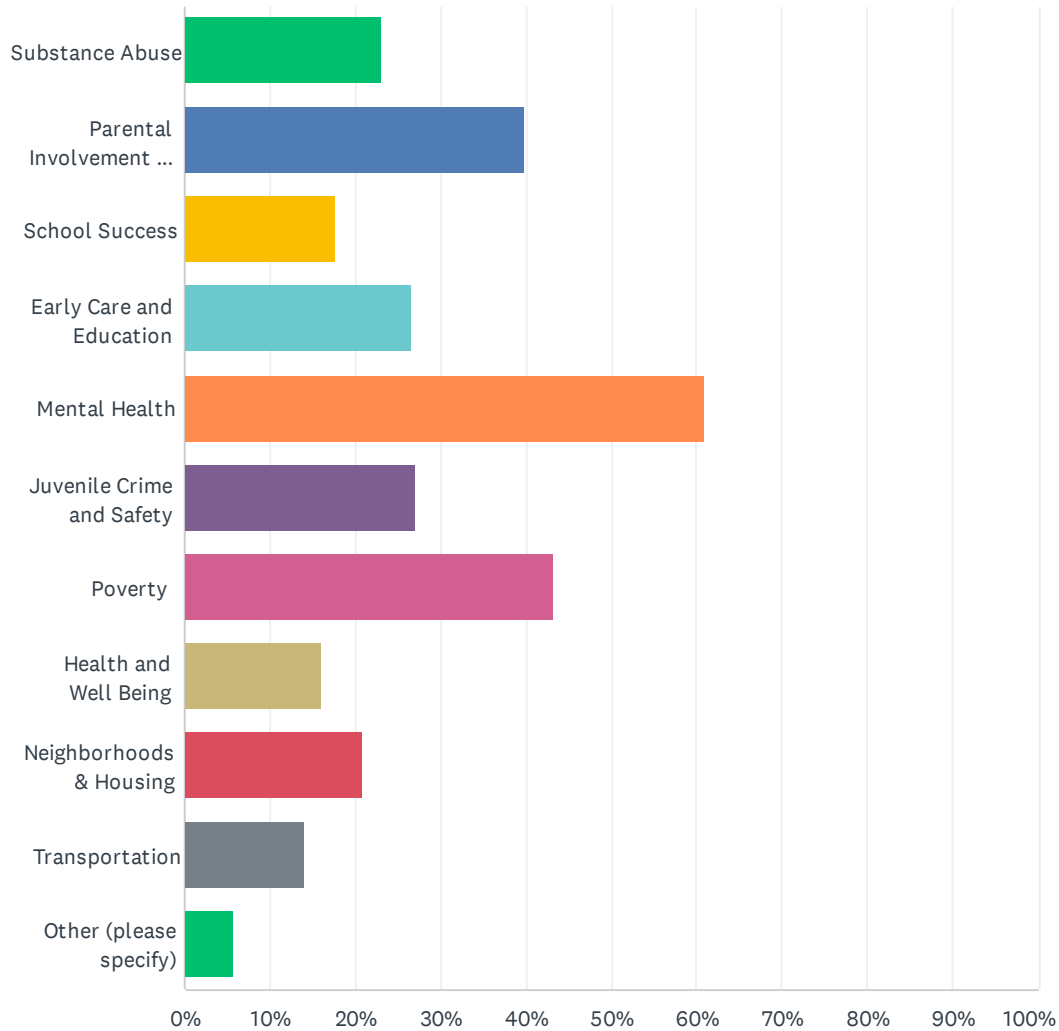


Q1 What are the TOP THREE (3) issues affecting children and families in Jefferson County? Check three from the list below.

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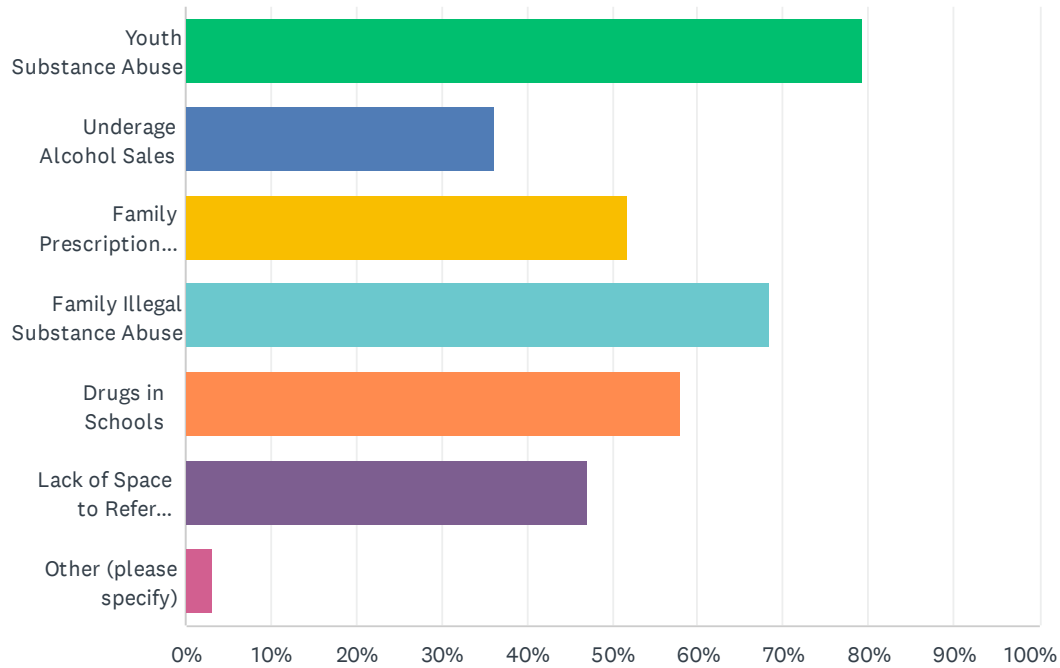


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Substance Abuse	23.01%	52
Parental Involvement and Family Engagement	39.82%	90
School Success	17.70%	40
Early Care and Education	26.55%	60
Mental Health	61.06%	138
Juvenile Crime and Safety	26.99%	61
Poverty	43.36%	98
Health and Well Being	15.93%	36
Neighborhoods & Housing	20.80%	47
Transportation	14.16%	32
Other (please specify)	5.75%	13
Total Respondents: 226		

Q2 Please select all that describe characteristics of substance abuse in Jefferson County.

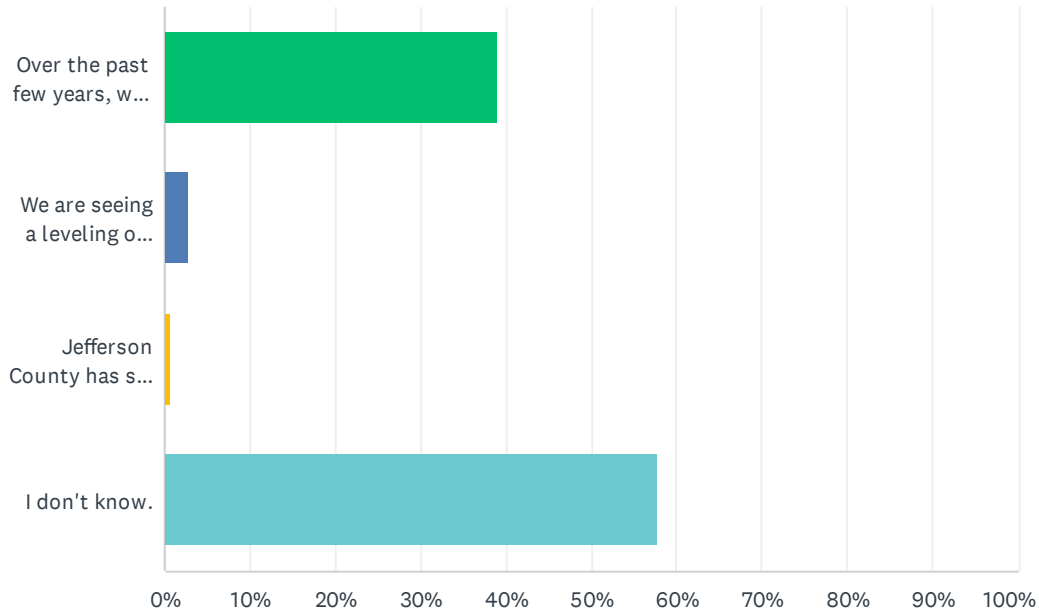
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Youth Substance Abuse	79.25%	168
Underage Alcohol Sales	36.32%	77
Family Prescription Abuse	51.89%	110
Family Illegal Substance Abuse	68.40%	145
Drugs in Schools	58.02%	123
Lack of Space to Refer Individuals with Addiction Issues	47.17%	100
Other (please specify)	3.30%	7
Total Respondents: 212		

Q3 Trends in Child Abuse: Mark the answer that best characterizes reports of child abuse in Jefferson County

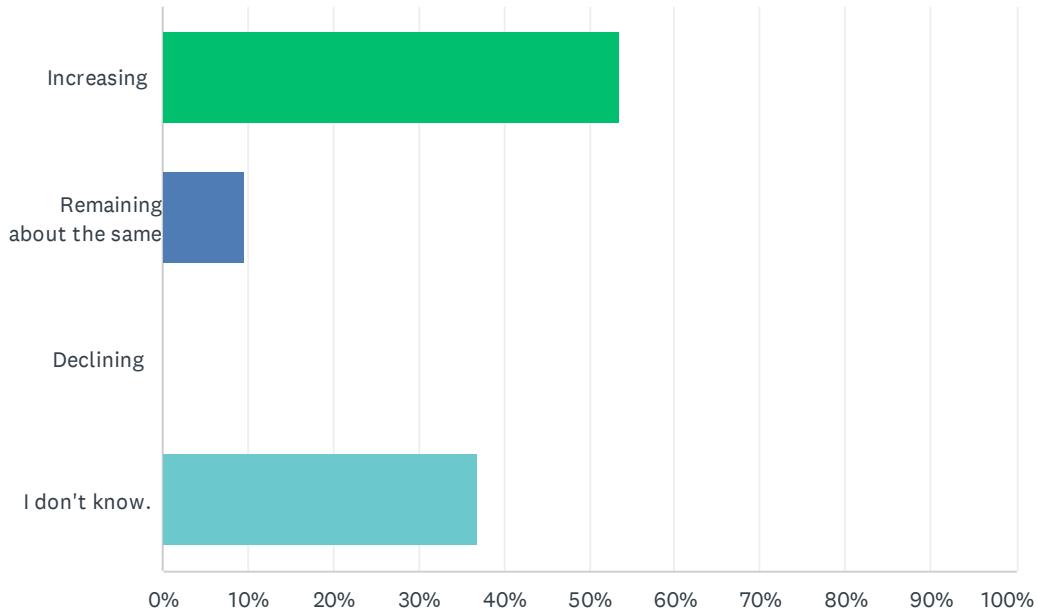
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Over the past few years, we have seen an increase in the number of reports of child abuse.	39.04%	73
We are seeing a leveling off of child abuse reports.	2.67%	5
Jefferson County has seen a decline in the reports of child abuse.	0.53%	1
I don't know.	57.75%	108
TOTAL		187

Q4 Domestic Violence: Select the choice that best characterizes domestic violence trends in Jefferson County.

