

Charlevoix County Materials Management Planning Committee

Date: November 20, 2025
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Location: Shirley Roloff Center
Committee Room
13513 Division Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720

PROPOSED AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Public Comment**
- III. Approval of Agenda**
- IV. Approval of October 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes**
- V. Materials Management Planning**
 - a. Process Update**
 - b. MMP County Resident Survey Analysis**
 - c. Goals and Objectives Discussion**
- VI. Committee Member Comments**
- VII. Public Comment**
- VIII. Adjourn**

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Thursday, November 20, 2025

To: Charlevoix County MMPC
Fr: Mathew Cooke, Community Planner
Re: Materials Management Planning Update

MMP Survey Efforts

As a reminder, the MMP Business Survey is open until December 5, 2025. Networks Northwest staff went business to business in the downtowns of Boyne City, East Jordan, and Charlevoix as well as industrial areas. Schools within the County were emailed for a response as well as a communication with a business flyer to Chambers of Commerce, DDAs and NLEA. Lastly a press release was submitted to local organizations.

The missing Local Units of Government to the LUG MMP Survey have been mailed a letter asking for their response by December 5, 2026. Those units include: Chandler Township, Charlevoix Township, Marion Township, Melrose Township, Wilson Township, and the Village of Boyne Falls.

The County Resident Survey will remain open until January 5, 2026 at which time an updated review will be delivered. 1800 flyers were folded to be included in Hayes Township's tax bills. A last press release and social media blast will be released before the end of the year.

- [MMP County Resident Survey](https://bit.ly/MMPSurvey) - <https://bit.ly/MMPSurvey>
- [MMP Business Survey](https://bit.ly/MMPbizsurvey) - <https://bit.ly/MMPbizsurvey>
- [MMP Local Units of Government's Survey](https://bit.ly/MMPlugsurvey) - <https://bit.ly/MMPlugsurvey>

County Resident MMP Survey Review

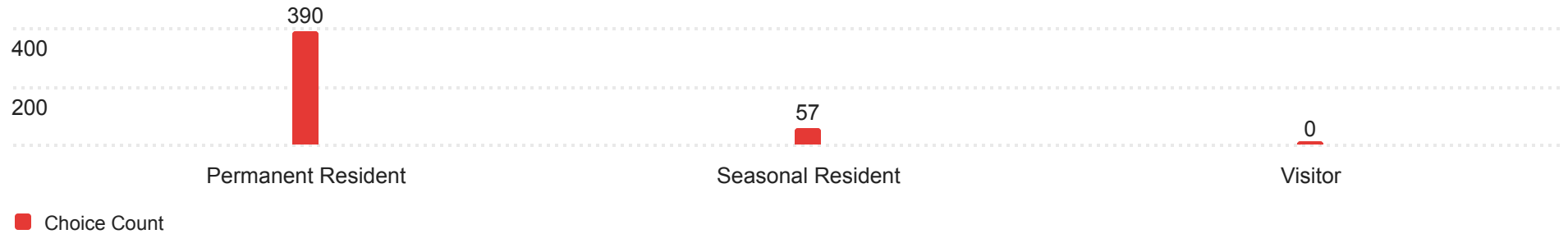
Attached you will find the first review of the County Resident Survey for your review. At the meeting, we will discuss the results.

Goals and Objectives Discussion

We will continue to have discussion on potential goals and objectives related to the County resident survey discussion generated.

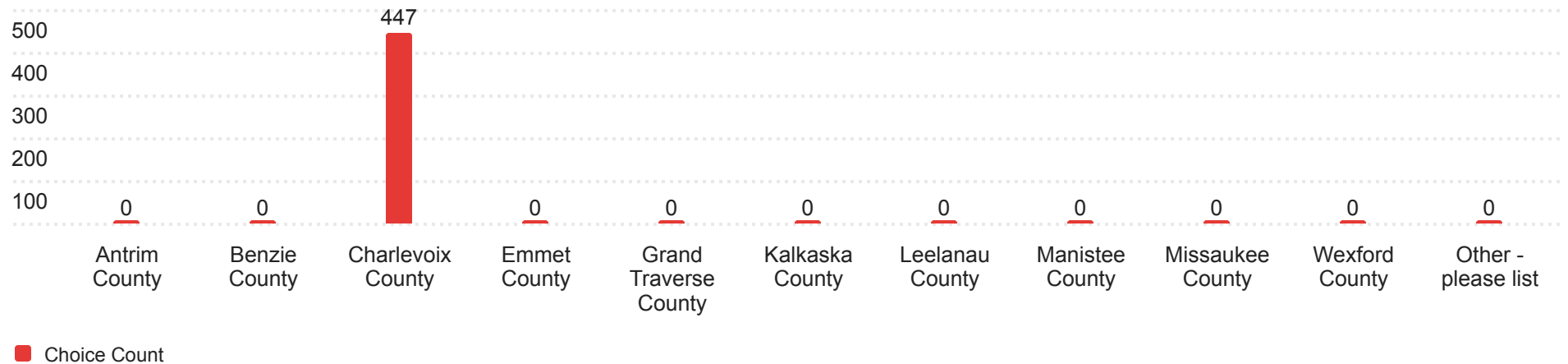
Q1 - Are you a permanent resident, seasonal resident, or visitor in the Northwest Lower Michigan region? This includes Antrim County, Benzie County, Charlevoix County, Emmet County, Grand Traverse County, Kalkaska County, Leelanau County, Manistee County, Missaukee County, and Wexford County

