

Douglas Master Plan Survey Results

Total Responses: 894

Survey Open: October 5, 2024 - January 31, 2025

The Town of Douglas is updating its long-range Master Plan to help inform municipal policies and investments for the next 20 years. An updated Master Plan will help ensure that the town is equipped to navigate and capitalize on both the opportunities and challenges of the coming decades, cultivating a more resilient, vibrant, and sustainable community. This process is being guided by the Douglas Master Plan Committee with support from the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission.

Community input is an essential component of the master planning process. To gather feedback on how the Douglas community envisions the future of the town, a 21-question survey was conducted. The survey was available online and print copies were available at the Public Library, Adult Social Center, and Town Hall. A wide variety of promotional strategies were used to notify the community about the survey, including posts on social media platforms, articles in local news outlets, and a town-wide mailed postcard.

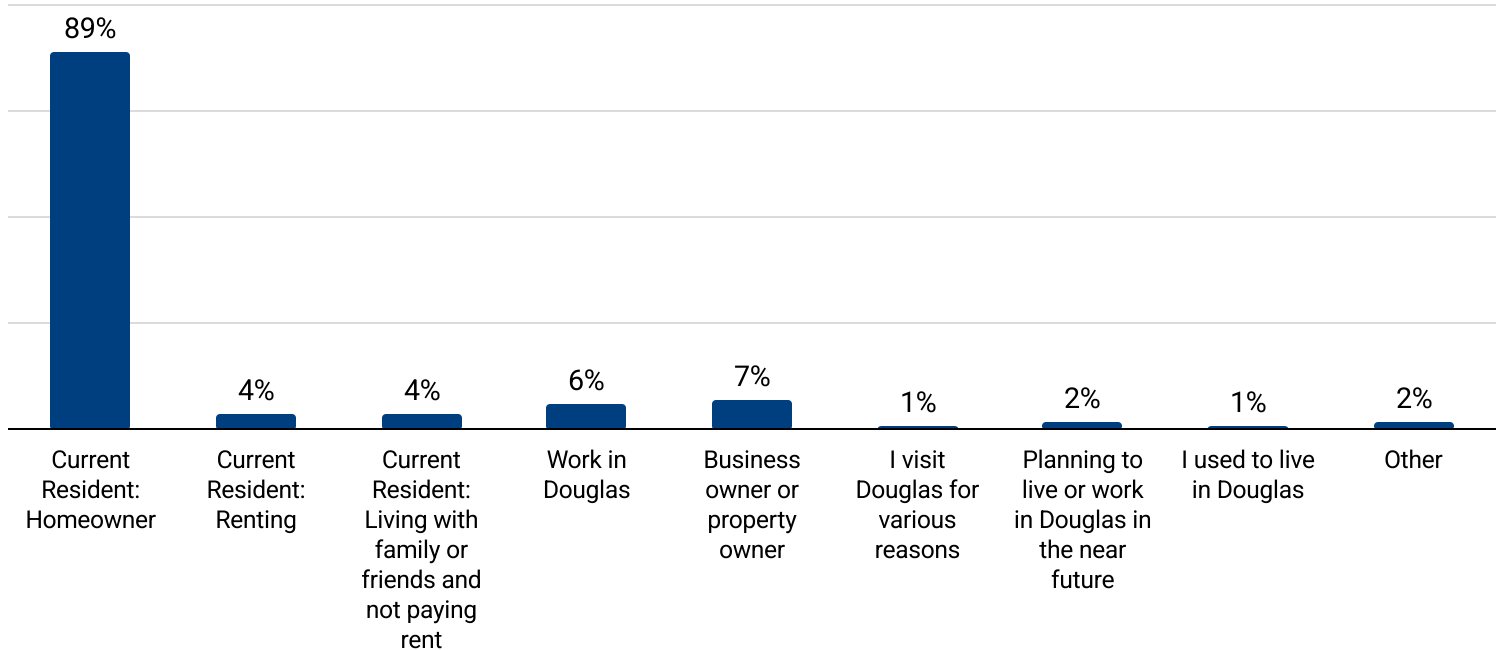
Thank you to all who took the time to complete the survey and provide thoughtful responses! Your dedication to the future of Douglas is greatly appreciated.

Douglas Master Plan Committee
Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

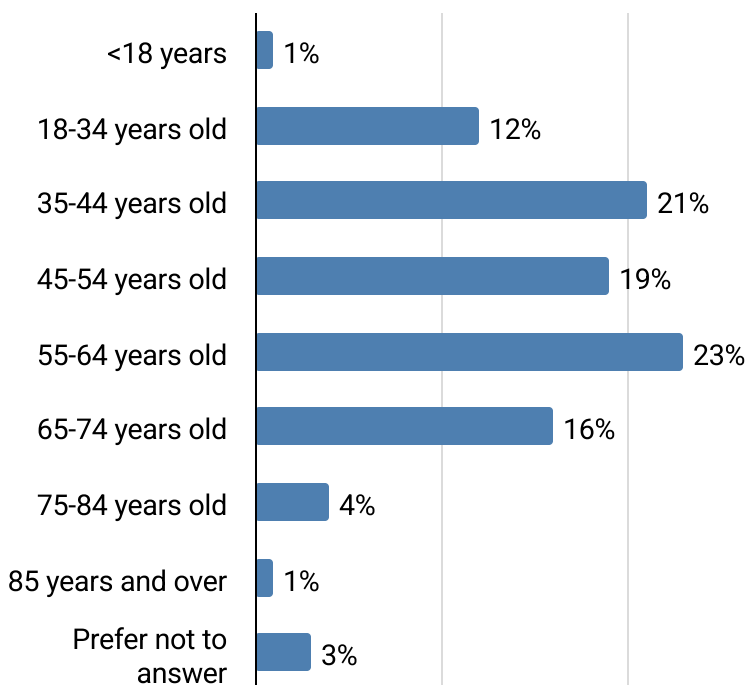


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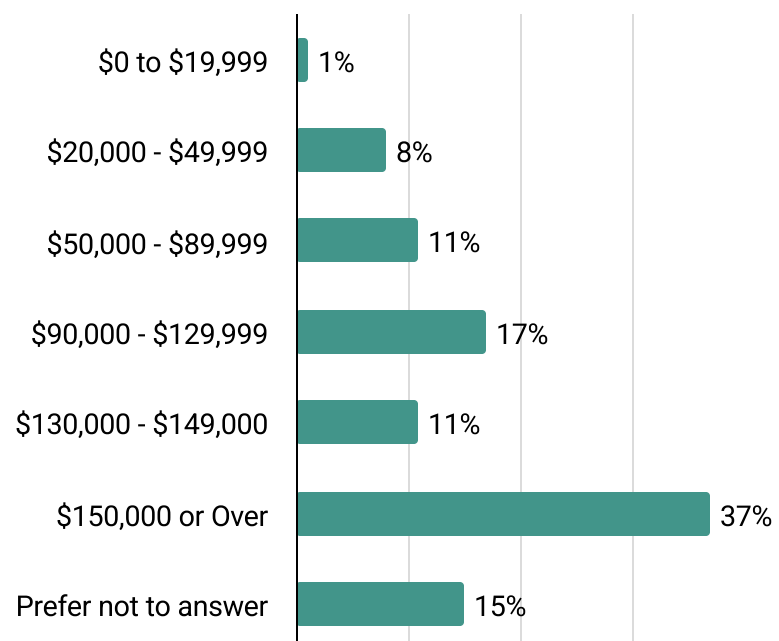
In what way(s) are you connected with Douglas?



What is your age?

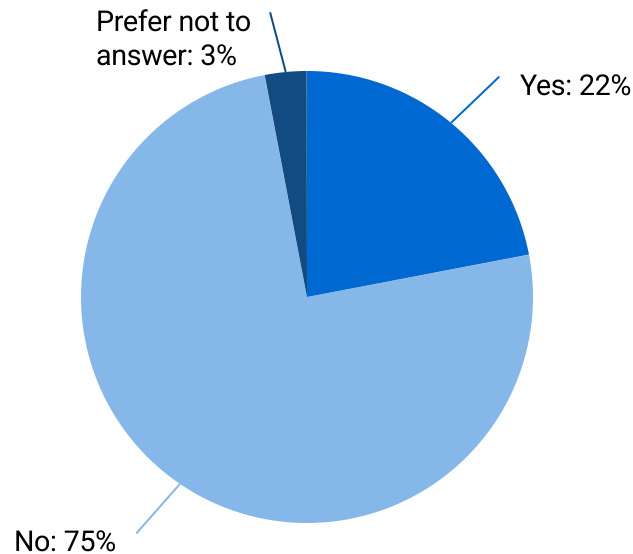


Which annual household income range do you currently fall under?

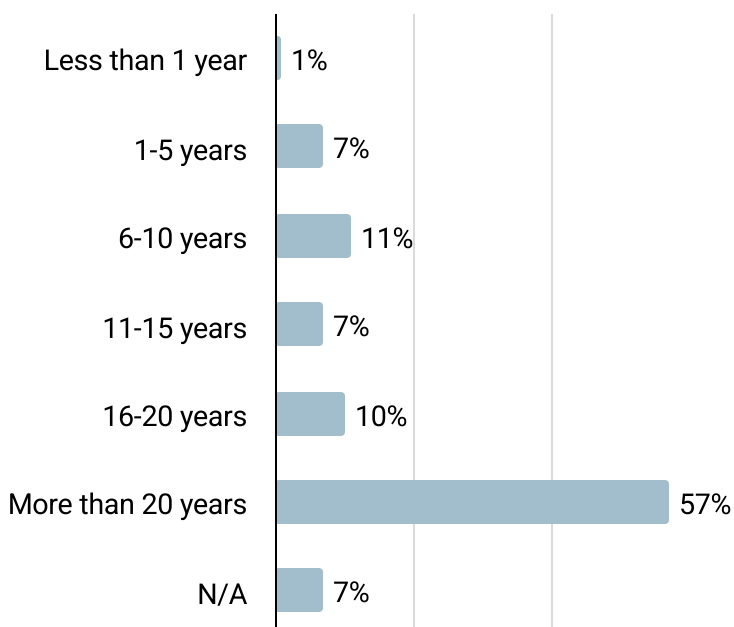


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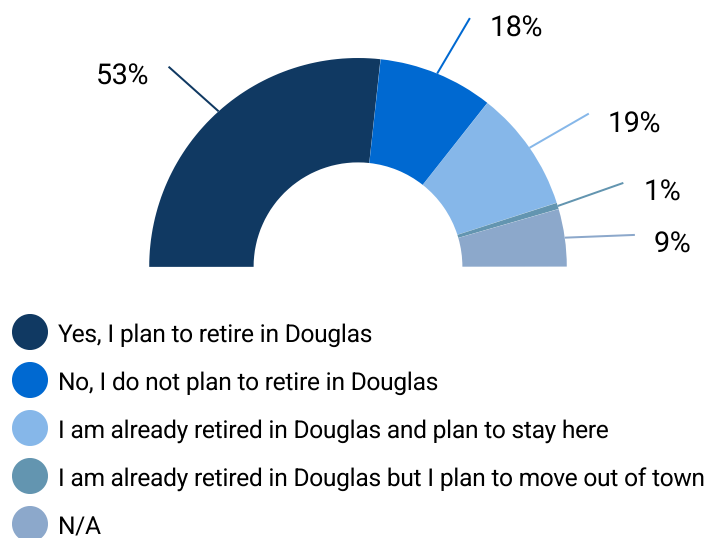
Do you currently have children enrolled in Douglas Public Schools?



How long do you plan to live in Douglas (if applicable)?

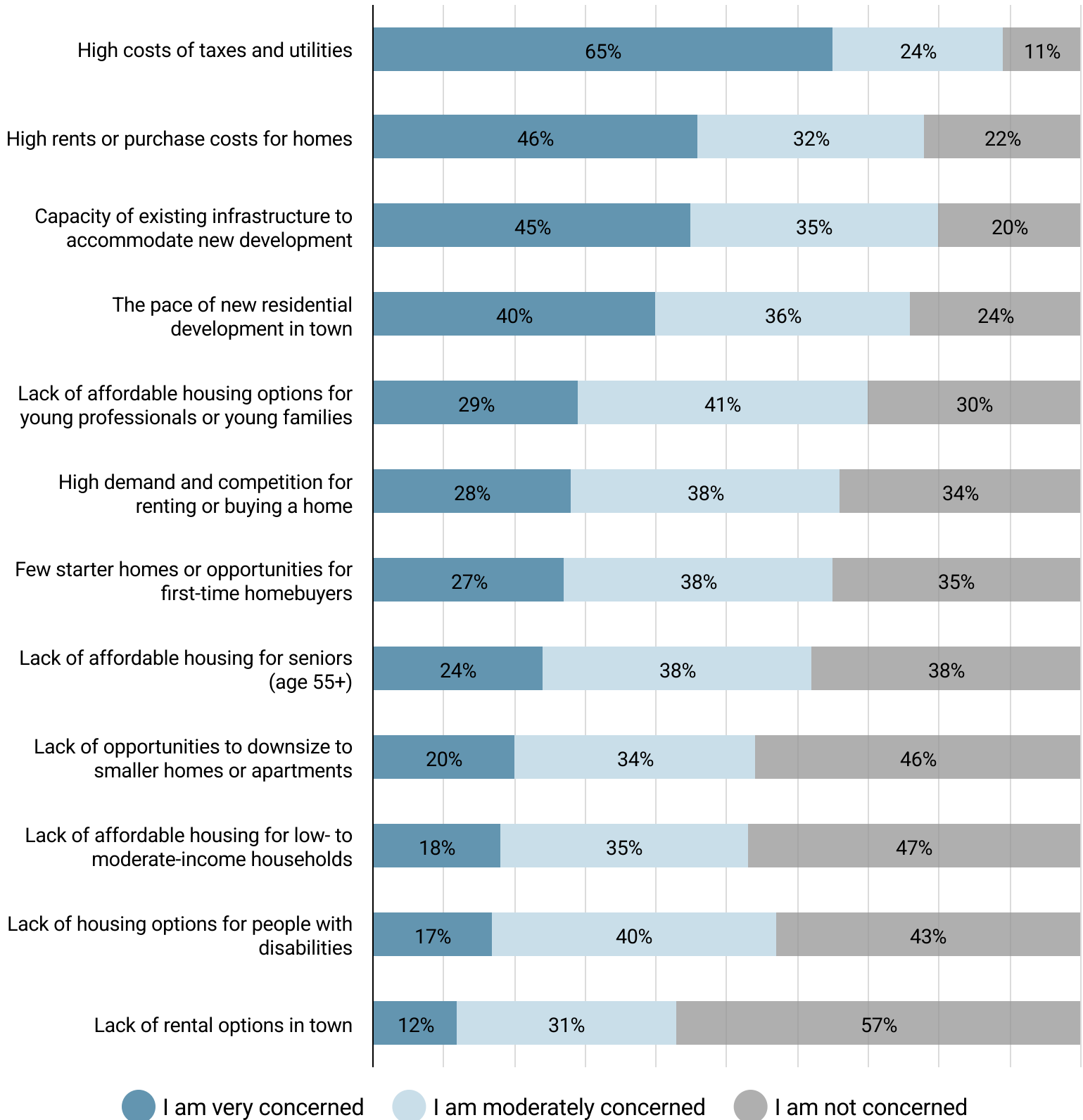


Do you plan to retire in Douglas?



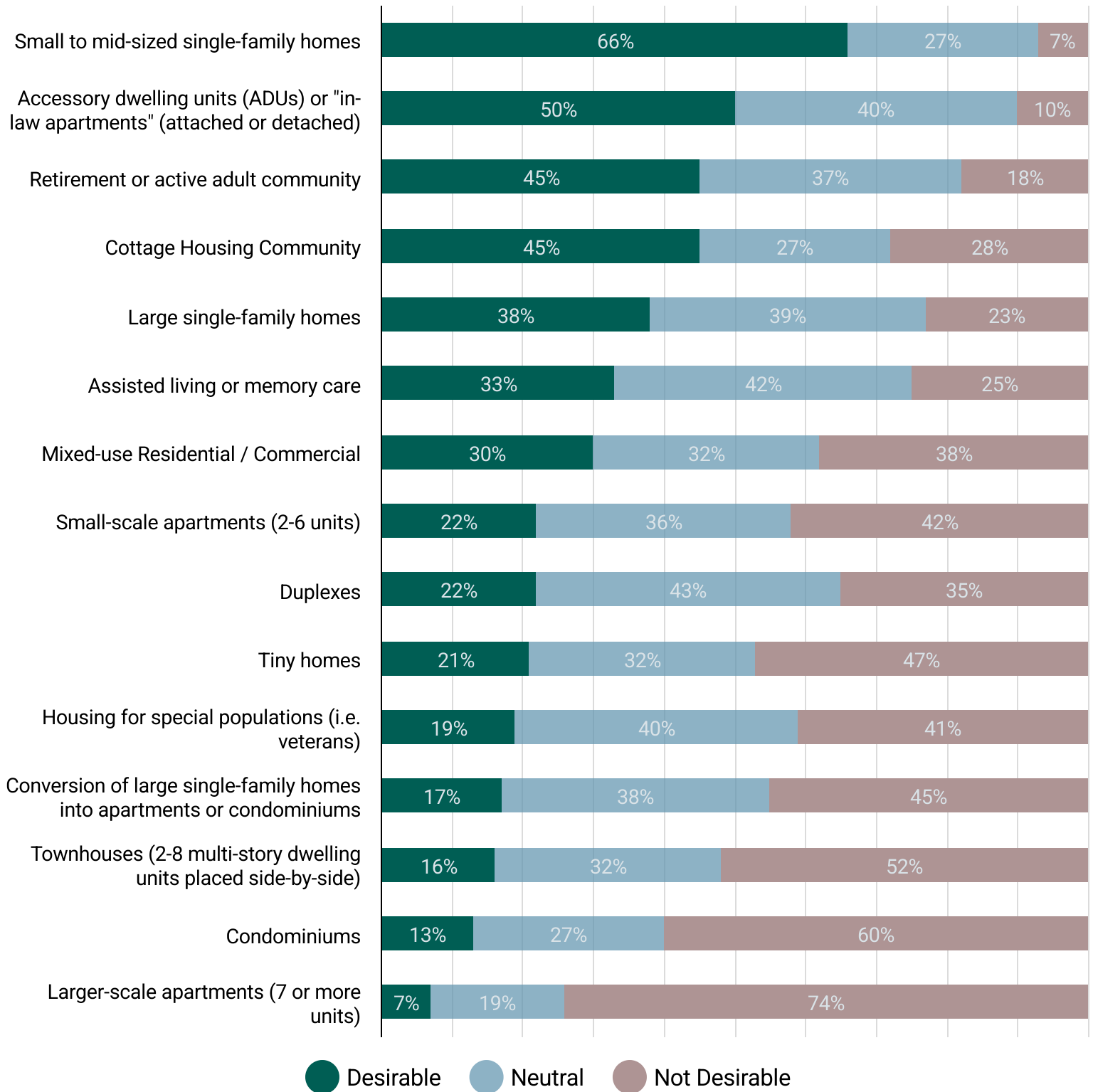
Population & Housing

Please rank your concern for each of the following housing issues in Douglas:



Population & Housing

Please rate the desirability of the following housing types if they were to be developed in Douglas in the future:



Population & Housing - Comments

"I would love to see our community embrace veterans"

"Assisted living/retirement communities are most appealing for younger families with aging parents."

"There needs to be more affordable housing and opportunities for people who want to purchase homes, and yes more accessible housing for older adults as well."

"Put more land into conservation"

"Longtime residents who love the town should be able to stay as they age out of their larger homes."

"Too many 2-acre lots, not enough mixed use development."

"I'm concerned that Douglas has been too built up with 700k+ homes. This just isn't within reach for average blue collar people."



"Keep agriculture and farm possibilities viable"

"Any affordable housing options would be ideal. Especially if Douglas desires to grow. Higher density is essential."

"There needs to be more single floor housing for seniors."

"I would rather see fewer houses built and maintain the land in Douglas. That is what we all live here for."

"Would not want to see apartment style housing added."

"There is a lack of neighborhood communities and sidewalks to travel between them"

"Taxes are biggest concern given they are quite high."

"Young professionals with student loans have few affordable options for buying homes. I believe that land should be set aside for areas that allow people to buy a small parcel of land and put good quality mobile homes on the land. Owning the land would give these people a stake in our community and would negate the HOA fees that are out of hand. This would allow so many more people to have a good, affordable starter home."

According to your neighbors...

"Single family homes only"

"Need more handicap/disability housing"

"We need more business to help with taxes."

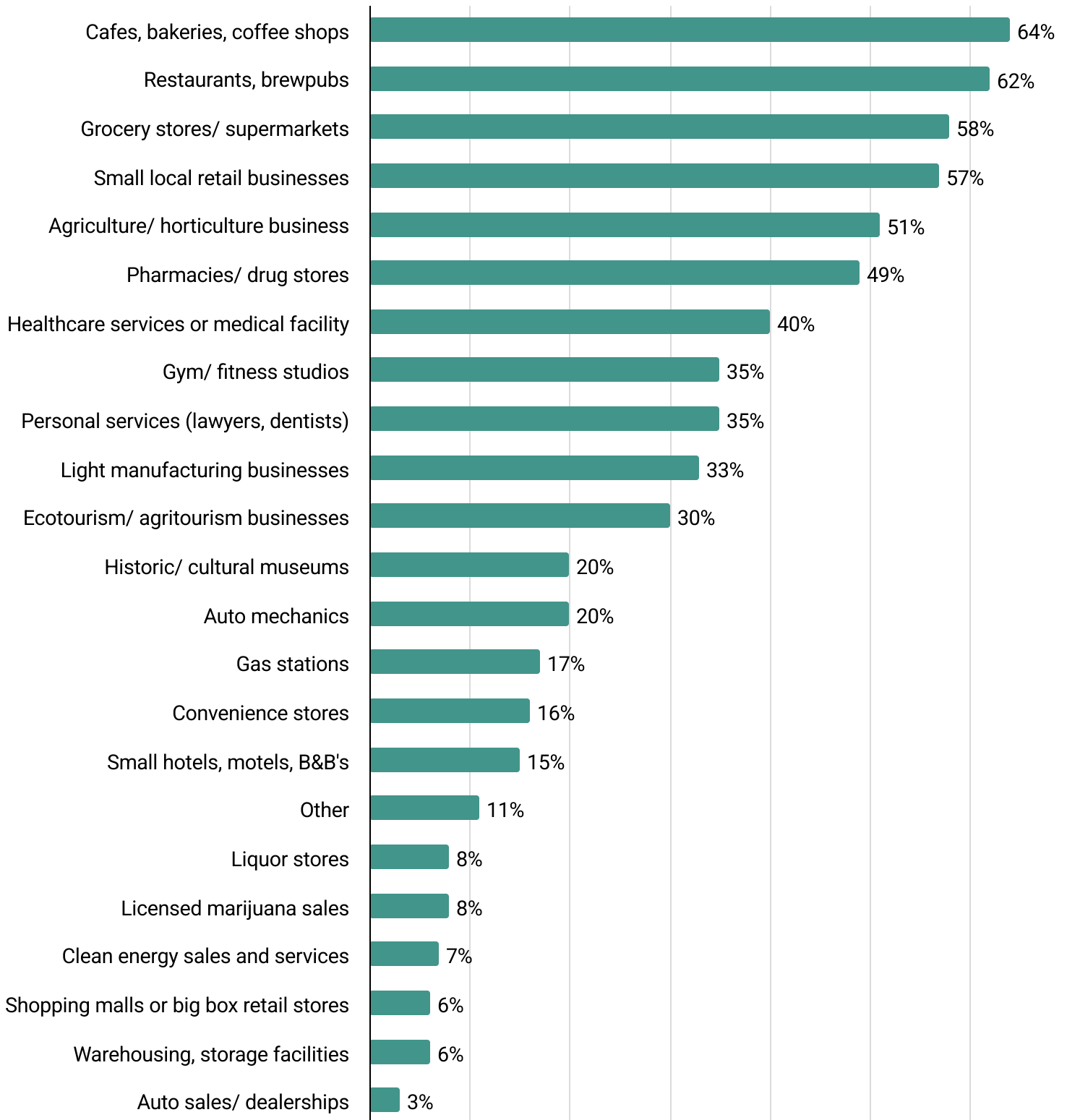
"Attention should be paid to quality of construction and appropriate urban and architectural character"

"Rent is too high."

"The appeal of Douglas is its spread out feel and lack of apartments"

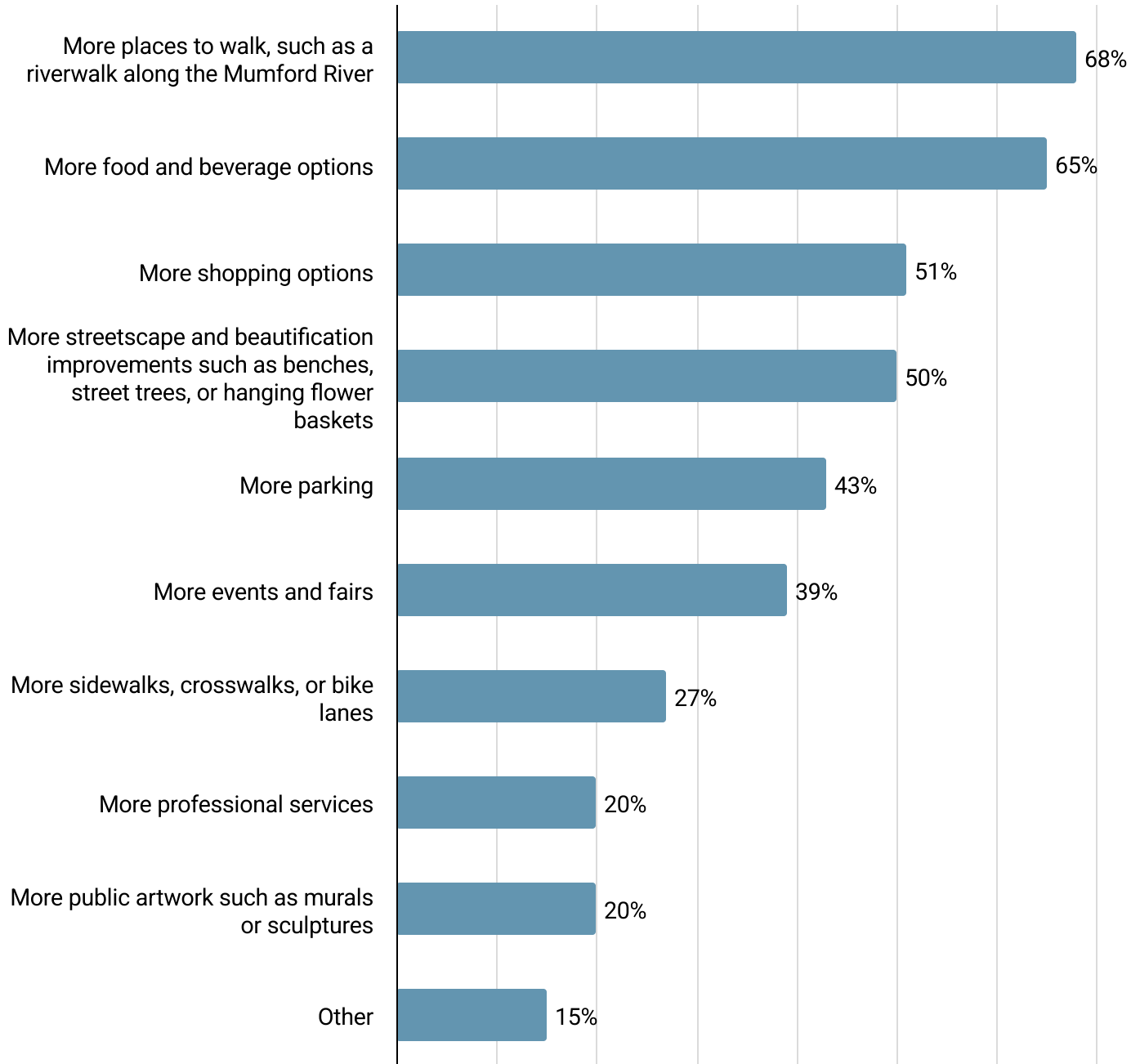
Economic Development

Which of the following types of businesses do you feel are needed in Douglas?



Economic Development

What activities and amenities would increase your visits to the downtown area of Douglas?



Economic Development - Comments

**According
to your
neighbors...**

**"Specialty shops with
character"**

"Dog-friendly spaces, shops,
brewery, distillery, outdoor
dining, etc."

"A local community
center or YMCA"

"More Sidewalks"

"Playground/skate park/park"

"Art gallery/cultural space"

"Trader Joe's or Aldi since neither chain
is close by and would draw patrons
from surrounding towns."

"Town of Douglas signage
welcoming visitors, town
slogan/motto. Way finding
signage. Business association to
unite organizations in town."

**"We need to improve parking safety
and pedestrian walking areas.**

Isolate traffic from pedestrians. Main St
(Rt 16) is a busy major road for east-
west traffic. It is rapidly becoming
unsafe downtown."

"I really don't want to see Douglas
become a large, busy town."

"Hardware store, variety store
(such as Dollar General)"

"It would be nice to see the buildings
downtown, including some businesses
and apartment owners to improve the
outside appearance of their buildings."

**"I love the idea of more
green space downtown. A
Mumford River walk would
really be nice."**

"I would love to see the downtown
revitalized. It's immensely walkable
and perfect for a hip coffeehouse or
brewery."

"Indoor Sports complex offering indoor
soccer, basketball, volleyball type
sports, tennis etc. Other activity
centers for kids in town."



"Car wash, entertainment space live
music, performances, art gallery, pop
up shopping locations (markets,
vendor space)"

"Connecting the existing
natural hiking always with
each other and finish the
Snett bike connection to RI."

"Businesses that are applying green
energy and no pollution and pay a
living wage!"

"Large public parking lot"

**"Beautification of
downtown is a must."**

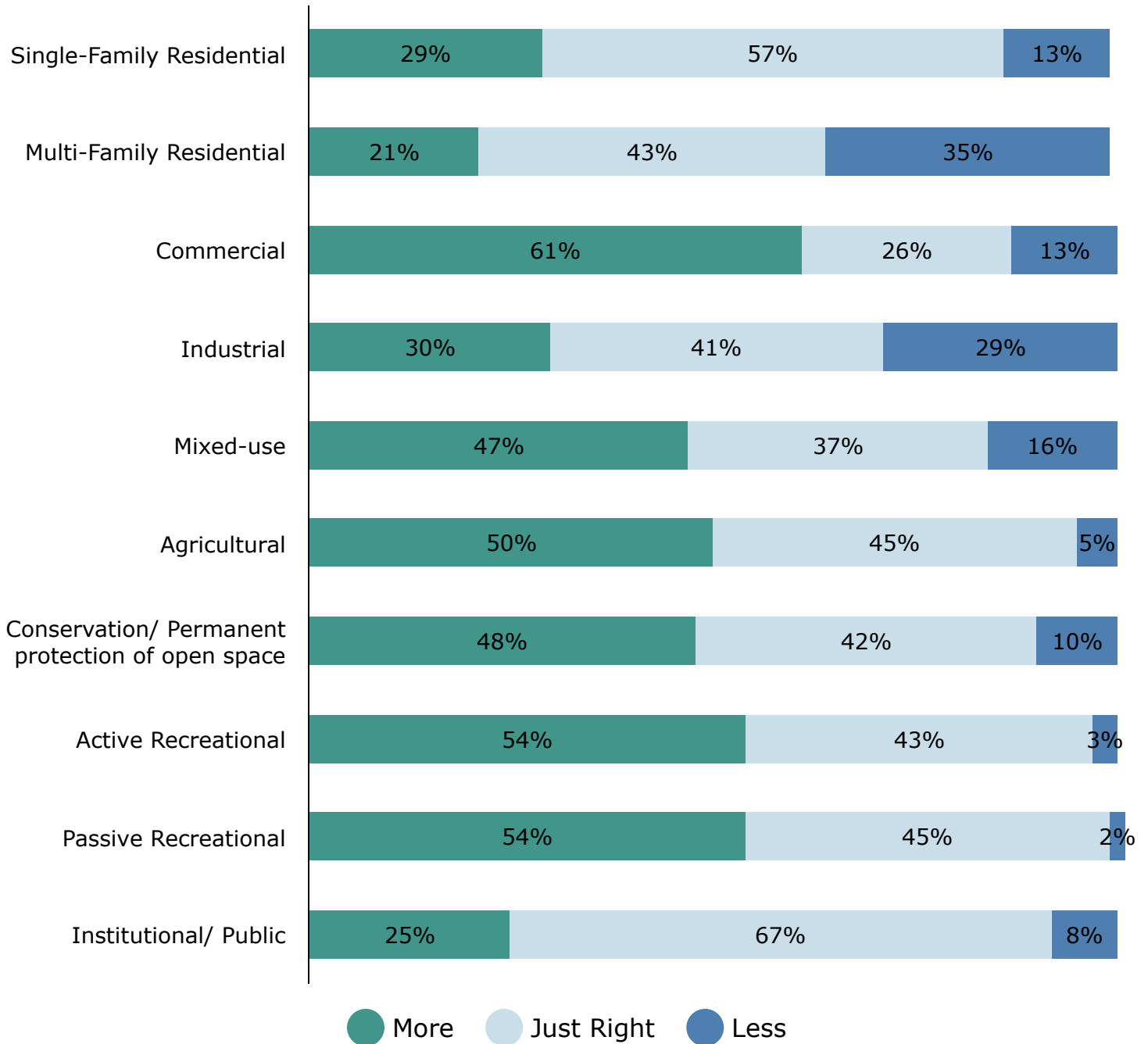
"Destination location with canoe
rentals, sporting items, hiking
equipment"

**"I would love to see
small businesses grow
in Douglas."**

"If we want young families
to stay in town we need to
provide more resources
such as shopping plazas
and stores."

Land Use

Which of the following types of land use does Douglas need more or less of?



Land Use - Comments

"More walkable-sidewalks, streetlights"

"More commercial tax base, helps but I would prefer mixed use rather than large scale. I'd prefer agriculture related in keeping with this being a rural community."

"More town **recreational space** for youth like multi use sports fields"

"A hospital would bring in good revenue and a proper museum or two would attract people with money to spend at the town businesses."

"More farms"

"**More restaurants**"

"Doctors office and family medicine"

"**We need a new police station, highway department, library, and senior center!**"

"Please - no more massive warehouses!"

"Make the library handicapped accessible."

"Douglas is a beautiful historical town and has much architectural charm. **More restaurants, boutique stores.**"

"**Town Beach**"

"Just right in number of town buildings. But we need better, upgraded school buildings."

"Community center, 4-season lodge and sports center, more access to our water resources."

"**More entertainment**"

"**Repurpose** instead of expand as much as possible."

"A dog park would be great"

"I would like to see more facilities built, such as a proper library. The police station should also be its own standing building - detached from the town hall. There should certainly be a supermarket here, as well as healthcare."

According to your neighbors...

"**The State Forest is a unique feature of the town**, which provides not only animal habitat, and community resilience from flooding and heat, but also recreational resources for an entire region, which brings in dollars to the town."

"It's fine the way it is"

"Community gym activity center"

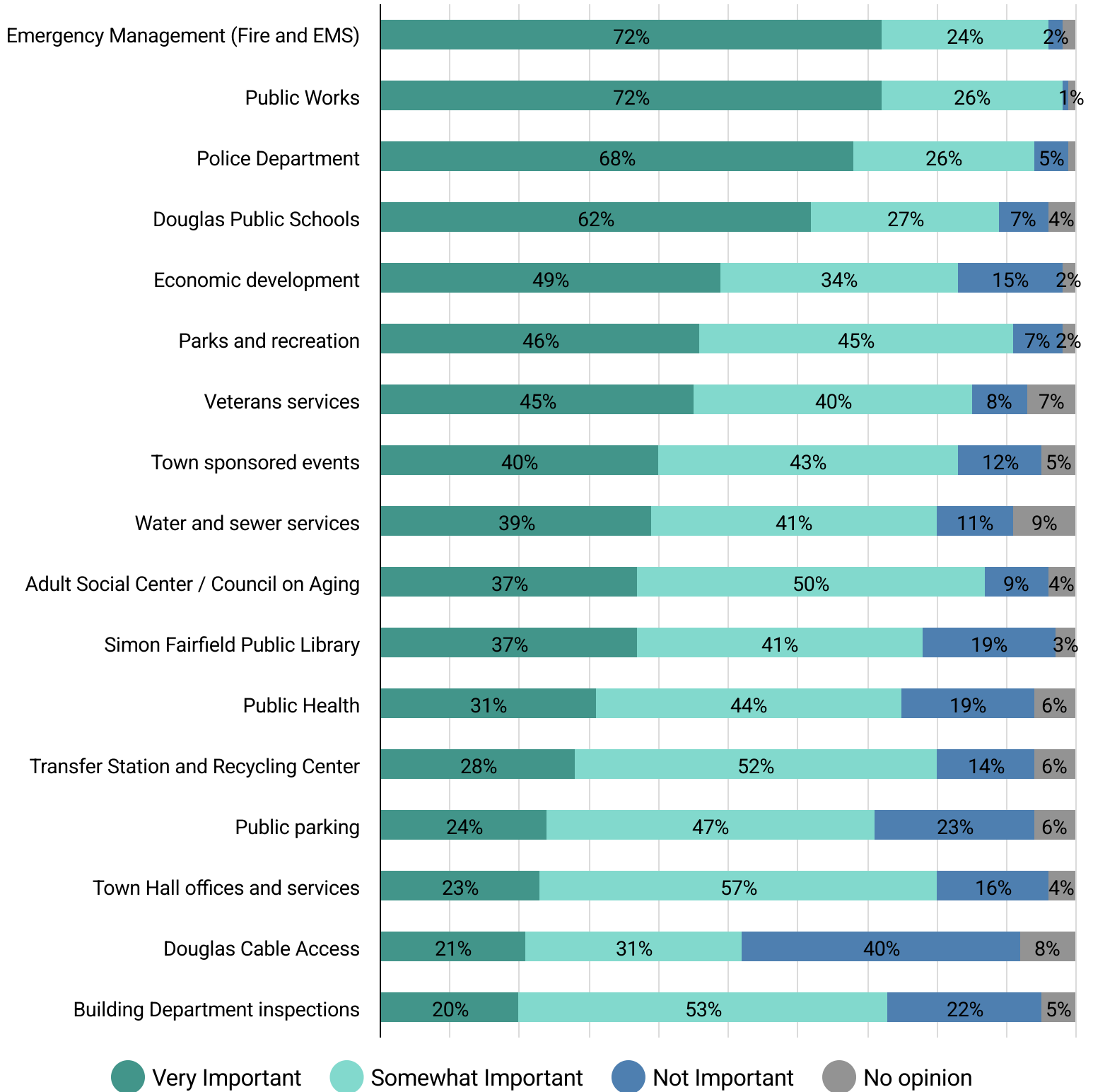
"**Better support for special needs students in the schools.**"

"More youth athletic fields would help immensely."



Town Facilities & Services

How important do you think it is for the Town to allocate resources for the following services and facilities?



Town Facilities & Services - Comments

According to your neighbors...

"Keep the charm but increase recreational opportunities, **make Douglas a destination spot for hikers, boaters etc.**"

"A town owned wifi option would be amazing!"

"Investments into any forms of transit other than cars, whether it be better/more sidewalks and bike paths/lanes or buses to help people cross longer distances within the town, would in my opinion be more preferable than more parking."

"**Town needs more for kids.** High school athletic field should be better with light and seats. Middle school field and track should be improved to turf so kids and public can enjoy the facility."

"We could combine many services with other towns & do many remotely/ online/ mail/ email"

"We need to consider a regional school system with another town."

"Ample parking downtown is the key to revitalization. The town should also build a park with amenities for residents"

"A combination library, youth center, senior center, veterans center, and volunteer center for town sponsored events would be wonderful."

"A spring version of Oktoberfest! It was incredible this year!"

"**Getting businesses in to help reduce the taxpayer burdens.**"

"Health services that go to people need more support."



"At this point I would rather see the town spend its resources on things the will improve the town and bring in the business we need to grow."

"**Library renovation** is very important, and needs to be fully accessible!"

"I feel we should have town tennis courts and or pickleball courts"

"Public health needs to take a bigger role in offering wellness programs that support the senior center. I would love to see investment in a **larger community center that can be used for public services and the entire community.**"

"It would be great if the recycling center included a buy nothing center."

"**Please put more money into street repair.**"

"The senior center and activities need more funding"

"We need to keep up with our schools and town services so the town can attract good workers and teachers to help the community."

Town Facilities & Services - Comments

Please describe any concerns or issues you have with the services and facilities listed in the previous question:



"Need more industry and roadways and bridges to support this increase in activity"

"The conditions of our roads are deplorable."

"Public schools and parks and recreation for children is most important"

"Need more bike paths"

"As someone who holds books and learning dearly, I think the towns people are underserved without an adequate public library.."

"There is a litter problem in Douglas that should be addressed (mostly alcohol cans and small bottles)."



"I think taking care of the people who live in the town is the most important. Taking care of the most vulnerable by investing in our children who are our future and then taking care of the elderly who have nurtured the community. Making sure we fund town resources like our libraries are also very important. **I think anything that encourages community engagement is very important!"**

"I am concerned about emergency services in town. The town has grown and is very large geographically. EMS needs to be able to reach all residents in a reasonable amount of time."

"Douglas needs more internet options"

"Downtown, off street parking a must to support a vibrant/attractive commercial center."

"Concerns surrounding water processing, treatment, and delivery (water pressure is already so incredibly low, do we have the infrastructure for more?)"

"More town collaboration"

"Would love to see funding allocated to education and nature/enrichment"

"Cost of living increases for town employees"

"Adequately funding the public school is the most important option"

"Funds should be directed towards items that are value added to students and residents"

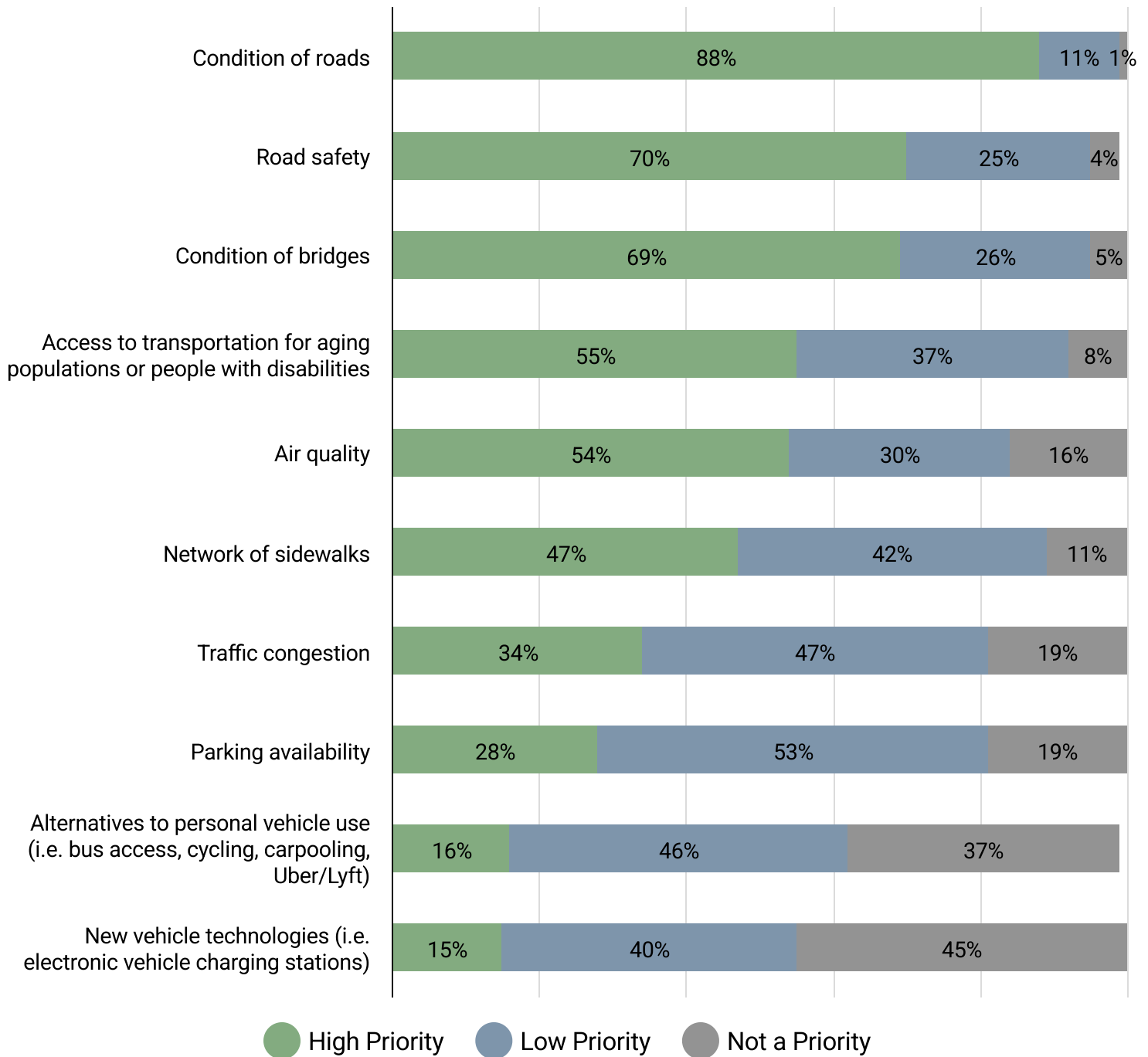
"Handicap accessibility at the library"

"The lack of planning in long term use buildings"

"Douglas makes it tough to build and do business in Douglas. we need to be more user friendly."

Transportation & Circulation

Which of the following transportation issues do you consider to be most important to address in Douglas?



Transportation & Circulation - Comments

"Some of the above priorities have state and government subsidies to make them happen. So, the municipality should use those resources strategically to ensure they can meet as many of these as possible"

"Noise pollution from motorcycles and semi trucks"

"The bridges need to be widened."

"Would love to get Douglas **more public transportation access**, we should have a bus stop that connects us with Worcester transit if we don't already."

"Sidewalks along Northeast Main st heading into town are sorely needed."

"Allow ATV use on the trail system!!!"

"That is personal decision to have EV should not be concern or burden of town to supply charging stations."

"Fix the roads!"



"There are very **few sidewalks**. The cross walks are also not lit up at all in the main area of Douglas - making it difficult to see pedestrians."



"The roads are terrible and patching the potholes are sometimes helpful but what about actually fixing and replacing the roads. Dpw has a great response but the patching is only a temporary solution to regrading and really fixing them. "

"Public transportation access should be done in conjunction with neighboring communities and should integrate transportation for elderly and disabled."

"It seems like there isn't any **handicapped accessible parking** downtown. That should be a priority versus just regular parking."

"Please do NOT invest in electronic vehicle facilities! It's not worth it and the people don't want it"

"Let's do something to make downtown not a cut through from 146 to Webster. Maybe more stop signs leading into downtown to slow down traffic and discourage its use as a cut through."

"No traffic lights ever"

According to your neighbors...

"Flashing traffic lights at downtown pedestrian crosswalk(s)"

"Too much traffic downtown. No one goes the speed limit. Where are the cops to monitor this?"

Make walking, biking & driving safer.

"Other water infrastructure replacements and upgrades such as undersized culverts, managing stormwater systems, and removing unnecessary and hazardous dams to improve both ecological health and public safety."

"Our roads are terrible! We should not be having all the large truck traffic coming through town."

"Bike lanes with improved roads and a nice destination to go to would be amazing!"

"More traffic signs need to be put up to tell drivers the speed limits. Too much speeding in town."

Transportation & Circulation - Comments

What are the most difficult areas or intersections you encounter traveling through Douglas on a regular basis?

"Post Office entry and exit roads."

"Pulling out of Depot onto Main/Gleason Court onto Main during rush/bus hours"

"Downtown Main Street"

"The 2 bridges over the Mumford River, both need to be straightened and widened."

"North road to Sutton is a nightmare "

W Hartford Ave and Rt 16 (Davis St) fork by the high school

"Traveling from any direction through the three-way intersection (flashing yellow/red light) where Route 16 changes from Davis Street to NE Main Street. Not a safe intersection, even with flashing light, especially considering close proximity to school/new drivers."



"Intersection of Davis St and NE Main St near the Schools."

"Roads around Lake Manchaug"

"Main St during the busy morning and evening hours"

"The single light intersection at Route 16"



"Lackey Dam intersection"

"The main part of town tends to get more busy when school is released."

"The intersection between 16/South/Southwest/ & Southeast Main"

"Depot Street to Mechanic Street is often difficult to traverse during peak times of through traffic."

"Poor quality of road surface on North St."



"North Street/Gilboa intersection."

Absent the installation of a traffic light, there should be signage saying that westbound Gilboa to southbound North Street does not stop. The three-way stop signs in other directions still cause confusion to out-of-towners. I feel like this intersection is more hazardous than it should be."

"The 3 way stop at Gilboa and North Street is awful especially with more traffic in the area."

"North St turning onto Charles St, obstructed vision and cars traveling too fast coming from town."