Answered: 187 Skipped: 39



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Increasing	53.48%	100
Remaining about the same	9.63%	18
Declining	0.00%	0
I don't know.	36.90%	69
TOTAL		187

Q5 Describe community factors which may impact the trends in domestic violence and child abuse, including but not limited to, access to family counseling and mental health support.

Answered: 108 Skipped: 118

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The affordable housing crisis makes it harder for victims to leave and gain their own footing.	6/20/2023 1:54 PM
2	Drugs and alcohol abuse is major problem. Not enough free counseling for adults. Teachers in the community are not as caring or patient.	6/20/2023 1:39 PM
3	Congested living quarters in homes; no place for quiet time to unwind or study efficiently	6/20/2023 9:58 AM
4	lack of education and finances (financial instability); lack of employment	6/20/2023 9:55 AM
5	Limited counseling and mental health support Environment/Culture acceptance	6/19/2023 4:37 AM
6	Access to mental health Access to fair wage jobs	6/18/2023 3:56 PM
7	mental health support	6/18/2023 12:56 PM
8	Good jobs in the area	6/18/2023 11:10 AM
9	Food insecurity, lack of parenting education	6/17/2023 7:32 AM
10	There are minimal resources for mental health issues for children and adults which cause these issues to escalate. The options for help are even smaller if they have Medicaid or are uninsured.	6/16/2023 10:59 PM
11	Poverty, substance abuse, generational	6/16/2023 6:35 PM
12	Lack of money to provide for family.	6/16/2023 3:39 PM
13	Young mothers having to deal with issues in their own and don't have the support from the man that went half on the child.	6/16/2023 2:44 PM
14	Family Counseling in great as well as family quality time.	6/16/2023 2:08 PM
15	poverty, influence of COVID-19 pandemic, policies, lack of resources	6/16/2023 1:17 PM
16	Parents are running out of resources; the middle-class families are becoming the low-income families. It is very hard for them to find services. There is a huge lack of transportation in the area, what transportation that is available is not realistic an example is, some families have to be up at 3-4 AM to make it to DT Bham by 9:00 AM. It's hard for families to get anyone on the phone to help them when it comes to requesting services. The difference in quality of care between private insurance and Medicaid/Medicare, leaves many families without many options especially when it comes to accessing family counseling. The quality of housing in Jefferson CO, especially Section-8 puts many families at risk due to them being in high crime areas. Living in Jefferson CO is becoming unaffordable for a lot of families.	6/16/2023 12:29 PM
17	We are definitely in a mental health crisis right now, so if the numbers are getting worse, inadequate mental health care is definitely one reason for that.	6/16/2023 12:07 PM
18	Many families living below the poverty level and not accepting or admitting to having mental health issues.	6/16/2023 11:45 AM
19	Access and stigma around mental health services and counseling	6/16/2023 11:09 AM
20	Poverty and drug abuse, adds to guns and other weapons. Lack of access to mental health services.	6/16/2023 10:24 AM
21	Education, lack of resources, missing family involvement, additional resources for parents, & early intervention services readily available vs extreme waiting lists and far off apt dates	6/16/2023 10:24 AM

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22	Since the covid pandemic, these issues are getting worse.	6/16/2023 10:23 AM
23	Poverty, single parent homes, drug usage increase, lack of parental involvement and rearing of the children.	6/16/2023 10:10 AM
24	Mental health support, financial support, and lack of a supportive network	6/16/2023 10:09 AM
25	Economy, effects of Covid, family support in communities	6/16/2023 10:03 AM
26	drugs	6/14/2023 10:08 AM
27	I dont know	6/14/2023 10:02 AM
28	Lack of family support Unwillingness to report out of fear or embarrassment	6/14/2023 9:41 AM
29	Lack of parenting skills	6/13/2023 10:45 PM
30	Underage parents, lack of educational, and poor choices	6/13/2023 9:07 PM
31	Many families remaining at home due to continued concerns with viruses and other health related concerns. Adults not in workforce or continuing to work from home. Children not fully returning to school or child care.	6/13/2023 3:59 PM
32	Caregiver support resources ie respite services	6/12/2023 7:52 AM
33	ESL families, stress, poverty, lack of needed resources for marginalized populations	6/11/2023 11:42 AM
34	COVID quarantine + poverty + insurance undercoverage	6/10/2023 8:53 AM
35	Lack of jobs Stress from lack of income Housing crisis	6/9/2023 3:21 PM
36	Giving families a living wage and if they don't receive that their family is put under major stress that increases DV	6/9/2023 2:00 PM
37	Support from community, mental health access, poverty, lack of educating families	6/9/2023 11:57 AM
38	poverty	6/9/2023 11:34 AM
39	Increase in access to weapons and more dangerous acts of violence.	6/9/2023 10:00 AM
40	Under resourced families find themselves in stressful situations/high tension.	6/8/2023 7:50 PM
41	Effective programs.	6/8/2023 6:33 PM
42	STRESS! People are over loaded with responsibilities. Trying to take care of children and work responsibilities. Most people can't afford counseling and don't know how to deal.	6/8/2023 6:16 PM
43	There are waiting list for individual and family counseling across the board when it comes to mental health. In regards to Child Abuse there are not enough DHR workers to investigate CANS and there are not enough workers to provide ongoing services. Many children and families are not receiving services and even when a report is made there is no follow through.	6/8/2023 5:45 PM
44	poverty, education & domestic violence awareness	6/8/2023 4:17 PM
45	Lack of adequate police numbers to provide support Lack of awareness where to go in trouble Access to family counseling, mental health and drug and alcohol abuse.	6/8/2023 3:49 PM
46	Lack of child care, housing and living job wages.	6/8/2023 2:12 PM
47	Lack of financial resources and access to opportunities.	6/8/2023 2:05 PM
48	Mental health resources that are more affordable. There is a need for more community engagement and internet safety.	6/8/2023 1:37 PM
49	Lack of access to behavioral therapy for children diagnosed with autism. Such leads to child abuse for some or even domestic abuse.	6/8/2023 1:21 PM
50	Substance abuse treatment is needed. Many times violence in the home occurs during substance use.	6/8/2023 11:57 AM
51	Reliable resources	6/8/2023 11:08 AM
52	unknown	6/8/2023 10:11 AM

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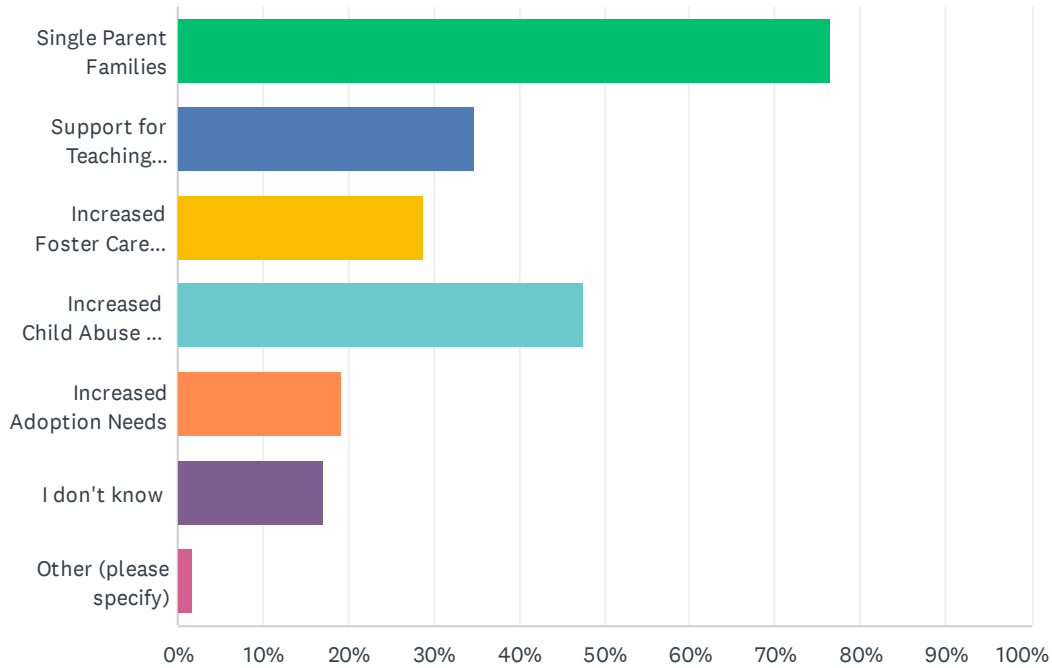
53	poverty	6/8/2023 9:29 AM
54	Alabama Medicaid does not encompass family. Men usually are not eligible after age 19. Mental Health are at an all time high right at the age Alabama Medicaid ends for 19 year olds unless they are pregnant or have children.	6/8/2023 8:38 AM
55	Not being aware of all the resources that are available, negative reputation for the foster care system, decreased involvement in neighborhood and community members	6/8/2023 8:20 AM
56	access to substance abuse support and addiction services family engagement support in school local school systems	6/8/2023 8:20 AM
57	Access to family counseling, loss of family values, lack of mental health support, increase presence of violence in media.	6/8/2023 8:12 AM
58	Family counseling, mental health, increase in drugs in the area, poverty, government laws (gun laws), etc.	6/8/2023 7:57 AM
59	Perpetrators are becoming smarter in isolating victims and avoiding authorities.	6/8/2023 7:51 AM
60	poor parenting skills , parents are more focused on their own needs and not the needs of their children	6/8/2023 7:49 AM
61	Parents knowledge level	6/8/2023 7:00 AM
62	Immediate access without being put on a waiting list access to domestic violence shelters for those is crisis with inhouse mental health counselors on staff to provide services. (a mini emergency crisis center for domestic violence participants and their children that can house multiple families).	6/8/2023 6:50 AM
63	N/A	6/7/2023 8:13 PM
64	Financial stress, lack of mental health and health care	6/7/2023 5:38 PM
65	n/a	6/2/2023 11:33 AM
66	Mental Health system is broken. No help available unless you are a substance abuser and hard to get an appointment with a good mental health doctor or counselor	6/2/2023 11:26 AM
67	lack of mental health support misuse of controlled substances	5/31/2023 10:10 AM
68	Lack of education around this topic. Additionally, I have found that many victims are unclear about what a healthy relationship looks like.	5/30/2023 1:42 PM
69	Systemic racism; inadequate mental health supports; plethora of guns and lack of gun control; hopelessness.	5/25/2023 4:09 PM
70	Access to to mental health services Family dynamics within the home Access to quality education/ after school activities	5/24/2023 12:49 PM
71	poverty	5/24/2023 8:12 AM
72	Substance misuse and education among victims which limits opportunities to excel within society.	5/23/2023 3:37 PM
73	Neighborhood influence	5/23/2023 2:12 PM
74	poverty, lack of education, gun culture, drug abuse	5/23/2023 12:41 PM
75	Community factors are impacted by untreated mental health and substance abuse needs. The rising cost of basic needs also lend to this trend.	5/23/2023 12:05 PM
76	Family counseling, mental health and failing DHR system	5/23/2023 9:44 AM
77	Historical and current trauma, viewpoints of treatment vs supporting, the journey from abuse to getting helps	5/23/2023 9:24 AM
78	Inflation and low pay	5/23/2023 9:18 AM
79	Substance Use resources, Mental Health Services	5/23/2023 7:34 AM
80	The parents work to much. And the economy is not enough.	5/23/2023 6:56 AM

