

Manistee-Missaukee-Wexford Multi-County Materials Management Planning Committee

Date: November 19, 2025
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Location: Missaukee County Annex Building
Commissioners Meeting Room
105 S Canal St
Lake City, MI 49651

PROPOSED AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Public Comment**
- III. Approval of Agenda**
- IV. Approval of October 22, 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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Wednesday, November 19, 2025

To: Manistee-Missaukee-Wexford Multi-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 will be going business to business in the downtowns of Manistee, Bear Lake, Cadillac, Buckley, Manton, Lake City, and McBain, as well as industrial areas. Schools within the Counties 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.

The County Resident Survey will remain open until January 5, 2026 at which time an updated review will be delivered. Staff spent time and business cards were left at the Missaukee County Recycling Center. 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 begin to have discussion on potential goals and objectives related to the County resident survey discussion generated.

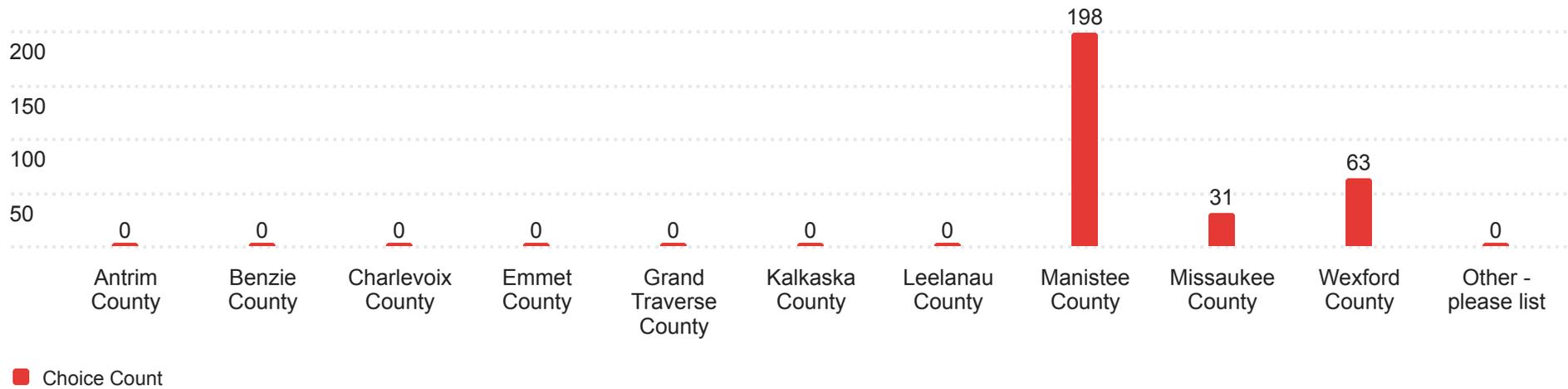
Q1 - Are you a permanent resident, seasonal resident, or visitor in the Northwest Lower Michigan region? This includes Antrim County, Benzie County, Charlevoix County, Emmet County, Grand Traverse County, Kalkaska County, Leelanau County, Manistee County, Missaukee County, and Wexford County

292 Responses



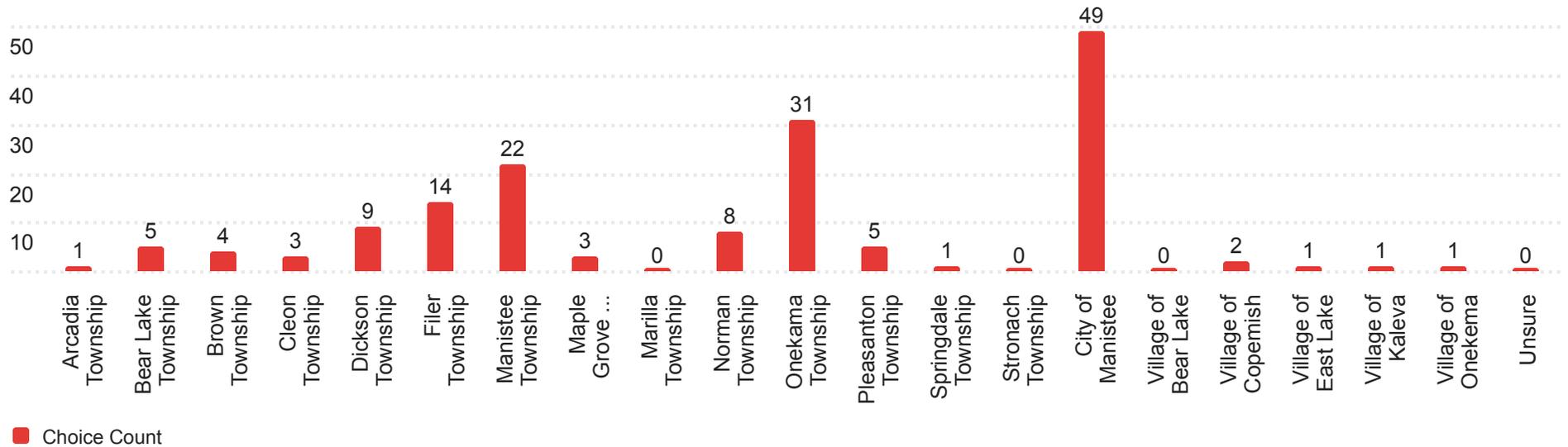
Q2 - What is your County of residence, permanent or seasonal? - Selected Choice