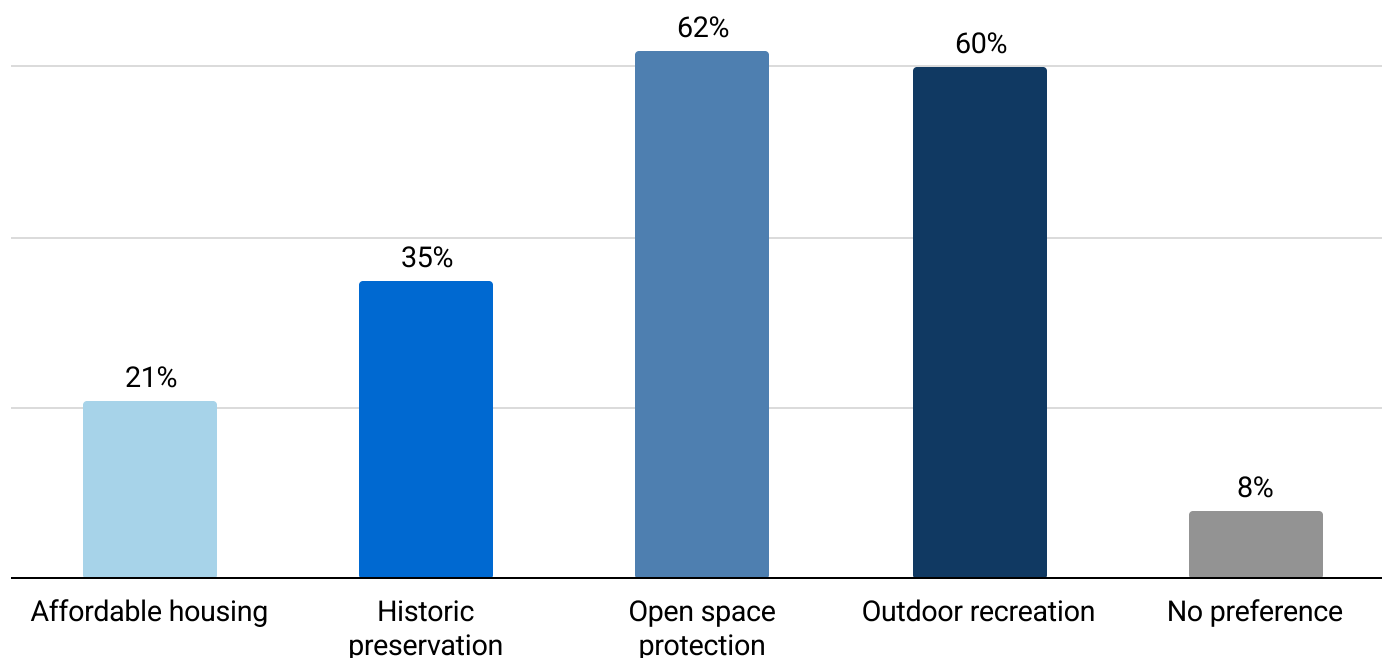
"Intersection of Rt. 16 and SW Main"

"Leaving the high school and heading into town, the stop sign at the corner of 16 and Hartford ave"

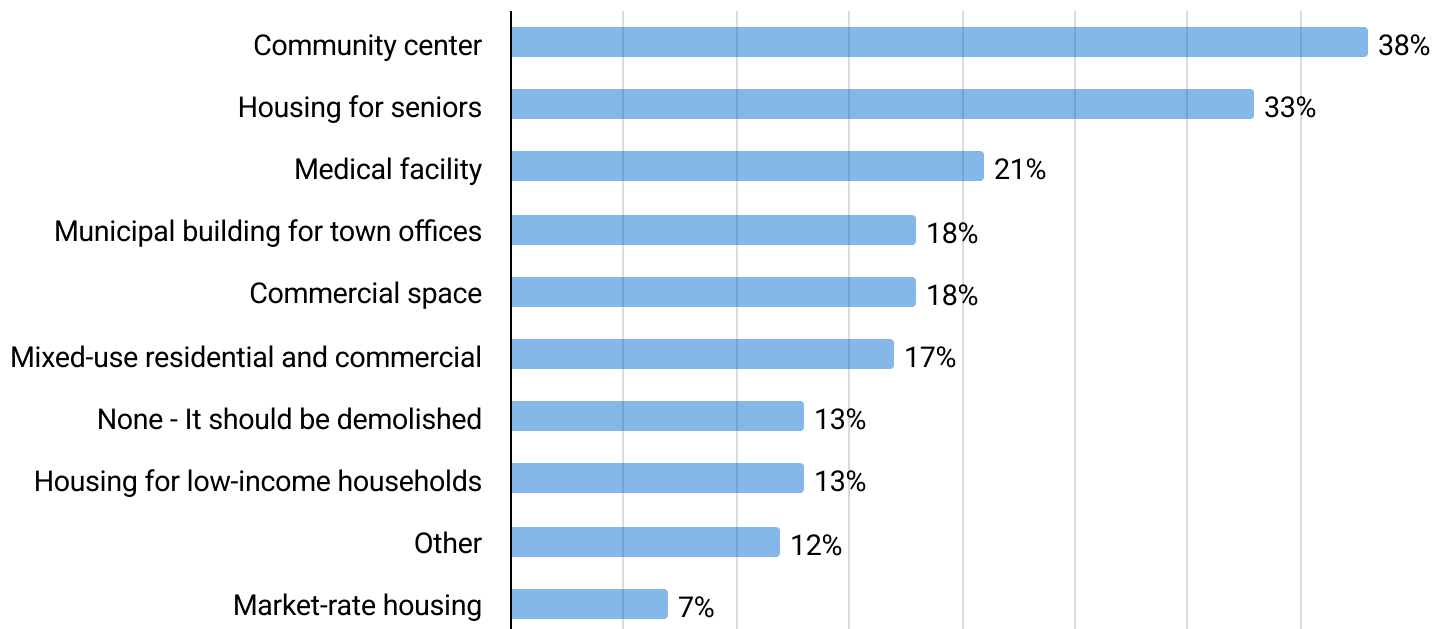
"Stop signs on back roads are often not adhered to. Scary as a pedestrian!"

Cultural & Historic Resources

If Town Meeting votes to adopt the Community Preservation Act (CPA),
how would you like to see these funds be allocated?



If the old Grammar School on Gleason Court was to be renovated, what would
you like to see the property used as?



Cultural & Historic Resources - Comments

Are there any historic buildings or sites in Douglas that you feel the Town should prioritize for preservation?

"VFW in front of soccer field"

"Old town common"



"Cottage Street Fire Station"

"any axe company historical building."

"The Old Grammar school on Gleason St"



"All of our buildings in the center of town are historic. It would be nice to see an upgrade of some of the store fronts and removal of the ugly signs"

"The first and second congregational churches are also historic buildings that should be cared for and protected with support to those congregations where possible."

"Houses around the town common and any of the more historic buildings in the downtown area."

"Historic family cemeteries."

"Public library, Old Fire house (museum?), Wixtead Building, Goodness Store building, Elmwood building (Picket fence), veterans building"

"Library"



"The library needs a serious overhaul. This is a busy building, used by many and it is way behind other towns near us."

"the stone bridges on north st, A street, and wallum lake rd. We need to preserve them. The bridge on wallum lake road needs a weight limit sign. In addition, fire department #2 should be refurbished to retain it's historical charm."

"All the monuments"

"Town Hall and Police Station"

"The downtown buildings could resemble an historic district."

According to your neighbors...

"Cottage Street fire station 1880 & its wooden tower, would be my #1 priority. Next the VFW/Center school, Old Grammar school."

"Identify and recognize any home built prior to 1850, perhaps make "Historic Douglas" plaques available. This would allow home owners to take it upon themselves to apply for any funds."

"Historical Society"

"Post Office"

"Jenkes store"



"I would love to see Jenkes exterior preserved but the interior used more effectively for our town"

Visioning - Comments

If you are considering moving out of Douglas in the future, what changes to the town would encourage you to stay here?

**According
to your
neighbors...**

"Preserve the small-town feel"

"Prioritization of small for profit farms and non profit hobby farms. Open space for nature trails and preservation."

"Less development. There's too many houses being built that are eating away at the charm and rural feel."

"Lower taxes is a must. Attract more retail businesses."

"Nice Retirement home for seniors with activities on property, social outings, dining room, living room"

"More diverse cultures."

"Housing for seniors including smaller single-level home and duplexes. improved Senior services including transportation and assisted living. Accessible professional services and quality restaurants."

"I would love to live in a town that offers sidewalks, a walking track, an outdoor ice skating rink, independent shops, and upscale townhouses around a common area."

"Increase funding in the school system to **maintain a good public school system** compared to towns such as Sutton and Grafton."

"Low population density with slow growth, fiscal discipline, reasonably property tax increases overtime, open space and woodlands preservation."

"Lower property taxes"

"As I get older, I need services and availability of housing for seniors. Without that, I may need to move."

"More affordable homes/apartments"

"The lack of stores, up kept coffee shops and food places make it really hard to want to stay. Driving 20 minutes to CVS is not convenient and I am having a hard time considering having children here since i need more resources closer."

"More convenience options - groceries, pharmacy, restaurants, etc. more family friendly things to do in town."

"More restaurant options. Central community center or YMCA for both social and sporting activities"

"More shopping and commercialization. We are a young couple who moved from the city to start a family. We understand we are new to town but many young couples are coming to the area. The town needs to to either embrace the fresh ideas and adapt, or fall behind while surrounding communities build, invest and thrive."

"Main Street living options, walkability, shopping/eating, entertainment options."

"Affordability of housing and taxes. Being on a fixed income makes it difficult to afford the basic necessities and keep a roof over my head."

"More places to take children that were fenced in/playable. I get we have a beautiful state forest but it doesn't feel like a safe spot to bring multiple children alone."

"I miss having all my shopping needs met in town but I don't think Douglas population can support that type of infrastructure."

Visioning - Comments

If you are considering moving out of Douglas in the future, what changes to the town would encourage you to stay here?

"Affordable housing for new homeowners"

"Revitalize downtown with decorative lampposts, improved sidewalks, better parking, better flower planters (ones that have been placed recently are poorly done). Walkway along Mumford would increase desirability for walking downtown."

"I wish there were more sidewalks to make walking to downtown safer."

"More for our children to do.
Skatepark park / BMX track."

"Rental and small/ first time home options would make me consider staying, it seems like the only homes for sale are large single family and that doesn't suit my needs "

**"Significant retail
business development of
Main Street / downtown"**

"Available, affordable one level housing!"

"If Douglas was more open to arts and culture, if there was a larger sense of community, I might be more interested in staying."

"Public transportation"

"Fix the electricity cuz the power goes out constantly in the winter months."

"Upgrading infrastructure (roads and sidewalks), streamlining flow of traffic on Main Street, adding grocery store/pharmacy"

"Better roads"

"A brewery, nice gardens and outdoor space.."

" I would love to see this town grow and be more open minded. It seems like it's just stuck and I would love to see kids be able to walk downtown or go to a community center to have a place outside of the home to hang out with other kids. Or have an option for senior housing because seniors often have a fixed income, and we need to take care of our elderly. "

"Walkability, senior housing, parks, diversity of activities, eateries, transport for seniors. "

"Stopping the housing growth. The charm of Douglas is the wooded countryside feel. "

"Better school programs for disabled and special needs students."

"We need to leverage our proximity to lakes and rivers, and the state Forest more to bring people into town for outdoor recreation. And tourist dollars would follow."

"A revitalized downtown with more dining opportunities (dine-in restaurants, coffee shops with seating, some small shops, generally a quaint looking downtown area where you would like to park your car and walk around which would also increase visitorship to our downtown museum."

"Family friendly activities."



"Expand town services (trash, recycling, water, and sewer)."

"Leaving all the open spaces and trails available to the public"

"Places with things like tennis/basketball courts, playgrounds, ball fields, pavilions, walking trails/paths, public pool, etc would be a game changer for families "

"More of a sense of community - there isn't really a common gathering ground in town/there are few events when neighbors can meet and bond with one another."



Visioning - Comments

What would an ideal Douglas 20 years from now look like to you?

"There would be more businesses along the 146 area, not infringing on residence or open space"

"More senior housing."

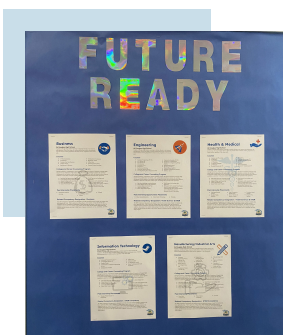
"The ability to get everything i need as a retired senior without having to leave the town"

"**Quaint small business shops**, a multitude of restaurants, spots for hiking and appreciating the history and architecture of the town, but keeping the towns farming and agricultural aspect."

"A vibrant downtown with restaurants and nice shops. Nice appearance to downtown. **Great recreational opportunities** such as pickleball, parks and trails. Nicer housing options."

"**A beautiful historical area** that clearly shows pride in the town to all that drive through."

"Keep Douglas small and free from tons of industrial and commercial businesses near residential."



"Preservation of the state forest and Wallum Lake."

"An ideal Douglas would be one that can walk the line between providing services and opportunities for its people while maintaining its historic mill town vibe."

"Strong community presence/events in each season, more racial/economic diversity in town, more small retail businesses/shops, and community theatre."

"Keep the small town look and feel but have more restaurants, grocery store and drug store."

"**A downtown to be proud of....not one to avoid.**"

"I'd love to see town wide community events more frequently and more options for our younger generations."

"**More affordable and small homes**, rental options, more community spaces and third places, walkable street, I would love to be able to ride my bike safely in town, and more wildlife / rural preservation. Fewer big homes on big culs de sac and suburban sprawl."

"**I want a better school system for our kids** that doesn't have to cut AP programs or extra curriculums because they just don't have the money. I want them to have every opportunity afforded to them that they can get before college or before joining the workforce."

According to your neighbors...

"Beautiful, quaint, popular downtown with great businesses. beautiful parks for children, including playgrounds and sports. Great school facilities."

"Bike paths, sidewalks throughout. Not too commercial but with the **addition of a grocery store and pharmacy** so that we don't have to travel out of town to get the essentials, activities that interest all ages, including young professionals"

"A vibrant downtown, more young families, and more diverse faces that represent different cultures."

"A flourishing suburban town with **strong sense of community.**"

"Family centered with an emphasis on the schools. This would encourage more young families to move to town which would increase revenue and provide for the future of the town."



Visioning - Comments

What would an ideal Douglas 20 years from now look like to you?

"A balance for young and old with all basic needs to a minimum accessible "

"The seniors have to have better services and affordable housing."

"We should look into what resources are available and information regarding blue zones communities. Blue zones communities focus on the health and wellness of its residents which include diet and exercise, social networks and sense of community."

"A more family friendly town. More neighborhoods. More sidewalks. More community events."

"No more cutting down forests for warehouses or solar fields."

"Nothing different from right now. No big shopping centers. Nothing that puts undue stress on infrastructure."

"I would like to see tax money spent on the important things like Police, Fire, EMS, and Schools."



"The town having a **thriving economy** through new commercial, industrial, agricultural, business efforts that were put into effect 20 years prior. The town being a highly sought after to live in because the taxes are low, schools are some of the best in the state, and business are fighting to be here!"

"Easy to navigate on foot, by car or bicycle."

"A diverse community with schools that are thriving and offer programs that encourage our students to want to continue because of the great academics and programs that are offered."

"I would like to see a less car dependent community, where most people can **reach a restaurant or store within a 10-15 minute walk**, as well as public transit options reaching out into other towns/cities in the region."

"**Small town charm** like Putnam CT or Pascoag RI."

"**More farmlands, trail systems** connecting all around town, small businesses that complement trail tourism and overnight lodging."

"Busier with more industry."



"**Affordability** for low to middle income families."

"Keeping residents in their homes.. homes where they were born and where they have lived their entire lives. A town that does not raise taxes to make people homeless. **A proud town to continue to live in.**"

"More affordable living, more small business. No more Marijuana sales.. find another way!"

"I would hope to see it pretty much the same, with **better roads**. Also with an open community center."

"We have such beautiful wooded roads and neighborhoods, I would hate for Douglas to be over-developed as many of the surrounding towns have become."

"**Modern infrastructure**, multiple types of businesses spread out throughout town, upgrading athletic fields, strongly funded school system"

Visioning - Comments

What would an ideal Douglas 20 years from now look like to you?



"More industrial entities near Route 146, and **preservation of open space**"

"Embrace the small town feel and lean into **more events like Oktoberfest.**"

"Public recreation facilities.

Less land turning into housing developments and warehouses. More cable/internet options throughout all of the town. A larger and more robust library."

"There's plenty of land that can be re-zoned for commercial, industrial, or residential use. We lack the infrastructure to grow and thrive if presented with the opportunity to take in prospective home buyers as we become a key suburb of the greater Worcester area."

"Affordable, still small town community but with more **retail access**"

"Bustling. And not in a heavy auto traffic sort of way. Sidewalks and roads repaired so you can move freely and it's **safe to walk.**"

"More encouragement for eco-friendly options (no styrofoam, plastic straws, plastic bags). More focus on the natural offerings we already have (making the SNETT parking area less chaotic/cleaner and more welcoming)."

"An ideal Douglas would have a **tree-lined main street with well maintained buildings housing independent shops**, such as a flower shop, a bakery, a wine and cheese shop, a butcher shop, a coffee shop, and gift shops. There would be a walking track with an outside skating rink and outdoor fire place near the fire station and transfer station where community members could meet to exercise and socialize."

"The town needs more companies to come and do business here, for example, hospitals, factories, malls or supermarkets. We need **destination attractions** like restaurants, museums (not like the Jenckes Store) and bike trails."

"Actively pursuing commerce that benefits the community such as grocery stores and global companies that will eventually benefit the tax base."

"I love Douglas BECAUSE it is rural, quiet, picturesque.

I work in Worcester and love coming home to quiet Douglas. Keep it this way. Make it a safe quiet place to raise families like it was for me."

"Less traffic going through downtown."

"Affordable senior housing. **Amenities seniors can walk or take a local bus to.**"

"Maybe a spiffed up East Douglas Village with some municipal parking and a little **walking trail along Mumford River.**"

"Complete redesign of the downtown section of town with increase parking, safer sidewalks, and more desirable businesses."

"I truly love Douglas as far as nature goes, i think more business but small eclectic downtown offering more and encouraging community."

"**A thriving downtown** with more than 3 pizza shops that would offer reasons for our residents to spend their dollars here."

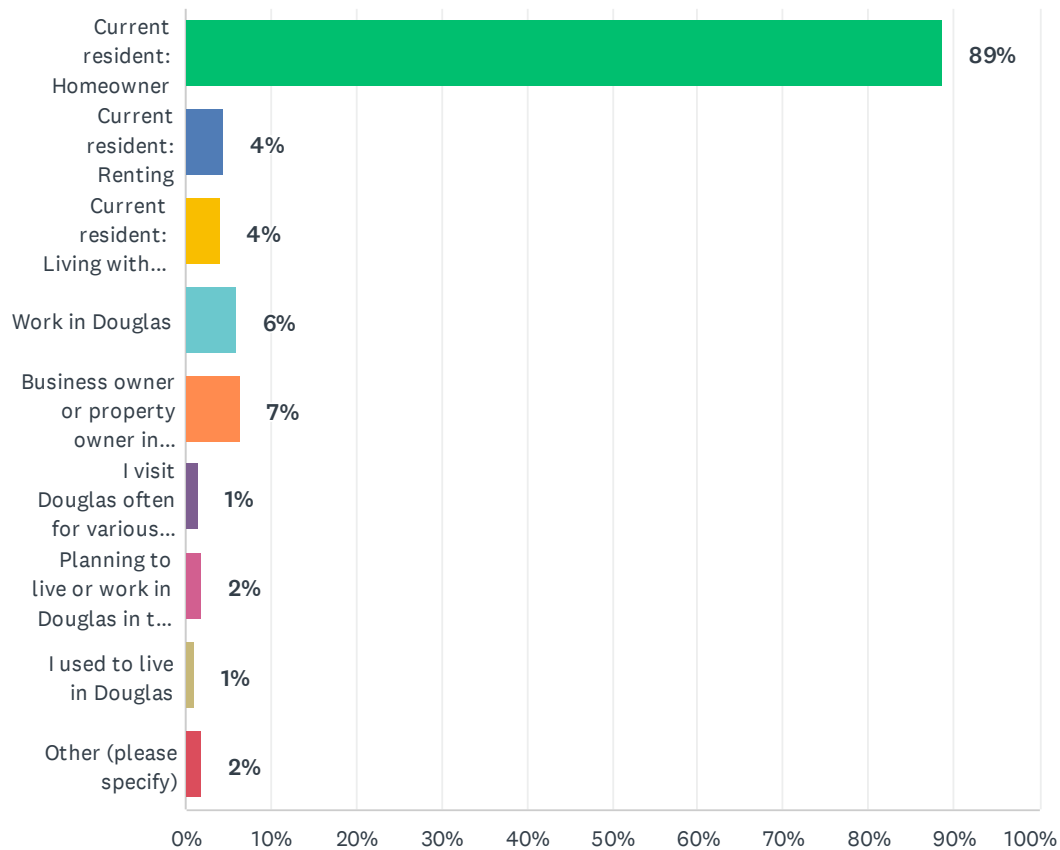
"**I would love more housing, a dog park, and a ADA library**"



"Beautification with either walking or biking trails. Ordinance on main street for signage etc. so that it is not outdated/faded. Preservation of historic building, lending character. Additional services, especially for healthcare."

Q1 In what way(s) are you connected with Douglas? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 892 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Current resident: Homeowner	89%	791
Current resident: Renting	4%	39
Current resident: Living with family or friends and not paying rent	4%	37
Work in Douglas	6%	54
Business owner or property owner in Douglas	7%	58
I visit Douglas often for various reasons	1%	13
Planning to live or work in Douglas in the near future	2%	18
I used to live in Douglas	1%	10
Other (please specify)	2%	17
Total Respondents: 892		

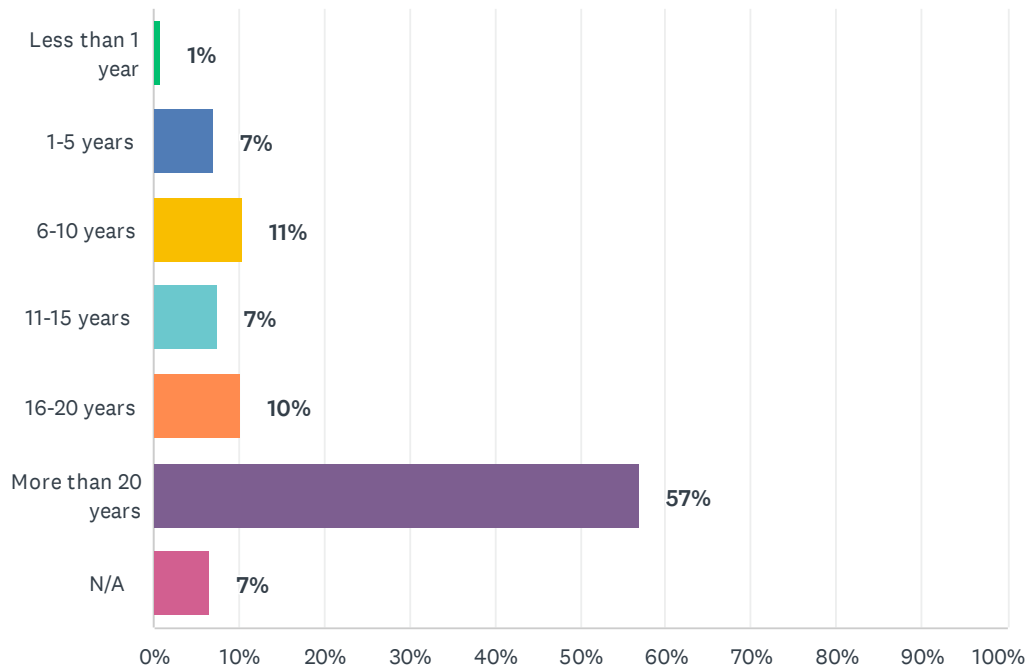
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Volunteer in Douglas	1/23/2025 12:33 PM

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2	My grandchildren live here	1/15/2025 6:38 PM
3	life long resident	1/4/2025 12:18 PM
4	Life long resident	11/23/2024 1:00 PM
5	Children in Douglas Schools	11/20/2024 11:48 AM
6	member of COA + Sunshine Club	11/19/2024 12:40 PM
7	Own land	11/13/2024 4:21 PM
8	Own land	11/13/2024 6:37 AM
9	N	11/9/2024 8:07 AM
10	Born and raised!	10/12/2024 11:31 PM
11	Homeowner abutting Douglas	10/12/2024 7:48 AM
12	New home construction due November, 2024	10/9/2024 3:37 PM
13	Family still lives there, I'll move back shortly	10/7/2024 12:54 PM
14	Coach Youth Sports in Douglas	10/6/2024 2:56 PM
15	Own property for rent	10/4/2024 6:42 AM
16	I	10/3/2024 2:48 PM
17	I own a summer home.	10/2/2024 7:31 PM

Q2 How long do you plan to live in Douglas (if applicable)?

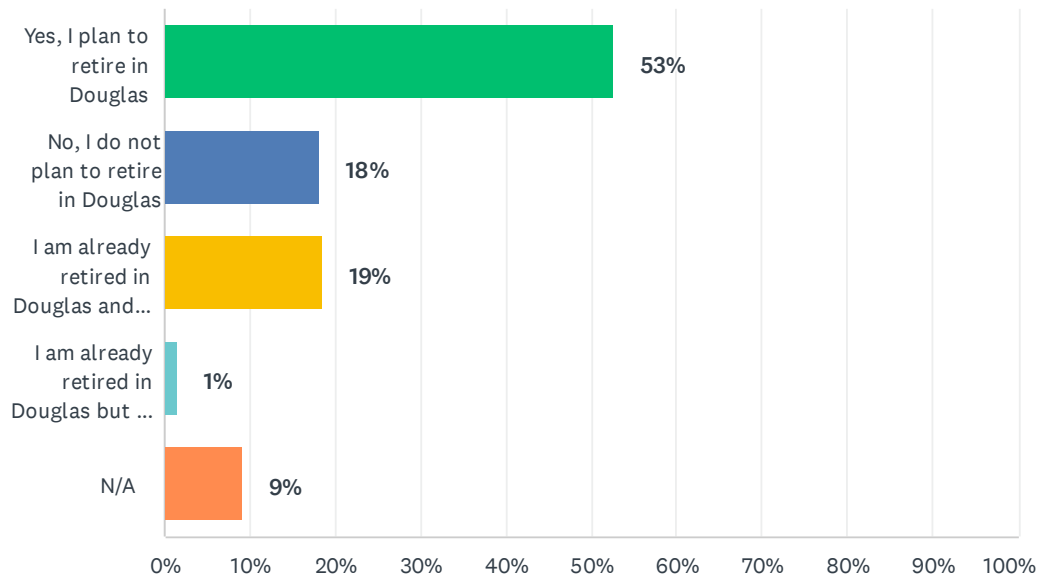
Answered: 882 Skipped: 12



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 1 year	1%	7
1-5 years	7%	63
6-10 years	11%	93
11-15 years	7%	66
16-20 years	10%	91
More than 20 years	57%	503
N/A	7%	59
TOTAL		882

Q3 Do you plan to retire in Douglas?

Answered: 882 Skipped: 12



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I plan to retire in Douglas	53%	464
No, I do not plan to retire in Douglas	18%	160
I am already retired in Douglas and plan to stay here	19%	164
I am already retired in Douglas but I plan to move out of town	1%	13
N/A	9%	81
TOTAL		882

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Unsure - not close to retirement age	2/1/2025 1:17 AM
2	I don't know	1/29/2025 11:22 AM
3	Not sure yet	1/20/2025 12:18 PM
4	Not sure at this point	1/17/2025 2:48 PM
5	Not anymore, it's too built up and getting too crowded	1/15/2025 9:53 AM
6	Lower the property taxes	1/14/2025 8:39 AM
7	I haven't thought that far ahead yet.	1/13/2025 7:05 PM
8	My ability to continue living here and retire here are completely dependent on finances, so I'm not sure.	12/29/2024 11:05 AM
9	Not sure	12/28/2024 7:23 AM
10	Unsure	12/10/2024 1:37 PM

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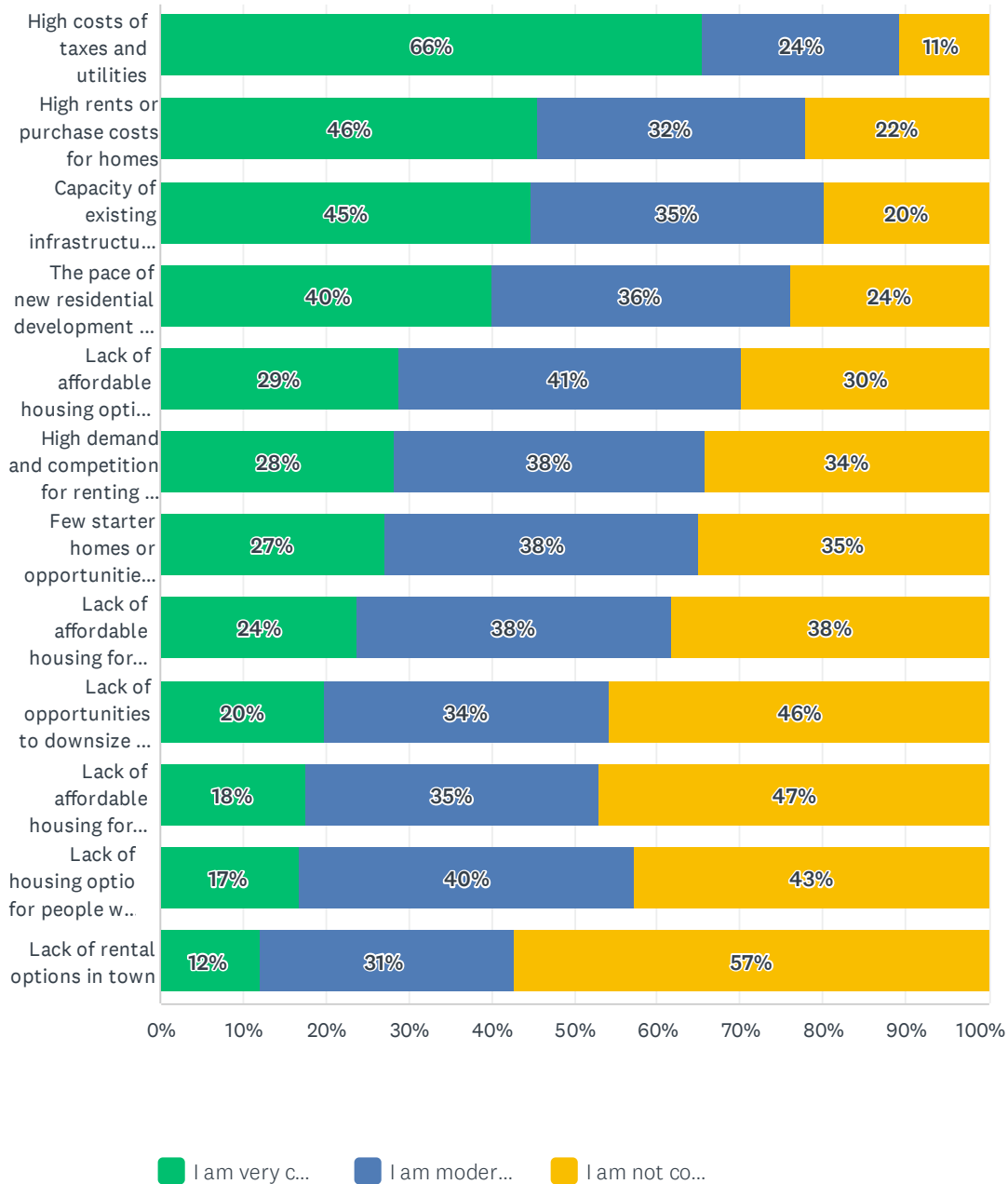
11	It's already too crowded and too much commercial being built and open forest land being gobbled up by houses and businesses	11/23/2024 1:37 PM
12	Unless taxes causes me to move	11/21/2024 7:17 AM
13	Not sure	11/12/2024 8:43 PM
14	Don't know - Finances will determine what we can and can not do.	11/9/2024 8:04 PM
15	Don't know	11/7/2024 5:58 PM
16	i am looking for elderly housing in or out of town	11/7/2024 12:51 PM
17	Retiring in 2 months	11/7/2024 12:16 PM
18	Not sure	10/28/2024 7:04 PM
19	Unsure	10/18/2024 3:20 PM
20	I'll never retire hahaha	10/17/2024 9:06 PM
21	I don't know yet	10/17/2024 1:05 AM
22	It depends on what Douglas looks like when I am ready to retire. In the past 15 years or so, it seems the design has been to keep people here as long as they have kids in school, build equity, and then retire elsewhere.	10/16/2024 2:43 PM
23	I don't know how long i'll be here. I'm almost 89.	10/16/2024 2:16 PM
24	keeping my options open	10/16/2024 12:49 PM
25	I have not made a decision on this.	10/16/2024 9:39 AM
26	I'm not sure where I want to retire yet	10/15/2024 10:13 PM
27	No new Taxes, government is non-profit.	10/14/2024 10:52 AM
28	Possibly retire in Douglas, unsure	10/13/2024 2:13 PM
29	Disabled	10/13/2024 5:16 AM
30	Winter down south. Summer in Douglas	10/12/2024 9:29 PM
31	I plan on retiring here abutting Douglas	10/12/2024 7:48 AM
32	Haven't decided yet	10/12/2024 7:02 AM
33	Plan to keep this as primary residence, but ideally winter somewhere warmer.	10/11/2024 11:57 AM
34	Unsure	10/10/2024 3:44 PM
35	The forest is shrinking. Too many new homes.	10/9/2024 7:21 PM
36	I am too young to plan for retirement	10/9/2024 4:19 PM
37	Until I get taxed out of my home.	10/8/2024 9:35 AM
38	Hope to be a snowbird	10/7/2024 8:13 PM
39	My husband and I are in our 30s, but at this point, we love Douglas and think that if we were to move, we would try to stay in town.	10/7/2024 9:17 AM
40	Not sure	10/6/2024 10:05 PM
41	Unsure	10/6/2024 7:54 PM
42	Real estate taxes are getting harder to pay	10/6/2024 6:31 PM
43	Haven't decided	10/5/2024 10:29 PM
44	We do not know yet	10/5/2024 4:07 PM
45	Not sure	10/5/2024 12:46 PM
46	I'm only 30 so it's going to be a while...	10/4/2024 6:42 AM

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47	The tax rate is too high	10/4/2024 6:29 AM
48	while we plan to stay moving out is always an option as taxes increase exponentially lately	10/4/2024 4:14 AM
49	Not sure	10/2/2024 10:30 PM
50	Not sure	10/1/2024 7:26 PM
51	I'd like to retire here but I don't see a reason why to	10/1/2024 5:41 PM

Q4 Please rank your concern for each of the following housing issues in Douglas:

Answered: 885 Skipped: 9



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	I AM VERY CONCERNED	I AM MODERATELY CONCERNED	I AM NOT CONCERNED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
High costs of taxes and utilities	66% 572	24% 209	11% 92	873	1.45
High rents or purchase costs for homes	46% 397	32% 281	22% 193	871	1.77
Capacity of existing infrastructure to accommodate new development	45% 388	35% 307	20% 172	867	1.75
The pace of new residential development in town	40% 350	36% 314	24% 210	874	1.84
Lack of affordable housing options for young professionals or young families	29% 252	41% 362	30% 261	875	2.01
High demand and competition for renting or buying a home	28% 245	38% 326	34% 297	868	2.06
Few starter homes or opportunities for first-time homebuyers	27% 237	38% 328	35% 304	869	2.08
Lack of affordable housing for seniors (age 55+)	24% 209	38% 333	38% 336	878	2.14
Lack of opportunities to downsize to smaller homes or apartments	20% 173	34% 300	46% 401	874	2.26
Lack of affordable housing for low- to moderate-income households	18% 154	35% 307	47% 410	871	2.29
Lack of housing options for people with disabilities	17% 146	40% 349	43% 371	866	2.26
Lack of rental options in town	12% 105	31% 266	57% 496	867	2.45

#	PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY OTHER HOUSING ISSUE THAT YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT IN DOUGLAS	DATE
1	More trees need to be planted along main streets for shade and to beautify the town. Very important to any town or city	2/20/2025 1:38 PM
2	Longtime residents who love the town should be able to stay as they age out of their larger homes. Assisted living through to hospice care facility would be in great demand and would allow for dignified end-of-life in a familiar setting. Residents to have first priority.	2/4/2025 1:32 PM
3	Dont change this town we love it the way it is keep the state out	1/31/2025 8:42 PM
4	Rent is too high.	1/28/2025 2:32 PM
5	People holding public offices that building in town is a conflict of interest	1/27/2025 2:28 PM
6	I've lived here 3 years and the amount of new houses that have been built is quite scary. Moved here for the woods. Hope it stays woods.	1/26/2025 6:55 AM
7	Would not want to see apartment style housing added.	1/25/2025 9:42 PM
8	High taxes, limited returns from town government to the residents. It's a pay to live town tax tax tax	1/24/2025 1:24 PM
9	A major appeal of the town, other than the community, is its woodland, quiet, and less populated feel. I moved out of the city and paid to have this. Apartments and affordable housing belong in urban city areas. Not out in the country. They don't fit the town, nor do they belong here. "Affordable" starter homes isn't something this town can support either. Our taxes and assessments are totally unaffordable for families starting out. The town as it sits currently, has become for more established families and middle aged people who can afford to live here. I love the feel of this town and its community. It's safe, friendly, like minded, I can leave my	1/23/2025 7:58 AM

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doors unlocked, my keys in my truck outside, my kids can go out and play without fear, we have NO TRAFFIC, our law enforcement isn't stressed out and unfriendly because of all the nonsense "affordable" housing and the problems transient population bring. Please leave the town alone

10	Too many 2-acre lots, not enough mixed use development.	1/19/2025 7:28 PM
11	Any developers in town should have economic commitments to maintain or improve roadways to and from their developments. More road traffic should result in more funds to improve or maintain them.	1/18/2025 1:46 PM
12	Douglas doesn't have a nursing home for our seniors. We have to go to other towns, if we need assistance. I have been living in Douglas for thirty five years.	1/16/2025 1:36 PM
13	New developments are not affordable to down size despite the smaller for the square footage !!	1/15/2025 6:11 PM
14	Douglas is building WAY too fast. We are losing open forest land left and right. Houses are popping up and being crammed in like a city. These big huge mega buildings are ugly beyond all sin.	1/15/2025 9:53 AM
15	Put more lands into conservation so you can't build any more houses on them	1/14/2025 8:39 AM
16	Seems a homeowners are always bearing the burden of cost through taxes. I wish there was more business or industry in town to help offset this.	1/12/2025 2:46 PM
17	Lack of a plan for affordable housing that would expose town to contractors using state law to avoid town zoning	1/11/2025 5:54 PM
18	Permitting roadblocks	1/11/2025 4:21 PM
19	Like to keep the charm of small town , should keep housing on what market conditions demand.	1/11/2025 12:18 PM
20	We have enough houses. I don't want every inch of land developed.	1/10/2025 6:54 PM
21	Natural gas throughout the town	1/10/2025 4:06 PM
22	There are too many big colonials priced above \$700,000 being built. You're basically blocking any people with lower incomes to be able to afford to purchase anything in Douglas. There are few options for older people looking to downsize also.	1/6/2025 12:13 PM
23	Build more homes with bedrooms on 1st floor. Keep 2 acre lots and do not put fences and new homes close together. Keep agriculture and farm possibilities viable	12/31/2024 12:10 PM
24	I am deeply concerned with Douglas's constant refusal to be accepting of different types of housing alternatives. No small affordable housing is built here, only expensive condos and oversized suburban houses. Despite us being such a remote and rural location. In other words, if I could afford a half a million dollar condo, I think I'd buy it in a town that has a pharmacy and a grocery store. Not here. I realize all housing has reached astronomical prices in this state, but still. Douglas is also very resistant to things like people having trailers on their property, tiny houses, in laws, etc. Which I find ridiculous. As long as something is built safely and up to code, they should be able to use their property to assist their loved ones. So many of us want to combine resources to keep our family members housed, and all Douglas cares about is the risk to property value. Frankly, I don't care that you want to make sure that when you sell your house after your kids are grown that you get the highest price possible. I care about the citizens of this town facing homelessness on a yearly basis because of rising costs.	12/29/2024 11:05 AM
25	Taxes are biggest concern given they are quite high. We'd love to see Douglas have its on fiber optic internet for free resident usage!	
26	Low quality and lack of appropriateness to the rural small town character	12/28/2024 10:50 AM
27	I am concerned Douglas doesn't want nice houses and developments. my wife and I are building now and have run into nothing but problems because Boards don't want nice houses and the red tape and costs of permits and inspections is CRAZY	12/28/2024 7:41 AM
28	Outrageous taxes	12/27/2024 12:43 PM
29	No real concerns. I just want to ensure Douglas is maintaining a proactive approach to residential assessments.	12/8/2024 9:13 PM

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30	Waaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaay too many houses are being built waaaaaaaaay too quickly. Forest land needs to be preserved....and Douglas can 10000% accomplish this without raising taxes any more than it already has!	11/23/2024 1:37 PM
31	Traffic on our residential roads out of control, vehicles and trucks too fast & dangerous on our roads	11/22/2024 11:33 PM
32	Condos being built are unaffordable and do not accommodate single floor living for seniors or disabled. We will have to renovate existing home to age in place.	11/21/2024 3:23 PM
33	We need more businesses in Douglas not more housing!	11/21/2024 8:29 AM
34	Can town employees afford to live here? If infrastructure cannot support more development then stop developing	11/20/2024 9:18 PM
35	Unaffordable to upgrade our home.	11/20/2024 8:48 PM
36	There needs to be more single floor housing for seniors.	11/20/2024 8:48 PM
37	Yes, on the subject of new housing developments.... I fully understand that the town needs to broaden its tax base and housing developments help meet that goal. My concern is about the size of future housing developments. In my opinion, large housing developments (>10 homes) are detrimental to the local area. Having the x number of homes split up into separate developments affords for a more manageable absorption into an area as well as more appeal to the local area as well. Again, my opinion :)	11/19/2024 1:23 PM
38	The lack of a 55+ community with single floor house plans mixed w/ some two-floor residences.	11/19/2024 12:40 PM
39	Keep low income residence out of Douglas and illegal aliens illegal immigrants out	11/16/2024 1:06 PM
40	Would be better to preserve our private and peaceful bedroom community and not expand too much low income or apartments and end up like downtown Webster. If someone needs super cheap housing, move to Webster, don't bring Webster here.	11/16/2024 11:52 AM
41	Concerned about class size in school with all new houses and students coming to town	11/15/2024 6:49 PM
42	I would like to see more mixed use building or multi family housing options	11/14/2024 5:24 PM
43	Price of property taxes	11/13/2024 4:21 PM
44	New development should not happen faster than we can meet the demands, and we should maintain the character of the town, especially keeping the minimum 2 acre building lot req.	11/10/2024 4:59 PM
45	Young professionals with student loans have few affordable options for buying homes. I believe that land should be set aside for areas that allow people to buy a small parcel of land and put good quality mobile homes on the land. Owning the land would give these people a stake in our community and would negate the HOA fees that are out of hand. This would allow so many more people to have a good, affordable starter home.	11/10/2024 9:12 AM
46	Housing costs are a concern in general. I don't know how young couples or families can afford a reasonable home. Owning a home is the cheapest way to live as paying the mortgage comes back to the owner as an asset unlike renting where you are paying for someone else's asset.	11/9/2024 8:04 PM
47	Lack of adequate internet, 5G etc. The town own and operated electronic and cable company (like Shrewsbury)	11/9/2024 5:03 PM
48	None	11/9/2024 9:05 AM
49	Many new properties are being built cheap, and look it. There are many very large houses being built that all look the same with no character or charm.	11/8/2024 6:07 PM
50	I would rather see fewer houses built and maintain the land in Douglas. That is what we all live here for.	11/7/2024 5:38 PM
51	The roads you have do not support the amount of the trucks cutting through our town I would like it to stay a town and not turn into the disgusting 15 minute cites that some are trying to make happen	11/7/2024 1:05 PM
52	How expansion of housing will affect utilities and municipal services and future taxes	11/7/2024 12:34 PM
53	I don't want the pace to increase	11/7/2024 12:16 PM

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54	I am not concerned much in the housing. We need business to lower taxes.	11/7/2024 12:12 PM
55	High property tax	11/7/2024 10:58 AM
56	The ability for the school system specifically to handle the influx of new students	11/6/2024 10:49 PM
57	No co-housing options (like Cambridge). Labeling costs as "high" assumes they are and that's misleading. If I think it's "high" then I would check "very concerned". Taxes and utilities are not higher here than in surrounding communities.	10/28/2024 6:52 PM
58	People who are on S.S. taxes number 1. The problem of no industry, so it will lower tax rate. Not sure if I can afford to stay in my home, I have been here for 34 years. Where will I go? I built my home here.	10/28/2024 3:58 PM
59	Too much building and low income housing is not a good idea for this town	10/26/2024 1:55 PM
60	Duplexes should be allowed by right in the VR zone. Lot sizes and frontage should be reduced. There is no need for two acre lots with 200 feet of frontage. Snob zoning!	10/24/2024 1:24 PM
61	Small square footage homes - easy to heat and cool need to be priority. Any housing development needs to mandate heat cooling pumps and electric (not fossil fuel) heat with roof solar panels. Sound proofing and community open space in developments.	10/23/2024 6:30 PM
62	The construction of many new homes but no consideration as to how it will impact schools.	10/22/2024 10:31 PM
63	Please stop using open spaces for housing. I moved out here 20 years ago because of the open spaces and wooded areas.	10/20/2024 6:25 AM
64	I am concerned that an increase in residential development will cause issues with access to public services. (Schools, police, fire). Where I work in Hopkinton, there was a sharp increase in residential development and with that there were far more residents and children per household than the town had planned on. This caused overcrowding in the schools and required the town to spend more money than they expected on schools. This caused the residential taxes to increase and they were already very high.	10/19/2024 10:03 PM
65	I am concerned about the current pace of clearing land to build. I am extremely concerned about the hundreds of acres cleared for the distribution center that never opened. It's incredibly wasteful.	10/18/2024 7:52 PM
66	We would like to sell our current home here, but I don't think we could afford to buy here. I'm concerned that individual owners of owner occupied multifamilies have a burden of high utilities (ie tiered water rates by usage, and no longer offering payment plans.) I'm concerned that Douglas has been too built up with 700k+ homes. This just isn't within reach for average blue collar people.	10/17/2024 9:25 PM
67	Several houses being build on my road. I moved to Douglas because I enjoyed the "country" life of it and now more houses and more people, defeats my purpose for wanting to live here.	10/17/2024 9:06 PM
68	Additional housing may be needed but I am concerned they will be built too close together, low rises may be considered with lack of parking and what little public open space douglas has will be taken away.	10/17/2024 12:48 PM
69	Too many high end homes	10/17/2024 10:52 AM
70	I used to own a home here. I had to give it up. Realtor did me NO favors!	10/16/2024 2:16 PM
71	My taxes keep going up exponentially because I live on Lake Manchaug. We get no more services than other residents.	10/16/2024 9:39 AM
72	First time home buyers cannot afford to buy homes or rent along with the lack of a affordability	10/15/2024 10:13 PM
73	Onerous permitting policy that prioritizes new construction over preservation.	10/15/2024 10:46 AM
74	Low inventory	10/14/2024 10:29 PM
75	Home owner	10/14/2024 3:04 PM
76	Zoning	10/14/2024 3:04 PM
77	No new Taxes, government is non-profit.	10/14/2024 10:52 AM

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78	Stop raising our real estate taxes. No on Question 6!	10/14/2024 6:56 AM
79	Open space retention	10/13/2024 7:25 PM
80	I am concerned about the tendency of Douglas and other towns to allow fast development in order to increase the tax base, then having an infrastructure that can't handle the growth.	10/13/2024 5:50 PM
81	Watching what seems to be homes being built on smaller lots than 2 acres is concerning. While I've seen the town become a bedroom town for city people that have moved I do not want to see this type of growth. We are one of the last conservative towns in the blackstone valley that I dont want to see become liberal.	10/13/2024 8:09 AM
82	Taxes and lack of businesses to accommodate	10/12/2024 11:31 PM
83	Building too many homes	10/12/2024 9:12 PM
84	I wonder if we have enough water in our aquifer to support more residential housing.	10/12/2024 1:45 PM
85	I moved here because I like the small town atmosphere. If that increases I would not want to stay here.	10/12/2024 11:18 AM
86	Ground mounted solar taking up land that is best used for other purposes	10/12/2024 7:48 AM
87	I am concerned over the rapid growth of Douglas, sorry to see all the issues that come with it. Puzzled at why my taxes are so HIGH!	10/11/2024 11:12 PM
88	There should be a housing authority for Douglas and I don't recall seeing one on the Douglas website. While I want to maintain the 2acre minimum for single family homes, I think some development for low income or additional developments for townhomes should be considered on a case by case basis. Having a diverse ecosystem is essential.	10/11/2024 6:08 PM
89	I think the pace of new housing is actually too slow. We are likely less than a decade out from Worcester becoming the next Burlington, and we need to be ready to have housing for the people who work in Worcester, but don't want to work in the city. It will benefit all of us to have more economic activity and younger families in our town.	10/11/2024 11:57 AM
90	There is a lack of neighborhood communities and sidewalks to travel between them	10/11/2024 10:20 AM
91	There is not a lot open land left in Douglas. Protect what we have.	10/11/2024 9:03 AM
92	I don't want it to become a city with houses on top of one another	10/10/2024 7:27 PM
93	Douglas schools suffer from the wrong mix of students and classes are getting over crowded. every town need to maintain a level of turnover, e.g., new families filling in where old ones move on; but we need enough business to support any new additions.	10/10/2024 5:17 PM
94	lack of public sewer, most development requires septic. Public water issues, especially North St area	10/10/2024 2:47 PM
95	my grandparents got taxed out of their home and if you raise taxes, my parents may be taxed out of their home. town needs affordable homes for low income people of any age.	10/10/2024 10:29 AM
96	Keep real estate taxes low. They have increased 3x over the last few decades. Want to keep things afforable than don't raise taxes!!	10/10/2024 8:24 AM
97	There are Too many new houses going up.	10/9/2024 7:21 PM
98	Along with housing any and all new developments should have full sidewalks on each side of the street	10/9/2024 5:54 PM
99	We love living in Douglas but fear soon we won't be able to afford our rent	10/9/2024 4:19 PM
100	Stop giving variances and save open land!!!! We don't need to build a house and strip land of trees until we look like Boston!	10/9/2024 3:13 PM
101	My concern would be for opportunities for disabled veterans!	10/9/2024 10:52 AM
102	So many new developments with price points much higher than what residents can afford who are looking for a family or starter home. Way too many cookie cutter developments popping up with poor quality construction and high price tags. Age old wish for better use of our large tracts of land than just more cookie cutter houses.	10/9/2024 12:12 AM