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81	long wait to access mental health Medicaid not accepted by most MH providers Adults often do not have Medicaid	5/22/2023 9:15 PM
82	Limited family support Lack of coping strategies No mental health resources	5/22/2023 4:54 PM
83	A disconnected community that fosters abuse and violent neighborhoods where children are not safe even in their own homes.	5/22/2023 3:31 PM
84	Unemployment; alcohol and substance abuse; access to mental health support	5/22/2023 3:22 PM
85	Inflation - higher cost of living. Single parent homes. Lack of male role model in the home.	5/22/2023 3:08 PM
86	Definitely mental health support.	5/22/2023 2:22 PM
87	mental health support, drug use, poverty, lack of summer and out of school care	5/22/2023 2:10 PM
88	Low income - higher prices - lack of financial mobility	5/22/2023 11:54 AM
89	Government resources being cut down or off. There are some parents still not working although there are jobs available and those that went in business for themselves have either failed or not securing enough income to support the household has increased stress in both parents and children	5/22/2023 10:22 AM
90	There are not enough psychiatrists, psychologists and LPCs who serve youth and adolescents. There are not enough out patient and in patient treatment facilities for youth and adolescents dealing with mental health issues.	5/22/2023 9:31 AM
91	Lack of mental health services poverty substance abuse	5/22/2023 7:49 AM
92	Lack of child care, resources and unemployment.	5/19/2023 10:40 PM
93	Lack of job , education and family poverty	5/19/2023 6:29 PM
94	The Pandemic. Limited Support for School Counselors	5/19/2023 1:28 PM
95	Mental health and family counseling stigma in the black community and brown community.	5/19/2023 12:43 PM
96	fewer resources/availability of resources	5/19/2023 12:02 PM
97	Untreated mental health issues of parents with children with special needs.	5/19/2023 12:01 PM
98	parenting support, parenting education, healthy relationship education, less 2 parent households, parental substance abuse	5/19/2023 11:52 AM
99	Covid, cost of housing/living, co-habituating	5/19/2023 11:02 AM
100	Poverty	5/19/2023 10:56 AM
101	Unwillingness to access available services and seek assistance.	5/19/2023 10:22 AM
102	lack of mental health support and financial strains	5/19/2023 9:45 AM
103	Increased awareness/acceptance of seeking out mental health resources and support; lack of parental involvement	5/19/2023 9:36 AM
104	Covid, living cost, mental health issues and lack of treatment	5/19/2023 9:20 AM
105	Accessibility to resources for daily needs, employment, availability of educational/career literacy, financial assistance	5/19/2023 9:19 AM
106	The recognition that emotional abuse is just as damaging as physical abuse, but the lack of resources to help address those cases as fully (generational cycles!)	5/19/2023 9:13 AM
107	Access to resources in other languages, police response, lack of age-appropriate sex education for young children who may not know what sexual abuse is/realize it's happening to them	5/19/2023 7:51 AM
108	living in poverty, low wage paying jobs, stress, substance abuse	5/19/2023 7:26 AM

Q6 Which components of parental involvement and family engagement apply to Jefferson County?

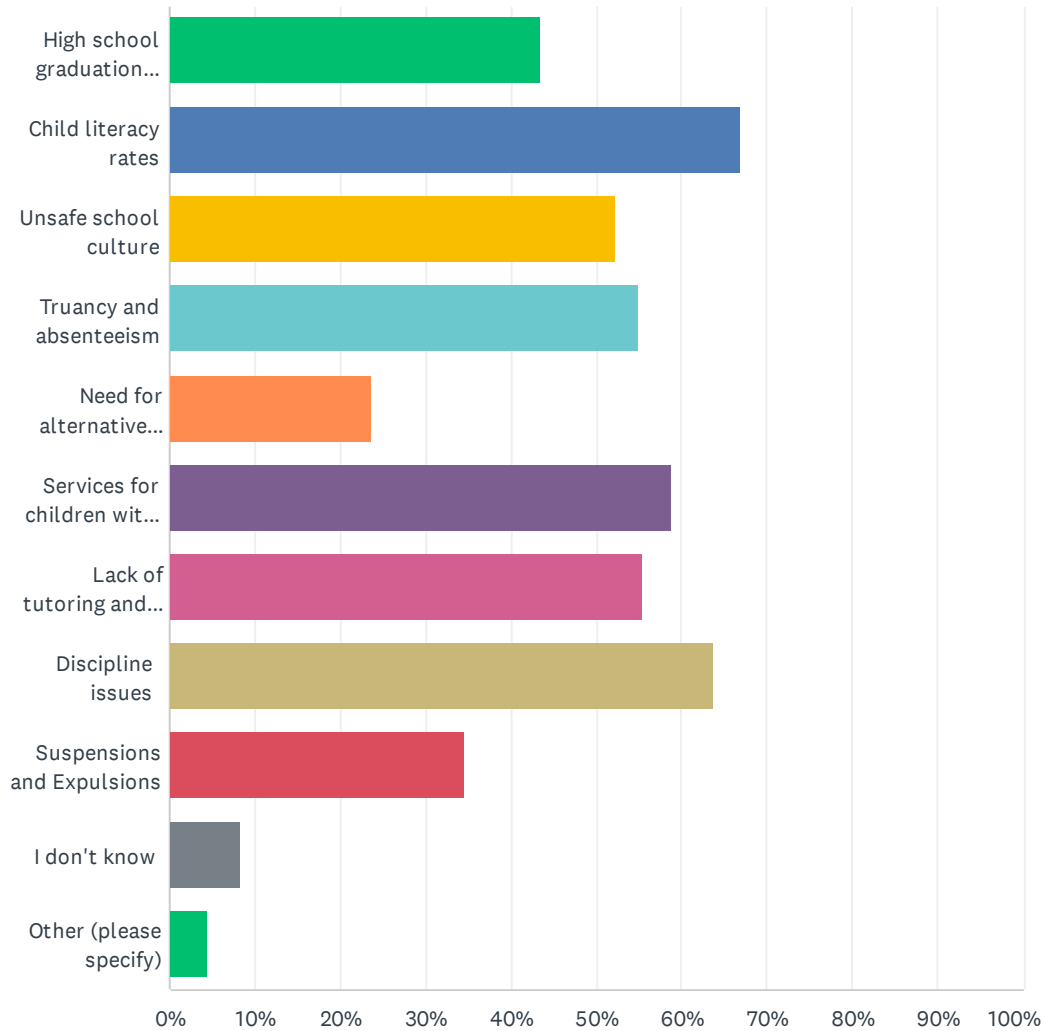
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Single Parent Families	76.47%	143
Support for Teaching Children at Home	34.76%	65
Increased Foster Care Placements	28.88%	54
Increased Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Rates	47.59%	89
Increased Adoption Needs	19.25%	36
I don't know	17.11%	32
Other (please specify)	1.60%	3
Total Respondents: 187		

Q7 School Success: Please mark all the items that apply to Jefferson County's needs related to school success.