292 Responses



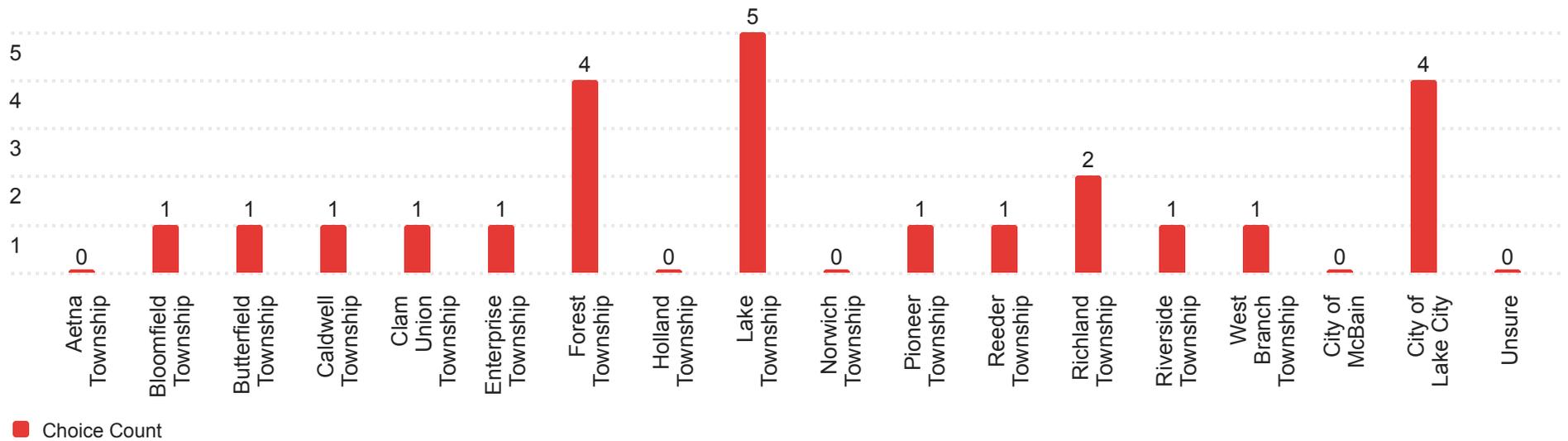
Q2C - What Manistee County municipality (Township, City, or Village) do you reside in?

160 Responses



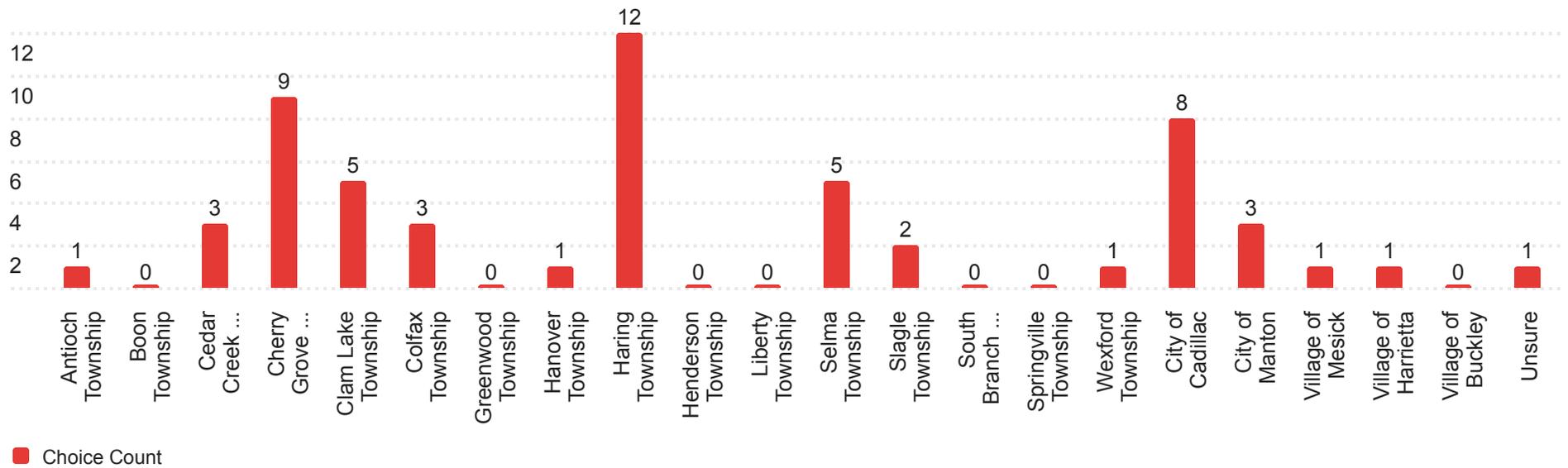
Q2D - What Missaukee County municipality (Township, City, or Village) do you reside in?

24 Responses



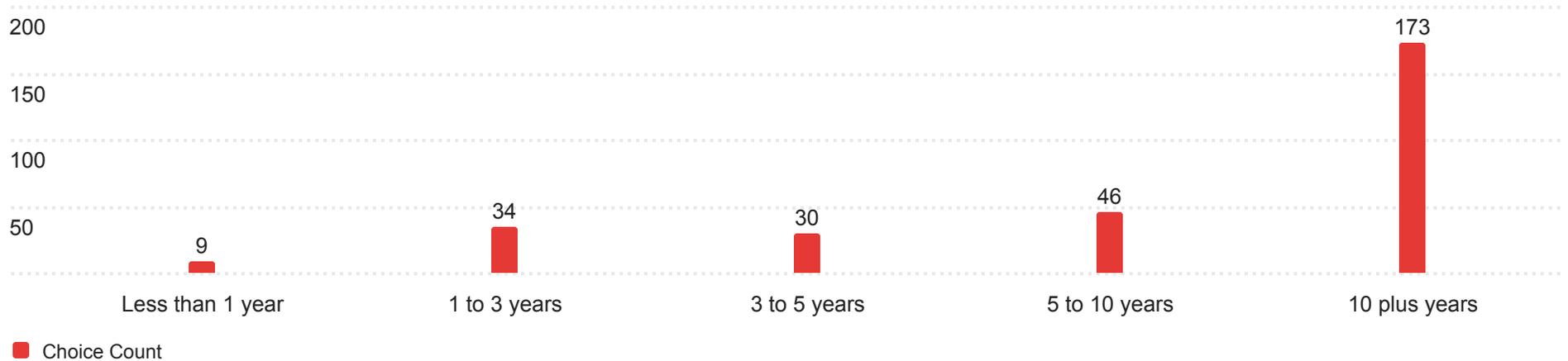
Q2E - What Wexford County municipality (Township, City, or Village) do you reside in?

