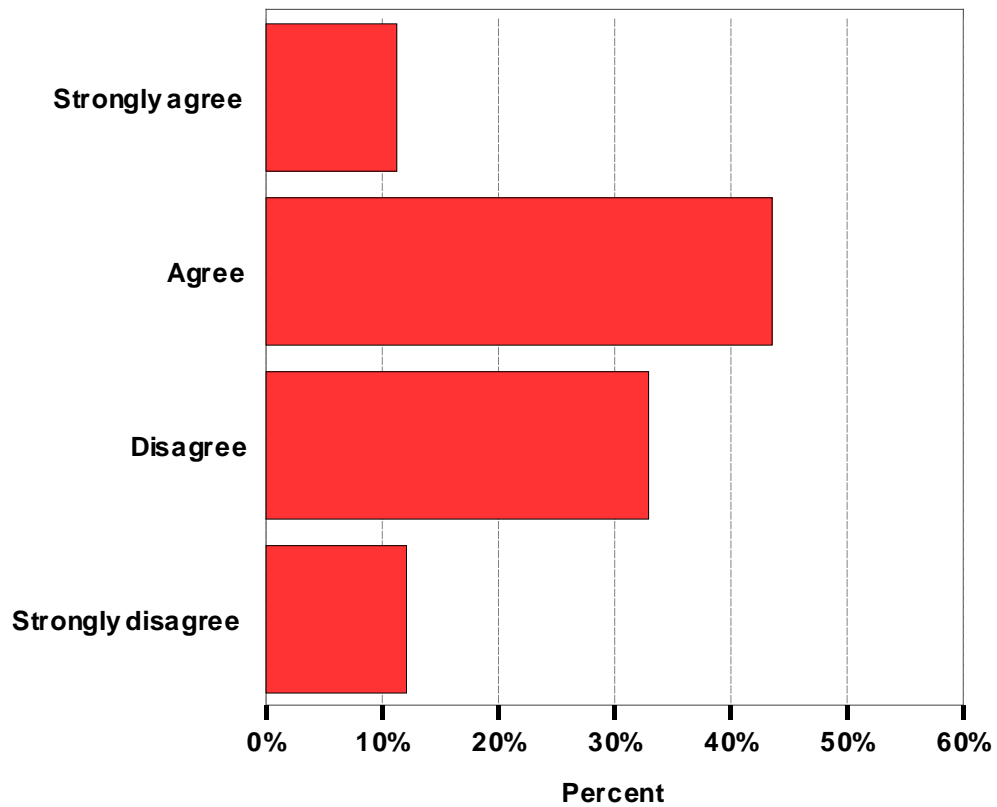
Because industries have to be competitive, it is unfair to expect them to tell the public about their plans.

(n = 276)



## Figure 28

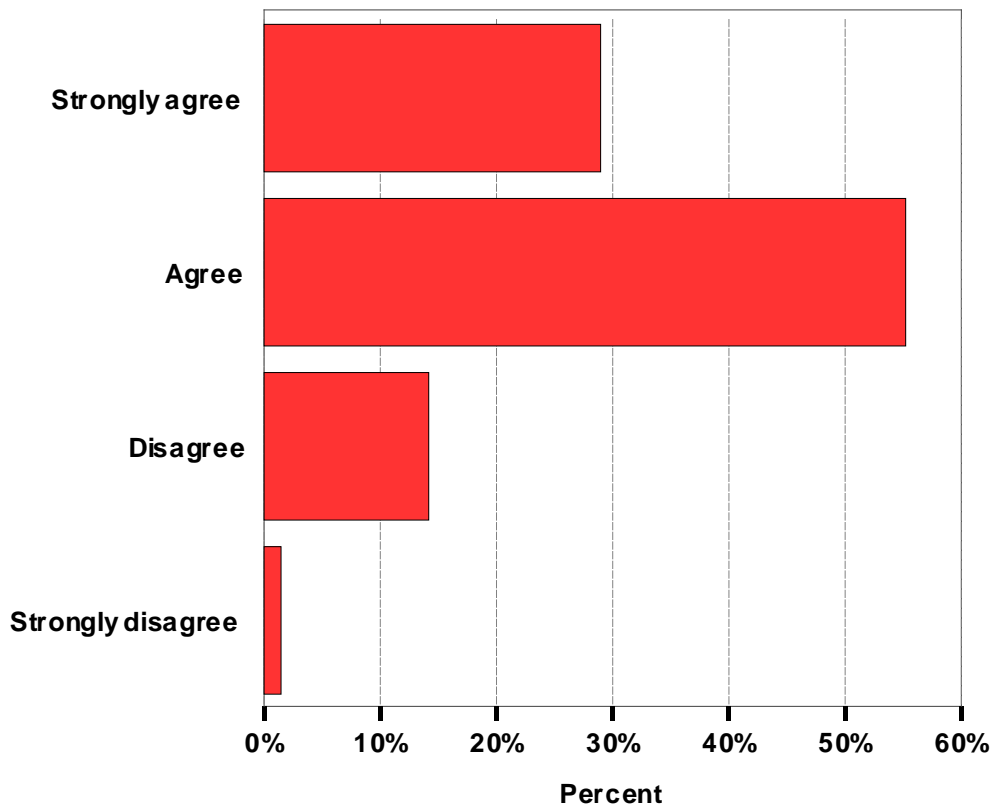
All in all, the benefits of natural gas development  
for this area are greater than the costs.  
(n = 273)



## Figure 29

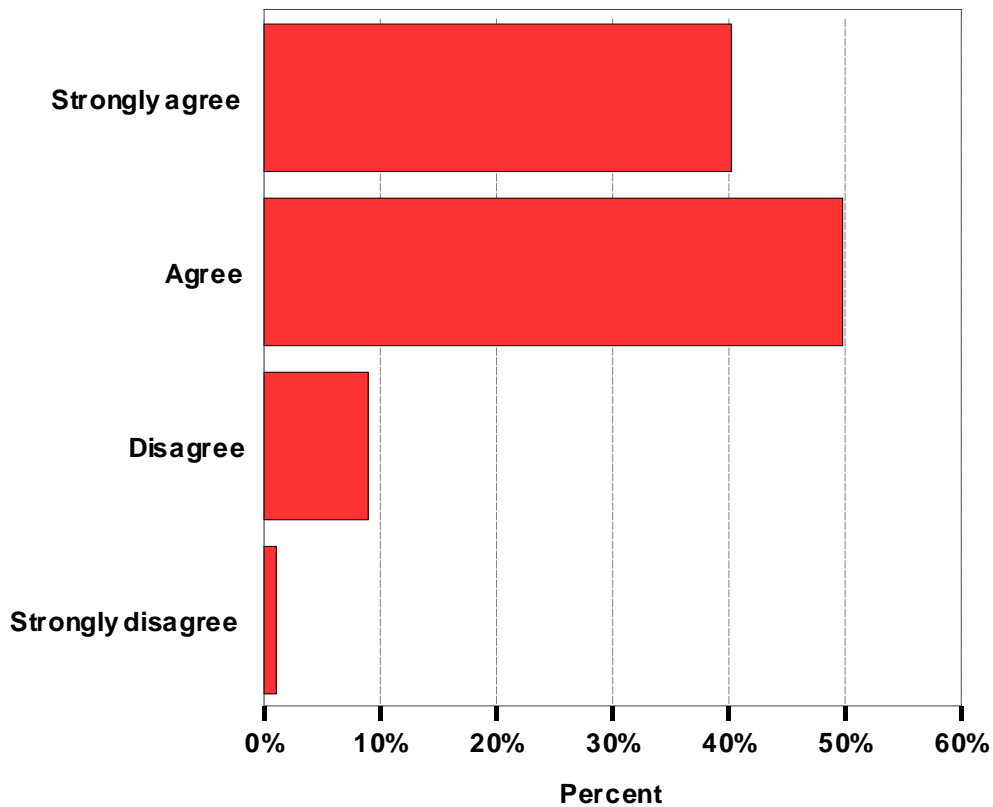
Decisions about natural gas development should be given to the effects on lifestyles and values of the people in this area.

(n = 273)



## Figure 30

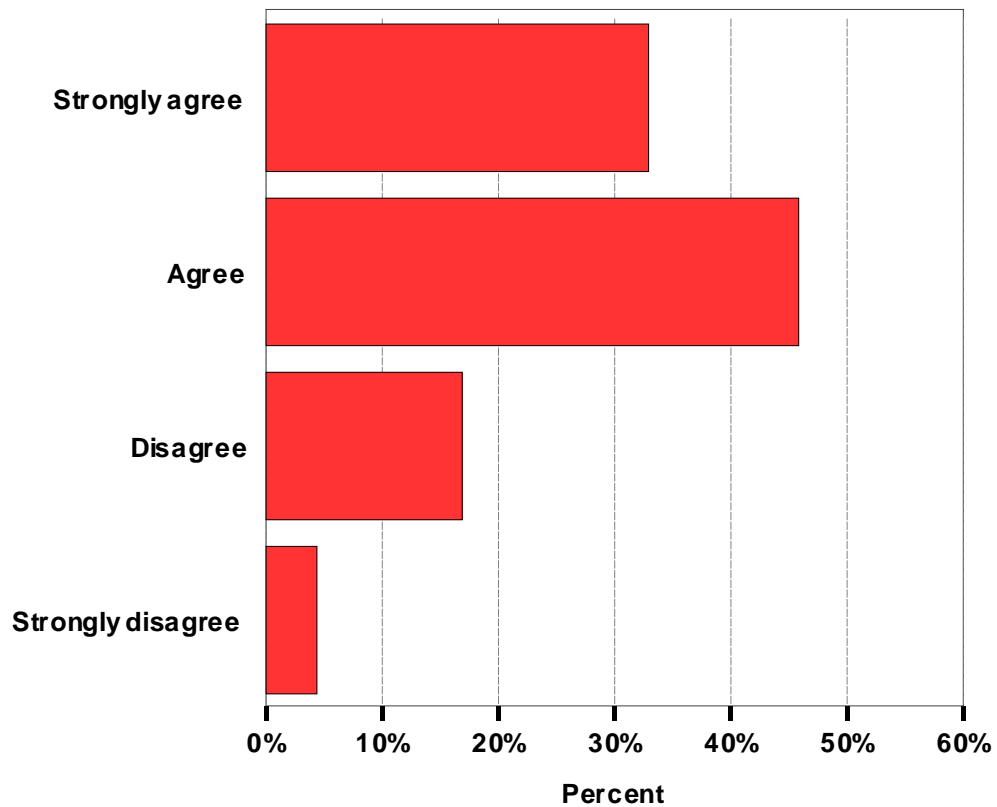
Natural gas operators **MUST** adopt and use more environmentally friendly drilling practices.  
(n = 281)



## Figure 31

Natural gas companies will do only what's  
required by law.

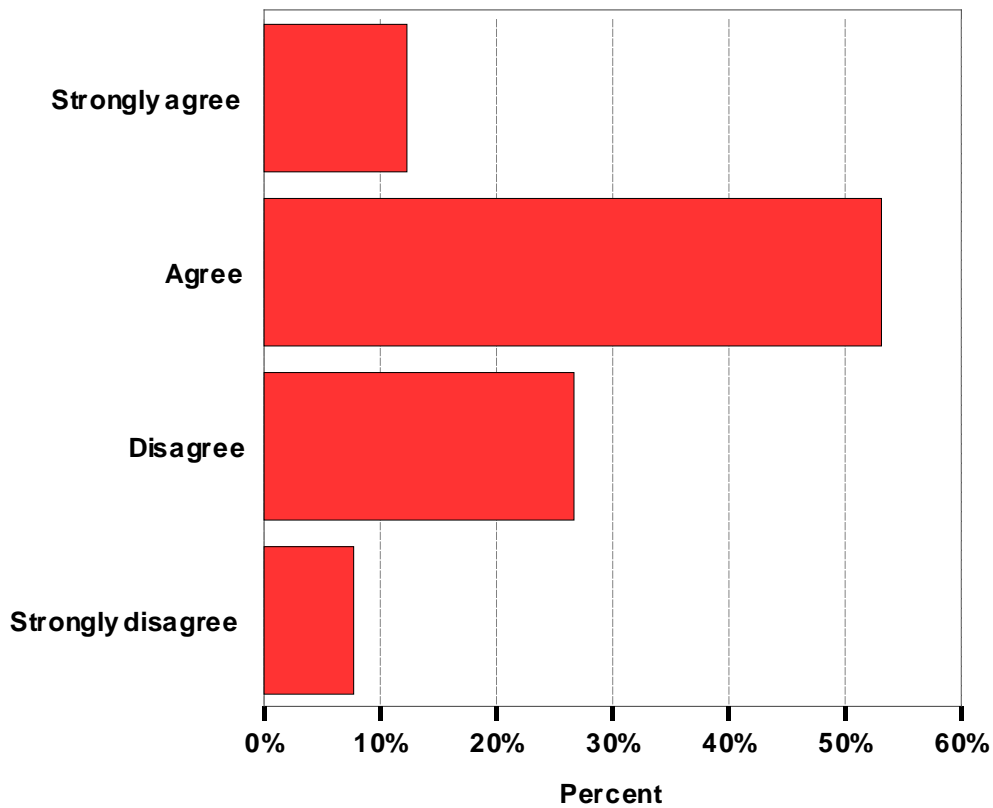
(n = 273)



## Figure 32

In the long run, I'm sure that people in this area will be better off if our natural gas resources are developed.

(n = 284)

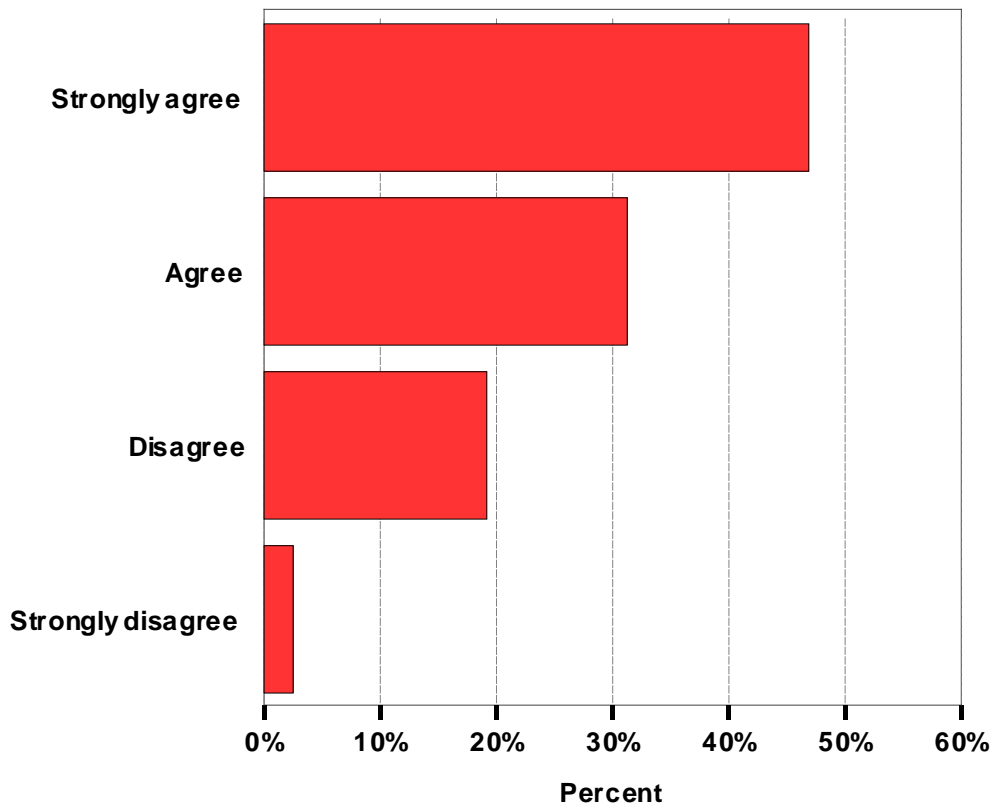




## Figure 33

Natural gas operators are drilling and producing too close to homes and businesses.

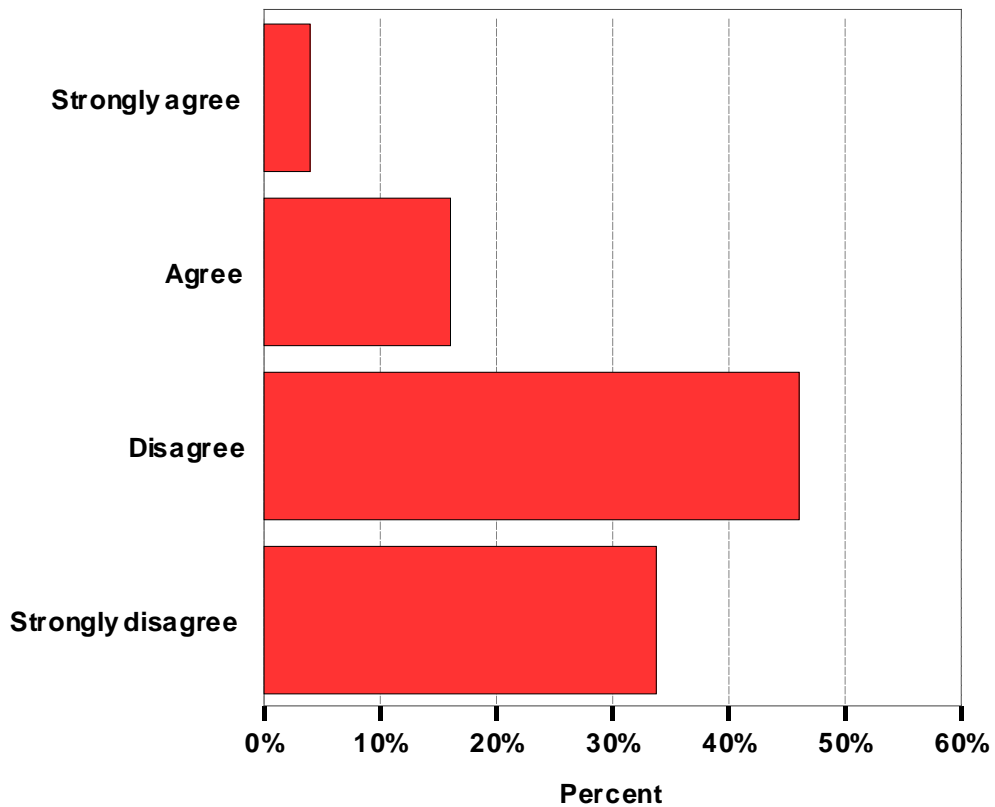
(n = 281)



## Figure 34

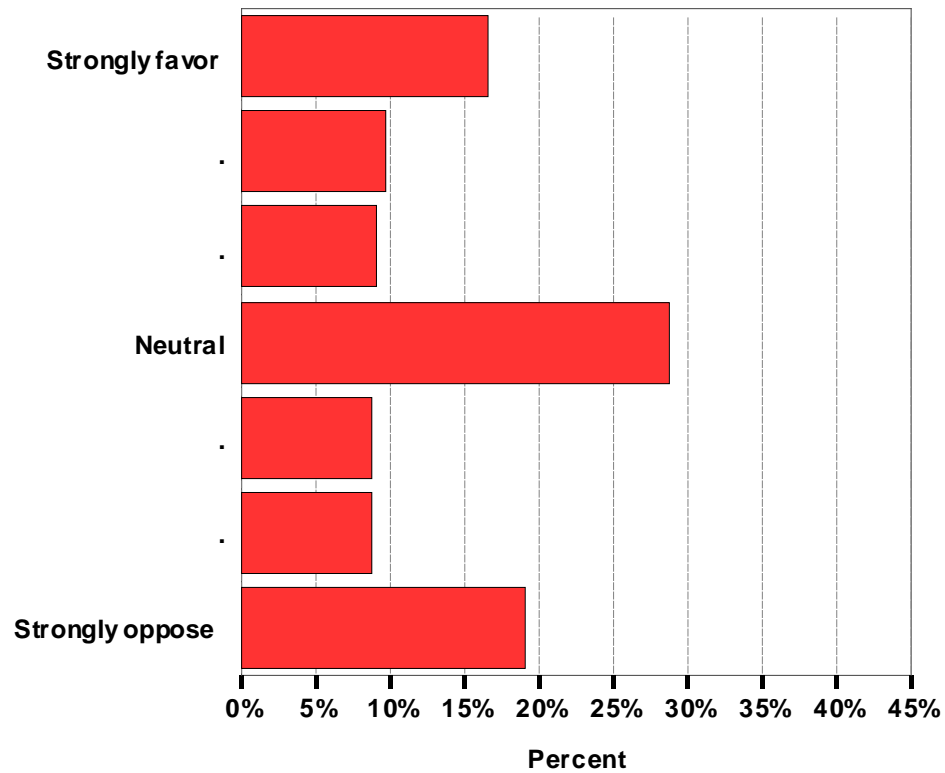
People who object to natural gas development in this area should move someplace else.

(n = 278)



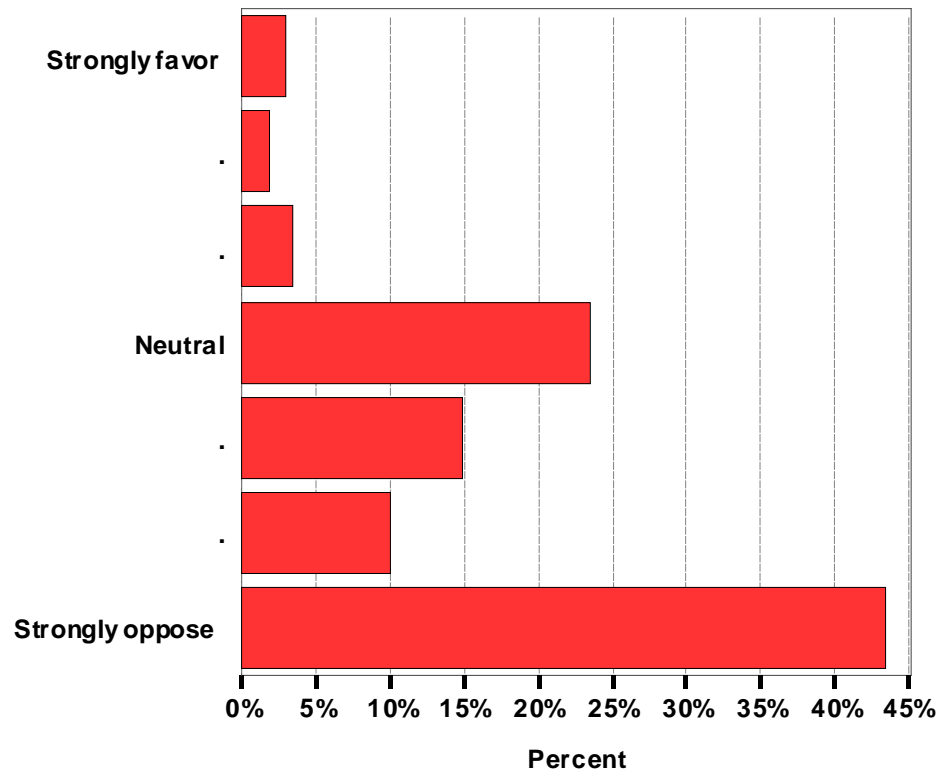
**Figure 35**

How do you feel about the drilling of more  
GAS WELLS in Wise County?  
(n = 279)



## Figure 36

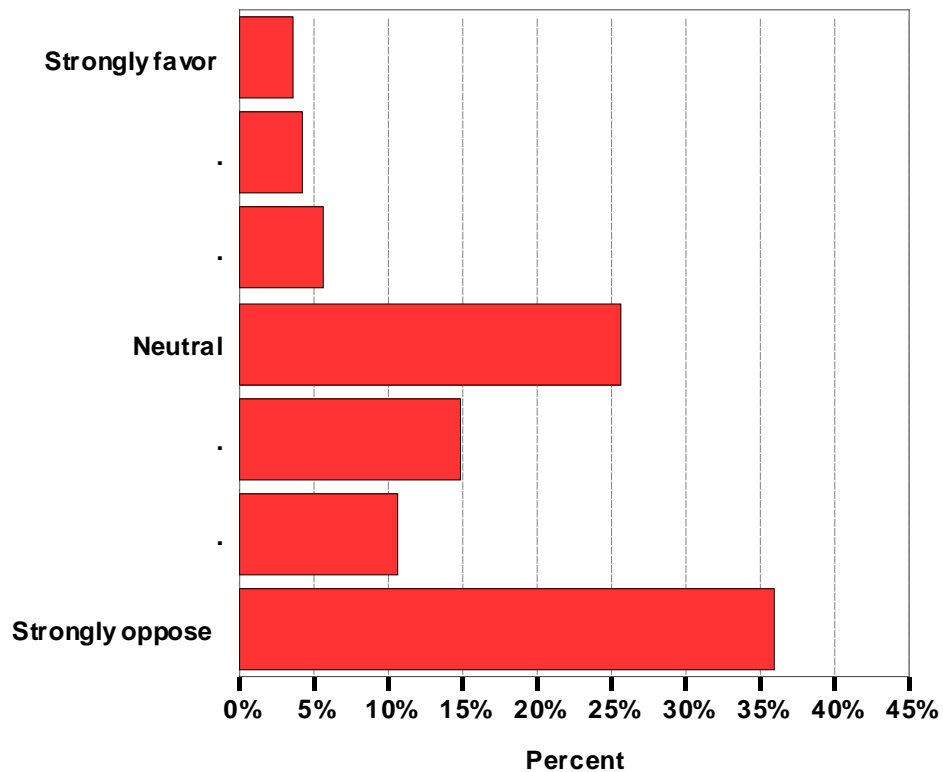
How do you feel about the drilling of more  
DISPOSAL WELLS in Wise County?  
(n = 269)



## Figure 37

How do you feel about the drilling of  
WATER WELLS in Wise County to provide  
water for the natural gas industry?

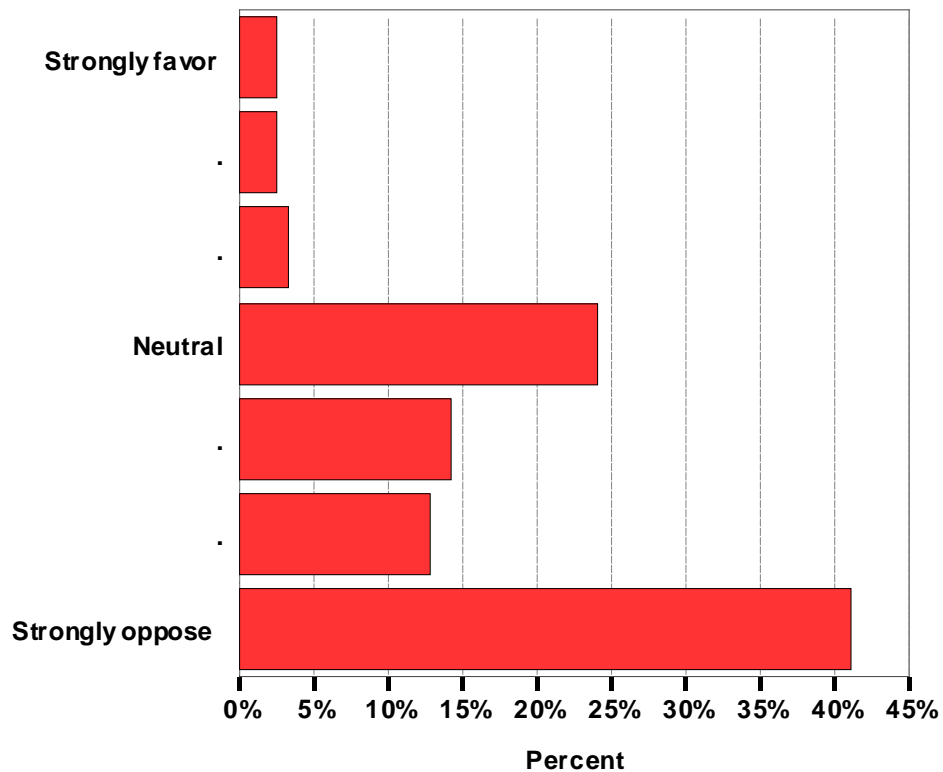
(n = 285)



## Figure 38

How do you feel about the use of  
CITY WATER supplies by the natural gas  
industry?