447 Responses



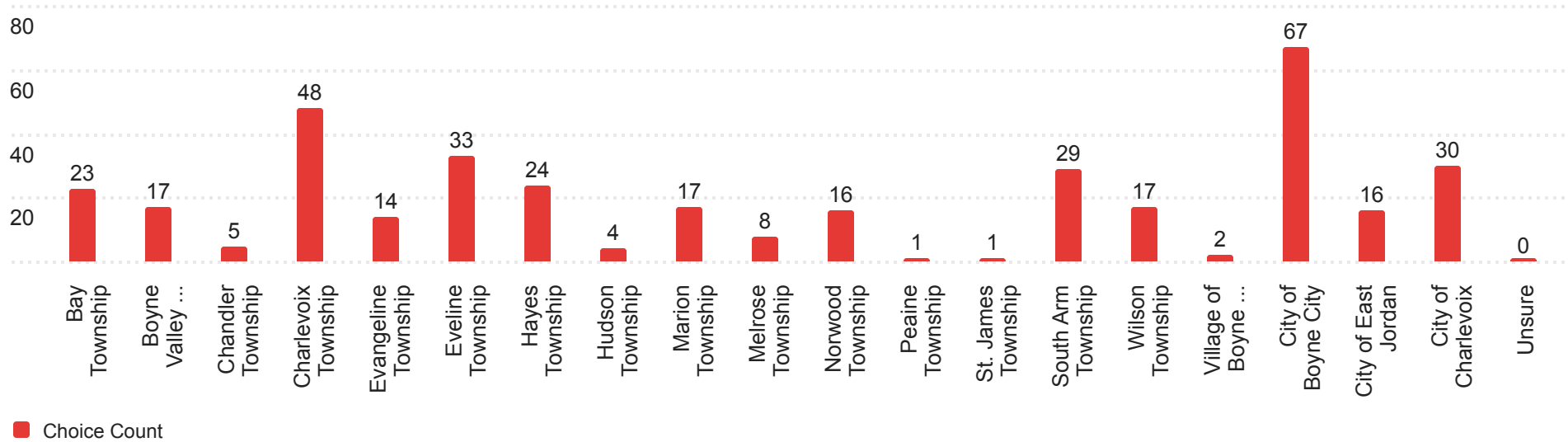
Q2 - What is your County of residence, permanent or seasonal? - Selected Choice

447 Responses



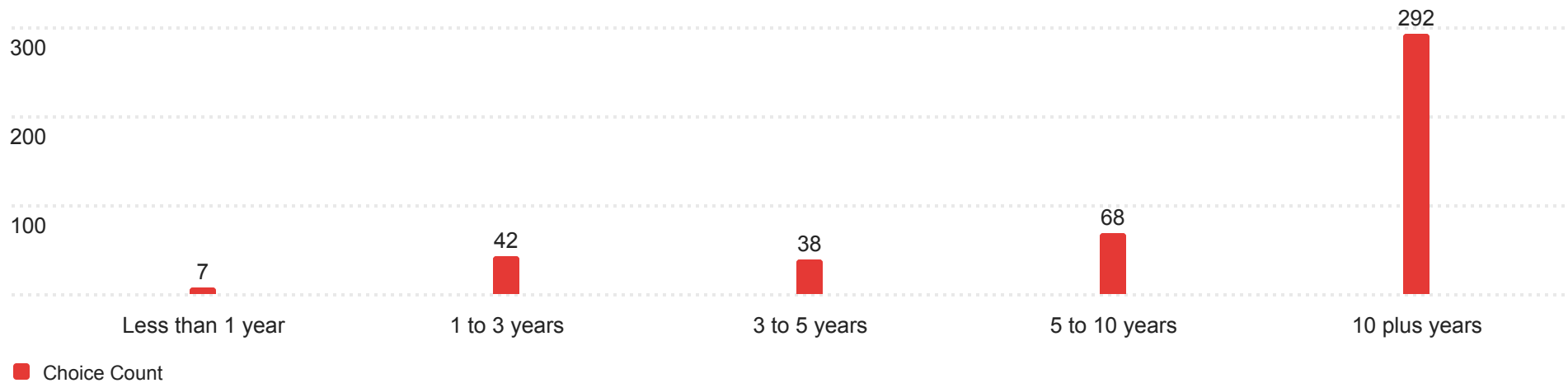
Q2B - What Charlevoix County municipality (Township, City, or Village) do you reside in?

372 Responses



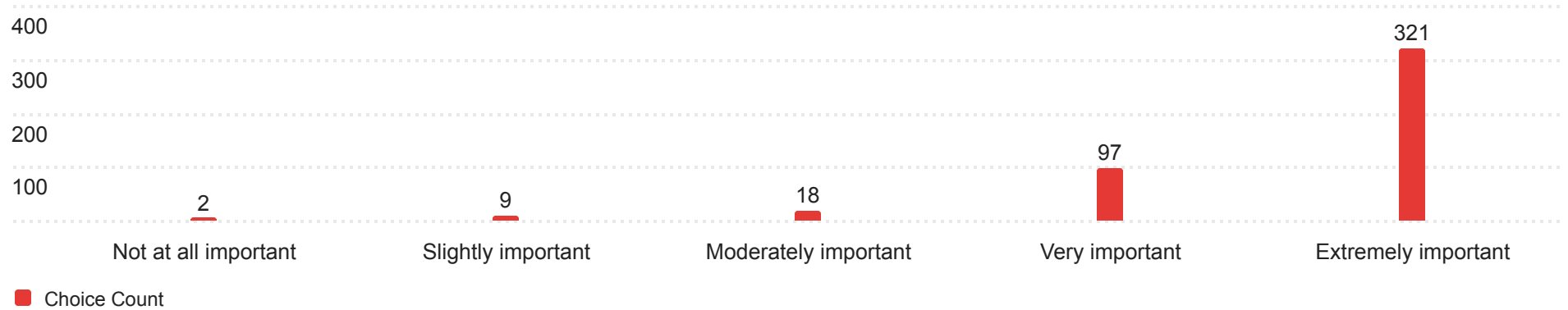
Q4 - How long have you lived at your primary residence?