56 Responses



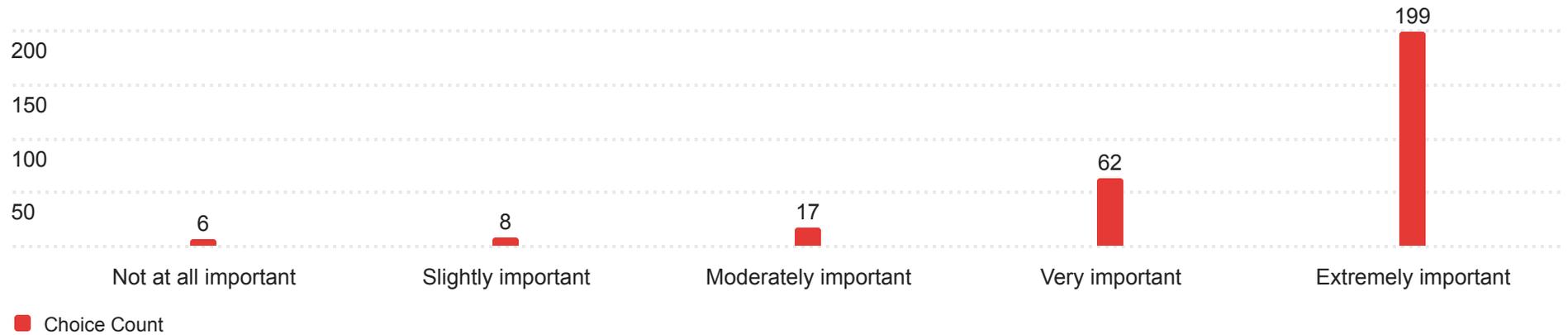
Q4 - How long have you lived at your primary residence?

292 Responses



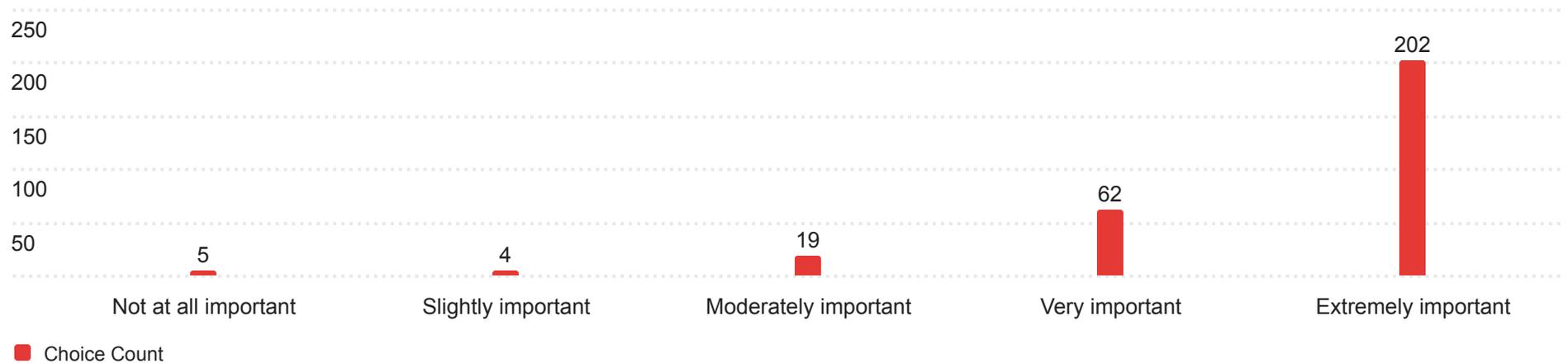
Q5 - How important do you believe recycling is for our communities, environment, and natural resources?

292 Responses



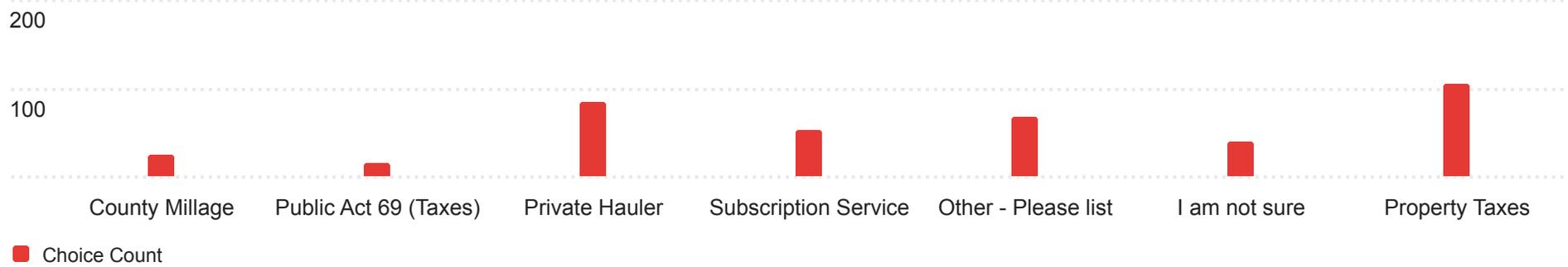
Q6 - How important is it for our community to reduce the amount of waste going into landfills?

292 Responses



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

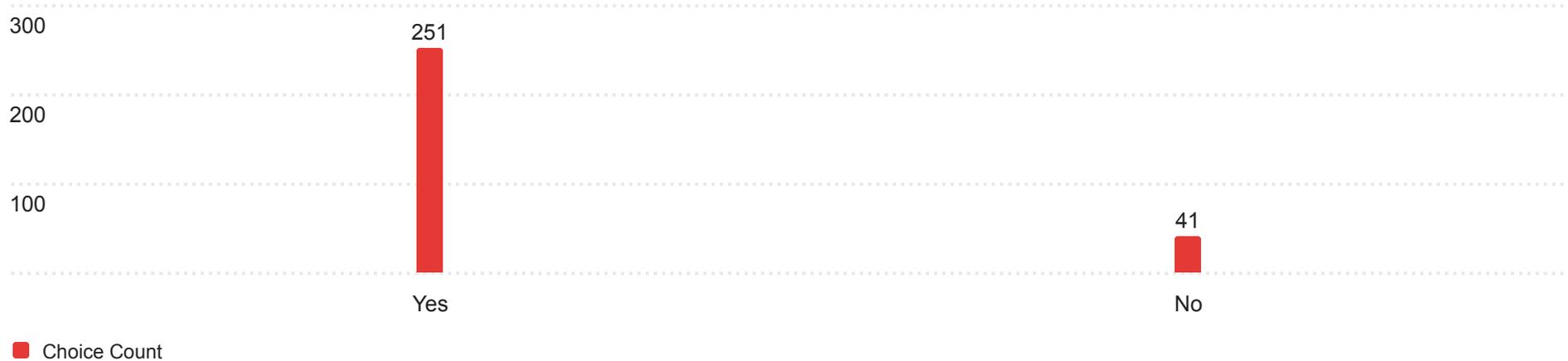
291 Responses



Other ways that material management services were paid for included water/sewer utility bills, local programs, taxes, prepaid trash bags, or through rent or association dues.