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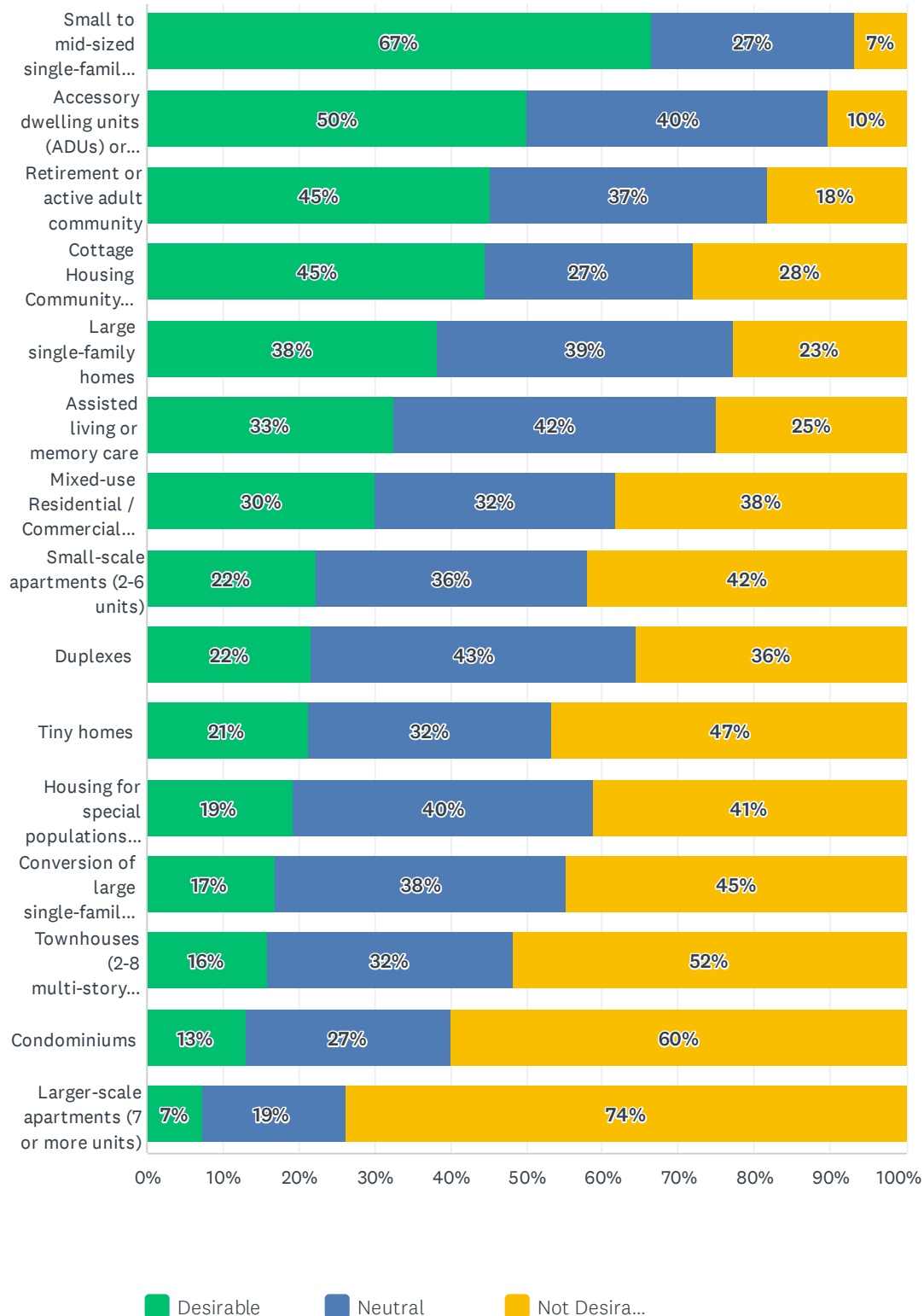
103	Very little elderly housing	10/8/2024 6:18 PM
104	Too many people moving into town, too many karens	10/8/2024 2:56 PM
105	Being able to stay in Douglas without being taxed out of my home	10/8/2024 9:47 AM
106	Schools cannot accommodate a big boost in family home sales. Also concerned with how many new homes are being put in	10/7/2024 9:57 PM
107	In an ideal world, Their would be less new building. But make a way for smaller houses? Not condos.	10/7/2024 2:40 PM
108	too many houses (and people) already. stop	10/7/2024 2:08 PM
109	The shocking deforestation and loss of scenic beauty due to new home development. Maybe less homes, and more businesses to bolster the tax base.	10/7/2024 1:12 PM
110	The more houses being built puts a strain on schools and services.	10/6/2024 6:31 PM
111	We need more business to help with taxes.	10/6/2024 1:25 PM
112	It is not only in Douglas. There needs to be more affordable housing and opportunities for people who want to purchase homes, and yes more accessible housing for older adults as well.	10/5/2024 10:42 PM
113	I think you are destroying too much of what makes Douglas beautiful for more people to come live here and fill it with trash and ruin the reservoir.	10/5/2024 8:24 PM
114	I do not want to see a bunch of new developments and definitely no apartment buildings.	10/5/2024 7:11 PM
115	We should not have affordable housing. It will destroy the town and our property values. We purchased a home here due to the fact that it is rural. We must maintain the town's integrity. we live right next to a development of single-family homes. Simply keep building single-family homes!	10/5/2024 8:11 AM
116	All of the forest are being cut down. Removing all those trees is changing the town in very harmful ways.	10/5/2024 7:44 AM
117	Please ensure we are never a community that will be forced to accept illegal migrants from any state or federal government.	10/4/2024 7:56 PM
118	Close proximity houses/ neighborhoods. Keep douglas forests and trees, its why people want to come here and stay here.	10/4/2024 12:12 PM
119	Road conditions + water/sewer	10/4/2024 11:39 AM
120	New construction in questionable areas- seems to be no rules for building near water bodies	10/4/2024 9:30 AM
121	Overcrowding	10/4/2024 6:42 AM
122	more housing causes increased expenses more often than not in schools while impacting certain infrastructure such as highway, fire and police	10/4/2024 4:14 AM
123	None	10/3/2024 8:29 PM
124	We need to stop building houses!!!!and large houses are worse!	10/2/2024 5:30 PM
125	I would be very concerned if/when/where the town decided to build/provide low income housing, if that becomes something on the table. I grew up in low income housing and know usually the surrounding areas are not or become less desirable areas.	10/2/2024 4:23 PM
126	The school system is not capable of handing the existing student body let alone the number of new students that new building would bring in.	10/2/2024 11:59 AM
127	We need paved roads and not every new house built should be a massive 600,000 dollar home.	10/2/2024 6:39 AM
128	Housing is high and we need more stores	10/2/2024 12:33 AM
129	The town is changing a lot and seems to be getting quite built up with new homes stacked on top of each other.	10/1/2024 8:30 PM
130	To many houses being built not enough businesses which is causing the town to expand its	10/1/2024 8:04 PM

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	services and us tax payers to foot the bill	
131	There isn't any infrastructure to accommodate new developments yet here we are.	10/1/2024 7:28 PM
132	Downtown needs to develop into nicer area quickly. Need to improve library and high school.	10/1/2024 5:28 PM
133	With new builds and developments comes more children that we will grow to need more space in the schools. The taxes are high and with a new school comes prop 2 1/2 and that is too high of taxes for a town with no grocery stores etc. plus seniors who have retired here are being pushed out due to taxes and living on a fixed income.	10/1/2024 3:58 PM
134	The ability to stay in my home due to taxes	10/1/2024 3:22 PM
135	The town needs more business to support the people in town. Things like grocery stores and convenience stores like cvs/Walgreens	10/1/2024 2:34 PM
136	There is a stark difference between affordable public housing under the auspices of the town vs private public housing. Douglas to date has never been able to afford public housing.	10/1/2024 2:26 PM

Q5 Please rate the desirability of the following housing types if they were to be developed in Douglas in the future (Desirable, Neutral, Not Desirable)

Answered: 881 Skipped: 13



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	DESIRABLE	NEUTRAL	NOT DESIRABLE	TOTAL
 <p>Small to mid-sized single-family homes</p>	67% 581	27% 233	7% 59	873
 <p>Accessory dwelling units (ADUs) or "in-law apartments" (attached or detached)</p>	50% 437	40% 345	10% 89	871
 <p>Retirement or active adult community</p>	45% 394	37% 321	18% 158	873
 <p>Cottage Housing Community (small, single-family dwelling units (800-1,200 sq. ft.) clustered around a common area with a pedestrian-friendly environment)</p>	45% 390	27% 239	28% 246	875
 <p>Large single-family homes</p>	38% 333	39% 340	23% 197	870
 <p>Assisted living or memory care</p>	33% 285	42% 371	25% 218	874
 <p>Mixed-use Residential / Commercial (i.e., retail/office on first floor and housing units above)</p>	30% 262	32% 278	38% 334	874
 <p>Small-scale apartments (2-6 units)</p>	22% 194	36% 313	42% 366	873
 <p>Duplexes</p>	22% 190	43% 373	36% 311	874
 <p>Tiny homes</p>	21% 186	32% 281	47% 408	875
 <p>Housing for special populations (i.e. veterans, youth recovery, adult group home)</p>	19% 166	40% 343	41% 355	864
 <p>Conversion of large single-family homes into apartments or condominiums</p>	17% 148	38% 334	45% 391	873
 <p>Townhouses (2-8 multi-story dwelling units placed side-by-side)</p>	16% 139	32% 281	52% 452	872
	13%	27%	60%	

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Condominiums

114

235

523

872



Larger-scale apartments (7 or more units)

7%
65

19%
164

74%
649

878

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Yes to veterans housing	2/1/2025 1:17 AM
2	Some cities and towns are turning to Tiny Housing to provide affordable communities for the homeless and low income families to have somewhere to start and prop themselves up.	1/27/2025 1:55 PM
3	Housing for those with intellectual disabilities	1/22/2025 5:53 PM
4	I've already voted on this.	1/20/2025 9:28 PM
5	Mobile homes	1/19/2025 12:09 PM
6	Communities for Alzheimer's and dementia patients. A disability community that is accessible	1/15/2025 6:38 PM
7	Who is trying to turn Douglas into a jam packed city???? Who in their right mind wants to cram even more people into multi unit apartments into this little one road town???? If no one slows this growth rate to a halt, you're going to destroy this town and the peace within it.	1/15/2025 9:53 AM
8	Housing for special populations in a home environment not a large business type building.	1/13/2025 1:29 PM
9	Should have a range but mostly single family homes	1/11/2025 12:18 PM
10	Where do you think you'll put these?? I hate to see the trees and nature being destroyed by the building going on now - what would this do to the woods and its inhabitants??	1/6/2025 12:13 PM
11	Stop trying to accommodate all populations and stick to our small bedroom community. We are a family oriented town. So not devalue our single family homes with juvenile and low income facilities. We have plenty of large homes that can be renovated into apartments. Allow families to add on in-law apartments in good taste for multi generational living.	12/31/2024 12:10 PM
12	I would love to see several of these options in Douglas. Especially the very small basic living options like tiny houses and cottages and apartments. Please note, I listed things like Duplexes and condos as not desirable only because they are being built so large and luxurious, that's not what we need!	12/29/2024 11:05 AM
13	Assisted living/retirement communities are most appealing for younger families with aging parents.	12/28/2024 1:44 PM
14	Attention should be paid to quality of construction and appropriate urban and architectural character	12/28/2024 10:50 AM
15	All of the above encompasses taking up way too much forest land. Plus, traffic in Douglas is already completely unnerving as it is...rt 16 cannot handle any more development...ESPECIALLY overcrowded apartments and jam packing lots of people into small spaces	11/23/2024 1:37 PM
16	ADU legislation has already changed Douglas regs making the first one by right while removing existing permit restrictions at expiration. More than 1 now requires a special permit.	11/21/2024 7:17 AM
17	No mention of over 55? We need to be able to control the school age population.	11/19/2024 12:40 PM
18	No illegal immigrants	11/16/2024 1:06 PM
19	Lower population will allow more space and freedom without having countless neighbors' eyeballs on your property.	11/16/2024 11:52 AM
20	Allow people to put mobile homes on property they buy.	11/10/2024 9:14 AM
21	Young professionals with student loans have few affordable options for buying homes. I believe that land should be set aside for areas that allow people to buy a small parcel of land and put	11/10/2024 9:12 AM

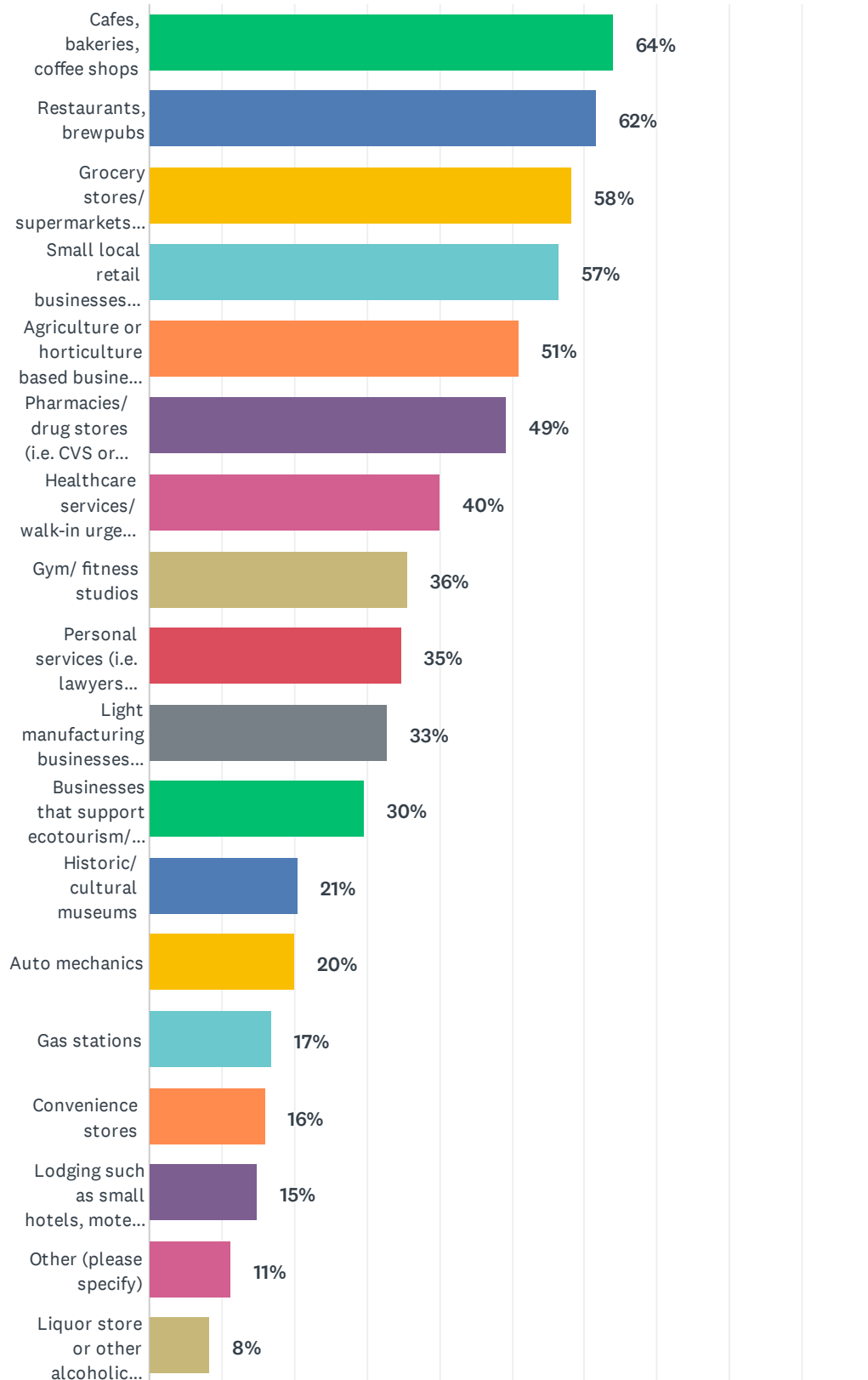
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good quality mobile homes on the land. Owning the land would give these people a stake in our community and would negate the HOA fees that are out of hand. This would allow so many more people to have a good, affordable starter home.

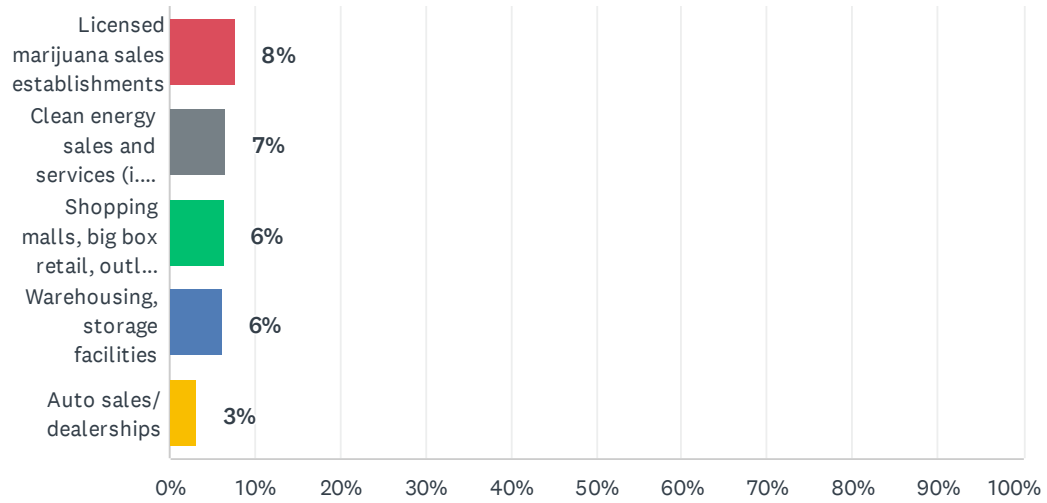
22	Answering this based on we need a variety of housing options. I personally would not like to live in the bulk of these options. I am concerned that tiny homes may result in clustering low income people in one area leading to isolation or lack of community resources for this area.	11/9/2024 8:04 PM
23	Keep it single family homes or duplex's	11/7/2024 1:05 PM
24	co-housing -- separate living spaces with shared common space	10/28/2024 6:52 PM
25	Town is losing its reason to move here with all of the building going on	10/26/2024 1:55 PM
26	Except for veterans	10/22/2024 3:09 PM
27	We don't need apartment complexes in town.	10/19/2024 6:43 AM
28	I prefer our town to not have rose sprawling community builds	10/18/2024 7:52 PM
29	I am not knowledgeable about housing availability in the town compared to what the needs are.	10/17/2024 3:12 PM
30	Don't build anything, stop wasting money on useless projects. No new Taxes, government is non-profit.	10/14/2024 10:52 AM
31	Keep the size of home lots at no less than 2 acres	10/14/2024 6:56 AM
32	I do believe we should be caring for our seniors and giving them affordable housing (housing that is 65 plus only)	10/11/2024 11:12 PM
33	It's important to me that Douglas maintain. The 2 acre minimum. It is what drew me to the town. It will keep the small down feel. That being said each of the housing types should be considered on a case by case basis and allowed in moderation. Not to exceed X number per Xx sq. miles.	10/11/2024 6:08 PM
34	Single family homes only	10/10/2024 7:27 PM
35	It may be desirable to improve areas Douglas does not cover unless it will increase the number of children to the schools system.	10/10/2024 5:17 PM
36	The appeal of Douglas is its spread out feel and lack of apartments	10/10/2024 3:44 PM
37	Any affordable housing options would be ideal. Especially if Douglas desires to grow. Higher density is essential.	10/10/2024 9:57 AM
38	Limited growth is essential to keeping Douglas a beautiful town. More small business not big business. More smaller homes not large.	10/10/2024 8:24 AM
39	I would love to see our community embrace veterans	10/9/2024 10:52 AM
40	Planned community developments would be most desirable	10/8/2024 8:22 PM
41	Those are 3 very different things.	10/8/2024 2:59 PM
42	Need more handicap/disability housing	10/8/2024 9:47 AM
43	Stop with the development, leave it out of Douglas, keep the two acre minimum	10/5/2024 8:24 PM
44	Housing policy should promote single family units and ensure adequate land parcel sizing requirements. 2 acre minimum is most desirable.	10/4/2024 7:56 PM
45	Veterans absolutely yes	10/4/2024 7:09 PM
46	None	10/3/2024 8:29 PM
47	1300 sf houses. Why does anyone need bigger!	10/2/2024 5:30 PM
48	For VETERANS, none else	10/2/2024 10:16 AM
49	We already have Hayward Landing and the property next to it. We don't need any more rehabs everyone is already drunk with all the liquor stores in town	10/2/2024 12:33 AM
50	Any housing that is well maintained and clean can be desirable.	10/1/2024 5:28 PM

Q6 Which of the following types of businesses do you feel are needed in Douglas? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 852 Skipped: 42



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Cafes, bakeries, coffee shops	64%	545
Restaurants, brewpubs	62%	525
Grocery stores/ supermarkets (i.e. Shaw's or Market Basket)	58%	496
Small local retail businesses (i.e. bookshop, gift store, boutique clothing store)	57%	482
Agriculture or horticulture based business and services (i.e. nurseries, small farms, farm supply stores)	51%	434
Pharmacies/ drug stores (i.e. CVS or Walgreens)	49%	419
Healthcare services/ walk-in urgent care center/ medical facility	40%	341
Gym/ fitness studios	36%	303
Personal services (i.e. lawyers offices, dentists, hair salons)	35%	296
Light manufacturing businesses (i.e. brewery, clothing production)	33%	280
Businesses that support ecotourism/ agritourism (i.e. bicycle repair shop, pick your own flowers)	30%	253
Historic/ cultural museums	21%	175
Auto mechanics	20%	171
Gas stations	17%	143
Convenience stores	16%	136
Lodging such as small hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts	15%	128
Other (please specify)	11%	96
Liquor store or other alcoholic beverage sales	8%	71
Licensed marijuana sales establishments	8%	65
Clean energy sales and services (i.e. solar/wind power)	7%	57
Shopping malls, big box retail, outlet shopping	6%	55
Warehousing, storage facilities	6%	53
Auto sales/ dealerships	3%	27
Total Respondents: 852		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	More green spaces and more trees along the roads	2/20/2025 1:39 PM
2	roads are terrible	1/29/2025 4:08 AM
3	anything that doesn't involve building any new buildings especially big warehouses. we need more ma and pa type businesses not big corporate chains.	1/28/2025 11:17 PM
4	I think we need something in the service industry or maybe a small area where people in the service industry can train and develop skills to go out and serve the community.	1/27/2025 2:03 PM
5	A UPS store More restaurants that aren't just pizza	1/26/2025 8:47 AM
6	And Indoor Sport Center (soccer/skating), missing the Habitat.	1/26/2025 1:40 AM
7	Consideration should be given to repurposing of existing buildings/spaces rather than razing	1/24/2025 11:43 PM

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forested land for new massive structures, like the new warehouse off Lackey Dam/Gilboa. While appreciate that some degree of treeline was retained around the Mumford River pond behind the dam, there were still too many trees removed; the warehouse is too visible from Gilboa St. I drive this almost daily and it makes me sad to see how this construction spoiled the views of the pond.

8	Gun shop	1/21/2025 12:40 PM
9	None	1/19/2025 7:52 AM
10	Businesses that are applying green energy and no pollution and pay a living wage !	1/18/2025 6:58 PM
11	A village type of town. Town common down town. Small restaurants, McDonald's. Park for sports (Tennis, pickleball, basketball, maybe soccer, baseball, etc., in one park with things together).	1/15/2025 10:37 PM
12	Market Basket, None of these BIG corporations, like Shaws	1/15/2025 6:40 PM
13	Bakery/Peanut and Nut free	1/15/2025 6:14 PM
14	Hardware stores	1/15/2025 5:35 PM
15	No new buildings. Either use an older building or don't confiscate more forest land. Douglas has basically one main road. Douglas can't handle any extra traffic than it already has got.	1/15/2025 9:59 AM
16	Specialty shops with character	1/11/2025 12:20 PM
17	We honestly should entertain every available option to maintain a balanced tax base	1/10/2025 4:11 PM
18	Auto part stores	1/10/2025 4:08 PM
19	I really don't want to see Douglas become a large, busy town.	1/6/2025 12:15 PM
20	Biotech / pharma manf. or R&D.	1/1/2025 9:17 AM
21	Bed and breakfast would be amazing, no motels, allow air bnb's. No grocery stores or pharmacies need since they are so close to us in Webster or uxbridge. Better library system is a dire need. Better senior center and community center is also dire need	12/31/2024 12:19 PM
22	I'm open to all small businesses and would really appreciate a grocery store and pharmacy. But I've no interest in seeing anymore of our woods being torn down to make way for big box stores and large shopping centers.	12/29/2024 11:12 AM
23	Day care/child care facilities. Bueno Y Sano would make a great addition to our town. What about entertainment type businesses, like a small theatre/music venue/film screening location.	12/28/2024 1:51 PM
24	Small scale local food stores	12/28/2024 12:14 PM
25	We need businesses that draw people into town. A place to walk from one business to another inviting guest from the surrounding area. Make downtown a destination place to visit	12/5/2024 11:08 AM
26	No new building...I support ONLY if the small business is not encroaching on open forest land	11/23/2024 1:40 PM
27	Farm stores	11/21/2024 10:01 PM
28	We can't keep a bookstore off main st and you suggest a bunch of meaningless that Douglas couldn't support based on population and land availability. We already have 1 warehouse and another on its way,enough booze, pizza and marijuana places. Why are these even suggested?	11/21/2024 7:23 AM
29	Circled bakeries, nurseries	11/19/2024 12:42 PM
30	10 pm noise ordinance in residential areas!!!!	11/19/2024 12:23 PM
31	No illegal immigrants	11/16/2024 1:07 PM
32	General store with groceries	11/14/2024 9:27 AM
33	YMCA	11/14/2024 12:50 AM
34	Whole Foods or Wegmans for the grocery stores.	11/13/2024 7:03 AM
35	Need a few good restaurants downtown	11/12/2024 3:46 PM

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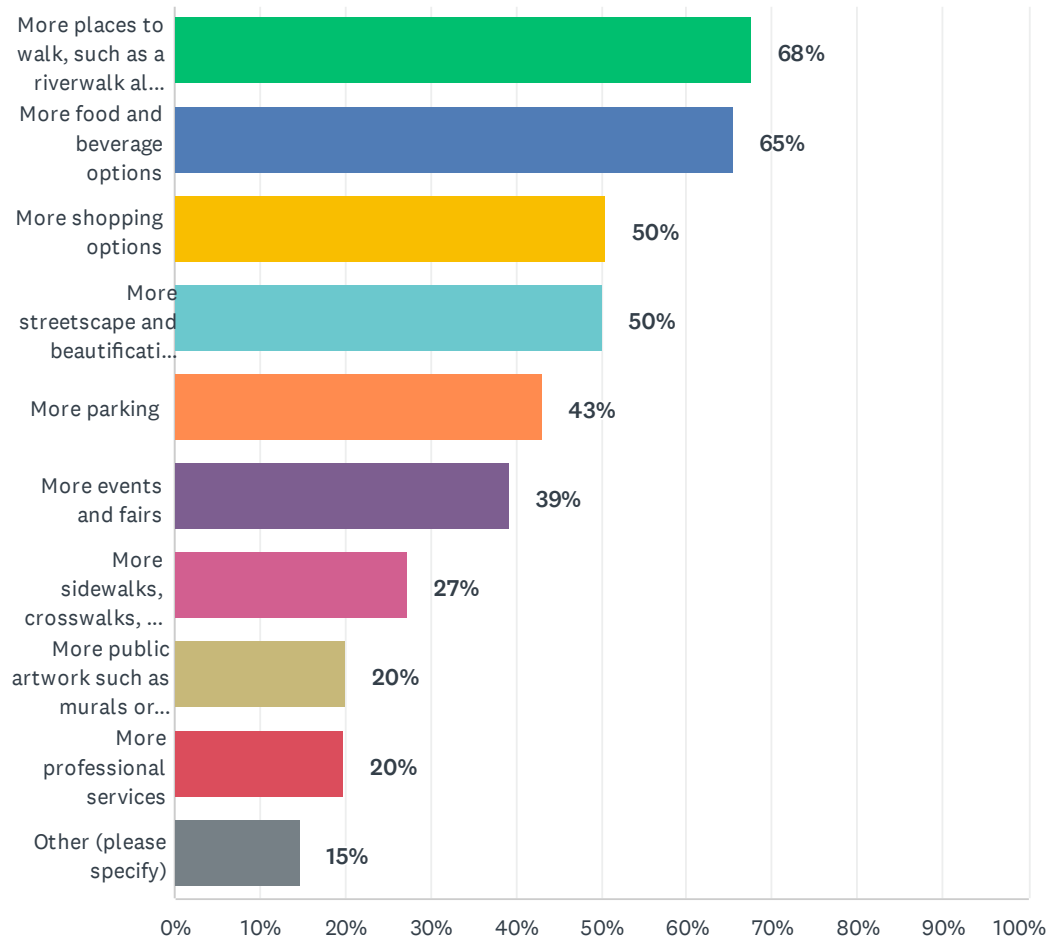
36	For grocery stores a Whole Foods or a Wegmans would be nice, others are close enough in the surrounding towns.	11/10/2024 5:07 PM
37	We should be promoting ALL opportunities for new business to offer all residents more business options but most importantly expanding the commercial tax base to help the residential tax base.	11/7/2024 1:52 PM
38	Look at Chapalet RI- quaint rural	11/7/2024 12:35 PM
39	Would love to see small antique store	10/28/2024 7:08 PM
40	maker space -- artists, designers, creatives	10/28/2024 6:52 PM
41	anything to offset tax rate	10/28/2024 4:00 PM
42	Auto maintenance business (filter and oil changes, tire rotation, tire repair/change, etc.)	10/28/2024 9:42 AM
43	Perhaps a small scale grocery store or small scale lodging	10/26/2024 2:42 PM
44	None of these	10/26/2024 1:56 PM
45	Small town does not need large box stores or malls	10/22/2024 3:12 PM
46	I would love to see small businesses grow in Douglas.	10/18/2024 7:54 PM
47	Post secondary education, Community College	10/18/2024 7:02 PM
48	I'm general the town has nothing to offer for amenities. Restaurants are limited and not very good quality. Nothing to bring people into town. Affordable Housing is limited for first time home buyers and elderly looking to downsize.	10/17/2024 1:10 AM
49	Indoor Sports complex offering indoor soccer, basketball, volleyball type sports, tennis etc. Other activity centers for kids in town.	10/16/2024 9:36 PM
50	Cumberland Farms 7/11	10/16/2024 3:40 PM
51	Focus on small local business like Muffin House, Honey Suckle Cafe, Rail Trail...basically, look at Putnum.	10/16/2024 2:47 PM
52	Small family market	10/16/2024 11:53 AM
53	Other than pizza	10/14/2024 6:06 PM
54	We don't need more of anything. No new Taxes, government is non-profit.	10/14/2024 10:54 AM
55	A community theater	10/14/2024 1:12 AM
56	J	10/13/2024 6:23 PM
57	fast food (Arby's, Chick-fil-A, Jersey Mike's)	10/13/2024 10:49 AM
58	We could keep businesses in town	10/12/2024 9:32 PM
59	Corner store	10/12/2024 1:48 PM
60	Please no marijuana!	10/11/2024 11:13 PM
61	Any type of business	10/11/2024 3:21 PM
62	I would love to see upgrades and improvements to existing businesses as well as the addition of many of the above checked boxes.	10/11/2024 10:24 AM
63	None - want the town to remain bucolic and rural... no need for more services.	10/11/2024 9:05 AM
64	Ex	10/11/2024 7:03 AM
65	Car wash	10/10/2024 8:27 PM
66	Gun shop	10/10/2024 7:29 PM
67	I would think we have enough land in Douglas to support any type of manufacturing without interfering with traffic patterns.	10/10/2024 5:28 PM
68	a business that would pay their share of taxes to help the community but would not clog traffic	10/10/2024 10:33 AM

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	in town	
69	More local business. Stuff that draws people to see what Douglas has to offer. A campground in the Douglas state forest?	10/10/2024 9:59 AM
70	A nice restaurant and a nice cafe	10/9/2024 7:29 PM
71	No more infilled warehouses.	10/8/2024 2:41 AM
72	Hardware Store	10/7/2024 10:38 PM
73	we're fine as is. too many business's on tiny main street already make it crazy to get out of your vehicle without getting hit. lack of parking spaces doesn't help. reroute some of those HUGE trucks that come barreling thru on 16 and then we can talk.	10/7/2024 2:11 PM
74	Anything but another distribution center.	10/7/2024 12:37 PM
75	Hardware/home improvement store	10/6/2024 8:15 PM
76	Too many warehouses popping up and taking huge pieces of land	10/6/2024 10:48 AM
77	Small locally owned hardware store.	10/6/2024 7:52 AM
78	- Trader Joe's or Aldi since neither chain is close by and would draw patrons from surrounding towns. - Ecotourism - possible outdoor ropes course business on landlocked parcels by securing access through state land	10/5/2024 10:41 PM
79	Keep the woods the way they are	10/5/2024 8:26 PM
80	Hardware store, variety store (such as Dollar General)	10/5/2024 4:08 PM
81	Uxbridge has all of this. We used to live in Uxbridge, and moved to Douglas so we could be in a town that isn't full of businesses. I think Douglas residence are happy to drive the five minutes to Uxbridge.	10/5/2024 8:15 AM
82	Anything that doesn't drain Town services, but brings in tax revenue.	10/5/2024 6:15 AM
83	Please we do not need any expansion of marijuana or liquor sales in town. The town already has adequate amount of these locations.	10/4/2024 7:59 PM
84	For years, the boards in Douglas have made it extremely difficult for new business. Without new business, the tax rate will be a burden to homeowners, especially the elderly population	10/4/2024 6:37 AM
85	Douglas already has a number of the above scattered throughout douglas and downtown. the population has not achieved a population for pharmacy or grocery stores. And some of the above have folded up shop, eg. Sciutos Bookstore as they needed foot traffic and their advertising was impacted by the building inspector. This list just repaves the cowpath!	10/4/2024 4:25 AM
86	Antiques	10/2/2024 6:38 PM
87	Local hardware store	10/2/2024 3:07 PM
88	Hardware store	10/2/2024 12:30 PM
89	Wineries and or breweries	10/2/2024 6:43 AM
90	We need a niche grocery store that will bring people from afar (I e trader Joe's, whole foods)	10/2/2024 6:42 AM
91	Small Grocery Store to buy meats or like a lil general with a deli	10/2/2024 12:36 AM
92	I don't have an other option	10/1/2024 7:38 PM
93	Car wash, entertainment space live music, performances, art gallery, pop up shopping locations (markets, vendor space)	10/1/2024 6:50 PM
94	automotive parts / hardware store	10/1/2024 4:57 PM
95	This is a major need for the town. If we want young families to stay in town we need to provide more resources such as shopping plazas and stores.	10/1/2024 2:36 PM
96	We have enough warehouses, pkg stores, restaurants, and marijuana facilities (the later adds very little to offset the tax bases)	10/1/2024 2:32 PM

Q7 What activities and amenities would increase your visits to the downtown area of Douglas? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 844 Skipped: 50



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More places to walk, such as a riverwalk along the Mumford River	68%	570
More food and beverage options	65%	552
More shopping options	50%	426
More streetscape and beautification improvements such as benches, street trees, or hanging flower baskets	50%	423
More parking	43%	364
More events and fairs	39%	332
More sidewalks, crosswalks, or bike lanes	27%	231
More public artwork such as murals or sculptures	20%	169
More professional services	20%	168
Other (please specify)	15%	125
Total Respondents: 844		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Green spaces for elderly and all residents. Take care of our planet!	2/20/2025 1:39 PM
2	roads need repair	1/29/2025 4:08 AM
3	less traffic/people and no electronic speed limit sign	1/28/2025 11:17 PM
4	Maybe amid small to mid size restaurant or entertainment establishment to draw people in to downtown so maybe it can build itself up or a place for the kids to go and have a good time and develop themselves.	1/27/2025 2:03 PM
5	Reduced traffic congestion. It is dangerous to park on the street.	1/26/2025 1:40 AM
6	It's a rural town stop trying to make it more like the city, it's not supposed to be it's a farmland town and the reason why people are moving here is because of the rural areas, the non paved trails and the lakes and Douglas forest.	1/24/2025 1:27 PM
7	Douglas doesn't need a bike lane!	1/22/2025 7:39 PM
8	We need more pedestrian friendly areas and generally improved walk-ability throughout the town. The lack of sidewalks makes walking and biking dangerous.	1/22/2025 3:28 PM
9	Nothing more	1/21/2025 12:40 PM
10	Bike paths	1/19/2025 2:51 PM
11	In some places (main St) the sidewalk just ends. Why can't I get all the way to Franklin Street or the schools on a sidewalk? They just end randomly	1/19/2025 8:36 AM
12	Extremely difficult to find parking in the downtown area. During rush hour very difficult to walk	1/18/2025 6:58 PM
13	Definitely riverwalk	1/18/2025 1:51 PM
14	More concern for the overall esthetics of the downtown - it is not currently a photogenic downtown.	1/18/2025 1:48 PM
15	We used to have two small grocery stores with fresh butcher shops small clothing store and a pharmacy	1/16/2025 8:20 PM
16	A water park, with swimming. Check out Missoula MT for a good example	1/15/2025 6:40 PM
17	Nothing is going to move in downtown. We couldn't even support a bookstore	1/15/2025 2:35 PM
18	Stop raising taxes on current residents so they can afford to pay the prices of the businesses	1/15/2025 9:59 AM

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	that are already there.	
19	Buffalo wild wings	1/14/2025 8:12 PM
20	Galleries, thrift store, specialty stores	1/13/2025 1:35 PM
21	Nature trails	1/11/2025 12:20 PM
22	No more pizza parlors!	1/6/2025 12:15 PM
23	Accessible to handicapped	1/2/2025 5:36 PM
24	8k	1/2/2025 11:13 AM
25	More parking at state forest. More green space access and better signage in state park. Bike trails that allow e biking for the growing number of seniors. More pickle ball courts for public use. More fairs and events. Bigger farmers markets and discounts for Douglas residents to Participate in. Events in the police parking lot- like trunk sales for small businesses. Sidewalks from south street all the way down town. Better softer trails that can accommodate walking e biking and runners	12/31/2024 12:19 PM
26	Is this a trick question? We have nothing in town to draw residents or out of towners	12/30/2024 2:24 PM
27	We need to improve parking safety and pedestrian walking areas. Isolate traffic from pedestrians. Main St (Rt 16) is a busy major road for east-west traffic. It is rapidly becoming unsafe downtown. Perhaps large trucks should be restricted from downtown. How about traffic signals at North St, Mechanics Street, Depot street?	12/30/2024 11:41 AM
28	Of course small businesses would improve downtown's foot traffic. Right now the only things there are pizza shops, liquor up the street, etc. The library is the best feature right now. A more centralized common area would be excellent. If the 2nd Cong Church was willing to let the ton turn the street facing half of their front lawn into a common of sorts that would be ideal.	12/29/2024 11:12 AM
29	More Halloween events - rag shag parade. Enhance holiday stroll - shut down main street, add live music, bonfires with smores, carolers in the street, etc.	12/28/2024 1:51 PM
30	Higher quality urban and architectural character	12/28/2024 12:14 PM
31	we should beautify the down town... get rid of the over head power lines and make it look better. have people fix up siding and store fronts so that down town doesn't look so run down. Down town looks run down and depressed currently	12/28/2024 7:45 AM
32	It would be nice to see the buildings downtown, including some businesses and apartment owners to improve the outside appearance of their buildings. The downtown looks old and tired.	12/28/2024 7:45 AM
33	Beautification of downtown is a must. Douglas' downtown is awful looking and does not attract businesses or foot traffic.	12/4/2024 9:02 AM
34	None. This town is not built for or capable of handling large crowds. Do you really want to add more traffic congestion to this little downtown area that cannot handle it?? Seriously.	11/23/2024 1:40 PM
35	None of these would increase my going downtown more than we already do. Moe events and fairs while you impact what's already there!	11/21/2024 7:23 AM
36	Parks with native flora	11/20/2024 9:21 PM
37	Re. streetscape: Updated signage on existing businesses on Main Street. Webster Main St did this several years ago.	11/20/2024 11:52 AM
38	monthly saturday events(s) @ the library; art, music, "Learn about Douglas", How-to's, "get to know/ support the local businesses/ trades people" , etc.	11/19/2024 1:25 PM
39	Keep the horse trough/ dress up the waterfall near the old fire station; Add benches near waterfall/ make a so-called park.	11/19/2024 12:23 PM
40	A larger high quality Cafe with an espresso machine and good sandwiches and high speed internet for small casual meetings.	11/16/2024 11:59 AM
41	Food and beverage I.e. sit down restaurants, not pizza	11/13/2024 1:30 PM
42	Make it proud and happy again	11/12/2024 11:19 AM

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43	Sidewalk, Sidewalk, Sidewalk.	11/10/2024 6:18 PM
44	dog-friendly spaces, shops, brewery, distillery, outdoor dining, etc.	11/10/2024 2:02 PM
45	J	11/8/2024 9:56 PM
46	More sidewalks!	11/7/2024 6:12 PM
47	To many of the same pizza places	11/7/2024 2:26 PM
48	Public park	11/7/2024 12:17 PM
49	Better restaurants, not only fried options	11/6/2024 10:51 PM
50	I would like to emphasize the need for sidewalk installation and improvement in the vicinity of the downtown area. For reference, I live 0.5 miles from the post office. However, to walk downtown, I would need to walk on part of NE Main St that lacks sidewalks, which is both unpleasant and potentially dangerous given the traffic patterns and speed of vehicles. Instead, I have to drive the 0.5 miles to go downtown, which significantly reduces my likelihood to do so, increases traffic in the downtown area, and is a waste of energy for a trip that could be otherwise easily made by alternative modes of transportation. Increasing and improving foot traffic access to downtown would not only greatly increase pedestrian and driver safety, but would also directly contribute to increased patronage of businesses in the downtown area.	11/4/2024 9:16 PM
51	Traffic calming and speed control. It's unsafe! And it's ugly.	10/28/2024 6:52 PM
52	Beautification/ gentrification of the downtown areas with upkeep to older and dirty buildings and roads throughout the town	10/26/2024 2:42 PM
53	None. Leave it alone	10/26/2024 1:56 PM
54	I would like to see our down town updated more desirable to drive through town	10/22/2024 3:12 PM
55	a local community center or YMCA	10/22/2024 8:55 AM
56	N/a	10/21/2024 6:50 PM
57	Sidewalks around the reservoir	10/20/2024 8:03 PM
58	I would love to see the downtown revitalized. It's immensely walkable and perfect for a hip coffeehouse or brewery.	10/18/2024 7:54 PM
59	Hardware store	10/18/2024 4:56 PM
60	Sidewalks starting 1/2 mile outside the downtown area would GREATLY enhance traffic to downtown businesses as well as increase public health. Currently walking in Douglas is NOT safe and deters both the sense of community and local economy. This one single enhancement to infrastructure would benefit all other categories!	10/18/2024 3:06 PM
61	The traffic going through downtown is getting too heavy. I live walking distance to downtown and crossing route 16 has become very difficult, in car or foot (16 at Mechanic or Cook) I love having a walkable downtown. Octoberfest and the holiday stroll are wonderful. I like downtown just as it is. Avoid gentrification. Avoid making it all look uniform, homogenized. Downtown has wonderful historic buildings. The Realty (former Diggers Liquors) is an example of preserving that historic character. Don't ruin Downtown.	10/17/2024 9:34 PM
62	Repaving road	10/17/2024 9:08 PM
63	Every crosswalk should have a street lamp, crossing the road during the day is dangerous, crossing at night is an extreme sport. Main Street itself needs a facelift along the lines of the old diggers liquors.	10/16/2024 2:47 PM
64	Traffic lights,specifically at Main/Webster Sts. and Main/Davis/Hartford Sts.	10/16/2024 2:20 PM
65	Bakery, please! I'm also more likely to be a patron if compostable/eco-friendly materials are being utilized (ie: no styrofoam).	10/16/2024 12:54 PM
66	Literally anything. It looks awful down there like we live in a poor town. Pretty awful that WEBSTER of all places has a nicer down town.	10/15/2024 6:53 PM
67	Connecting the existing natural hiking always with each other and finish the snett bike connection to RI.	10/15/2024 10:49 AM

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68	BAKERY	10/15/2024 9:52 AM
69	No new Taxes, government is non-profit.	10/14/2024 10:54 AM
70	NA	10/12/2024 9:32 PM
71	Pool/ water park out door and indoor.	10/12/2024 1:48 PM
72	Need to clean up downtown!! Lights flowers more small New England qualities	10/12/2024 1:23 PM
73	More sidewalks in town square	10/12/2024 9:28 AM
74	Add sidewalks to center of town from outward parts of community	10/12/2024 9:28 AM
75	The downtown needs a face lift and more parking. It should be a place people can and want to go to but it currently looks like dump and the lack of municipal parking keeps business and development away	10/12/2024 9:12 AM
76	Riverwalk please!	10/12/2024 7:52 AM
77	No bike lanes, please. The roads are not wide enough and the motorist is being penalised. All bikes are a menace on the road. They should be on bike paths only, not roads and thoroughfares. They are a danger to pedestrians too as they seem unable to obey any rules or laws	10/11/2024 6:42 PM
78	It's difficult to find parking at the times of day when people are out trying to eat out or shop. This isn't, and likely never will be, a bicycle-first community like Cambridge or Somerville. People here have cars and cars need parking. The liquor store has the most convenient parking out of almost everything in the town center. Not a great look.	10/11/2024 12:00 PM
79	Good as is	10/10/2024 7:34 PM
80	Gun shops	10/10/2024 7:29 PM
81	We have several good options now, but as the town is old, the streets through town are too small. i would pick a side and move back the buildings opening up the street so that we could have safer walking, biking and commuting through town. While you're at it, I would extend the downtown space to include some for the housing up to the waterfall (at least) to allow for more businesses to take root.	10/10/2024 5:28 PM
82	Please do NOT turn all of the town common and rt 16 into a mess of never ending parking lots	10/10/2024 3:45 PM
83	beautification of downtown area, businesses should renew signage clean up/paint buildings. Downtown is not welcoming. Residents are not proud of their downtown area.	10/10/2024 2:52 PM
84	it is difficult to do much in downtown because of the bad parking. handicap parking is also low and dangerous in downtown.	10/10/2024 10:33 AM
85	I love the idea of more greenspace downtown. A Mumford River walk would really be nice.	10/10/2024 9:59 AM
86	A nice restaurant and a nice cafe	10/9/2024 7:29 PM
87	Tasteful art.	10/9/2024 7:22 PM
88	Expanding the area beyond 1/4 mile	10/9/2024 10:54 AM
89	Idk	10/9/2024 3:48 AM
90	Make the existing space welcoming to walk, which would create more foot traffic to incentivize business to rent areas downtown The town of Wrentham did this well, creating a space that welcomed people (even with tight parking) brought in a variety of businesses that reinvented the town Main Street	10/7/2024 10:38 PM
91	Sidewalk to "walk the block" downtown (main st, mechanic st, gilboa st, north street). A brewery would be perfect in town.	10/7/2024 8:17 PM
92	Destination location with canoe rentals, sporting items, hiking equipment	10/7/2024 7:57 PM
93	Playground/skate park/park	10/7/2024 7:21 PM
94	Depends on my needs at that moment, it's a hard question to answer for myself.	10/7/2024 12:56 PM

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95	Please make a sign ordinance. All the neon makes downtown look trashy.	10/7/2024 12:37 PM
96	Nicer center of the town	10/7/2024 7:22 AM
97	Downtown really needs an update and beautification process. Ie matching signs for businesses and just more curb appeal	10/6/2024 9:00 PM
98	Enforce the speed limit!	10/6/2024 8:15 PM
99	Fixing up downtown. Revitalize so store fronts and signs look nice	10/6/2024 6:16 PM
100	Improved upkeep of existing sidewalks and streets	10/6/2024 1:49 PM
101	Parks!	10/6/2024 10:48 AM
102	Art gallery/cultural space	10/5/2024 10:41 PM
103	Keeping the land the way it is	10/5/2024 8:26 PM
104	Downtown has enough, I would like to see businesses branching out to other areas of town.	10/5/2024 2:59 PM
105	More things for our youth. Skatepark, BMX park.	10/5/2024 8:22 AM
106	I don't really frequent downtown except to go to the bank and P.O. I don't need anything from the current businesses. I'm not going to buy a \$10 cup of tea. Don't need my bike fixed. I go out of town for groceries, dentist, doctors, etc. We have too many pizza and liquor stores. Nothing to draw me or my family in. We drive out of town to do everything!	10/5/2024 6:15 AM
107	Local business are great downtown. Let's make sure Douglas downtown never goes into disarray like so many New England down towns.	10/4/2024 7:59 PM
108	Absolutely need a river walk	10/4/2024 2:57 PM
109	Needs to be more welcoming and certainly needs beautification- more updates such as recent insurance/bookstore renovation). Currently town has an old, tired, unkempt feel	10/4/2024 6:45 AM
110	When people drive through a town, the downtown area makes a huge impression. Downtown Douglas looks like a trash town. Most business owners don't take care of their curbside appearance.	10/4/2024 6:37 AM
111	how can you realistically think a number of these would be beneficial downtown. Didn't oktoberfest last year go after the grill and main for wanting to add a guitarist and outdoor lounge because they weren't contributing to the kitty? Instead of trying to stuff more things into downtown work with what's there and improve thier services.	10/4/2024 4:25 AM
112	Playgrounds	10/3/2024 5:27 AM
113	Douglas has many pizza restaurants- it would be nice to have other options similar to the grill on main	10/2/2024 5:26 PM
114	None but better food	10/2/2024 2:54 PM
115	Large public parking lot	10/2/2024 1:43 PM
116	RIVERWALK!	10/2/2024 10:18 AM
117	Its not a very pretty street with limited eating	10/2/2024 6:43 AM
118	All of the apartments and buildings lack a cohesive feel. It's the Picasso version of downtown.... haphazard. The residential properties should be provided grants to fix up their property so it is a nice place to be.	10/2/2024 6:42 AM
119	Better side walks and possibly a side walk from town to family convenience	10/2/2024 12:36 AM
120	I don't have an other option	10/1/2024 7:38 PM
121	I feel like if we had a good cafe with good coffee and bagels and a yoga studio it would be quite motivating to get downtown.	10/1/2024 7:28 PM
122	N	10/1/2024 6:54 PM
123	Sidewalks connecting schools to main street, to old town common. Decorative lamp posts from the town common thru down town...encouraging connectivity of our spaces. Town of	10/1/2024 6:50 PM

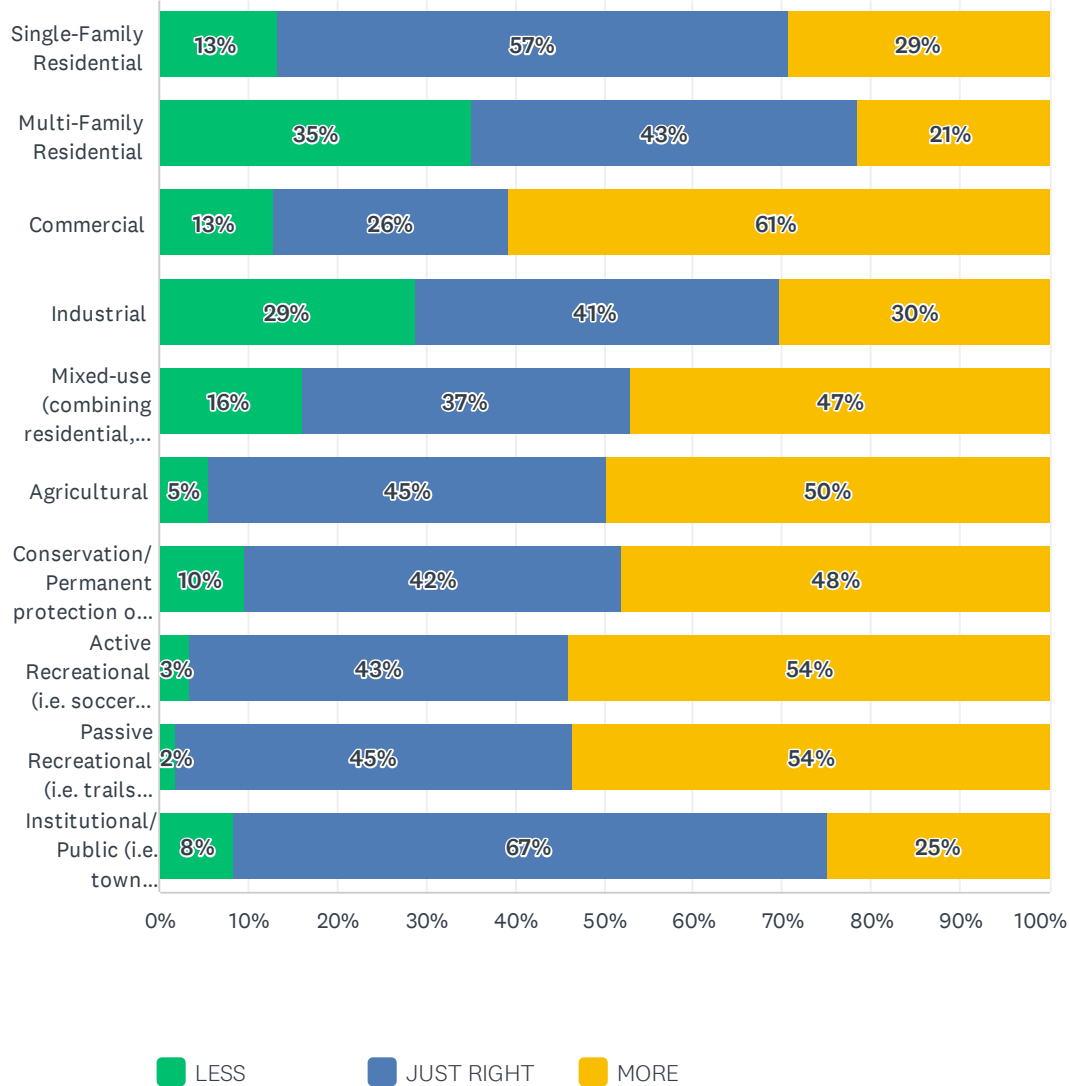
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Douglas signage welcoming visitors, town slogan/motto. Way finding signage. Business association to unite organizations in town.