447 Responses



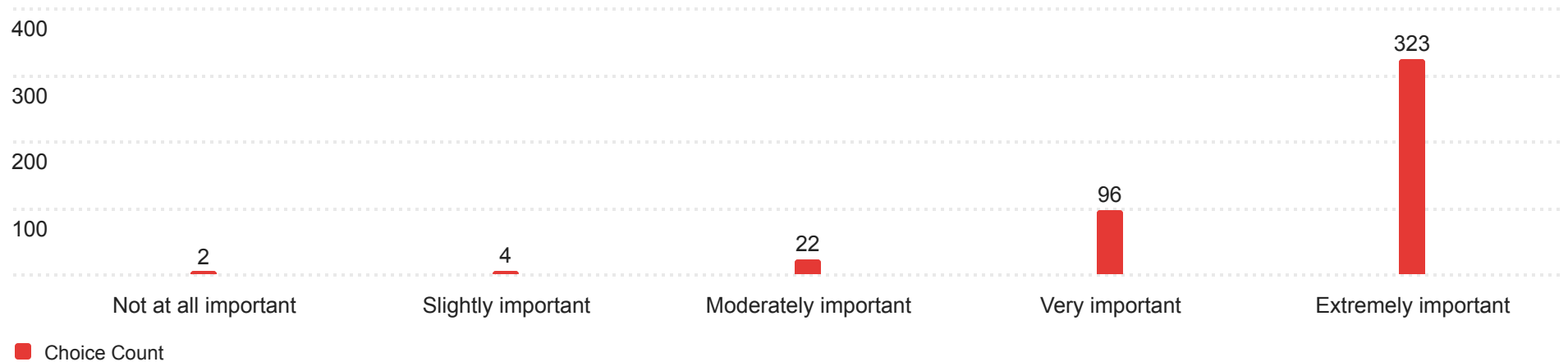
Q5 - How important do you believe recycling is for our communities, environment, and natural resources?

447 Responses



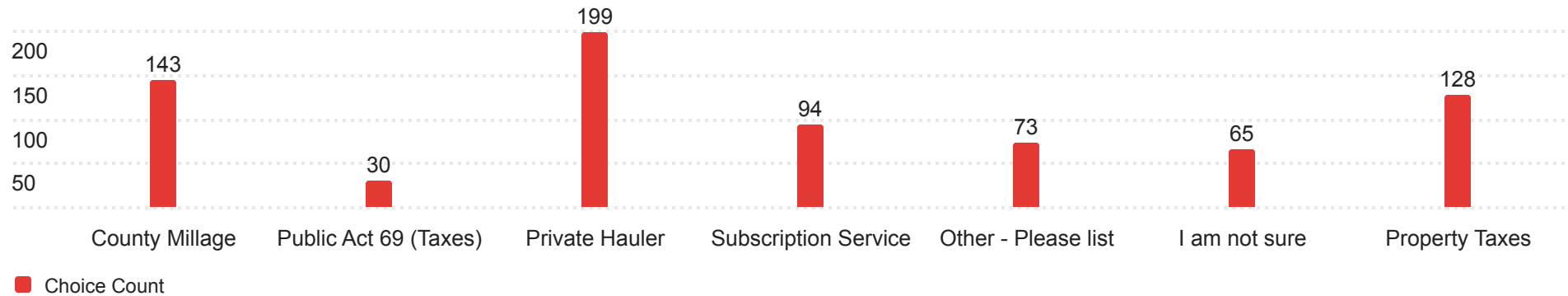
Q6 - How important is it for our community to reduce the amount of waste going into landfills?

447 Responses



Q7 - How do you pay for material management (Trash, Recycling, Organics, etc.) services? Select all that apply. - Selected Choice

446 Responses



Other ways that residents pay for materials management included purchasing special pre-paid bags for trash pick up, services being included in rent or association dues, utilizing recycling drop off sites, or per visit at transfer stations.

Q7A - Are you aware of the Charlevoix County Recycling Millage?

444 Responses



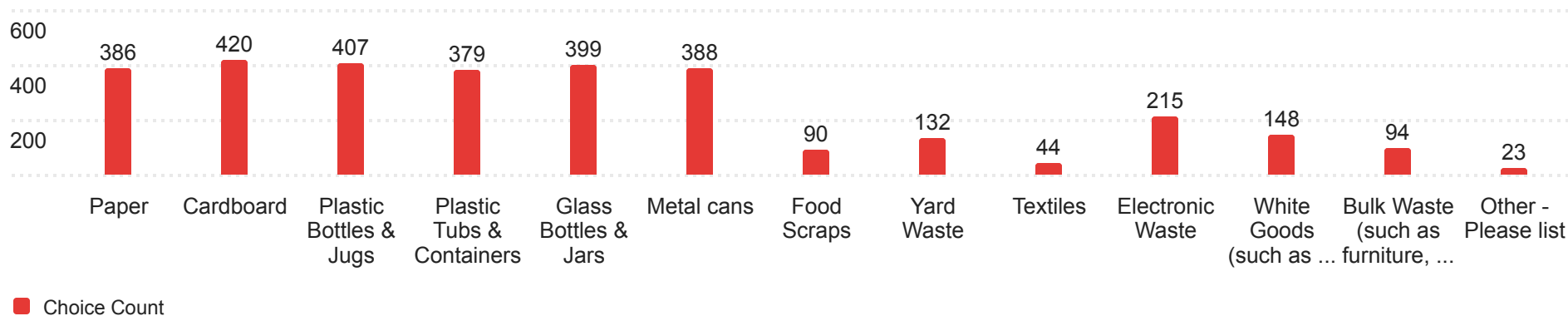
Q8 - Does your household currently participate in recycling?