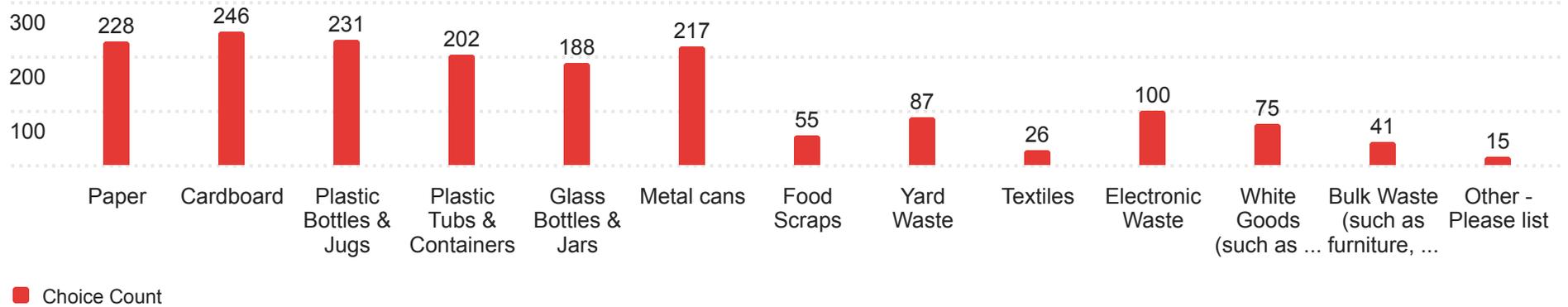
Q8 - Does your household currently participate in recycling?

292 Responses



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

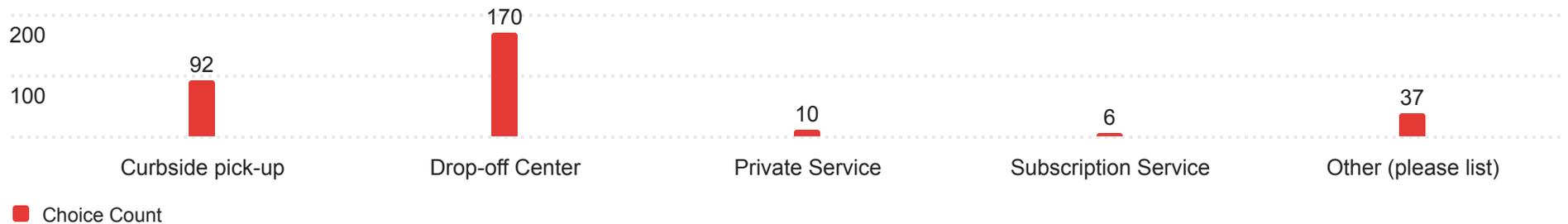
251 Responses



Other materials recycled included hazardous household waste, electronic waste, yard and good waste at home, and donating appliances and textiles.

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

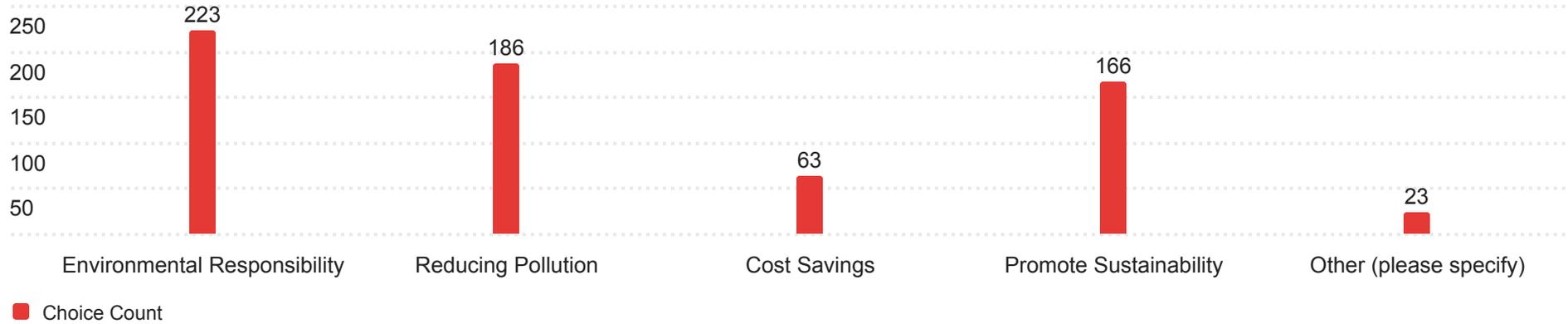
250 Responses



Other ways recycling is collected include at home composting, private drop-offs, newly implemented curbside pickup, and programs and businesses for large items.