Answered: 182 Skipped: 44

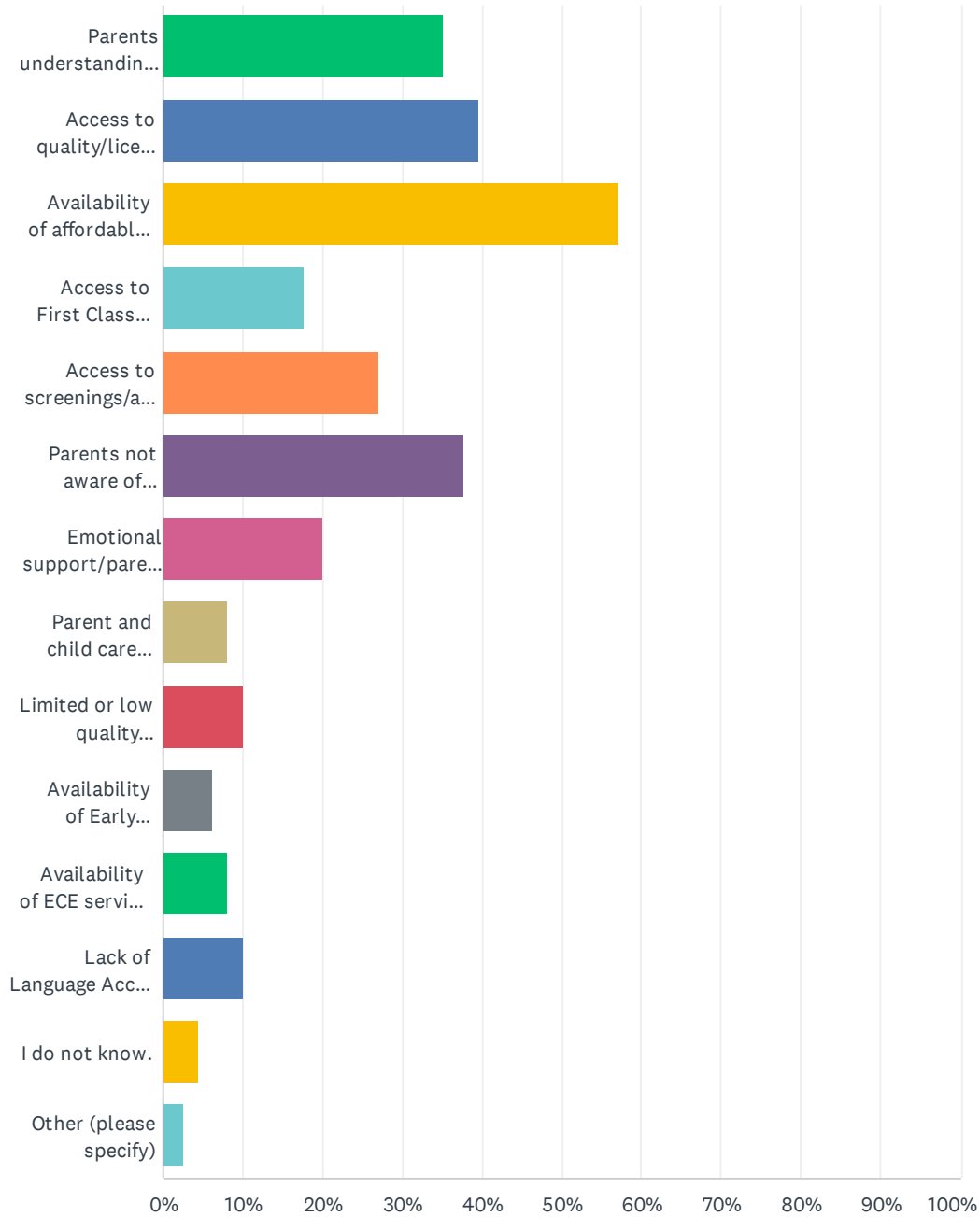


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
High school graduation rates	43.41%	79
Child literacy rates	67.03%	122
Unsafe school culture	52.20%	95
Truancy and absenteeism	54.95%	100
Need for alternative school placements	23.63%	43
Services for children with special needs	58.79%	107
Lack of tutoring and specialized teachers outside school hours	55.49%	101
Discipline issues	63.74%	116
Suspensions and Expulsions	34.62%	63
I don't know	8.24%	15
Other (please specify)	4.40%	8
Total Respondents: 182		

Q8 Early Care and Early Childhood Education: Please select the TOP THREE (3) issues that you think are the biggest issues/concerns related to the early care and early childhood education of infants and young children in Jefferson County.

Answered: 159 Skipped: 67



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Parents understanding importance of reading to their children birth to 5	35.22%	56
Access to quality/licensed child care/family care	39.62%	63
Availability of affordable child care	57.23%	91
Access to First Class Pre-K/Head Start programs	17.61%	28
Access to screenings/assessments to identify problems early (health, mental health/emotional well-being, and developmental)	27.04%	43
Parents not aware of available services and programs or don't know how to apply for them	37.74%	60
Emotional support/parenting support programs and resources for parents	20.13%	32
Parent and child care provider education re: food and nutrition, particularly with limited budgets	8.18%	13
Limited or low quality professional development for child care providers/early education teachers	10.06%	16
Availability of Early Intervention/Home Visitation Services	6.29%	10
Availability of ECE services for children with special needs birth to 5	8.18%	13
Lack of Language Access ESL Early education services/child care	10.06%	16
I do not know.	4.40%	7
Other (please specify)	2.52%	4
Total Respondents: 159		

Q9 Provide information about access to, and affordability of, childcare for working families in Jefferson County.

Answered: 68 Skipped: 158

Q10 In instances where there is not sufficient access to childcare or it is not affordable, how does this impact Jefferson County's workforce? Where do children go for care?

Answered: 80 Skipped: 146

Q11 Describe those populations which are under-represented in early care and education. These are populations which may specifically be hard to reach and may come to kindergarten less prepared than other students.

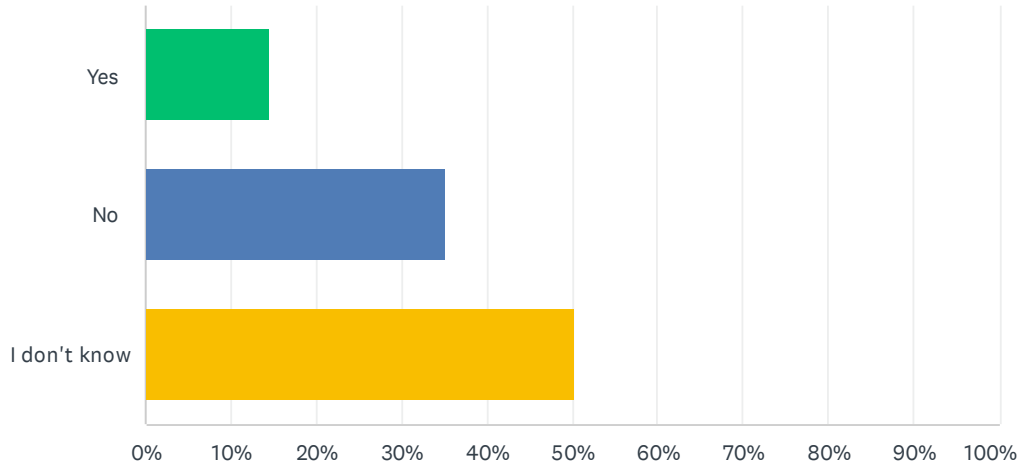
Answered: 70 Skipped: 156

Q12 Describe the opportunities and barriers to collaboration and coordination within the early care and learning community.

Answered: 54 Skipped: 172

Q13 Does Jefferson County have sufficient access to home visiting programs such as HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters), PAT (Parents as Teachers), Nurse Family Partnership (NFP), or other Home Visiting programs?

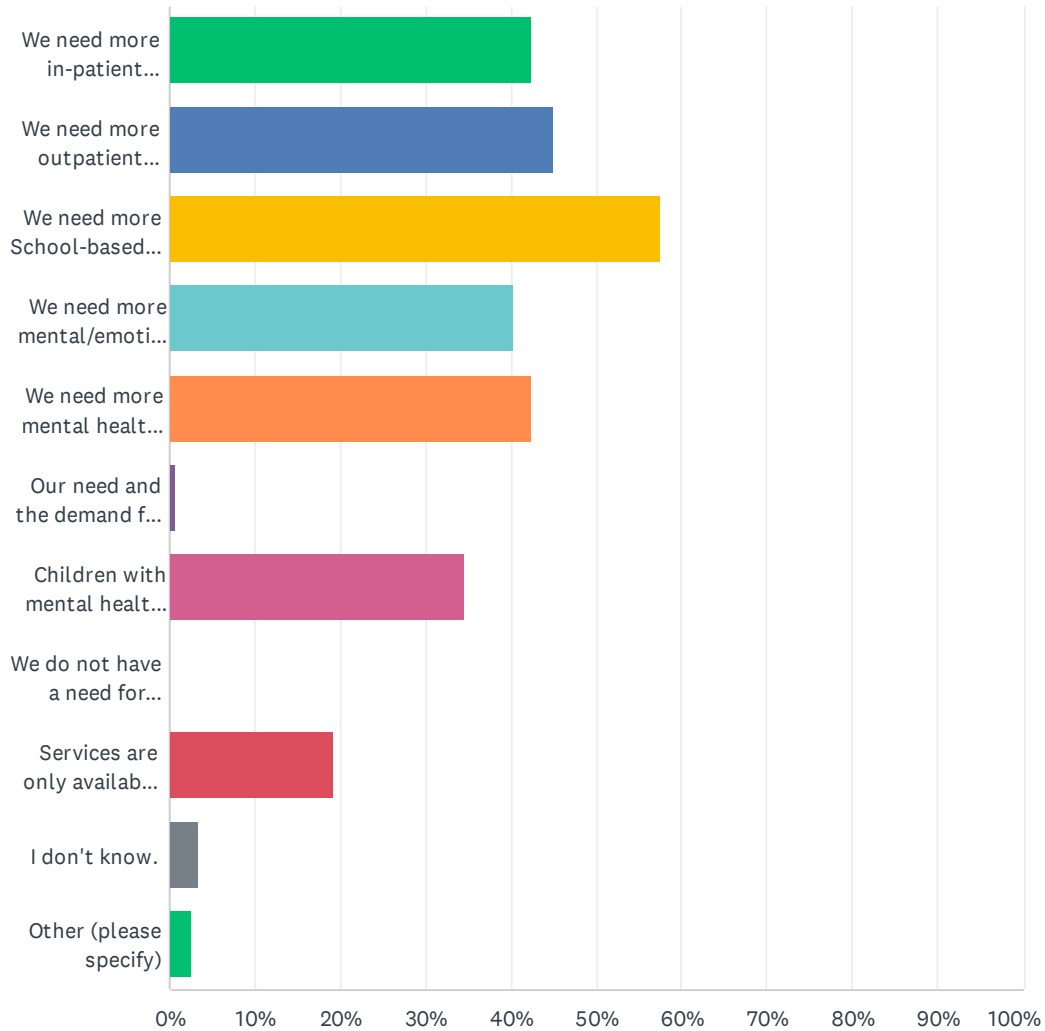
Answered: 159 Skipped: 67



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	14.47%	23
No	35.22%	56
I don't know	50.31%	80
TOTAL		159

Q14 Select the TOP THREE (3) issues pertaining to Mental Health affecting children and families in Jefferson County.