447 Responses



Q8A - If yes, what types of materials do you typically recycle at home? Select all that apply. - Selected Choice

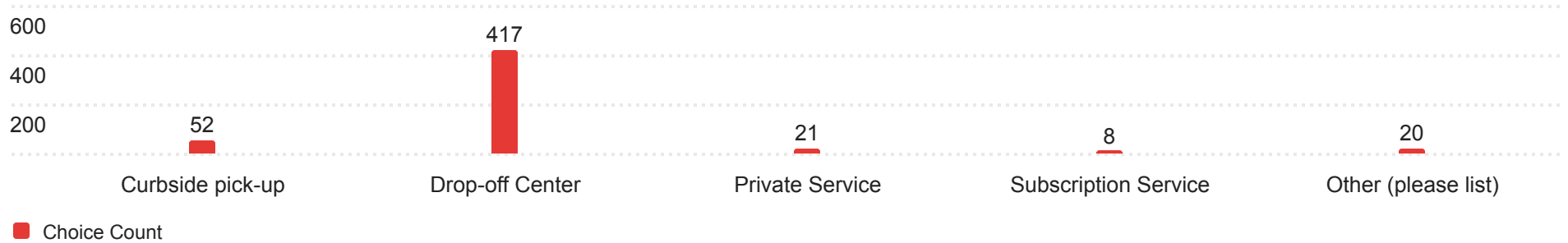
431 Responses



Other materials that are recycled include hazardous waste (like batteries, paints, vehicle fluids, etc.), at home composting, municipal yard waste composting, and taking accepted materials like used furniture and textiles to local organizations for repurpose.

Q8B - How is your recycling collected? Select all that apply. - Selected Choice

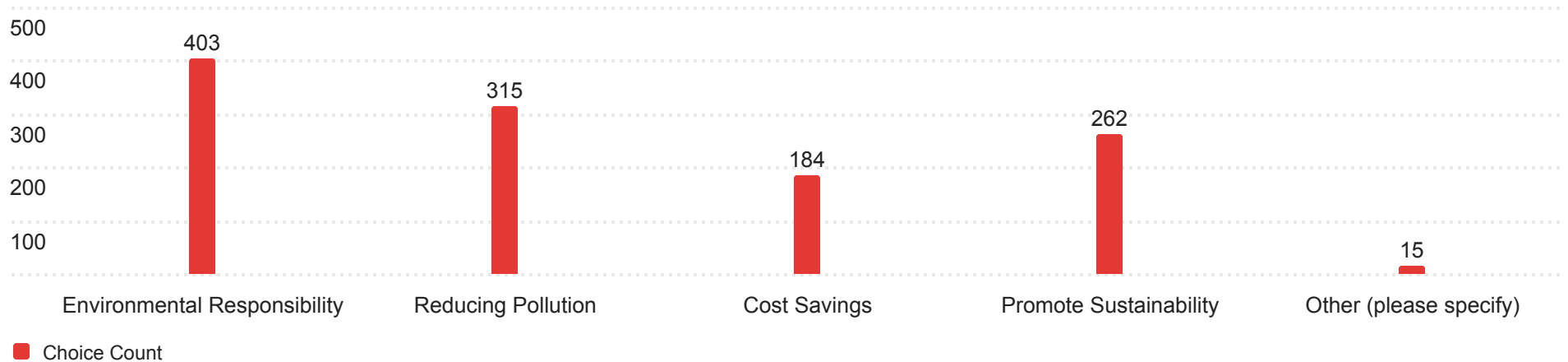
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Other ways recycling is collected include donating to resale stores, taking recyclables to recycling drop-off sites or local recycling centers.

Q8C - What are your main reasons for recycling? Select all that apply. - Selected Choice

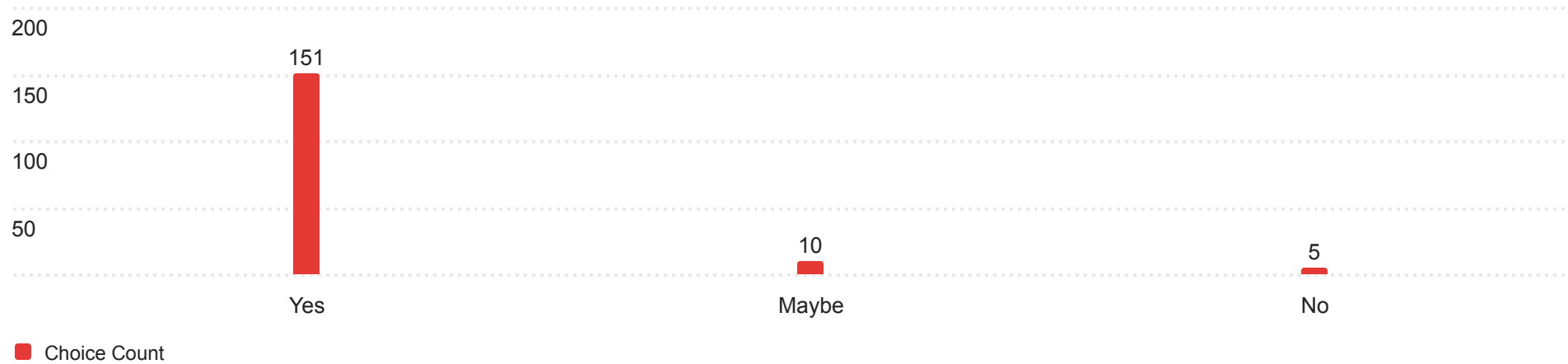
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Other reasons for recycling included environmental and economic benefit, saving money on trash collection, and practicality of trash bin space.