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

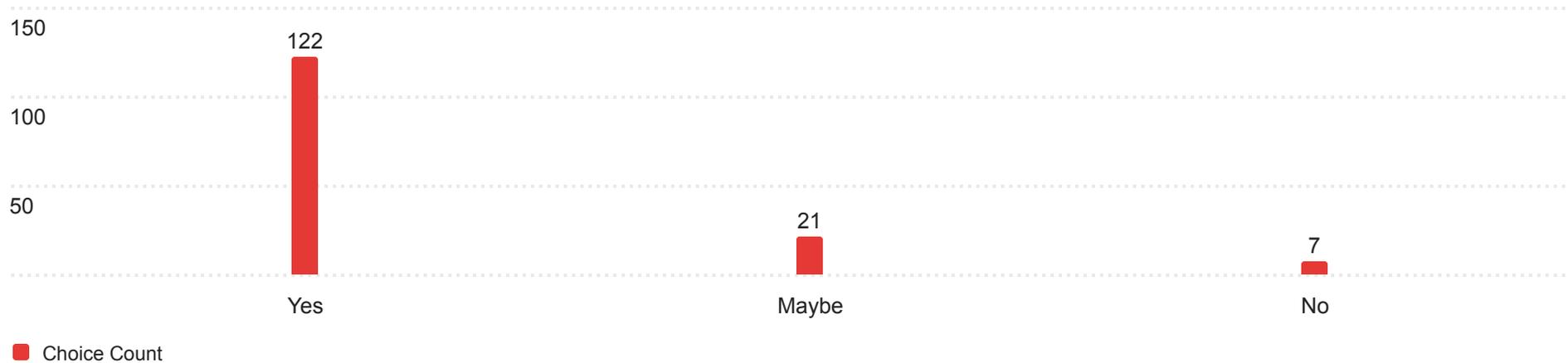
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Additional reasons for recycling included environmental protection, reduction of trash volumes, and feelings of mandatory recycling from taxes/fees.

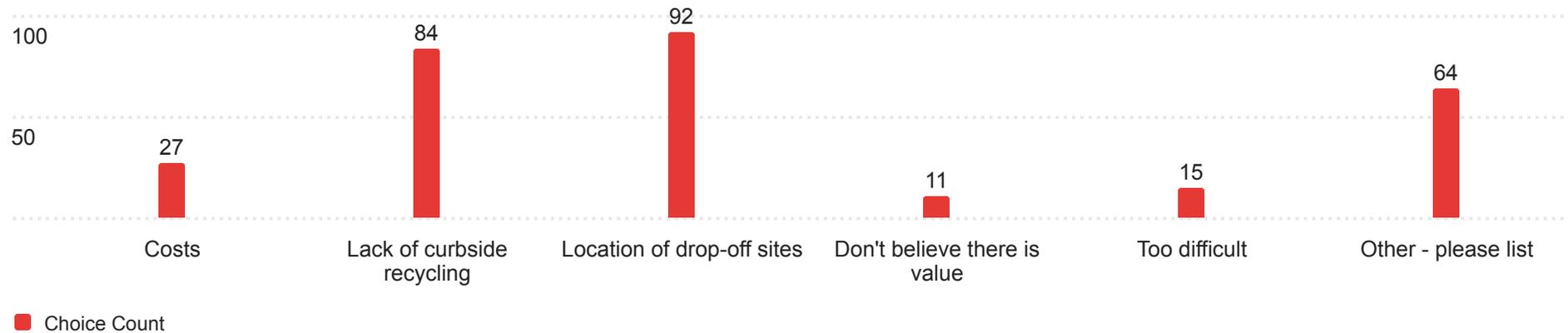
Q9 - If you don't recycle, would you be interested in increased recycling availability?

150 Responses



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

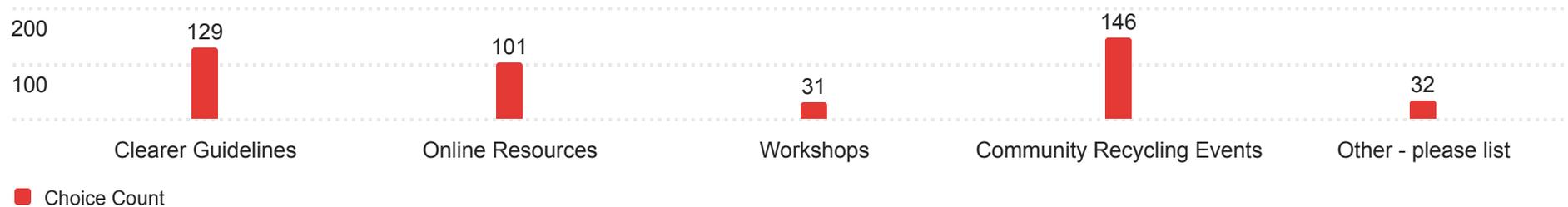
175 Responses



Other barriers to recycling included accessibility (locations too far, bins too full), confusion on what is allowed or not allowed, and transparency of recycled materials end life.

Q11 - What information or resources about recycling and waste reduction would you find helpful? Select all that apply. - Selected Choice

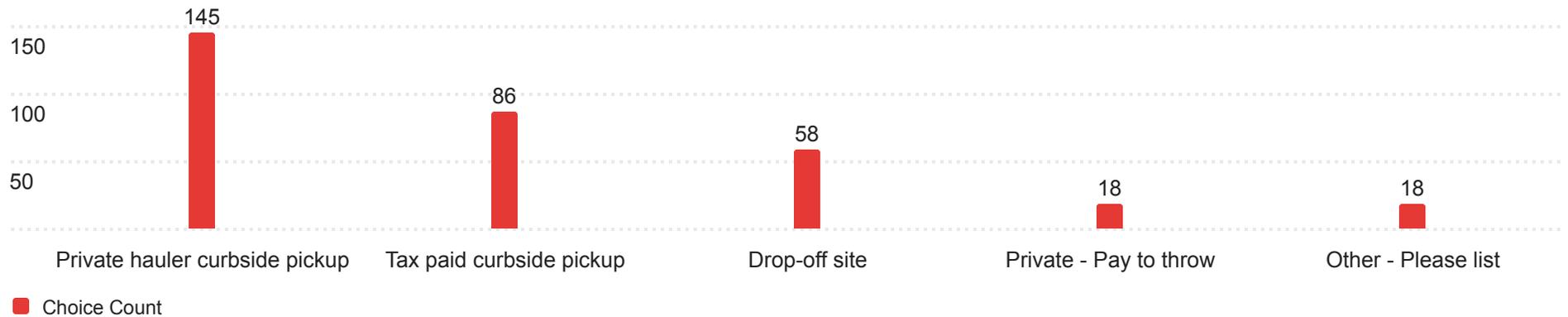
231 Responses



Other resources and information helpful for recycling and waste reduction include clear guidelines on what is and is not accepted, more frequent pick-ups, and transparency of recycled materials.