(n = 283)



## **Section IV**

# **Potential Problems in Wise County**

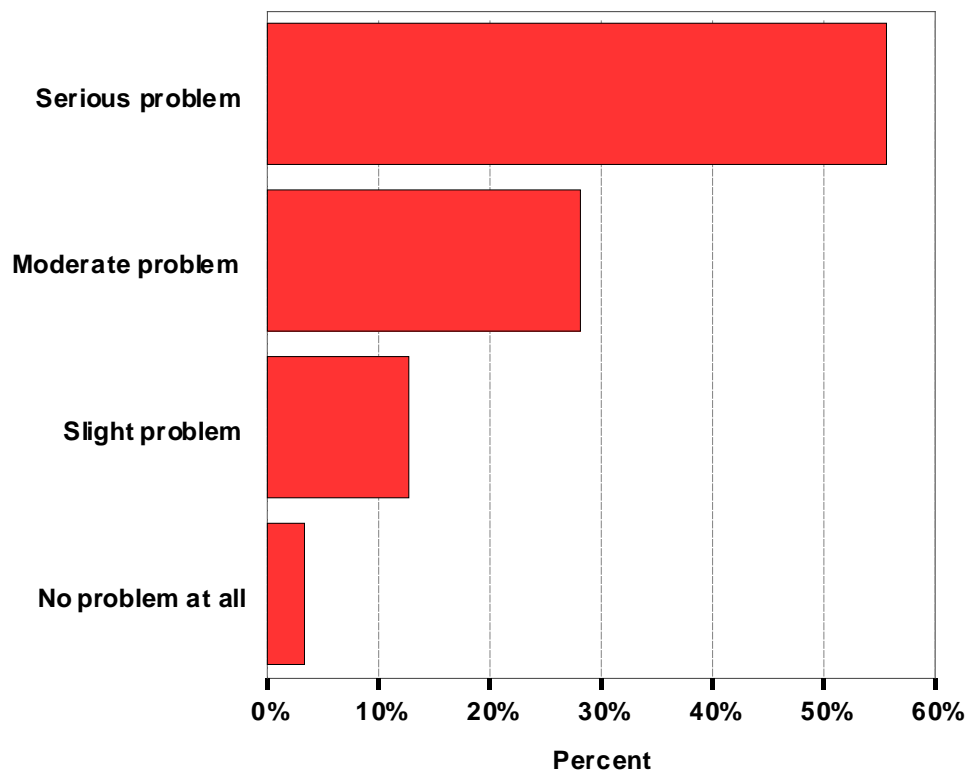
This section deals with residents' perceptions of the potential problems in Wise County which may or may not be associated with the continued development of natural gas. Survey respondents were presented with 33 issues which may or may not be problems in Wise County. Respondents were asked to indicate whether they believe each issue currently is "no problem at all," a "slight problem," a "moderate problem," or a "serious problem." Respondents were then asked to indicate whether the seriousness of the problem is "getting better," "staying the same," or "getting worse" with the continued development of natural gas. The results are summarized below.

Figures 39a through 71a illustrate the perceived problematic extent of the issue today. Figures 39b to 71b illustrate the apparent seriousness of the problem with the continued development of natural gas.

For purposes of presentation, the issues were ranked from the perceived "most serious" to the "least serious" (see the Mean Score and coding notation).

## Figure 39a

Issue: Use of illegal drugs  
(n = 266)

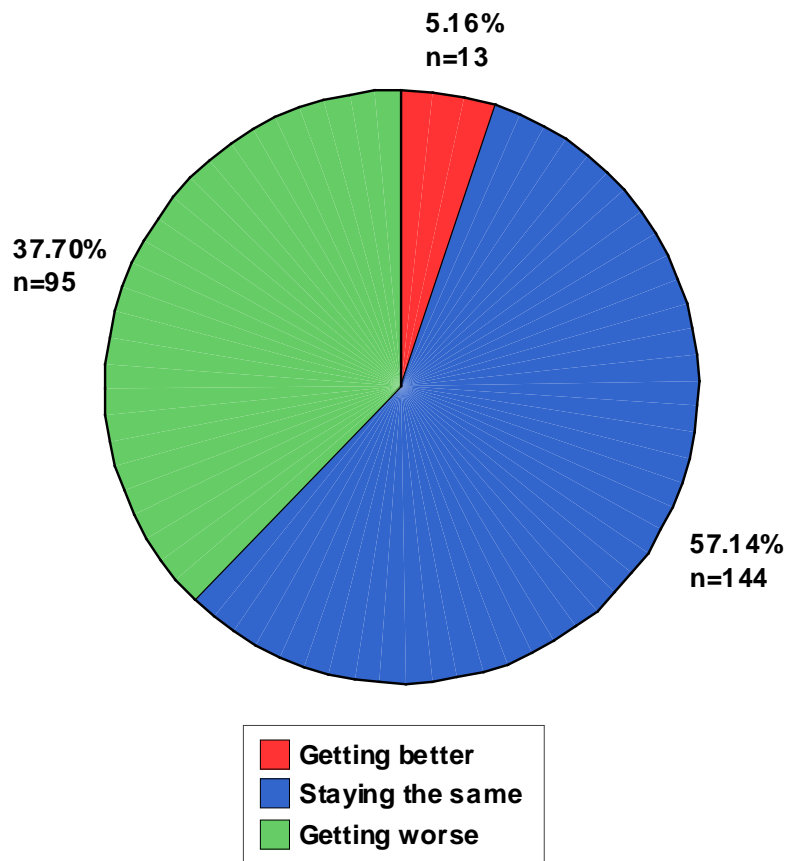


<b>Mean</b>	<b>3.361</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>0.832</b>
(coding: 1 = no problem at all; 2 = slight problem; 3 = moderate problem; 4 = serious problem)	



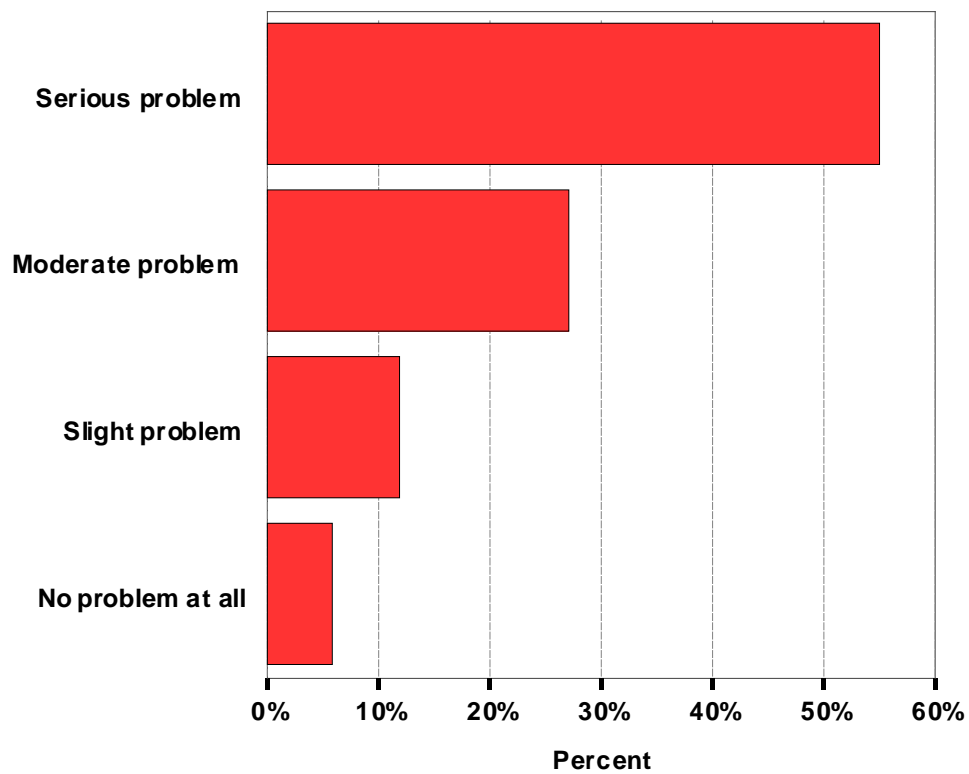
**Figure 39b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
use of illegal drugs is:



## Figure 40a

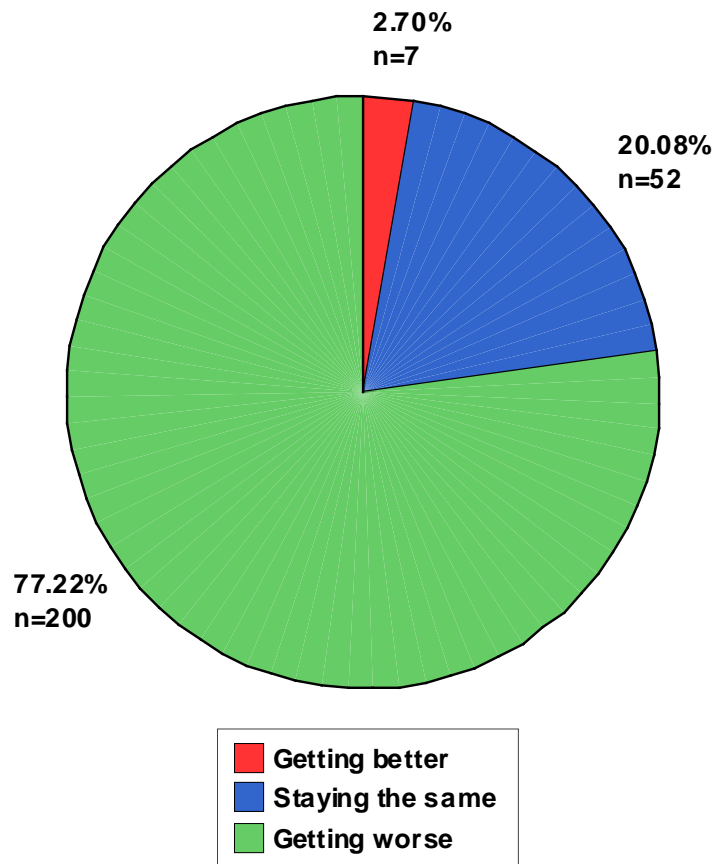
Issue: Increased truck traffic  
(n = 276)



<b>Mean</b>	<b>3.315</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>0.898</b>
(coding: 1 = no problem at all; 2 = slight problem; 3 = moderate problem; 4 = serious problem)	

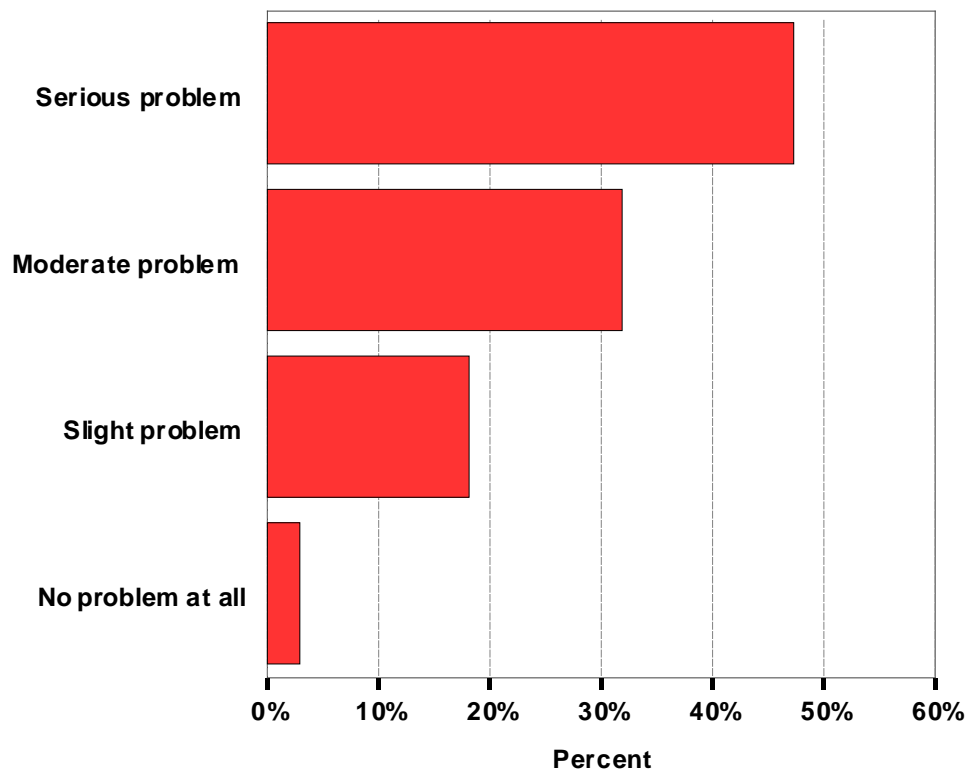
**Figure 40b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
increased truck traffic is:



## Figure 41a

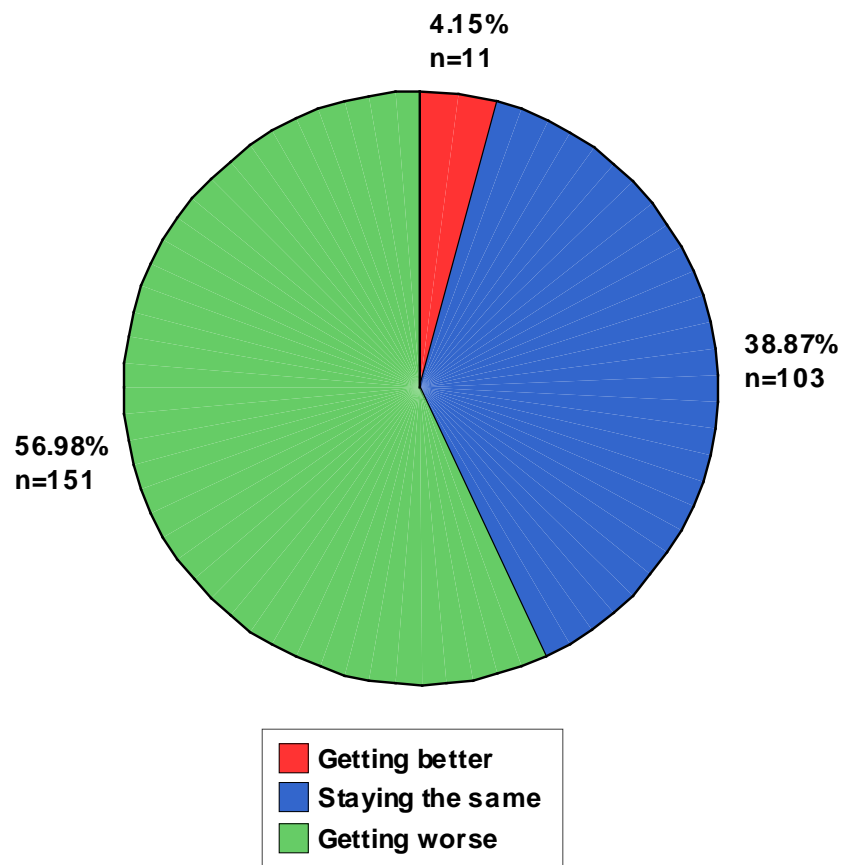
Issue: High tax rates  
(n = 283)



<b>Mean</b>	<b>3.237</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>0.845</b>
(coding: 1 = no problem at all; 2 = slight problem; 3 = moderate problem; 4 = serious problem)	

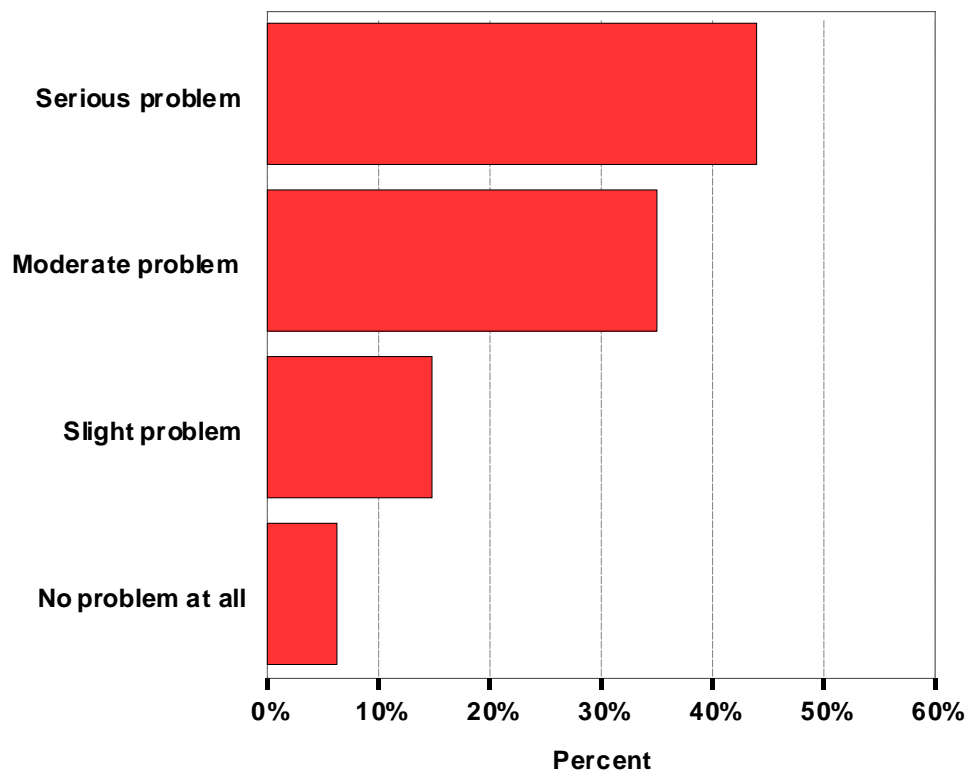
## Figure 41b

Because of the development of natural gas,  
high tax rates are:



## Figure 42a

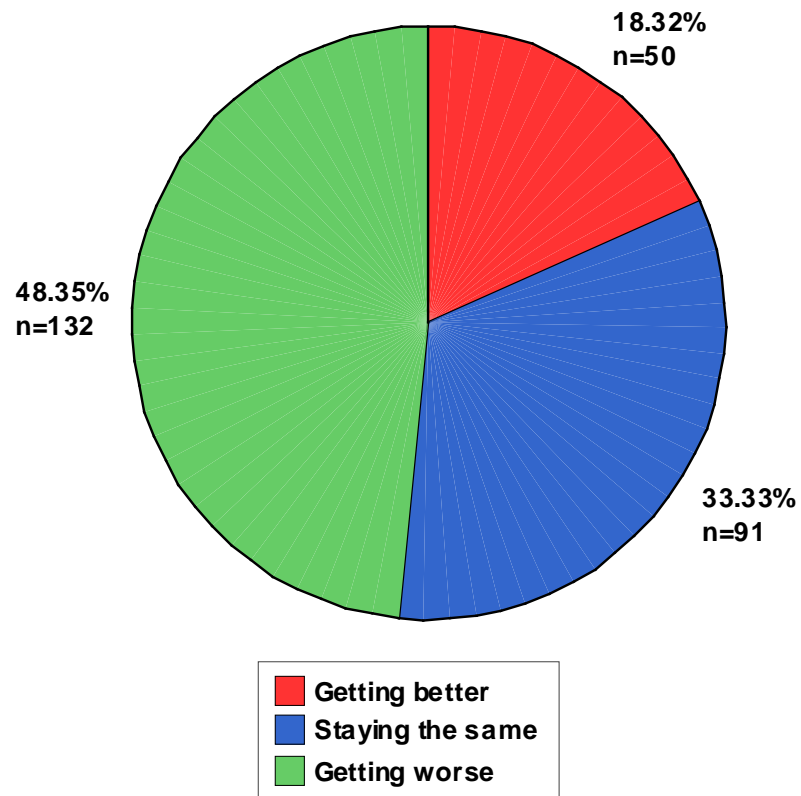
Issue: Conditions of roads and streets  
(n = 285)



<b>Mean</b>	<b>3.165</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>0.902</b>
(coding: 1 = no problem at all; 2 = slight problem; 3 = moderate problem; 4 = serious problem)	

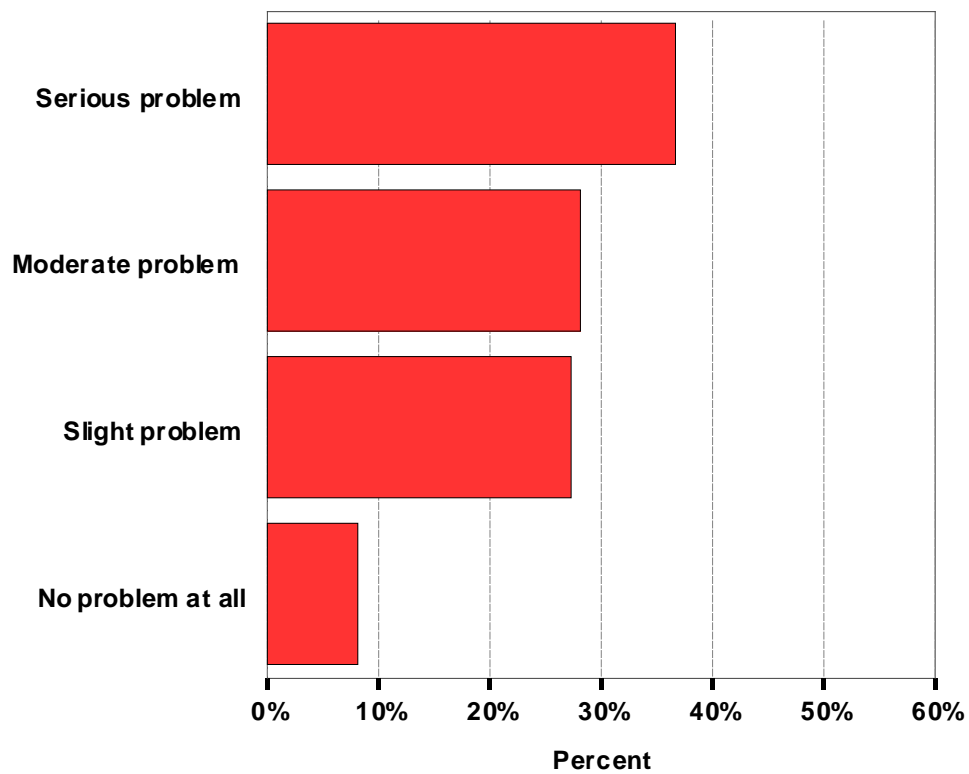
**Figure 42b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
conditions of roads and streets are:



## Figure 43a

Issue: Depletion of aquifers  
(n = 246)

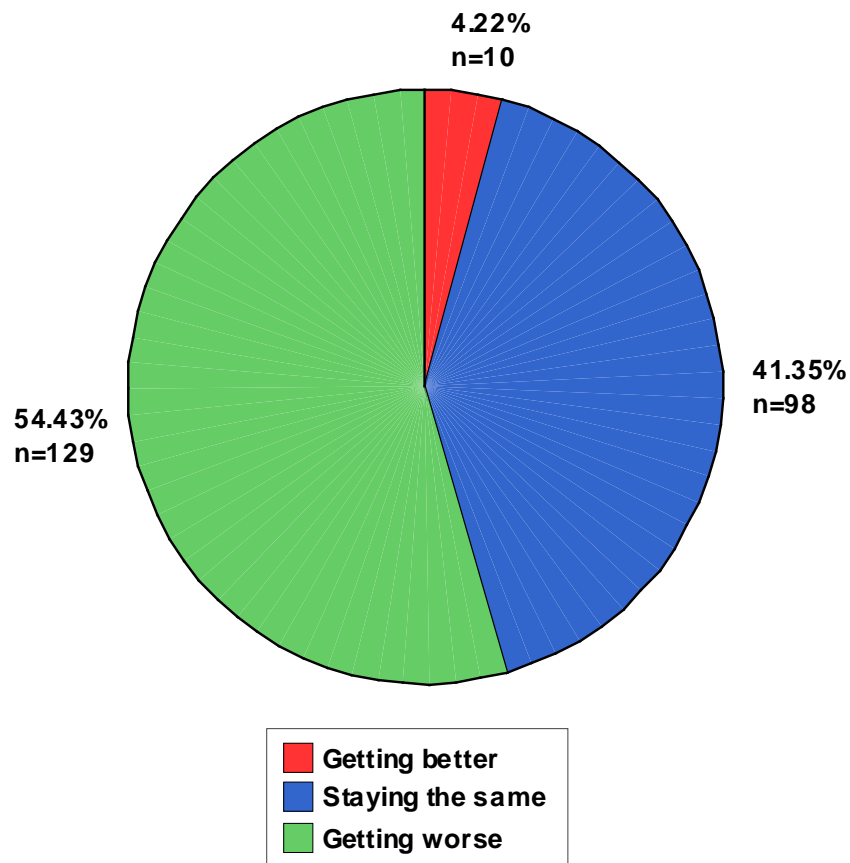


<b>Mean</b>	<b>2.931</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>0.981</b>
(coding: 1 = no problem at all; 2 = slight problem; 3 = moderate problem; 4 = serious problem)	



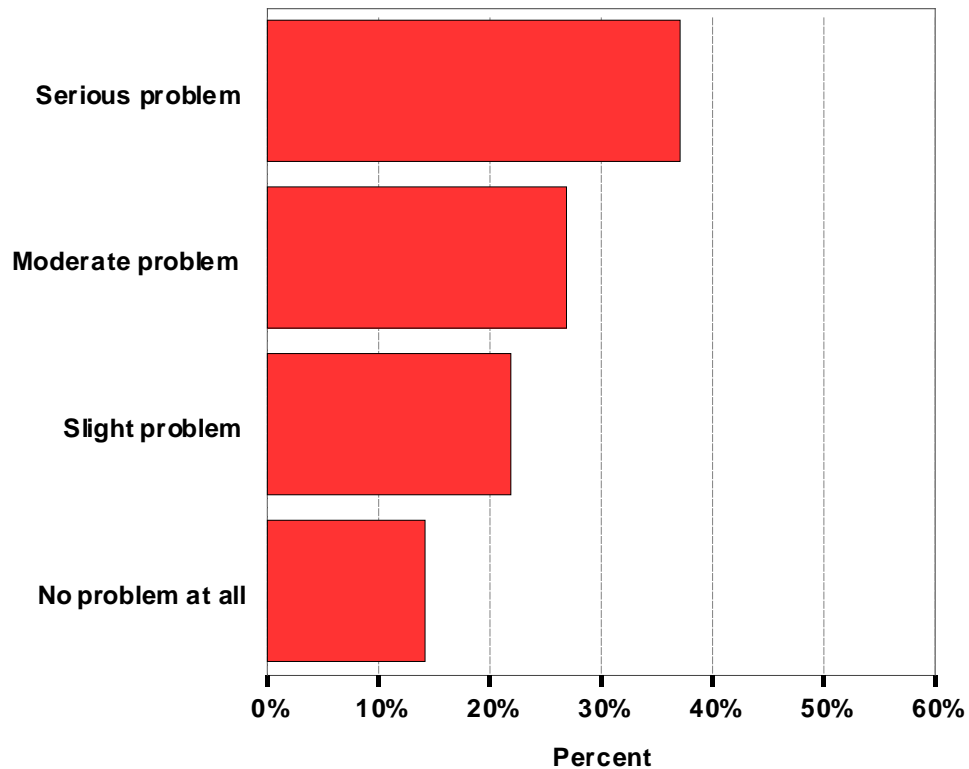
**Figure 43b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
depletion of aquifers is:



## Figure 44a

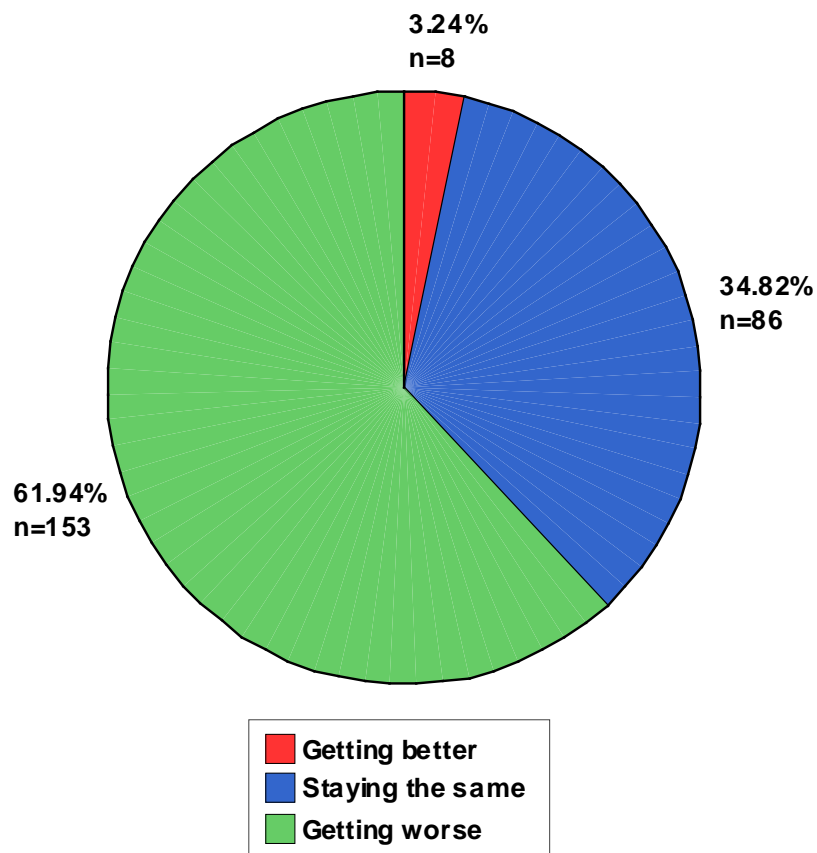
Issue: Amount of freshwater used by gas producers  
(n = 261)



<b>Mean</b>	<b>2.870</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>1.070</b>
(coding: 1 = no problem at all; 2 = slight problem; 3 = moderate problem; 4 = serious problem)	

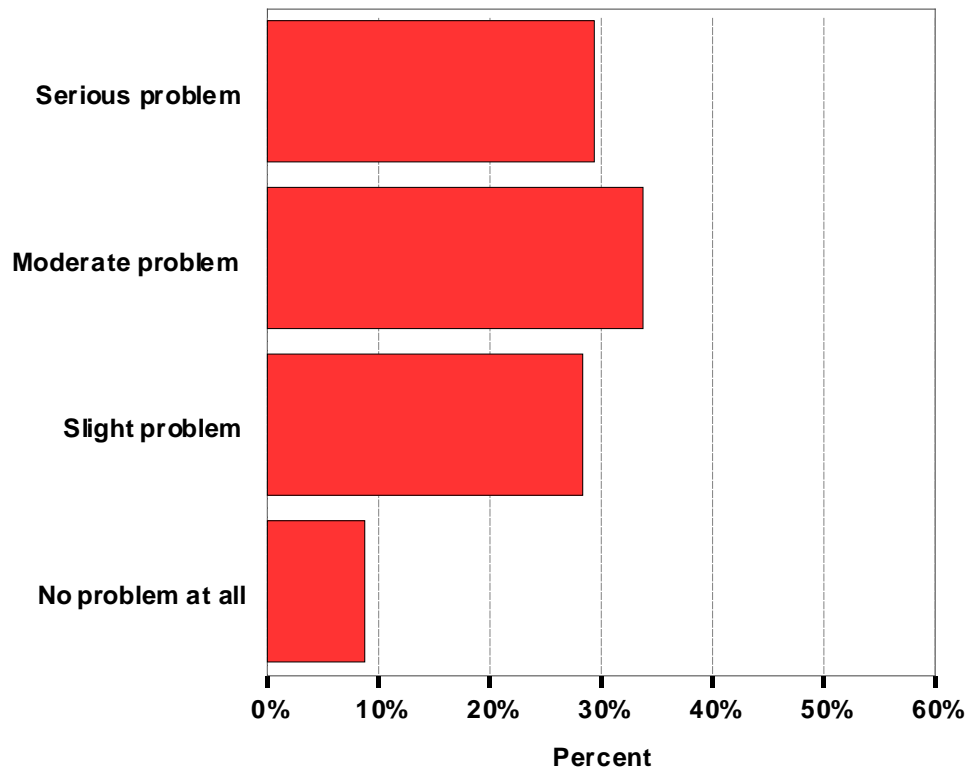
**Figure 44b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
amount of freshwater used by gas producers is:



## Figure 45a

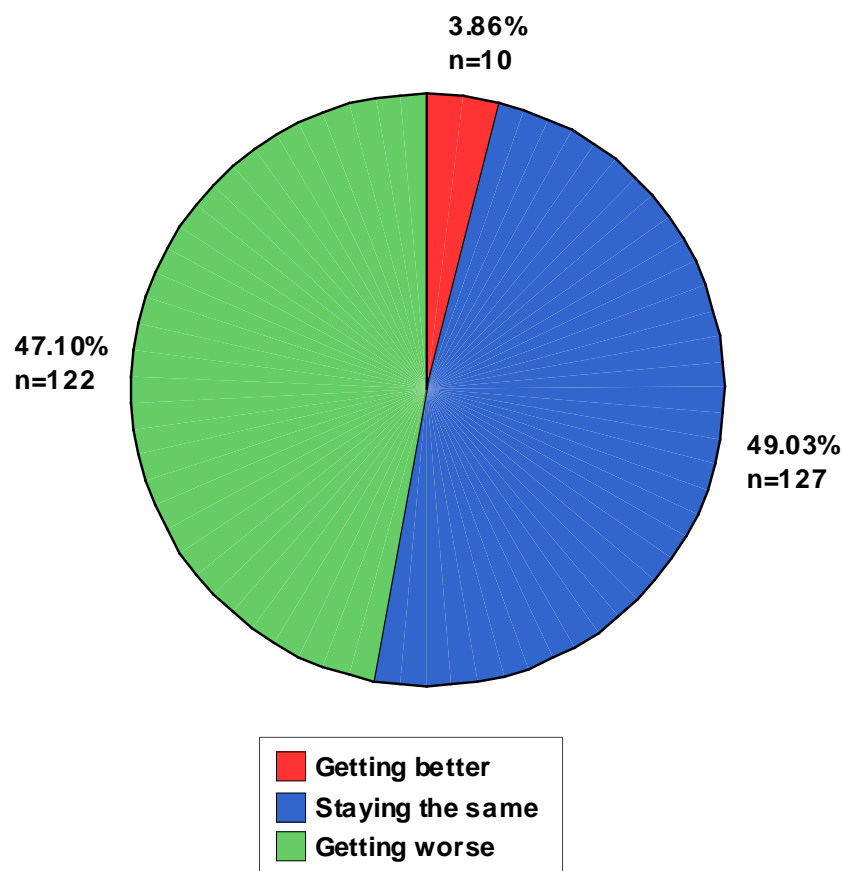
Issue: Traffic accidents  
(n = 276)



<b>Mean</b>	<b>2.837</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>0.949</b>
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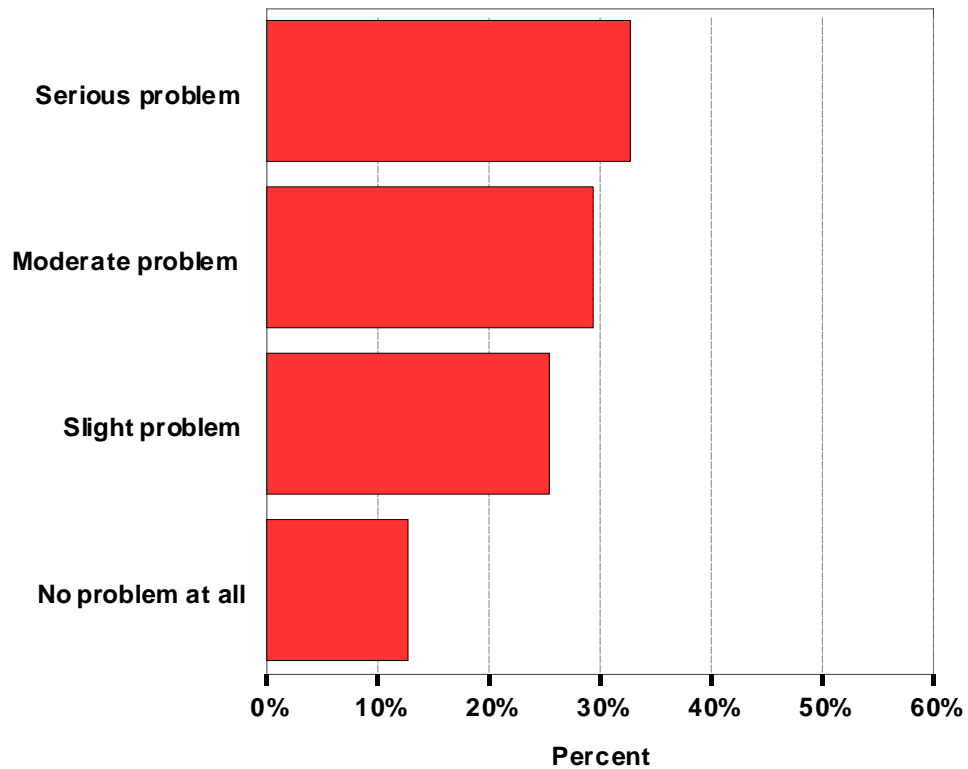
**Figure 45b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
traffic accidents are:



## Figure 46a

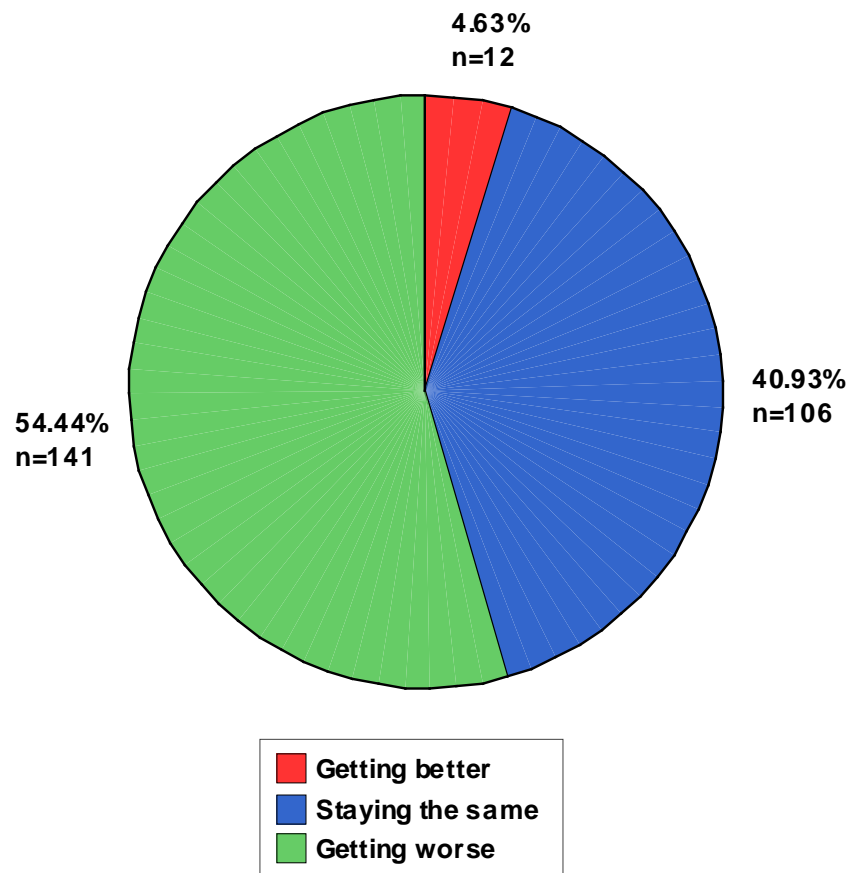
Issue: Water pollution  
(n = 276)



<b>Mean</b>	<b>2.819</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>1.029</b>
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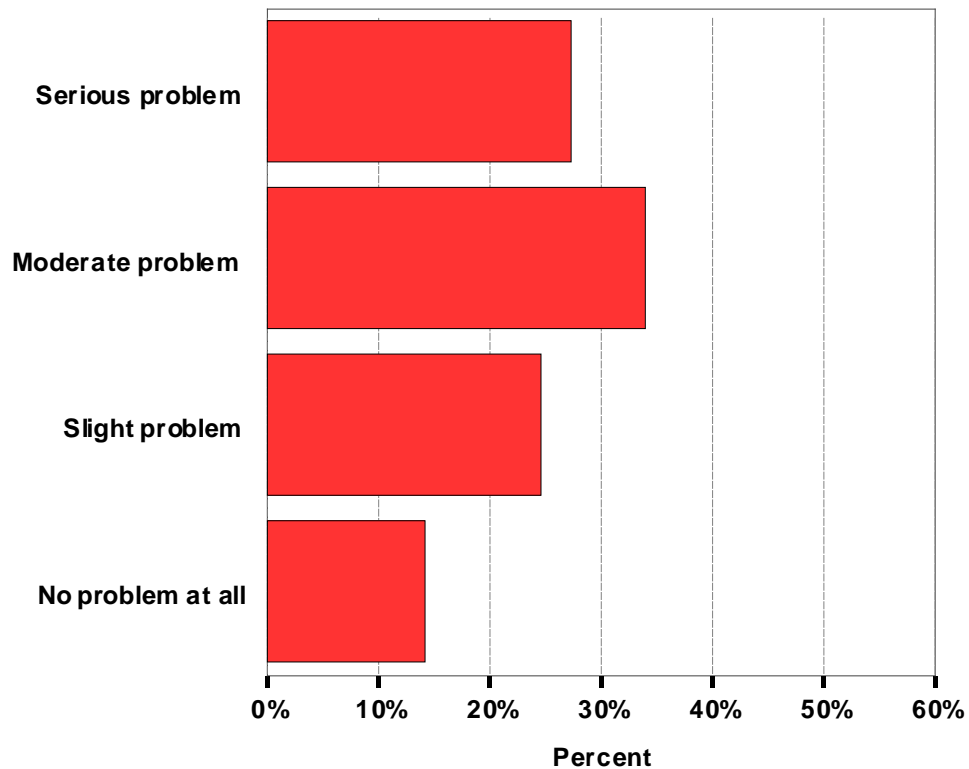
**Figure 46b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
water pollution is:



## Figure 47a

Issue: Absence of zoning regulations  
(n = 260)

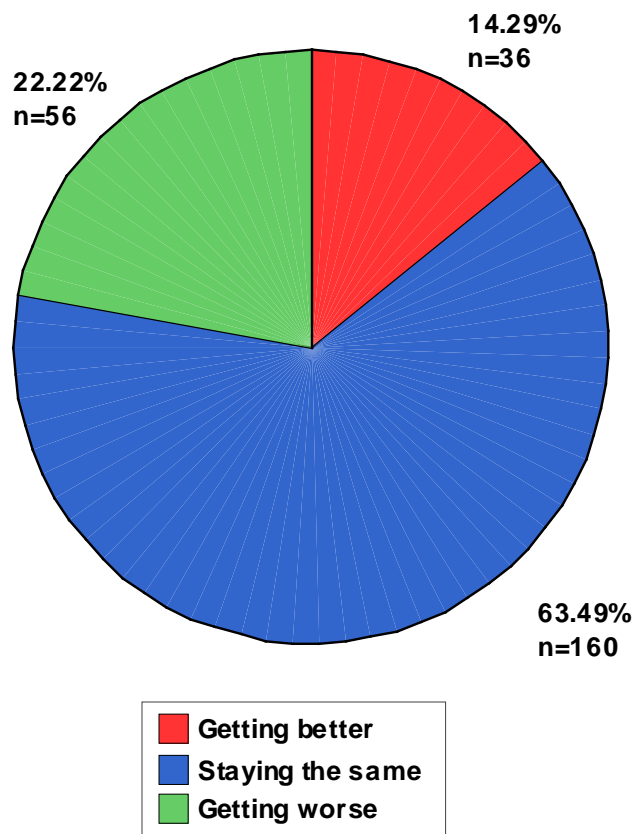


<b>Mean</b>	<b>2.742</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>1.013</b>
(coding: 1 = no problem at all; 2 = slight problem; 3 = moderate problem; 4 = serious problem)	



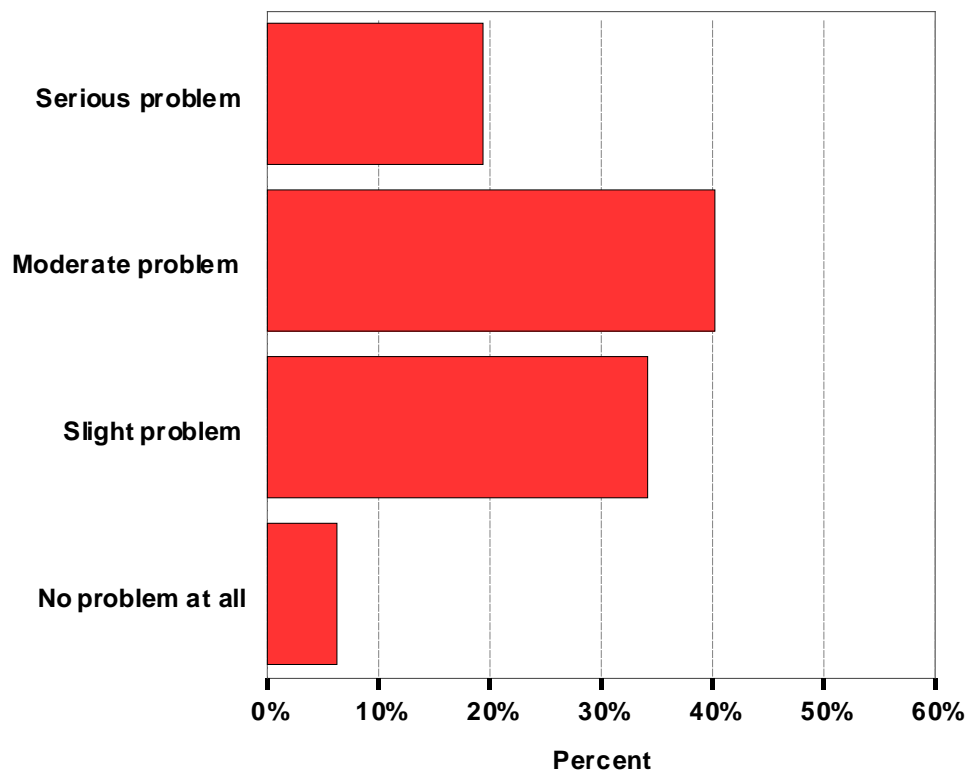
**Figure 47b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
absence of zoning regulations is:



## Figure 48a

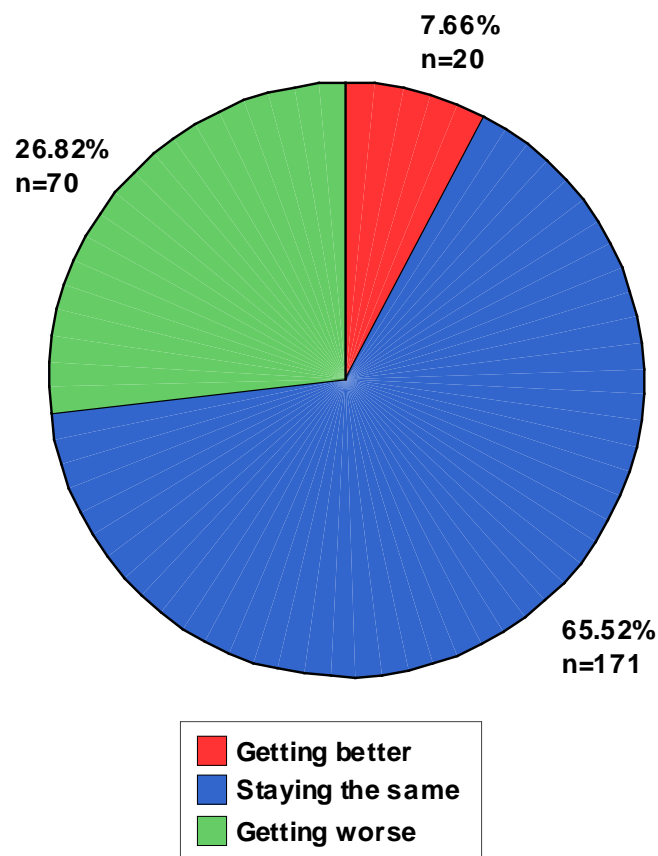
Issue: Crime  
(n = 273)



<b>Mean</b>	<b>2.729</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>0.844</b>
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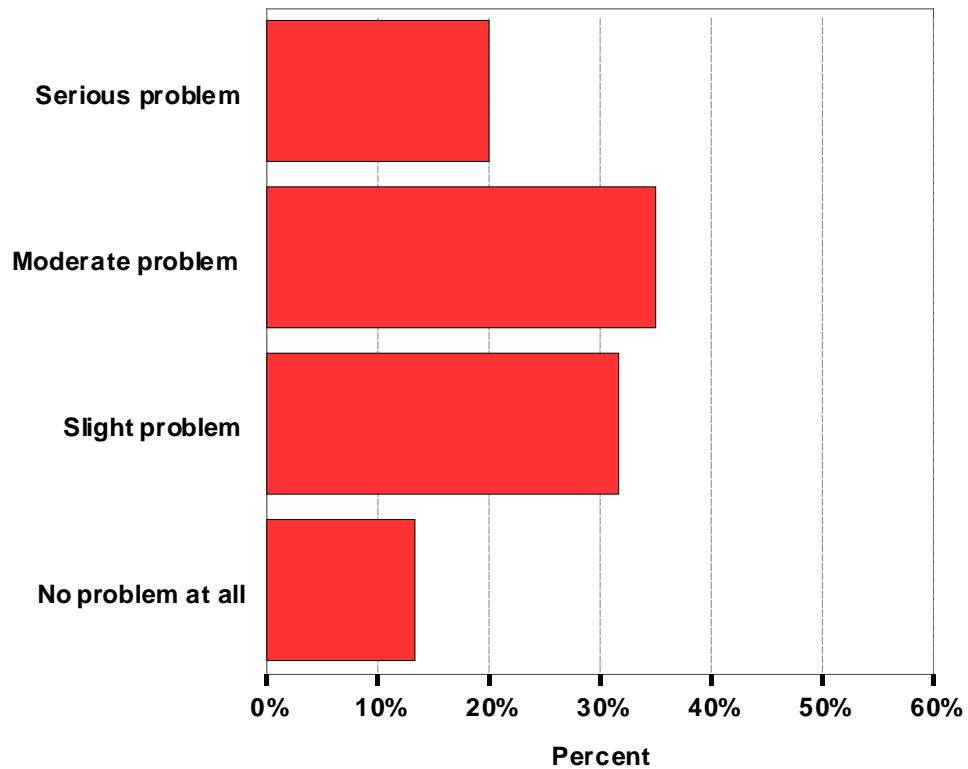
**Figure 48b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
crime is:



## Figure 49a

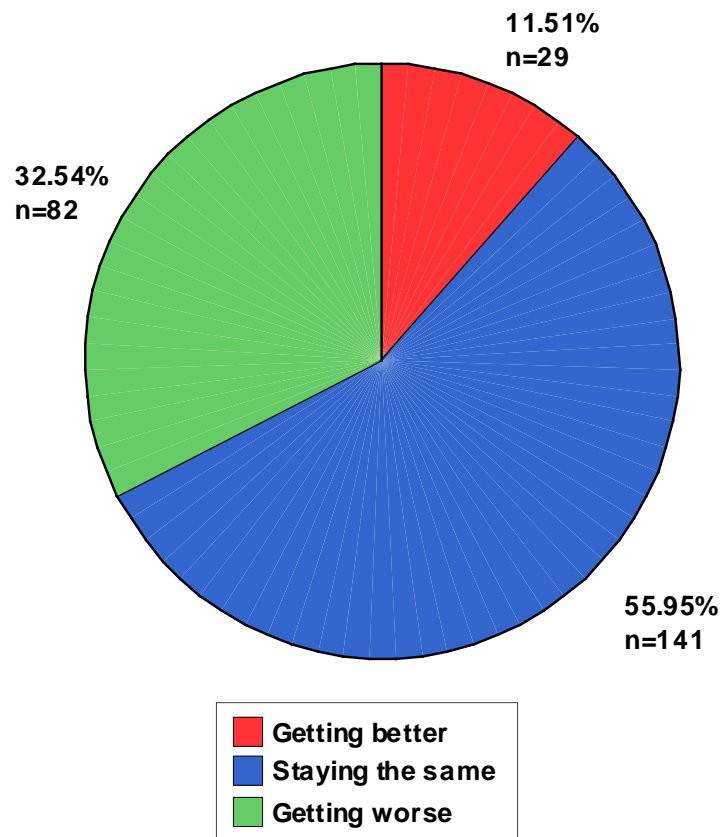
Issue: Fire hazards  
(n = 269)



<b>Mean</b>	<b>2.617</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>0.953</b>
(coding: 1 = no problem at all; 2 = slight problem; 3 = moderate problem; 4 = serious problem)	

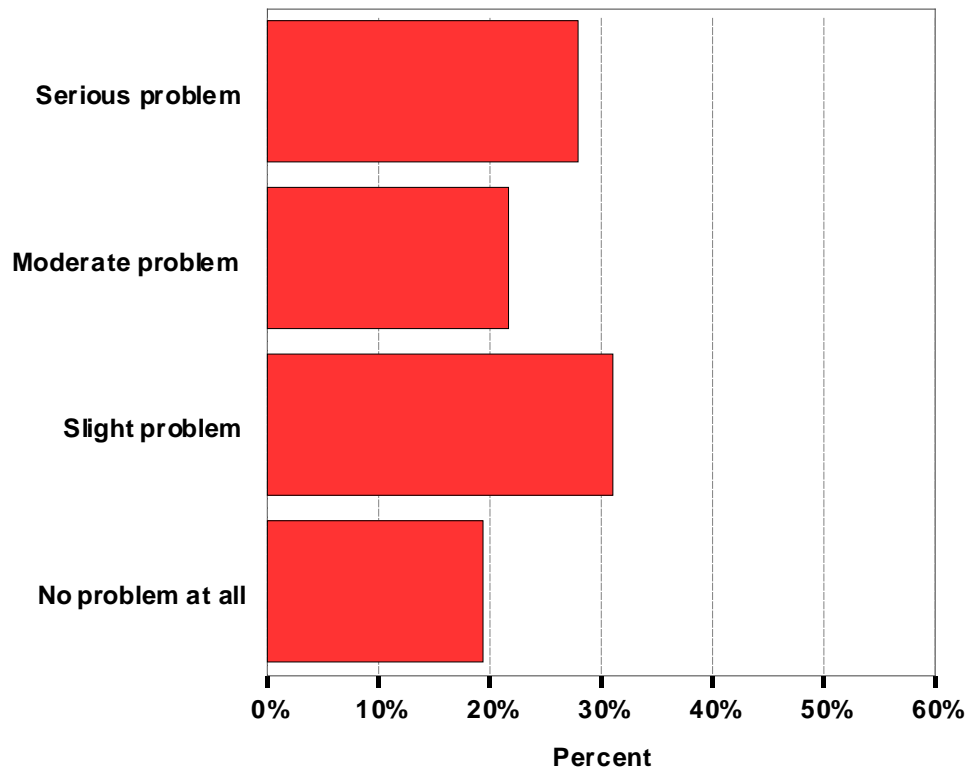
**Figure 49b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
fire hazards are:



## Figure 50a

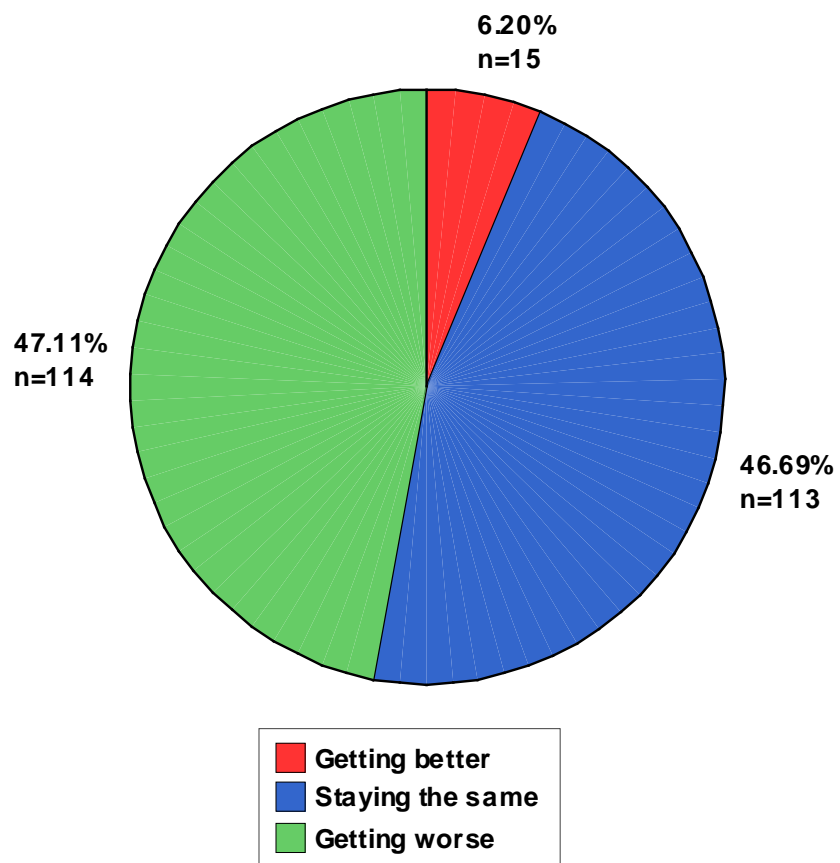
Issue: Land use conflicts  
(n = 258)



<b>Mean</b>	<b>2.581</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>1.093</b>
(coding: 1 = no problem at all; 2 = slight problem; 3 = moderate problem; 4 = serious problem)	

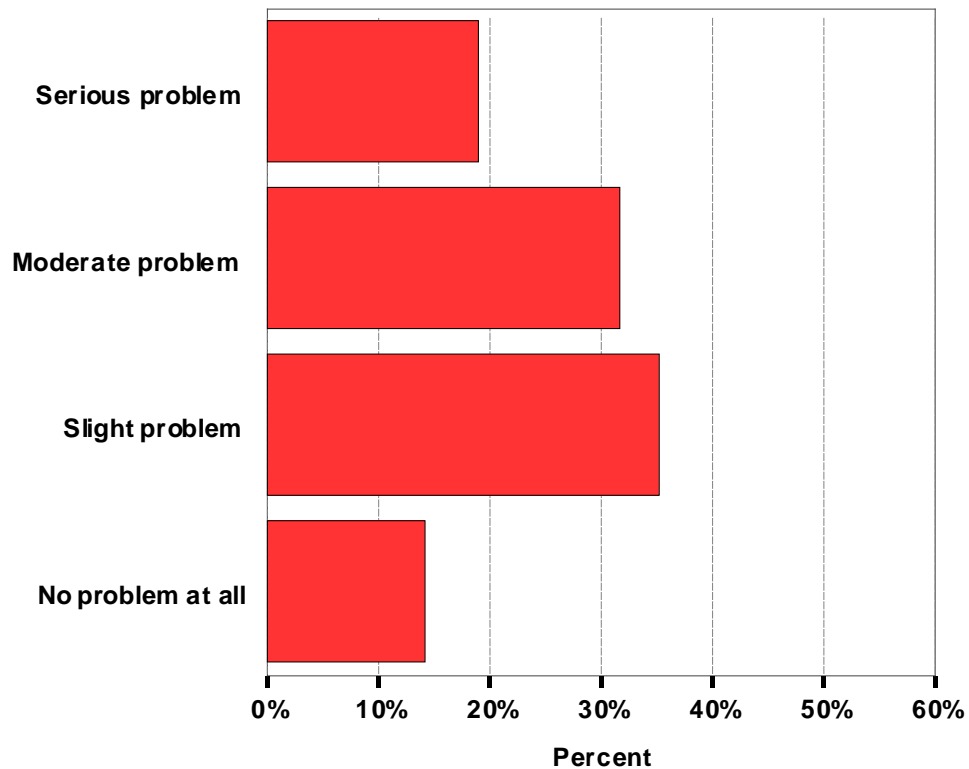
**Figure 50b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
land use conflicts are:



## Figure 51a

Issue: Respect for law and order  
(n = 275)

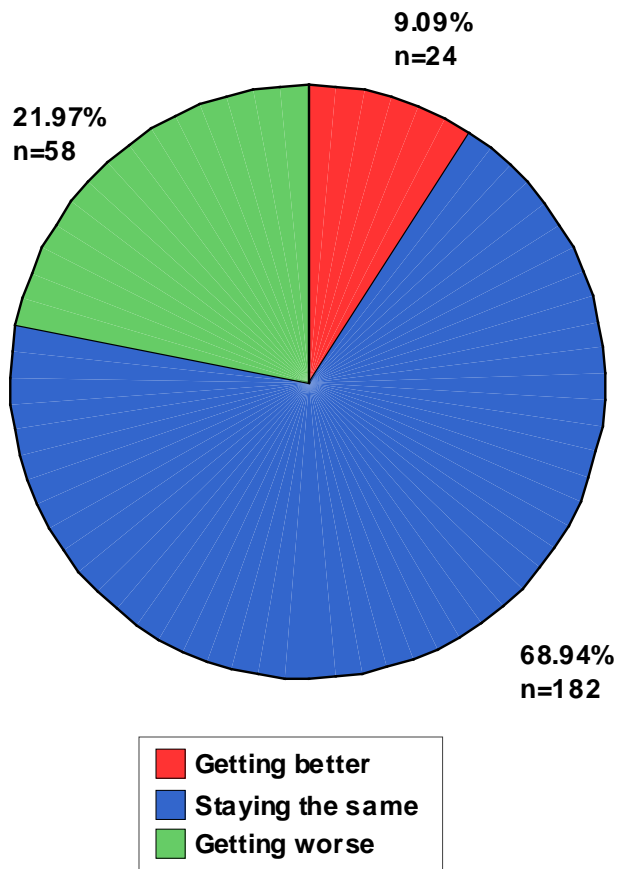


<b>Mean</b>	<b>2.553</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>0.955</b>
(coding: 1 = no problem at all; 2 = slight problem; 3 = moderate problem; 4 = serious problem)	



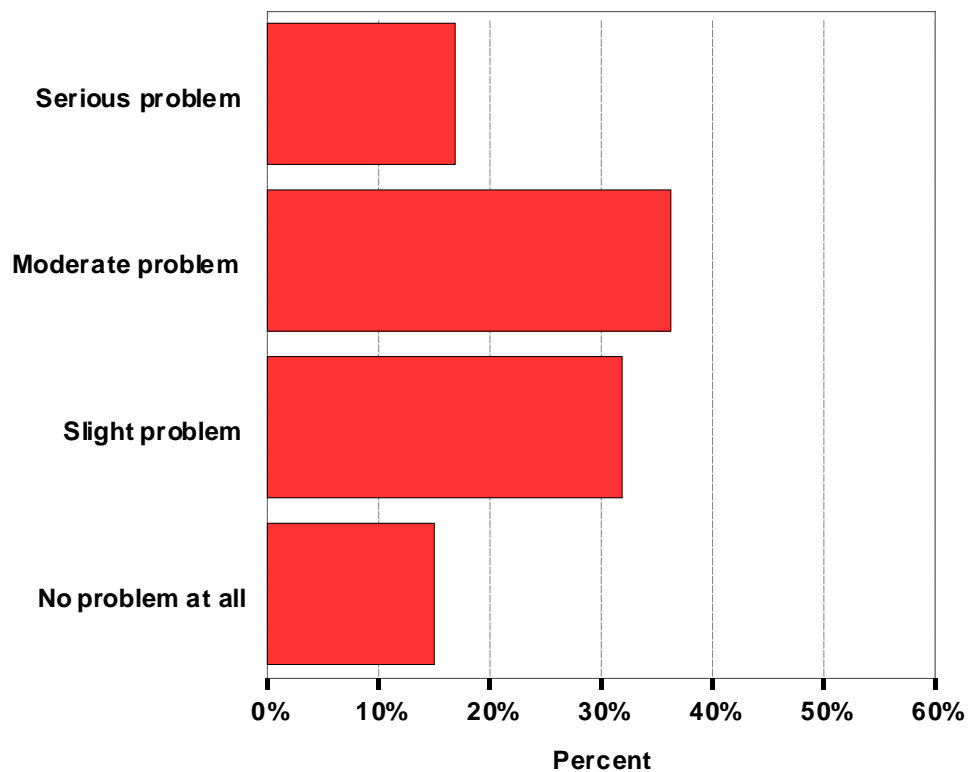
**Figure 51b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
respect for law and order is:



## Figure 52a

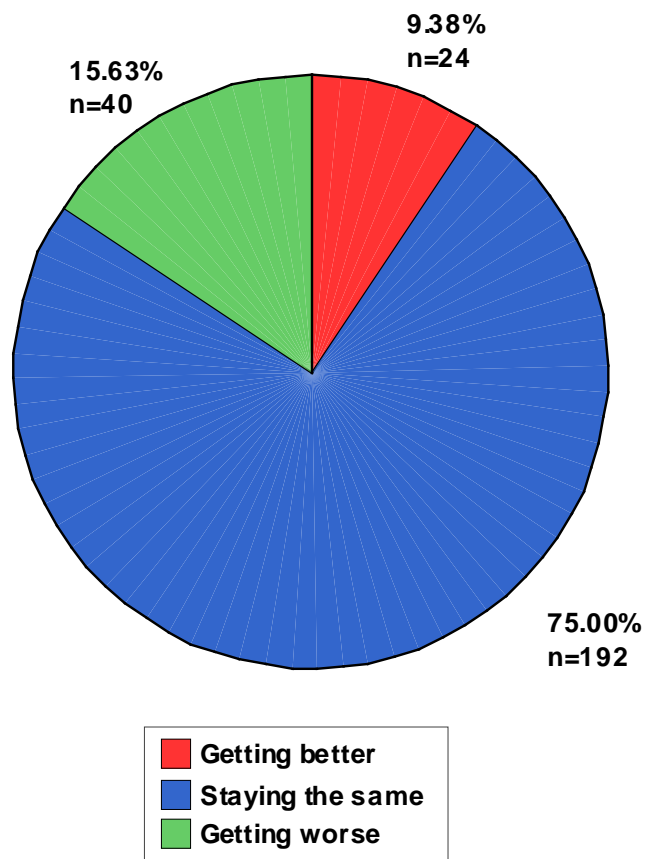
Issue: Effectiveness of city governments  
(n = 267)



<b>Mean</b>	<b>2.551</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>0.942</b>
(coding: 1 = no problem at all; 2 = slight problem; 3 = moderate problem; 4 = serious problem)	

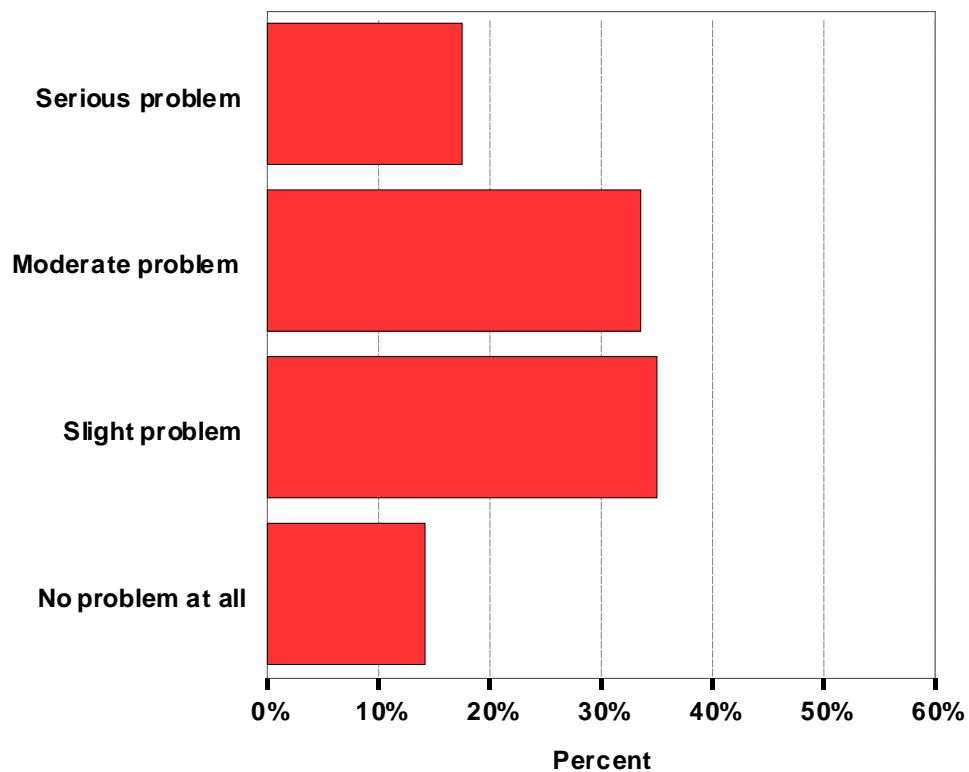
**Figure 52b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
effectiveness of city governments is:



## Figure 53a

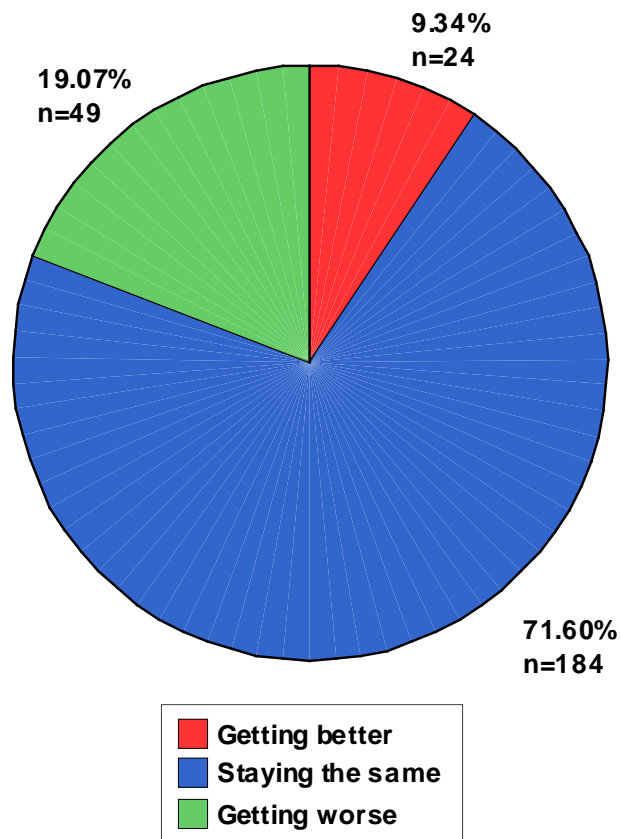
Issue: Effectiveness of county government  
(n = 269)



<b>Mean</b>	<b>2.543</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>0.940</b>
(coding: 1 = no problem at all; 2 = slight problem; 3 = moderate problem; 4 = serious problem)	

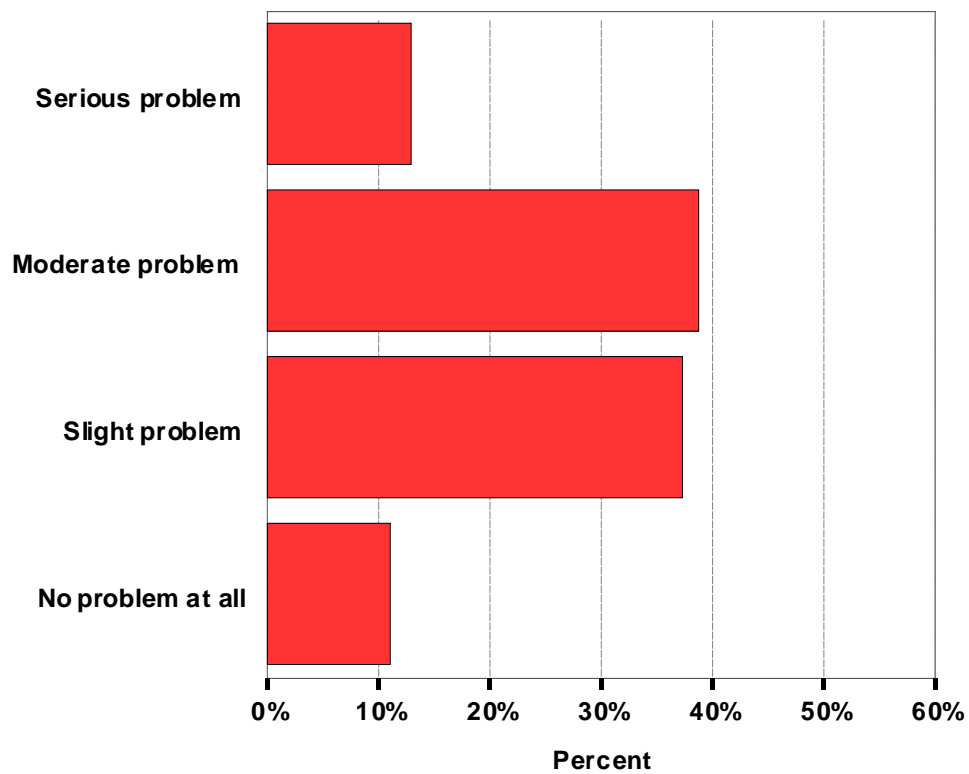
**Figure 53b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
effectiveness of county government is:



## Figure 54a

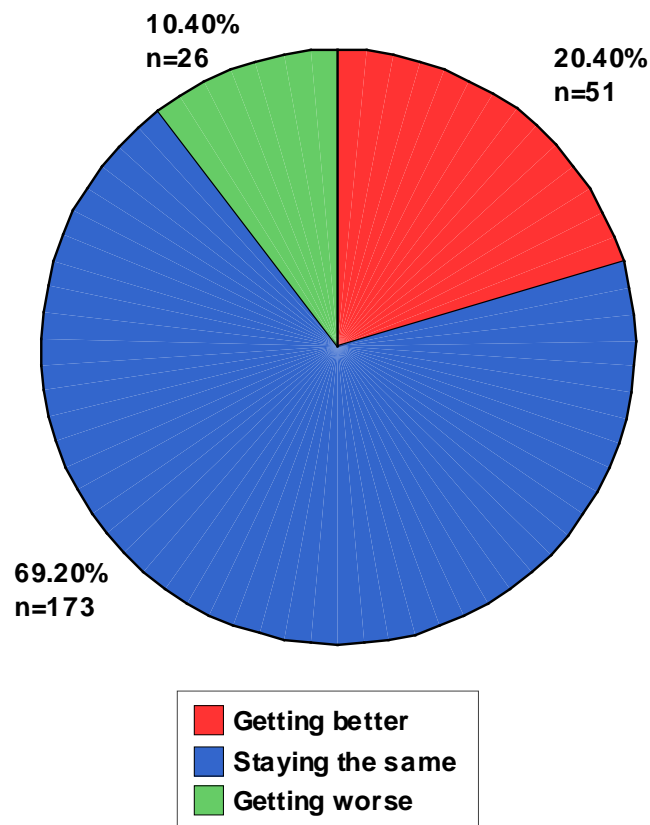
Issue: Poverty  
(n = 263)



<b>Mean</b>	<b>2.536</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>0.855</b>
(coding: 1 = no problem at all; 2 = slight problem; 3 = moderate problem; 4 = serious problem)	

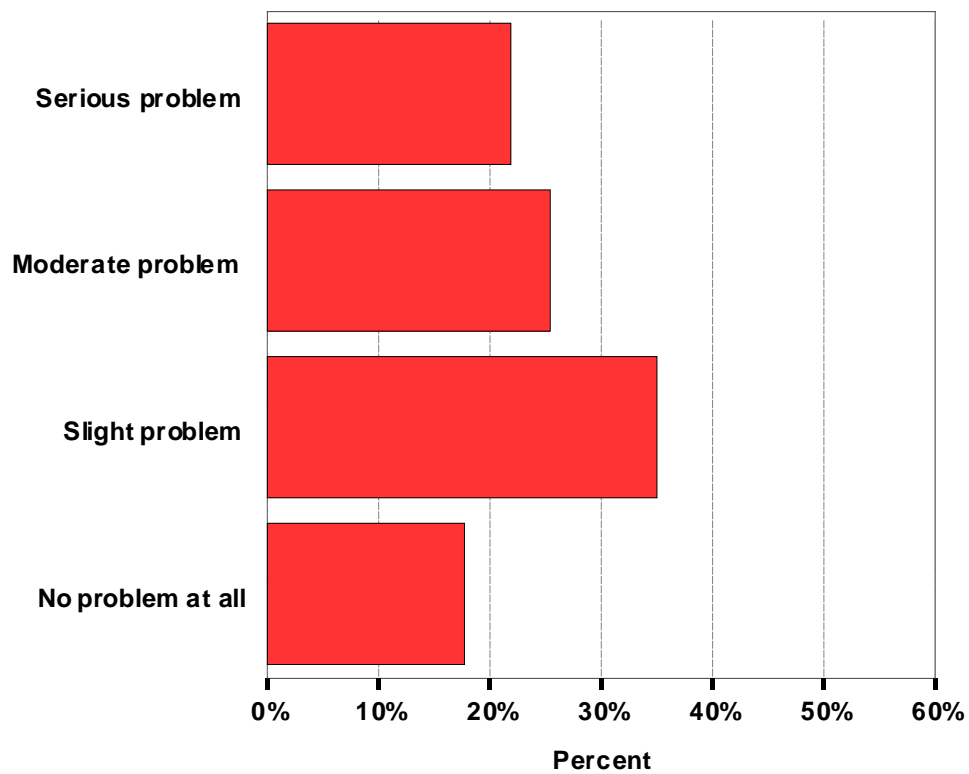
**Figure 54b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
poverty is:



## Figure 55a

Issue: Environmental quality  
(n = 260)

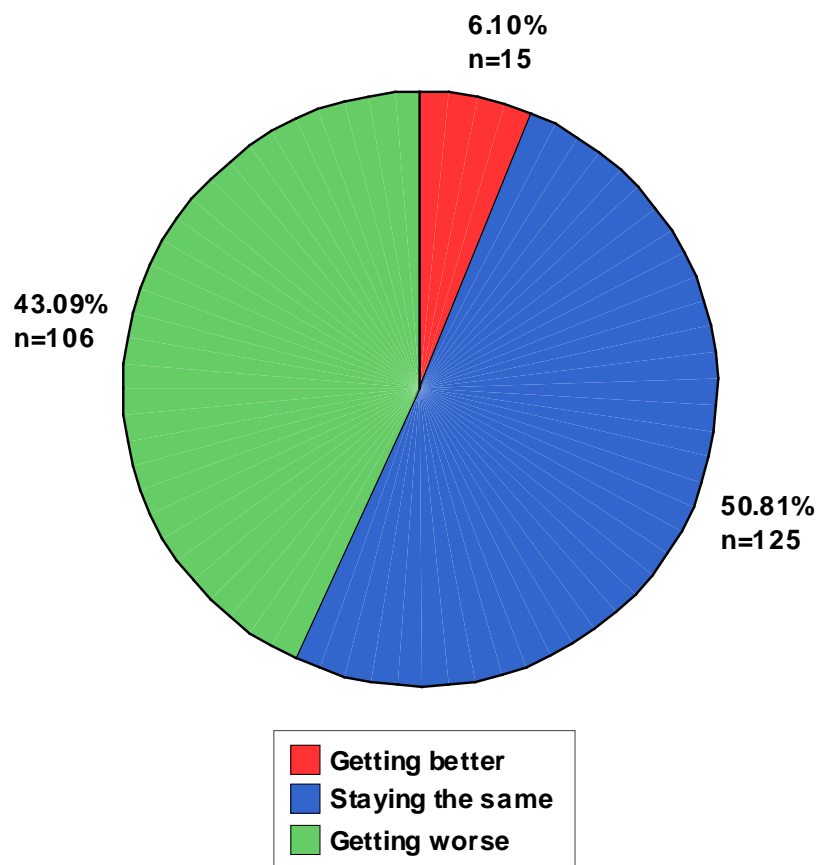


<b>Mean</b>	<b>2.515</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>1.023</b>
(coding: 1 = no problem at all; 2 = slight problem; 3 = moderate problem; 4 = serious problem)	



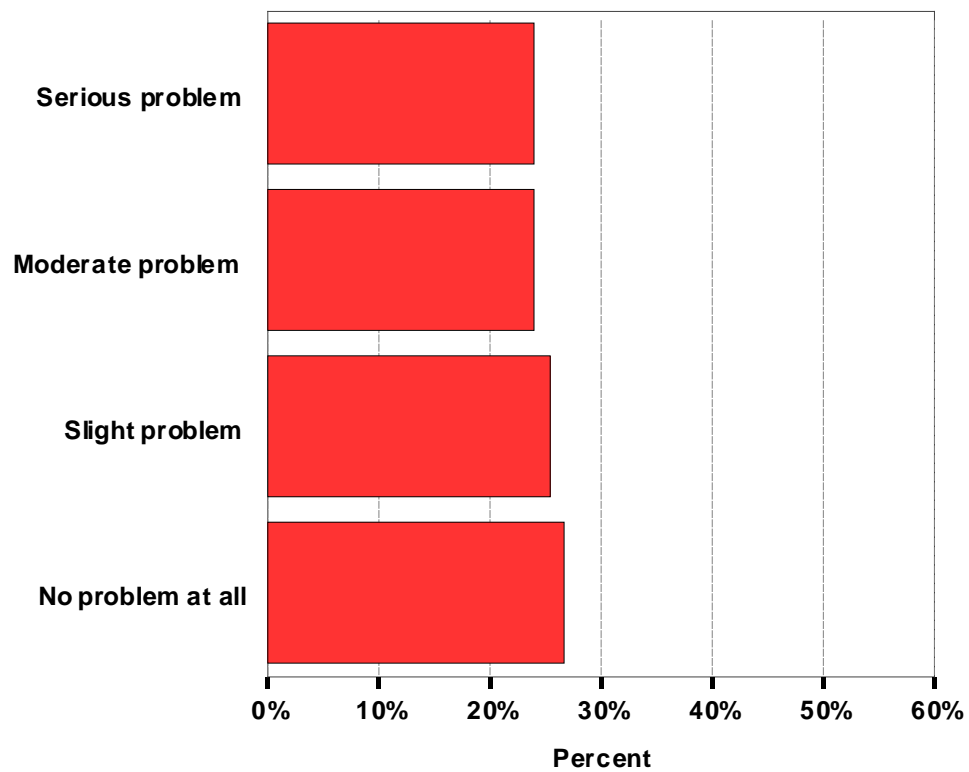
**Figure 55b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
environmental quality is:



## Figure 56a

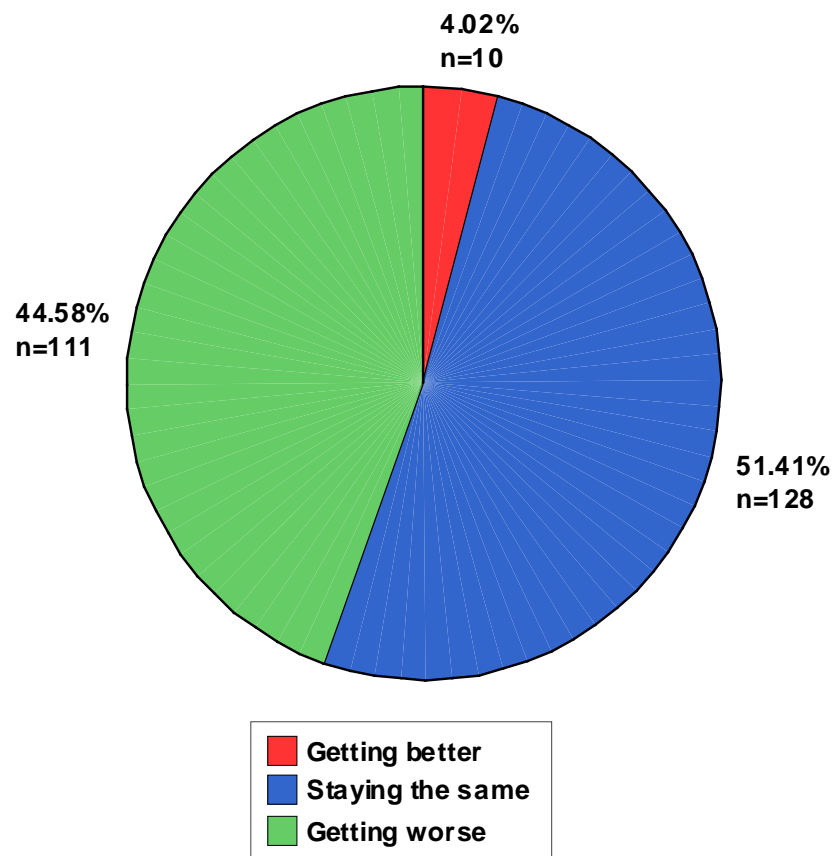
Issue: Loss of privacy  
(n = 263)



<b>Mean</b>	<b>2.452</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>1.124</b>
(coding: 1 = no problem at all; 2 = slight problem; 3 = moderate problem; 4 = serious problem)	

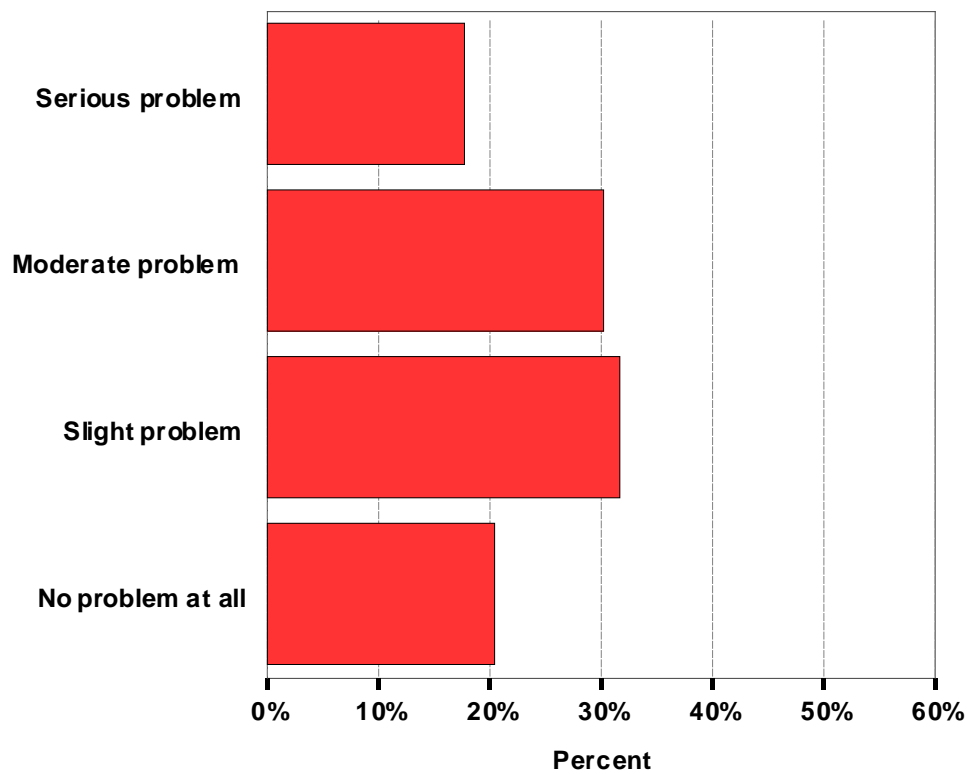
**Figure 56b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
loss of privacy is:



## Figure 57a

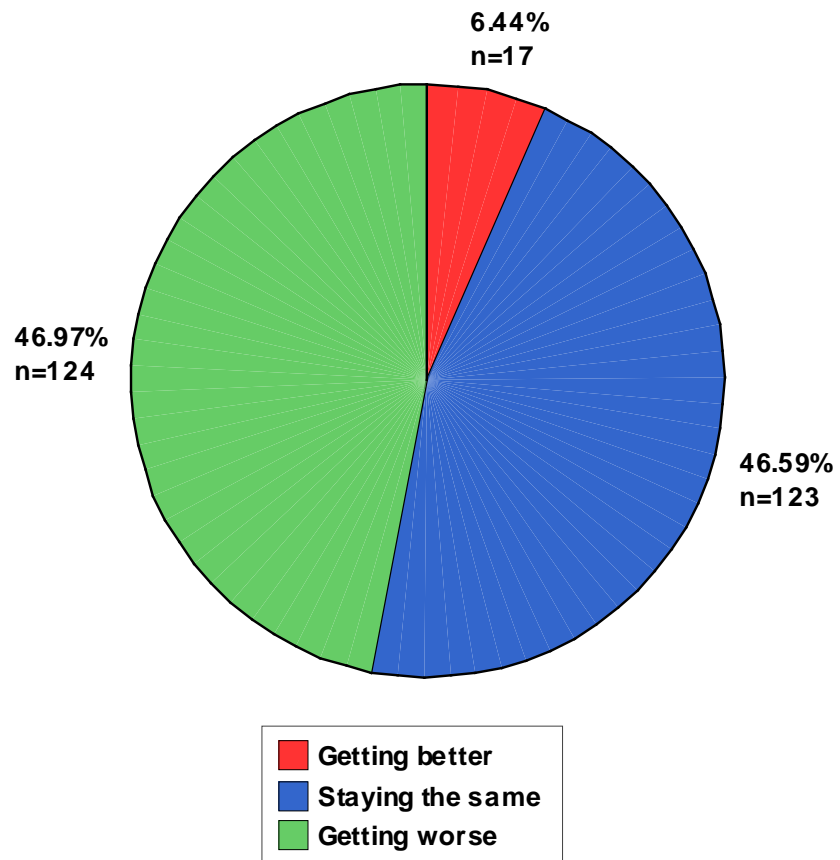
Issue: Noise pollution  
(n = 278)



<b>Mean</b>	<b>2.450</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>1.001</b>
(coding: 1 = no problem at all; 2 = slight problem; 3 = moderate problem; 4 = serious problem)	

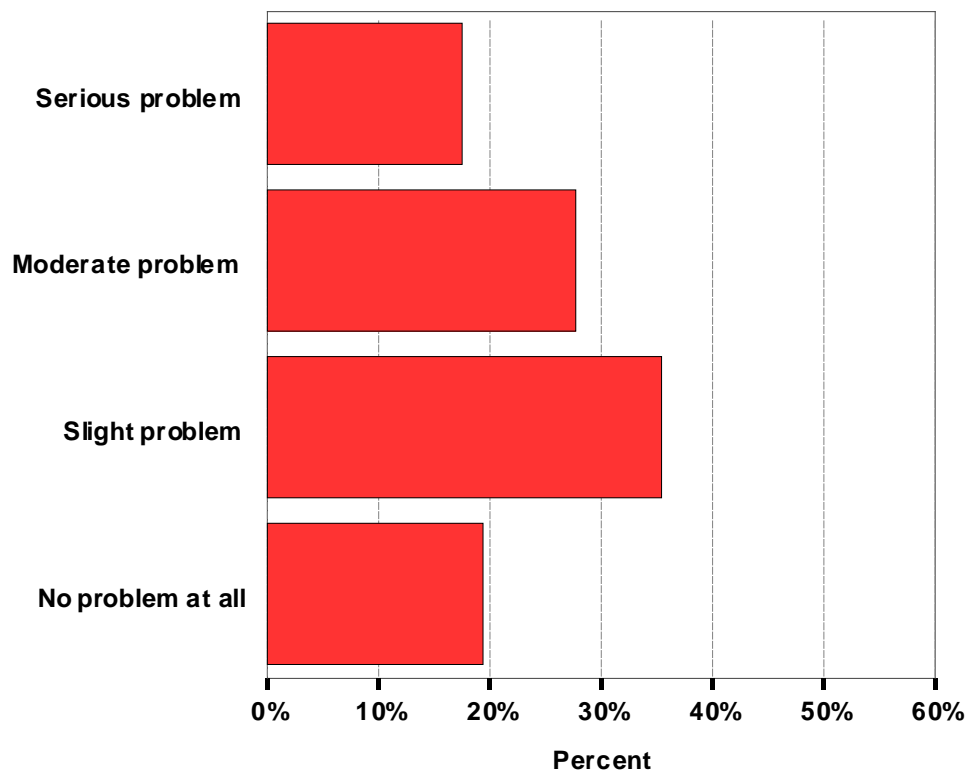
**Figure 57b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
noise pollution is:



## Figure 58a

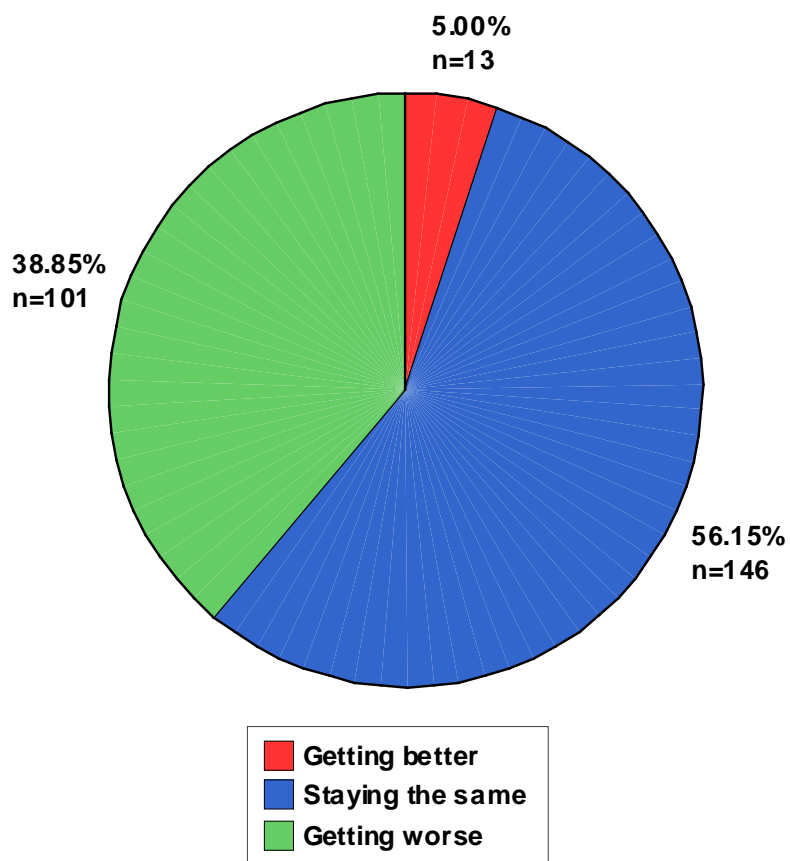
Issue: Air pollution  
(n = 274)



<b>Mean</b>	<b>2.434</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>0.993</b>
(coding: 1 = no problem at all; 2 = slight problem; 3 = moderate problem; 4 = serious problem)	

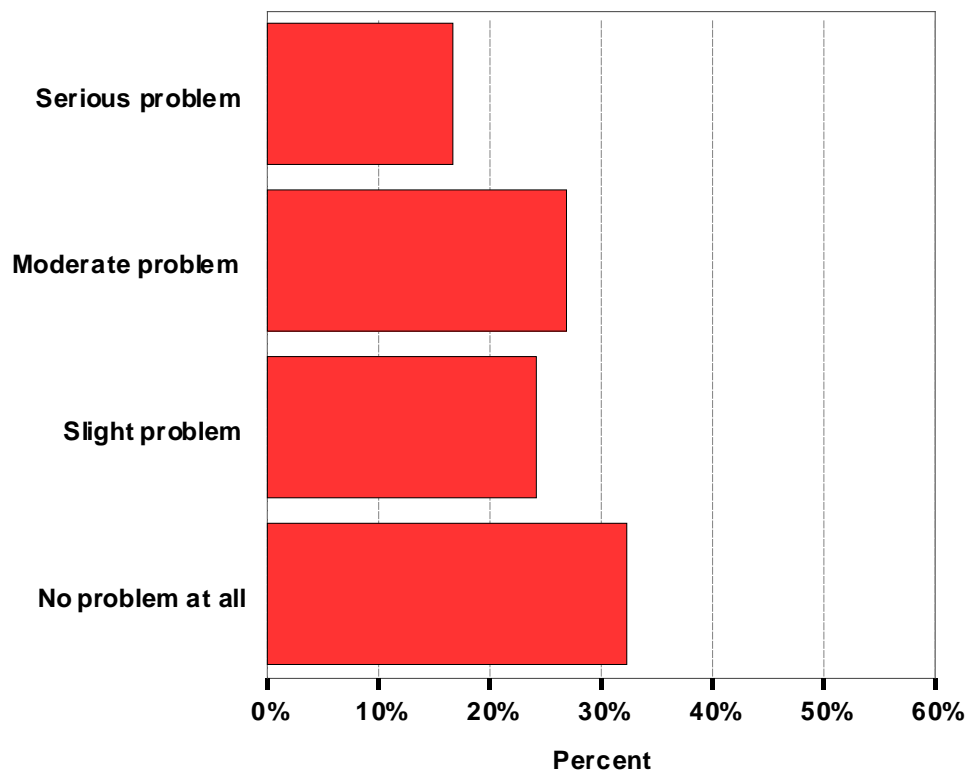
**Figure 58b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
air pollution is:



## Figure 59a

Issue: Availability of good jobs  
(n = 269)

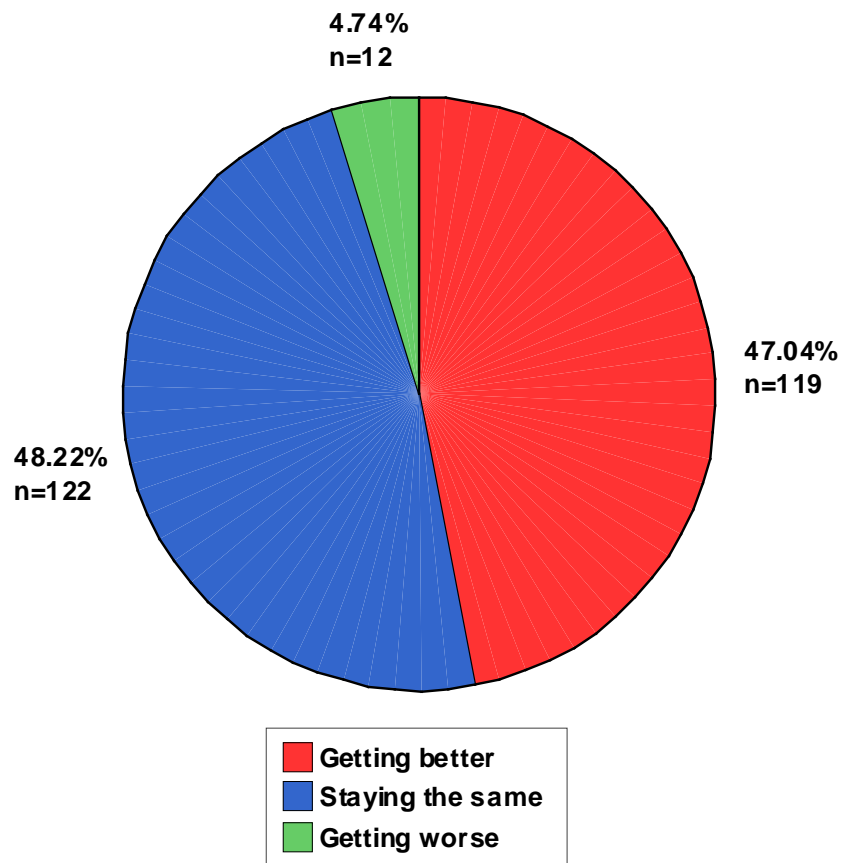


<b>Mean</b>	<b>2.279</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>1.089</b>
(coding: 1 = no problem at all; 2 = slight problem; 3 = moderate problem; 4 = serious problem)	



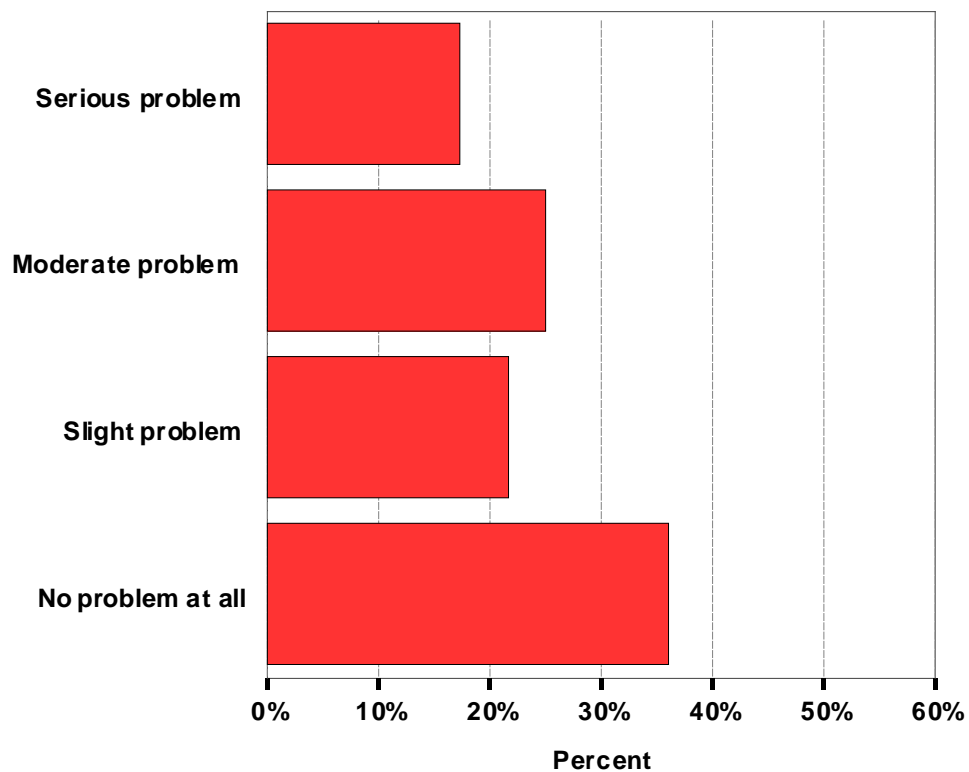
**Figure 59b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
availability of good jobs is:



## Figure 60a

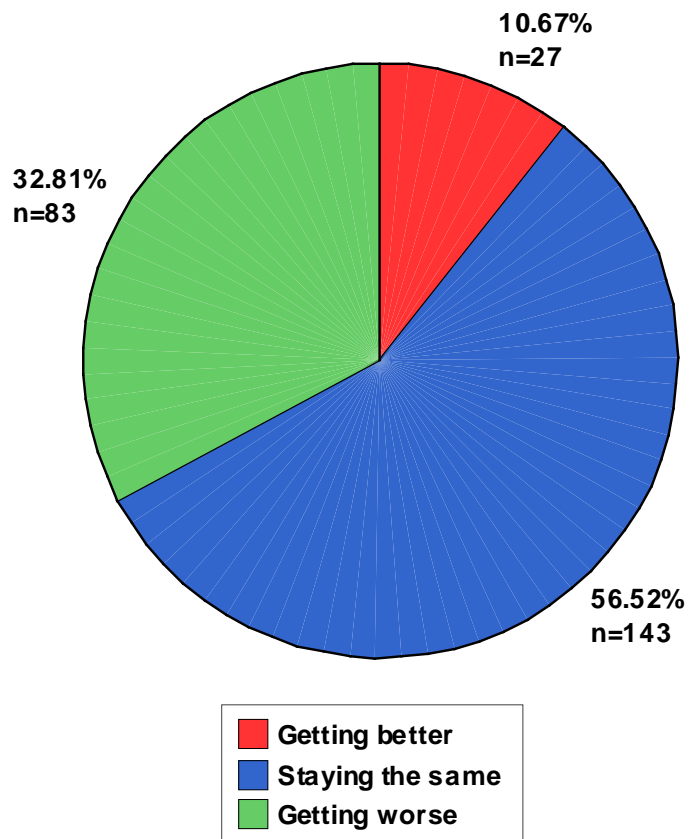
Issue: Too much residential development  
(n = 272)



<b>Mean</b>	<b>2.235</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>1.118</b>
(coding: 1 = no problem at all; 2 = slight problem; 3 = moderate problem; 4 = serious problem)	

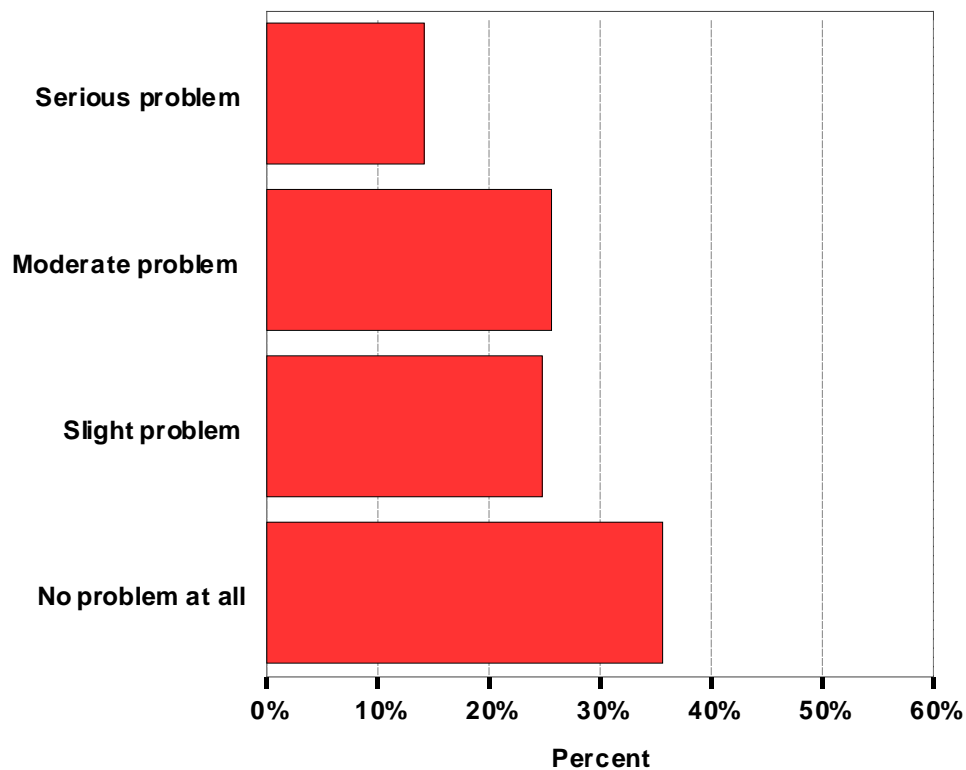
**Figure 60b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
too much residential development is:



## Figure 61a

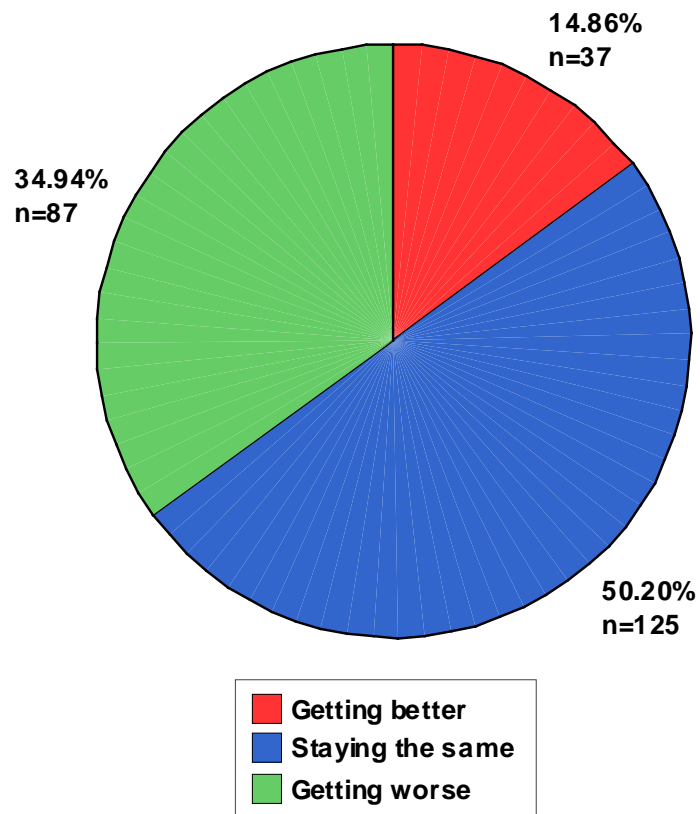
Issue: Population growth  
(n = 270)



<b>Mean</b>	<b>2.181</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>1.070</b>
(coding: 1 = no problem at all; 2 = slight problem; 3 = moderate problem; 4 = serious problem)	

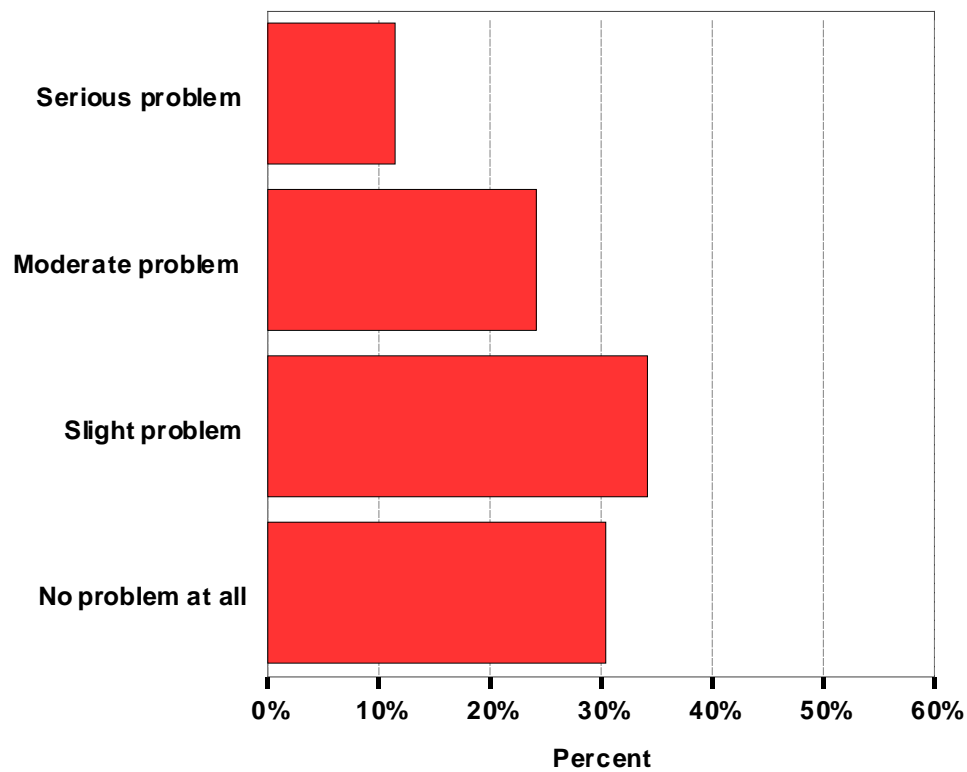
**Figure 61b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
population growth is:



## Figure 62a

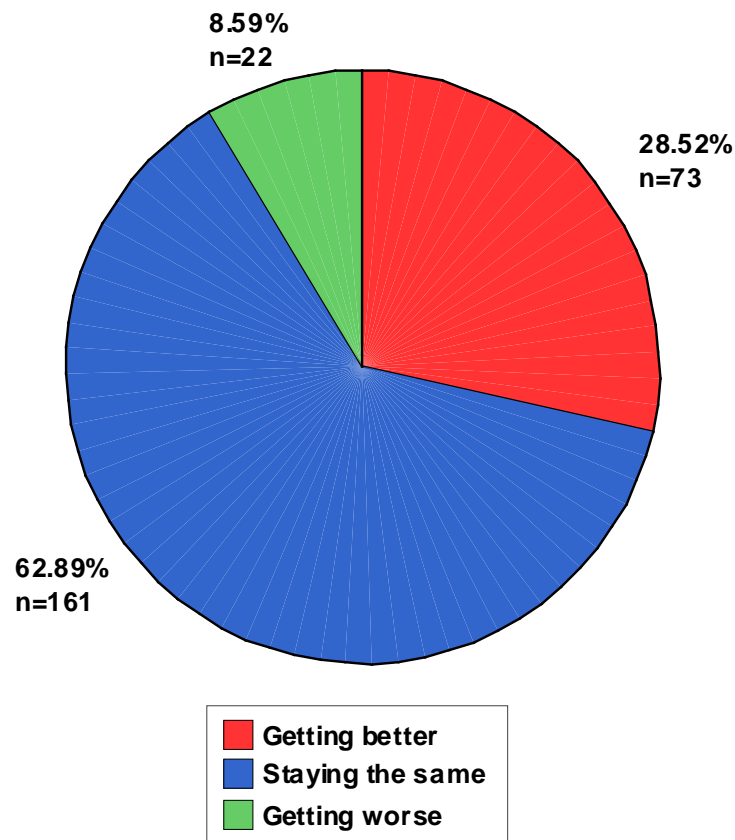
Issue: Fire protection services  
(n = 270)



<b>Mean</b>	<b>2.167</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>0.990</b>
(coding: 1 = no problem at all; 2 = slight problem; 3 = moderate problem; 4 = serious problem)	

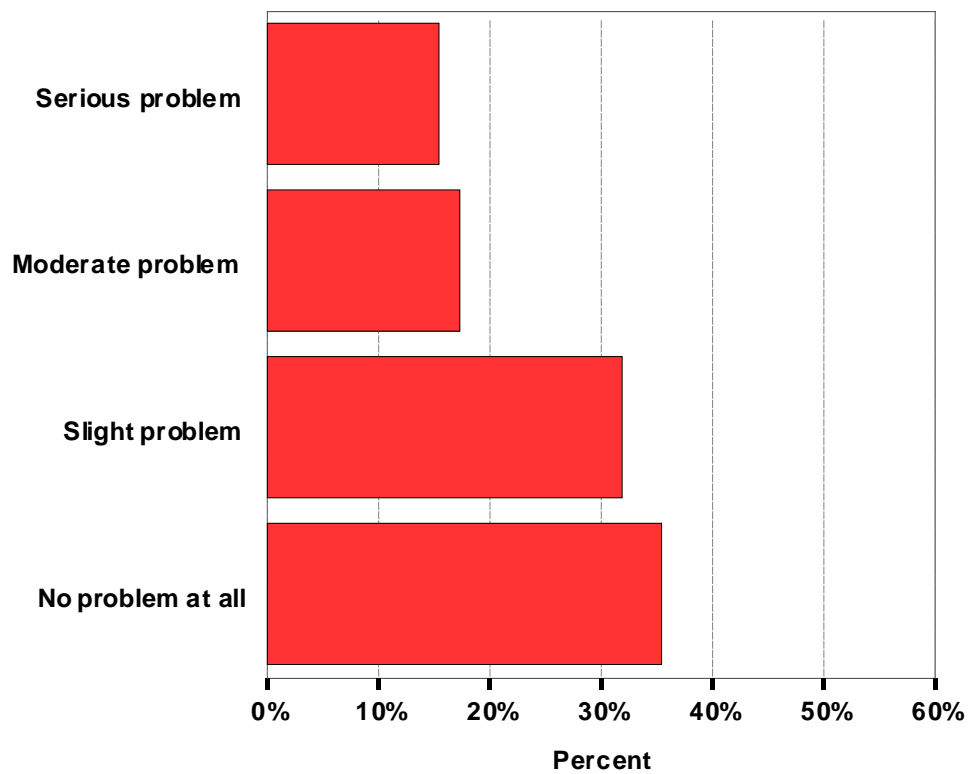
**Figure 62b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
fire protection services are:



## Figure 63a

Issue: Odors/fumes from drilling equipment  
(n = 266)

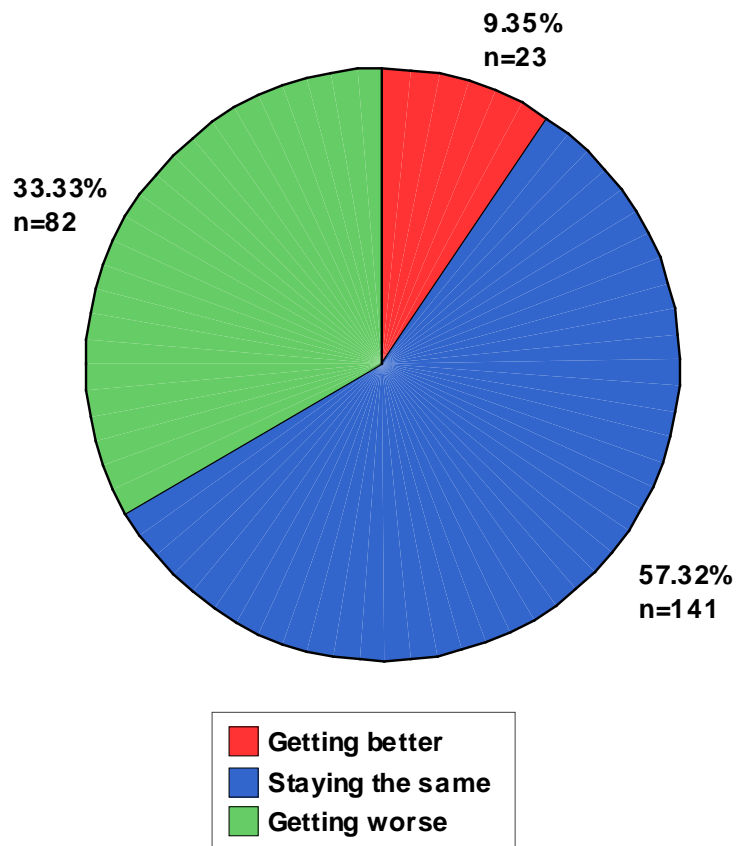


<b>Mean</b>	<b>2.128</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>1.063</b>
(coding: 1 = no problem at all; 2 = slight problem; 3 = moderate problem; 4 = serious problem)	



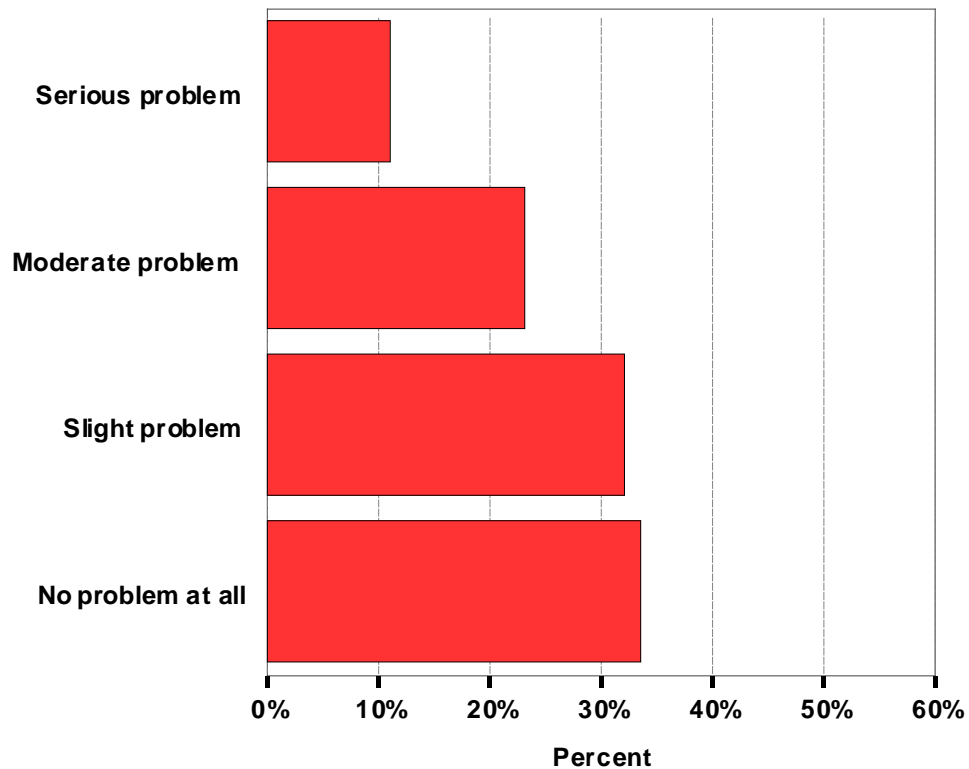
**Figure 63b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
odors/fumes from drilling equipment are:



## Figure 64a

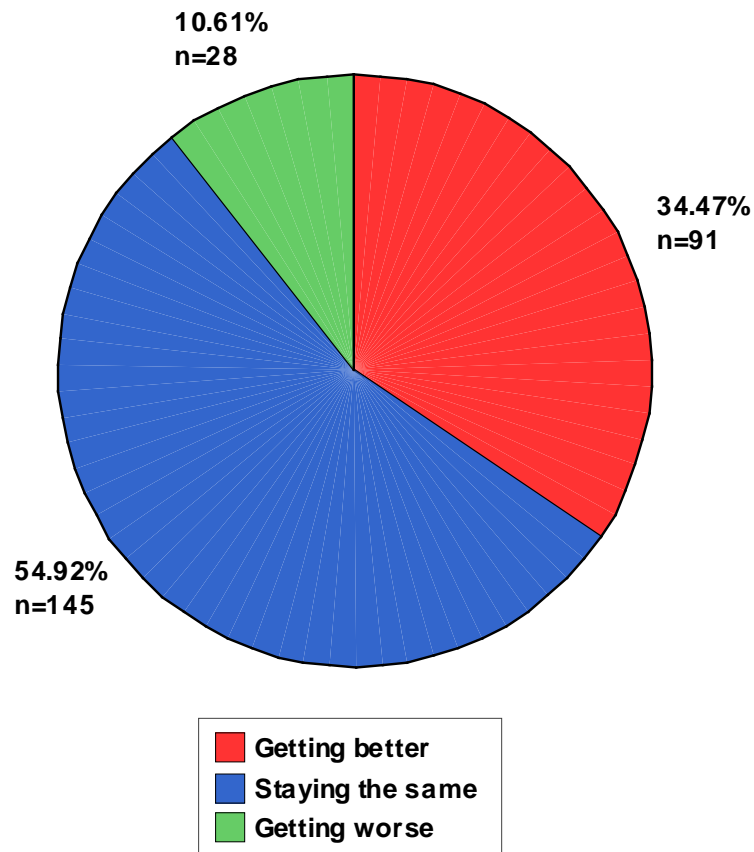
Issue: Medical and health care services  
(n = 280)



<b>Mean</b>	<b>2.118</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>1.000</b>
(coding: 1 = no problem at all; 2 = slight problem; 3 = moderate problem; 4 = serious problem)	

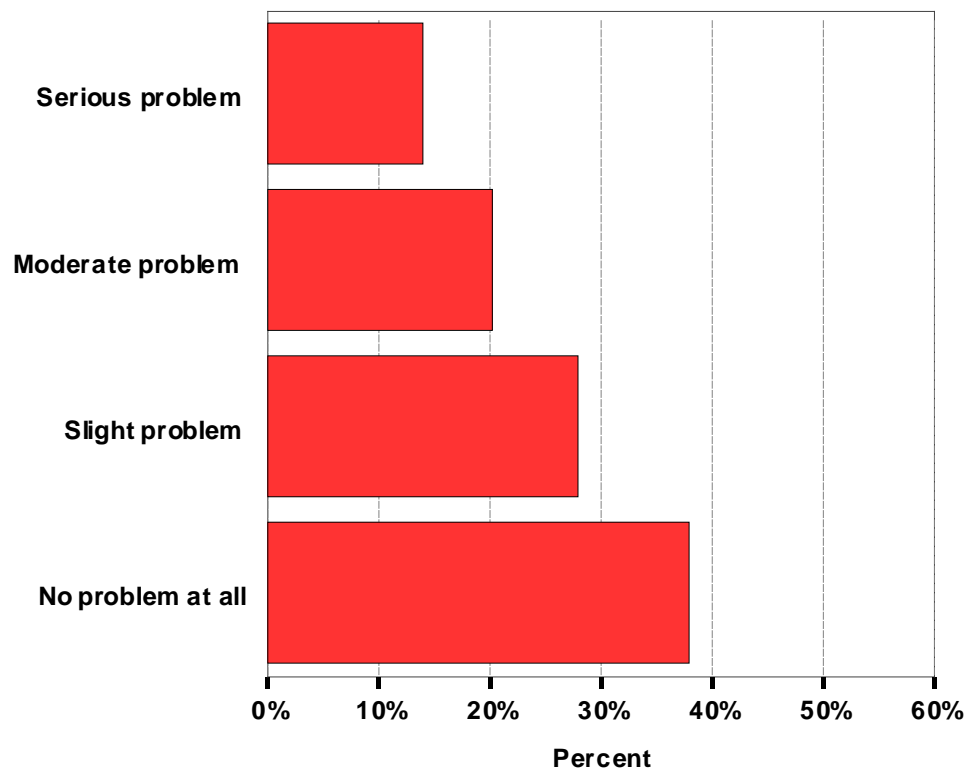
**Figure 64b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
medical and health care services are:



## Figure 65a

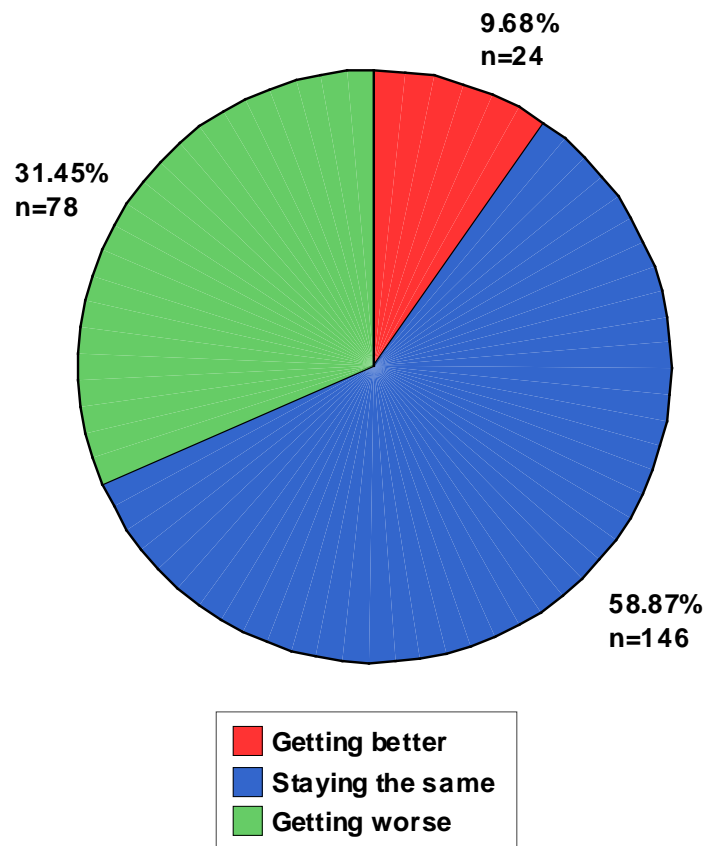
Issue: Light from gas drilling operations  
(n = 266)



<b>Mean</b>	<b>2.102</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>1.064</b>
(coding: 1 = no problem at all; 2 = slight problem; 3 = moderate problem; 4 = serious problem)	

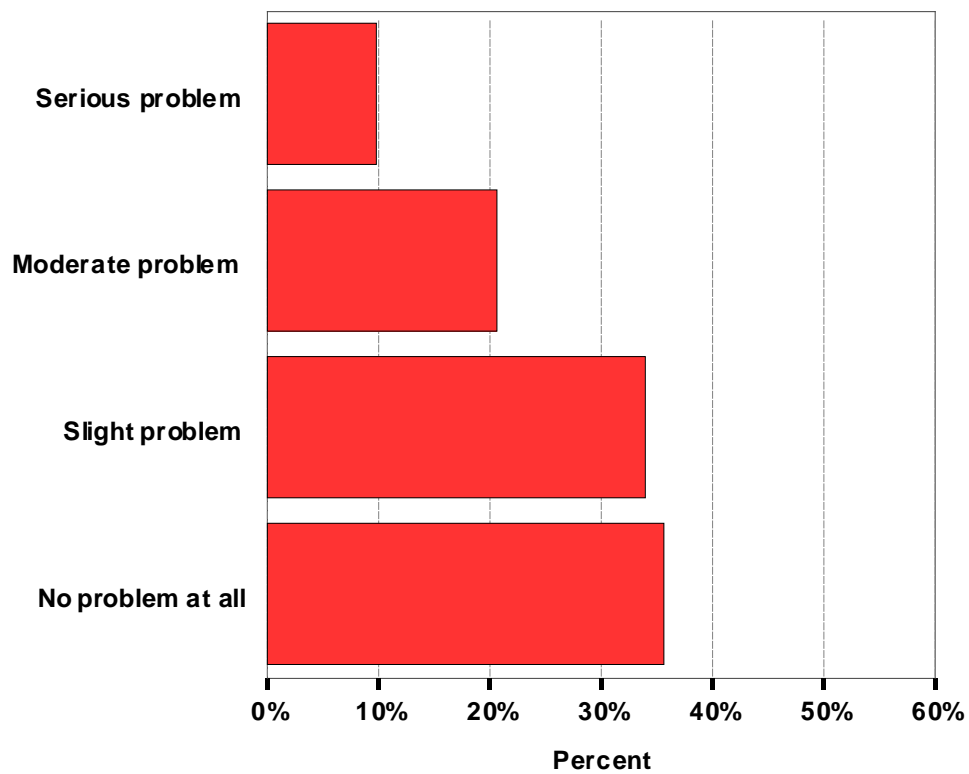
**Figure 65b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
light from gas drilling operations is:



## Figure 66a

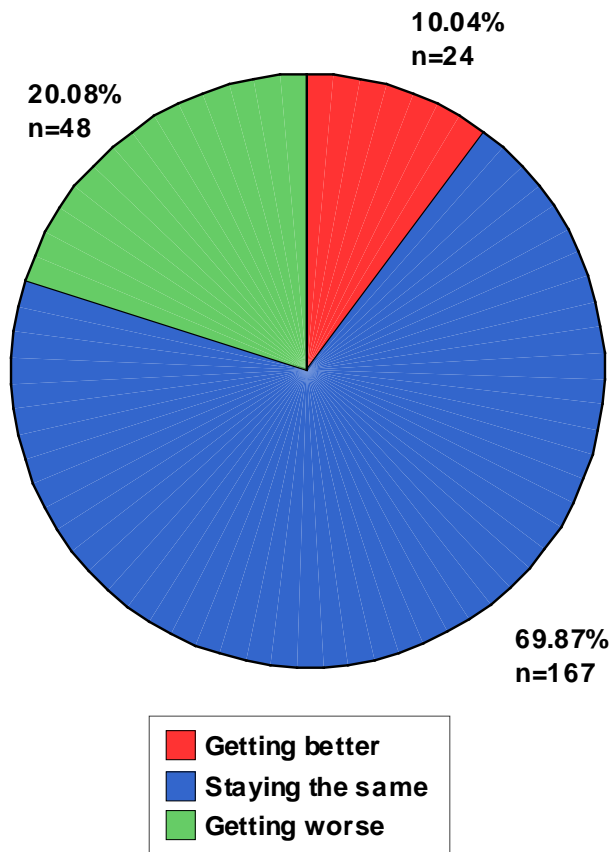
Issue: Gas well explosions  
(n = 256)



<b>Mean</b>	<b>2.047</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>0.977</b>
(coding: 1 = no problem at all; 2 = slight problem; 3 = moderate problem; 4 = serious problem)	

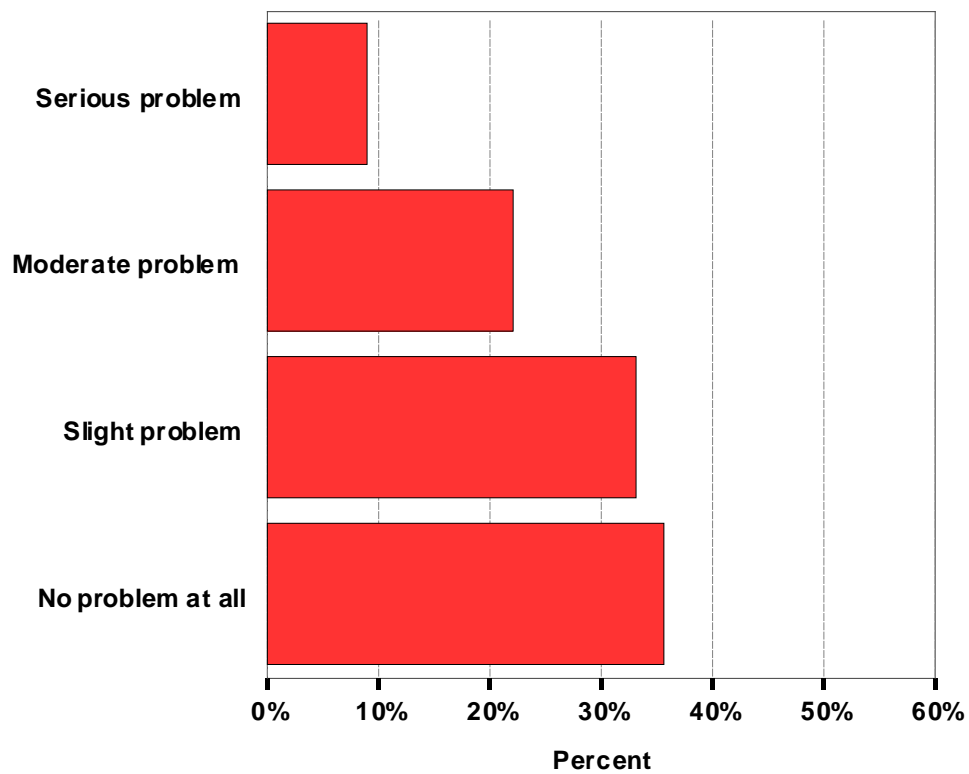
**Figure 66b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
gas well explosions are:



## Figure 67a

Issue: Quality of local schools  
(n = 280)

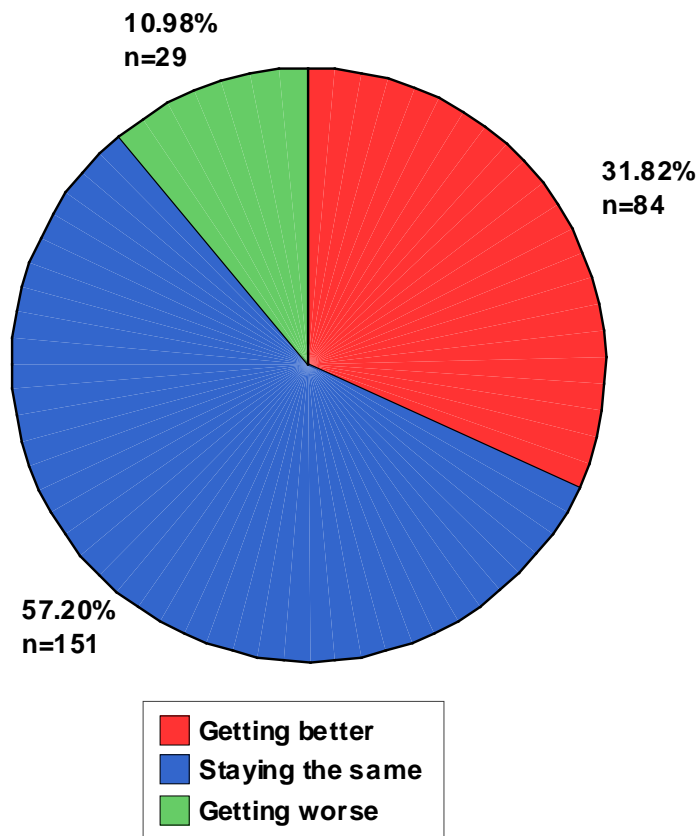


<b>Mean</b>	<b>2.043</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>0.968</b>
(coding: 1 = no problem at all; 2 = slight problem; 3 = moderate problem; 4 = serious problem)	



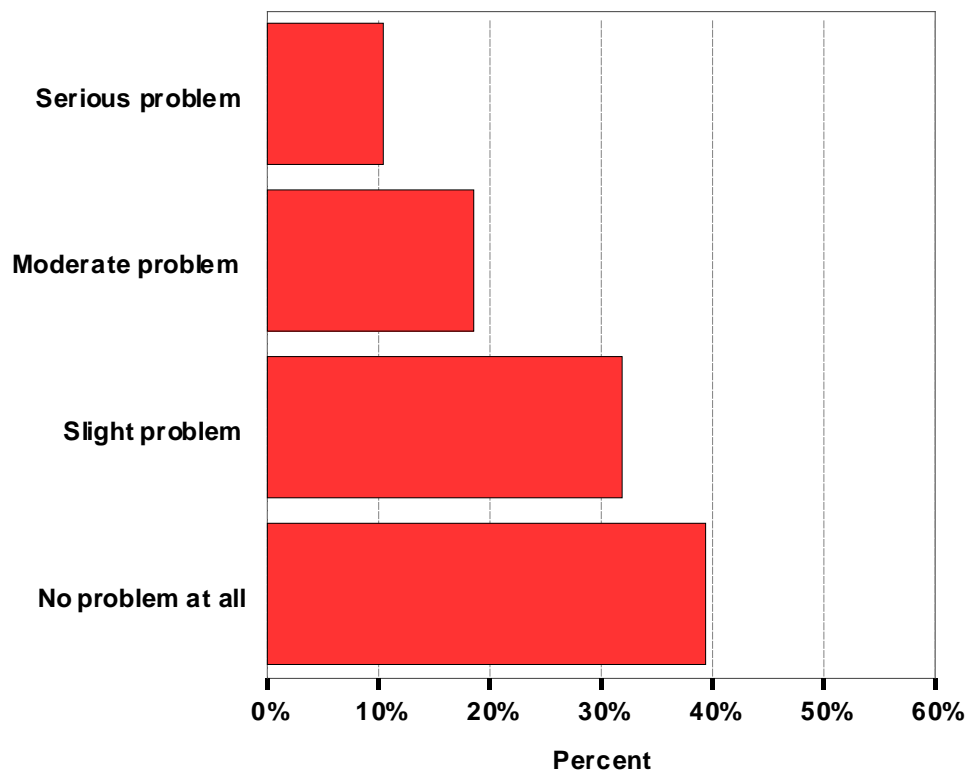
**Figure 67b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
quality of local schools is:



## Figure 68a

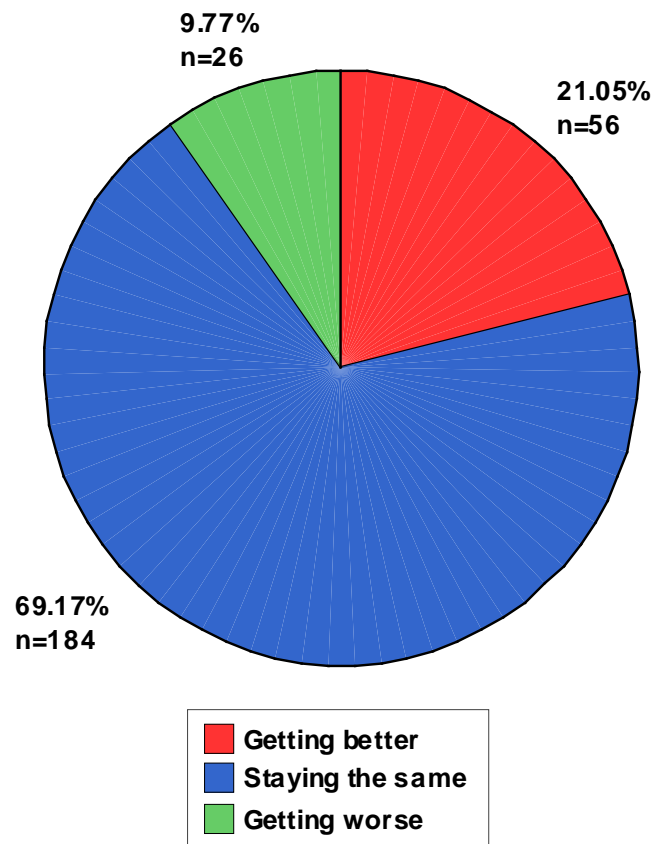
Issue: Local police protection  
(n = 280)



<b>Mean</b>	<b>2.000</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>0.998</b>
(coding: 1 = no problem at all; 2 = slight problem; 3 = moderate problem; 4 = serious problem)	

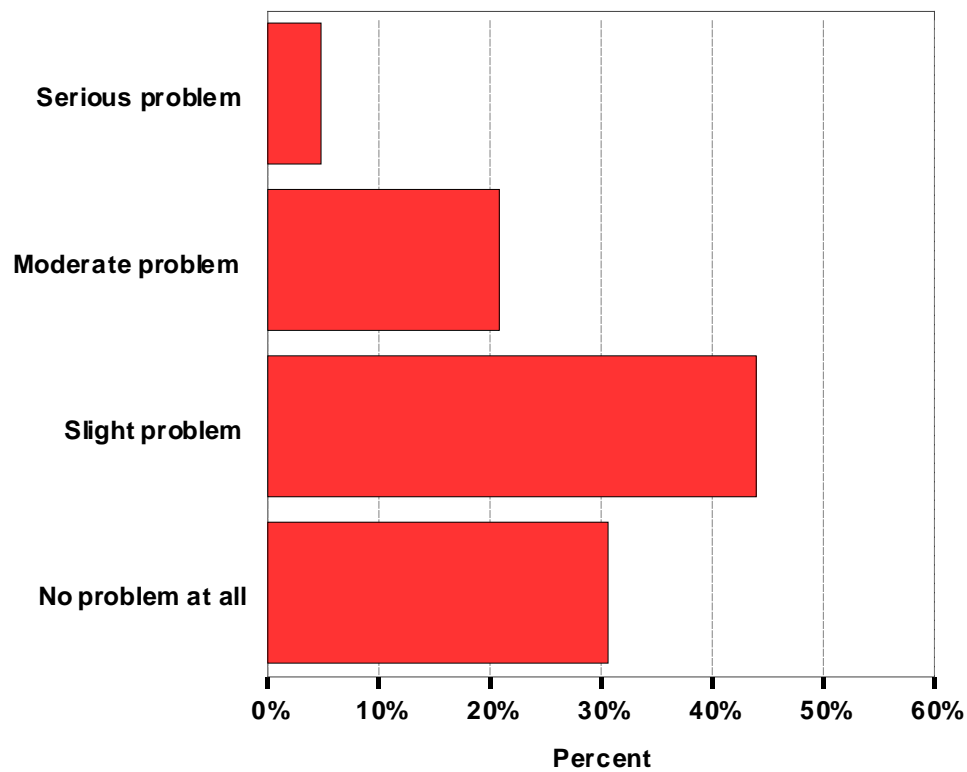
**Figure 68b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
local police protection is:



## Figure 69a

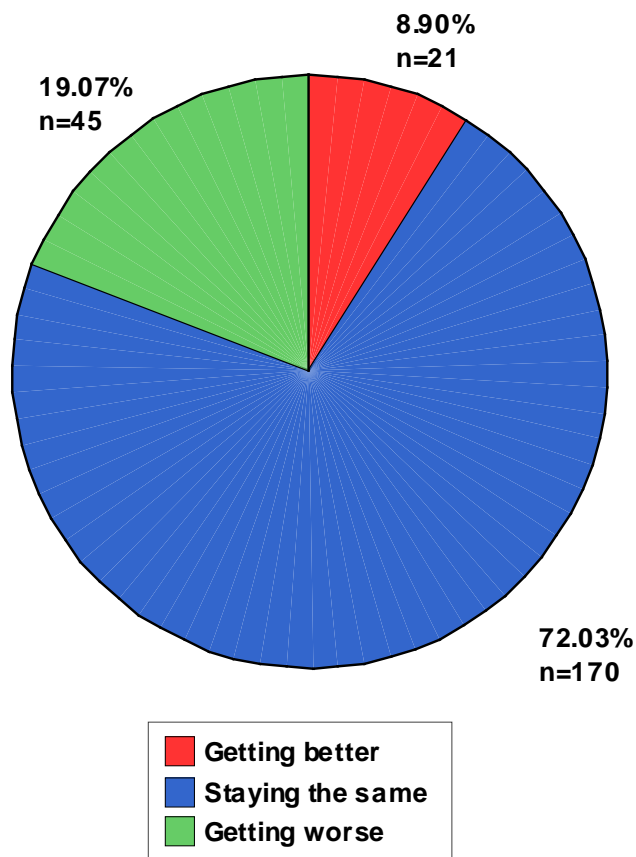
Issue: Disagreements among local residents  
(n = 255)



<b>Mean</b>	<b>1.996</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>0.839</b>
(coding: 1 = no problem at all; 2 = slight problem; 3 = moderate problem; 4 = serious problem)	

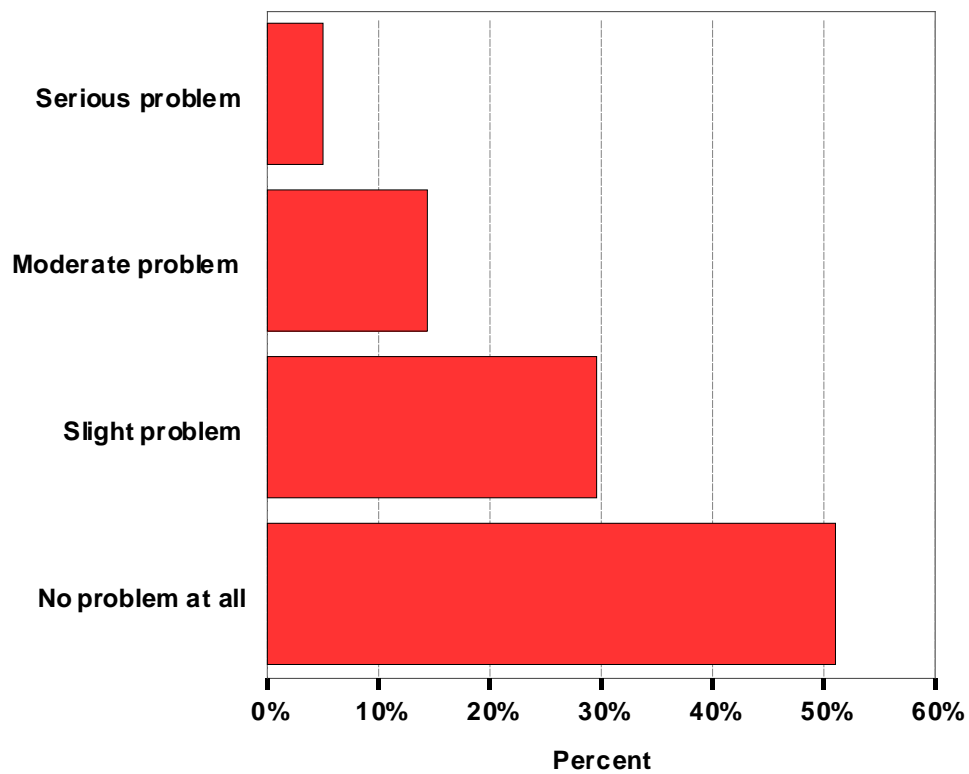
**Figure 69b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
disagreements among local residents are:



## Figure 70a

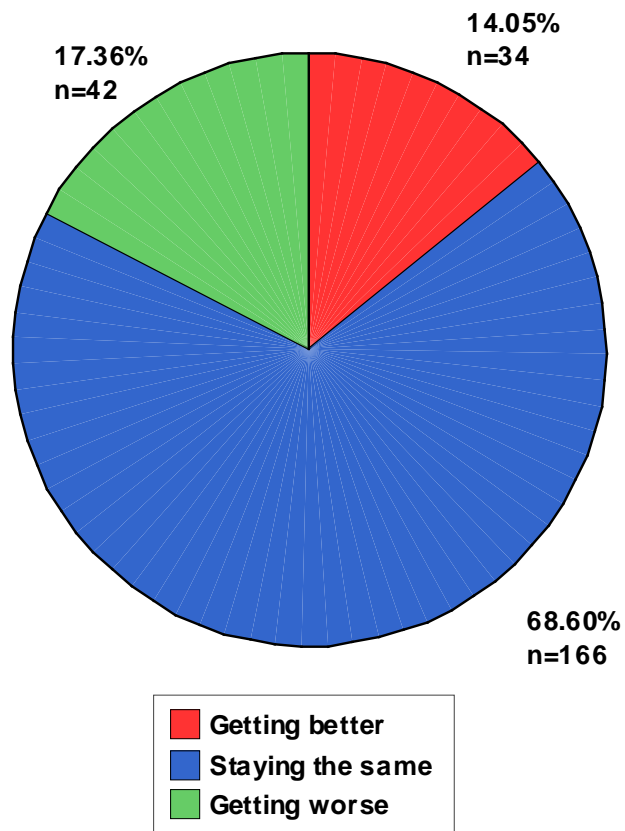
Issue: Too much industrial development  
(n = 263)



<b>Mean</b>	<b>1.734</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>0.885</b>
(coding: 1 = no problem at all; 2 = slight problem; 3 = moderate problem; 4 = serious problem)	

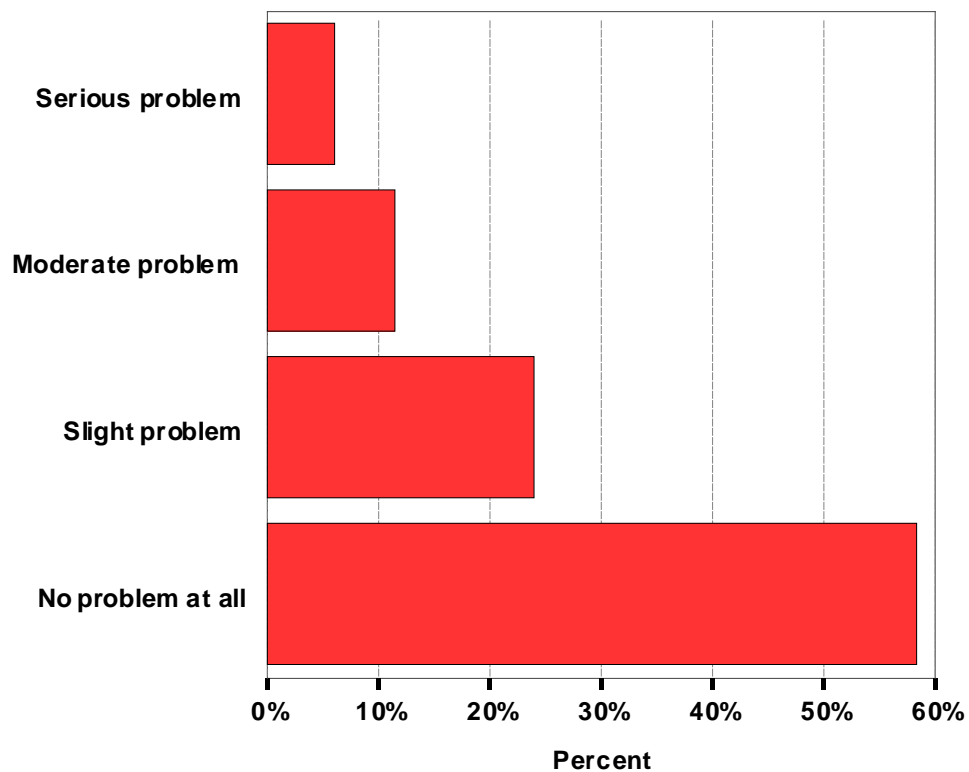
**Figure 70b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
too much industrial development is:



## Figure 71a

Issue: Too much commercial development  
(n = 263)

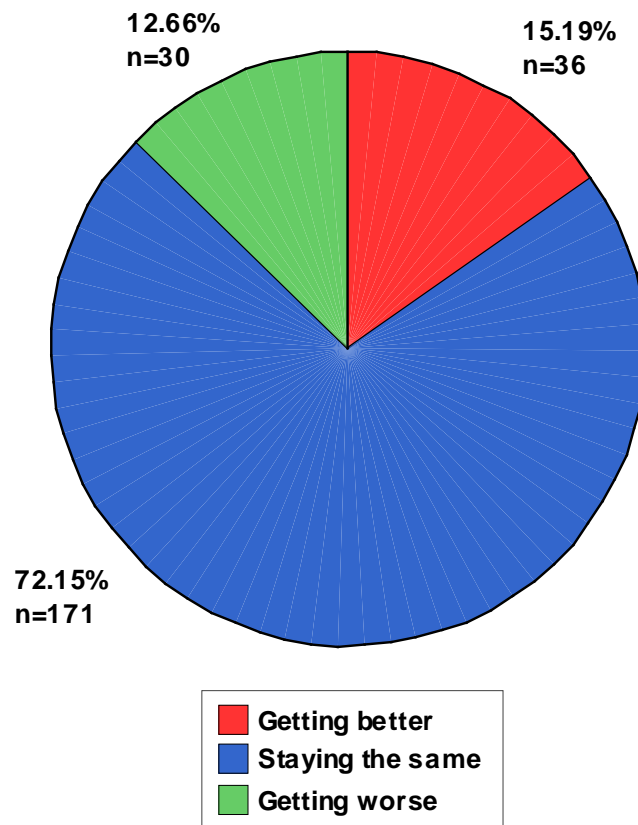


<b>Mean</b>	<b>1.653</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>0.908</b>
(coding: 1 = no problem at all; 2 = slight problem; 3 = moderate problem; 4 = serious problem)	



**Figure 71b**

Because of the development of natural gas,  
too much commercial development is:



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## **Section V**

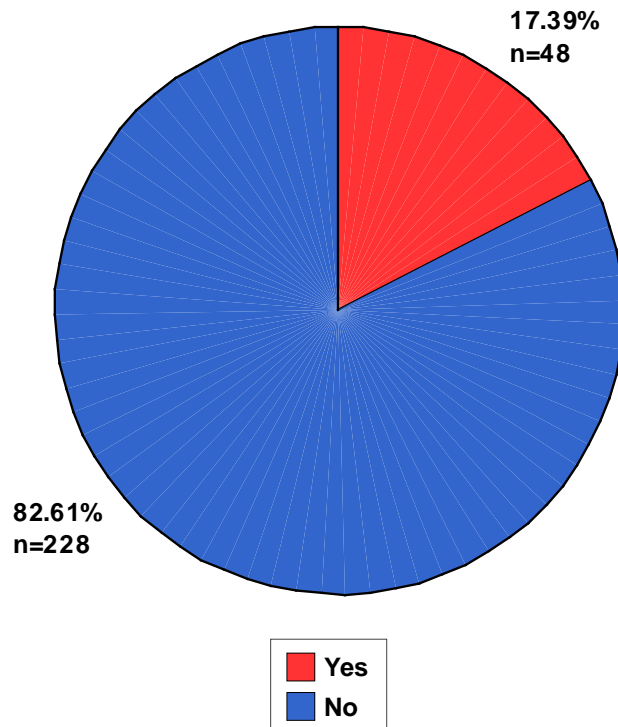
# **Actions Which May or May Not Have Been Taken in Response to the Exploration and Production of Natural Gas in Wise County**

This section deals with eight actions which residents may or may not have taken in response to exploration and production of natural gas in Wise County. Survey respondents were asked to indicate whether or not they had engaged in such actions. Respondents were then asked to indicate their likelihood of engaging in such actions in the future. The results are summarized below.

Figures 72a through 79a illustrate the extent to which respondents had engaged in such actions. Figures 72b to 79b illustrate the likelihood of engaging in such actions in the future.

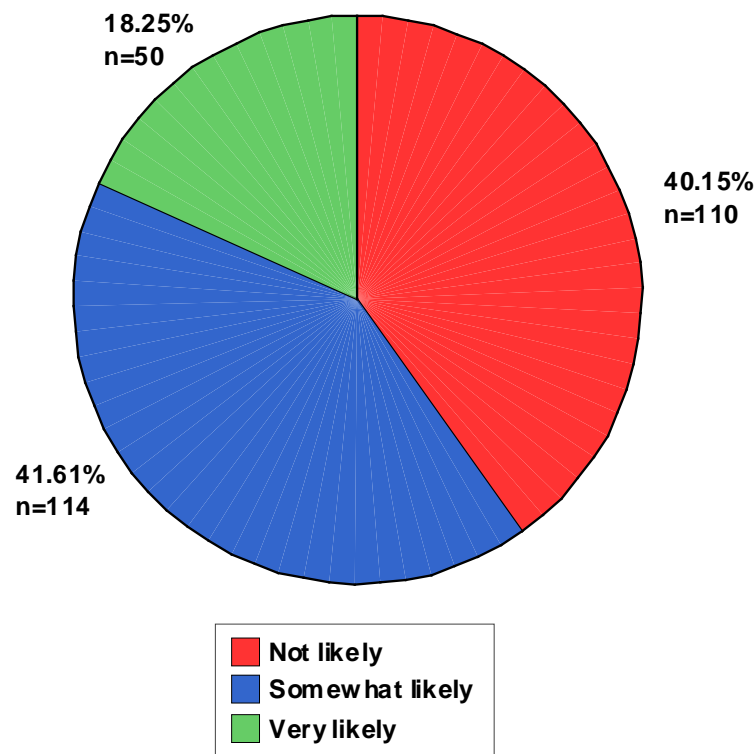
## Figure 72a

Action: Attended a meeting to get information and learn more about the drilling and production of natural gas



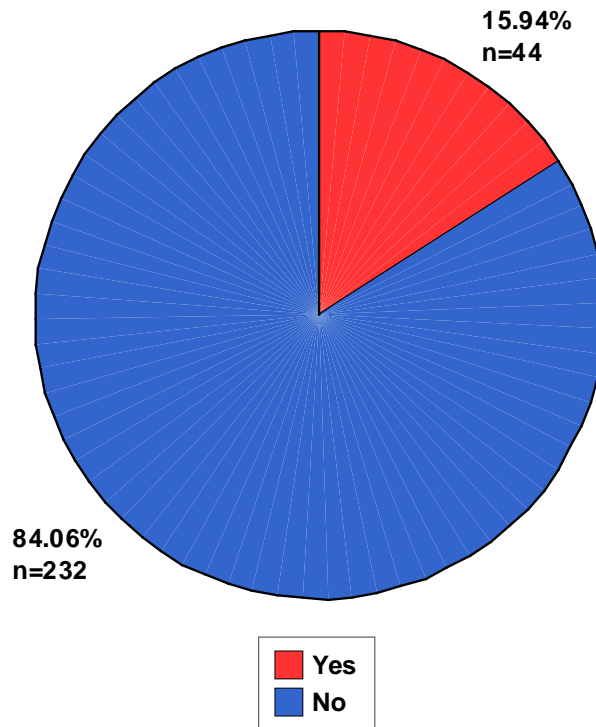
**Figure 72b**

*Likelihood in the future:* To attend a meeting to get information and learn more about the drilling and production of natural gas



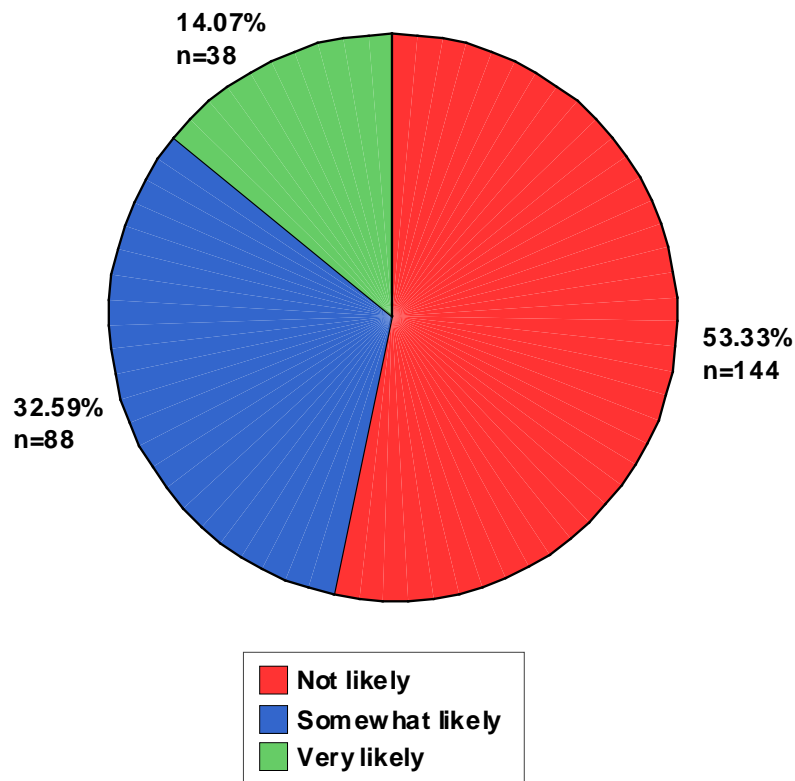
## Figure 73a

Action: Contacted a local elected official or governmental agency to complain about a natural gas drilling and/or production issue



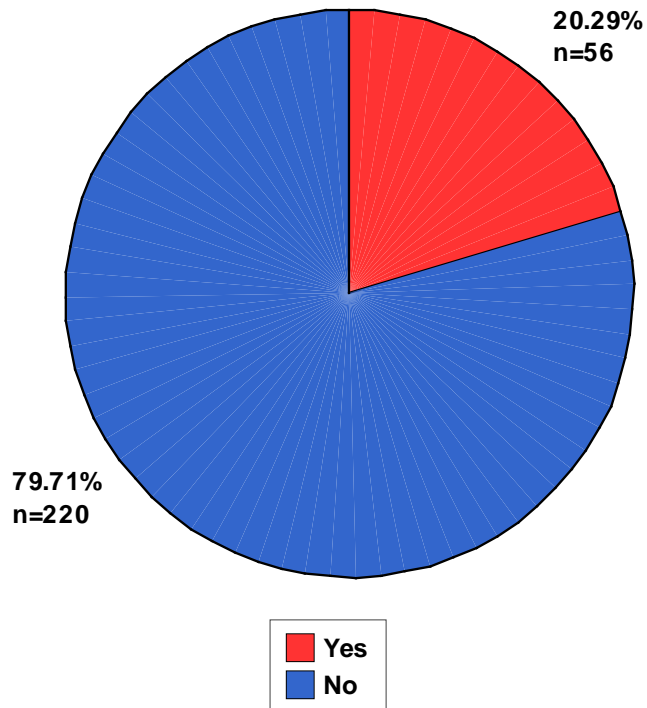
**Figure 73b**

*Likelihood in the future:* To contact a local elected official or governmental agency to complain about a natural gas drilling and/or production issue



## Figure 74a

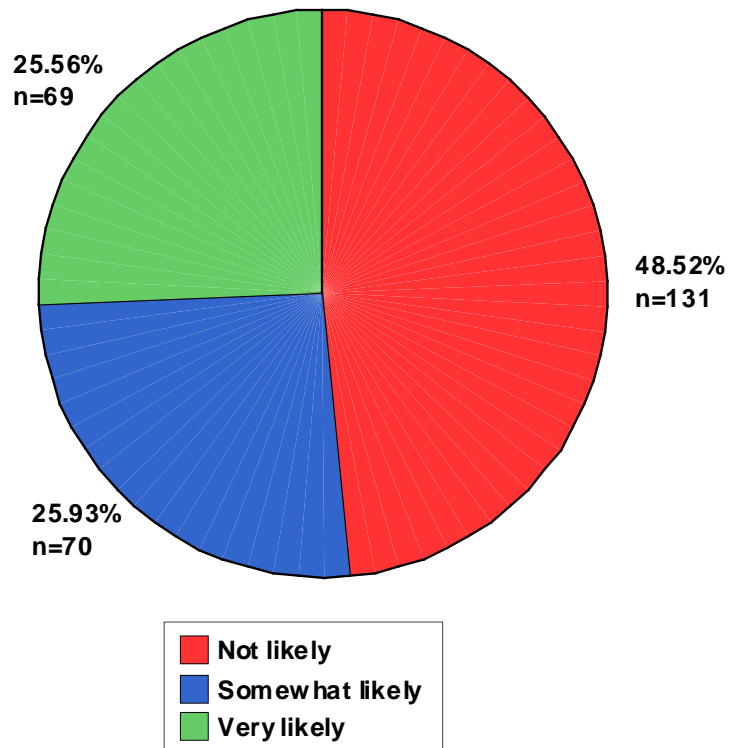
Action: Voted FOR a political candidate because of his/her position on the drilling and/or production of natural gas





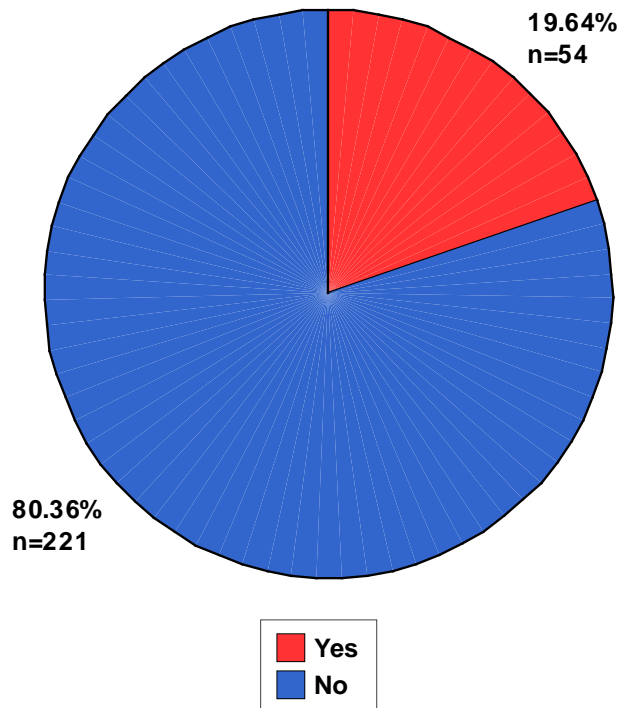
**Figure 74b**

*Likelihood in the future:* To vote FOR a political candidate because of his/her position on the drilling and/or production of natural gas