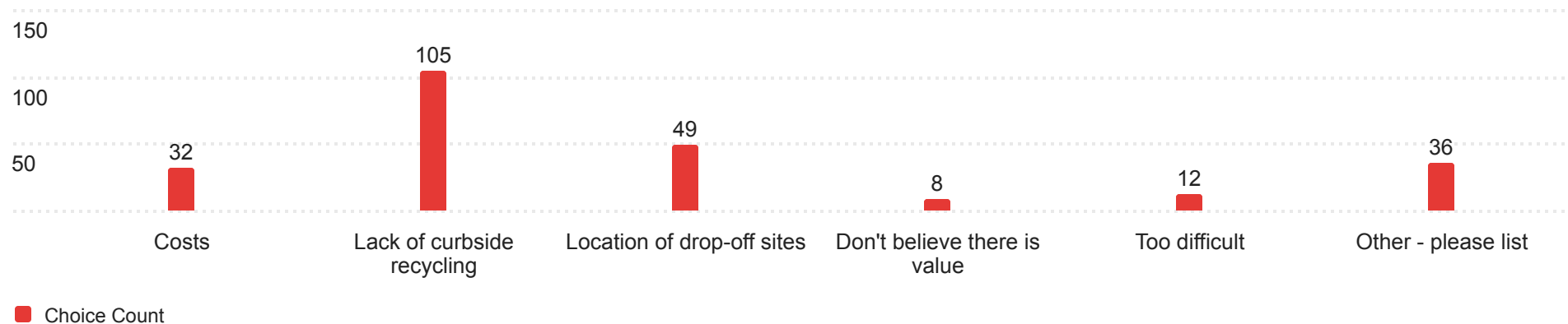
Q9 - If you don't recycle, would you be interested in increased recycling availability?

166 Responses



Q10 - Are there barriers that prevent you from recycling? Select all that apply. - Selected Choice

162 Responses

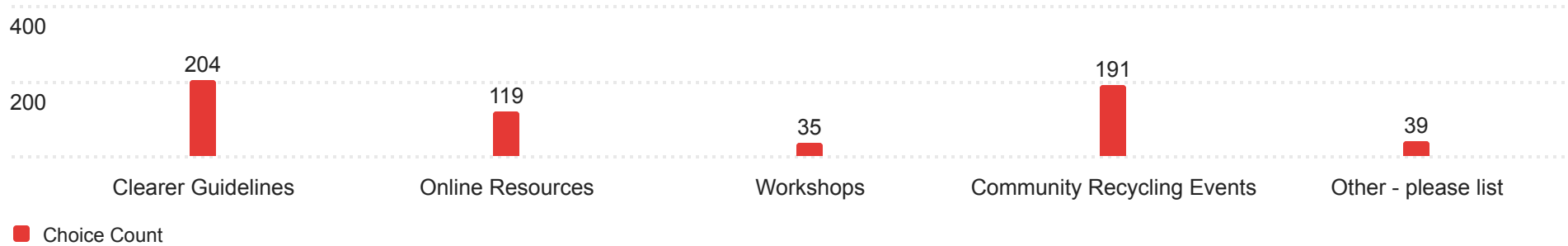


Additional recycling barriers mentioned included lack of convenience (location, curbside pick-up availability, full drop site bins), lack of knowledge on what is allowed or if recycling actually is recycled, and lack of services for yard waste and more HHW events.

Q11 - What information or resources about recycling and waste reduction would you find helpful?

Select all that apply. - Selected Choice

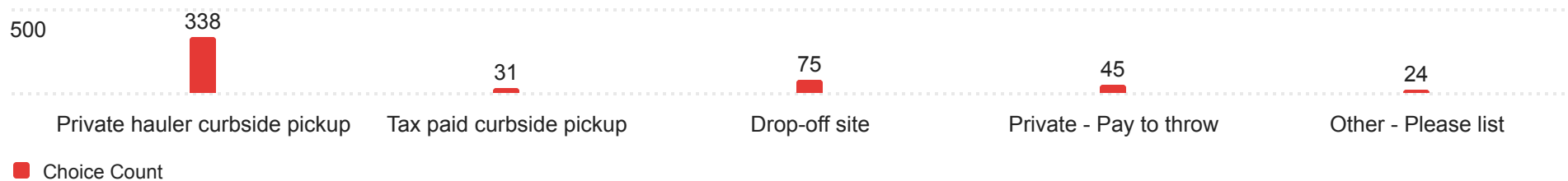
329 Responses



Other responses to information and resources helpful for waste reduction and recycling included more drop-off sites and availability for household hazardous waste, information on what is recyclable and what products are produced, and need for education amongst all groups.

Q12 - How does your household typically dispose of trash (i.e. non-recyclable waste)? Select all that apply. - Selected Choice

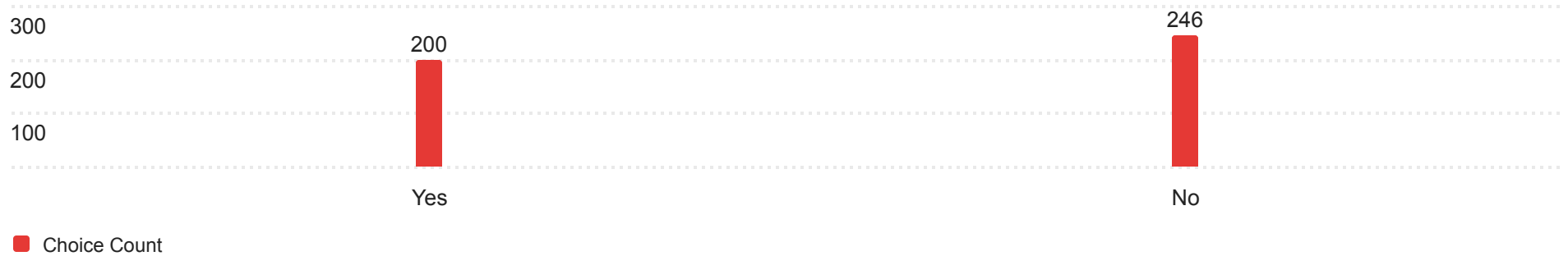
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Other ways household trash is disposed of included prepaid trash bags, subscription dumpsters, rent or association dues covering dumpsters, or disposal at third party locations such as employers or hauling downstate.