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

291 Responses



Other ways trash is disposed of include burning, taking back to primary residence, taking items to landfill, community dumpster, and utilizing special events for disposal.

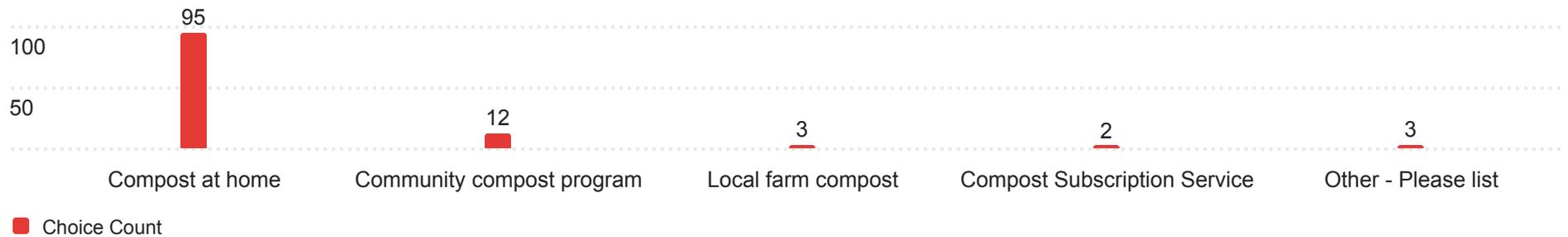
Q13 - Do you participate in composting?

291 Responses



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

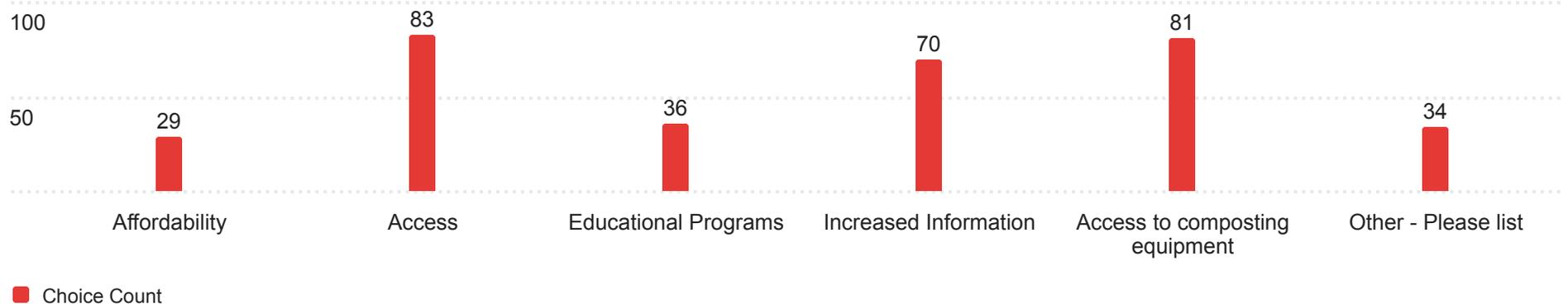
104 Responses



Other composting methods include community garden, local municipality or hauler yard waste pick up, and backyard composting.

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

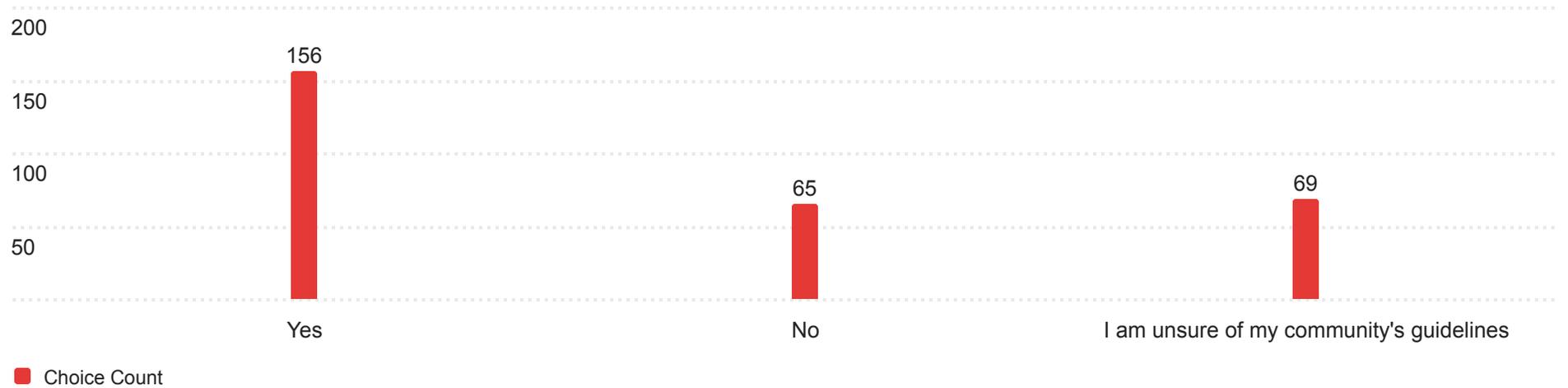
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Additional ways composting can be encouraged is through addressing animal attraction, lack of space to compost, inconvenience, cost, and physical ability to participate.