124	Beautification is most important	10/1/2024 5:30 PM
125	Thx 1/2 mile stretch has several of the above and other attempts have ended up in their closing. You can't put lipstick on a pig under the guise of beautification.	10/1/2024 2:32 PM

Q8 In your opinion, which of the following types of land use does Douglas need more or less of? Check the box for "LESS" if you feel Douglas needs less of this type, "MORE" if you feel Douglas needs more of this type, and "JUST RIGHT" if you think Douglas has an appropriate amount of this type.

Answered: 807 Skipped: 87



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	LESS	JUST RIGHT	MORE	TOTAL
Single-Family Residential	13% 104	57% 449	29% 228	781
Multi-Family Residential	35% 272	43% 336	21% 166	774
Commercial	13% 102	26% 208	61% 478	788
Industrial	29% 224	41% 316	30% 235	775
Mixed-use (combining residential, commercial, and/or recreational)	16% 127	37% 288	47% 369	784
Agricultural	5% 42	45% 348	50% 385	775
Conservation/ Permanent protection of open space	10% 76	42% 331	48% 378	785
Active Recreational (i.e. soccer fields, pickleball courts, playgrounds)	3% 27	43% 337	54% 426	790
Passive Recreational (i.e. trails, picnic areas)	2% 15	45% 353	54% 424	792
Institutional/ Public (i.e. town facilities, schools, museums, hospitals)	8% 65	67% 516	25% 194	775

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Upgrade active recreational spaces	2/20/2025 1:40 PM
2	One of the biggest appeals of Douglas is the state firest, the SNETT and related trails, and proximity to the Blackstone River Greenway. I'm aware of the ongoing efforts to connect the Greenway to a contiguous path from Worcester to Providence, including the parts in nearby towns. Coordinating with Uxbridge to having a Greenway spur into Douglas would be great, tho I appreciate challenges regarding expense and right-of-ways.	1/24/2025 11:51 PM
3	Less State controlled space and more where the town gets to decide on land use - too many external forces decide what happens with OUR land.	1/18/2025 1:50 PM
4	TOWNS PEOPLE NEED ACCESS TO SWIMMING AREAS	1/16/2025 8:23 PM
5	It would be nice to see areas for recreational vehicles to promote responsible off-roading. The New England 4WD association promotes responsible off roading and would be able to help with a plan	1/16/2025 6:45 PM
6	More agricultural, mini farms,	1/15/2025 6:46 PM
7	Humans need to preserve whatever open space we have. People are taking open forest land faster than any other being on this planet.	1/15/2025 10:01 AM
8	Douglas is a beautiful historical town Ang has much architectural charm. PLEASE do not ruin this city with modern style buildings! Keep its New England charm. More restaurants, boutique stores, a Trader Joe's would be AWESOME	1/11/2025 5:02 PM
9	More restaurants	1/11/2025 12:21 PM
10	I don't believe we need a area zoned for adult entertainment.	1/1/2025 9:25 AM
11	We do NOT need adult entertainment!! Why would you approve such a business in a small family town? What is wrong with you? An approved campsite would be more appropriate near the state forest. Why are you degrading this town with such nonsense? This will not bring the kind of clientele into our town or shops. It is totally inappropriate. We need more dollars put into growing older healthy population - a better use of your resources! More organized trips and events for talented people who live here - not gamblers and sex addicts and naked women at	12/31/2024 12:34 PM

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an adult entertainment center. Seek out better businesses for the people who live here! I am against the town planners who are approving inappropriate businesses here!

12	The town needs some business options. We have so much land that is preserved that we are hit with the taxes.	12/30/2024 2:26 PM
13	I can't say I fully grasp the lay out of the town an it's zoning. All I'll say is, while we certainly need more affordable housing options for all and some more facilities, business, and services etc. I believe we should be doing all we can to use the land we've already prepped for development, or what is already zoned for industry and business. We don't need more suburbia, use that land for better things. And avoid tearing down our rural areas and woods as much as possible. Repurpose instead of expand as much as possible.	12/29/2024 11:18 AM
14	No more building.	11/23/2024 1:41 PM
15	More farms	11/21/2024 10:11 PM
16	We shut down conservation preservation act by 60% of voters voting No. we just transferred, again, the old school on Gleason St to the BOS so this albatross can finally be disposed of. So, let that be the guide and focus	11/21/2024 7:27 AM
17	I really hate that such a large swath of undeveloped land was made into that eyesore off Gilboa. I loved Douglas because I was able to get away from the rampant destruction of open and natural spaces, such as in Franklin, only to find Amazon and other warehouse going up all over the place, it's extremely disappointing.	11/20/2024 10:25 PM
18	High real estate taxes are laid to this town. I would like to see more facilities built, such as a proper library. The police station should also be its own standing building - detached from the town hall. There should certainly be a supermarket here, as well as healthcare.	11/20/2024 8:52 PM
19	Re. Town facilities, we do not necessarily need more, but they need better funding. Specifically the schools.	11/20/2024 11:57 AM
20	We need a new police station, hwy dept, library, and senior center!	11/19/2024 12:44 PM
21	Need to develop areas for affordable housing units....such as cottage size homes, tiny homes, mobile homes (NOT a trailer park!)	11/10/2024 9:25 AM
22	The state needs to maintain the forests they have claim to. It is a forest fire waiting to happen	11/9/2024 5:13 PM
23	Turf fields Basketball courts Tennis courts	11/7/2024 1:47 PM
24	Tennis courts please	11/7/2024 1:22 PM
25	Community center, 4-season lodge and sports center, more access to our water resources.	10/28/2024 6:52 PM
26	It's fine the way it is	10/26/2024 1:58 PM
27	Central community center or YMCA would be helpful	10/22/2024 8:59 AM
28	For the items where I selected more, it would depend on where and how much.	10/20/2024 6:00 PM
29	I would like to see the town build a police station at some point.	10/19/2024 10:10 PM
30	Please no more giant commercial builds.	10/18/2024 7:55 PM
31	More commercial tax base, helps but I would prefer mixed use rather than large scale. I'd prefer agriculture related in keeping with this being a rural community.	10/17/2024 9:38 PM
32	Town hall and Police station could use an update.	10/16/2024 9:21 PM
33	Please - no more massive warehouses!	10/16/2024 12:56 PM
34	We could use more industry and commercial to help offset taxes for residents.	10/16/2024 9:42 AM
35	MEDICAL CLINIC YES	10/15/2024 9:54 AM
36	Doctors office, family medicine	10/14/2024 3:06 PM
37	Organic growth is best, not planning for it. No new Taxes, government is non-profit.	10/14/2024 10:56 AM
38	Better support for special needs students in the schools .	10/12/2024 9:30 AM

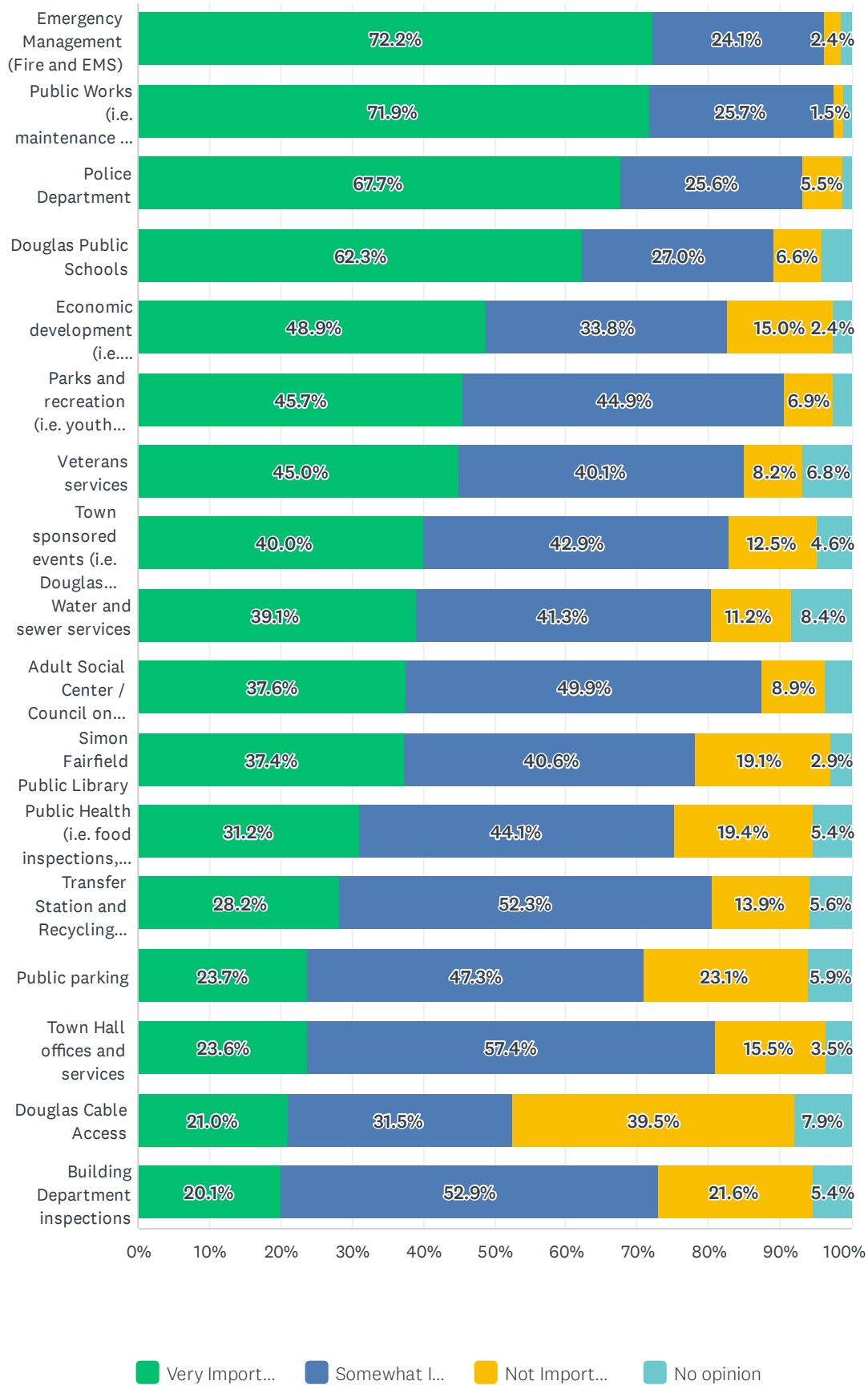
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39	The State Forest is a unique feature of the town, which provides not only animal habitat, and community resilience from flooding and heat, but also recreational resources for an entire region, which brings in dollars to the town.	10/12/2024 7:59 AM
40	Too many houses are being built in the state forest.	10/11/2024 6:43 PM
41	Gun ranges	10/10/2024 7:30 PM
42	I do not think we need more schools, but a hospital would bring in good revenue and a proper museum or two would attract people with money to spend at the town businesses.	10/10/2024 5:35 PM
43	why isn't the town collecting money from the state to give to the town of Douglas. no one on any committee seems to make that a priority. the state has money to give, GET it. STOP raising our taxes.	10/10/2024 10:35 AM
44	Additional Active Recreational parks are not needed in this small town. We have plenty of sporting fields and recreational areas that are not utilized to their full potential.	10/9/2024 5:36 PM
45	A dog park would be great	10/9/2024 4:23 PM
46	I'd like to see the lot size reduced to allow for more reasonably sized homes	10/9/2024 10:57 AM
47	Way too many quick and dirty housing developments thrown in	10/9/2024 12:16 AM
48	Entertainment other than the local bar	10/8/2024 8:26 PM
49	Stop spending taxes on new town buildings. If built correctly they should not need upgrade or fixing the many years	10/8/2024 9:57 AM
50	More walkable-sidewalks, streetlights	10/7/2024 8:03 PM
51	The town can hardly care for the public buildings it has (ie old old fire station on cottage st and the old school Near the post office). Fix/rehab /repurpose. The library would be amazing in that old school.	10/7/2024 12:39 PM
52	Take care of what we have. Make the library handicapped accessible.	10/6/2024 6:39 PM
53	More youth athletic fields would help immensely.	10/6/2024 3:00 PM
54	Keep the land the way it is	10/5/2024 8:26 PM
55	BMX pump track / skate park. Basketball courts etc for the youth	10/5/2024 8:24 AM
56	More town recreational space for youth like multi use sports fields. Or town sponsored indoor events like chess club or Lego club or similar.	10/4/2024 8:01 PM
57	Town beach	10/4/2024 3:24 PM
58	Community gym activity center	10/4/2024 12:17 PM
59	Pay teachers better so they stop leaving the district.	10/2/2024 12:05 PM
60	Just right in number of town buildings. But we need Better, upgraded school buildings. Museums similar to Samuel Slater experience in Webster would be nice attraction for residents and visitors.	10/2/2024 10:45 AM
61	Invest in the children. <3	10/2/2024 10:18 AM
62	Less developments more business's	10/1/2024 8:10 PM
63	A hospital? Right on par getting a cvs or other facility with less than 10,000 residents	10/1/2024 2:35 PM

Q9 How important do you think it is for the Town to allocate resources for the following services and facilities?

Answered: 803 Skipped: 91

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	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NO OPINION	TOTAL
Emergency Management (Fire and EMS)	72.2% 579	24.1% 193	2.4% 19	1.4% 11	802
Public Works (i.e. maintenance of facilities, trees, roads, cemetery, and parks; snow and ice removal)	71.9% 577	25.7% 206	1.5% 12	1.0% 8	803
Police Department	67.7% 543	25.6% 205	5.5% 44	1.2% 10	802
Douglas Public Schools	62.3% 499	27.0% 216	6.6% 53	4.1% 33	801
Economic development (i.e. attracting commercial investment, growing the town's commercial tax base)	48.9% 391	33.8% 270	15.0% 120	2.4% 19	800
Parks and recreation (i.e. youth sports, trail maintenance, non-school athletic fields)	45.7% 366	44.9% 360	6.9% 55	2.5% 20	801
Veterans services	45.0% 358	40.1% 319	8.2% 65	6.8% 54	796
Town sponsored events (i.e. Douglas Oktoberfest)	40.0% 320	42.9% 343	12.5% 100	4.6% 37	800
Water and sewer services	39.1% 312	41.3% 329	11.2% 89	8.4% 67	797
Adult Social Center / Council on Aging	37.6% 301	49.9% 399	8.9% 71	3.6% 29	800
Simon Fairfield Public Library	37.4% 300	40.6% 326	19.1% 153	2.9% 23	802
Public Health (i.e. food inspections, distribution of COVID-19 tests, Public Health Nurse)	31.2% 249	44.1% 352	19.4% 155	5.4% 43	799
Transfer Station and Recycling Center	28.2% 225	52.3% 418	13.9% 111	5.6% 45	799
Public parking	23.7% 190	47.3% 379	23.1% 185	5.9% 47	801
Town Hall offices and services	23.6% 189	57.4% 459	15.5% 124	3.5% 28	800
Douglas Cable Access	21.0% 167	31.5% 250	39.5% 314	7.9% 63	794
Building Department inspections	20.1% 161	52.9% 423	21.6% 173	5.4% 43	800

#	OTHER (PLEASE SHARE ANY ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS, OR SUGGESTIONS YOU HAVE REGARDING THIS TOPIC)	DATE
1	need new public works facility.....no need for new police/fire facility	1/29/2025 4:14 AM
2	Town should consider adding a fenced dog park at Martin road or the old dump property	1/27/2025 6:03 PM
3	A Public Health nurse is important. The funding should come from the County not the town. The town should not have control over the public Health Nurse.	1/15/2025 6:50 PM
4	Douglas is mismanaged with taxes. You've acquired all these new houses bringing in all this extra tax money, and these big huge businesses....why are my taxes still going up? Stop wasting and make cuts.	1/15/2025 10:06 AM
5	Stop hiring family members for the public highway department	1/14/2025 8:44 AM
6	We need to consider a regional school system with another town. We do not have the money	1/11/2025 8:50 PM

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	to support a school system any longer. It is bankrupting us.	
7	Keep the charm	1/11/2025 12:24 PM
8	For some of the things that work, minor changes are needed, but not a complete overhaul.	1/7/2025 10:54 AM
9	If you allow irreplaceable businesses in town our crime may increase and your dollars to handle will increase. The senior center and activities need more funding . I am not sure what the issue is with the lack of library services but compared to other towns, the offerings are poor and infrequent and the director states this is due to steps into building, however other libraries have steps still offer numerous programs to the public but not Douglas. They have been raising money for an elevator for 20 years and that can't be the excuse for poor services. The town need to shift focus from the school and children to the aging population of healthy seniors. Public health needs to take a bigger role in offering wellness programs that support the senior center. I would love to see investment in a larger community center that can be used for public services and the entire community. We need more walking trails and environmental activities and maybe an environmental center for educational purposes. Better traffic flow downtown. More green space. More homes with first floor bedrooms. More funding to senior center. Fix the veterans center instead of letting it crumble- it could be a nice community center for the whole town!	12/31/2024 12:48 PM
10	Obviously it's necessary for the town to fully fund public maintenance etc, that's the main point of our taxes. I think the library is critical and should be well funded. There is nothing on this list that shouldn't be funded at all, but I do think we need to prioritize.	12/29/2024 11:30 AM
11	It would be great if the recycling center included a buy nothing center.	12/28/2024 2:01 PM
12	Please put more money into street repair. The roads in Douglas are worst than any other town I have experienced.	12/4/2024 9:06 AM
13	Not sure how relevant cable access is anymore.	12/3/2024 3:36 PM
14	The schools are more than well taken care of already. The transfer Station is a disaster. They raised prices over \$100 in one year, so I went elsewhere. How mismanaged is that? Taxpayer dollars should be better managed and cuts need to be made, people cannot afford the high real estate taxes, especially seniors.	11/23/2024 1:47 PM
15	Library reno is very important, and needs to be fully accessible!	11/21/2024 3:33 PM
16	Pay Douglas public schools employees a reasonable wage. Especially paras and abas.. a little \$500 check after 7 years is not worth it... nor is minimum wage for a what needs to be a teacher job not a library para.... We need a library TEACHER. Or a library para who knows what they're getting into and is paid minimum \$27/hr	11/20/2024 10:19 PM
17	More sidewalks need to be placed - especially where the bus stops are on busier / cut through roads. Not safe for our kids.	11/20/2024 8:55 PM
18	More personal responsibility regarding health and services, lower taxes, greater governmental efficiency.	11/16/2024 12:07 PM
19	Douglas needs more internet options. Charter (Spectrum) has a near monopoly and they overcharge the residents because of this. Competition for internet services would drive down the cost to the consumer.	11/11/2024 11:02 AM
20	Close the library	11/10/2024 12:30 PM
21	Expansion of Douglas center cemetery. The old Duhamel residence should be demolished and the cemetery expanded.	11/8/2024 10:04 PM
22	I feel we should have town tennis courts and or pickleball courts	11/7/2024 6:04 PM
23	We could combine many services w other towns & do many remotely/online/mail/email	11/7/2024 12:44 PM
24	We cannot afford the year over year increase in our taxes. We are taxing residents out of their homes.	10/28/2024 6:55 PM
25	Health services that go to people need more support. Need better and inexpensive broad band service. We need a Department of Pubic Work and a Parks & Rec Department. Maintenance needs to be a priority so that we save money.	10/28/2024 6:52 PM
26	Leave it alone it is being ruined	10/26/2024 1:59 PM

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27	The schools are the reason most people move into a town, they make a town more desirable and in turn drive up property values. Our schools have been underfunded for years. Neighboring towns pay their teachers more and offer more for their students. We used to be an innovative school district, now they are struggling due to lack of funding and support.	10/22/2024 10:44 PM
28	Roads need to be re paved	10/21/2024 12:36 PM
29	Getting businesses in to help reduce the taxpayer burdens.	10/20/2024 8:06 PM
30	Recommend a share shed for the Douglas transfer station.	10/17/2024 9:20 PM
31	All of these are important	10/17/2024 3:17 PM
32	Need traffic study and plans for better traffic flow including redirect of traffic to & from school campuses. Both campuses are hugely problematic in their current state.	10/16/2024 9:54 PM
33	Get rid of Oktoberfest or put it in an area that does not negatively impact traffic for area residents	10/16/2024 9:44 PM
34	A town owned wifi option would be amazing! Road improvements would be welcomed	10/16/2024 5:41 PM
35	Fix the roads! We have the WORST roads in the area!	10/16/2024 2:25 PM
36	A spring version of Oktoberfest! It was incredible this year!	10/16/2024 12:58 PM
37	Town needs more for kids. High school athletic field should be better with light and seats. Middle school field and track should be improved to turf so kids and public can enjoy the facility. Look at Millbury and northbridge.	10/16/2024 8:17 AM
38	STOP giving money to cops all we have are cops!!!	10/14/2024 6:28 PM
39	Roads suck. Fix them. No new Taxes, government is non-profit.	10/14/2024 10:58 AM
40	Some of those services should not be paid for with public tax money	10/14/2024 7:04 AM
41	Having a police station thats not in a basement is very important, however the fire station is new and the highway building is useable. We all know that building a new hiway building will only raise our taxes again.	10/13/2024 8:21 AM
42	Hockey rink would be nice!	10/12/2024 1:17 PM
43	Ample parking downtown is the key to revitalization. The town should also build a park with amenities for residents	10/12/2024 9:37 AM
44	There's enough parking. Don't let anyone tell you otherwise. Who ever has trouble parking in Douglas?	10/12/2024 8:01 AM
45	Offer Main Street merchants a tax break if they beautify their businesses.	10/11/2024 11:17 PM
46	Increasing commercial tax base with the types of businesses selected in the previous line of questioning (restaurants, boutiques, etc). Alternate internet provider would be nice.	10/11/2024 9:29 PM
47	Keep Douglas country living	10/10/2024 7:33 PM
48	At this point i would rather see the town spend its resources on things the will improve the town and bring in the business we need to grow. I think that it would be better for the town to get rid of the transfer station, contract with a company to do town trash and tax/bill residents for the pickup.	10/10/2024 5:45 PM
49	allocate resources and stay within your current budget and don't raise taxes to get more money to do so.	10/10/2024 10:40 AM
50	A public parking lot near downtown might help with accessibility. Paid parking might also produce income.	10/10/2024 10:12 AM
51	There is little attraction for people to visit this town, need more restaurants , cafes, things to do and bring others in	10/9/2024 7:32 PM
52	Less government involvement. Take care of the elderly and the children.	10/9/2024 7:26 PM
53	Keep the charm but increase recreational opportunities, make Douglas a destination spot for hikers, boaters etc.	10/7/2024 8:11 PM

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54	I truly believe that if Douglas puts in the time to make it attractive for businesses to set up and stay here, the town will be better off.	10/7/2024 7:27 PM
55	the town does not maintain trails in the DSF - that's state and bay state trail riders assoc. we already devote way too much land, time and money to sports/non-school athletic fields. between sports fields and package stores we cater to a select group that does NOT include all. if you want to maintain these fields, charge USERS admission fees so the rest of us, who don't use them, aren't taxed MORE. so sick of paying for services that are totally irrelevant to my life, except for being TAXED big time on them.	10/7/2024 2:18 PM
56	We need to support the youth. Compared to surrounding towns we majorly lack sports and activities for children. Along with lacking severely in playgrounds and outdoor areas for children. School lunches are also terrible.	10/6/2024 9:03 PM
57	Investments into any forms of transit other than cars, whether it be better/more sidewalks and bike paths/lanes or buses to help people cross longer distances within the town, would in my opinion be more preferable than more parking.	10/6/2024 7:31 AM
58	Keep the land the way it is	10/5/2024 8:28 PM
59	Where my answer is "somewhat important" I think more burden for some of this needs to be at the state or federal level.	10/2/2024 8:18 PM
60	As only a summer visitor I don't have any new for most town services.	10/2/2024 7:44 PM
61	I would be more interested in staying if the ocean was closer or housing was cheaper.	10/2/2024 12:11 PM
62	We need to build commercial business that makes Douglas a destination place for people to frequent. We DO NOT need more warehouses or industrial businesses! We should have things like wineries, upscale restaurants, maybe a gym, antique shops, paint your own pottery, candy store, etc that make douglas a place were people might want to spend a weekend.	10/2/2024 11:00 AM
63	I will take charge of the American's holiday parades, if interested: Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, 4th of July	10/2/2024 10:21 AM
64	Need more economic development	10/1/2024 10:12 PM
65	I think there should be another category... Important between Very and Somewhat important. Very Important would be Police/Fire, Public Health. Important are your schools, veteran services, economic development, public works, town hall. A combination library, youth center, senior center, veterans center, and volunteer center for town sponsored events would be wonderful.	10/1/2024 6:41 PM

Q10 Please describe any concerns or issues you have with the services and facilities listed in the previous question.

Answered: 145 Skipped: 749

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Please do not overdevelop this beautiful town! More growth is not always better. (Less is more). More beautification! More trees! More gardens! More balance! The land should not be over developed.	2/20/2025 1:42 PM
2	Larger senior center	2/4/2025 1:55 PM
3	NA	1/29/2025 6:54 PM
4	too many potholes in the roads	1/28/2025 11:25 PM
5	We need to keep up with our schools and town services so the town can attract good workers and teachers to help the community.	1/27/2025 2:09 PM
6	Need less building restrictions	1/26/2025 5:35 PM
7	Too many town owned abandon buildings	1/26/2025 4:24 PM
8	NA	1/24/2025 11:52 PM
9	Rte 16 through the center of town is past its usable life and needs to be milled and paved.	1/23/2025 8:03 AM
10	We do not need a new police station.	1/19/2025 7:36 PM
11	I have lived in douglas goin on 6 years. To bring the community together is important and to grow keeping in mind that people do like having there own non crowded space. Small business is a plus and agriculture while maintaining our towns history and our next generation. WS	1/18/2025 7:46 PM
12	It would be nice if some of the town roads were maintained better	1/16/2025 6:47 PM
13	. Also townwide trash removal instead of the dump	1/16/2025 1:08 AM
14	1. People I have dealt with at Townhall are not the nicest. 2. They get too many days off with pay. 3. Move town hall to the library move the library to Townhall so that way the library is in compliance with Americans With Disabilities Act.	1/15/2025 6:50 PM
15	Downtown is so small and unfortunately has 3 pizza places and one tiny fried store and Chinese food place that is not even worth going to. New businesses can't come in because there is no parking and this is very unfortunate. I work in the town of Putnam CT and they have an amazing downtown area with shopping and restaurants that have outdoor seating and fabulous bakery and ice cream shop, with monthly events for the community and that's where I spend my money and free time but would rather stay here in Douglas!!	1/15/2025 6:25 PM
16	Someone needs to look at where cuts can be made and better money management.	1/15/2025 10:06 AM
17	Library is a waste of seful revenue generating real estate	1/14/2025 8:15 PM
18	Better care of our roads and the trees alongside them. Need more sidewalks.	1/13/2025 2:20 PM
19	With regard to the Simon Fairfield Public Library, the building is turning 121 years old this year, and it looks and feels like it and not in a great way. As someone who holds books and learning dearly, I think a towns people are underserved without an adequate public library. While I love the character of the building and hope it could be retained for the towns benefit, an extensive renovation or new library building altogether may be needed. Accessibility, aged heating systems that cannot possibly make for a good environment for long term storage of materials, and simply not a lot of room inside are my chief concerns. If the building could be retained and repurposed, a home for the Historical Society for the town and/or surrounding Blackstone Region could make it a home.	1/12/2025 6:12 PM
20	High taxes	1/12/2025 9:17 AM

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21	Need comon sense on growth and improve tax base so seniors can afford to stay in there homes and retire in Douglas	1/11/2025 12:24 PM
22	It's important to keep the quaint integrity of the town. Trying to bring in too many things at once will take away from what makes Douglas special.	1/7/2025 10:54 AM
23	Do not pave SNETT	1/2/2025 6:30 PM
24	Concerns about lack of support for green space and senior adult activities. Concerns for allowing adult entertainment in town and businesses that are not paying their fair share but using vital resources of water and police for pot store etc. keep funding the gazebo decorations and activities there- they have been great. Douglas needs to do bette ob promoting small businesses and down town! Keep the green space as our biggest asset and how to keep people coming her for that is what makes our town stand apart from others. Invest in a community garden and gamer events.	12/31/2024 12:48 PM
25	The town offices aren't open antiquated. We need to digitalize the paperwork. It's unnecessary to have so many people pushing paper. We also gave a serious nepotism problem in Douglas. It's embarrassing.	12/30/2024 2:30 PM
26	I do find some of our budget habits a bit concerning. Obviously we should be funding our schools as much as possible, but we should be emphasizing more staff instead of building projects, kids need people far more than fancier facilities. Also, while the schools are important, I feel like it's all we ever focus on. There are other things in town we need to make sure get funding, like senior services etc. also, while we need a properly funding police station, I don't think we need to emphasis that as much as we do. We don't need more cops, we need more social workers. Every time someone gets pulled over in this town 2 or 3 cop cars pull up, it's not necessary and it scares people. And it feels like they do it because they don't have much else to do. We're not a hotbed of crime, we're a community of struggling folks. I'm not saying we shouldn't have cops, but I think they've got what they need, let's focus on other things.	12/29/2024 11:30 AM
27	Parking at library could be improved. It's hard because you can't take a left hand turn pulling out of the parking lot. It could also benefit from being paved.	12/28/2024 2:01 PM
28	building in Douglas is very difficult! too much red tape and not user friendly. Douglas makes it tough to build and do business in Douglas. we need to be more user friendly.	12/28/2024 7:52 AM
29	Douglas desperately needs retail to accommodate its residents and provide growth in commercial tax base that would fuel economic development	12/26/2024 7:11 PM
30	The town needs to find a way to be more inviting. A quaint New England downtown. Not just a gas station and 3 pizza shops. That breeds grab and go. It needs to be a place to visit. A sense of community.	12/5/2024 11:14 AM
31	Recent disruptive projects aside, some road conditions in Douglas are really concerning. Water and sewer, while necessary, don't have much impact/benefit to most residential dwellings	12/3/2024 3:36 PM
32	Transfer Station is a disaster...see above statement	11/23/2024 1:47 PM
33	Some things are very important to a point then they are not important beyond that point so I don't think these are good question as the answers people will give will steer resources to go over budget.	11/21/2024 10:16 PM
34	The cost of the transfer station is outrageous	11/21/2024 8:55 PM
35	Town hall gets three days off. Bullshit! Tax and spend constantly	11/21/2024 7:30 AM
36	See above	11/20/2024 8:55 PM
37	Better road maintenance, tractor trailers on back roads	11/20/2024 8:34 PM
38	Less homes built. Need more businesses to help take tax burden off of home owners. Take care of developing the town for population we currently have.	11/20/2024 8:33 PM
39	We need more sidewalks! Especially Manchaug St.- extend past the cemetery. And Lackey Dam Rd.- extend past the cannabis factory And clean up the lot across from the cannabis factory. It looks derelict. Either pull up those weeds, or get rid of the cement and plant trees.	11/19/2024 1:44 PM
40	Library needs to be open more/ hours/ days Transfer stations open 5 days More walking areas	11/19/2024 1:02 PM

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	that are safe (well-lit, patrolled) Town composting area (at transfer station or other area)	
41	Police dept. needs a new building! Senior Center (Adult Social Center) in P.O. basement is TOO small.	11/19/2024 12:45 PM
42	Can Douglas make a youth program?? They can put on events and parades targeted at bringing the town together.	11/15/2024 6:55 PM
43	Would love to see funding allocated to education and nature/enrichment	11/13/2024 1:33 PM
44	If developing recreation use land it should not include hunting on the property. The town should alleviate resources to control and enforce hunting laws. The town should show a map for hunting restrictions area. Meaning give hunters a map of the areas they are allowed to hunt on. Query homeowners to see if they allow hunting on their property.	11/13/2024 12:15 PM
45	No concerns	11/13/2024 7:10 AM
46	For the police to actually enforce traffic laws.	11/12/2024 11:14 AM
47	Douglas needs to remain primarily single-family residential. Adding commercial property or multi-family/apartment complexes will detract from the town's appeal and eventually do great harm to the water table and wildlife.	11/11/2024 11:02 AM
48	Roads need a lot of maintenance and repair!	11/10/2024 12:18 PM
49	I don't want to see new commercial buildings put up in town	11/7/2024 6:03 PM
50	Adequately funding the public school is the most important option	11/7/2024 1:56 PM
51	To reduce expenses/# people employed, we could combine many services w other towns & do many remotely/online/mail/email	11/7/2024 12:44 PM
52	worried if new buildings built tax rate will go up drastically	11/7/2024 12:36 PM
53	The more building of any type, the more police, fire and highway must be provided for safety and for schools and facilities	11/7/2024 12:25 PM
54	Spectrum is a monopoly and will be obsolete. Need more regional services to less the cost of a lot of there services.	10/28/2024 6:52 PM
55	Taxes Affordable	10/28/2024 4:03 PM
56	Sidewalks on Main Street needed up to gbi	10/27/2024 9:30 PM
57	I feel as though a lot of the roads need to be fixed. The patches that are done don't work well at all.	10/26/2024 2:49 PM
58	We do not need more business or houses and definitely not multi family homes	10/26/2024 1:59 PM
59	Funds should be directed towards items that are value added to students and residents..not towards raises to town officials and school upper management.	10/21/2024 5:05 PM
60	Fix the roads not patching. They are horrible	10/21/2024 12:36 PM
61	There is not enough oversight of third party services such as paving roadways. Roads should not fall apart one year after new pavement.	10/20/2024 8:14 PM
62	Handicap accessibility at the library	10/19/2024 11:25 PM
63	Public works is highly needed. The stream nearby my house has flooded the road 2x in one year. They have always been there. This maintenance is important to our town.	10/17/2024 9:20 PM
64	Town offices, building department, zoning board, conservation commission etc.. are ruining peoples lives by getting too involved and costing tax payers tens of thousands of dollars	10/17/2024 6:26 PM
65	I am concerned about emergency services in town. The town has grown and is very large geographically. EMS needs to be able to reach all residents in a reasonable amount of time.	10/17/2024 3:17 PM
66	more funds to improve all the roads in Douglas	10/17/2024 2:01 AM
67	Traffic issues as discussed above in Other.	10/16/2024 9:54 PM
68	Town government is a joke. Watch any cable hearing. Elect normal people.	10/16/2024 9:44 PM

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69	Increase teacher pay. We are not able to maintain a Special Education Department	10/16/2024 9:23 PM
70	Town utilities-water, sewer, street lighting-are not even an option for many of us.	10/16/2024 5:41 PM
71	See above!	10/16/2024 2:25 PM
72	Downtown, off street parking a must to support a vibrant/attractive commercial center.	10/16/2024 1:32 PM
73	Concerns surrounding water processing, treatment, and delivery (water pressure is already so incredibly low, do we have the infrastructure for more?).	10/16/2024 12:58 PM
74	Public schools and parks and recreation for children is most important	10/15/2024 8:31 PM
75	The conditions of our roads are deplorable. I have lived in town 33 years and Main Street has never been repaved. Also other side streets that are used so much more now because of GPS bringing tractor trailers down side roads and these roads are a mess.	10/15/2024 2:42 PM
76	Parking is a big problem in the commercial area,specially Handicap spots are needed. Also not good for Walking if you use a walker.	10/14/2024 6:19 PM
77	Roads suck.	10/14/2024 10:58 AM
78	Do not combine needed public resources with nice to have private resources	10/14/2024 7:04 AM
79	Bring in Verizon FIOS, only having Spectrum as a choice is horrible. There is no incentive for them to perform better with no competition.	10/14/2024 6:11 AM
80	End the good old boy favoritism in the zoning board and building departments. Fat chance!	10/13/2024 7:32 PM
81	There is a litter problem in Douglas that should be addressed (mostly alcohol cans and small bottles).	10/13/2024 10:55 AM
82	Seems we dont have our roads being fixed as they should yet the hiway department wants a new building? North street north of gilboa is garbage, southeast main south of 16 is garbage. Paving and maintaining our roads seem to have no priority.	10/13/2024 8:21 AM
83	The Library! It is not to the ADA code for Public buildings. Tired of paying taxes on a non accessible library. Move it to the town hall, move some offices of town to the library.	10/12/2024 1:57 PM
84	Good school districts attract good residents, and increase our homes' value	10/12/2024 9:58 AM
85	The biggest issues are a depressed downtown scape, lack of amenities for residents, lack of apartment housing that would provide affordable housing options and demographics that would attract outside investment which would expand the commercial tax base	10/12/2024 9:37 AM
86	No warehouses! Better internet services for the town.	10/11/2024 11:17 PM
87	I'm worried our school are not competitive with surrounding towns. We have worrisome amount of turnover and need more funds going to the schools.	10/11/2024 8:37 PM
88	Roads are a mess (North St and beyond), while I never see Town employees out there fixing the problems	10/11/2024 8:31 PM
89	The school bleeds the town dry. It has to end.	10/11/2024 6:44 PM
90	Roads! Pot holes everywhere and not serviced timely	10/11/2024 6:22 PM
91	Cost of living increases for town employees	10/11/2024 3:25 PM
92	The town needs to take on trash and recycling pick-up. Throw it in the property tax or somewhere else. It is not attractive to new home owners to have to set up with private services. It was a shock, and an annoyance, for me when moving here.	10/11/2024 12:04 PM
93	The town library has needed a remodel and upgrade for a very long time. It is overdue. Regarding economic growth we NEED more businesses in this town. I am constantly having to travel out of town for the things I need, something as simple as groceries. I should be able to buy this in the town I live.	10/11/2024 10:31 AM
94	While I place a high value on schools and education, this takes most of the town budget.	10/11/2024 4:47 AM
95	Douglas roads seem to be in worse condition than neighboring towns.	10/10/2024 7:00 PM
96	Not sure if this applies, but cell reception and cable/internet in town sucks. my wife works from	10/10/2024 5:45 PM

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home and it is a problem, can you imagine a corporation facing bad connection speeds or cell service? I would consider that to be a priority.

97	Town trash pick up would be nice to have in the future	10/10/2024 3:49 PM
98	Too many roads are not town owned and should be vs "abandoned" where town services but paving, etc cannot be done	10/10/2024 3:07 PM
99	The neglect of Parker road, bigelow road, and Hough road is incredibly unacceptable . The high tax's that we pay as residents with deplorable roads is horrible. Had I known when I purchased my home I would never have bought this house now knowing it's a private road, yet the town patches it (sub par) and plows it in the winter due to the high volume of residents that live down here. It really needs to be torn down and rebuilt	10/10/2024 1:36 PM
100	you raise our taxes. you don't spend the money where you tell us you are going to. grandparents and parents have to live within their yearly income, so does the town without borrowing money from other departments like it is free. then those departments want taxes increase to replace what was taken from their budget. residents don't have that luxury.	10/10/2024 10:40 AM
101	Spending of public money for non essential wants	10/10/2024 8:32 AM
102	Only one internet provider in town, Could use a side walk on north street to make it safer to walk to the parks available. Need more public parking on Main Street if it's going to expand.	10/9/2024 7:36 PM
103	Less warehouses and industrial buildings	10/9/2024 7:32 PM
104	Current transfer station and landfill status is harming public health in the area, really important to modernize in order to protect groundwater in the town and thus improve public health.	10/9/2024 7:27 PM
105	The seniors are really using their space for a senior center effectively. And the use of the municipal center is outstanding! The way that we run elections is also excellent!	10/9/2024 7:26 PM
106	Roads are not taken care of and potholes are not filled in a timely manner	10/9/2024 5:57 PM
107	For the tax's residence in Douglas pay one would assume town services would be available (ex. water/sewer, trash pickup, recycling et). Living in this town for 20yrs we have made very little stride in commercial opportunities which leaves the families picking up the burden of higher tax's and little no advancements in technology (internet, cable et).	10/9/2024 5:42 PM
108	We don't give enough to veterans	10/8/2024 6:48 PM
109	I appreciate the opportunity to participate and share my perspective for consideration. You have a very difficult job with this project but just the fact that you sent out this survey and making the effort to involve the townspeople tells me you're serious about tackling this vital planning need. Thank you.	10/8/2024 6:27 PM
110	Too much building, not enough support services!!	10/8/2024 3:56 PM
111	Would there be a way to make the transfer station single stream recycling?	10/8/2024 12:54 PM
112	Increase efficiency of what money they have and don't raise taxes for because they can't stay within their budget like the town people have to do	10/8/2024 10:04 AM
113	Economic development is needed in many capacities. Take for example downtown. There's a lot of room for change to make it a prosperous area. A great start would be making landlords maintain their properties so Main Street doesn't look like a dilapidated ghost town	10/7/2024 10:46 PM
114	Increase revenue base without losing NE character & charm. Highlight unique aspects, figure out how to reduce/eliminate litter & trash on streets & in forests.	10/7/2024 8:11 PM
115	We need more choices for the residents of the town	10/7/2024 7:27 PM
116	We need more businesses to drive down taxes, and still be able to keep our town nice. We pay a fortune in taxes and our roads are terrible	10/7/2024 7:22 PM
117	Busy roads often travelled by non residents are in disrepair.	10/7/2024 4:14 PM
118	see above	10/7/2024 2:18 PM
119	Economic Development, Public Works, and investment in schools (outside of PTA activities) really need more work... as well as more emphasis on conversation and recreation spaces	10/7/2024 1:17 PM

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(sad in comparison to other towns). Also trying to make look and feel of businesses in downtown would be nice - our main street looks like a hodge podge.

120	The sidewalks downtown are awful.	10/7/2024 5:16 AM
121	N/A	10/6/2024 10:08 PM
122	We don't have nearly enough youth athletic fields, and the ones we do have are in need of significant upgrades for safety reasons.	10/6/2024 3:03 PM
123	It seems that there is not enough diversity in the town office, too many people with same last name working for the town. Also, some of the elected officials seem to have their own agendas that support their needs.	10/6/2024 1:29 PM
124	That you are destroying Douglas to make money	10/5/2024 8:28 PM
125	Please do not give any more raises to the superintendent or other school administrators!	10/5/2024 3:02 PM
126	The school is extremely with their money.	10/5/2024 12:33 PM
127	Need more industry and roadways and bridges to support this increase in activity	10/5/2024 8:40 AM
128	Very concerned about our schools. Teachers are leaving throughout the year. Children are not receiving appropriate services for their needs. As a town, we need to do better for our kids.	10/5/2024 7:13 AM
129	i like cats	10/5/2024 2:56 AM
130	Un used town and building lots to be used or repurposed. Time audit on public service departments and programs with resident oversite committees to help oversee and make sure programs are running efficiently and with out excessive waste. Keep town departments transparent with spending and resources.	10/4/2024 12:24 PM
131	Na	10/4/2024 7:41 AM
132	For one, I know that the public schools need more funding. I am a graduate of Douglas High School and the extra curricular were lacking- only due to funding! They could be so much more if they had the funding to attract more students and allow them to grow. The marching band is pretty much nonexistent which is so sad because music is so important to a child's growth. It teaches teamwork, discipline, math, and much more. That's only one example, and I don't want to flood this section. But I feel that we need to do more to allow the residents of this town to grow and thrive!	10/4/2024 6:50 AM
133	must be nice that the town hall has a 4 day work week and got the summer off!	10/4/2024 4:30 AM
134	As I live in a private community and pay just as much taxes as other people do. I wish the town would fix and maintain our roads.	10/3/2024 6:01 AM
135	I think taking care of the people who live in the town is the most important. Taking care of the most vulnerable by investing in our children who are our future and then taking care of the elderly who have nurtured the community. Making sure we fund town resources like our libraries are also very important. I think anything that encourages community engagement is very important!	10/2/2024 5:16 PM
136	Lack of planning into long term usage of buildings. How does a 20 year old firehouse not have 3 phase power. Cut losses aquire land infrastructure of town dump build new safety complex and relocate police fire em's. Current fire house becomes new town garage. Tear down old town garage convert to small park for pi kle ball tennis and racquet ball ct	10/2/2024 3:50 PM
137	Need more bike paths	10/2/2024 1:48 PM
138	In today's world people are looking to have outings with their families that don't require them to travel all over. Douglas is beautiful and the perfect place to relax in the country, our town board historically has thinks big business and industrial business. These rob Douglas of its charm. Please start thinking of trying to cash in on the charm and not extinguish it! Also I think fire and police are very important but what we spend has to match our population and land size- every year we spend a lot more money in these sectors and very few others. Thank you for this survey.	10/2/2024 11:00 AM
139	Please continue to address road repairs!	10/2/2024 10:29 AM
140	Public works needs to get out and do more around town the right way not Mickey Mousing	10/1/2024 8:13 PM

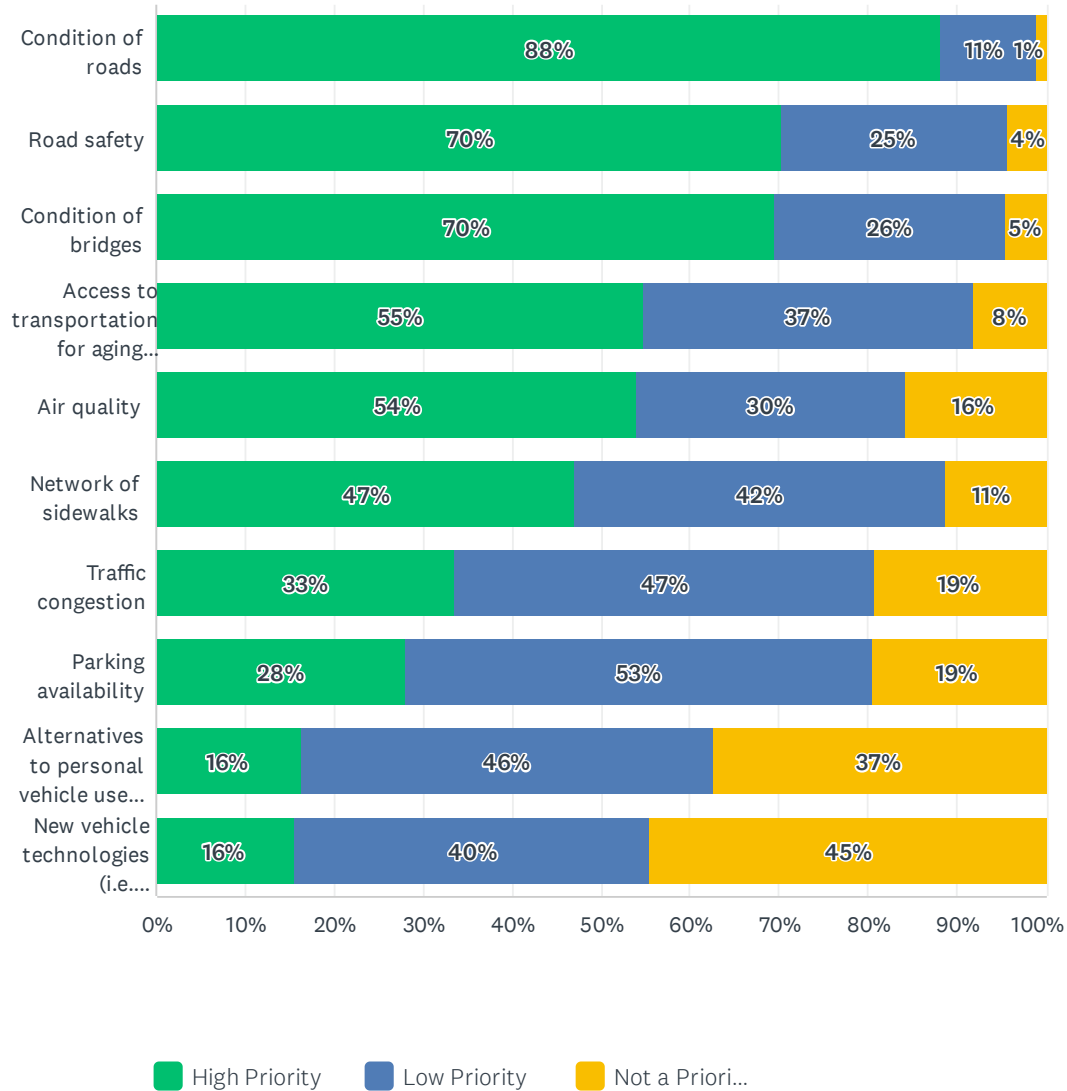
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stuff they do to just get the job done

141	<p>Successful towns like Putnam Ct have business associations, community, and town leadership mutual goals. That does not exist in Douglas. Lots of volunteers make things happen in town, with little support. Town leadership is not friendly to work with. By laws are to be interpreted to benefit the community (not create hoops to jump through). There is little to no progress made by town officials (selectman, community development manager) to build relationships with organizations, businesses and volunteers to truly improve our community. There is no social media/digital or printed outreach to connect our leaders with community members. Our town website is not user friendly. There are no newsletters or news printed anywhere to subscribe to. If there is, there is no promotion of it. How do you unite a community with zero communication and collaboration? Where are the grants? Where is the news of progress? Towns around us are embracing their communities and we are ripping down trees to fill with EMPTY warehouses and solar farms...Progress takes time, that I understand. Driving through Douglas feels run down with a lack of pride. From the care of mowing along roadways (roads feel like they are closing in on us with overgrowth and poison ivy, bridges have weeds and overgrowth spring thru fall) maintaining schools' grounds (this is really embarrassing-the grounds are so untidy-gardens full of weeds, no weed trimming, and the buildings need powerwashing), no way finding signage anywhere besides where absolutely necessary, nothing welcoming. Offering ways for business owners/building owners to update and improve their exterior appearances dont exist. There is a major disconnect between the schools and the community. We invest so much money in the public schools and there is no community relationship building/pride surrounding that. That starts with leadership.</p>	10/1/2024 7:18 PM
142	<p>I think that Douglas does a great job with all of the depts listed above. My kids while growing up here in Douglas did have to take swimming lessons in another town and did attend Northbridge schools for elementary and middle school because Douglas would not bus students to a daycare. I don't know if that is still an issue but was when my kids were of school age.</p>	10/1/2024 6:41 PM
143	<p>Taxes keep increasing and I don't see any return on my tax dollars. The upkeep on our roads is abysmal I thought I'd be retiring here but the closer I get to retirement the more unlikely that seems</p>	10/1/2024 5:50 PM
144	<p>Cable options need to change....more choices please</p>	10/1/2024 3:25 PM
145	<p>4 day work weeks & summers off.. must be nice!</p>	10/1/2024 2:39 PM

Q11 Which of the following transportation issues do you consider to be most important to address in Douglas?