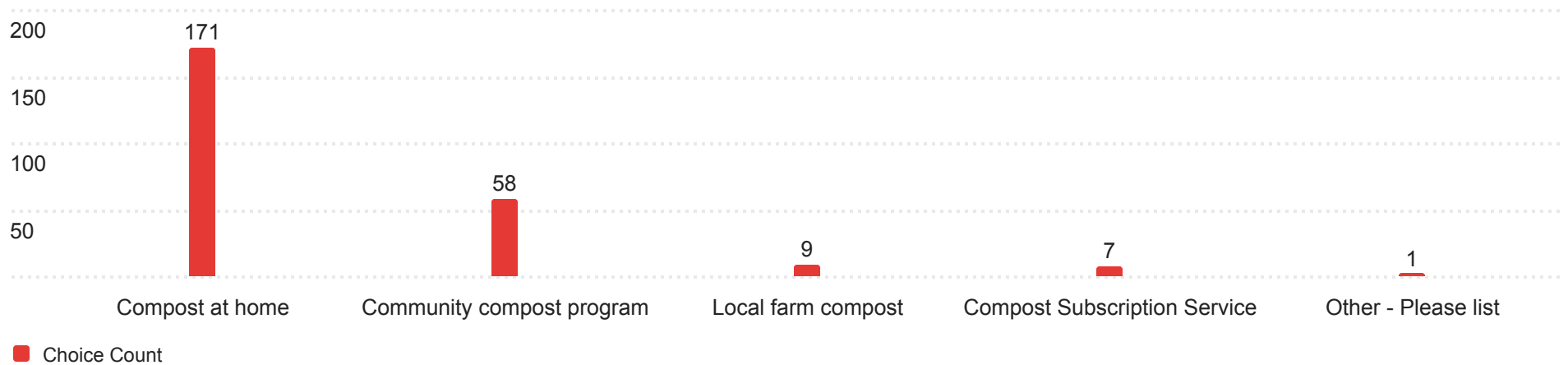
Q13 - Do you participate in composting?

446 Responses



Q13A - How do you compost? Select all that apply. - Selected Choice

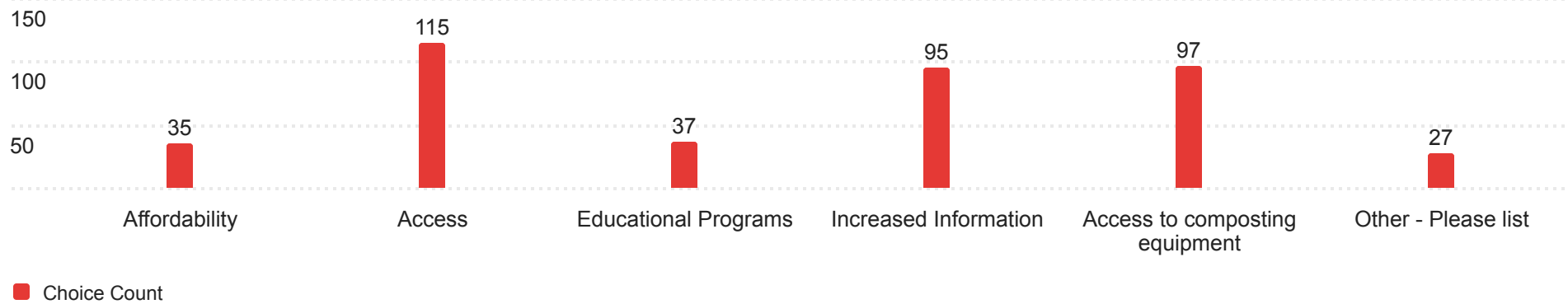
200 Responses



Other composting methods included utilizing Emmet County's composting drop-off.

Q13B - If you do not utilize compost programs, what would encourage you to participate in composting? Select all that apply. - Selected Choice

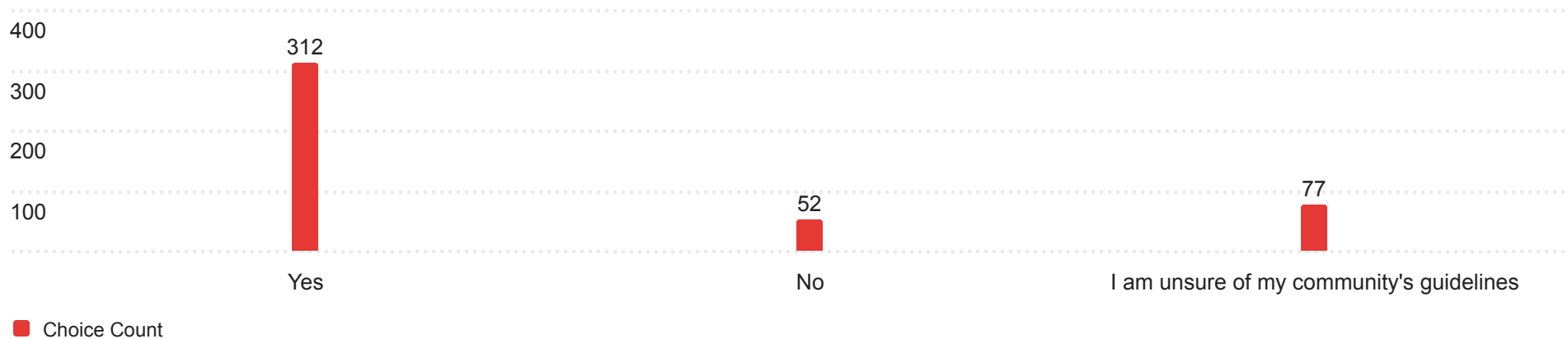
211 Responses



Other ways that composting can be encouraged include addressing concerns of smells, animals and pests, multi-unit options, and increasing composting education.