Answered: 151 Skipped: 75



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
We need more in-patient mental health services for all ages.	42.38%	64
We need more outpatient mental health services for all ages.	45.03%	68
We need more School-based mental health services.	57.62%	87
We need more mental/emotional/behavioral health services for children birth to 8 years.	40.40%	61
We need more mental health counselors trained in trauma-based therapies.	42.38%	64
Our need and the demand for mental health services match pretty well.	0.66%	1
Children with mental health issues is a growing problem in our county.	34.44%	52
We do not have a need for mental health services in our county.	0.00%	0
Services are only available for those with the ability to pay.	19.21%	29
I don't know.	3.31%	5
Other (please specify)	2.65%	4
Total Respondents: 151		

Q15 Describe how mental health unmet needs are currently addressed.

Answered: 65 Skipped: 161

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Mental health in children need to be identified earlier to help them at the beginning stages.	6/20/2023 1:58 PM
2	Access to programming, cultural acceptance, more in schools available	6/19/2023 4:41 AM
3	For many they are not until the need for hospitalization or an episode.	6/18/2023 4:08 PM
4	They aren't addressed effectively. Most of the children are labeled as behavior problems and dismissed from programs because no one knows how to handle them.	6/18/2023 11:19 AM
5	Needs are not being met for inpatient treatment; hospitals are turning children away who are desperately in need of services as well as lack of services	6/17/2023 7:38 AM
6	"Go to ER"	6/16/2023 11:05 PM
7	Not sure how they are addressed if: 1. They are not screened by the provider/school and if referred, 2. Do parents follow through to physician for professional testing/diagnosis and 3. If parents are accepting of diagnosis.	6/16/2023 6:56 PM
8	I'm not sure.	6/16/2023 3:48 PM
9	Referrals and medications	6/16/2023 3:10 PM
10	There are some services available for families, but there are many families who are not familiar with what is available.	6/16/2023 11:57 AM
11	we utilize the crisis center	6/16/2023 10:27 AM
12	They're not	6/16/2023 10:27 AM
13	Through federal and state funding that is about to run out. Mental health coordinators in school districts have helped quite a bit.	6/16/2023 10:15 AM
14	I don't believe they are addressed. I believe they show up in classrooms and are treated as misbehavior in a very reactionary way.	6/16/2023 10:13 AM
15	Unsure	6/13/2023 9:13 PM
16	Insufficiently and not timely. Need more accessible and affordable therapists/counselors.	6/13/2023 4:04 PM
17	autism is often an exclusionary criteria for mental health services, even if they are co-occurring.	6/12/2023 12:55 PM
18	These people are destined for lives that are harder to cope with. Simple skills take more effort. They could be doomed to poverty and unhappiness.	6/10/2023 9:04 AM
19	I am unsure.	6/9/2023 2:04 PM
20	Great steps have been taken by putting MHSC/ Social Workers in schools	6/8/2023 9:22 PM
21	behaviors have heightened in classroom	6/8/2023 7:00 PM
22	Nothing is being done	6/8/2023 6:31 PM
23	Unmet needs are not really addressed. I don't understand the question. If you mean what happens when someone doesn't receive needed mental health services then the following can occur: children can end up in the Juvenile Justice System, homeless, abused, neglected. etc. Schools are overwhelmed and teachers should not be required to be mental health providers as well.	6/8/2023 3:56 PM
24	Through contracts with mental health counselors.	6/8/2023 2:25 PM
25	Children are left in ER's waiting for help and parents soon give up. I am sorry but to be in an	6/8/2023 1:29 PM

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	ER for over 6 hours with a screaming child, could you really handle it?	
26	Children with unmet needs get suspended or expelled from school.	6/8/2023 12:08 PM
27	unknown	6/8/2023 10:13 AM
28	Lack of early detection and intervention	6/8/2023 9:42 AM
29	It is ignored and undiagnosed.	6/8/2023 9:39 AM
30	They are not! I am not aware of services or programs to refer a family or child that are not eligible for Medicaid.	6/8/2023 9:00 AM
31	I don't think they are addressed. Usually after something happens is when authorities and family/friends will step in and come up with a plan or the person is just put in jail instead of a mental health facility	6/8/2023 8:39 AM
32	Most mental health needs are not being addressed in the primary language of individuals, further discouraging them from getting the services they need.	6/8/2023 8:22 AM
33	Not many mental health needs are being met at this time, especially to the people who do not have insurance or insurance does not cover this.	6/8/2023 8:16 AM
34	they are not	6/8/2023 8:05 AM
35	Misdiagnosed; left unaddressed; left for educators to figure out	6/8/2023 7:07 AM
36	N/A	6/7/2023 8:17 PM
37	Children are funneled into severely underfunded community mental health agencies if they receive treatment at all. When they do not have access to providers with the capacity to dedicate appropriate attention (due to funding, not care of providers,) they tend to be poorly and/or overly medicated. Therapy is not prioritized to the same degree that medical management is.	6/5/2023 9:02 AM
38	They are not, in my opinion	6/2/2023 11:34 AM
39	the child is asked to leave the program	5/31/2023 10:19 AM
40	I think that there is an increase in education around importance of mental health. Most of the efforts I have witnessed have been with grass roots approaches in offering free or low cost services.	5/30/2023 1:51 PM
41	Children are often waitlisted to receive care	5/24/2023 1:01 PM
42	long waiting lists and lack of insurance coverage	5/24/2023 8:18 AM
43	Often not	5/23/2023 2:23 PM
44	children fall through the cracks	5/23/2023 12:45 PM
45	There are lack of providers for medicaid patients because medicaid makes it so hard for providers to continue to code/bill.	5/23/2023 9:38 AM
46	Promoting wellness and mental health in the community. Affordable health.	5/23/2023 9:35 AM
47	with substance use suspensions ill behaviors	5/22/2023 9:40 PM
48	Refer all children to JBS	5/22/2023 5:03 PM
49	They aren't being met.	5/22/2023 3:38 PM
50	Kids are asked to leave the school in early childhood settings	5/22/2023 3:32 PM
51	not enough counselors in the schools to help the children needing it.	5/22/2023 2:16 PM
52	We refer families to agencies that have a very long wait time to be seen.	5/22/2023 12:28 PM
53	Families and staff frequently talk to administrators regarding issues. However, consistent sustained support is not available.	5/22/2023 12:04 PM
54	City of Birmingham has done more to recognize that there is a need for mental health services and are hosting events that cater to that specific need	5/22/2023 10:35 AM

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55	I don't know	5/22/2023 8:15 AM
56	Namely through arrangement of staffing and attempts to locate community resources.	5/19/2023 10:55 PM
57	The schools, but the school counselors are busy, they have a limited ability to provide ongoing sessions for children who are in need.	5/19/2023 1:39 PM
58	Lots of talk with no action	5/19/2023 1:01 PM
59	referrals to MH providers	5/19/2023 12:10 PM
60	extremely long waitlist to get in with providers. ER's are overwhelmed with patients due to no outside providers readily available with appts.	5/19/2023 11:59 AM
61	Services are pieced together.	5/19/2023 11:01 AM
62	Prison or Death	5/19/2023 10:30 AM
63	over reliance on the ED for stabilization with no true follow up treatment	5/19/2023 10:16 AM
64	families are taken to court; students are provided with services at school, but they are often inadequate (if the student comes to school, and we can't provide medical care)	5/19/2023 9:40 AM
65	The loud minority who have made SEL their controversy of the time has made it very difficult for professionals to address the emotional wellness of students in school (which is the most effective way to help address the mental health crisis in our country.) Without an effective tiered approach to mental health happening in the schools, the floods have overrun private practitioners and overwhelmed the system. Until there is hard data and statistics about the youth mental health crisis, and how effective SEL programming can impact these issues, then we will continue down this frightening path.	5/19/2023 9:27 AM

Q16 Describe the greatest mental health needs in Jefferson County.