Answered: 788 Skipped: 106



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	HIGH PRIORITY	LOW PRIORITY	NOT A PRIORITY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Condition of roads	88% 692	11% 85	1% 8	785	1.13
Road safety	70% 548	25% 196	4% 34	778	1.34
Condition of bridges	70% 538	26% 201	5% 35	774	1.35
Access to transportation for aging populations or people with disabilities	55% 428	37% 288	8% 64	780	1.53
Air quality	54% 418	30% 233	16% 122	773	1.62
Network of sidewalks	47% 366	42% 326	11% 87	779	1.64
Traffic congestion	33% 262	47% 370	19% 151	783	1.86
Parking availability	28% 219	53% 409	19% 151	779	1.91
Alternatives to personal vehicle use (i.e. bus access, cycling, carpooling, Uber/Lyft)	16% 127	46% 359	37% 290	776	2.21
New vehicle technologies (i.e. electronic vehicle charging stations)	16% 121	40% 309	45% 347	777	2.29

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Bike lanes with improved roads and a nice destination to go to would be amazing!	1/26/2025 1:50 AM
2	Too much traffic downtown. No one goes the speed limit. Where are the cops to monitor this?	1/20/2025 9:32 PM
3	It seems like there isn't any handicapped accessible parking downtown. That should be a priority versus just regular parking.	1/19/2025 8:45 AM
4	Allow Atv use on the trail system!!!	1/16/2025 8:24 PM
5	If you bought an electric vehicle it's your responsibility to have a plan to recharge the batteries not the tax payers.	1/16/2025 6:48 PM
6	Why is there a flashing speed light sign when leaving the town center rather than when you are entering?	1/13/2025 2:25 PM
7	Please do NOT invest in electronic vehicle facilities! It's not worth it and the people don't want it	1/11/2025 5:09 PM
8	Let the demand dictate which investment makes sense. Do not force green energy or electric vehicles that force up prices.	1/11/2025 12:27 PM
9	our roads are a mess - they need attention. If you stop cutting down trees to build McMansions, our air quality will remain good. Please stop clearcutting areas to build houses.	1/7/2025 10:56 AM
10	The roads are terrible and patching the potholes are sometimes helpful but what about actually fixing and replacing the roads. Dpw has a great response but the patching is only a temporary solution to regrading and really fixing them. The bridges need to be widened. No semi trucks Thru the center of town.	12/31/2024 12:55 PM
11	Excise tax is costly yet the roads look terrible. With all the added trucks coming through town the roads have gotten worse. I believe the town likes to give themselves raises rather than put the money where it needs to go. The schools are the only thing keeping this town alive. The town and school don't help each other. Years of working in the schools have proven that. When the schools shut the bed we will have nothing left to salvage.	12/30/2024 2:53 PM

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12	Would love to get Douglas more public transportation access, we should have a bus stop that connects us with Worcester transit if we don't already.	12/29/2024 11:34 AM
13	Side walks along Northeast Main st heading into town are sorely needed.	12/28/2024 2:01 PM
14	There are very few sidewalks. The cross walks are also not lit up at all in the main area of Douglas - making it difficult to see pedestrians. Above are certainly safety issues that need to be resolved.	11/20/2024 8:58 PM
15	Last thing we need is electric cars or charging stations	11/20/2024 8:35 PM
16	see p10 comment re sidewalks	11/19/2024 1:46 PM
17	3 gas stations and none are accessible gas stations that have working machines for air in tires	11/19/2024 1:12 PM
18	ROADS!!!!	11/17/2024 10:04 AM
19	Also very silly road signs in the smiley Rock neighborhood with three-way intersections and stop signs in every direction. It is a very slow neighborhood and a decision can be made to make one of the roads the main road back and forth and the Third Road can be the only one that would need a yield sign. A simple car count if measurement can be taken over a period of time to determine which road should be the active Main road.	11/16/2024 12:16 PM
20	Noise pollution from motorcycles and semi trucks	11/7/2024 6:27 PM
21	There is a lack of sidewalks in town. It is very difficult to walk safely.	10/23/2024 9:52 PM
22	Replace the roads	10/21/2024 12:39 PM
23	Multiple issues in current state around many of the above checked areas.	10/16/2024 10:31 PM
24	Traffic is a disaster morning and night on Route 16 for anyone trying to access Route 16	10/16/2024 9:46 PM
25	Whomever has the job of identifying and fixing potholes: you're basically a saint, and I don't envy your position.	10/16/2024 1:00 PM
26	Some of the above priorities have state and government subsidies to make them happen. So, the municipality should use those resources strategically to ensure they can meet as many of these as possible. Public transportation access should be done in conjunction with neighboring communities and should integrate transportation for elderly and disabled.	10/15/2024 10:59 AM
27	Roads suck. No new Taxes, government is non-profit.	10/14/2024 11:00 AM
28	Fix the roads! The excavators are ruining our roads! Make those companies invest in fixing the roads.	10/14/2024 7:07 AM
29	Other water infrastructure replacements and upgrades such as undersized culverts, managing stormwater systems, and removing unnecessary and hazardous dams to improve both ecological health and public safety.	10/12/2024 8:07 AM
30	Our roads are terrible! We should not be having all the large truck traffic coming through town.	10/11/2024 11:20 PM
31	It is not town business to provide car fuel. we have more trees than open space, air quality is fine.	10/10/2024 5:50 PM
32	more traffic signs need to be put up to tell drivers the speed limits. too much speeding in town. get money from the state to help pay for douglas forest. money is due the town and no town department wants to go get the money owed. shame on you people for taxing out residents when you can't even fill out paperwork to get money from the state.	10/10/2024 10:43 AM
33	More public transport	10/10/2024 10:13 AM
34	More trees less technologies	10/9/2024 7:29 PM
35	No charging stations!	10/9/2024 3:53 AM
36	Do not tax me to buy electric charging stations when I can't afford to own that type of vehicle. National grid is already taxing us. People who buy these types of vehicles can put a charging station in their own garage	10/8/2024 10:11 AM
37	Make walking, biking & driving safer.	10/7/2024 8:14 PM

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38	WE NEED SIDEWALKS	10/6/2024 9:05 PM
39	Flashing traffic lights at downtown pedestrian crosswalk (s)	10/6/2024 2:03 PM
40	Keep it the way it is	10/5/2024 8:29 PM
41	Electric charging stations are powered by coal which is more harmful to the environment. Do some research and stop pushing electrification.	10/5/2024 7:51 AM
42	Let's do something to make downtown not a cut through from 146 to Webster. Maybe more stop signs leading into downtown to slow down traffic and discourage it's use as a cut through.	10/4/2024 8:05 PM
43	That is personal decision to have EV should not be concern or burden of town to supply charging stations.	10/4/2024 12:31 PM
44	Private sector problem not towns responsibility. Hydrogen is future anyway	10/2/2024 3:54 PM
45	Pave Parker rd	10/2/2024 10:10 AM
46	No traffic lights ever	10/1/2024 8:37 PM

Q12 What are the most difficult areas or intersections you encounter traveling through Douglas on a regular basis?

Answered: 437 Skipped: 457

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Pulling onto Rte. 16 from any side street	2/4/2025 1:55 PM
2	I just need a place to live!	2/4/2025 1:49 PM
3	North St to	2/4/2025 1:43 PM
4	Intersection heading towards Webster. Intersection near high school Amount of trailer trucks going through center of town	1/31/2025 10:40 AM
5	Main street on the weekends and in the summer	1/30/2025 5:27 PM
6	Main street	1/29/2025 6:56 PM
7	north and gilboa	1/29/2025 4:32 PM
8	all areas with the electronic speed limit signs, and potholes. the intersection with the flashing stop signs.	1/28/2025 11:33 PM
9	North & Gilboa	1/28/2025 9:20 PM
10	Blinking light during school hours. Please put an actual light!	1/28/2025 8:09 PM
11	Missing stop sign on intersection between Gilboa street and North Street.	1/28/2025 2:38 PM
12	Center of town, parking on both sides, dangerous for pedestrians and large vehicles	1/27/2025 7:38 PM
13	North st and Gilboa	1/27/2025 7:14 PM
14	Pine and southeast main needs better notice for stop signs	1/27/2025 6:05 PM
15	Downtown especially when the warehouse is open up and you have tractor trailers going both ways through downtown especially when they find out they can get the 395	1/27/2025 2:41 PM
16	The area after the Goodness Store where people are trying to merge ont Main St from North St. it really gets congested twice a day.	1/27/2025 2:14 PM
17	North St intersection and NE main and Davis st intersection	1/27/2025 11:29 AM
18	Route 16 has gotten very congested	1/26/2025 8:24 PM
19	Too many roads that are in need of re-paving	1/26/2025 5:36 PM
20	The bridge near North St and Gilboa St is a little narrow.	1/26/2025 9:01 AM
21	Main St. & North St. during rush hours.	1/26/2025 1:50 AM
22	Rte 16 westiund and Hartford Ave is a headscratcher. An intersection at a blind curve and blind hill with an additional sight-blocking guardrail, governed by a single blinking light? That there aren't accidents there daily is a testament to our having quite good drivers around here!	1/24/2025 11:57 PM
23	Intersection of road from the high school (Rt16) and Hartford Ave.	1/24/2025 4:26 PM
24	Downtown between Gilboa and West Sts.	1/24/2025 1:42 PM
25	North St., Gilboa St. Intersection.	1/23/2025 6:28 PM
26	Narrowed road at Hot Wok	1/23/2025 12:38 PM
27	Downtown and the intersection of rte 16 and 96	1/23/2025 8:04 AM
28	Downtown main street	1/22/2025 5:37 PM

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29	Downtown	1/21/2025 12:45 PM
30	Taking a left onto 16 from West Street. No one goes the speed limit. It's impossible to take a left sometimes.	1/20/2025 9:32 PM
31	None	1/20/2025 6:26 PM
32	Mechanic to Main, Depot to Main, Cottage to Main, North to Main	1/19/2025 4:19 PM
33	Davis st near HS	1/19/2025 2:53 PM
34	West and Main	1/19/2025 12:17 PM
35	Coming out of Depot Street onto Main Street during rush hour. Maybe that triangle of streets around the church can all be made one way or maybe a fishing yellow light to slow people down. Also, why is the North Street/Gilboa Street intersection a three way stop and not a four way stop? That would be safer.	1/19/2025 8:45 AM
36	SE Main/16 Downtown during school drop off and pick up	1/19/2025 5:01 AM
37	C ST	1/18/2025 7:49 PM
38	Intersection of North St and Gilboa St	1/18/2025 2:06 PM
39	Downtown with the lack of visual appeal and congestion is a concern. The intersection of Depot St and Main St needs a traffic light. Too many trucks trying to avoid the RI tolls on 16.	1/18/2025 1:54 PM
40	Se Main Street. Horrible road.	1/18/2025 5:30 AM
41	Downtown with all the large truck traffic	1/17/2025 7:59 PM
42	Davis St. and Northeast Main	1/16/2025 9:48 PM
43	Ceder and Rt 16 is scary Cedar and Sw main I have avoided 2 accidents that could have been serious with people running the stop signs	1/16/2025 8:24 PM
44	Rt 16/Southwest Main st. North St./main St. Davis St./main st	1/16/2025 3:43 PM
45	North Street	1/16/2025 10:06 AM
46	None	1/16/2025 7:14 AM
47	Leaving the common either direction	1/16/2025 1:08 AM
48	Northeast Main and Davis st. (Route 16) difficulty seeing down Northeast Main from Route 16.	1/15/2025 11:00 PM
49	Main Street and south street at flashing light. & Main Street at Gilboa where the statue is.	1/15/2025 7:29 PM
50	First Street and Gilboa. That need to be a No Semi bridge. No free right turn.	1/15/2025 6:52 PM
51	Leaving the high school and heading into town, the stop sign at the corner of 16 and Hartford ave	1/15/2025 6:29 PM
52	Turning left onto main street from Mechanic St during "rush hour" times	1/15/2025 2:49 PM
53	Davis NE Main curve	1/15/2025 2:39 PM
54	Route 16 and downtown.	1/15/2025 10:09 AM
55	Rt16 and west street	1/14/2025 8:45 AM
56	Making a left turn off of SE Main Street onto Main Street.	1/13/2025 7:41 PM
57	The stretch of North Street from Compass Point Drive to the Sutton town line has been a really rough drive surface for as long as I can remember. It isn't a main street out of town, but with the bend around the lot the road takes to connect with Brown and Hough Rd, cracked and uneven asphalt I believe possess a danger to anyone who does take the road.	1/12/2025 6:19 PM
58	Downtown	1/12/2025 4:09 PM
59	The intersection when traveling on RT 16 and northeast main st from the school. You can't see on coming cars on the left without moving forward. It needs to be changed to a traffic lights.	1/12/2025 9:28 AM
60	The intersection of rt and north east main st when traveling on rt 16 from the school. When	1/12/2025 9:28 AM

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stopped at the intersection, you can not see on coming cars on the left without moving far forward. It should be changed to a three way stop.

61	Pine St & southeast main (hard to see from pine St)	1/11/2025 8:51 PM
62	North st and Gilboa 3 way stop intersection	1/11/2025 5:25 PM
63	Downtown Main Street	1/11/2025 4:33 PM
64	Depot and Main St	1/11/2025 12:33 PM
65	Downtown in certain time on route 16	1/11/2025 12:27 PM
66	Davis/NW Main, North/Main Street	1/10/2025 8:34 PM
67	SE Main and 16 Downtown, people crossing the streets outside of crosswalks and cars pulling out of various streets is dangerous	1/10/2025 4:15 PM
68	Intersection of north street and balboa street it should be a 4 way stop	1/10/2025 4:13 PM
69	Yew Street. Martin Road. They are terrible and just filling in the holes makes it worse	1/7/2025 10:56 AM
70	pulling out of Depot St. in the morning, North St. to Main St in the afternoon	1/4/2025 12:41 PM
71	Gilboa and North Street, Main Street and North Street	1/4/2025 5:21 AM
72	All of the intersections need to have trees and brush removed. It is difficult to see if you are driving a regular car (not a higher vehicle like a truck or SUV).	1/3/2025 9:38 PM
73	Exiting the post office via Gleason Court. I frequently turn right and loop around rather than take the left--even though I live only a minute down the road.	1/3/2025 6:25 PM
74	The three way stop at north and Gilboa should be a 4 way stop it's dangerous	1/2/2025 6:32 PM
75	Main Street to Gilboa	1/1/2025 11:59 AM
76	The 3 way stop at gilboa and northa Street is awful especially with more traffic in the area. Tgus either needs to be a four way stop, rotary or light. 3 way creates confusion and bottlenecks. It also causes near collision events, some of which I've been involved in.	1/1/2025 9:31 AM
77	The intersection on Lackey Dam Road. The traffic coming from the highway needs to have a sign that says 'do not stop, you have the right of way'. Every week I encounter drivers that stop coming from that direction and they throw off the entire sequencing of that intersection. Please strongly consider a round-about in place of the 3 way stop!!!	12/31/2024 10:56 PM
78	Route 16 and Hartford ave. Walk-in lake road and south street.	12/31/2024 12:55 PM
79	Route 16 and lackey dam. It's a nightmare coming from the schools back onto Main Street.	12/30/2024 2:53 PM
80	North at Main, Davis at Hartford Ave, West St at Main, Depot St at Main	12/30/2024 11:50 AM
81	Route 16 as well as Lackey Dam intersection	12/29/2024 1:55 PM
82	Going left onto Main St from West St.	12/28/2024 2:01 PM
83	Downtown	12/28/2024 7:27 AM
84	Downtown is Gridlock 7-8 am on school days, 2:00 in afternoons and 4-6 pm on Thursday , Friday eves	12/26/2024 7:14 PM
85	downtown	12/10/2024 4:46 PM
86	depot st and Main street, cedar st and rt 16, and intersection of wallum lake rd and sw main st. these intersections are dangerous. Also just about everyone speeds on main st in the 25 zone.	12/8/2024 9:22 PM
87	Intersection of North St and Gilboa, Church Street and Main Street, Depot St and Main Street	12/8/2024 8:56 AM
88	Exiting West St left onto Main St. The angle to enter Main St is difficult to see clearly for traffic coming from Webster MA	12/5/2024 11:17 AM
89	The condition of all the roads!	12/4/2024 9:07 AM
90	On weekday mornings, the stretch of Rt 16 from Family Convenience store through the downtown stretch.	12/3/2024 3:39 PM

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91	Downtown. Exactly why Douglas cannot sustain any more growth	11/23/2024 1:49 PM
92	Main Street downtown is the only place in town with any traffic	11/21/2024 10:18 PM
93	Gilboa street intersection	11/21/2024 8:56 PM
94	Downtown at Depot St., exiting and entering anywhere along 16	11/21/2024 3:36 PM
95	It's often congested at the post office area due to cars parking along both sides of the street making it hard for cars traveling to pass.	11/21/2024 8:40 AM
96	Down by the Goodness Store	11/21/2024 8:07 AM
97	Depot to main, blinking yellow onto NEast main (for decades)	11/21/2024 7:33 AM
98	Downtown in the morning and evening, very congested.	11/21/2024 5:55 AM
99	Going around the left hand curve just before the bridge at the Gilboa intersection. Both that curve and the narrowness of the bridge have been a concern. The narrowness of the bridge and the the tight curve onto it on Manchaug Street is bad too.	11/20/2024 10:30 PM
100	North and Gilboa, North and Main, Main and Depot. Speeding complicates them	11/20/2024 9:27 PM
101	3 way stop on Gilboa/North, C St/North, Mechanic St/Main	11/20/2024 8:58 PM
102	The main part of town tends to get more busy when school is released. There is one traffic light in Douglas.	11/20/2024 8:58 PM
103	Traveling through center of town- congested morning and evening with Commuters.	11/20/2024 8:56 PM
104	North Street	11/20/2024 8:47 PM
105	Main street	11/20/2024 8:35 PM
106	Blinky lights at route 16, south st and sw main.	11/19/2024 11:52 PM
107	1. That 3-way stop sign at Lackey Dam + North St. makes no sense and is dangerous. Should be a 4 way stop. Or at least some warning that it's a 3-way stop. 2. Intersection at Mechanic St. & Main St.- Sometimes stuck there, both morning and evening, for what seems forever.	11/19/2024 1:46 PM
108	Mechanic + Main (coming from mechanic and/ or taking a left from Main to Mechanic) Depot & Main (Making a left from Depot unto Main and coming from Main left unto Depot) West & Main (coming West entering Main) North & Gilboa (Coming from Gilboa) Gleason Court & Main (Coming from Gleason Court onto Main)	11/19/2024 1:12 PM
109	Gilboa + North St. - many coming from 146 come to a stop! - Some want Douglas Center but go straight toward Manchaug - Need to paint a curved line from Gilboa toward Town Bridge on Mechanic street is too narrow Main St is too narrow with parking on both sides.	11/19/2024 12:48 PM
110	RTE 16 cutoff to Webster Street, that whole intersection!	11/19/2024 12:27 PM
111	Southeast Main Street.	11/17/2024 11:32 AM
112	Rte 16 at the intersections with North St. (I think that's the name- going to/from Gilboa St.146) and by Unibank.	11/17/2024 10:04 AM
113	West st to main st, needs to be a yield sign again instead of a stop sign.	11/16/2024 1:09 PM
114	The skinny Bridge crossing the river on gilboa. Can't fit two trucks over it and have witnessed people crashing into the concrete curb. I would vote to reconstruct a legitimate Bridge.	11/16/2024 12:16 PM
115	Davis St and NW Main South St and SW Main and Webster St	11/15/2024 6:59 PM
116	Intersection on north at and Gilboa	11/14/2024 5:29 PM
117	Intersection of SE Main and Main St. (hard to get onto Main St)	11/13/2024 1:35 PM
118	Where Davis St turns onto Hartford Ave. and the intersection of Gilboa St and North St where there are only 3 stop signs.	11/13/2024 7:17 AM
119	4 corners, North Street and Gilboa Street NEED TO BE 4WAY STOP or light	11/13/2024 6:48 AM
120	West +16 is rough to get out of esp during busy times 16+ ne main North + Gilboa 16/se main	11/12/2024 8:53 PM

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	/ Webster / south near gazebo where all the streets converge	
121	Reidel and Main	11/12/2024 3:50 PM
122	None, difficult intersections and areas in Douglas pale in comparison to other surrounding and nearby towns	11/12/2024 2:48 PM
123	The North St. and Gilboa St. intersection. Rampant speeding and driving thru the stop signs.	11/12/2024 11:24 AM
124	In the morning , traffic backs up on Main Street from Unibank down to North Street	11/11/2024 11:04 AM
125	The roads around and near the common. Getting out from S.E. Main onto 16; turning onto Common St. The three way stop at Gilboa and North St. Occasionally people don't know not to stop or if oncoming Gilboa traffic won't stop, potential for an accident there.	11/10/2024 5:30 PM
126	Davis street and Main Street, nothing you can do about it though.	11/10/2024 2:11 PM
127	Douglas Pike needs to be paved badly and Main Street parking makes traveling through difficult	11/10/2024 12:22 PM
128	Trying to get on Main Street from the Post Office/Senior Center	11/10/2024 9:29 AM
129	Not really an issue.	11/10/2024 9:18 AM
130	The challenge is balancing road conditions and safety. I don't see a problem with narrow roads with somewhat rough surfaces as it slows traffic down and raises the drivers attention level. Larger, smoother roads and intersections increases speeds which increases the damage caused in an accident.	11/9/2024 8:16 PM
131	The intersection (where the blinking light) on route 16 toward Webster	11/9/2024 5:20 PM
132	Brush and trees need to be cut at all intersections. The line of sight is very poor at most intersections outside of the center of town.	11/8/2024 10:04 PM
133	Main St	11/8/2024 10:01 PM
134	Main street	11/8/2024 8:31 PM
135	I don't think there's any big issues	11/8/2024 6:12 PM
136	South Street is essentially a drag racing street. I hate pulling out of Rt 16/Davis St to NE Main. So dangerous!	11/8/2024 6:06 PM
137	None	11/8/2024 6:05 PM
138	The center of town is the most congested area, but it is not unreasonable.	11/7/2024 6:34 PM
139	16 to Main st intersection, Davis st and NE main st stop sign	11/7/2024 6:27 PM
140	Congestion center of town every morning and the merge out of Davis st from High school to center of town. Intersection is dangerous- needs a stop light or redone so you can see better who is coming from town	11/7/2024 6:07 PM
141	None	11/7/2024 6:04 PM
142	Gilboa/north street intersection. Rt. 16 at blinking yellow light down by schools	11/7/2024 5:28 PM
143	Roads are terrible just replace them	11/7/2024 4:48 PM
144	The Gilboa and North St intersection. And the intersection between 16/South/Southwest/& Southeast Main	11/7/2024 1:58 PM
145	Main Street mornings	11/7/2024 1:24 PM
146	Congestion in downtown	11/7/2024 1:02 PM
147	Poor quality of road surface on North St.	11/7/2024 12:47 PM
148	Exiting Southeast Main onto Main St Existing Depot St onto Main St Exiting West St onto Main St Exiting Franklin onto Main St	11/7/2024 12:46 PM
149	From West St to Harvard Street has the most traffic but it is safe. Better slowing commercial area. Roads are rough on Depot St at turn from Rt 16 and from Townhall to ice house. Douglas	11/7/2024 12:38 PM

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	side of road near Whittier Farms very rough patches are not helping and making it worse	
150	The speed of traffic on Main Street and pedestrians. Difficulty getting from Manchaug Road onto Main Street. Traffic not stopping for stop signs throughout town.	11/7/2024 12:26 PM
151	Center of town in the morning	11/7/2024 12:11 PM
152	North street and Gilboa	11/6/2024 1:08 PM
153	Entering Main St. heading downtown from West St. Vehicles coming down the hill are still slowing to 25 while vehicles leaving downtown accelerate once they crest the hill at Cummings Ct. even though it is still 25MPH there.	11/6/2024 9:01 AM
154	None	11/6/2024 8:08 AM
155	Gilboa and North St. NE Main and Davis St.	11/4/2024 9:28 PM
156	Exiting Xmart, post office. Trucks park on the street & you have to pull half way out into the main road just to see if any cars are coming.	11/3/2024 10:43 AM
157	Davis and Main St., Main and West St. Main and South St., Main North and Gilboa St. 4 corners	11/1/2024 3:46 PM
158	Main Street - areas between Manchaug Rd and North St. Difficult to get on Main St when busy. Gilboa and North Street intersection(needs a stop light). Bridge on Manchaug Road should have some caution signs.	10/30/2024 8:20 PM
159	The 3 way intersection at gilboa and north st	10/28/2024 7:22 PM
160	The downtown business district on Main Street. It's DANGEROUS. North & Gilboa. The Causeway through Whittin Reservoir is DANGEROUS.	10/28/2024 6:53 PM
161	Maw St.	10/28/2024 4:03 PM
162	Intersection of Rt. 16 and Northeast Main St. is okay on the whole, but at certain times can be challenging. Rt. 16 through center of town can be challenge with steady streams of traffic at peak hours in AM and PM.	10/28/2024 1:51 PM
163	I would pick them all but route 16 towards Webster and Thompson stand out. Everyone that visits us from out of town comments on how terrible the roads are in Douglas.	10/28/2024 10:15 AM
164	Blinking light near school zone.	10/27/2024 9:33 PM
165	There's needs to be more implementation for roundabouts everywhere applicable to not hinder/ minimize the affects of traffic flow and slow downs. Especially in main road intersections. They are the most problematic IE se main and rt 16. North st to main for congestion. And any street with wooded area where the intersection has trees and pants blocking visibility at stop signs	10/26/2024 2:52 PM
166	None	10/26/2024 2:00 PM
167	STOP SIGN AT GILBOA AND MANCHAUG ST	10/25/2024 9:02 AM
168	Traffic is a bit slow a the intersection of North and Main during the late afternoon when folks are returning from work. Not a real big deal though.	10/24/2024 1:32 PM
169	North St turning onto Charles St, obstructed vision and cars traveling too fast coming from town.	10/23/2024 9:52 PM
170	In front of post office on Main Street - very dangerous - large trucks need to be banned going through downtown - very noisy and high speeds	10/23/2024 6:35 PM
171	People constantly drive through the flashing red light on 16 and Hartford Ave.	10/22/2024 10:45 PM
172	Gilboa and North Street	10/22/2024 1:52 PM
173	downtown	10/22/2024 9:30 AM
174	Rt 16 in the morning is awful	10/22/2024 6:15 AM
175	Downtown, 3-way intersection at North and Gilboa	10/22/2024 6:08 AM
176	Pulling out of West Street onto 16. The angle of the intersection with morning traffic make it's	10/21/2024 9:44 PM

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nearly impossible some days. People turn left from both sides of the split making it more confusing.

177	Nothing too dangerous in town.	10/21/2024 5:06 PM
178	Franklin st West street	10/21/2024 12:39 PM
179	Main Street	10/20/2024 8:15 PM
180	The RT 16 intersections with blinking lights. Could use traffic lights	10/20/2024 8:09 PM
181	Yew St and SE Main st are in awful condition!! Most intersections are manageable.	10/20/2024 6:40 PM
182	Both ends of Riedel Rd are poorly marked and I have seen some dangerous choices becoming habit. Lots of traffic moving in opposite directions in the same path. End of West St could also be improved, people sometimes take the left onto main via the right turn branch, cutting off people trying to turn left from the end of the road.	10/20/2024 6:06 PM
183	None	10/20/2024 6:34 AM
184	Downtown	10/19/2024 11:27 PM
185	North street and Main Street can become pretty congested during commuting hours but I also feel that is normal.	10/19/2024 10:15 PM
186	3 way stop at lackey dam road	10/19/2024 9:58 PM
187	Rte 16 near the common with traffic going straight and not turning on to rte 16. Gilboa and north street. Oncoming traffic not realizing they do not have to stop and it's a 3 way stop not a 4 way stop	10/19/2024 12:55 PM
188	Davis St exiting into north main at the blinking light can be difficult. Gets congested during school exciting times as well	10/19/2024 6:48 AM
189	I am worried about the amount of heavy equipment moving through Lackey Dam and Gilboa. I am also concerned about the tremendous increase in 18 wheelers along Main Street	10/18/2024 8:38 PM
190	Connections to NE Main Street (Downtown): 1. Traveling from any direction through the three-way intersection (flashing yellow/red light) where Route 16 changes from Davis Street to NE Main Street. Not a safe intersection, even with flashing light, especially considering close proximity to school/new drivers. Worst turn is turning left onto NE Main Street from Davis Street. 2. Turning either left or right from North Street onto NE Main Street, due to obstructed view when looking for oncoming westbound (WB) traffic on NE Main Street. 3. Turning left onto NE Main Street from Riedell Road when exiting the Transfer Station due to a) short sight distance, especially when looking for oncoming WB traffic traveling on NE Main Street and b) unclear traffic pattern for traffic entering/exiting Riedell Road. 4. Turning left onto NE Main Street from Depot Street due to short sight distance when looking for oncoming eastbound (EB) traffic. 5. Crossing anywhere on NE Main Street (Downtown) as a pedestrian; flashing cross signals would be a huge help.	10/18/2024 5:33 PM
191	NE Main St & Davis (Rt 16)	10/18/2024 3:11 PM
192	end of davis street going into town	10/17/2024 10:01 PM
193	The 3 way stop at North & Gilboa. Exiting Gleason onto Main (from the post office) Mechanic & Main, generally anywhere you need to cross Rt 16 during peak hours	10/17/2024 9:46 PM
194	Lackey Dam road. Main Street can become congested at times. I don't personally have a problem, but have seen many accidents from route 16/96.	10/17/2024 9:22 PM
195	Pulling out of mechanic st. Onto rt.16	10/17/2024 6:30 PM
196	Gilboa	10/17/2024 5:14 PM
197	Traffic gets congested on Main St. during commuting hours. Pulling out from Gleason Court after leaving the Post Office is challenging.	10/17/2024 3:20 PM
198	Main st area entering town	10/17/2024 10:43 AM
199	4 corners at north street	10/17/2024 4:21 AM
200	the single light intersecton at route 16	10/17/2024 2:05 AM

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201	<p>Dangerous intersection #1 Davis Street/Northeast Main Street. Trying to make a left onto Northeast Main is extremely dangerous as cars speed from center of town heading east. It is difficult at best to see a car heading east if you are sitting at the Davis St. stop coming around the bend until they are right upon you. The flashing yellow/red is not effective in helping manage anything & traffic is backed up daily. The direction of Davis veers left as well so that making a right onto Northeast main St. is equally scary & the turn radius for a vehicle causes you to take up nearly the entire roadway to complete that turn. Also no sidewalks on either side is extremely dangerous as I have seen students walking from school on Davis St & turning to walk onto Northeast Main. Surprising there have not been fatalities up to now, either vehicular or pedestrian. Dangerous intersection #2 Charles Street/North Street intersection - the bridge is extremely narrow and east side of the bridge is dangerous due to being both concrete & narrow - especially if a large truck is entering from Gilboa Street onto North St. I personally have sliced open my tire making a right turn from Charles Street onto the bridge. Problematic traffic situation: Going to/from the Primary school/Elementary/Middle school campus during peak times: the one-way traffic pattern having to enter at Gleason St and exit onto Davis St exacerbates dangerous intersection #1 tremendously, especially if having to pick up a middle school student then go back to pick up or drop off an elementary student. You must travel all the way around & through town, causing more traffic through the downtown area. This would be better resolved if there were a way to loop traffic on school grounds, rather than spilling traffic onto the main roadways. (There is wooded land in front of the school - town should consider purchase of some of that to create a "loop around"). Another option could possibly be looked into with another problem traffic situation at the high school campus. There is currently ONE way in & out of this campus and used by both cars & busses for before/after school in addition to events. This is hugely problematic as there should always be another egress in the event of an emergency situation. Why any of these things were not thought of when building this campus, I cannot understand. A thought to resolve could possibly be to link the two campuses through the wooded area both share in common. Students already walk through the woods between the high school and middle school so perhaps this should be looked at as an option, and maybe somehow a way to loop the traffic could be worked in so that traffic would not have to spill out onto the main roadways to go to/from different campus buildings. Dangerous intersection #3 Main St & Riedell (corner of firehouse). Coming out of this side street with just a stop sign and heavy traffic, which is most of the day long is a complete nightmare, very dangerous and also needs to be looked at. I have personally been a resident for over 20 years and with the increase in population/new build housing and just general increase of traffic, all of the previous mentioned situations/intersections have only become more concerning around safety. I hope this feedback will be taken into consideration as we look ahead.</p>	10/16/2024 10:31 PM
202	East Douglas is impossible to drive in or cross road (Route 16) during weekdays	10/16/2024 9:46 PM
203	Rt 16 and NE Main St	10/16/2024 9:26 PM
204	Trying to get it off any side start of of main street is horrible	10/16/2024 6:05 PM
205	Downtown, also don't know name of road but rte16 where you can turn towards Uxbridge.	10/16/2024 5:43 PM
206	North St and RT 16	10/16/2024 4:09 PM
207	3 way stop at Gilboa, exit off 146 by sand pit, mechanic and main st.	10/16/2024 2:58 PM
208	Main/Webster Sts. and Hartford Ave/Davis and Main Sts.	10/16/2024 2:27 PM
209	Main Street/Rt16 during high volume periods.	10/16/2024 1:34 PM
210	Main Street in the morning (school/bus back-up).	10/16/2024 1:00 PM
211	the intersection at Davis and north east main	10/16/2024 12:01 PM
212	Cook st, mechanic st, west st. One way up by Jencks store and coming out of Post Office	10/16/2024 10:34 AM
213	Birch st rd to west street intersection blind spot	10/16/2024 8:19 AM
214	Main st	10/16/2024 5:20 AM
215	Gilboa (not stopping at 3 way intersection, or stopping when they shouldn't be), speed on Franklin St	10/15/2024 10:18 PM
216	When traveling East on West Street, making a left turn onto Main Street is very dangerous. Also, it shouldn't be a bus stop.	10/15/2024 8:24 PM

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217	16 and Hartford Ave going from town to HS.	10/15/2024 4:39 PM
218	Rt. 16 /main st at the common. Congestion through Main Street in the center of town and north st.	10/15/2024 2:46 PM
219	North street and Main. North street and Gilboa.	10/15/2024 10:59 AM
220	None	10/15/2024 10:39 AM
221	GILBOA/NORTH STREET/N. MAIN ST 3 WAY STOP DAILY USE FOR ME, MULTIPLE TIMES. VERY DANGEROUS	10/15/2024 9:56 AM
222	Route 16/South street/Sw Main Street	10/14/2024 6:37 PM
223	Getting onto Rt. 16 and down town	10/14/2024 5:49 PM
224	Intersection of Lackey Dam Rd and North St. Perhaps a traffic light that works between the hours of 3PM and 7PM	10/14/2024 11:03 AM
225	Downtown during rush hour, idiots not following right-of-way and letting people out onto main st. causes a traffic jam which would never occur if they didn't or we had the Police chief directing traffic like the prior on did.	10/14/2024 11:00 AM
226	Traveling through downtown when cars are parked legally and there are 18-wheel trucks going through.	10/14/2024 7:07 AM
227	The 4-way intersection where only 3 directions stop . And the tiny bridge by the ballfield.	10/14/2024 6:13 AM
228	West Street and Route 16. Although not a problem if speed limit is obeyed.	10/14/2024 1:23 AM
229	None are difficult.	10/14/2024 12:03 AM
230	NE Main St/Davis St	10/13/2024 9:02 PM
231	1-North St onto Main St 2-Depot St onto Main St 3-RT16 onto Main St	10/13/2024 8:15 PM
232	Cider St and Rt 16	10/13/2024 7:34 PM
233	Intersection West St	10/13/2024 6:26 PM
234	West street and main street should be one connection.	10/13/2024 2:54 PM
235	None to complain of.	10/13/2024 10:57 AM
236	16 & Main st its a wonder no ones been killed with people constantly pulling out on each other. Getting semi trucks away from downtown should be a priority. Other towns have truck routes Douglas should too.	10/13/2024 8:23 AM
237	The major back road from south east and west main are in terrible shape and filling in pot and sink holes seems to be the towns fix but each road has at least 10 900k houses being built on them as of now and we can't get a repaved road.	10/13/2024 5:27 AM
238	Gilboa and north, main st and route 16	10/12/2024 9:35 PM
239	Main St in center of town - too congested with street parking on both sides of the street - especially with large trucks going through town.	10/12/2024 9:29 PM
240	North and golboa	10/12/2024 9:13 PM
241	Main Street and Gleason Ct when school is let out. When the schools were renovated we were told they would use Davis street to not jam up Main Street.	10/12/2024 3:15 PM
242	Gleason ct	10/12/2024 2:19 PM
243	Where north street crosses Gilboa. The That Bridge with all the Semi's crossing. Also where 16 SW Main, South Street, and the road goes to CT. The sides of the roads need trimmed back so the cars can see drive ways, Speed limit signs,	10/12/2024 2:01 PM
244	Gilboa and North Street.	10/12/2024 1:53 PM
245	All of downtown Trying to access rte 16 from West Street	10/12/2024 1:17 PM
246	Depot to main st	10/12/2024 11:24 AM

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247	Nothing concerning	10/12/2024 10:01 AM
248	Downtown at times. If the downtown is developed more then residents will have reason to go there and that will make it necessary to expand the roads	10/12/2024 9:53 AM
249	NE Main and Davis St. Charles, North St and Gilboa intersections (thru traffic frequent drivers coming from gilboa assuming they must stop despite their right of way and halts all traffic)	10/12/2024 9:35 AM
250	Gilboa/North St should be a four way stop! Very confusing for drivers and causes near-accidents. Also, the narrow bridges at North St and and Manchaug Rd/Mechanic St over the Mumford River are incredibly tight and should be replaced or at least signed better. The latter should be a one lane at a time.	10/12/2024 8:07 AM
251	main street	10/12/2024 7:14 AM
252	Turnoff near the center of town, and intersection near rail trail, rd is too narrow for an suv and a bus	10/12/2024 7:07 AM
253	Davis and Main Charles and Main West and Main	10/12/2024 6:48 AM
254	On 16, at the flashing light just before turning left on 96. I have had folks pulling out on me at the last second for years! I must slam on my brakes in order to avoid a collision. I do not like traffic lights but I feel one at that location is needed.	10/11/2024 11:20 PM
255	Downtown area with cars parked on road makes it tight	10/11/2024 9:55 PM
256	None to complain about. The best part of living in town is the lack of traffic and traffic lights. Avoid bike lanes at all costs, they are nothing but trouble. They narrow roads and cause traffic and are never used for their intended purpose.	10/11/2024 9:32 PM
257	North and main	10/11/2024 8:39 PM
258	Route 16 just op near the school. Extremely difficult to see traffic from either direction.	10/11/2024 6:46 PM
259	Down town by post office	10/11/2024 3:27 PM
260	Gilboa at north street. Davis Street at NE main-signage is peeling making it unclear.	10/11/2024 2:45 PM
261	Main St during the busy morning and evening hours	10/11/2024 12:22 PM
262	Main/NE main going west with the intersection of North street. Visibility is not great and it backs up hard when the high school gets out because the kids who are brand new to driving are too nervous to go for openings from NE Main onto Main.	10/11/2024 12:07 PM
263	Down town	10/11/2024 11:59 AM
264	The congestion in downtown in the morning, at school dismissal, and the evening commute. In general the speed that cars and trucks move on our small country roads (Locust St near the Douglas Orchard and Farm) It is unsafe for walkers with their dogs to walk on most secondary country roads in this town.	10/11/2024 11:11 AM
265	Main Street/center of town. Gilboa intersection. Davis Street/Hartford Ave intersection.	10/11/2024 10:33 AM
266	Blinking light!!!! Needs to be changed to an actual light.	10/11/2024 9:45 AM
267	North and Gilboa	10/11/2024 12:37 AM
268	Main st/webster rd Main st/ Davis st All of SE Main Street is incredibly dangerous	10/10/2024 8:37 PM
269	North st. Gilboa 3 way stop. People that don't know the area stopping at the intersection without the stop sign causing traffic issues. Add a 4th stop.	10/10/2024 7:52 PM
270	Top of south east main speed limit is 20 mph but not enforced	10/10/2024 7:35 PM
271	North St/Gilboa St 3-way stop intersection - oncoming traffic without the stop speeds and doesn't allow a flow of traffic. The bridge on North St is too narrow and doesn't have space for pedestrians or bikes to pass safely.	10/10/2024 7:18 PM
272	Gilboa to North St to Main St	10/10/2024 7:02 PM
273	Lucky dam road and the two blinking lights should all be regular traffic lights.	10/10/2024 5:50 PM

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274	Rt 16 and manchaug st or Rt 16 and pleasant street. Is is very hard to turn left off of the side roads and onto main st at any of these areas	10/10/2024 3:50 PM
275	Roads around lake manchaug.	10/10/2024 3:08 PM
276	north st/gilboa intersection. 4 ways main st congestion	10/10/2024 2:59 PM
277	West st & Main St. Webster st southwest main (route 96) that whole area where the blinking traffic light is	10/10/2024 1:38 PM
278	The poor condition of road surfaces and roads that are not wide enough for two way traffic.	10/10/2024 1:32 PM
279	flashing light intersection near the common. very dangerous.	10/10/2024 10:43 AM
280	Gilboa / North st.	10/10/2024 10:13 AM
281	North Ave/Gilboa. Should be a 4 way stop	10/10/2024 8:34 AM
282	Depot St & Mechanic St onto Main during rush hours; North St & Gilboa (3-way stop); Rte 16 & NE Main (blinking light); Rte 16 where it turns toward Webster (blinking light)	10/10/2024 7:36 AM
283	4 corners at North and Main	10/9/2024 9:11 PM
284	Mechanic onto Main Street 3 way stop coming into Douglas from 146 Depot onto Main	10/9/2024 8:40 PM
285	North street needs a sidewalk	10/9/2024 7:34 PM
286	None. We plan around rush hours.	10/9/2024 7:29 PM
287	Intersection of Davis St and NE Main St near the Schools.	10/9/2024 7:28 PM
288	North road to sutton is a nightmare	10/9/2024 5:57 PM
289	The entire downtown, speeding on Martin Rd	10/9/2024 5:45 PM
290	Downtown.	10/9/2024 3:46 PM
291	North St and Gilboa St corner. Post Office entry and exit roads. Webster First bank exit.	10/9/2024 2:53 PM
292	Main St in the downtown area	10/9/2024 2:30 PM
293	Gilboa and North Street. The new signing is better but still doesn't warn the driver enough. Out of town people struggle with it. Also, widen the bridge there. It is like a main entrance to town. Needs sidewalk and railings that don't look like 75 yrs old.	10/9/2024 2:18 PM
294	I think for the most part it's pretty convenient	10/9/2024 11:00 AM
295	Downtown Main Street	10/9/2024 6:54 AM
296	Downtown	10/9/2024 3:53 AM
297	Pulling out of Depot onto Main/Gleason Court onto Main during rush/bus hours; Riedell Road and Rt 16 when headed towards downtown (do you keep left of the pole? Go around?)	10/9/2024 12:22 AM
298	Downtown in the morning before school 6:44-7-15 am	10/8/2024 9:50 PM
299	It's fine	10/8/2024 6:49 PM
300	Lackey dam rd and north st. Nw main and Davis st Southeast main and Main	10/8/2024 6:29 PM
301	Main St. Wen school is in!	10/8/2024 3:57 PM
302	Depot st/ Main. Mechanic/ Main. Gleason ct/ Main. North/gilboa.	10/8/2024 3:08 PM
303	C st onto Rt 16	10/8/2024 3:01 PM
304	Most drivers struggle with the 3 way stop at Gilboa X North and the angle of vision is not great turning from north onto main	10/8/2024 12:56 PM
305	North Street/Lackey Damn	10/8/2024 12:49 PM
306	Main Street	10/8/2024 12:29 PM
307	Three way stop at north st	10/8/2024 10:31 AM

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308	North and gilbo. North and main. Douglas common area is a disaster	10/8/2024 10:11 AM
309	Douglas Common vicinity, Gilboa and North, North and Main.	10/8/2024 10:03 AM
310	The road condition on west street is abysmal towards the entrance at the center of town. Especially by the bridge. The condition is so bad, it makes me avoid going downtown to support local businesses altogether. Getting flat tire, cracking a rim and ruining my alignment in a pothole are all issues that have already occurred as a result of navigating the road. This brings my money to surrounding towns where it's a further drive - but much better maintained to get gas or food	10/7/2024 10:51 PM
311	Where Riedell meets 16. Lines need to be painted	10/7/2024 10:02 PM
312	Downtown	10/7/2024 9:24 PM
313	Downtown bottle neck, navigating north street bridge/intersection, SE Main/Common at Main St.	10/7/2024 8:25 PM
314	Pine & Vine, South & Pine.	10/7/2024 8:14 PM
315	North street & main, Gilboa & main, depot & main, Gleason court & main	10/7/2024 8:06 PM
316	The downtown area in the morning hours of 6-8am and 4-530pm	10/7/2024 7:28 PM
317	Franklin street, yew st, Martin st	10/7/2024 7:23 PM
318	Gilboa	10/7/2024 5:25 PM
319	Depot Street to Mechanic Street is often difficult to traverse during peak times of through traffic.	10/7/2024 4:16 PM
320	the lights at 16/96/ there's a stop sign coming from 16, plus a blinking light and just today i watched 3 vehicles all breeze right thru without stopping. one was a HUGE truck and he could have cared less. maybe the blinker should be a red light? tho i'll bet they still ignore it. that's the worst for me. another area is where riedel meets 16. people coming from/to the dump have no clue which lane they are supposed to be in. maybe paint bright arrows on the ground to direct the oblivious???	10/7/2024 2:22 PM
321	Not an issue	10/7/2024 2:01 PM
322	Yew street, Martin Road, Franklin Street... these streets have become more and more narrow, the roads are a disaster of poorly repaired potholes, and visibility around corners is terrifying... more speed limit postings should also be added as people are traveling WAY above the speedlimit. I have had to jump out of the road when out walking with my children due to people speeding and driving dangerously.	10/7/2024 1:19 PM
323	Getting on to main street from Common street, west street, mechanic st, depot street	10/7/2024 1:02 PM
324	Gilboa @ north st intersection	10/7/2024 1:00 PM
325	Main and Mechanic, Main and Depot. NE Main and Davis. I'll add my street is falling apart.	10/7/2024 12:56 PM
326	Gilboa and North should be 4 way stop	10/7/2024 12:46 PM
327	Main Street is a disaster. The sidewalks are haggard and speed limits are not enforced whatsoever.	10/7/2024 12:40 PM
328	Crossing main street on foot.	10/7/2024 11:20 AM
329	SE Main entering Main St at the common. Turning left from Depot St onto Main. Turning left from Mechanic St onto Main. Turning left from Gleason Ct onto Main. North St onto Main due to the speed of some vehicles coming into downtown.	10/7/2024 6:57 AM
330	NE Main & 16 at the flashing light.	10/7/2024 5:18 AM
331	Rt 16 and NE Main St Charles St and NE Main St	10/6/2024 10:31 PM
332	NE Main and Davis	10/6/2024 10:09 PM
333	The three way stop at North and Gilboa. Unfamiliar drivers stop when they do not need to. Very dangerous. Also downtown on street parking creates congestion and blocks view when pulling out from businesses and side streets.	10/6/2024 10:09 PM

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334	Gilboa St/North St. three ways top when people don't know it's only a three way stop	10/6/2024 9:05 PM
335	The yellow blinking light by the schools, gilboa St 3-way stop, Rt 7 & Pine	10/6/2024 8:03 PM
336	The intersection of Reidel and Main Street at the fire station. Also taking a left from South Street toward Wallum Lake at Route 16.	10/6/2024 7:35 PM
337	Blinking light taking a left onto Hartford Ave. from Rt. 16	10/6/2024 7:31 PM
338	Intersection of Rt. 16 and SW Main	10/6/2024 6:45 PM
339	Outside of temporary construction impacts, I don't encounter many difficult travel areas across town.	10/6/2024 3:04 PM
340	North St and Main St, Gilboa and North St, Manchaug St and Main St, Depot St and Main St	10/6/2024 2:03 PM
341	Down town has a lot of congestion.	10/6/2024 1:30 PM
342	To many to list	10/6/2024 12:16 PM
343	Gilboa and north Transfer station entrance	10/6/2024 11:03 AM
344	Main street and bridge to north street.	10/6/2024 8:42 AM
345	Left from Lackey onto North. 3 way stop works well, but needs more signage to alert and make rules clear to unfamiliar travelers.	10/6/2024 8:03 AM
346	North Street	10/6/2024 7:39 AM
347	Sight line turning from South Street onto SW Main Street	10/5/2024 11:00 PM
348	None	10/5/2024 8:32 PM
349	None keep it a no street light town	10/5/2024 8:29 PM
350	North st and NE Main st but I don't want any traffic lights. We don't have any in Douglas and let's keep it that way.	10/5/2024 7:26 PM
351	Down town main st.	10/5/2024 5:23 PM
352	The bridge by the ball field, and the corner of 16 and Davis/Hartford ave before the high school. Also coming out of depot at, by the Jenkes store.	10/5/2024 4:19 PM
353	Davis @ NE Main St	10/5/2024 4:12 PM
354	Flashing light where route 16 branches off by schools.	10/5/2024 3:03 PM
355	Pulling out of Depot Street onto Main Street is awful! Mechanic Street bridge over river and North Street bridge over the river need to be replaced!	10/5/2024 12:35 PM
356	Center of town	10/5/2024 10:50 AM
357	Bridge on Gilboa/ north st needs replacing immediately. Plans were too but just got fixed towards the same subpar condition	10/5/2024 8:42 AM
358	The stop at the end of Charles Street. There has been more traffic in that area lately, and no one knows if they're supposed to stop or go.	10/5/2024 8:27 AM
359	NW Main st. Shouldn't be a 40 zone. Roads are awful in Douglas	10/5/2024 8:26 AM
360	Monroe street is in desperate need of repaving.	10/5/2024 7:51 AM
361	Downtown	10/5/2024 7:05 AM
362	Getting out of Depot and going through Gilboa & North Street. Three way stop is always and issue, mostly because people continue to stop where there is no stop sign!	10/5/2024 6:20 AM
363	rt 16	10/5/2024 2:57 AM
364	Main Street intersection down to Gilboa Street, Main Street in general during peak travel hours	10/4/2024 11:08 PM
365	Large trucks on rt 16, parents driving to drop off instead of taking the bus in downtown	10/4/2024 10:16 PM
366	Taking a left out of the post office is impossible. And taking a left at west street in the	10/4/2024 8:05 PM