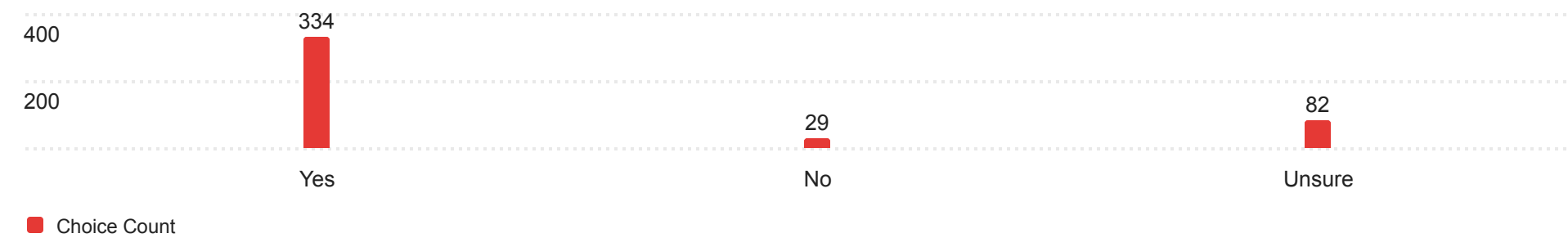
Q14 - Are the rules and guidelines clear for recycling in your community clear?

441 Responses



Q15 - Do you know what recycling items are not accepted by your local program?

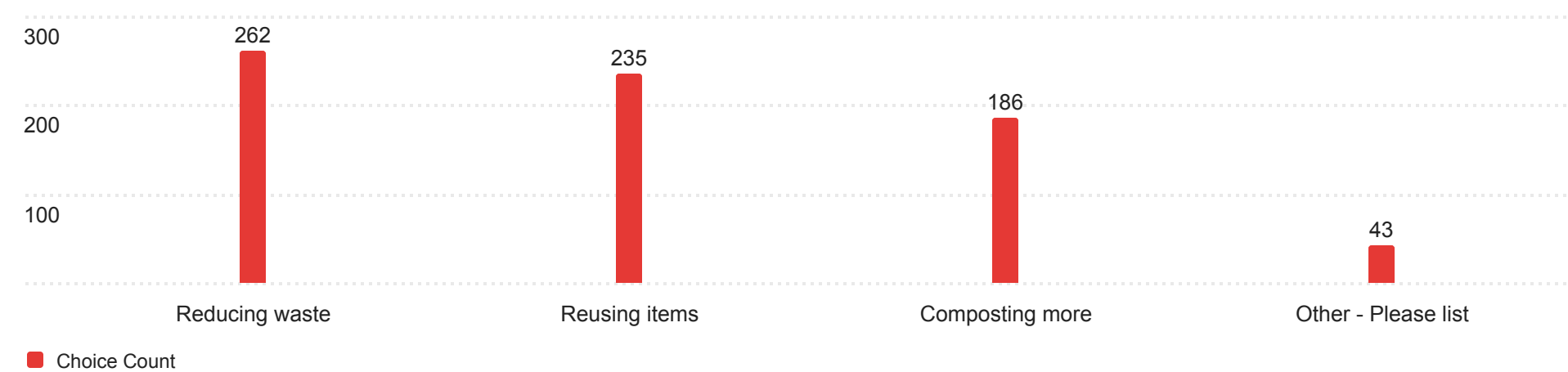
445 Responses



Q17 - What ways could our communities be doing a better job of managing waste and resources?

Select all that apply. - Selected Choice

364 Responses



Other ways to improve managing waste and resources included curbside and single stream recycling, increasing education opportunities, transparency of recycling, increased household hazardous waste and difficult to recycle item collection.

Q18 - What services would you like to see offered in your community? Select all that apply. - Selected Choice

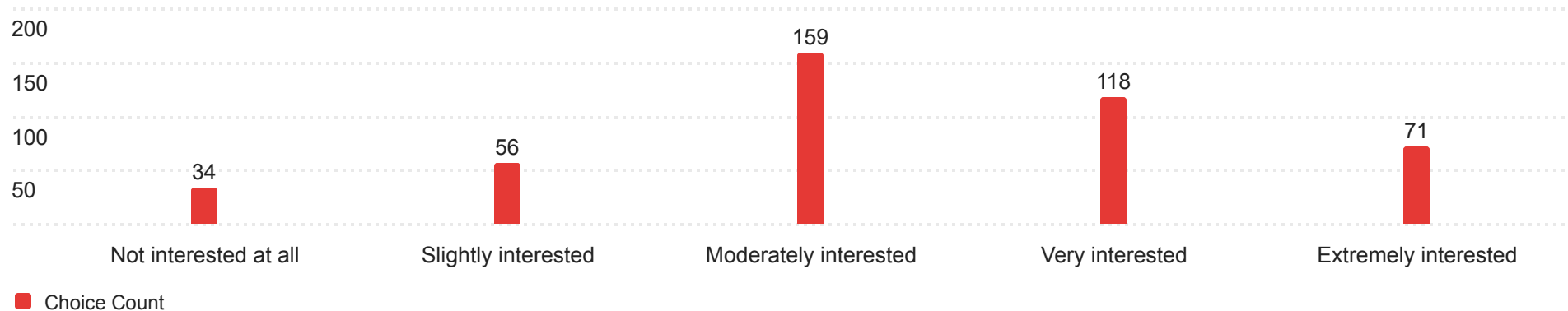
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Other services desired included curbside recycling pickup, access to specialty wastes like household hazardous waste, tires, electronics, etc., and compost options for yard waste and food.