Answered: 68 Skipped: 158

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Income inequality/poverty/the affordable housing crisis all exacerbate mental health issues	6/20/2023 1:59 PM
2	Many programs free and low cost.	6/20/2023 1:58 PM
3	Understanding of the link between nutrition, the brain, and emotional and behavioral health factors	6/20/2023 10:03 AM
4	Availability and knowledge and background	6/19/2023 4:41 AM
5	Depression and anxiety	6/18/2023 11:19 AM
6	Lack of resources for teens who have co-occurring diagnosis	6/17/2023 7:38 AM
7	All of them. It is nearly impossible to get in with a psychiatrist, excessive wait lists.	6/16/2023 11:05 PM
8	ACES	6/16/2023 6:56 PM
9	I'm not sure. I don't know.	6/16/2023 3:48 PM
10	More training to recognize and treatment/handle	6/16/2023 3:10 PM
11	The greatest mental health need is a lack of social and emotional development in young children.	6/16/2023 11:57 AM
12	the need for more affordable counseling	6/16/2023 10:27 AM
13	Trauma...early childhood trauma which spills over into adulthood. Alot of these kids have experienced a great deal of trauma at a young age, expected to go to school and perform in its highest capacity to only leave school and go right back to the place where the continued trauma lives and thrives.	6/16/2023 10:27 AM
14	Access to more affordable/free mental health support services.	6/16/2023 10:15 AM
15	Healthy, connected parenting	6/16/2023 10:13 AM
16	Unsure	6/13/2023 9:13 PM
17	Austin, behavior	6/13/2023 6:08 PM
18	Mental health is no affordable to families, in consequence families think don't need it.	6/13/2023 5:30 PM
19	Misunderstanding healthy child development and nurturing health child development. Positive parenting practices.	6/13/2023 4:04 PM
20	autism is often an exclusionary criteria for mental health services, even if they are co-occurring.	6/12/2023 12:55 PM
21	Children should be regularly screened for mental health issues, in schools, beginning in kindergarten.	6/10/2023 9:04 AM
22	Not enough properly trained therapists. The ones we do have are overworked.	6/9/2023 2:04 PM
23	The need for Counseling services provided to individuals young and old by community resources, in-patient and private counseling.	6/8/2023 9:22 PM
24	Counseling support	6/8/2023 7:55 PM
25	trauma related behaviors in the envrornments, shootings	6/8/2023 7:00 PM
26	We need social workers and mental health professionals in schools!	6/8/2023 5:37 PM
27	Trauma based counseling Healthy Habits Knowledge of where to go for help.	6/8/2023 3:56 PM

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28	Early Child Care needs mental health professionals trained in addressing issues in children 0-5. Need a quicker cycle of getting concerns addressed.	6/8/2023 2:25 PM
29	Helping kids diagnosed with autism who have behavioral issues that are very difficult to handle.	6/8/2023 1:29 PM
30	More outpatient therapy services are needed. As well as access to residential treatment programs.	6/8/2023 12:08 PM
31	unknown	6/8/2023 10:13 AM
32	Additional support for school systems to provide detection and intervention services along with treatment support	6/8/2023 9:42 AM
33	n/a	6/8/2023 9:39 AM
34	Family Counseling. Teens and Young adults 13-25(social media age especially)	6/8/2023 9:00 AM
35	Get people help before something traumatic happens	6/8/2023 8:39 AM
36	More mental health services for people experiencing depression, anxiety, and trauma from violence are needed, especially for children.	6/8/2023 8:22 AM
37	Access to mental health for people of all ages who do not have insurance that covers it. There is not enough counselors/physicians who will see the underserved patients.	6/8/2023 8:16 AM
38	bi polar	6/8/2023 8:05 AM
39	Availability of services without being put on a waiting list due to not being insured or what type of insurance the family has	6/8/2023 7:07 AM
40	N/A	6/7/2023 8:17 PM
41	Increased funding for community mental health agencies which would lead to the ability to retain staff at these agencies.	6/5/2023 9:02 AM
42	Rehab type places for mental health not associated with substance abuse and not in a hospital.	6/2/2023 11:34 AM
43	social emotional and behavioral	5/31/2023 10:19 AM
44	accessibility and affordability	5/30/2023 1:51 PM
45	Among adolescents through young adulthood.	5/24/2023 1:01 PM
46	accessible outpatient clinics without long waiting lists	5/24/2023 8:18 AM
47	Depression substance misuse/ co-occurring	5/23/2023 3:42 PM
48	Behavior using violence to solve problems as first line Substance use	5/23/2023 2:23 PM
49	access to inhome therapy	5/23/2023 10:00 AM
50	Collaboration and communication	5/23/2023 9:35 AM
51	early identification for children while at school	5/22/2023 9:40 PM
52	Suicide awareness and prevention Trauma informed care needs Daily coping strategies Undiagnosed and untreated mental illnesses within families Grief stricken parents	5/22/2023 5:03 PM
53	Probably trauma related mental health as kids are exposed to too much violence.	5/22/2023 3:38 PM
54	Anxiety and fear	5/22/2023 3:32 PM
55	Our younger school age children needing to be assessed.	5/22/2023 2:16 PM
56	Not enough agencies that serve low income families. Very long wait times to be seen.	5/22/2023 12:28 PM
57	Using a metaphor, today people are experiencing constant "rapids." Previously, there were periods of stressful situations followed by calm. However, there is a constant barrage of stress, perceived or real. There are few coping skills.	5/22/2023 12:04 PM
58	Is helping families identify when and if there is a mental health issue	5/22/2023 10:35 AM

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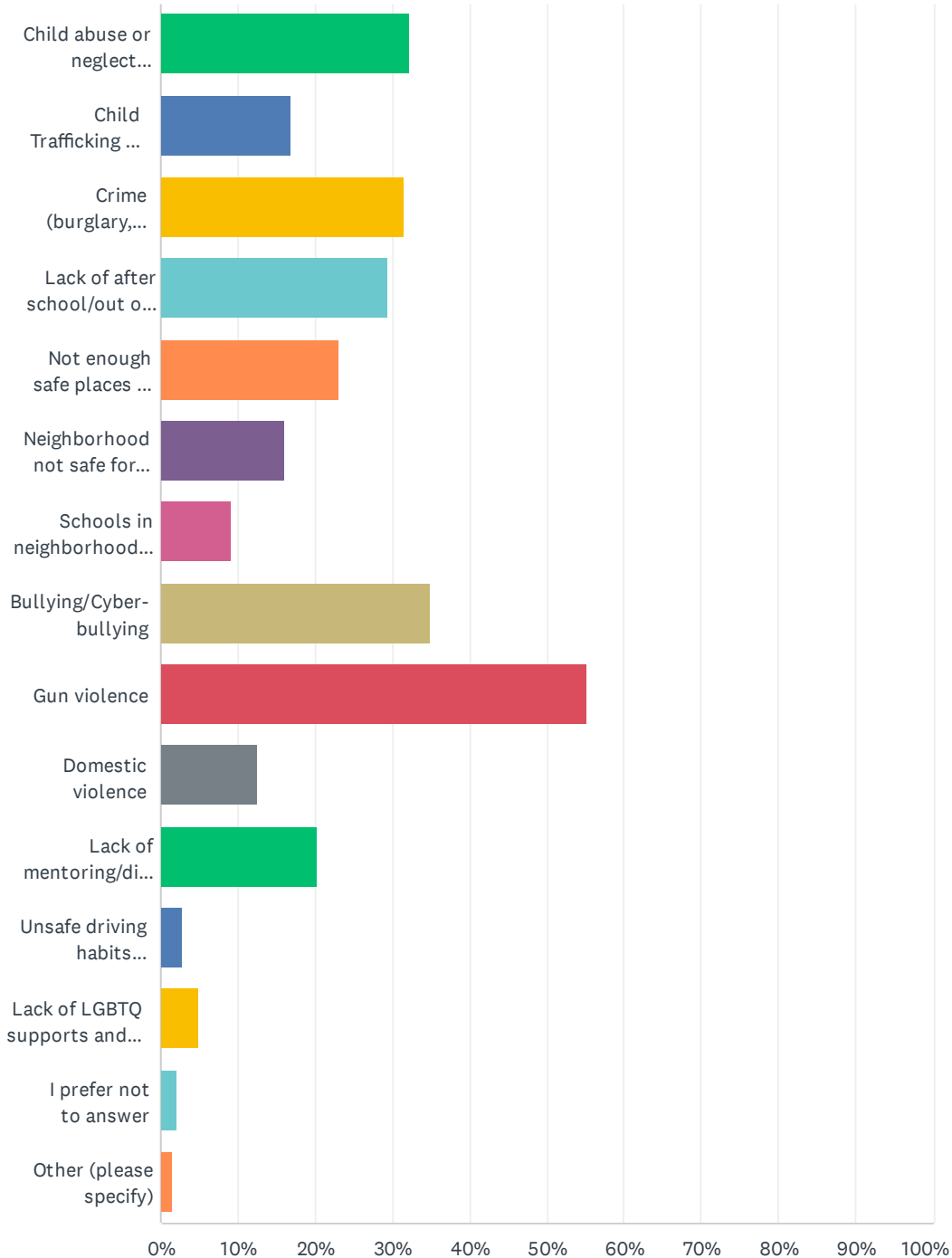
59	treatment for depression	5/22/2023 8:15 AM
60	Lack of services.	5/19/2023 10:55 PM
61	Depression, Trauma, Anxiety.	5/19/2023 1:39 PM
62	Substance abuse. Domestic violence.	5/19/2023 1:01 PM
63	patient/parent follow through with referrals/services	5/19/2023 12:10 PM
64	mood disorders, suicidal ideations	5/19/2023 11:59 AM
65	Access to Spanish speaking therapist.	5/19/2023 11:01 AM
66	Access to providers whether you are insured or not.	5/19/2023 10:30 AM
67	anxiety/depression among youths; suicidal ideation has rapidly increased for a variety of factors; ADHD	5/19/2023 9:40 AM
68	Community based mental health services at an affordable or free rate. Again, these professionals are severely underpaid, which does not attract the most quality of providers at times, or leads to high turnover rates (so forget established care) and the crisis continues.	5/19/2023 9:27 AM

Q17 What population has the greatest mental health needs in Jefferson County?

Answered: 75 Skipped: 151

Q18 Juvenile Crime and Safety: Please select the TOP THREE (3) issues that you think are the biggest issues or concerns related to the juvenile crime and safety of children in Jefferson County.