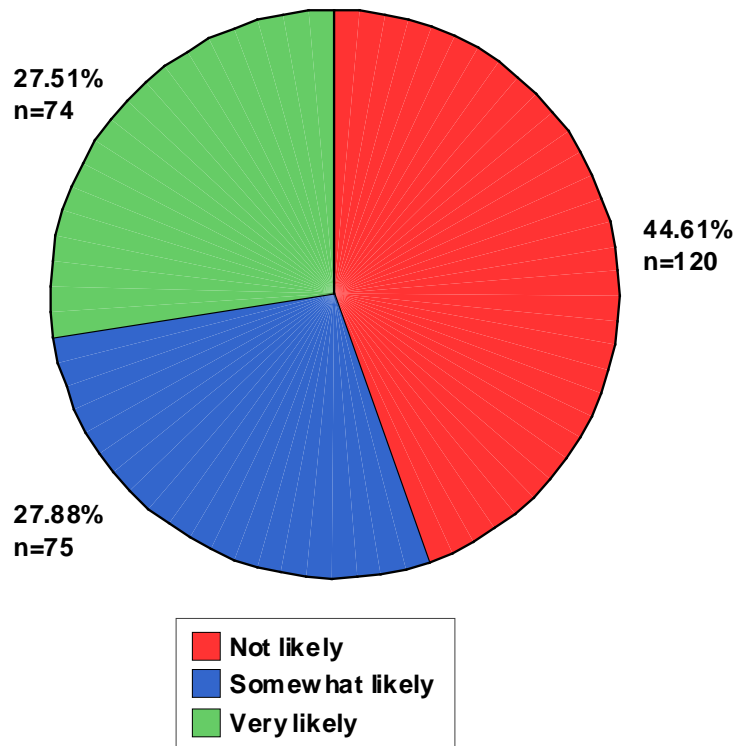
## Figure 75a

Action: Voted AGAINST a political candidate because of his/her position on the drilling and/or production of natural gas



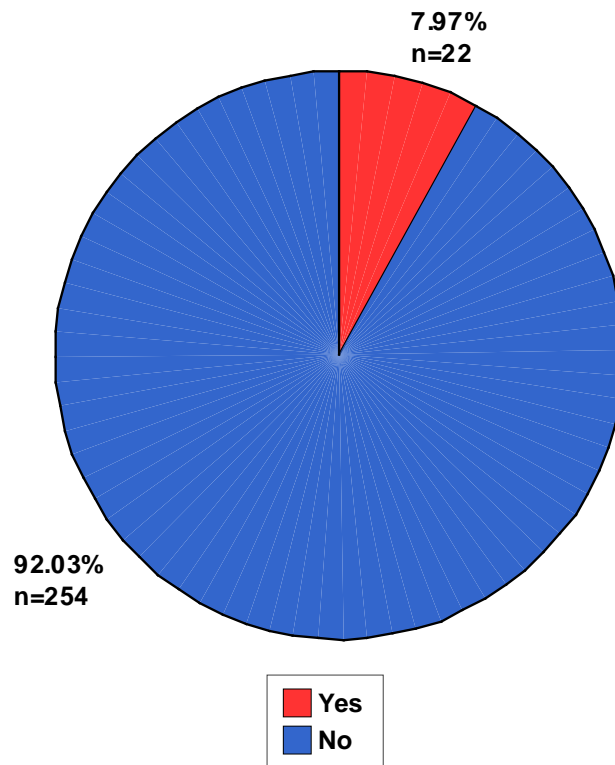
**Figure 75b**

*Likelihood in the future:* To vote AGAINST a political candidate because of his/her position on the drilling and/or production of natural gas



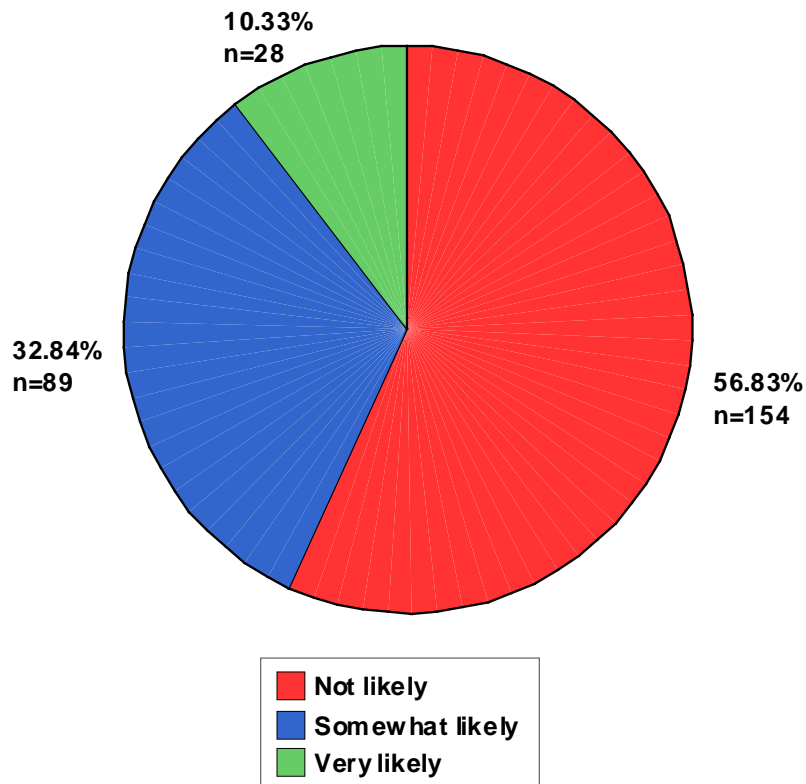
## Figure 76a

Action: Attended a gas industry-sponsored meeting to get information and learn more about leasing options



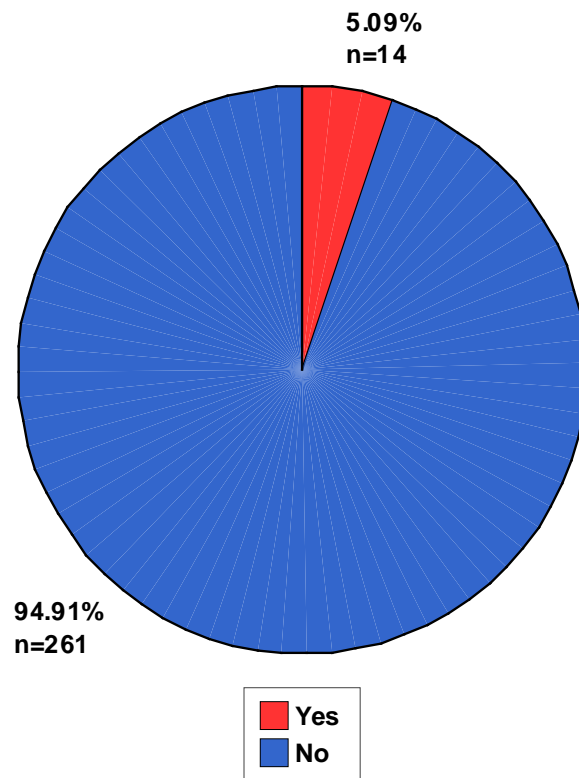
**Figure 76b**

*Likelihood in the future:* To attend a gas industry-sponsored meeting to get information and learn more about leasing options



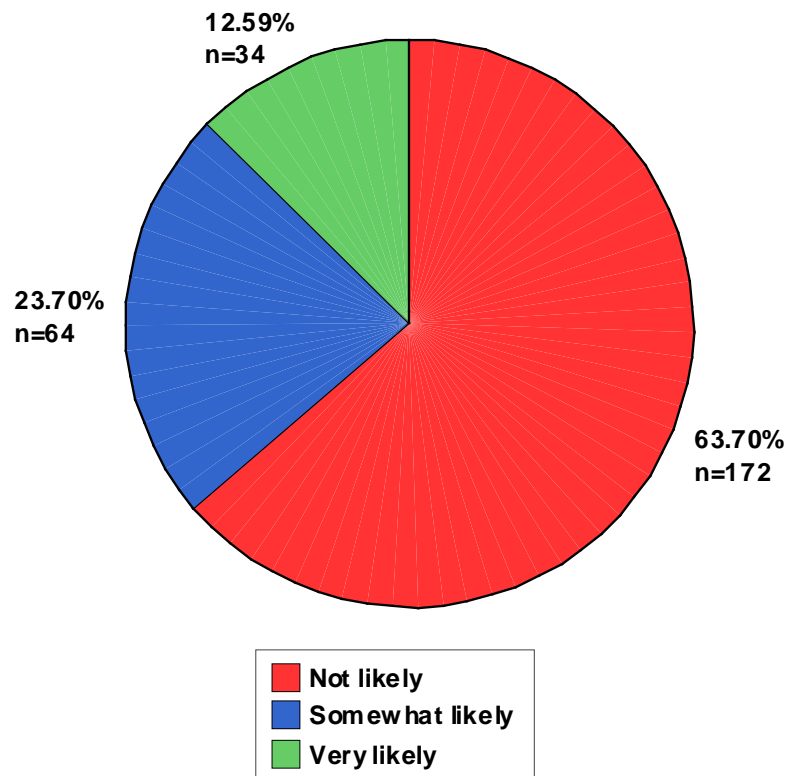
## Figure 77a

Action: Attended a public meeting to OPPOSE the continued exploration and production of natural gas



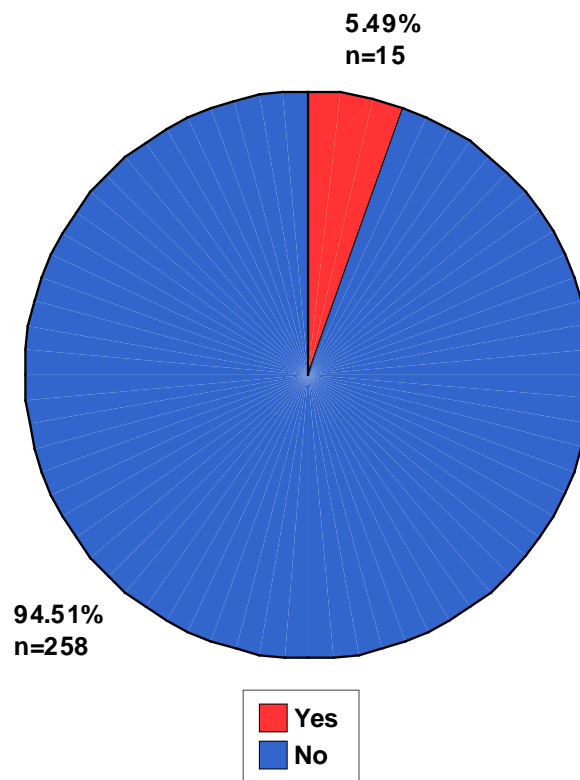
**Figure 77b**

*Likelihood in the future:* To attend a public meeting to OPPOSE the continued exploration and production of natural gas



**Figure 78a**

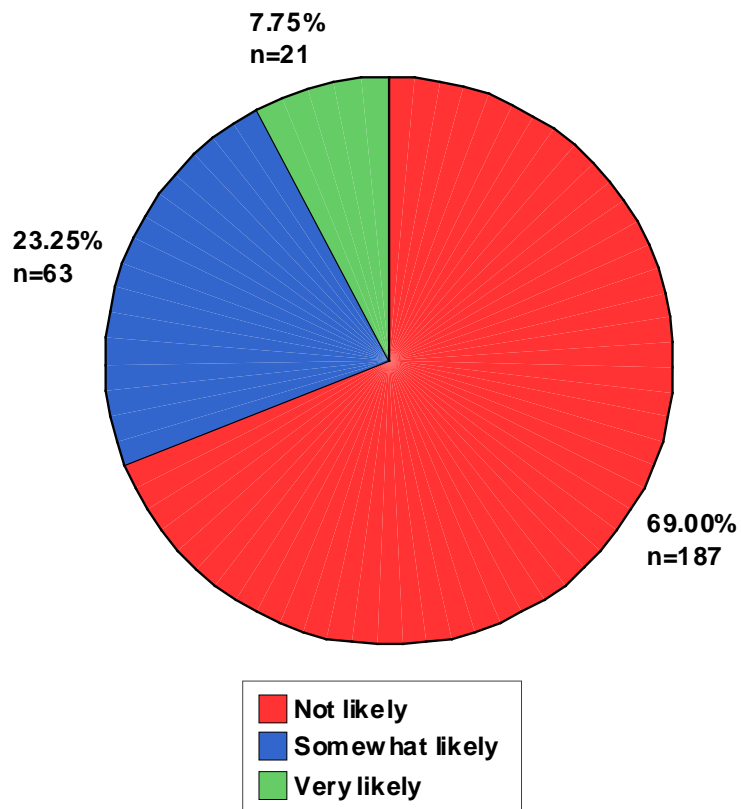
Action: Attended a public meeting to SUPPORT  
the continued exploration and production of  
natural gas





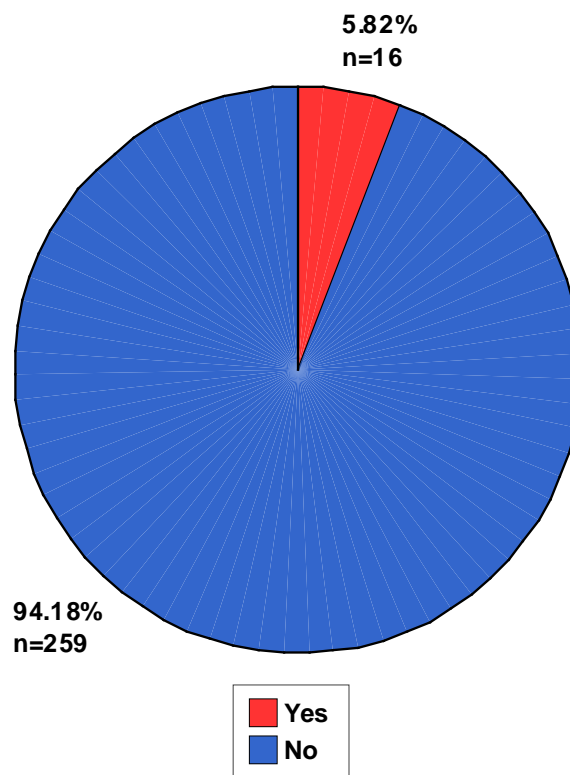
**Figure 78b**

*Likelihood in the future:* To attend a public meeting to SUPPORT the continued exploration and production of natural gas



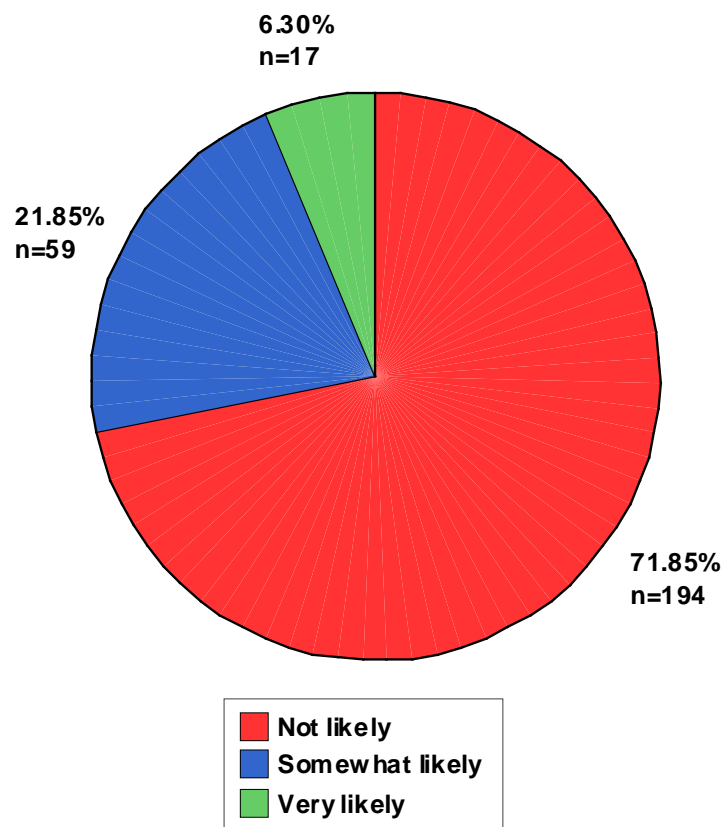
## Figure 79a

Action: Wrote and mailed a letter to the editor of your local newspaper



**Figure 79b**

*Likelihood in the future:* To write and mail a letter to the editor of your local newspaper



## **Section VI**

# **Desalination of water**

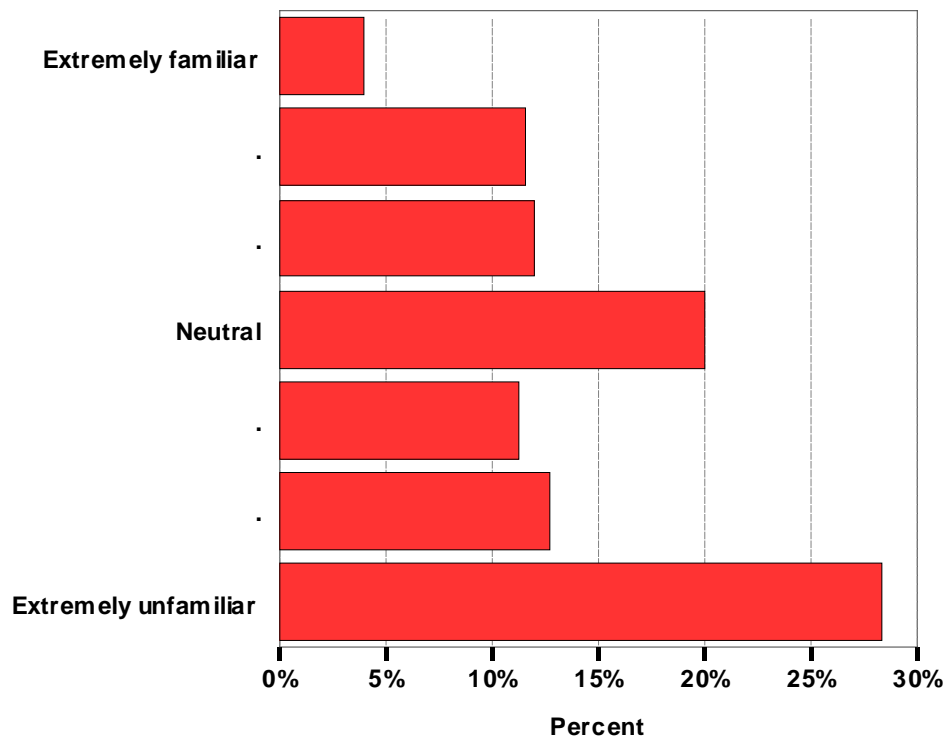
**D**esalination is a process by which salt and other contaminants are removed from the water produced in gas and oil operations. With desalination technology, such water is treated and purified, in turn, creating a beneficial freshwater resource that can be used in many different ways.

Figures 80 through 82 and Tables 1 and 2 summarize respondents' level of familiarity with desalination and their attitudes toward the process.

## Figure 80

How familiar are you with the process of desalination?

(n = 275)



**Table 1**

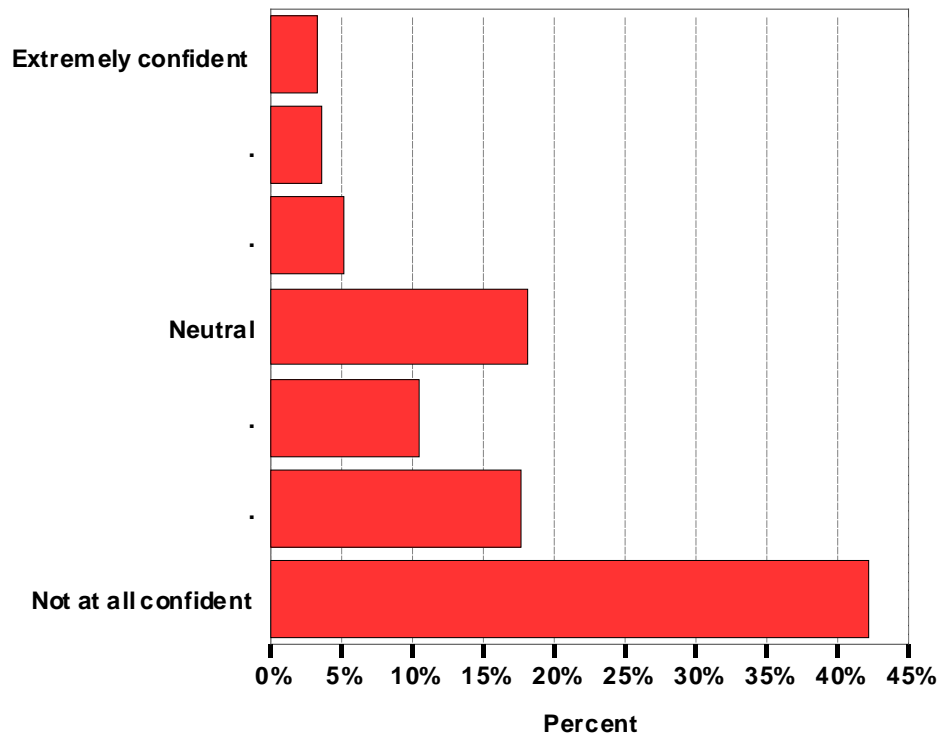
A ranking of ways desalinated water from gas and oil field operations might safely be used

<b>Ways desalinated water could be safely used:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Re-use by gas and oil industry operators (n = 269)	94.8%	5.2%
Industrial use (e.g., manufacturing, etc.) (n = 268)	90.3%	9.7%
Municipal uses (e.g., watering golf courses and city parks, etc.) (n = 266)	71.9%	28.1%
Home irrigation purposes (e.g., watering lawns and shrubs, etc.) (n = 268)	64.2%	35.8%
Irrigation of farmland and/or rangeland (n = 266)	62.0%	38.0%
Maintenance of stream flows/reservoir levels (n = 263)	37.6%	62.4%
Watering of livestock (n = 263)	37.3%	62.7%
Aquifer recharge (n = 253)	31.6%	68.4%
People's drinking water (n = 262)	16.0%	84.0%

## Figure 81

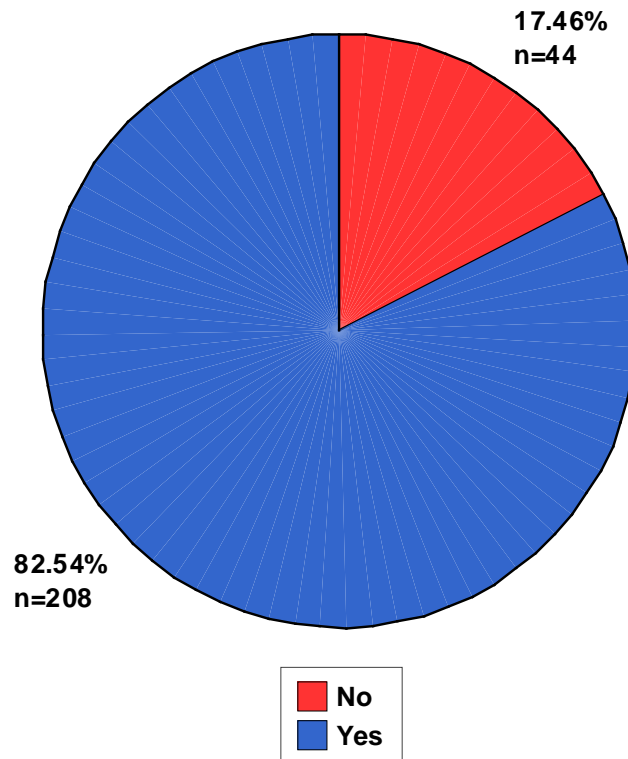
What is your level of confidence that desalinated water from gas and oil field operations could meet HUMAN DRINKING WATER quality and purity standards?

(n = 278)



**Figure 82**

Should industry operators be required to desalinate water produced in the drilling and production of oil and natural gas?





**Table 2**

A ranking of who might be likely to buy desalinated water if available for purchase

<b>Who might be likely to buy desalinated water:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Industrial users (n = 273)	82.4%	17.6%
Farmers (n = 273)	47.3%	52.7%
Developers (n = 273)	41.4%	58.6%
Business owners (n = 273)	36.3%	63.7%
Ranchers (n = 273)	35.9%	64.1%
Municipal water systems (n = 273)	26.4%	73.6%
Rural water systems (n = 273)	19.0%	81.0%
Home owners (n = 273)	13.6%	86.4%
People like me (n = 273)	12.1%	87.9%

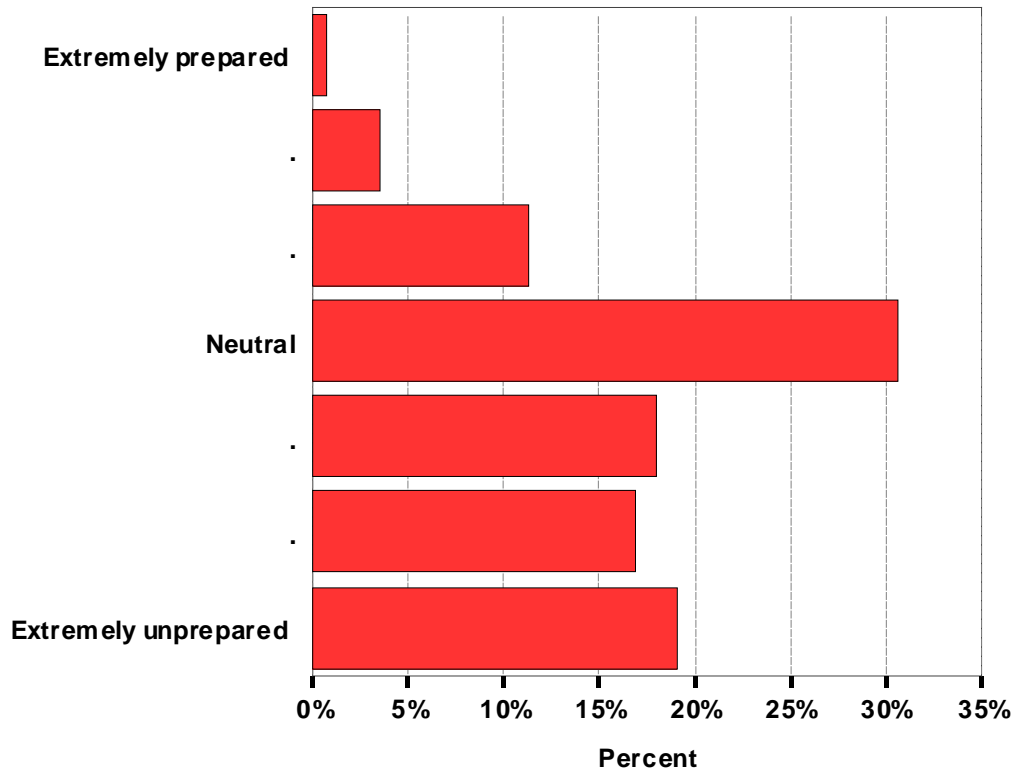
## **Section VII**

# **Preparedness of Local Leaders**

This final item (Figure 83) deals with residents' perceptions of the preparedness of local leaders for the large-scale exploration and production of natural gas in Wise County.

## Figure 83

How prepared, overall, do you think  
LOCAL LEADERS were for the large-scale  
exploration and production of natural gas in  
Wise County?  
(n = 284)



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