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	afternoon is impossible.	
367	Exiting Gleason ct onto main st during peak hours	10/4/2024 7:23 PM
368	3-way stop on Gilboa St. is awful.	10/4/2024 7:15 PM
369	Rte 7 Douglas Pike & Pine St. Area. Very dangerous, imo should go back to 4 way stop signs.	10/4/2024 5:18 PM
370	Main St / West St.	10/4/2024 3:33 PM
371	Center of town heading to northbridge/uxbridge	10/4/2024 3:28 PM
372	Turning from west st unto route 16. No one drives 25mph on rt16	10/4/2024 3:01 PM
373	North st and Gilboa intersection (3 way stop). Lack of sinage for those unfamiliar with intersection. People turning up north st coming into town do not have alot of room if car is at stop sign coming down north street.	10/4/2024 12:31 PM
374	North St and downtown Main	10/4/2024 11:45 AM
375	Main street	10/4/2024 10:54 AM
376	Downtown is to tight for oncoming traffic. Sidewalks shouldn't be as wide as they are, both sides	10/4/2024 10:47 AM
377	Walking and biking on west street - cars flying by, not wide enough	10/4/2024 9:35 AM
378	The 2 bridges over the Mumford River, both need to be straightened and widened.	10/4/2024 7:44 AM
379	There is the three way stop at North St. People just don't seem to get it's a 3 way stop and I've almost gotten into a few accidents because others don't know that the traffic coming into town does not stop, and others thought it was just okay to go?? There's also the fork after the common to turn left onto south street or go straight towards Wallum Lake. Same situation where the traffic going onto south street does not stop, but those at the stop sign coming from Wallum think it's okay to just go. And also the spot just before that near 16 to get to Webster.	10/4/2024 6:53 AM
380	Roads in general are in awful condition and take a very long time to be rectified (and add to the "old and tired" look of the town as well)	10/4/2024 6:49 AM
381	Downtown and the bridges on North and Mechanic Streets	10/4/2024 6:41 AM
382	mechanic st bridge, roadway at Fire Station & Convenience store & main st turn to davis or ne main st, is an absolute nightmare.	10/4/2024 4:32 AM
383	congestion	10/3/2024 10:42 PM
384	Downtown main	10/3/2024 10:05 PM
385	North St/gilboa st	10/3/2024 9:29 PM
386	Gilboa and North and rt 16 and main st	10/3/2024 9:27 PM
387	Rte 16 near schools traveling west	10/3/2024 8:35 PM
388	Walking my dog on roads in poor condition with no sidewalks or proper lighting (Franklin Street is in terrible condition for walking on).	10/3/2024 5:14 PM
389	Downtown rte 16, getting in and out of schools severe congestion during start of and school dismissal	10/3/2024 2:55 PM
390	NE Main & Davis. NW Main/Church and route 16.	10/3/2024 9:37 AM
391	Downtown area is awful and when school is in it is absolutely ridiculous. Parents now drive children to school more than ever. I believe we should close the entrance by post office and have the only entrance be by high school to all schools	10/3/2024 7:34 AM
392	down town	10/3/2024 6:14 AM
393	None	10/3/2024 6:09 AM
394	NE Main and Davis	10/3/2024 5:35 AM
395	West Street and Route 16	10/3/2024 4:55 AM

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396	Main Street	10/3/2024 12:44 AM
397	Downtown Douglas on Main Street.	10/2/2024 8:34 PM
398	Fairfax-Belvior-Forest-Lucy	10/2/2024 8:20 PM
399	SW Main St is very busy now going through the state forest after that section of road was paved.	10/2/2024 7:52 PM
400	South St and 16. People coming from the wallum lake direction tend not to stop at the stop sign	10/2/2024 7:31 PM
401	Intersection of north, main, and bowen court.	10/2/2024 6:42 PM
402	Coming through town in morning when kids are in school. Intersection at NE Main and 16 is a little unusual	10/2/2024 6:26 PM
403	None are really dangerous	10/2/2024 5:37 PM
404	The intersection by uni bank as well as the intersection of Davis St and NEMain St	10/2/2024 5:33 PM
405	The 3-way stop if you're coming from the Shell station in Uxbridge toward Gilboa road.	10/2/2024 5:18 PM
406	Bridge by haywood landing	10/2/2024 5:11 PM
407	North st. All intersections onto 16 with telephone poles in middle only town I have seen with no island and arrows. Build island and do adoptisland	10/2/2024 3:54 PM
408	NE Main and Davis street	10/2/2024 1:51 PM
409	None	10/2/2024 12:13 PM
410	W Hartford Ave and Rt 16 (Davis St) fork by the high school and the 3 way intersection at North St and Gilboa St and the narrow bridge near the water department	10/2/2024 11:10 AM
411	Linden, perry, yew, martin road are in dire need of resurfacing, south east main street also.	10/2/2024 11:05 AM
412	North Street/Gilboa intersection. Absent the installation of a traffic light, there should be signage saying that westbound Gilboa to southbound North Street does not stop. The three-way stop signs in other directions still cause confusion to out-of-towners. I feel like this intersection is more hazardous than it should be.	10/2/2024 10:58 AM
413	Main Street downtown. Speeding always an issue.	10/2/2024 10:32 AM
414	There is nothing that you can do about this, its a never ending fight	10/2/2024 10:22 AM
415	Gilboa and North	10/2/2024 8:54 AM
416	North and Main. Also north and gilboa. The three way stop the no stop for gilboa coming toward downtown is the most poorly thought out intersection and non intuitive insection. It's dangerous. The north St bridge is also too tight.	10/2/2024 6:48 AM
417	Webster Street into town The same bumps going down the hill from GBI to town	10/2/2024 12:41 AM
418	The 3-way intersection at Gilboa and North Street is terrible and always has been.	10/1/2024 11:36 PM
419	Main Street. North street gilboa street 4 way intersection .	10/1/2024 11:35 PM
420	North Street & Gilboa Street	10/1/2024 10:13 PM
421	Stop signs on back roads are often not adhered to. Scary as a pedestrian!	10/1/2024 9:31 PM
422	North/Gilboa.	10/1/2024 9:25 PM
423	North street Mechanic street	10/1/2024 8:41 PM
424	The roads are terrible! Needed 2k in front end work on my vehicle since moving to Douglas 3 years ago.	10/1/2024 7:41 PM
425	The high congestion on main street. Truck traffic and high speeds.	10/1/2024 7:32 PM
426	No issues	10/1/2024 7:24 PM
427	West St. at Main Street intersection. North Street at Main Street intersection. Davis Street at	10/1/2024 7:21 PM

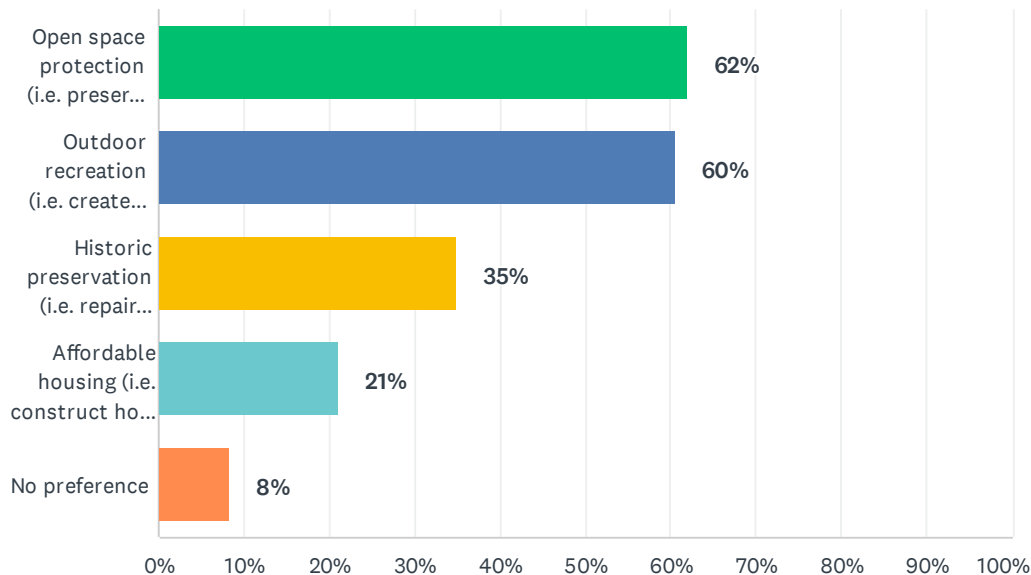
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NE Main intersection. The lack of sidewalks connecting schools to Main Street to the common is a major problem.

428	All town side streets	10/1/2024 7:11 PM
429	The stop sign on North Street coming into town. It's really hard to crane one's neck to see traffic coming. Can someone please cut that ONE BUSH out of the way? Please do not let ALL THOSE TRUCKS from those HUGE warehouses drive through Douglas on 16. The infrastructure CANNOT handle that. Make a provision that makes them have to use 146 and use rt20 or I90 to go east and west.	10/1/2024 7:02 PM
430	Intersection-Wallum lake rd and Southwest, brush clearing is needed	10/1/2024 6:59 PM
431	As a 70 year old, I have trouble with the lack of solid white lines on the side of the road. I cringe every morning leaving for work (yes I still work full time) at 5 am and crawl to the dismay of the occasional car behind me until I can get to the Uxbridge border and the white lines to better judge the side of the road.	10/1/2024 6:46 PM
432	Main Street	10/1/2024 6:18 PM
433	main street in the morning	10/1/2024 5:01 PM
434	Downtown morning/afternoon	10/1/2024 3:27 PM
435	Both ends of Riedell st should be keep right at the poles in the middle of the road. West st turning left onto rt.16	10/1/2024 3:04 PM
436	Davis & NEast main blinking yellow. It has been a problem for decades and nothing has been addressed.	10/1/2024 2:41 PM
437	The town area. Roads a bad and it's tight.	10/1/2024 2:40 PM

Q13 During the presidential general election on November 5, 2024, the Town will vote on whether or not to adopt the Community Preservation Act (CPA). Adoption of CPA would allow the Town to create a local Community Preservation Fund for open space protection, historic preservation, affordable housing, and outdoor recreation projects. Funds would be collected from a surcharge of 1.5% on property tax bills, with an exemption of the first \$100,000 of residential or commercial property value, plus exemptions for qualifying low-income households or low- to moderate-income senior households. Learn more about CPA here: <https://www.communitypreservation.org/about> If Town Meeting votes to adopt CPA, how would you like to see these funds be allocated?

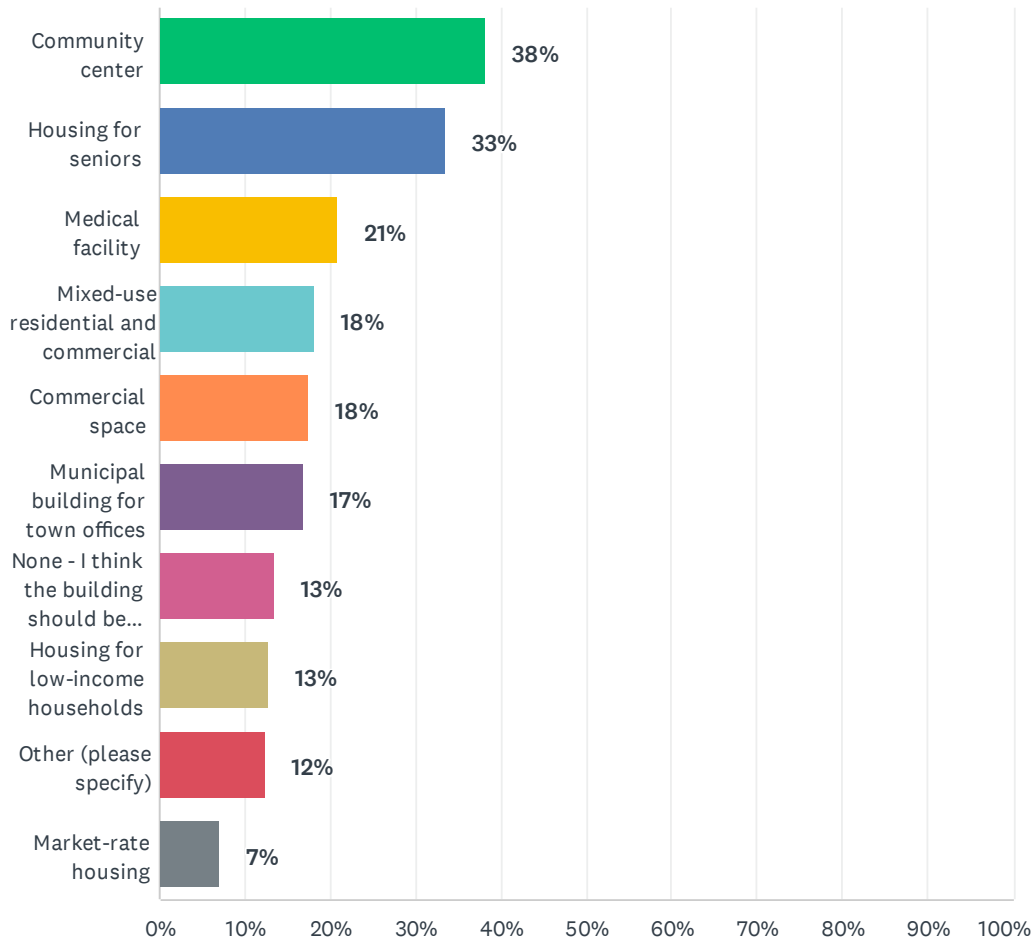
Answered: 751 Skipped: 143



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Open space protection (i.e. preserve land for wildlife, protect water supply, preserve agricultural land)	62%	466
Outdoor recreation (i.e. create or improve community gardens, trails, playgrounds, athletic fields)	60%	454
Historic preservation (i.e. repair historic buildings, restore historic gravestones)	35%	263
Affordable housing (i.e. construct homes for low-income families, offer financial support to qualifying first-time homebuyers, hire a part-time Housing Coordinator)	21%	158
No preference	8%	62
Total Respondents: 751		

Q14 The old Grammar School on Gleason Court is currently vacant. The Town hopes to find a new proposed use for this historic building. If it was to be renovated, what would you like to see the property used as?

Answered: 771 Skipped: 123



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Community center	38%	294
Housing for seniors	33%	258
Medical facility	21%	161
Mixed-use residential and commercial	18%	139
Commercial space	18%	135
Municipal building for town offices	17%	130
None - I think the building should be demolished	13%	103
Housing for low-income households	13%	99
Other (please specify)	12%	96
Market-rate housing	7%	54
Total Respondents: 771		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	It may be financially wise to demolish	2/4/2025 1:36 PM
2	vacant too many years....poor town management	1/29/2025 4:18 AM
3	school	1/28/2025 11:39 PM
4	Mixed use and include a youth center and maybe have it publicly funded and run.	1/27/2025 2:17 PM
5	Hard to say. I would say use it for what is needed the most	1/26/2025 7:01 AM
6	I am a propotent of reusing abandoned/unused buildings, if they can be renovated for suitable use. This has nice, practical, and appealing brickwork.	1/24/2025 11:59 PM
7	Parking for down town	1/23/2025 8:06 AM
8	Gun shop	1/21/2025 12:46 PM
9	Y	1/18/2025 1:08 PM
10	If the building cannot self fund its operation cost the town should sell the property. It should not be a tax burden to the town residents.	1/16/2025 6:51 PM
11	Rehab for substance abuse	1/16/2025 7:16 AM
12	Bakery or small grocery store	1/15/2025 6:34 PM
13	Sell it or tear it down	1/15/2025 2:40 PM
14	Renovated and use for historical education and activities for the kids.	1/12/2025 9:36 AM
15	The area is in desperate need of a regional Catholic high school! Many parents drive to Worcester, Providence. One one the area would be a huge draw.	1/11/2025 5:15 PM
16	I definitely think this property should NOT be sold. It connects properties owned by the town and should be kept by the town.	1/3/2025 9:41 PM
17	Parking and congestion on that road is already an issue. I don't see how having another business or housing would be helpful. The road to the school hadn't been paved in 22 years. Tear it down.	12/30/2024 2:57 PM
18	Make it into a community theatre space	12/28/2024 2:01 PM
19	Level it, build retail plaza	12/26/2024 7:15 PM
20	a museum for Douglas and a place for veterans and seniors. I went to school there and if given	12/8/2024 9:26 PM

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	the opportunity, i'd purchase it and refurbish it myself into a guest house.	
21	It's already there, so instead of destroying forest and wildlife...use that.	11/23/2024 1:51 PM
22	Since there are 2 interested developers according to the town manager this is a rather moot question after the Fall STM	11/21/2024 7:35 AM
23	A beautiful building needs to be used	11/20/2024 9:29 PM
24	This building is NOT declared to be historic. A committee spent 5 years advertising and trying to give it away. A new facility CAN be built for less than the cost of renovating. Both the select board and school committee have expressed their feelings repeatedly about this!	11/19/2024 12:50 PM
25	Low-income or Town Hall	11/19/2024 12:29 PM
26	Entertainment such as an arcade or a gym or a theater or professional offices	11/16/2024 12:18 PM
27	Expand the school there	11/15/2024 7:00 PM
28	If this is larger than the library, maybe rehabbing for larger library.	11/12/2024 8:56 PM
29	Emergency veterinary clinic	11/10/2024 12:32 PM
30	Historic buildings should be saved. The condition and layout of the building should inform how it is used. For example, senior housing may be tough as stairways and hallways may be difficult to modify to suit.	11/9/2024 8:20 PM
31	Transition center for students 18-22 with d disabilities.	11/9/2024 12:30 PM
32	I do not think this property should be sold. It connects municipal owned properties.	11/8/2024 10:07 PM
33	Anything! As long as safe w kids in schools so closeby. Demolition would even be better than leaving vacant forever.	11/7/2024 12:55 PM
34	please restore beautiful building	11/7/2024 12:39 PM
35	It is a strong well built building showing some of the years of history of Douglas. Hopefully it will be used and designed with this in mind.	11/7/2024 12:30 PM
36	No direct idea. We don't need to wipe out our history so fast. Part of the school behind it.	11/7/2024 12:14 PM
37	Multi use for community: Library, senior center, community center.	10/30/2024 8:24 PM
38	Would love to see opportunities for small business such as antiques, bakery, gift shop	10/28/2024 7:41 PM
39	Grocery store	10/28/2024 6:58 PM
40	It's not just the building. The area could be a great indoor and outdoor arts/makers space with a cafe and spillover space for the library to include a video conference center and more! Make it a community space that celebrates people together.	10/28/2024 6:53 PM
41	all of the above except none	10/28/2024 4:13 PM
42	put library above municipal building has elevator	10/28/2024 4:04 PM
43	Depends on cost. May be beneficial depending on use and cost. A very open ended question.	10/19/2024 10:58 AM
44	Gym/ yoga classes etc	10/17/2024 1:15 AM
45	Office for the School District and maybe share space with other town departments needing more space. Senior center use maybe.	10/16/2024 10:40 PM
46	Only worth fixing if the it is worth the investment	10/16/2024 8:48 PM
47	SeniorCenter	10/14/2024 6:40 PM
48	No new Taxes, government is non-profit.	10/14/2024 11:03 AM
49	No more taxes on private property! We pay enough!	10/14/2024 7:09 AM
50	And please use a realtor that lives in the town. I know Nina Desmond could do this really well.	10/14/2024 6:14 AM
51	Additional educational building given the Growth in the town	10/12/2024 11:39 PM

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52	Gleason street is already a high traffic area due to its proximity to three schools and the post office, I don't think we need to draw more congestion here but would love to see something done with the space.	10/12/2024 5:48 PM
53	YMCA, YWCA	10/12/2024 10:06 AM
54	Knock it down and build a parking garage with a facade that will blend in with the historic look of the town (brick)	10/12/2024 9:59 AM
55	No more low income developments.	10/11/2024 11:22 PM
56	I'm leaning towards demolition, just because it's incredibly costly to turn that type of building (old school) into housing that is up to code. It'd be a financial black hole. It's a beautiful building, so moving town offices to there would make sense and centralize the location of said offices better. If not town offices, tear it down and put up a Walgreens or something. Uxbridge captures 100% of our grocery and pharmaceutical tax revenue.	10/11/2024 12:11 PM
57	Depends on cost to repurpose vs. demolish. As much as I favor preservation, it is ridiculous to hold onto this vs. using the space to rebuild.	10/11/2024 4:54 AM
58	Place for youths learn stamp collecting ride unicycles pool tables ping pong	10/10/2024 7:38 PM
59	indoor rec center	10/10/2024 7:21 PM
60	More than likely it should be demolished, it would likely be cheaper to build a new building in its place that to try to renovate.	10/10/2024 5:58 PM
61	Mixed use and low income housing would be nice	10/10/2024 10:16 AM
62	Small businesses, Series of shops, Indoor farmers market	10/9/2024 7:36 PM
63	Attempt to sell the building for certain commercial use (ie Gym)	10/9/2024 5:52 PM
64	Veteran housing and resource center	10/9/2024 11:02 AM
65	Any other small business? Like how the Hunt House now houses a spa	10/9/2024 12:25 AM
66	Police	10/8/2024 3:10 PM
67	Police station	10/8/2024 3:03 PM
68	Only seniors and low income	10/8/2024 10:13 AM
69	It depends on costs to renovate vs tear down	10/7/2024 8:21 PM
70	demolish and use space for parking lot for whatever needs there are in town	10/7/2024 2:25 PM
71	Move the library or create a rec center for kids for summer camp. There are no town sponsored camps in Douglas in the summer. Really lacking a town recreation department.	10/7/2024 12:42 PM
72	Superintendent of schools	10/6/2024 8:22 PM
73	Community parking	10/6/2024 7:38 PM
74	Art gallery with studios and/or apartments above	10/5/2024 11:06 PM
75	Add on for schools as community grows	10/5/2024 8:06 PM
76	If made into town offices, then the existing town offices could be the community center	10/5/2024 4:23 PM
77	Child care centre	10/5/2024 8:28 AM
78	DONT ALLOW AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN TOWN	10/5/2024 7:53 AM
79	Daycare facility that works with the school system. Not all of our young students attend our preschool.	10/5/2024 7:17 AM
80	And then sold to be put on the tax rolls	10/5/2024 6:22 AM
81	No low income housing in town. Make it a u8 soccer field.	10/4/2024 8:09 PM
82	Something to do for kids and adults	10/4/2024 7:16 PM
83	New Post Office. And move our current police force tho the Existing Post Office	10/4/2024 10:59 AM

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84	I don't have enough information for an opinion.	10/4/2024 10:56 AM
85	Unsure of the structural integrity of the building or the property size tough to answer without knowing these facts	10/4/2024 7:47 AM
86	I can't believe the town wants to add a 1.5 percent surcharge to our taxes. Disgusting	10/4/2024 6:44 AM
87	have spent tens of thousands of dollars and no ROI	10/4/2024 4:34 AM
88	senior center	10/3/2024 10:43 PM
89	It's in a really bad location with only one way into the schools	10/3/2024 2:58 PM
90	Library	10/2/2024 3:56 PM
91	Tear it down and stop spending money on it. It would be great parking lot.	10/2/2024 1:54 PM
92	At one time, I think it would've been worth renovating this building, but it is sat empty for so long. I think it would be cost prohibitive to try and fix it if it's demolished that area should be used for additional parking for the downtown area.	10/2/2024 11:15 AM
93	Museum for Axe Mill artifacts and history of town	10/2/2024 10:42 AM
94	Why is it vacant?	10/2/2024 12:46 AM
95	Building should be demolished because of the extra cost of renovating a property with lead paint and other potential hazards. New building should be in its place, community center/commercial use.	10/1/2024 11:23 PM
96	Are you serious? How much more money can be thrown at this? As it is it went out to bid and the only response was for more housing and was rejected. Why hasn't it been demolished along with the old fire station?	10/1/2024 2:46 PM

Q15 Are there any historic buildings or sites in Douglas that you feel the Town should prioritize for preservation? If so, please describe.

Answered: 164 Skipped: 730

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Town Hall	2/4/2025 1:56 PM
2	No	2/4/2025 1:49 PM
3	NA	1/29/2025 6:58 PM
4	Jenkes museum/ historical society	1/29/2025 11:28 AM
5	Sell the property	1/26/2025 4:25 PM
6	Library	1/26/2025 1:53 AM
7	Reinvigorate the VFW hall	1/22/2025 10:31 PM
8	Town common, second congregational church,	1/22/2025 5:56 PM
9	None	1/21/2025 12:46 PM
10	It's a shame that the Town does no maintenance on the old fire station and the former school on Route 16.	1/19/2025 7:41 PM
11	Douglas center school/ veterans building	1/19/2025 12:21 PM
12	EN Jenckes Store - should be preserved and restored to an active store or a B&B.	1/18/2025 1:56 PM
13	The old Douglas grammar school 2room	1/16/2025 8:29 PM
14	Library, Jenks Store, Mumford Hall,	1/16/2025 3:46 PM
15	The vfw. A community center or new senior center.	1/16/2025 7:16 AM
16	Give that library that is sucking us dry, back to the grifter. It is not ADA compliance,	1/15/2025 6:55 PM
17	The library	1/15/2025 6:34 PM
18	Tear the old fire station and vfw hall down	1/15/2025 2:40 PM
19	VFW in front of soccer field	1/13/2025 2:32 PM
20	Ever since I was a kid and would pass by the old grammar school on Gleason Court, whether on my way to school or just on a walk, I would always look at it and wonder about it. What it had been like, what it looked like inside; and as I got older, what it could be used for. I've always been a history nerd, and to see an old historic building like that essentially left to rot was and is heart breaking. I think it would be a great building to have as a community center.	1/12/2025 6:25 PM
21	The Old Grammar school on Gleason st	1/12/2025 9:36 AM
22	Library	1/11/2025 5:26 PM
23	Old town common	1/11/2025 4:35 PM
24	Cottage Street Fire Station, VFW Building	1/10/2025 8:36 PM
25	The library.	1/7/2025 10:59 AM
26	The old grammar school	1/4/2025 12:48 PM
27	Douglas Center School	1/3/2025 9:41 PM
28	2 room schoolhouse	1/3/2025 5:16 PM
29	Do not pave SNETT I have horses and this will ruin my enjoyment	1/2/2025 6:34 PM

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30	Veterans building	12/31/2024 12:56 PM
31	No	12/30/2024 2:57 PM
32	Old School on Main St at Douglas Center.	12/30/2024 11:57 AM
33	Is there anything going on with the building in front of the VFW field (where you get the wood chips)?	12/28/2024 2:01 PM
34	library	12/28/2024 7:56 AM
35	Library	12/11/2024 4:49 PM
36	the stone bridges on north st, A street, and wallum lake rd. We need to preserve them. The bridge on wallum lake road needs a weight limit sign. In addition, fire department #2 should be refurbished to retain it's historical charm.	12/8/2024 9:26 PM
37	Jenkes store	11/21/2024 10:20 PM
38	Library!	11/21/2024 3:38 PM
39	Jenckes store. Others are too far gone and dangerous.	11/21/2024 7:35 AM
40	Old fire station	11/21/2024 5:52 AM
41	Library	11/20/2024 9:06 PM
42	None	11/20/2024 8:59 PM
43	Grammar School	11/20/2024 8:58 PM
44	Any vacant building should be turned into housing our Vetetans or senior citizens.	11/20/2024 8:38 PM
45	Mr. Chase's mother's house on Orange St. This house has a story to tell, and reflects the flavor of the town as it once was, and as it is now. It represents the appeal of Douglas as a Preserve America town, which is why many of us residents chose to make a life here. Douglas remains largely quiet and charming, and this house in its current landscape reflects this. It stands as a testament to an ideal many cherish, and strive to hold onto in the fast-paced change brought on by what I call Boston Sprawl. Thank you for the opportunity to bring this to your attention.	11/19/2024 1:36 PM
46	Historical Society	11/19/2024 1:12 PM
47	No	11/19/2024 12:50 PM
48	The Gleason Street Building The Library Soldiers Field The Old Fire Station- make into a museum Jenkes Building	11/19/2024 12:29 PM
49	No	11/13/2024 7:19 AM
50	Jenkes museum, old vfw looks like it could use some help.	11/12/2024 8:56 PM
51	Library, town hall	11/12/2024 2:49 PM
52	None at this time	11/11/2024 11:06 AM
53	Jenkes Museum	11/10/2024 5:37 PM
54	All of our buildings in the center of town are historic. It would be nice to see an upgrade of some of the store fronts and removal of the ugly signs.	11/8/2024 10:07 PM
55	The old fire house.	11/8/2024 6:07 PM
56	Old fire station should be preserved as well	11/7/2024 6:07 PM
57	Old barns have already been knocked down by developers. Terrible land is being built on by developers.	11/7/2024 5:30 PM
58	I would love to see Jenckes exterior preserved but the interior used more effectively for our town	11/7/2024 12:55 PM
59	old grammar school is priority 1. DO not know of any other vacant historical buildings in town. possibly make a list both residential and commercial	11/7/2024 12:39 PM

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60	The old elementary and grammar school, Jon Gleason Court	11/7/2024 12:30 PM
61	All that are part of our history that can be saved and used.	11/7/2024 12:14 PM
62	THE OLD FIRE STATION ON COTTAGE STREET	11/5/2024 11:22 AM
63	Library	11/3/2024 10:44 AM
64	Jenckes store	10/30/2024 8:24 PM
65	Would love to see the Jenks (sp) building as a throwback general store. Showing the history and utilizing the space	10/28/2024 7:41 PM
66	Old Grammar School	10/28/2024 6:53 PM
67	no	10/28/2024 4:04 PM
68	The old Grammar School on Gleason Court	10/28/2024 10:21 AM
69	No	10/27/2024 9:36 PM
70	The library needs a serious overhaul. This is a busy building, used by many and it is way behind other towns near us.	10/22/2024 1:54 PM
71	The old fire station	10/22/2024 6:17 AM
72	Using funds to clean up the buildings around the downtown area and make it look nice would improve the town's 'curb appeal' for all the people that drive through that area... for both residents and prospective residents.	10/20/2024 6:12 PM
73	All	10/20/2024 6:36 AM
74	No	10/19/2024 10:58 AM
75	Yes, Cottage Street fire station 1880 & its wooden tower, would be my #1 priority. Next the VFW/Center school, Old Grammar school.	10/17/2024 9:49 PM
76	Houses around the town common and any of the more historic buildings in the downtown area.	10/16/2024 10:40 PM
77	Anything over 100 years old	10/16/2024 9:47 PM
78	Then Hall and Police Station	10/16/2024 9:28 PM
79	Town Common, which they have been doing a GREAT job with. The historical society building could be good if access were easier. Old firestation would be great, but probably too far gone, would have made a great coffee house or brew pub.	10/16/2024 3:01 PM
80	The Old Grammar School should be used for another use and preserved.	10/16/2024 1:38 PM
81	Please focus conservation efforts on the areas surrounding the SNETT - there are delicate habitats and wetlands which should be protected and not developed.	10/16/2024 1:03 PM
82	No town should move on from old buildings and trying to repurpose	10/16/2024 8:20 AM
83	The grammar school is beautiful and should be maintained. Moreover, the mode of preservation should bring more traffic to the downtown area which is why I support mixed use over strictly residential use. The residential complex stranglehold on property downtown already makes pedestrian navigation of downtown harrowing and largely unpleasant. Don't add to that with another walled community. Wixtead building is tragically underused/maintained. In general, Douglas should try to protect its historic structures as the "charm" of New England small towns is the primary draw for new residents. Without those structures, that charm is lost.	10/15/2024 11:06 AM
84	The old Grange building before it collapses or someone gets hurt.	10/14/2024 11:03 AM
85	No more taxes on private property! We pay enough!	10/14/2024 7:09 AM
86	1st, The old two room school house in Douglas Center near the Douglas Center Cemetery. 2nd, the old water powered saw mill on the corner of Cedar St and Rt 16.	10/13/2024 7:37 PM
87	Center school, old fire station, library	10/13/2024 11:52 AM
88	The old VFW hall needs to be taken care of, Im sure it could be put to good use.	10/13/2024 8:26 AM

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89	The old Grammar School... my grandmother taught there)	10/12/2024 11:39 PM
90	The Jake store	10/12/2024 2:05 PM
91	The goodness store	10/12/2024 11:28 AM
92	None	10/12/2024 10:06 AM
93	No I think the focus should be on attracting amenities to the town so residents don't have to leave town for everything	10/12/2024 9:59 AM
94	Yes to the question of historic preservation but I cannot think of a building at this time.	10/11/2024 11:22 PM
95	The old Fire Station on Cottage Road	10/11/2024 11:04 PM
96	I am indifferent	10/11/2024 10:38 AM
97	Identify and recognize any home built prior to 1850, perhaps make "Historic Douglas" plaques available. This would allow home owners to take it upon themselves to apply for any funds.	10/11/2024 10:03 AM
98	Old Town Common, old elementary school (rt. 16 near common), old scout house, old fire station, Simon Fairfield library	10/11/2024 4:54 AM
99	Library	10/11/2024 12:39 AM
100	No We need to move to the future and stop living in the past. Quit raising taxes without finding a way to bring money to the town in other ways. This is crazy	10/10/2024 8:40 PM
101	The library should be renovated. most of the other "old" buildings are likely unsafe and really look like crap anyway. the old school used as the municipal center is not very well set up for our town.	10/10/2024 5:58 PM
102	any building that can be transformed into senior, handicap or low income housing.	10/10/2024 10:45 AM
103	2 main street	10/9/2024 9:06 PM
104	Old Fire tower Picket Fence	10/9/2024 8:42 PM
105	No , ok to preserve land but might as well make use of a building and turn it into something useful and attractive to bring others to the town	10/9/2024 7:36 PM
106	The old store and the library. and give the municipal center whatever they need. The use of that building is outstanding	10/9/2024 7:31 PM
107	No	10/9/2024 3:55 AM
108	The old Grammar School, the old VFW if it could be restored	10/9/2024 12:25 AM
109	Douglas forest preservation land is full of litter.	10/8/2024 8:31 PM
110	The downtown buildings could resemble an historic district.	10/8/2024 7:43 PM
111	No	10/8/2024 6:51 PM
112	The library and jenkes store. I wish the town could mandate property owners on main st to paint their buildings.	10/8/2024 6:32 PM
113	Denies store, old fire station.	10/8/2024 3:59 PM
114	No	10/8/2024 12:57 PM
115	No, don't spend money on them.	10/8/2024 10:13 AM
116	The old grammar school	10/7/2024 10:53 PM
117	Old fire station	10/7/2024 9:26 PM
118	Historic bldgs downtown & elsewhere.	10/7/2024 8:21 PM
119	Downtown / Main Street area needs help.	10/7/2024 8:09 PM
120	Old fire station downtown	10/7/2024 5:19 PM
121	town library, building in front of soccer field (old school) on Main Street, old fire station	10/7/2024 11:24 AM

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122	Vfw hall on rt 16 should be renovated and used for community space/veteran housing	10/7/2024 12:21 AM
123	No	10/6/2024 10:10 PM
124	Library	10/6/2024 9:06 PM
125	E N jenkes store.	10/6/2024 8:22 PM
126	The library is 100 years old and is still an intregal part of downtown Douglas. Making it handicapped accessible is long overdue.	10/6/2024 6:51 PM
127	No	10/6/2024 3:06 PM
128	Library, Jenckes Store	10/6/2024 2:06 PM
129	No.	10/6/2024 8:06 AM
130	Old elementary, library accessibility, old fire station and tower, VFW	10/5/2024 11:06 PM
131	Scenic roads, keep them scenic	10/5/2024 8:34 PM
132	The reservoir and scenic roads along with state forest	10/5/2024 8:31 PM
133	Old fire station on Cottage Street	10/5/2024 4:13 PM
134	Old fire station. Restore it, make it part of the towns history	10/5/2024 8:28 AM
135	DONT ALLOW AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN TOWN	10/5/2024 7:53 AM
136	En jenks. And any axe company historical building.	10/4/2024 8:09 PM
137	Jenkins Store	10/4/2024 11:47 AM
138	Cleaning of the Mumford River and to have river front Business/ Residential buildings	10/4/2024 10:59 AM
139	Unknown	10/4/2024 7:47 AM
140	If possible, a find for general upkeep for historic property that parties can apply for us of	10/4/2024 6:52 AM
141	Jenckes Store	10/4/2024 4:34 AM
142	Historic family cemeteries.	10/3/2024 10:07 PM
143	Library	10/3/2024 5:37 AM
144	Town common	10/2/2024 8:23 PM
145	All old buildings in center of town.	10/2/2024 6:31 PM
146	Buildings and historical homes in the town. Town common, and any other buildings that are a part of the historical significance of the town.	10/2/2024 6:23 PM
147	No and I will vote no on CPA.	10/2/2024 5:39 PM
148	The library.	10/2/2024 5:19 PM
149	All the monuments	10/2/2024 1:54 PM
150	No	10/2/2024 12:17 PM
151	There are several antique homes in Douglas that are privately owned. The town should support owners that are working to preserve and renovate antique properties possibly incentivize them to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. We should give support to the historical society/Jenckes Store Building. The library is also a historic building that needs to be brought up to ADA compliance to better support everybody in town. The first and second congregational churches are also historic buildings that should be cared for and protected with support to those congregations where possible.	10/2/2024 11:15 AM
152	Facades of historic buildings on main street should be historically updated.	10/2/2024 11:09 AM
153	The E. N. Jenks building should be a priority. It needs some major structural support repair	10/2/2024 10:43 AM
154	Jenkins	10/2/2024 8:57 AM
155	The white building leading to the soccer field should be something the town needs	10/2/2024 12:46 AM

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156	The original fire station. The old school house on Main Street which was later used as the vfw post. The old school house on Gleason court. The E.N Jenkes store.	10/1/2024 11:39 PM
157	Post Office	10/1/2024 10:15 PM
158	Old fire station on cottage street. Either maintain it or demolish it.	10/1/2024 9:27 PM
159	The building at the soccer field should turn into the police station	10/1/2024 8:19 PM
160	Addressing the vacant grammar school is high priority due to vicinity to the active schools	10/1/2024 7:26 PM
161	Public library, Old Fire house (museum?), Wixtead Building, Goodness Store building, Elmwood building (Picket fence), veterans building	10/1/2024 7:24 PM
162	Library	10/1/2024 6:49 PM
163	The jenckes store & library are the only two I know of. I go with the jenckes.	10/1/2024 2:46 PM
164	The condemned buildings near the soccer fields should be taken care of. Shame - the kids need to drive by falling down buildings to get to soccer practice	10/1/2024 2:42 PM

Q16 If you are considering moving out of Douglas in the future, what changes to the town would encourage you to stay here? (Open-ended)

Answered: 368 Skipped: 526

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Pharmacy, shopping mall	2/4/2025 1:57 PM
2	Smaller, affordable housing for seniors and/or veterans and others gainfully employed. Assisted living facility with care right through to hospice.	2/4/2025 1:37 PM
3	Keep livestock without permits	1/31/2025 10:55 PM
4	Grocery store, pharmacy. More food options. A downtown that is revitalized.	1/31/2025 10:22 PM
5	I want Douglas to stay small and green. I love the uncrowded feel of the town and it's streets. However the more housing developments and cookie cutter manufactured housing I see going up (like the ones on SE Main) the more disenchanted I get). I also want to see more ways for the small community to gather. More town events, open green spaces, trails, etc.	1/31/2025 10:13 PM
6	Less taxes	1/31/2025 8:48 PM
7	The town to take care of roads new high way garage and police	1/31/2025 10:45 AM
8	Less housing being allowed to build near water ways and taking away from out wildlife	1/30/2025 5:30 PM
9	Rich on State forest and nature NO SECTION 8 Top rank on high school rating	1/29/2025 7:07 PM
10	No more new houses/ no business commerce	1/29/2025 11:29 AM
11	no rotaries, traffic lights, flashing stop signs, electronic speed limit signs, big commercial buildings, and potholes.	1/28/2025 11:53 PM
12	More commercial services/ grocery etc	1/28/2025 9:21 PM
13	Taxes not getting raised. Stop building million dollar houses. We like the small town feel!	1/28/2025 8:10 PM
14	Better schools, more housing	1/28/2025 2:39 PM
15	Lower taxes. We have well and septic yet our taxes are high. Our kids are not in the school system.	1/27/2025 7:42 PM
16	Senior housing	1/27/2025 7:18 PM
17	Review all zoning requirements for building. The rate of new homes is going to out pace the capacity of the school system. Raise minimum lot size requirements for ra area and look at reducing requirements in lake areas to promote upgrading of existing homes/cottages that are pre existing non conforming and dilapidated or aging	1/27/2025 6:11 PM
18	It's nothing that the town is doing. It's the governor in the state with raising the taxes.	1/27/2025 2:45 PM
19	None	1/27/2025 2:20 PM
20	Taxes	1/27/2025 11:30 AM
21	Less commercial/industrial development. Protection of open spaces.	1/26/2025 8:27 PM
22	More investment in schools, more diverse restaurant options, more medium sized single family homes. Repairing and restoring the buildings/shops downtown would be nice but not as important. Some of them look really dumpy.	1/26/2025 9:15 AM
23	More walkable or bikeable areas/streets. More curb appeal and desireable commerce downtown. Free or reduced fee for access to the Douglas State Park/Wallum Lake for residents (similar to webster's arrangment for Webster Lake). Locally grown grocery or Urgent care would be a plus.	1/26/2025 2:06 AM

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24	NA	1/25/2025 12:07 AM
25	55+ community	1/24/2025 5:08 PM
26	N/A	1/24/2025 1:44 PM
27	The residents on my street do not respect agriculture. Not anything I can do about it	1/23/2025 9:07 AM
28	Half of my mortgage is taxes and insurance. If I own my home when I retire, that would make my living expenses for just the taxes and insurance, well over \$2000 a month. It's unaffordable to live here retired.	1/23/2025 8:09 AM
29	Lower tax	1/23/2025 5:01 AM
30	Moved out here for the nature and quiet, so not a lot of new houses	1/22/2025 6:00 PM
31	More local businesses, particularly food services, and small boutique shops. Additionally Douglas desperately needs better accommodations for cyclists and pedestrians.	1/22/2025 3:39 PM
32	I'm planning on leaving in a year and a half. I would stay if my daughter needed me nearby.	1/21/2025 6:29 PM
33	Reduced taxes	1/21/2025 12:48 PM
34	Less traffic downtown.	1/20/2025 9:34 PM
35	Invest in the schools!!! The Primary School needs improvements and more staffing, especially librarians and paraprofessionals.	1/20/2025 12:38 PM
36	Leave wooded spaces alone don't allow clear cutting for solar panels!	1/19/2025 8:16 PM
37	Lower taxes and fix the roads. Small town politics of one family running the town as their money grab.	1/19/2025 4:27 PM
38	Lower taxes, senior housing	1/19/2025 12:23 PM
39	Incorporate HERO act veterans' exemptions	1/19/2025 7:58 AM
40	Freeze taxes on retirees	1/19/2025 7:31 AM
41	Affordability-taxes	1/19/2025 5:08 AM
42	More agriculture and community events	1/18/2025 7:54 PM
43	Improvements to downtown; a grocery store; a pharmacy and a B&B for guests.	1/18/2025 1:59 PM
44	Small town community	1/17/2025 8:02 PM
45	More family friendly activities, open space, lower taxes	1/17/2025 5:32 PM
46	Lower taxes	1/16/2025 6:52 PM
47	Grocery store and pharmacy	1/16/2025 10:08 AM
48	N/a	1/16/2025 7:17 AM
49	lower taxes	1/16/2025 6:58 AM
50	Keep Douglas smallish	1/16/2025 1:08 AM
51	Recreation, swimming, walking paths family activities	1/15/2025 6:57 PM
52	More businesses with restaurants and less pizza places!! A bakery and town grocery store and drug store!! Walking and bike paths that are safe and affordable 55+ townhouses and condos	1/15/2025 6:43 PM
53	Less taxes	1/15/2025 5:41 PM
54	Stop building. Lower taxes. Stop trying to make Douglas like a packed, congested polluted city full of stress and traffic congestion.	1/15/2025 10:13 AM
55	Lower the property taxes	1/14/2025 8:47 AM
56	Lower taxes	1/13/2025 2:33 PM
57	Reduction in yaxes	1/12/2025 2:51 PM

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58	More restaurants, road repair and playground enhancement	1/12/2025 10:20 AM
59	Low property taxes	1/12/2025 9:37 AM
60	Low property taxes	1/12/2025 9:37 AM
61	Lower property taxes. Taxes go down \$1000/yr moving 1 town over.	1/11/2025 8:55 PM
62	Walking areas- paved near water	1/11/2025 5:29 PM
63	Changes to town government	1/11/2025 4:40 PM
64	Reduce MA taxes	1/11/2025 12:34 PM
65	More commercial in areas not near downtown to stabilize tax base	1/11/2025 12:31 PM
66	Smaller one floor living single family homes	1/10/2025 10:10 PM
67	To stay small town.....Not looking for more warehouses or a Power Plant type of Structure.	1/10/2025 8:38 PM
68	Lower taxes and increase commercial tax base. Public transportation. Add Supermarket(or mini market).	1/3/2025 3:56 PM
69	Do not pave SNETT	1/2/2025 6:36 PM
70	Less traffic on my road, Yew St. It used to be a quiet road, but is now used as a main road for trucks and folks looking for shortcuts through town.	1/1/2025 12:01 PM
71	Increase none residential tax funds for the town. Large tax currently on the shoulders of the residence with little additional offerings to justify it.	1/1/2025 9:37 AM
72	State park and green space. Trails and sidewalks	12/31/2024 12:58 PM
73	Accessibility to modern conveniences. I'd like to be able to purchase necessities. Maybe even a piece of fruit.	12/30/2024 2:58 PM
74	Lowering the property taxes	12/29/2024 2:00 PM
75	I'm here because I can't afford to not live with family despite being debt free, working full time, and having a degree. It's insane. I like Douglas, if housing could just be reasonable I wouldn't mind staying even if my family wasn't here.	12/29/2024 11:39 AM
76	N/A	12/28/2024 2:03 PM
77	To freeze seniors property taxes at the rates of their 65th birthday. Freezing new housing developments.	12/28/2024 12:07 PM
78	Grocery store, making the town more walkable and bikeable	12/28/2024 7:29 AM
79	Pickleball courts, quality retail that has been shut out of town for decades	12/26/2024 7:18 PM
80	Make the Library ADA compliant.	12/11/2024 4:50 PM
81	i was born and raised in Douglas and will remain here. I would like the town to think about preservation of it's history.	12/8/2024 9:29 PM
82	More neighborhoods, better schools, better roads.	12/4/2024 9:10 AM
83	Not relevant for me as I am close to retirement and plan to move out of MA.	12/3/2024 3:47 PM
84	up grade the crappy roads we have to endure	12/3/2024 10:13 AM
85	Lower taxes. Preserving the State Forest, preserving more forest land. Halt the building of new homes and businesses. Massachusetts and the US is destroying forest land at an alarming rate.	11/23/2024 1:55 PM
86	Lower taxes, town access to view water or recreation. A place to safely walk other than the woods	11/21/2024 10:24 PM
87	Single story living for seniors	11/21/2024 3:40 PM
88	Decrease taxes	11/21/2024 8:44 AM
89	Stop taxing seniors!	11/21/2024 7:37 AM

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90	Lower taxes	11/21/2024 5:52 AM
91	Less development, more natural and open space protection. More opportunities for community engagement, such as game nights at the library or adult center.	11/20/2024 10:35 PM
92	More affordable housing built, more services for the real estate taxes paid, sidewalks placed where appropriate. The town also needs to regulate farm animals in a neighborhood - absolutely no rules / regulations in this area.	11/20/2024 9:01 PM
93	Fitness Space/Community Center for kids	11/20/2024 8:59 PM
94	Lower Taxes Less requests for increases in Taxes - less requests to fund library	11/20/2024 8:54 PM
95	Lower taxes	11/20/2024 8:40 PM
96	Careful consideration and mindful creative efforts to keep the quiet charming flavor of Douglas, and not sacrificing this, while striving to balance growth and development.	11/19/2024 1:37 PM
97	Not planning on moving However, need pharmacy other grocery stores Other department stores (Target, etc.) Jewelry repair store	11/19/2024 1:14 PM
98	I'm staying!	11/19/2024 12:53 PM
99	More Police ticket writing Illegal burning- too many warnings without action Speeding no excuse ticket to protect our residents Driving while on cell phone, First offense- \$150- no warnings	11/19/2024 12:32 PM
100	I understand Southeast Main Street is the Douglas Pike, but the traffic and road conditions are ridiculous. Man holes are to low and when trucks and cars drive over them, it's loud bangs all day long!	11/17/2024 11:39 AM
101	Lowering the property tax rate.	11/16/2024 1:15 PM
102	Na	11/16/2024 1:12 PM
103	I would consider staying if it remains small and private.	11/16/2024 12:19 PM
104	Larger lot size requirement, less compact development	11/15/2024 7:09 PM
105	I would like to see more sidewalks and bike friendly options.	11/14/2024 5:32 PM
106	NA	11/13/2024 7:21 AM
107	More convenience options - groceries, pharmacy, restaurants, etc. more family friendly things to do in town.	11/12/2024 9:00 PM
108	More business / lower residential taxes.	11/12/2024 3:52 PM
109	Preserve the small-town feel	11/12/2024 2:52 PM
110	I do not plan to move in the next 20 years. However, if the pace of development continues, this may change my mind.	11/11/2024 11:08 AM
111	NA	11/10/2024 5:44 PM
112	Keep it rural, keep it clean, keep it beautiful, tell the Beagle club to stop shooting on Sundays and after 5pm! We like the peace and quiet!	11/10/2024 2:17 PM
113	I miss having all my shopping needs met in town but I don't think Douglas population can support that type of infrastructure.	11/9/2024 8:23 PM
114	We need more business to help reduce taxes	11/9/2024 8:45 AM
115	Lower taxes no	11/9/2024 8:14 AM
116	Prioritization of small for profit farms and non profit hobby farms. Open space for nature trails and preservation. Community services like an urgent care, groceries, and improvement of Main Street.	11/8/2024 8:35 PM
117	Less development. There's too many houses being built that are eating away at the charm and rural feel.	11/8/2024 6:16 PM
118	Keep Douglas a farm-ish town with lots of green space. There are so many new developments	11/8/2024 6:10 PM

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	being built. This is the complete opposite reason why I moved to Douglas.	
119	I would love to live in a town that offers sidewalks, a walking track, an outdoor ice skating rink, independent shops, and upscale townhouses around a common area.	11/7/2024 6:50 PM
120	Making the town more walkable, not needing to leave town for many errands	11/7/2024 6:30 PM
121	Access to grocery store and medical Appointments in town Tennis courts	11/7/2024 6:16 PM
122	Less developers building on land that is subpar .	11/7/2024 5:31 PM
123	Lower taxes is a must. Attract more retail businesses. Eliminate the culture of overbearing bureaucracy and intentionally difficult to work with behavior that continues to drive away businesses from Douglas to other towns. Prioritize schools over new fire trucks. Attract more businesses to open in Douglas!!	11/7/2024 5:03 PM
124	Increase funding in the school system to maintain a good public school system compared to towns such as Sutton and Grafton.	11/7/2024 2:10 PM
125	Start by changing the archaic ways the town is fundamental managed. Why are we not trying to attract small/ midsize businesses ? You truly can't depend on property / excise tax to balance the budget. Painful !	11/7/2024 2:00 PM
126	Downsized housing	11/7/2024 1:26 PM
127	Nice Retirement home for seniors w activities on property, social outings, dining room, living room	11/7/2024 1:00 PM
128	lower tax rate	11/7/2024 12:40 PM
129	na	11/7/2024 12:31 PM
130	Over developmental would definitely make us move. We moved here to avoid living in a condo infested and strip mall town like Westboro or Northborough. We love Douglas for its close to rural feel, without strip malls or condos.	11/7/2024 12:20 PM
131	Nothing	11/7/2024 12:13 PM
132	Reduced property tax, general infrastructure improvement, public transit options along 146 to various businesses and/or to Union Station in Worcester, additional or improved opportunities for outdoor recreation, more local business, and access to places like grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants, etc.	11/4/2024 9:38 PM
133	n/a	11/3/2024 10:47 AM
134	More diverse cultures.	10/30/2024 8:32 PM
135	N/A	10/30/2024 7:20 PM
136	Lower taxes	10/28/2024 6:59 PM
137	taxes	10/28/2024 4:04 PM
138	Low population density with slow growth, fiscal discipline, reasonably property tax increases overtime, open space and woodlands preservation.	10/28/2024 1:58 PM
139	Housing for seniors including smaller single-level home and duplexes. improved Senior services including transportation and assisted living. Accessible professional services and quality restaurants.	10/28/2024 10:47 AM
140	Hockey rink	10/27/2024 9:37 PM
141	Better upkeep and looks on buildings and properties. Better roads and maybe things to do	10/26/2024 2:54 PM
142	No more Businesses and no more homes. Keep its charm	10/26/2024 2:03 PM
143	I have lived in Douglas for 30 years. As I get older, I need services and availability of housing for seniors. Without that, I may need to move.	10/23/2024 9:55 PM
144	Small space eco housing	10/23/2024 6:37 PM
145	Update downtown goodness store the store fronts. All Main Street updated. So dreary	10/22/2024 3:41 PM

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146	Better sports fields, improved liobrary, increased funding for schools, less low income housing.	10/22/2024 1:56 PM
147	More affordable homes/apartments	10/22/2024 10:05 AM
148	More restaurant options. Central community center or YMCA for both social and sporting activities	10/22/2024 9:10 AM
149	Better cable options	10/22/2024 6:18 AM
150	More shopping and commercialization. We are a young couple who moved from the city to start a family. There seems to be a general negative approach from existing residents for newcomers. We understand we are new to town but many young couples are coming to the area. The town needs to to either embrace the fresh ideas and adapt, or fall behind while surrounding communities build, invest and thrive.	10/21/2024 9:48 PM
151	Pickle ball courts tennis court	10/21/2024 8:40 PM
152	Lower taxes. Improved schools. Less nepotism. Better fiscal responsibility.	10/21/2024 5:10 PM
153	Better roads and larger tax base	10/21/2024 12:43 PM
154	Lower Taxes	10/20/2024 7:45 PM
155	Keeping Douglas forest-centric. Our family love Douglas because of the quiet, simple life we can have here but still have proximity to small cities and Boston. Less development of land, let's buy the "for sale" private land into town trusts. Look at what Nantucket Land Bank is doing. We need to protect our land.	10/20/2024 6:47 PM
156	Figure out a way to improve commercial tax revenue, while preserving the small town character (I don't want to see Douglas turn into another Webster). The schools need more support from the town (and state). Find a way to add housing (including affordable) that doesn't include large developments. Also figure out how to slow down the large developments or at least make sure the 2 acre minimum is always met.	10/20/2024 6:15 PM
157	Leaving all the open spaces and trails available to the public	10/20/2024 6:38 AM
158	Lower taxes	10/20/2024 2:09 AM
159	Affordable property tax rates	10/19/2024 11:30 PM
160	I would like to see an effort to preserve the small community feel of Douglas and also find ways to lower residential taxes.	10/19/2024 10:24 PM
161	More services	10/19/2024 10:00 PM
162	Stop building stop cutting trees down. Keep the town the way it's always been.	10/19/2024 7:51 PM
163	Grocery store and a better down town. More appealing and better use for mix space.	10/19/2024 11:00 AM
164	Making no big changes	10/19/2024 9:11 AM
165	Please see responses to #17 below.	10/18/2024 5:39 PM
166	Side walks in to town!	10/18/2024 3:15 PM
167	Grocery store, bike paths or more cycling lanes. Lower real estate taxes.	10/17/2024 10:52 PM
168	Yes, as stated before housing here has become too expensive. I love Douglas, but it's changing and it may not be affordable.	10/17/2024 9:54 PM
169	Less housing less people more agriculture	10/17/2024 9:25 PM
170	Lower taxes and less government control	10/17/2024 6:34 PM
171	Tax breaks for seniors	10/17/2024 4:25 AM
172	lower real estate taxes	10/17/2024 2:13 AM
173	None	10/17/2024 1:17 AM
174	Better traffic patterns, improved schools (currently not impressed with district "report card" and student opportunities/outcomes compared to other local towns), improved resources in town, a revitalized downtown with more dining opportunities (dine-in restaurants, coffee shops with	10/16/2024 10:54 PM

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seating, some small shops, generally a quaint looking downtown area where you would like to park your car and walk around which would also increase visitorship to our downtown museum.