Answered: 143 Skipped: 83

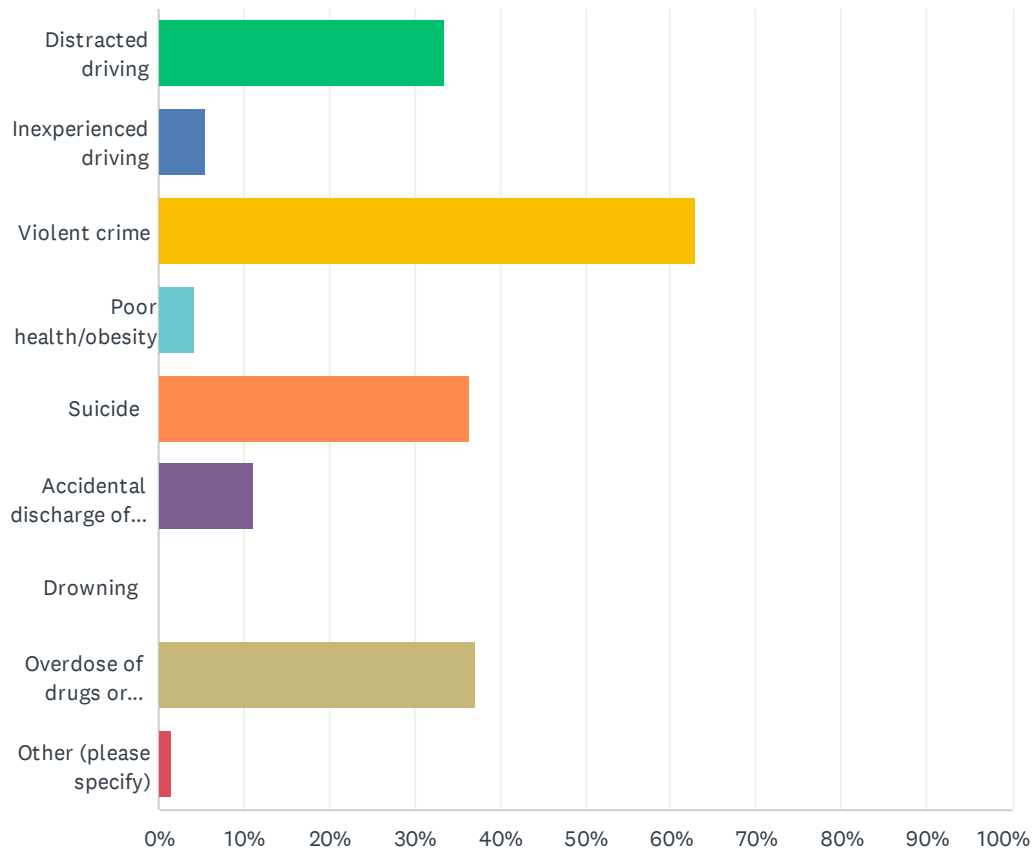


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Child abuse or neglect detection/prevention	32.17%	46
Child Trafficking and Exploitation	16.78%	24
Crime (burglary, vandalism, drug dealing, street violence)	31.47%	45
Lack of after school/out of school programs	29.37%	42
Not enough safe places to play/recreational programs	23.08%	33
Neighborhood not safe for children/teens to walk to/from school	16.08%	23
Schools in neighborhood are not safe	9.09%	13
Bullying/Cyber-bullying	34.97%	50
Gun violence	55.24%	79
Domestic violence	12.59%	18
Lack of mentoring/diversion programs	20.28%	29
Unsafe driving habits (distracted driving, speeding, texting/cell phone use, not wearing seat belt)	2.80%	4
Lack of LGBTQ supports and resources	4.90%	7
I prefer not to answer	2.10%	3
Other (please specify)	1.40%	2
Total Respondents: 143		

Q19 Causes of Teen Accidents or Deaths (Check the top two.)

Answered: 143 Skipped: 83



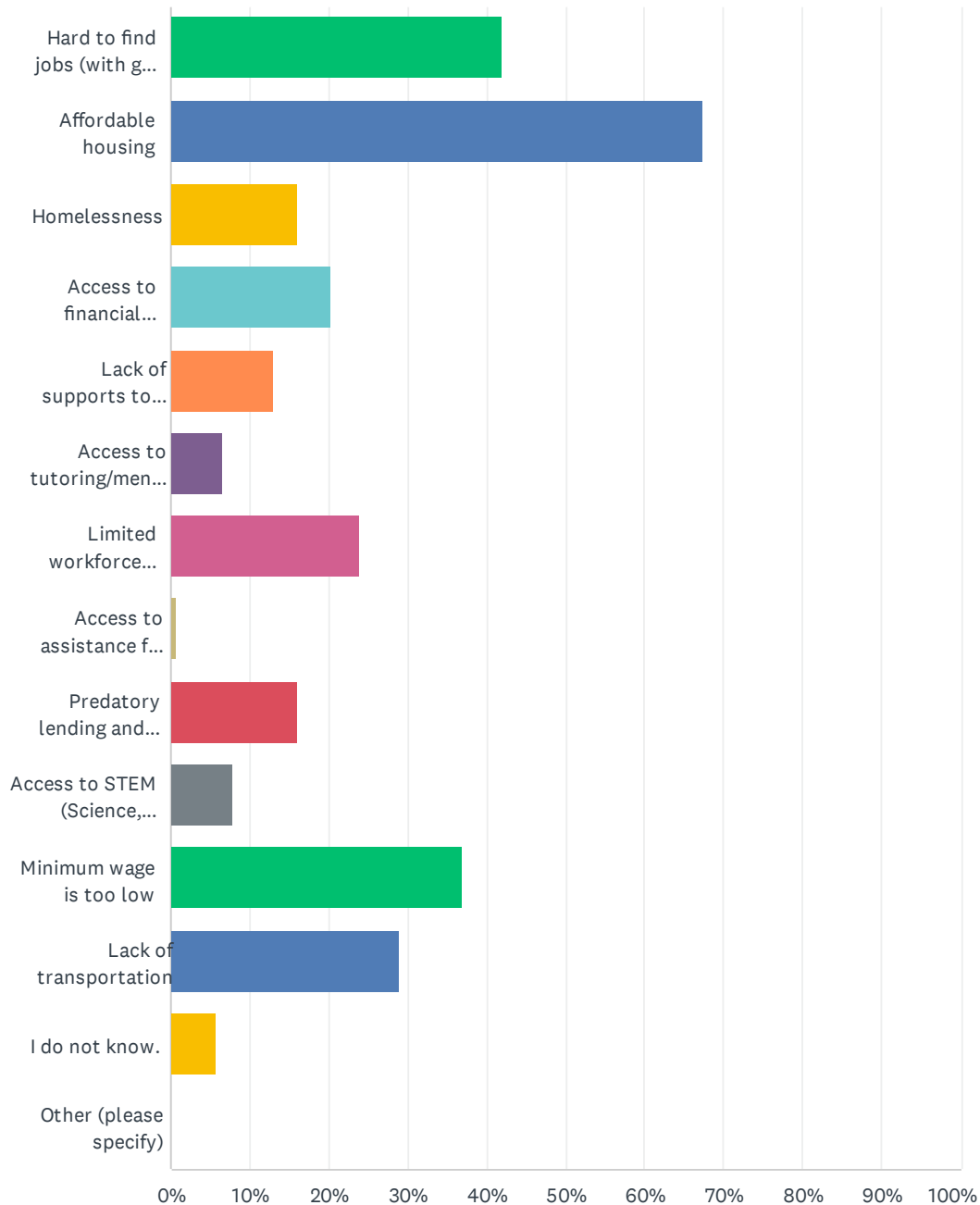
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Distracted driving	33.57%	48
Inexperienced driving	5.59%	8
Violent crime	62.94%	90
Poor health/obesity	4.20%	6
Suicide	36.36%	52
Accidental discharge of firearm	11.19%	16
Drowning	0.00%	0
Overdose of drugs or alcohol	37.06%	53
Other (please specify)	1.40%	2
Total Respondents: 143		

Q20 What are the biggest challenges to teen safety?

Answered: 65 Skipped: 161

Q21 Poverty: Please select the THREE TOP (3) issues that you think are the biggest issues or concerns related to the Economic Security of children and families in Jefferson County.

Answered: 138 Skipped: 88

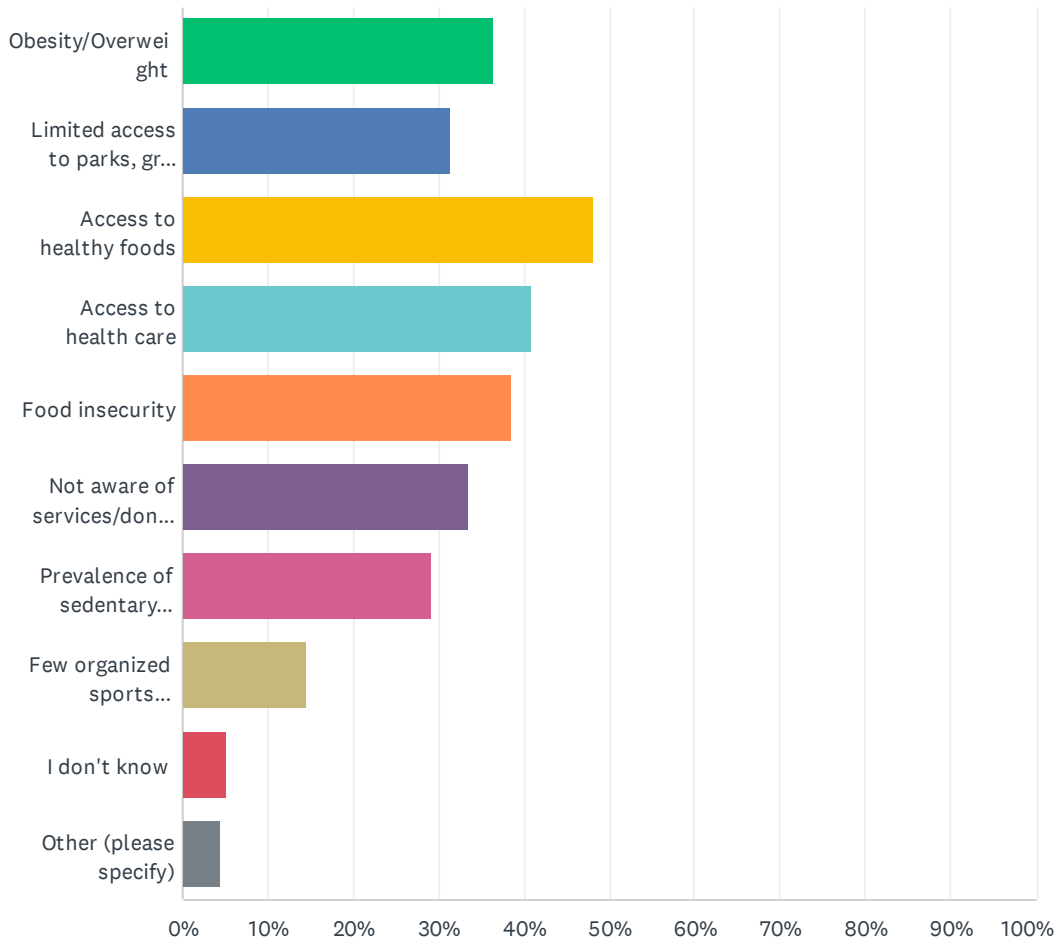


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Hard to find jobs (with good pay, benefits, etc.)	42.03%	58
Affordable housing	67.39%	93
Homelessness	15.94%	22
Access to financial literacy/budgeting skills programs	20.29%	28
Lack of supports to finish high school or get a GED	13.04%	18
Access to tutoring/mentoring	6.52%	9
Limited workforce development for high skilled jobs	23.91%	33
Access to assistance for tax filing/tax credit education	0.72%	1
Predatory lending and lack of access to credit counseling services	15.94%	22
Access to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) programs/career development paths	7.97%	11
Minimum wage is too low	36.96%	51
Lack of transportation	28.99%	40
I do not know.	5.80%	8
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 138		

Q22 Health and Well Being: Please check your TOP THREE issues or concerns related to the health and well being of children in Jefferson County.