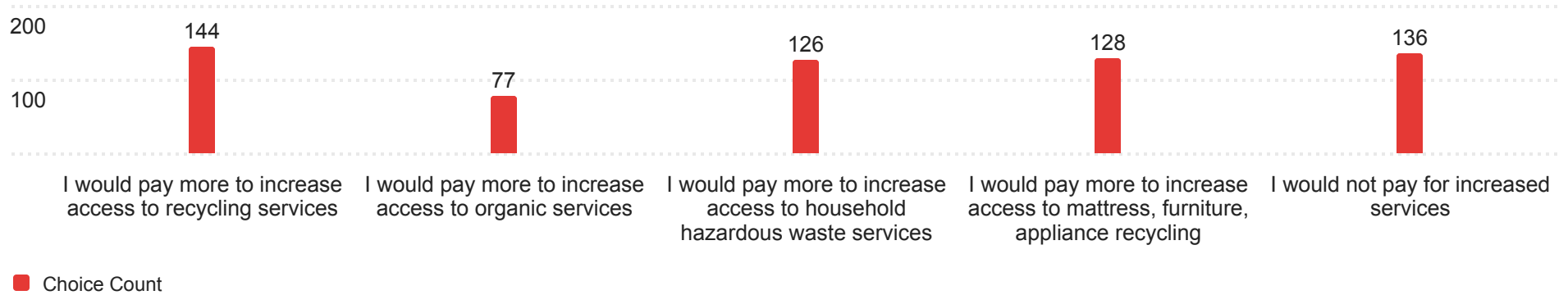
Q19 - How interested are you in learning more about waste reduction and management, recycling, and organics in your community?

438 Responses



Q20 - Are you willing to pay for increased service and access? Select all that apply.

405 Responses

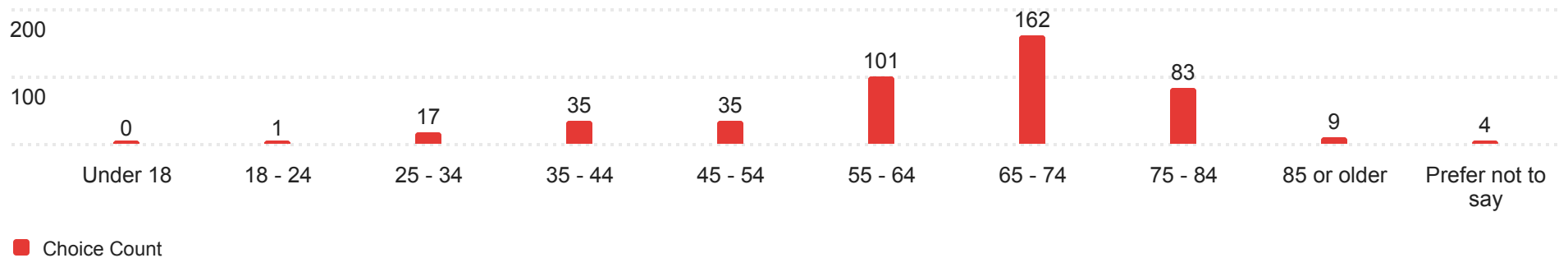


Q21 Are there any other considerations in regards to materials management (trash, recycling, organics, etc.) planning that should be considered or examined by the respective Materials Management Planning Committees?

Considerations and thoughts for the MMPC to consider include single stream curbside recycling, more drop-off options available year round for hazardous waste and bulky items, drop-site security, and education for all community members.

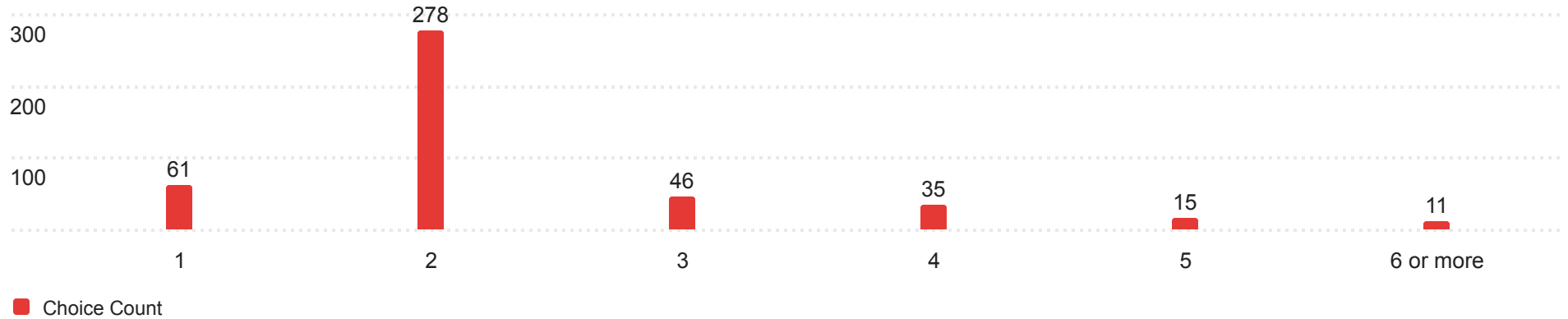
Q22 - What age range do you fall into?

447 Responses



Q23 - Which of the following describes the number of people, including yourself, living in your household?

446 Responses



Q24 - Which of the following best describes your total annual household income?

441 Responses