175	Better town government and a police department that doesn't make the town sound like Worcester with constant sirens	10/16/2024 9:49 PM
176	Preserve the small town feel. Do not over develop	10/16/2024 9:30 PM
177	Better roads More food options	10/16/2024 8:49 PM
178	Not leaving the town	10/16/2024 5:46 PM
179	Lower taxes	10/16/2024 5:34 PM
180	Public transportation better roads more to do in town	10/16/2024 4:30 PM
181	The town needs to spend money of more than just the school and give people a reason to want to stay. As much as people complain about the state forest not generating money, it is one of the few things that the public has access to.	10/16/2024 3:03 PM
182	More of a sense of community - there isn't really a common gathering ground in town/there are few events when neighbors can meet and bond with one another. I'm also concerned that the town is verging on over-development (entire forests and hills have been leveled on the east side of town).	10/16/2024 1:09 PM
183	Pave the road to my neighborhood. I have trouble getting services, such as plowing my driveway, because the road is difficult. At my age I cannot shovel!	10/16/2024 9:46 AM
184	Better recreation parks and athletic fields	10/16/2024 8:22 AM
185	Family friendly activities.	10/15/2024 9:28 PM
186	Brewery and restaurants	10/15/2024 8:25 PM
187	More walking in and around downtown. Sidewalks connecting all the adjacent especially areas to downtown. Fixing that bridge on gilboa and north. A public walkway along the river at least to north street. More convenience (grocery store) in town.	10/15/2024 11:16 AM
188	BETTER ROADS MORE SIDEWALKS FOR WALKING BAKERY, CAFE, MORE CHOICES - FOR SITTING AND ENJOYING THEM	10/15/2024 10:01 AM
189	Tax decrease....taxes are out of control for what we have available for services ie groceries, pharmaceutical, etc. High tax rates will be the reason we leave.	10/14/2024 6:42 PM
190	In the past 2 years my rent went up \$480 As a handicapped senior income has not My rent is 50% of income	10/14/2024 6:34 PM
191	Fix the electricity cuz the power goes out constantly in the winter months. Also speed limit on NW Main St should be 30 mph not 40 mph. It's residential with dogs getting hit by cars all the time and children	10/14/2024 3:13 PM
192	Lower Taxes, fix roads.	10/14/2024 11:04 AM
193	Nothing	10/14/2024 9:21 AM
194	No more taxes on private property! We pay enough!	10/14/2024 7:10 AM
195	Fix the potholes on the main roads	10/14/2024 6:15 AM
196	More commercial income to offset the residential tax rates. More restaurants, entertainment, breweries, etc	10/13/2024 9:09 PM
197	lower taxes	10/13/2024 7:14 PM
198	Upscale restaurants, with good food, a brew pub - more restaurant variety (Indian, Thai, BBQ, less pizza). Less litter along the roads, pave Mumford Street, more walking trails.	10/13/2024 11:05 AM
199	Stay away from low income housing, apartment complexes and homes on smaller then 2 acres. Lower taxes, repeal the 2.5 over ride. Use the extra million in tax revenue from the huge warehouse facility on our roads and to beautify downtown	10/13/2024 8:30 AM
200	Not planning on moving but recently made some home renovations to take my parents in and	10/12/2024 11:43 PM

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was lied to about multiple opportunities from the town!!!

201	More things to do. More sidewalks (West St and Riedell are a few that people tend to speed on, making them unsafe for pedestrians). Playground renovations. More commercial retail space and restaurants.	10/12/2024 5:50 PM
202	Lower taxes. No low income housing.	10/12/2024 3:19 PM
203	Further development of a downtown/ more shops, stores, restaurants/bars, infrastructure improvements such as roads, sidewalks, etc.	10/12/2024 2:42 PM
204	Lower taxes, better pedestrian access, activities. ADA accessibility! Activities	10/12/2024 2:11 PM
205	N/A	10/12/2024 1:56 PM
206	Grocery store, beautification of downtown. Approve irrigation systems!!!!	10/12/2024 1:32 PM
207	Better school system. Removal of superintendent	10/12/2024 11:30 AM
208	More services catering to young adults with families. YMCA	10/12/2024 10:08 AM
209	Attract development to add amenities and help lower the tax rate. Fix the downtown scape it looks like a dump	10/12/2024 10:03 AM
210	Better school programs for disabled and special needs students. Better access and maintenance of the sidewalks .	10/12/2024 9:40 AM
211	Get rid of the high taxes and over burdening of our state government. Stop the nitpicking controlling laws that serve no one, like the suffocating gun laws that in reality only affect the honest everyday citizen. Gun laws don't deter criminals or the minutely ill.	10/12/2024 8:44 AM
212	Real Estate tax relief for seniors.	10/12/2024 7:26 AM
213	We live on Main street and the large trucks are constant with jake breaking and noise. i would change that along with having a better downtown area to shop. There isn't any growth for new businesses.	10/12/2024 7:22 AM
214	Lower property taxes	10/12/2024 7:09 AM
215	Affordability of Apartments and Housing	10/12/2024 6:51 AM
216	Less traffic on 16 and a reduction in property taxes. We moved to Douglas originally for the lower tax rates but now are taxes are sky high, enough!!!	10/11/2024 11:25 PM
217	Side walk next to sunset drive down Main Street. Very unsafe to walk to down town with children or by self. Almost been hit multiple times.	10/11/2024 10:13 PM
218	N/A. However, if increased multi family housing, specifically large apartment complexes and condos came to town I would be significantly less likely to retire here.	10/11/2024 9:43 PM
219	N/a	10/11/2024 8:36 PM
220	Lower taxes. Small supermarket and pharmacy.	10/11/2024 6:48 PM
221	Not needing to go to Uxbridge or Webster for pretty much anything other than what you can buy at the gas station convenience stores is a fundamental need.	10/11/2024 12:24 PM
222	Commercial development. Having lived in this town since 1983, this town has long had the reputation of being very difficult for new businesses to be approved. We need to relieve some of the tax burden on residential properties as our tax rate is high other than emergency services and highway maintenance, we get little service or convenience for those tax dollars.	10/11/2024 11:23 AM
223	The addition of commercial businesses such as grocery stores, restaurants, pubs/breweries, family recreation center/gym (like what the town of Whitinsville offers), a fast food option.	10/11/2024 10:40 AM
224	Not sure. Location would be the main reason so no improvements would change that.	10/11/2024 10:09 AM
225	Stop building houses and increasing the population. I like the small town feel.	10/11/2024 9:47 AM
226	Stopping the housing growth. The charm of Douglas is the wooded countryside feel.	10/10/2024 10:21 PM
227	Bringing businesses the will create tax revenue for the town while also being things the residents can enjoy and bring in people from other towns. Stop building \$800k home and start	10/10/2024 8:48 PM

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building smaller single family homes that young people and first time homebuyers can actually afford. Start paying teachers and teaching staff more money. While in the mean time the superintendent and town hall workers continue to get massive raises.

228	Rt 16 is the main road people drive through. Pave the road and make it look nice	10/10/2024 7:57 PM
229	Keep it country not too many houses too close together	10/10/2024 7:41 PM
230	Better to down town on roads, more food options	10/10/2024 7:07 PM
231	I am not planning to move.	10/10/2024 6:20 PM
232	Better balance of taxes between residential and commercial. Taxes are high	10/10/2024 3:10 PM
233	It's the state of MA that's expensive so I would be leaving state	10/10/2024 1:41 PM
234	get the money the state owes you for the Douglas state forest and stop raising residents taxes.	10/10/2024 10:47 AM
235	Cities like Northampton and Putnam are what appeal to me personally. Northampton has a mix of agriculture, culture, music, arts. If Douglas was more open to arts and culture, if there was a larger sense of community, I might be more interested in staying.	10/10/2024 10:18 AM
236	Lower real estate taxes; more senior discounts	10/10/2024 7:39 AM
237	Lower taxes	10/9/2024 9:07 PM
238	Preservation and beautification of downtown main Street - keep it's small town appeal, more small artisanal stores, brew pubs etc, farmland Preservation of open-space	10/9/2024 8:46 PM
239	We were considering moving out due to lack of restaurants, cafes, small shops and always having to leave town to do so. Main Street is a failure.	10/9/2024 7:37 PM
240	Lower taxes. The ability to have a tiny house in my 2 acres that could be rented out for income.	10/9/2024 7:35 PM
241	Na	10/9/2024 5:58 PM
242	Better roads and use of its land. Have the state pay a fair share for the land they own instead of pennies on the dollar. Expand town services (trash, recycling, water, and sewer).	10/9/2024 5:56 PM
243	More housing opportunities	10/9/2024 4:28 PM
244	More things to do such as at a community center, park with amenities, local events or businesses that host events. More affordable housing options for seniors.	10/9/2024 3:01 PM
245	Leveling off the taxes	10/9/2024 11:02 AM
246	Very low taxes for seniors.	10/9/2024 6:37 AM
247	Gun shops	10/9/2024 3:56 AM
248	Public recreation facilities would be a big plus. Wallum Lake is great when it's not overrun in the summers, but places with things like tennis/basketball courts, playgrounds, ball fields, pavilions, walking trails/paths, public pool, etc would be a game changer for families	10/9/2024 12:32 AM
249	Hold north brown llc accountable for their shady practices.	10/8/2024 11:48 PM
250	More business, grocery store. Parks, a robust downtown, shops.	10/8/2024 9:59 PM
251	There is very little to do. Build grocery stores, pharmacy, restaurants, entertainment	10/8/2024 8:33 PM
252	Staying!	10/8/2024 7:43 PM
253	Nothing; Massachusetts is horrendous	10/8/2024 6:51 PM
254	N/A	10/8/2024 6:36 PM
255	The cost of housing and lowering the property tax	10/8/2024 6:33 PM
256	Lower taxes, less development. I moved here for a quiet town, not a bustling, house on top of house town.	10/8/2024 4:01 PM
257	Available, affordable one level housing!	10/8/2024 3:09 PM

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258	Don't want to move	10/8/2024 12:59 PM
259	Affordable single story homes	10/8/2024 12:33 PM
260	Repaired roads. Grocery store. Restaurants. MONTHLY WATER BILLS!	10/8/2024 10:33 AM
261	Stop raising taxes	10/8/2024 10:17 AM
262	Affordability and nearby access to basic necessities i.e. groceries and prescriptions.	10/8/2024 10:13 AM
263	Updated roads and commercial zones to incentivize new local businesses	10/7/2024 10:59 PM
264	better quality food locations, downtown revitalized, somewhere in town to get together with friends and family.	10/7/2024 8:32 PM
265	Walkability, senior housing, parks, diversity of activities, eatereys, transport for seniors.	10/7/2024 8:29 PM
266	More businesses like grocery stores, restaurants (no more pizza), and pharmacies like CVS.	10/7/2024 8:11 PM
267	Better tax rate. Hard to plan to retire here when taxes are so high and you have to drive 20 minutes for a convenience like groceries or medical care	10/7/2024 7:27 PM
268	Better food and school system	10/7/2024 5:29 PM
269	Better restaurants	10/7/2024 5:27 PM
270	Lower tax burden	10/7/2024 5:25 PM
271	Better road and tree maintenance.	10/7/2024 4:19 PM
272	I hope the town does not lose any more of it's rural character. I would like new housing built on a smaller scale, no more mcmansions.	10/7/2024 2:54 PM
273	lower the taxes!	10/7/2024 2:28 PM
274	More recreation, varied businesses and more food options, a community center, safer roads in the more rural areas, investment in schools.	10/7/2024 1:21 PM
275	More neighborhoods with sidewalks. It's not safe to walk with a dog or child on the streets. They are all too narrow. We would consider staying if the downtown got a facelift and added some commerce.	10/7/2024 1:13 PM
276	Lower taxes.	10/7/2024 1:06 PM
277	Making Main Street nice, a destination with improved sidewalks and less traffic.	10/7/2024 12:43 PM
278	None	10/7/2024 12:42 PM
279	We love Douglas, and we would only move if financial difficulties caused us to need to move somewhere more affordable.	10/7/2024 9:34 AM
280	NA	10/7/2024 7:45 AM
281	The town needs to get more commercial tax revenue to help the townspeople burden. And get a grocery store.	10/7/2024 7:06 AM
282	CVS, grocery store, medical facility/urgent care	10/6/2024 10:10 PM
283	More money to keep teachers here	10/6/2024 8:23 PM
284	No higher taxes and affordable senior housing complex.	10/6/2024 7:39 PM
285	Public pool; increase entry fees for Wallum Lake beach for out of state visitors	10/6/2024 7:36 PM
286	Lowering taxes for seniors on fixed incomes	10/6/2024 6:52 PM
287	Lower taxes	10/6/2024 5:24 PM
288	More restaurants, better coffee cafes, sidewalks	10/6/2024 5:10 PM
289	Significant retail business development of main street / downtown	10/6/2024 5:06 PM
290	Availability/affordability of smaller housing for downsizing purposes.	10/6/2024 3:08 PM
291	Eldery housing	10/6/2024 2:10 PM

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292	Allow more businesses in to help lower taxes.	10/6/2024 1:33 PM
293	Better school, more food options and grocery store/pharmacy in town	10/6/2024 1:23 PM
294	None	10/6/2024 12:20 PM
295	Rental and small/ first time home options would make me consider staying, it seems like the only homes for sale are large single family and that doesn't suit my needs	10/6/2024 11:12 AM
296	Reasonable tax rate where funds to to ACTUAL improvements and maintenance instead of subsidies and pay raises for admins.	10/6/2024 8:18 AM
297	I would love to remain in Douglas, the main thing pushing me to leave is the affordability of housing.	10/6/2024 7:41 AM
298	Grocery, retail, road conditions are horrible. Not wide enough, no lights, no clear road paint. SE Main how it is currently should be a one way (width, no painted lines) In this town, it feels as if the townies only benefit from the system here.	10/6/2024 6:56 AM
299	Less development. Keep the 2 acre minimum in place	10/5/2024 8:36 PM
300	No street light town with lots of woods and trails	10/5/2024 8:32 PM
301	More local high end eateries Thai, Mediterranean, pub style with desirable atmosphere A quaint downtown with cafes and shops Just 1 great pizza establishment instead of 3 below average	10/5/2024 8:10 PM
302	Things to do, events, culture, restaurants and shopping. Currently We have to leave town to do anything.	10/5/2024 4:28 PM
303	More local businesses	10/5/2024 4:15 PM
304	Cost of living and force state to make it more affordable for retirees	10/5/2024 3:41 PM
305	Lower the taxes	10/5/2024 12:39 PM
306	Not moving	10/5/2024 9:07 AM
307	We would plan on staying here until we retire. What will keep us here until we retire, which is about another 25 years, is if we preserved the rural integrity of the town and did not include affordable housing. If we did end up living here after retirement, which would be a financial decision, I would not expect services to come from other people's taxes.	10/5/2024 8:31 AM
308	More for our children to do. Skatepark park / BMX track. Things for them to do.	10/5/2024 8:29 AM
309	Not allowing affordable housing in town. Replacing roads. Promote library services.	10/5/2024 7:54 AM
310	Lower taxes, small town goals ,	10/5/2024 7:20 AM
311	The school system needs a great deal of attention.	10/5/2024 7:20 AM
312	Bring in more commercial /industrial / manufacturing facilites	10/5/2024 7:11 AM
313	more mountains	10/5/2024 2:58 AM
314	More stores! More restaurants/quick bites to eat, more entertainment, a UPS STORE	10/5/2024 1:32 AM
315	Upgrading infrastructure (roads and sidewalks), streamlining flow of traffic on Main Street, adding grocery store/pharmacy	10/4/2024 11:11 PM
316	No overdevopment, reduced trucking in town	10/4/2024 10:23 PM
317	Affordable housing	10/4/2024 7:17 PM
318	Speed Limit enforcement!	10/4/2024 3:36 PM
319	I wish there were more sidewalks to make walking to downtown safer. I live off west.	10/4/2024 3:02 PM
320	No opinion	10/4/2024 11:12 AM
321	None.	10/4/2024 9:37 AM
322	NA	10/4/2024 7:48 AM

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323	I am considering moving out when I retire, but I would love to see this town grow and be more open minded. It seems like it's just stuck and I would love to see kids be able to walk downtown or go to a community center to have a place outside of the home to hang out with other kids. Or have an option for senior housing because seniors often have a fixed income, and we need to take care of our elderly. Or have some type of space that is easy to get to that is desirable and parking is available. It's tough to attend Oktoberfest because parking is nonexistent! Or the farmer's market this summer. I didn't even go even though I wanted to because there is no parking at all.	10/4/2024 6:58 AM
324	Better "feel" - upkeep of property and roads, available and accessible parks and open spaces downtown to make it a more inviting space	10/4/2024 6:54 AM
325	Keeping it a small town feel	10/4/2024 6:47 AM
326	Tax rate	10/4/2024 6:44 AM
327	low income and affordable housing for seniors	10/3/2024 10:44 PM
328	More senior options.	10/3/2024 9:30 PM
329	N/A	10/3/2024 8:37 PM
330	Lower taxes	10/3/2024 10:31 AM
331	taxes and affordable housing for seniors	10/3/2024 6:45 AM
332	I would like to see the current streets upgraded and the trees that are dead cut down. And have a little more business in the town to lower our taxes.	10/3/2024 6:20 AM
333	Less new home construction. So sad. The woods is what brought me here from Franklin ten years ago. We are tearing down the trees for million dollar cookie cutter homes that are available elsewhere.	10/3/2024 6:17 AM
334	School system, athletic programs, grocery/pharmacy, lower property tax, water/sewer rate	10/2/2024 9:34 PM
335	I like this town just the way it is. It's a nice quiet town with no problems to speak of. Let's keep it that way. Also keep our taxes low and affordable. I don't want creative ways to hide hidden taxes like this cpa proposal. Keep raising my taxes and I will leave.	10/2/2024 6:36 PM
336	Extra shops like coffee shops, renovation to the library, new sidewalks, other small places to eat at, cafes, museums, etc.	10/2/2024 6:25 PM
337	Lower taxes	10/2/2024 6:00 PM
338	More business, shops, a grocery store.	10/2/2024 5:53 PM
339	Less property taxes. You are forcing the seniors out of their homes with hi taxes. Ridiculous. And putting so much money towards BVT and not our public school is a disgrace. BVT is now choosing who they want to enroll not the ones that need to enroll.	10/2/2024 5:43 PM
340	Lower taxes for retirees	10/2/2024 5:15 PM
341	More restaurants and places to meet other families like a brewpub.	10/2/2024 3:00 PM
342	Lower taxes for seniors	10/2/2024 1:55 PM
343	Affordable housing for new homeowners	10/2/2024 12:38 PM
344	A brewery, nice gardens and outdoor space. And if the ocean was closer.	10/2/2024 12:27 PM
345	I think we need to look at other small towns in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island and see what they're doing to make their town more of a destination for people. We need to leverage our proximity to lakes and rivers, and the state Forest more to bring people into town for outdoor recreation. And tourist dollars would follow. We have multiple areas in town where the southern New England trunk line crosses streets. We need to leverage the trunk line and develop, those areas where the trail crosses similar to what Uxbridge and Millville and Blackstone and Bellingham and Franklin have done. They have paved some areas, they have bike racks and parking, repair stations, they've added benches for seating all to attract people to utilize the trail. Maybe we should work with the state to build a developed campground with campsites abutting Wallum Lake state park area. We could have group campsites for scouting groups, full hook ups for various RVs, and tent sites. This would also bring more jobs and	10/2/2024 12:00 PM

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tourism to the area. The SNETT "trunk line" is an all season access trail. It is shared with a variety of different activities (non-motorized) from hikers bicyclists, Horseback riding, etc. if we were able to do grooming and tracking for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing during the winter similar to what is done in Jackson, New Hampshire, we could connect several areas of town with cross country ski trails. We could bring skiers all the way into town and with an outfitter or possibly through the Jenckes store rent snowshoes and cross country skis and sell supporting gear and maps to encourage people to get out on the trail. They can also take advantage of our local independently owned coffee shop and convenience Stores and casual restaurants before and after getting out on the trail.

346	Revitalize downtown with decorative lampposts, improved sidewalks, better parking, better flower planters (ones that have been placed recently are poorly done). Walkway along Mumford would increase desirability for walking downtown.	10/2/2024 11:18 AM
347	Housing for seniors	10/2/2024 10:43 AM
348	Pave my rd	10/2/2024 10:11 AM
349	Better roads	10/2/2024 8:58 AM
350	Sidewalks. And more stuff to do (I e. Restaurants, shops, etc)	10/2/2024 6:53 AM
351	Big box store shopping center with restaurants. Beautification of downtown	10/2/2024 2:16 AM
352	Grocery store, not high priced like the convenience stores are right now	10/2/2024 1:08 AM
353	Encouraging more diversity in our town's population.	10/1/2024 11:38 PM
354	Lower Taxes	10/1/2024 10:16 PM
355	More places to take children that were fenced in/playable. I get we have a beautiful state forest but it doesn't feel like a safe spot to bring multiple children alone.	10/1/2024 8:41 PM
356	More business and less taxes on residents and a downtown that doesn't look rundown and not organized or safe to drive through	10/1/2024 8:23 PM
357	Affordability of housing and taxes. Being on a fixed income makes it difficult to afford the basic necessities and keep a roof over my head.	10/1/2024 7:45 PM
358	Save the library. Libraries boost local economies. Towns without public libraries have decreased home values. Libraries have positive impacts on quality of life in communities.	10/1/2024 7:42 PM
359	Improved downtown beautification	10/1/2024 7:28 PM
360	Main Street living options, walkability, shopping/eating, entertainment options.	10/1/2024 7:26 PM
361	Not planning to move.	10/1/2024 6:52 PM
362	Lower taxes	10/1/2024 5:54 PM
363	lower the tax rate	10/1/2024 5:02 PM
364	It's more in a national level as I would move out of the country but lower taxes would definitely help with me staying on a town level.	10/1/2024 4:04 PM
365	Lower taxes	10/1/2024 3:29 PM
366	Make minimum lot sizes larger	10/1/2024 3:07 PM
367	Not at this time	10/1/2024 2:47 PM
368	We built a new house in Douglas in 2024. The lack of stores, up kept coffee shops and food places make it really hard to want to stay. Driving 20 minutes to CVS is not convenient and I am having a hard time considering having children here since i need more resources closer. Like running to the store.	10/1/2024 2:45 PM

Q17 What would an ideal Douglas 20 years from now look like to you? (Open-ended)

Answered: 447 Skipped: 447

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More shopping malls; Better restaurants	2/4/2025 1:57 PM
2	A nice place to live!	2/4/2025 1:49 PM
3	Small town America preserved - families with morals, values, supporting themselves	2/4/2025 1:37 PM
4	Sutton or millbiry but without the terrible highrise apartments	1/31/2025 10:22 PM
5	Almost the same with more community engagement.	1/31/2025 10:13 PM
6	Same as it is	1/31/2025 8:48 PM
7	Brought into the 21st century. Town is to busy to be considered a small quant town.	1/31/2025 10:45 AM
8	A grocery store, shops, a nice restaurant	1/30/2025 5:30 PM
9	The same as it is now	1/29/2025 11:29 AM
10	Douglas from 1970. no electronic signs, potholes, or electric cars. friendly people, never in a rush, less traffic. no solar panels. some ma and pa stores.	1/28/2025 11:53 PM
11	No more residential building. More industry for tax base. More trails in conservation land. A cool downtown with no pizza places. Douglas is not a destination unless you live here, which is part of the charm.	1/27/2025 7:42 PM
12	Chepachet, ri	1/27/2025 6:11 PM
13	The same, just better roads	1/27/2025 2:45 PM
14	Maybe a more developed downtown and west on Route 16 towards Webster.	1/27/2025 2:20 PM
15	Livable taxes for everyone especially seniors	1/27/2025 11:30 AM
16	Protection of open spaces with a more developed downtown.	1/26/2025 8:27 PM
17	Small town feel.	1/26/2025 7:07 PM
18	Lower tax based	1/26/2025 4:26 PM
19	Good walkability. Slightly more development downtown with maybe an urgent care facility, a small pharmacy, and better restaurant options. More recreation options. No more industrial buildings or warehouses. Slightly more medium sized and starter single family homes. Restored downtown area. Maintained conservation area.	1/26/2025 9:15 AM
20	Not to become too developed. Maybe keep it close to route 16 towards uxbridge. Closer to 146. But keep our woods. Also make roads safer for walkers/runners. It's very dangerous for pedestrians in Douglas. I have to yell at people for slowing down or driving too close. I've lived in multiple towns and I never felt less safe than here.	1/26/2025 7:03 AM
21	Accessible via bike or walking. Investment in the appearance of buildings and streets in downtown. Good schools that encourage young families to be in town. Kiosk maps or guides of Douglas in Downtown - I don't even know what Douglas has to offer! More spaces for playgrounds or activities for more organic social gathering/play. More diverse food or higher quality options. More art or other programs that encourage socializing and reoccurring engagement - with better advertising. Maybe a scrolling board of town events on Main st.	1/26/2025 2:06 AM
22	Fairly similar to existing. I like the quiet, small town feel, and the amount of open space. I lived in an MA urban location for about 5 years and did not much enjoy city life. While on the one hand I am concerned about housing availability for individuals under age 40 who have been	1/25/2025 12:07 AM

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priced out of homeownership, I am on the other hand cautious about over-development in the form of treeless, characterless housing developments, particularly those that end up as generic, bland, cookie cutter neighborhoods governed by overbearing HOAs. Housing development approvals should consider including some requirement related to some retention of existing trees, if possible, as opposed to allowing wholesale clear cutting.

23	More business within the town to draw more revenue from taxes	1/24/2025 5:08 PM
24	More economic development and community resources, such as parks, fields, etc.	1/24/2025 1:44 PM
25	Additional businesses and places for town people to gather and work together to better their community	1/24/2025 11:55 AM
26	More farms, nicer houses, bike paths, more network of trails that are horse friendly	1/23/2025 9:07 AM
27	Better paved roads... over \$1000 a year in excise taxes and I drive down my road every day and fillings loosen up in my mouth.	1/22/2025 10:33 PM
28	I would like to see all more beautiful and vibrant down town with more shops than pizza places. It it pretty sad looking right now.	1/22/2025 7:53 PM
29	We would have a small grocery store, there would be a Douglas resident only day at wallum lake also the adult center would have its own building.	1/22/2025 6:00 PM
30	Still a small town but with a vibrant downtown that supports local businesses, and has social areas like bars and restaurants and a network of bike lanes and pedestrian friendly areas.	1/22/2025 3:39 PM
31	Small class sizes, administrators who support teachers not cowtow to parents. Discipline the students and the high scores will follow. Coddle them and they become dependent on excuses.	1/21/2025 6:29 PM
32	Remain same	1/21/2025 12:48 PM
33	A river walk. More sidewalks so people from Franklin Street, Pond Street and Grove Street could walk downtown safely.	1/20/2025 9:34 PM
34	Strong schools build a strong community	1/20/2025 12:38 PM
35	It would have a more vibrant downtown with a mix of businesses, riverwalk and off street parking and no power lines.	1/19/2025 7:43 PM
36	Have heavy traffic bypass downtown. Bridges repaired or replaced.	1/19/2025 4:27 PM
37	More businesses. Improved streets. Access for bike paths	1/19/2025 2:54 PM
38	grocery store, more for seniors, better transportation	1/19/2025 12:23 PM
39	Reduced growth rate compared to past 20 years. The town cannot sustain doubling the population during this timeframe	1/19/2025 7:58 AM
40	The same	1/19/2025 7:31 AM
41	Paved roads with sidewalks, parking downtown, more shops/eateries. Community center /play area	1/19/2025 5:08 AM
42	Small business family owned reasonable housing and land prices	1/18/2025 7:54 PM
43	Restored and reinvigorated downtown where it is fun to stroll and easy to park much like the photos of years past when the roads were not paved.	1/18/2025 1:59 PM
44	small town without large warehouses	1/17/2025 8:02 PM
45	Would like to see some more small businesses and restaurants and a small grocery store. Street lights on small back roads. Wider back roads.	1/17/2025 6:44 PM
46	A quaint town with activities and amenities for families	1/17/2025 5:32 PM
47	Lots of shops and cafes downtown.	1/16/2025 9:51 PM
48	Hopefully the same	1/16/2025 8:29 PM
49	Lower taxes and a legal place for motorized off roading	1/16/2025 6:52 PM
50	Still having so much open space, access to forest spaces, fishing. More commercial business	1/16/2025 3:49 PM

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	(centrally located) so infrastructure isn't all the financial responsibility of homeowners	
51	Not much different. Just a grocery store like market basket.	1/16/2025 7:17 AM
52	How it is now, nothing changes	1/16/2025 1:08 AM
53	An accepting friendly community.	1/15/2025 6:57 PM
54	Just like the town of Putnam Ct with specialty shops, restaurants, outdoor restaurants, bakeries, ice cream/gelato shop, bike paths and river walks and safe paved trails and a much cleaner and safer Wallum Lake that charges everyone who doesn't live in Douglas \$50 to enter just like Webster lake charges people!! More smaller homes built around Wallum Lake and restaurants like Webster Lake!! This would attract a lot of people and bring lots of revenue to the town of Douglas too!	1/15/2025 6:43 PM
55	Just as it is today	1/15/2025 2:41 PM
56	No new buildings (but that should be now, not in 20 years). Preserved open forest land.	1/15/2025 10:13 AM
57	Large residential homes, clean businesses, elimination of low income, housing, lower taxes	1/14/2025 8:47 AM
58	An ideal Douglas would be one that can walk the line between providing services and opportunities for its people while maintaining its historic mill town vibe. New Construction for multi-family homes that complement the towns more rural character is not an unreasonable task for those committed.	1/12/2025 6:27 PM
59	More businesses, less residential building	1/12/2025 4:11 PM
60	There would be more businesses along the 146 area, not infringing on residence or open space	1/12/2025 2:51 PM
61	Improvements similar to uxbridge and surrounding neighborhoods	1/12/2025 10:20 AM
62	Low property taxes.	1/12/2025 9:37 AM
63	A low property tax town	1/12/2025 9:37 AM
64	Would be nice to have a grocery store and more restaurants nearby. A jersey mikes would be awesome. I would love to have a place to take fitness classes. I think something needs to be done about the school system. It is well over half our town budget and the truth is, more and more couples are not having kids (or can't have kids). We need to make things affordable for these families too.	1/11/2025 8:55 PM
65	Beautiful and bustling downtown with deli shop, another pub type restaurant option, wider sidewalks	1/11/2025 5:29 PM
66	Like Concord MA, Washington CT, Litchfield CT (center of town). Quaint small business shops, a multitude of restaurants, spots for hiking and appreciating the history and architecture of the town, but keeping the towns farming and agricultural aspect. Single family homes - do not let developers like Kevin Loibisser or Alfanso build low income housing or solar fields. If you bring in large corps or business make them conform to a code of historical aesthetic.	1/11/2025 5:26 PM
67	More than 10k in population and attractive downtown	1/11/2025 4:40 PM
68	Beautiful downtown with more restaurants, shopping , for walking with better sidewalks and lighting	1/11/2025 12:31 PM
69	Not much more development but a downtown area with restaurants and shops. Have downtown built up a bit more.	1/11/2025 10:03 AM
70	Essentially unchanged, except with maybe a nice cafe in town and better infrastructure. Maybe some limited development geared towards young families of average income.	1/10/2025 9:56 PM
71	to have that small town charm, almost village like. We obviously need some more business in town to help offset taxes.	1/10/2025 8:38 PM
72	Open spaces like forest and other lands conserved. Lots of opportunities for outdoor activities. Less development of current open spaces.	1/10/2025 7:04 PM
73	Larger population around 14000-17000. This is large enough to support a variety of businesses, public transit/ride share etc More restaurants, shopping etc. We don't want to look like Webster, but a smaller version of North Hampton. Keeping out historic Blackstone charm, just more modern	1/10/2025 4:20 PM

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74	A town that still doesn't have traffic lights	1/10/2025 4:16 PM
75	Very much how it looks now, only with more walkable areas.	1/7/2025 11:10 AM
76	Better roads, more affordable housing. More commercial businesses on Rt. 16 headed to Uxbridge. Keep the forested area intact.	1/7/2025 11:01 AM
77	Pretty much the same as size as it is now, with an increase in light manufacturing and commercial businesses. Parking on one side only in downtown area.	1/4/2025 5:27 AM
78	It would have a new highway garage and police station--both located on Rte. 16. No gaudy signs on downtown buildings.	1/3/2025 9:44 PM
79	Like it is now but with a cafe or bakery and remove cannibis stores	1/2/2025 6:36 PM
80	Streetscaped downtown with stores and dining options.Presereved open space. Enhanced DPW	1/2/2025 11:19 AM
81	More rural. Quieter.	1/1/2025 12:01 PM
82	The ability to get everything i need as a retired senior without having to leave the town, i.e. groceries, open reactional space, pharmacy, Healthcare, takeout, site down, and a busy multipurpose downtown that keeps me on town vs seeking other towns to invest in.	1/1/2025 9:37 AM
83	More conservation land, more farms and homesteads. More trails and sidewalks to get around on e-bikes. Keep it the same	12/31/2024 12:58 PM
84	Get rid of all the Furno's.	12/30/2024 2:58 PM
85	Improved traffic control at Douglas Center. Improved roadways with safety in mind.	12/30/2024 12:01 PM
86	To be a sought after community for culture and life experiences. Along with more local shopping, dining and recreation options.	12/29/2024 2:00 PM
87	It would still be rural. It would have lots of affordable housing options, basic things like a pharmacy and grocery store. And more community engagement and social opportunities. Like public parks, events, festivals, etc.	12/29/2024 11:39 AM
88	Strong community presence/events in each season, more racial/economic diversity in town, more small retail businesses/shops, and community theatre.	12/28/2024 2:03 PM
89	That the roads are all safe to drive on.	12/28/2024 12:07 PM
90	it would look like down town northbridge or Hopkinton restored and have a lively prosperous down town that looks nice not run down like it looks now	12/28/2024 7:58 AM
91	A vibrant downtown with restaurants and nice shops. Nice appearance to downtown. Great recreational opportunities such as pickleball, parks and trails. Nicer housing options. A community that attracts homeowners and business owners.	12/28/2024 7:58 AM
92	Bike paths, sidewalks throughout. Not too commercial but with the addition of a grocery store and pharmacy so that we don't have to travel out of town to get the essentials, activities that interest all ages, including young professionals	12/28/2024 7:29 AM
93	A quality multifaceted recreation park for seniors and young adults to enjoy, quaint Downtown with variety of shops, restaurants, bars, and expansive retail with a supermarket and pharmacy	12/26/2024 7:18 PM
94	Rural, walkable, bikeable town with an agricultural and forest vibe with a lot more commercial/industrial stuff going on around 146.	12/11/2024 4:50 PM
95	A flourishing suburban town with strong sense of community. Lots of public recreational spaces with lots of local and larger commercial businesses	12/10/2024 1:42 PM
96	a historical main street with cafes and walkable streets. I can't even walk to Franklin street on a side walk. In addition many side walks are falling apart. it would be nice if they were repaired. Lastly, i find it very difficult to cross the street. Not only do most cars speed on main street. They don't like slowing down for pedestrians crossing the road.	12/8/2024 9:29 PM
97	More conservation land and publicly accessible trails for hiking/biking	12/8/2024 8:57 AM
98	A place to shop small stores and restaurants/ Brewery enjoying the downtown with access to	12/5/2024 11:20 AM

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	local trails. Something inviting to young professionals and families	
99	Like Upton.	12/4/2024 9:10 AM
100	More light industrial business and the infrastructure to support it in order to provide more commercial tax revenue.	12/3/2024 3:47 PM
101	clean buildings in center of the town	12/3/2024 10:13 AM
102	Lots of preserved forest land. No new buildings. Knocking down the Amazon and that other huge horrible buildings and bringing back forest land that was once there. It's sad.	11/23/2024 1:55 PM
103	Same as above	11/21/2024 10:24 PM
104	More affordable living, more small business. No more Marijuana sales..find another way!	11/21/2024 3:40 PM
105	To remain a small town and its small town feel.	11/21/2024 8:44 AM
106	I won't be here so who cares!	11/21/2024 7:37 AM
107	No more cutting down forests for warehouses or solar fields.	11/21/2024 5:56 AM
108	A small, rural town with lots of forests and natural spaces. The town center would have a varied collection on small shops, restaurants, and services.	11/20/2024 10:35 PM
109	An active "town center" with meeting places. More divergent food choices, places to rest and recreate. Trails though open space with parking. Renewable energy that doesn't destroy open space. Multiple areas of access to the Mumford. Folks coming from other towns to visit our businesses and open space...	11/20/2024 9:36 PM
110	N/A	11/20/2024 9:01 PM
111	Improve downtown, the water supply through town, restore the historic buildings in town, more senior housing.	11/20/2024 8:58 PM
112	Very much the same. Cleaner and updated storefronts	11/20/2024 8:54 PM
113	More businesses and less property taxes.	11/20/2024 8:40 PM
114	It would have sidewalks, bike lanes, bike racks for parking bikes. Downtown beautification w/ planters, hanging baskets w/ seasonal themes, banners, etc. It would be more diverse, culturally, ethnically, and income group wise. The roads would be in much better condition. The library would be accessible.	11/19/2024 1:49 PM
115	Still no actual traffic lights! Still no street lights! Still dirt roads on the outskirts! It would look much the same, simply well-maintained.	11/19/2024 1:37 PM
116	More affordable housing, including more access for disabled individuals More, safer walking areas that are desirable	11/19/2024 1:14 PM
117	Add a well developed industrial park! Plenty of over 55, one story homes. Add a bakery! Build a police station and new highway dept. near the fire station and take the old grammar school (VFW Hall) across the st. and build a new senior center. Give the present library back to whoever owns it and build a new one.	11/19/2024 12:53 PM
118	If we're not careful- a metropolis! Cemeteries in woods/ clean them up, out of respect/ honor. For those who lived here, before we were all here!!	11/19/2024 12:32 PM
119	Repaved roads, more businesses downtown, a prettier, better maintained downtown area.	11/17/2024 10:07 AM
120	I would hope to see it pretty much the same, with better roads. Also with an open community center.	11/16/2024 1:15 PM
121	Lower taxes, less government Waste Less favoritism and hiring for the public works department	11/16/2024 1:12 PM
122	Clean air and water, sunshine, basic amenities, beautiful walking trails	11/16/2024 12:19 PM
123	Rural and not a city vibe. Protect our forests, wetlands and natural resources.	11/15/2024 7:09 PM
124	A focus on small local business, walkability. Avoid big box stores and opt for infrastructure that supports walking biking to local shops. Public transport can be provided to larger box like	11/14/2024 5:32 PM

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	Walmart or Blackstone shopping center	
125	More public transportation within town to access downtown and trails and recreation areas; more healthy groceries, produce and other necessities in town; a newspaper/newsletter for town news and events; a renovated accessible library.	11/14/2024 9:35 AM
126	A small town atmosphere that is walkable (sidewalks) with recreation areas/hiking trails where we don't have to worry about hunters during hunting season.	11/13/2024 11:50 AM
127	It should stay rural/residential like Thompson CT.	11/13/2024 7:21 AM
128	Repair North Street	11/13/2024 6:50 AM
129	Rehabbed downtown area (river walk etc), public art, updated library, more restaurant options, more vibrant b2c business community, active use recreation (parks / playgrounds), while embracing the core rural and natural beauty and character of the town	11/12/2024 9:00 PM
130	A functioning and vibrant downtown with more restaurants and businesses and - a walkable downtown business area - maybe with some connection to nature trails around the river.	11/12/2024 3:52 PM
131	Nothing different from right now. No big shopping centers. Nothing that puts undue stress on infrastructure. Prioritize single family homes over large apartment buildings. Make sure that any use of land or approval of projects makes sense from infrastructure perspective. If projects are created to increase revenue, make sure these projects are an efficient use of space. Most importantly, preserve and/or increase the small-town feel	11/12/2024 2:52 PM
132	A quiet, New England community with single family homes, few commercial properties, a community center, and plenty of green space.	11/11/2024 11:08 AM
133	Douglas would continue to be an exceptional town where you can feel at home. Neighborhoods would be safe and there would be just enough business to get the tax revenue that's needed.	11/10/2024 5:44 PM
134	We like the look now, not overbuilt nor over-populated like a few surrounding towns, and not degraded with low-cost commercial ventures and box-stores, AND NO POT STORES!	11/10/2024 2:17 PM
135	A community that has a good mix of people with varied incomes and diverse backgrounds. Open spaces. A safe place to live. High quality restaurants and breweries. Good roads.	11/10/2024 9:22 AM
136	I am not sure I want it to change.	11/9/2024 8:23 PM
137	Keep the charm of the town but bring services up to the 21st century standards and needs	11/9/2024 5:25 PM
138	More business, activities and housing options	11/9/2024 8:45 AM
139	Lower taxes	11/9/2024 8:14 AM
140	A rural community with lots of open space, much like it is now.	11/8/2024 10:07 PM
141	More small business and more vibrant downtown, but NO MORE housing development cutting down all the trees and increasing traffic etc	11/8/2024 6:16 PM
142	Maintaining the small town feel, with preservation of our open spaces, trails and rural setting. We have such beautiful wooded roads and neighborhoods, I would hate for Douglas to be over-developed as many of the surrounding towns have become. This is already happening with large parcels of land being sold to developers and massive single family homes that all look the same being built after clearing the land. I would like this to slow and more recreational and more opportunities for businesses and open spaces preservation to occur.	11/8/2024 6:12 PM
143	You could say I live in a dream world - Hallmark movie downtown, great school, recreation space etc.	11/8/2024 6:10 PM
144	An ideal Douglas would have a tree-lined main street with well maintained buildings housing independent shops, such as a flower shop, a bakery, a wine and cheese shop, a butcher shop, a coffee shop, and gift shops. There would be a walking track with an outside skating rink and outdoor fire place near the fire station and transfer station where community members could meet to exercise and socialize. There would be upscale townhouses surrounding common areas where residents could walk and exercise. There would be an outdoor stage at a park where residents could attend concerts and plays and the roads would be well paved.	11/7/2024 6:50 PM
145	Rehab of the center of town - perhaps some expansion with a cafe with good work Space and another nice restaurant, full hair salon/spa, better parking Work on alleviating traffic jam in	11/7/2024 6:16 PM

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	town. More facilities including river walk or bike paths and tennis courts	
146	The same as it is now but with the abandoned buildings preserved and finding another purpose.	11/7/2024 6:08 PM
147	Town that invests in schools, agriculture and wildlife	11/7/2024 5:31 PM
148	An established idealict new England downtown commercial area that attracts visitors to the town with additional prime retail/commercial space along the 146 (like a supermarket). A commuter rail stop putting Boston and Worcester within easy reach. Property taxes have come down from insane stratosphere and are inline with other Massachusetts towns.	11/7/2024 5:03 PM
149	More commercial businesses. More residential development. Maintaining the state forest space to allow for natural beauty space with the expanding growth of the town.	11/7/2024 2:10 PM
150	Commerce Good and services Recreational fields for the youth Roads you don't have to dodge potholes (which is easily every 8 feet between potholes)	11/7/2024 2:00 PM
151	As it is today with tennis courts and better running trails	11/7/2024 1:26 PM
152	A more lively downtown with businesses people use on a day to day basis hosting more frequent town events.	11/7/2024 1:04 PM
153	A closeknit community of people who take care of each other & have everything they need to survive & enjoy life within 15min drive	11/7/2024 1:00 PM
154	Stay like it is now. I would like to see the town stop permitting ANR and lots on unimproved AND not maintained private roads and ways. These private roads eventually become a burden on the town highway department to maintain and make all town taxpayers pay for these repairs and plowing when the road is actually private property. Town taxes we pay can be spent on other worthy projects and municipal improvements.	11/7/2024 12:48 PM
155	rural and quaint, active center prime examples are Chapachet and Brooklyn CT	11/7/2024 12:40 PM
156	Well planned making use of the lakes, forests, and rivers with it's long history of farms, mills, and homes.	11/7/2024 12:31 PM
157	Still a very small town without any condos, town houses, or major apartment buildings, but with enhanced public services.	11/7/2024 12:20 PM
158	More downtown businesses	11/7/2024 12:13 PM
159	Same small town feel, no large business/ commercial areas, no large apartment buildings/low income housing	11/7/2024 11:05 AM
160	More protected open space	11/6/2024 1:09 PM
161	A safe town (roads, vandalism etc) that maintains the open space country vibe. Stop building million dollar homes for people who care nothing for the town.	11/6/2024 8:13 AM
162	CLEAN, SAFE, HISTORIC, SMALL TOWN FEEL, NOT OVER BUILT/DEVELOPED	11/5/2024 11:24 AM
163	I would like to see a supermarket, more businesses to help with the constant increase in real estate taxes every year. Especially for us seniors living on a fixed income.	11/3/2024 10:47 AM
164	Small town feel with suitable business representation to help manage the tax rate. Our tax rate is too high for the few services we have with little business.	11/1/2024 3:49 PM
165	More progressive. Interesting shops and popular eatery's downtown including a bakery and a Starbucks. More and better parking downtown. More mixed use buildings. Better road conditions. Electrical all underground. More areas with water and sewer.	10/30/2024 8:32 PM
166	Grocery store, industrial & commercial businesses to broaden & increase the tax base to relieve the burden currently placed on home & land owners.	10/30/2024 7:20 PM
167	Not a lot of change as we love the quaintness of the town.	10/28/2024 7:42 PM
168	The same as now with a few businesses to support tax base	10/28/2024 6:59 PM
169	A rural character feel would greet visitors and families would have great options for passive recreation so they wouldn't have to travel far. Mixed age populations would live and work together to build community. Industry and commerce would be at a scale that would not overwhelm the residential aspects of life. And the environment would be clean and healthy!	10/28/2024 6:54 PM