Answered: 137 Skipped: 89



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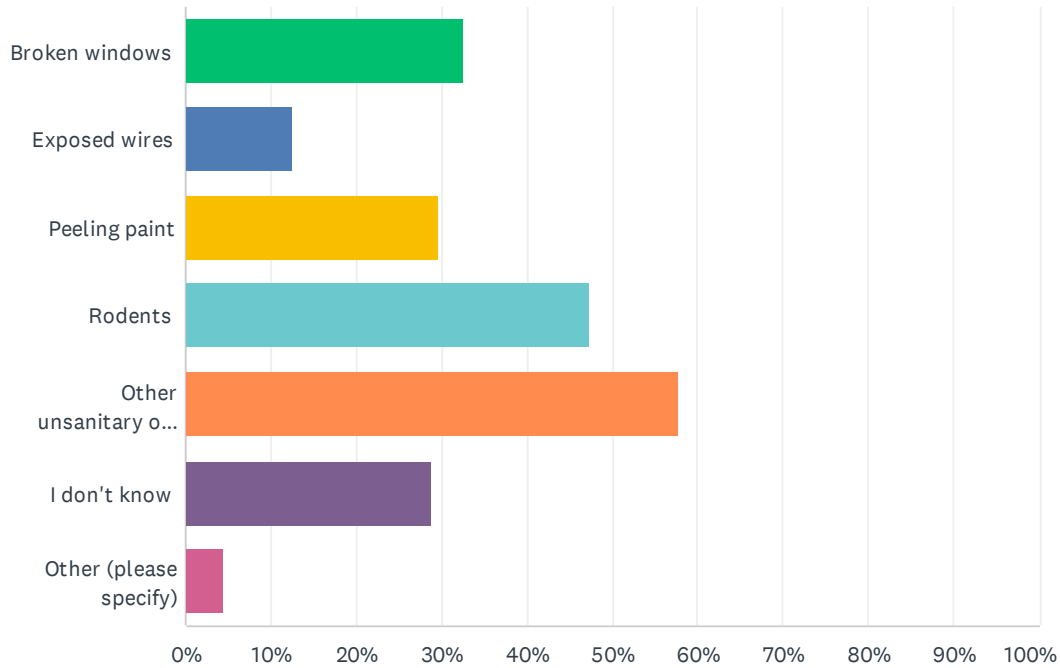
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Obesity/Overweight	36.50%	50
Limited access to parks, green space, sidewalks, playgrounds, walking/bike paths, etc. (built environment)	31.39%	43
Access to healthy foods	48.18%	66
Access to health care	40.88%	56
Food insecurity	38.69%	53
Not aware of services/don't know how to navigate the system	33.58%	46
Prevalence of sedentary lifestyle	29.20%	40
Few organized sports opportunities for children and youth	14.60%	20
I don't know	5.11%	7
Other (please specify)	4.38%	6
Total Respondents: 137		

Q23 Describe the scope and cause(s) of homelessness in Jefferson County.

Answered: 54 Skipped: 172

Q24 Identify housing deficiencies which are common in Jefferson County.

Answered: 135 Skipped: 91



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Broken windows	32.59%	44
Exposed wires	12.59%	17
Peeling paint	29.63%	40
Rodents	47.41%	64
Other unsanitary or unsafe conditions of housing	57.78%	78
I don't know	28.89%	39
Other (please specify)	4.44%	6
Total Respondents: 135		

Q25 Chaos in neighborhoods includes crime, poor quality of housing, vandalism, graffiti, reported domestic violence, abandoned buildings, and drugs. Describe the population living in chaotic neighborhoods.

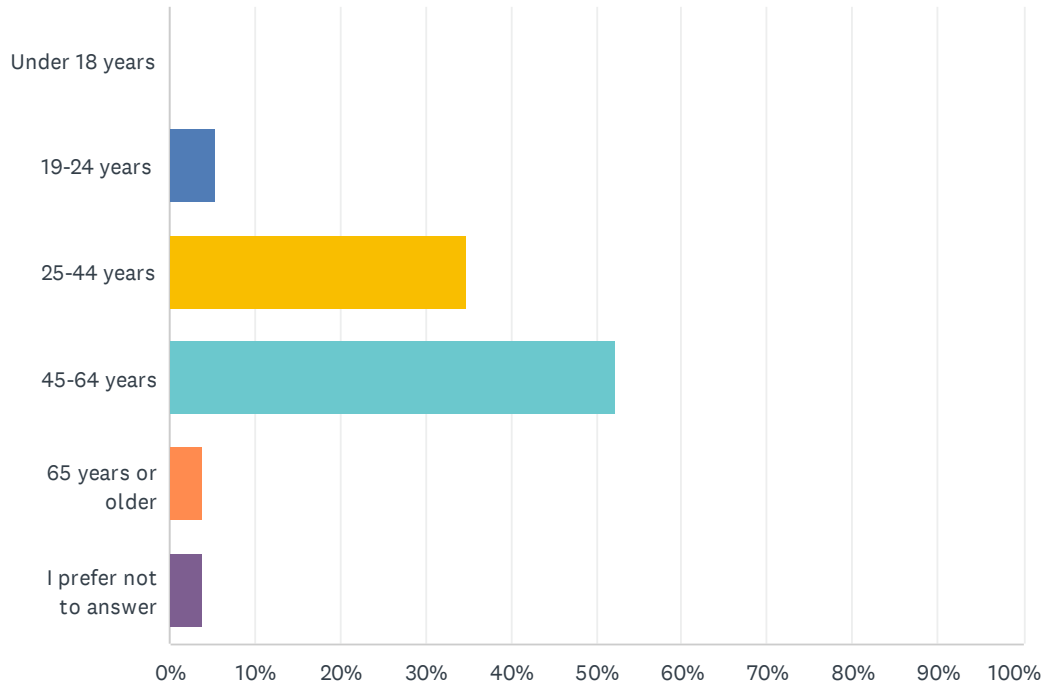
Answered: 54 Skipped: 172

Q26 Describe causes and impacts relate to neighborhood and housing needs.

Answered: 43 Skipped: 183

Q27 What is your age?

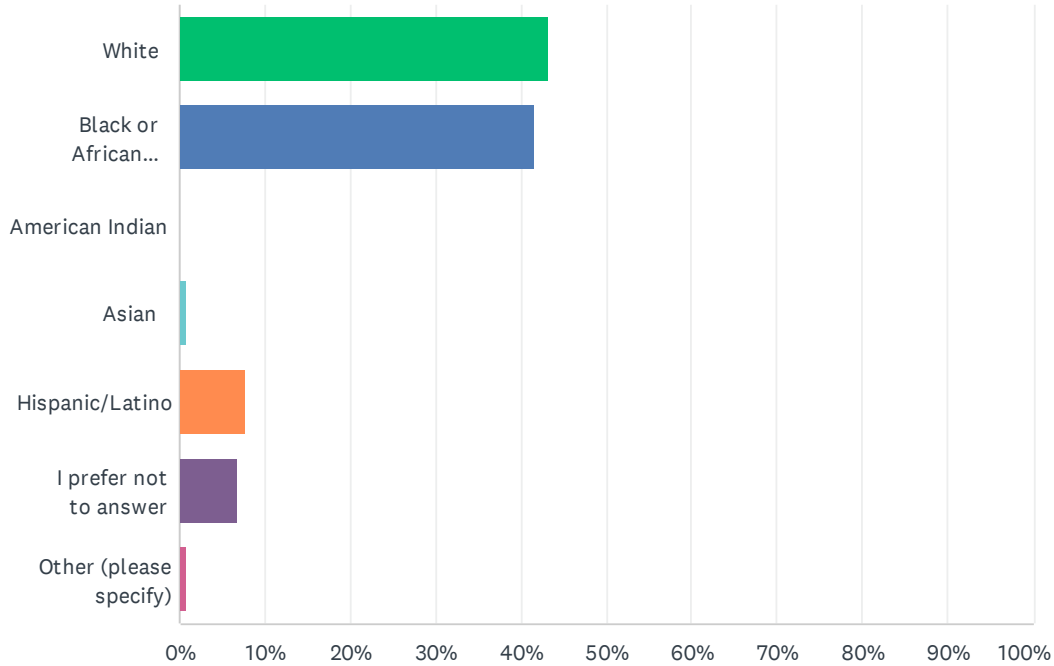
Answered: 132 Skipped: 94



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18 years	0.00%	0
19-24 years	5.30%	7
25-44 years	34.85%	46
45-64 years	52.27%	69
65 years or older	3.79%	5
I prefer not to answer	3.79%	5
TOTAL		132

Q28 How would you describe your race and ethnicity? [Check all that apply]

Answered: 132 Skipped: 94



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
White	43.18%	57
Black or African American	41.67%	55
American Indian	0.00%	0
Asian	0.76%	1
Hispanic/Latino	7.58%	10
I prefer not to answer	6.82%	9
Other (please specify)	0.76%	1
Total Respondents: 132		

Q29 Is there anything else you'd like to add or share concerning unmet needs of children, youth, and families in Jefferson County?

Answered: 31 Skipped: 195