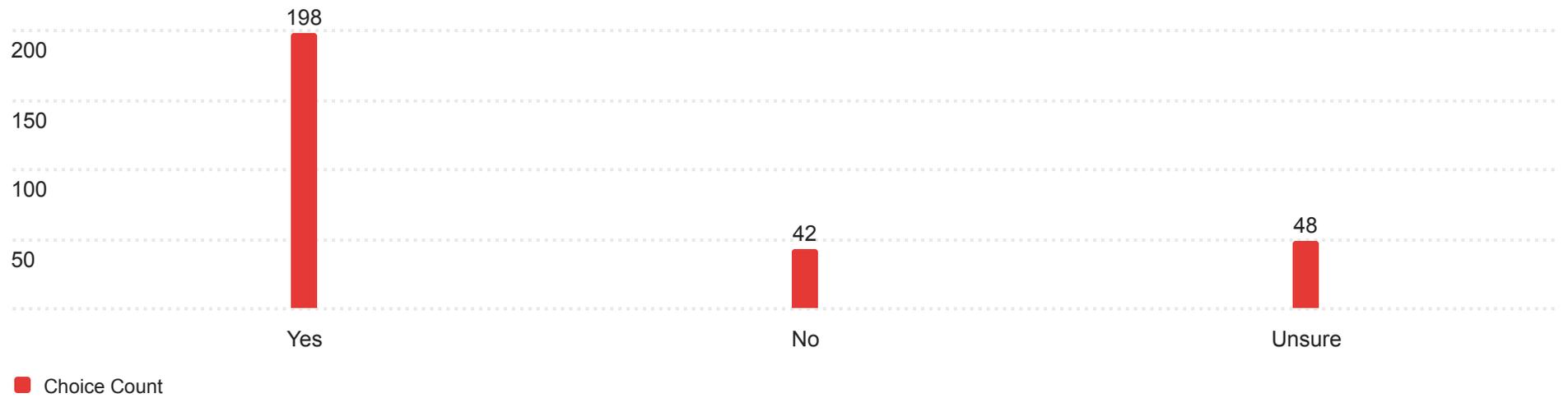
Q14 - Are the rules and guidelines clear for recycling in your community clear?

290 Responses



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

288 Responses



Q16- Are there any specific types of waste or materials that you find particularly difficult to recycle or dispose of properly?

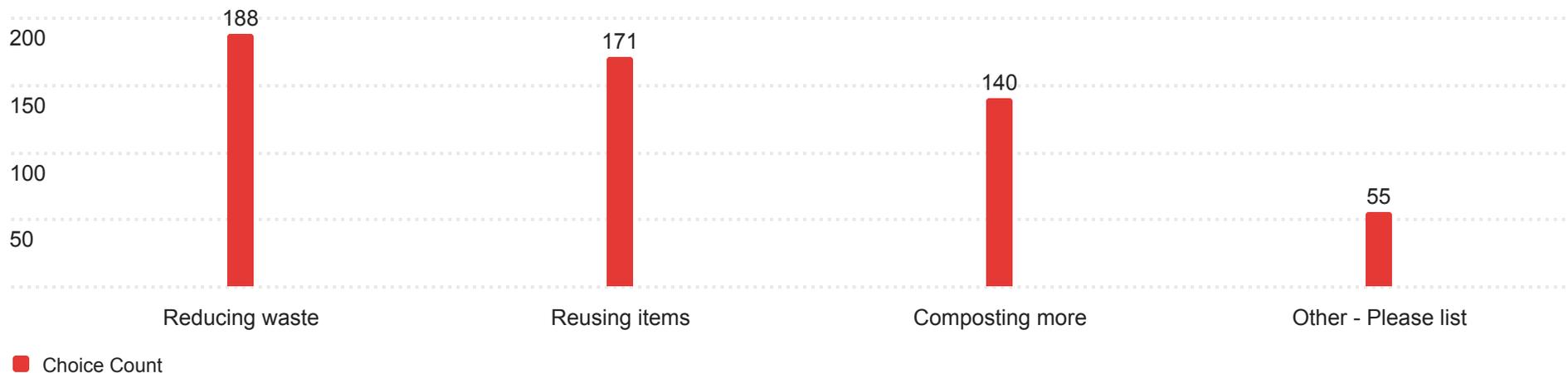
Please list all.

Materials that residents find difficult to dispose of or recycle properly include Styrofoam, plastic bags/film, plastics not accepted, electronic waste, paint and chemicals, tires, glass, appliances, furniture, and construction materials. Other concerns pertained to confusions on what is accepted and correct cleaning of materials for recycling.

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

Select all that apply. - Selected Choice

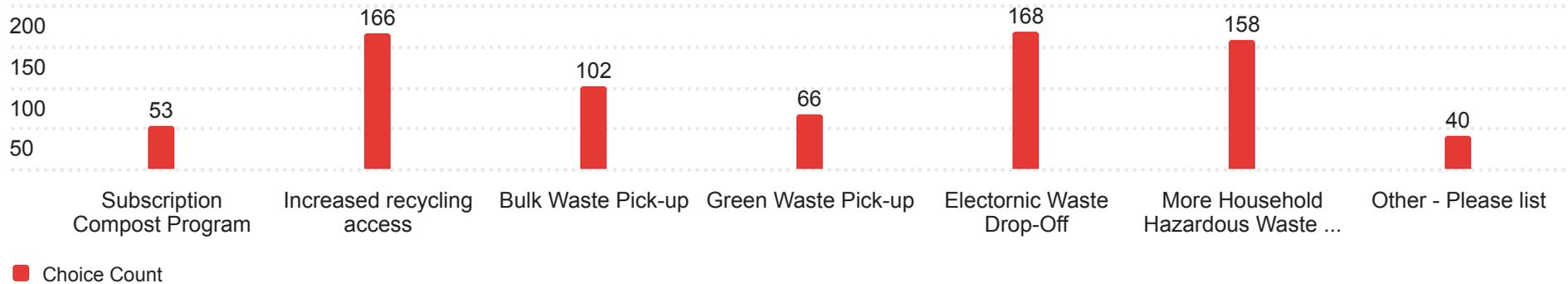
251 Responses



Other ways that communities can do a better job include expanding collection sites to accept more materials, more frequent household hazardous waste and electronic collections, clear education, and assurance of materials being recycled.

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

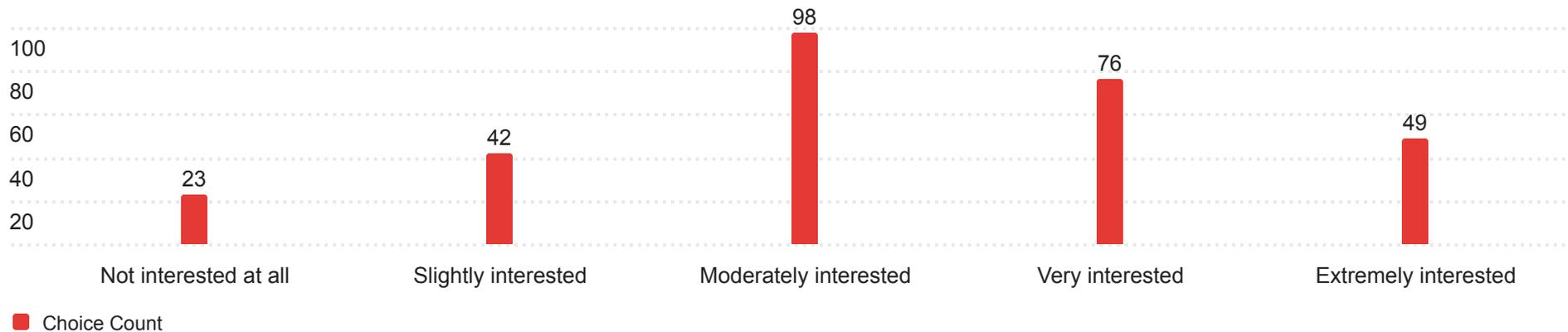
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Additional services that residents would like to see include more frequent collection events, yard and green waste clean up, single-stream and curbside recycling. There are concerns of increased costs for services.

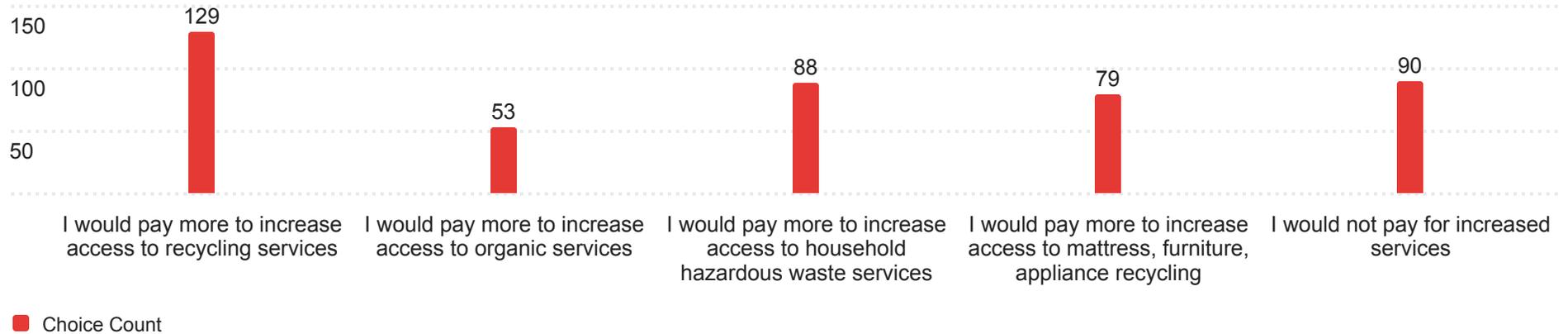
Q19 - How interested are you in learning more about waste reduction and management, recycling, and organics in your community?

288 Responses



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

272 Responses

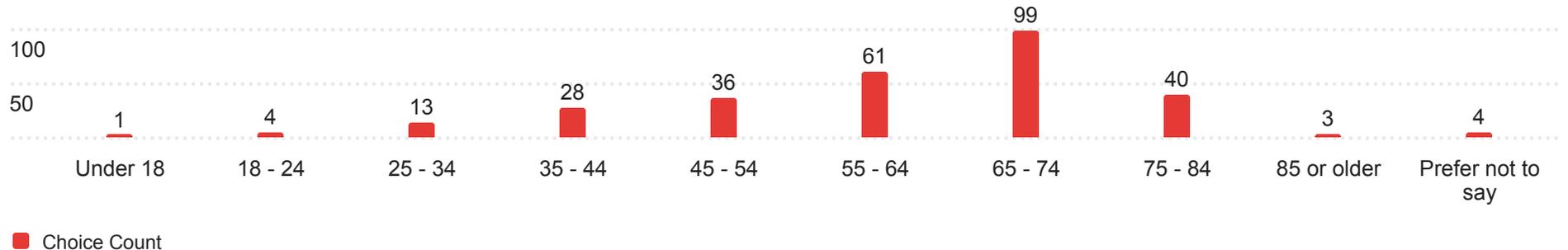


Q21 - Are there any other considerations in regards to materials management (trash, recycling, organics, etc.) planning that should be considered or examined by the respective Materials Management Planning Committees?

Considerations for the MMPC to consider include improved accessibility for all (locations, bin sizes), increased collection events, increased collection of drop-sites, support for at home composting, transparency that collected materials are recycled, maintenance of drop-sites, clear recycling guidelines, and being aware of costs.

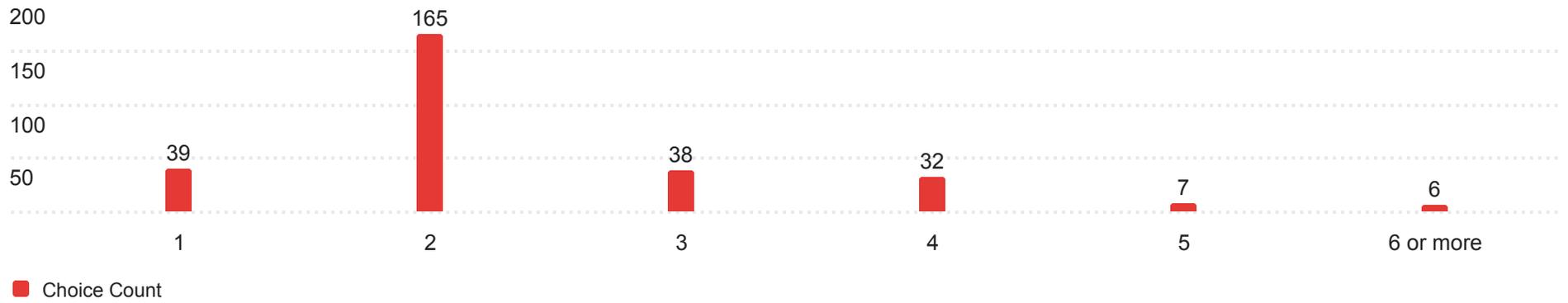
Q22 - What age range do you fall into?

289 Responses



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

287 Responses



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

288 Responses