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170	Similar density as today. Preserve well sites, core, and critical habitat.	10/28/2024 4:13 PM
171	no money no Douglas	10/28/2024 4:04 PM
172	Like it did 20 years ago when moving here. A quiet (mostly) bedroom community with a small town feel and lots of undeveloped nature.	10/28/2024 1:58 PM
173	There would be a better balance between residences and business to carry the tax and town maintenance load. There would be safer access (i.e. sidewalks) and reasons to walk to town like benches to sit, restaurants with quality food and places to visit. There would be small house communities built with seniors in mind (wheelchair accessible, master bedroom, laundry and full bathroom with walk-in shower on 1st floor). Perhaps even just single-level home community with sidewalks. One could rely on public transportation to get around the general area (groceries, medical visits ,etc.).	10/28/2024 10:47 AM
174	Preserved as it is today	10/27/2024 9:37 PM
175	The same	10/26/2024 2:03 PM
176	It would be nice to see young families living in Douglas.	10/24/2024 1:37 PM
177	I would love it to have the same small town feel	10/23/2024 9:55 PM
178	I would hope that down town would have a makeover	10/22/2024 3:41 PM
179	The Town including open community spaces for people of all ages to gather and enjoy	10/22/2024 3:01 PM
180	Slightly larger population but still concentrated on single family homes. Newly paved roads with plenty of sidewalks. Downtown area overhaul with trees, flowers and outdoor seating to easily patronize the shops.	10/22/2024 1:56 PM
181	I would love for Douglas to remain woodsy.	10/22/2024 10:05 AM
182	Broader tax base with increased commercial and industrial income. Somewhat larger downtown with more bar and restaurant options with appropriate parking. Look to down town Putnam CT for an example.	10/22/2024 9:10 AM
183	About the same as now	10/21/2024 8:40 PM
184	Better retail / food options along Rte. 16. Otherwise, keep the current small town feel.	10/21/2024 5:10 PM
185	Access to transportation and groceries, pharmacy, urgent care medical site and community center as I age, when I stop being able to drive	10/21/2024 3:49 PM
186	Better roads, better community services, larger tax bases	10/21/2024 12:43 PM
187	More commerce and retail, a community center, better traffic flow (or reroute to Davis St only) to DPS, DES, DMS from center of town	10/21/2024 12:21 PM
188	More commercial, less residential, lower taxes	10/20/2024 7:45 PM
189	Stop the tearing down of native lots, this town will never be the same if we keep building massive homes.	10/20/2024 6:47 PM
190	It's perfect just the way it is	10/20/2024 6:38 AM
191	More industrial and commercial property development with infrastructure improvements to keep traffic and property taxes reasonable.	10/19/2024 11:30 PM
192	I would like to see Douglas remain a town of mostly single family homes and not become overcrowded. I would like to see tax money spent on the important things like Police, Fire, EMS, and Schools. I don't want to see the town getting into many of the unnecessary spending projects that many other towns are doing.	10/19/2024 10:24 PM
193	Hopefully just the way it is	10/19/2024 7:51 PM
194	Mix space, better fields for youth sports, better down town and more locals business.	10/19/2024 11:00 AM
195	Just like it is today	10/19/2024 9:11 AM
196	As is. No low income housing no apartments	10/19/2024 6:50 AM

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197	I would love to see downtown with quaint shops and restaurants (like Hudson, MA). I'd love to see open land preserved. I'd love to see no more giant chunks of land demolished for commercial use.	10/18/2024 8:40 PM
198	1. Revitalized downtown area (i.e., street lights, sidewalks, widened sidewalks, narrowed roads, pedestrian-friendly w/ EV charging stations/off-road parking, mixed-use buildings) 2. Funds invested into community resources such as the library, community center and/or recreation areas, schools, and town offices. 3. Protected forest land, wetland, etc. (preservation of natural resources) 4. Public infrastructure that can support the town's growth and future climate (i.e., flooding)	10/18/2024 5:39 PM
199	A safe and inviting infrastructure for walking, bicycling and driving in to the downtown area for children, adults and seniors.	10/18/2024 3:15 PM
200	Lower taxes, more shops, fewer pizza joints	10/17/2024 10:52 PM
201	I've been here 20 years. I would like to see the sidewalks and roads maintained. I'd like the schools to still give a decent education. More events that bring the community together (memorial day parade, octfest, holiday stroll. More farms, art center, handicapped accessible library. Just fix and maintain what we have. I don't want it to be a place I don't recognize anymore	10/17/2024 9:54 PM
202	Same as above. I love the small town feel with local small businesses owners	10/17/2024 9:25 PM
203	A more vibrant downtown with a few more restaurant choices. A pharmacy would be great. Having a YMCA would be my first priority. There are no local facilities to go to for a workout and a swim. The Putnam Y is the best example of what I think a YMCA should be. It offers a great deal to the community and to students, i.e. swim team, etc.	10/17/2024 3:24 PM
204	About the same	10/17/2024 10:46 AM
205	Keep the small town feel even with growth	10/17/2024 4:25 AM
206	Roads with no potholes. Instead of filling holes with dirt and patching actually pave them instead. We pay a lot in taxes and there should not be an issue with money	10/17/2024 1:17 AM
207	Same as mentioned in number 16 with added opportunities for both the elderly & children populations of the community.	10/16/2024 10:54 PM
208	Return to small village. Keep low income housing out, send to Uxbridge or Northbridge that is used to that troublemaking population	10/16/2024 9:49 PM
209	Top notch school system, safe community that welcomes all in a bustling down town of small businesses.	10/16/2024 9:30 PM
210	More food options	10/16/2024 8:49 PM
211	Better roads	10/16/2024 5:46 PM
212	The same	10/16/2024 5:34 PM
213	More actives for the old and young	10/16/2024 4:30 PM
214	Putnum, CT. A good mix of well zoned business, public facilities, and food and beverage locations.	10/16/2024 3:03 PM
215	Retain the semi/rural feel while providing housing and business opportunities in the downtown high density areas.	10/16/2024 1:42 PM
216	More town events. More encouragement for eco-friendly options (no styrofoam, plastic straws, plastic bags). More focus on the natural offerings we already have (making the SNETT parking area less chaotic/cleaner and more welcoming).	10/16/2024 1:09 PM
217	To stay a small close tight town	10/16/2024 12:02 PM
218	Wider Main Street	10/16/2024 10:38 AM
219	Downtown has so much potential, but right now it looks a little tired.	10/16/2024 9:46 AM
220	Better recreational facilities for high school also maybe a grocery store	10/16/2024 8:22 AM
221	Not built up to look like a city, still gives a small town feel, doesn't feel congested with people	10/15/2024 10:21 PM

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	and buildings and houses	
222	Keep the size as is- too many houses getting built. A community center added. A larger farmers market where fresh produce and meat etc.	10/15/2024 9:28 PM
223	Additional single family homes providing more taxes for the town. Tax dollars used to improve schools and roads to support larger community. Attract business such as grocery stores, restaurants etc. to support growing population.	10/15/2024 8:34 PM
224	Breweries and restaurants (not chains)	10/15/2024 8:25 PM
225	New bridge in town	10/15/2024 7:05 PM
226	Am ideal Douglas to me, would lean into is historic charm and outdoor resources. If would be a walkable, fit, community. It would increase its walkability and even (possibly) create a bypass to get fast-moving, cross-state, 18-wheeler traffic off the primary downtown streets to make it a shopping/hanging out destination. It would increase its support for small business. It would have spaces that serve something other than pizza.	10/15/2024 11:16 AM
227	Just like it does now, but with downtown cleaned up a bit.	10/15/2024 10:41 AM
228	MORE INDUSTRY, LESS TAX BURDEN ON HOMEOWNERS, BETTER ROADS, MORE COMMERCIAL PLACES: STORES, CAFES, LARGER PARK AREA W PICNIC TABLES, ETC.	10/15/2024 10:01 AM
229	Updated downtown	10/15/2024 4:08 AM
230	I love the town and the people. If rents were affordable and there were more options for shopping and better parking I would not have to m	10/14/2024 6:34 PM
231	More farmlands, trail systems connecting all around town, small businesses that complement trail tourism and overnight lodging. Small local crafts.	10/14/2024 5:52 PM
232	Make Main St more desirable instead of all those old stores and restaurants that have been there forever. Add stuff	10/14/2024 3:13 PM
233	The same.	10/14/2024 11:04 AM
234	No real estate taxes for seniors who own their homes outright would be the best solution for keeping seniors in Douglas!	10/14/2024 7:10 AM
235	Not much different than it is now. Maybe a spiffed up East Douglas Village with some municipal parking and a little walking trail along Mumford River.	10/14/2024 1:27 AM
236	Complete redesign of the downtown section of town with increase parking, safer sidewalks, and more desirable businesses. Traffic flow could be changed to accommodate more parking and sidewalks by making Main St, North St, Gilboa St, and Manchaug Rd into a sort of rotary (eastbound on Main, northbound on North, westbound on Gilboa, southbound on Manchaug). Attract more diverse retail and restaurant businesses	10/13/2024 9:09 PM
237	Not over populated, more open public spaces.	10/13/2024 7:38 PM
238	more interstrucher	10/13/2024 7:14 PM
239	More shopping options and industry to help tax base	10/13/2024 6:28 PM
240	Beautiful library with handicap access, well funded historical museum, more trees and flowers along the main street, preservation of all old buildings. No traffic lights and few fast food restaurants (and no litter).	10/13/2024 11:05 AM
241	To keep the population under 10k, better roads, better access to whitins pond, upkeep of our trails , nicer downtown area, lower property tax rate.	10/13/2024 8:30 AM
242	More business but keep the country feel to the town	10/13/2024 6:50 AM
243	Went to high school in Douglas in the 90's moved back two years ago to live with family due to health reason and Douglas is exactly the same that it was 30 years ago. It is sad to see towns like Uxbridge growing commercially, and there seems to be more to do. Douglas however seems to just have more people and houses but everyone has to leave town to spend money. The state forest is great but even that isn't taking care of that well. People are always dumping trash there and really poor maintenance and accessibility of many of it path and parking areas.	10/13/2024 5:38 AM

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244	Less taxes, more businesses and better educational leadership! The school system was #1 a few years ago and became a disgrace when leadership changed! Also, would be nice to have a recreation committee back. This town is a very busy sports town and we shouldn't have to solely rely on those who we rely on to repair our streets or shovel!	10/12/2024 11:43 PM
245	Lots of conservation land. Lots of protected woodland and lots of agricultural land.	10/12/2024 9:22 PM
246	Open landed	10/12/2024 9:16 PM
247	Same except for one ready, Med	10/12/2024 7:58 PM
248	Embrace the small town feel and lean into more events like Oktoberfest. Overhaul Main. Improve the library.	10/12/2024 5:50 PM
249	To be just as rural as it is now. Don't make it into a city	10/12/2024 5:24 PM
250	A residential town, high income. Tourist industry not commercial/industrial	10/12/2024 3:19 PM
251	A place where all generations can live together in harmony	10/12/2024 2:11 PM
252	More industrial entities near Route 146, and preservation of open space, including state, land, and sidewalk scape on the main street area with a destination, dining restaurant.	10/12/2024 1:56 PM
253	Small upgraded New England town	10/12/2024 1:32 PM
254	Maintained open and rural spaces Less congestion downtown Clean industry/commercial businesses to help with tax base	10/12/2024 1:17 PM
255	Not too much different from what it is now. Like the small town atmosphere. Population should not become city sized.	10/12/2024 11:30 AM
256	It would look like a cozy small town with all your needs covered, that encourages a family life and attracts good residents	10/12/2024 10:08 AM
257	A redeveloped downtown with parking, shopping, and restaurants. The development should meet strict standards so that the end result is a quant New England village scene not a hodge lodge of various buildings that have now character.	10/12/2024 10:03 AM
258	More affordable housing and health services.	10/12/2024 9:40 AM
259	More services and convenience within the town to attract business and interest in the community, all neighboring towns have made more progress in this space	10/12/2024 9:38 AM
260	A thriving downtown well connected to mixed use and small cottage communities with many safe alternative transportation opportunities such as bike paths and x walks to get between housing, mixed use, and the abundant open space in town.	10/12/2024 8:09 AM
261	Would love to see the downtown area beautified. Benches, sidewalks, and new businesses (shops, cafes, etc) brought in. Whitinsville looks 10x's nicer than downtown Douglas. Use them as an example.	10/12/2024 7:26 AM
262	I truly love Douglas as far as nature goes, i think more business but small eclectic downtown offering more and encouraging community.	10/12/2024 7:22 AM
263	More vibrant downtown/ walk way along river.	10/12/2024 6:51 AM
264	Similar to what it is now but with a reduction in taxes and less traffic, also I hate to see woods continually being knocked down	10/11/2024 11:25 PM
265	Still fairly rural. We are interested in retiring to Douglas or Sutton.	10/11/2024 9:57 PM
266	Very similar to what it does now with perhaps some increased industrial to help with tax revenue without burdening school and public safety resources. This town truly is a gem. Some additional downtown businesses (ie deli/sandwich shop and market like Genes Variety in Milford). Likely a new primary school at some point. Maybe some updated basketball/pickleball courts. No traffic lights or bike lanes please. I saw my hometown ruined by a horribly executed state funded downtown beautification project (Hopkinton).	10/11/2024 9:43 PM
267	Businesses/restaurants, bustling down town	10/11/2024 8:36 PM
268	No more houses in the forest. An attractive downtown	10/11/2024 6:48 PM

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269	More businesses allowing for more funding for schools roads and a community center for youth. Better programing at the library-it doesn't necessarily need to cost money, but things offered to town residents.	10/11/2024 2:48 PM
270	A focus on conservation land is good. We should absolutely aim to preserve our national forests. Unfortunately, I think the conservation wand is waved far too broadly and we are conserving areas of the forest that are already dead or dying due to overgrowth and overcompetition. There needs to be a clear-eyed assessment of what is healthy conservation vs. what is conservation for the sake of feeling good about ourselves. There's plenty of land that can be re-zoned for commercial, industrial, or residential use. We lack the infrastructure to grow and thrive if presented with the opportunity to take in prospective home buyers as we become a key suburb of the greater Worcester area. Emulating Holliston is not sustainable with our population demographics. Their heavy-handed and ridiculous historical and ecological conservation laws only work because the median income of Holliston residents dwarfs that of Douglas residents. Just as controlled burns are needed to prevent forest fires, we need to identify areas that can be re-zoned away from conservation in order to foster new growth.	10/11/2024 12:24 PM
271	A thriving downtown with more than 3 pizza shops that would offer reasons for our residents to spend their dollars here. Require the Goodness Store to take down that hideous sign and get a new one. It is embarrassing as the first sign you encounter in the downtown area. There would be additional housing options for all level of income families. Our schools continue to be a priority for funding and expansion.	10/11/2024 11:23 AM
272	It would have more businesses and community centered activities.	10/11/2024 10:40 AM
273	Bustling Main Street area with a mix of shopping, restaurants and parking.	10/11/2024 10:09 AM
274	Increased roadside appeal to "small country town" appearance, minimized new condos, duplexes and special low frontage/area housing projects, more designated scenic roads	10/11/2024 10:09 AM
275	Same as it is now. Just better schools, and maybe a few traffic lights. The primary and middle school need to be remodeled.	10/11/2024 9:47 AM
276	Still full of forest and green spaces with improved roads and more food/ beverage options/ small retail shops in the downtown area	10/11/2024 6:08 AM
277	Take a look at what Sutton and Uxbridge have done over the last 15 years. Actively pursuing commerce that benefits the community such as grocery stores and global companies that will eventually benefit the tax base.	10/11/2024 12:53 AM
278	A town that keeps it small town charm but offers residents many more options for dining, shopping, groceries and recreation. An updated downtown area with updated buildings (how nice is the new real estate office?) vs the dilapidated buildings that are there now. Residents want to be here and have pride in our town, but we are a long way from making this town a place people want to visit, want to live in long term, and attracts new families to live.	10/10/2024 8:48 PM
279	Revamp downtown! Remove power lines , new sidewalks, freshen up existing buildings. Make the highway dept area cleaner and maybe a new small facility Nock down the buildings near veterans field make that area nice.	10/10/2024 7:57 PM
280	Just keep up roads and keep it peaceful and serene and let landowners enjoy there gun ranges with out new people moving in and complaining	10/10/2024 7:41 PM
281	Quality food options and retail	10/10/2024 7:07 PM
282	A perfect Douglas is not far off. We need a better more attractive downtown. With good sidewalks, easy parking, wide streets with bike lanes and more businesses. The infrastructure in town needs to be improved, wider- bridges, better roads, improved internet and cell service, traffic lights in the three main problem areas. Town trash and recycling should replace the transfer station. The town needs more companies to come and do business here, for example, hospitals, factories, malls or supermarkets. We need destination attractions like restaurants, museums (not like the Jenckes Store) and bike trails. I know we have some hiking trails now, but they are subpar and are not near any business in town.	10/10/2024 6:20 PM
283	A bit more in the town like restaurants and shops, while maintaining the charm of the forest farms and lakes	10/10/2024 3:10 PM
284	A thriving downtown area, a place residents want to go. just as the common was beautified downtown should be	10/10/2024 3:02 PM

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285	Hopefully no mega warehouses high rise condos large format apartments. Keep it the quiet bedroom town it's and leave the commercial businesses for gilboa street along route 146 or downtown	10/10/2024 1:41 PM
286	Keep the open space and preserve nature. Add just a little more commercial so we don't have to travel to neighboring towns for essential goods/services.	10/10/2024 1:38 PM
287	keeping residents in their homes. homes where they were born and where they have lived their entire lives. a town that does not raise taxes to make people homeless. a proud town to continue to live in.	10/10/2024 10:47 AM
288	Arts, culture, nature, community.	10/10/2024 10:18 AM
289	Small town... It is growing far too much	10/10/2024 8:35 AM
290	Keep the small town feel but encourage a broader tax base with more businesses around the perimeter	10/10/2024 7:39 AM
291	More businesses in town to enable more services for residents.	10/9/2024 9:14 PM
292	More condos	10/9/2024 9:07 PM
293	Small-town Main Street preserved Industrial (warehouses etc) kept to the outskirts of Town near 146 Open space maintained	10/9/2024 8:46 PM
294	Restaurants, cafes, small businesses, an attractive Main Street , a walkable town	10/9/2024 7:37 PM
295	We raised our kids here. It is an amazing place to live for that. The schools have to be top notch going forward. The seniors have to have better services and affordable housing. The library needs to be a priority. It is essential for kids and seniors. We love being able to see how the past is still a part of the current landscape. It would be wonderful to have a factory in the town to allow more opportunities for young people looking for work.	10/9/2024 7:35 PM
296	Na	10/9/2024 5:58 PM
297	Flourishing commercial space that could bring in revenue into this town, better use of parks and fields (fair, concerts et), improved roads and town services	10/9/2024 5:56 PM
298	I would love more housing, a dog park, and a ada library	10/9/2024 4:28 PM
299	Thriving small local businesses, good schools, balanced mix of residents from all demographics.	10/9/2024 3:01 PM
300	Keep the small town feel while realizing there will be growth, just do not take away the ambiance of the small town aura	10/9/2024 2:34 PM
301	Side walk connecting, medical facilities, shopping mall	10/9/2024 2:10 PM
302	A stronger reliance on commercial taxes	10/9/2024 11:02 AM
303	Lower tax rate	10/9/2024 9:55 AM
304	More sidewalks connecting some of the further parts of town more safely to downtown. More businesses/shops in town for basic necessities (grocery, pharmacy, etc). Public recreation facilities. Less land turning into housing developments and warehouses. More cable/internet options throughout all of the town. A larger and more robust library. Magically lower property taxes with all of the same amenities and more!	10/9/2024 12:32 AM
305	Hold north brown llc accountable for their shady practices.	10/8/2024 11:48 PM
306	Diverse business and downtown area, more parks or tennis courts, pickle balls, bike trails.	10/8/2024 9:59 PM
307	Still small town visually pleasing (it really looks run down). Communities that offer entertainment space.	10/8/2024 8:33 PM
308	semi rural	10/8/2024 7:43 PM
309	Bustling. And not in a heavy auto traffic sort of way. In my vision i see buildings preserved or at a minimum cleaned up. Sidewalks and roads repaired so you can move freely and it's safe to walk.	10/8/2024 6:36 PM
310	Affordability for low to middle income families. A supermarket, pharmacy and a shopping mall	10/8/2024 6:33 PM

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311	Clean, safe roads and bridges, nice police for safety	10/8/2024 6:09 PM
312	the same as it was years ago. Or at least no more developed.	10/8/2024 4:01 PM
313	Small family friendly town, as it is now	10/8/2024 3:11 PM
314	A greater community feel. More locations where residents of all ages have a place to socialize	10/8/2024 12:59 PM
315	Less dependence on personal property tax to fund the needs of the town	10/8/2024 12:33 PM
316	People staying in their homes and not being taxed out because of the towns poorly spending practices	10/8/2024 10:17 AM
317	A primarily residential community supported by small businesses and residents that featured a balanced housing stock accessible to people of ALL income brackets.	10/8/2024 10:13 AM
318	A town with some local amenities and industry, similar to neighboring areas (Sutton) Commercial zones that encourage foot traffic and benefit our natural green spaces, blending the two. Utilities that are competitive, such as town waste disposal rather than private industry filling the niche And finally, cable access that's not a monopoly	10/7/2024 10:59 PM
319	I would love to see more Community events and spaces for families	10/7/2024 10:03 PM
320	An attractive down town where people can go to, bring the down to modern life style while maintaining the small town charm and sites.	10/7/2024 8:32 PM
321	Cleaner, well maintained buildings, expanded library, community swimming pool & rec center for all ages. Easy to navigate on foot, by car or bicycle. More welcoming. Tourist revenue. Keep/increase the natural beauty.	10/7/2024 8:29 PM
322	A good balance of generations, moderate amount of business to generate tax revenue, a beautification of Main Street, better roads, more sense of community.	10/7/2024 8:11 PM
323	The town having a thriving economy through, new commercial, industrial, agricultural, business efforts that were put into effect 20 years prior. The town being a highly sought after to live in because the taxes are low, schools are some of the best in the state, and business are fighting to be here!	10/7/2024 7:37 PM
324	Expanded Main Street to go down towards GBI / the common with more business that are walkable. Medical care close by, a grocery store. Walking paths. Keep our town woodsy, but bring in business where we can. Fix the roads	10/7/2024 7:27 PM
325	A balance for young and old will all basic needs to a minimum accessible	10/7/2024 6:41 PM
326	Still have the same small town feel, bring back the Memorial Day parade, no subdivisions, apartment or larger housing developments. More restaurants in the downtown area other than pizza places	10/7/2024 5:37 PM
327	Lower taxes, fewer warehouses, a downtown river walk, small shops and cafes with outdoor dining options	10/7/2024 5:25 PM
328	Rural outside of downtown, with a more updated urbanization of downtown.	10/7/2024 4:19 PM
329	i would rather go back to the douglas of 2004 than look forward. sorry. i moved here to get away from people in 1995 and they all seemed to have the same idea. less houses, less people and lower taxes!	10/7/2024 2:28 PM
330	The same ..i with they stop building large cul da sacs and cutting all the tress down...like living in a rural area	10/7/2024 2:02 PM
331	A more family friendly town. More neighborhoods. More sidewalks. More community events.	10/7/2024 1:13 PM
332	About the same as it looks now. Although I would like to see some cosmetic fixes throughout town. Minor things.	10/7/2024 1:06 PM
333	Town of about 18-20k residents. A good commercial/industrial tax base. Good schools	10/7/2024 12:58 PM
334	Beautification with either walking or biking trails. Ordinance on main street for signage etc. so that it is not outdated/faded. Preservation of historic building, lending character. Additional services, especially for healthcare.	10/7/2024 11:25 AM
335	One of our favorite things about Douglas is the small town aspect and the state forest and	10/7/2024 9:34 AM

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conservation areas. We would love to see Douglas grow while still maintaining the beautiful nature and small town feeling. We live on South Street and would love to see continued improvements to the road and possible additions of sidewalks.

336	To see more shopping areas in town so we can keep our money here, in town, rather than having to go to all of the surrounding towns and spending our money there.	10/7/2024 7:06 AM
337	Updated downtown - buildings need a facelift. Sidewalk and lighting updates. No more overhead wiring.	10/6/2024 10:10 PM
338	Greener with activities for the kids ie rec soccer. And Basketball Pickleball, tennis basketball courts	10/6/2024 8:23 PM
339	Very much like it does now, with addition of open recreation spaces and the infrastructure to support current population.	10/6/2024 7:39 PM
340	More inclusive	10/6/2024 6:52 PM
341	Downtown cleaned up. Dumpy stores replaced. No more pizza parlors. Goodness store turned into a functioning restaurant that people would want to visit.	10/6/2024 4:01 PM
342	Revitalized downtown. Growth of commercial properties. More athletic space.	10/6/2024 3:08 PM
343	Wider Main St Limited access to large truck traffic New pharmacy and market	10/6/2024 2:10 PM
344	A family oriented town that keeps the smaller town feel, but adds to the overall infrastructure. Also, a plan to lower taxes.	10/6/2024 1:33 PM
345	Thriving with families walking downtown to all the additional food options, parks, school involvement	10/6/2024 1:23 PM
346	The same	10/6/2024 12:20 PM
347	More affordable and small homes, rental options, more community spaces and third places, walkable street, I would love to be able to ride my bike safely in town, and more wildlife / rural preservation. Fewer big homes on big culs de sac and suburban sprawl.	10/6/2024 11:12 AM
348	Less truck traffic direction in center.	10/6/2024 8:46 AM
349	Similar to today but with a downtown that is more robust and treated like a community meeting place/center. With pockets of single family homes to raise the tax base, but not at the expense of the small town slightly rural charm and wildlife that makes Douglas appealing.	10/6/2024 8:18 AM
350	More business in town to ease the tax burden. Preferably along art 16 towards Uxbridge.	10/6/2024 7:42 AM
351	I would like to see a less car dependent community, where most people can reach a restaurant or store within a 10-15 minute walk, as well as public transit options reaching out into other towns/cities in the region.	10/6/2024 7:41 AM
352	Inviting, growth community with self supporting infrastructure that provide benefits to the residents and visitors of Douglas.	10/6/2024 6:56 AM
353	Continued access to outdoor recreation and a more vibrant downtown with varied cultural and retail businesses. Also, a rerouting of through traffic from Main Street	10/5/2024 11:13 PM
354	Preservation of open land, forest trails. Beautification of the downtown area. Maybe more diverse dining options other than multiple pizza places within the same area.	10/5/2024 10:29 PM
355	Hopefully not changed to much	10/5/2024 8:36 PM
356	The same	10/5/2024 8:32 PM
357	Convenient and easy lifestyle	10/5/2024 8:10 PM
358	Hopefully the same with a better coffee shop or small health food store.	10/5/2024 7:27 PM
359	Maintain the small small town feel.	10/5/2024 5:27 PM
360	Affordable senior housing. Amenities for seniors can walk or take a local bus to.	10/5/2024 5:03 PM
361	Community center, developed mixed commercial and residential sections, walkability for time spent outdoors. A town beach with boat ramp.	10/5/2024 4:28 PM

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362	Similar but with a little more commerce. An example would be Burrillville.	10/5/2024 4:15 PM
363	Regional high school and pay cuts for school administrators. Raises for teachers instead. Teachers haven't had COLA in years, yet the superintendent gets a \$25K raise? Why?	10/5/2024 3:06 PM
364	What it looked like 30 years ago.	10/5/2024 12:39 PM
365	Slow residential building. Give all senior home owners tax breaks.	10/5/2024 10:55 AM
366	Busier with more industry. Bee. Here over 20 years and NOTHING has changed	10/5/2024 8:44 AM
367	Lots of single-family houses and farmland. Whatever the commercial exports are should be agriculture related.	10/5/2024 8:31 AM
368	Don't overpopulate it. Keep it the nice small town feel it has.	10/5/2024 8:29 AM
369	Full of trees, green space, well groomed landscaping and well paved roads. With no big multi family housing complexes and no weed shops. There are enough in uxbridge.	10/5/2024 7:54 AM
370	Small well run town, stop development,	10/5/2024 7:20 AM
371	Family centered with an emphasis on the schools. This would encourage more young families to move to town which would increase revenue and provide for the future of the town.	10/5/2024 7:20 AM
372	Having shopping options closer to home	10/5/2024 7:11 AM
373	A safe small community that cares about all citizens equally. Has good roads and quality schools.	10/5/2024 6:24 AM
374	idk	10/5/2024 2:58 AM
375	Keep the small town feel but keep up with the times, it's tough to have to drive 20 minutes plus to get to a store or something fun to do	10/5/2024 1:32 AM
376	Modern infrastructure, multiple types of businesses spread out throughout town, upgrading athletic fields, strongly funded school system	10/4/2024 11:11 PM
377	Downtown small shops and diners	10/4/2024 10:23 PM
378	More commercial property to increase tax revenues. Moratorium on residential building until infrastructure/schools, etc are adequately funded	10/4/2024 9:04 PM
379	Just make sure downtown never decays	10/4/2024 8:10 PM
380	Good progression	10/4/2024 7:17 PM
381	The same, maybe more open space and less people. I love the Douglas from 30 years ago	10/4/2024 3:48 PM
382	Rte 16 Connector to bypass downtown.	10/4/2024 3:36 PM
383	Re-envisioned downtown with welcoming appeal and sidewalks with street trees, cute local shops with parking access. Town beach for residents on one of the lakes/ponds. Preservation of the natural beauty and forest of Douglas. Town events seasonally, parades/fireworks. Agricultural charm, continued farmer markets.	10/4/2024 3:33 PM
384	A river walk, cafes, sidewalks	10/4/2024 3:02 PM
385	Keep douglas small and free from tons of industrial and commercial businesses near residential. Have a few small brewery/ farms and local businesses or offices that can bring in income for town with out turning into Webster or auburn. Part of reason people want to move here is it is Still a small town with out noise and light pollution associated with industrial buildings and big box stores.	10/4/2024 12:38 PM
386	More businesses and medical centers, grocery store, perhaps a small mall	10/4/2024 11:48 AM
387	Cleaning of the downtown area	10/4/2024 11:12 AM
388	Active downtown with services for residents while continuing our small town feel.	10/4/2024 10:57 AM
389	keep new construction of homes low. Biking and walking safer on town streets. Fewer or no liquor stores. Better businesses downtown (3 crappy pizza places need to go).	10/4/2024 9:37 AM
390	Same as answer above. I also want a better school system for our kids that doesn't have to	10/4/2024 6:58 AM

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cut AP programs or extra curriculars because they just don't have the money. I want them to have every opportunity afforded to them that they can get before college or before joining the workforce. I want better care for our elderly and our veterans, meaning spaces for them to live that are affordable and they can get the care they need.

391	Gathering places, beautiful spaces, embracing the small town aspect while balancing that with needed upkeep and services (not huge businesses, but those that serve the immediate community)	10/4/2024 6:54 AM
392	Lower tax rate	10/4/2024 6:44 AM
393	I won't be around 20 years from now but it would be a nice place to raise a family and affordable place to live for senior citizens.	10/4/2024 4:36 AM
394	nice library/senior/community center, public pond/park with safe walking paths, attractive main street	10/3/2024 10:44 PM
395	Better mix of singles, families and seniors	10/3/2024 9:30 PM
396	Preservation of the state forest and Wallum Lake.	10/3/2024 8:37 PM
397	More businesses, grocery store, pharmacy, better public transportation system	10/3/2024 5:21 PM
398	To see the downtown area cleaned up and nicely decorated like the commons. The downtown section looks dumpy.	10/3/2024 2:59 PM
399	More vibrant downtown, more town events. More reasons to stay in Douglas to eat/shop - I do most of my business in Sutton/Oxford/Webster even though I live in Douglas since there are more options in those towns	10/3/2024 9:40 AM
400	I like the rural look. I would not want it to look like a city.	10/3/2024 6:20 AM
401	Low population; still lots of wooded areas, not crammed with houses. Downtown could use some perking up. We need a few good shops that can survive. Aesthetically, it's a big run down.	10/3/2024 6:17 AM
402	A little less good ole boys club running the town, with more structure and at minimum full time employees.	10/3/2024 5:39 AM
403	I would love to see sw main turned back to dirt or dead ended in the state park.	10/2/2024 9:10 PM
404	Keep the small town look and feel but have more restaurants, grocery store and drug store.	10/2/2024 8:42 PM
405	Up kept roadways (not continuously patched). Increased businesses, inviting rec space for youth and teens.	10/2/2024 8:26 PM
406	More dynamic downtown area with multiple shops of interest like Chepachet has	10/2/2024 6:46 PM
407	Take a picture today and duplicate it.	10/2/2024 6:36 PM
408	A beautiful historical area that clearly shows pride in the town to all that drive through.	10/2/2024 6:25 PM
409	Same as above- as well better traffic flow management- downtown can become congested at certain times - perhaps a center turn lane downtown by depot st and north st. More businesses - shops... small restaurants... The town needs something that draws people from other towns in for recreation or tourism.. although what that might be I'm not sure.	10/2/2024 5:53 PM
410	Stop allowing such large houses to be built. Leave us with open space. Require more average per house.	10/2/2024 5:43 PM
411	A diverse community with schools that are thriving and offer programs that encourage our students to want to continue because of the great academics and programs that are offered.	10/2/2024 5:20 PM
412	More senior housing. And better roads	10/2/2024 5:15 PM
413	We are already a pretty tight community but I'd love to see town wide community events more frequently and more options for our younger generations.	10/2/2024 4:36 PM
414	10,000-12,000 residents	10/2/2024 4:29 PM
415	Small town with open space small town population at 20000	10/2/2024 3:59 PM

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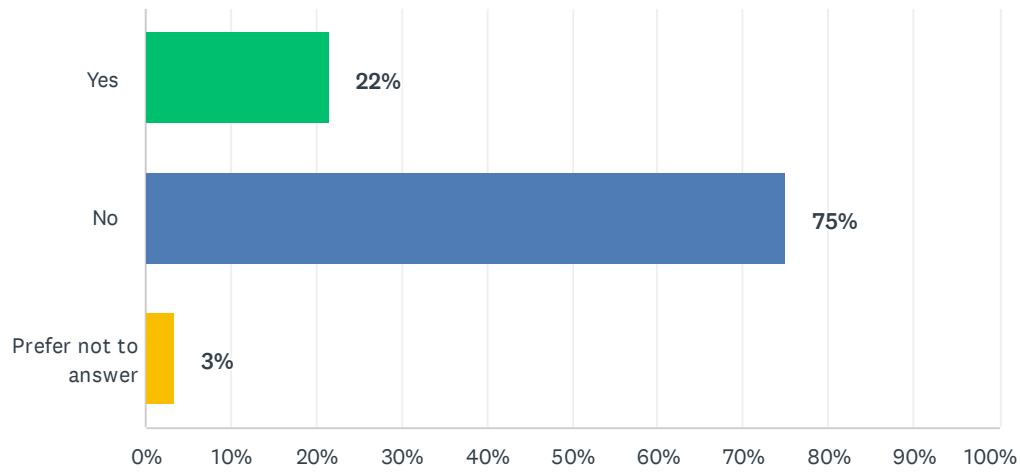
416	Lots of preserved open space and a walkable town.	10/2/2024 1:55 PM
417	Good roads and plenty of park trails and conservation land	10/2/2024 12:38 PM
418	Stronger schools especially if you expect the town to continue growing and building. Smarter economic decisions.	10/2/2024 12:27 PM
419	We should look into what resources are available and information regarding blue zones communities. Blue zones communities focus on the health and wellness of its residents which include diet and exercise, social networks and sense of community. We need to preserve the charm and historical significance of the town. But we also need to bring in more money as well. A small town doesn't have as big of a tax base and we need to relieve some pressure on homeowners as this is mainly a bedroom community and not a lot of industry is in town. It is a good thing that we have kept chain restaurants for the most part and other franchises and chains out of the town. It helps keep its Small town feeling.	10/2/2024 12:00 PM
420	A place where people can venture out with their families and neighbors to enjoy a fun day out, public playground, quaint main street with several kinds of business people would want to walk to, instead of a handful of pizza shops. Updated books and research sources in the library, cafe, etc.	10/2/2024 11:20 AM
421	Keeping small town feel that boasts about its history. Less neon signage and a more estetic look. Enforcing speed limit in town with improved road conditions. Trucks that come through town make the neighborhood shutter when they run over potholes. If truck traffic gets worse in town I will definitely be moving out sooner than planned.	10/2/2024 11:18 AM
422	Like it looks now. No more housing developments. Let the trees grow and give wildlife some space	10/2/2024 10:43 AM
423	The same, no more warehouses. Vacant!	10/2/2024 10:25 AM
424	Traffic light	10/2/2024 8:58 AM
425	A more open minded population, that embraces change for the better. A downtown to be proud of....not one to avoid. We don't look like a sleepy community. We look like a poor community that doesn't prioritize infrastructure, community spaces, education, etc. I hope in 20 years none of that is true. I want my kids to be proud of their hometown.	10/2/2024 6:53 AM
426	Grocery store, grain store, pharmacy, fast food stores Why do we not have any of these but every other town does!	10/2/2024 1:08 AM
427	A vibrant downtown, more young families, and more diverse faces that represent different cultures.	10/1/2024 11:38 PM
428	Better Housing (single-family & duplexes), More Commerical businesses	10/1/2024 10:16 PM
429	Commercial tax base that could support growing the towns infrastructure and services.	10/1/2024 9:28 PM
430	A more flourishing down town with things to do and places to shop. A fenced in playground would be amazing.	10/1/2024 8:41 PM
431	The way it is now is fine just needs a little more TLC and town employees that will actually take care of it infrastructure wise	10/1/2024 8:23 PM
432	Hopefully not overly built up.	10/1/2024 7:45 PM
433	Better schools. Better infrastructure. Slow down on the building and taking care of what is already existing -roads, schools etc. More recreational opportunities for kids - summer camps and activities.	10/1/2024 7:42 PM
434	Beautiful, quaint, popular downtown with great businesses. beautiful parks for children, including playgrounds and sports. Great school facilities.	10/1/2024 7:28 PM
435	Small town charm like Putnam CT or Pascoag RI.	10/1/2024 7:26 PM
436	Stopping of multi family homes. Limitations to more building of homes. Back to a woodsy community. Paving of the NETL Library to be made accessible to all. Town to put money's towards common.	10/1/2024 7:16 PM
437	For it to not be too different. Mainly just good upkeep of what's here. I love Douglas BECAUSE it is rural, quiet, picturesque. I work in Worcester and love coming home to quiet Douglas.	10/1/2024 7:07 PM

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	Keep it this way. Make it a safe quiet place to raise families like it was for me.	
438	A town that encouraged activities for all ages including a center where all but especially teenagers could gather as teenagers like to do. I grew up in a town that had a community center for all ages, including a bowling alley and ping pong tables for teenagers to gather.	10/1/2024 6:52 PM
439	Less traffic going through downtown . I was talking to a friend in the uk and he was shocked at the big trucks barreling through our small little town . The downtown isn't very attractive with the very basic buildings	10/1/2024 6:29 PM
440	To still be considered a small town	10/1/2024 5:54 PM
441	A grocery store and some smaller shops but other than that I love the sleepy town feel.	10/1/2024 4:04 PM
442	I would like it to still maintain it's small town feel. That is what sets it apart from other towns who have allowed too much development both residential and commercial. I would love to see the downtown have a face-lift with more shops.	10/1/2024 4:04 PM
443	Affordable, still small town community but with more retail access	10/1/2024 3:29 PM
444	Slightly more developed	10/1/2024 3:07 PM
445	Cute, quaint downtown with shops, restaurants, library, and open space for community use	10/1/2024 2:49 PM
446	1 won't be around in 20 years!	10/1/2024 2:47 PM
447	More business. Coffee shops. A plaza, stores that will help with everyday needs.	10/1/2024 2:45 PM

Q18 Do you currently have children enrolled in Douglas Public Schools?

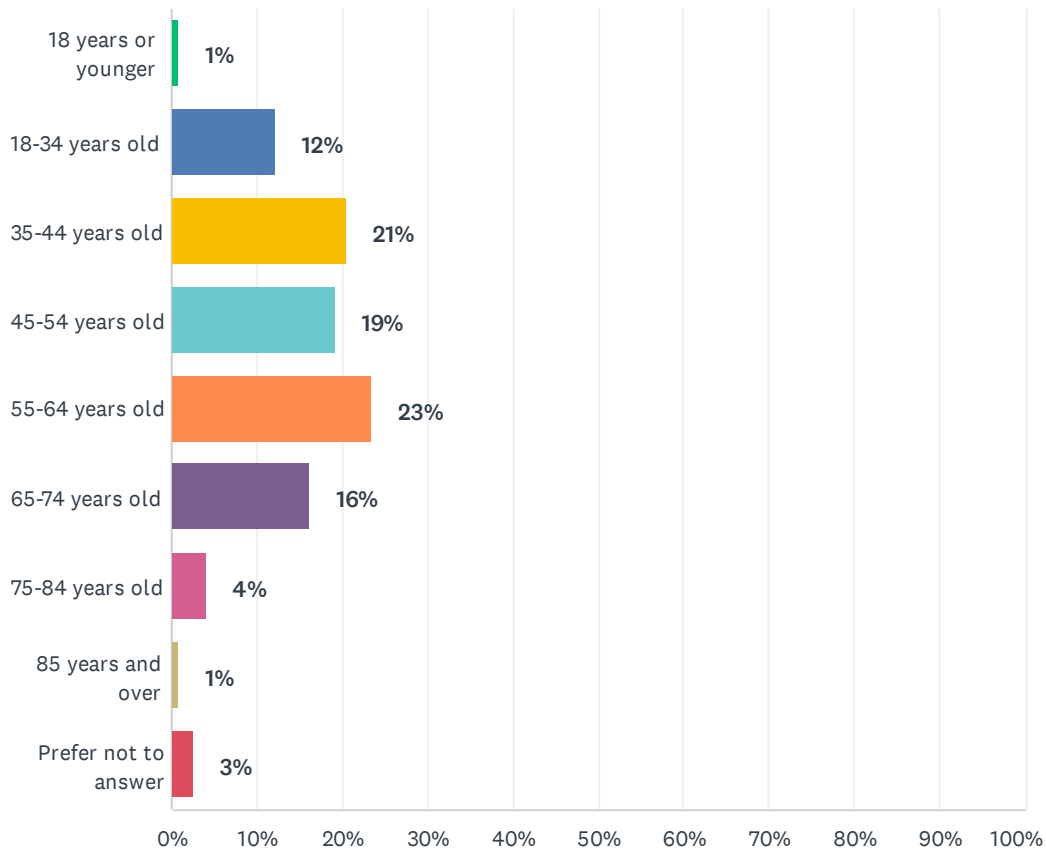
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	22%	164
No	75%	569
Prefer not to answer	3%	26
TOTAL		759

Q19 What is your age?

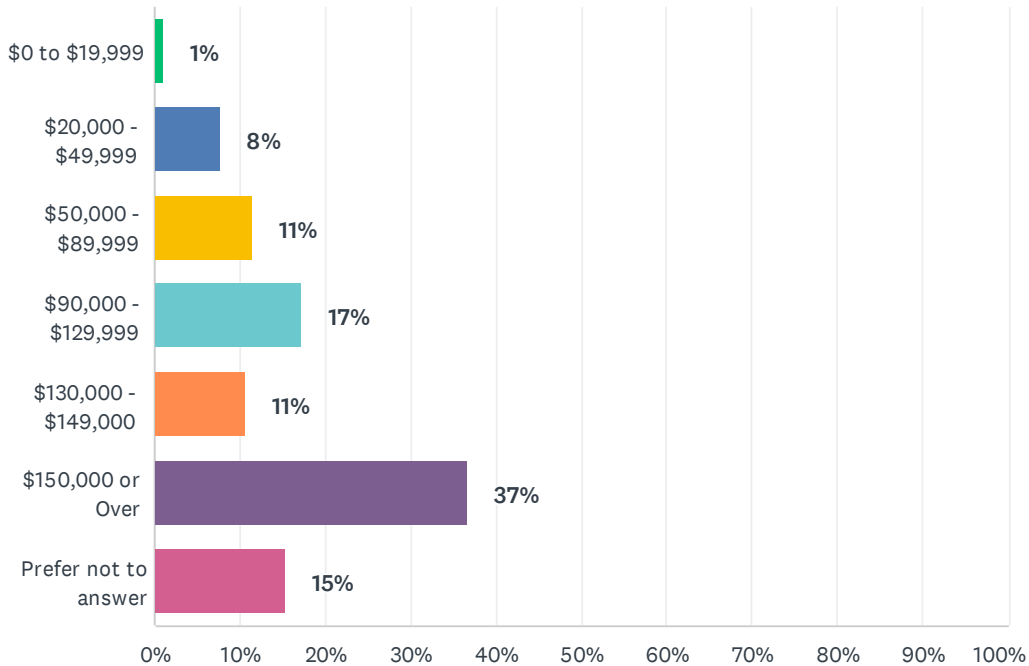
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
18 years or younger	1%	7
18-34 years old	12%	92
35-44 years old	21%	156
45-54 years old	19%	146
55-64 years old	23%	178
65-74 years old	16%	123
75-84 years old	4%	30
85 years and over	1%	7
Prefer not to answer	3%	20
TOTAL		759

Q20 Please indicate which annual household income range you currently fall under:

Answered: 760 Skipped: 134



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
\$0 to \$19,999	1%	8
\$20,000 - \$49,999	8%	58
\$50,000 - \$89,999	11%	87
\$90,000 - \$129,999	17%	131
\$130,000 - \$149,000	11%	81
\$150,000 or Over	37%	279
Prefer not to answer	15%	116
TOTAL		760

Q21 Please tell us about anything we did not cover in this survey or any additional comments you have. (Open-ended)

Answered: 215 Skipped: 679

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	None	2/4/2025 1:57 PM
2	Some roads need a painted yellow line, like SE Main.	1/31/2025 10:23 PM
3	Town would have all residents grocery shopping in our own tow not other towns	1/30/2025 5:31 PM
4	reduce the number of votes required to ask for a secret vote at town meeting.	1/29/2025 4:38 PM
5	Raises for teachers not administrators, especially the superintendent.	1/29/2025 12:46 AM
6	I'm all for progress if its better but so far everything is worse and gets worse every year. i have lived in Douglas my whole life and i don't plan on ever moving because i love the history of Douglas and what it meant to live here and be a part of this beautiful town, but i hate what it has become and am concerned about the future of Douglas.	1/28/2025 11:57 PM
7	Rent is really high	1/28/2025 2:39 PM
8	Thank you for opportunity to take this survey.	1/27/2025 7:43 PM
9	This town has a change its ways with people who build in town and hold public office in the nepotism in this town	1/27/2025 2:46 PM
10	I think you did a great job	1/27/2025 2:21 PM
11	Need for more townhouses like Uxbridge and Northbridge	1/26/2025 4:27 PM
12	Clean-up initiatives around town, volunteer opportunities or events. A dog park!! Maintaining clean air, soil, water and wildlife. I love Douglas because of it's green rural nature, I wouldn't want to lose that to industrial commerce or warehouses... Thank you for advertising this survey well!	1/26/2025 2:11 AM
13	I am curious about the open land adjacent to the transfer station (I have not gone back to the town maps to examine ownership/status of this area). It is kept routinely mowed; as an open field, could it (or other town-owned open space) be seeded with milkweed, and mowing reduced to a late-fall activity to thereby use this space as a habitat for monarch butterflies? Butterfly populations have plummeted in recent years; milkweed is a native plant, and reduction in mowing and allowing native flower growth will foster habitats for other species (like fireflies), support biodiversity and environmental resilience, and save money that would be spent on mowing the field multiple times per summer.	1/25/2025 12:16 AM
14	I know that you mentioned cable in the survey. I would like to see more choices than just Charter and Direct TV	1/24/2025 11:56 AM
15	Just most of the residents aren't respectful and don't take pride in their properties.	1/23/2025 9:08 AM
16	I like the option the town has for industrial warehouse space on the out edges of the town at the highways. You can't see them, they don't interior the town, they have easy access for the owner and if utilized properly, they would generate much needed tax relief. We don't need cvs or super markets. Everything we need is 6 miles away from the house. We need more small business. Restaurants and cafes. Laces that bring the community together and do not increase traffic but, create atmosphere. We moved here to get away from all the useless, noise generating, traffic creating ideas being talked about in this survey. Above all, anything low income and affordable housing. It destroys property values, creates needless crime, and there has never been anything good that has come from a transient population. People just starting out, live in apartments in city's. They save and buy a starter home just outside the city. They get established and make some money, and then move here. I moved here to be away from all the nonsense being proposed.	1/23/2025 8:18 AM

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17	Douglas is a beautiful small town, I like the small town feel. Prefer to keep it that way	1/22/2025 6:03 PM
18	Gun rights	1/21/2025 12:49 PM
19	Schools, sidewalks, recreational activities for children and adults, more shopping and restaurant choices	1/20/2025 12:40 PM
20	Dangerous trees lining the roads.	1/19/2025 4:28 PM
21	I'm not handicapped, but I'm surprised at how little the town has to offer in terms of accessibility. The center of town has high sidewalks and lots of buildings with extra steps. The library should definitely be accessible and the local food establishments should be as well. I thought the ADA required something for that, but maybe I am incorrect.	1/19/2025 8:49 AM
22	Looking to preserve douglas we have. WS	1/18/2025 7:57 PM
23	The Master Plan needs to be aspirational not merely maintenance. Many communities are undergoing similar pressures and we need to embrace our roots AND our future. We need a reason for our citizens to WANT to go to the center of town.	1/18/2025 2:01 PM
24	Douglas is a great town with wonderful people.	1/17/2025 5:33 PM
25	Build a parking lot on the small side of the reservoir WITH BEACH FOR TOWNS PEOPLE ONLY	1/16/2025 8:33 PM
26	1. Grocery store is much needed. Market Basket, a Mass owned and operated. 2. Swimming 3. Family activities (whole families 0-100 3. The speeding on South street	1/15/2025 7:01 PM
27	You have the Master plan open house listed in November for 2024 but we are now in 2025	1/15/2025 6:45 PM
28	CPA was defeated by 60% and we need restrictions proposed on livestock and no right to farm nonsense	1/15/2025 2:42 PM
29	It's really sad to see all the new houses jam packed into Douglas. It's sad to see the forest destruction, and then listen to people baby cry because they see a coyote on their property. Really? Because where exactly do you want the coyotes to go when humans wont stop taking every little single inch of all the land?	1/15/2025 10:18 AM
30	Make every effort to coordinate with the federal government in eliminating any illegal immigrants in town	1/14/2025 8:48 AM
31	There have been lots of young families moving to town, make improvements for children such as kids indoor play place, improve Martin road playground, restaurants	1/12/2025 10:21 AM
32	N/a	1/12/2025 9:42 AM
33	We need to do something about the school system because it is not sustainable. All towns are having the same problem. Let's find the answer before it is too late	1/11/2025 8:56 PM
34	Increased traffic law enforcement. It seems since Covid there is virtually no enforcement of traffic laws	1/11/2025 6:02 PM
35	I would consider other community buildings such as a stage theatre for performances and keeping the feel of the community small but lively. You could always reference the Torrington Downtown Revitalization program from years ago which was very successful. Another town that comes to mind is Ogunquit. While Douglas may not have beaches, I think with the right planning it could create the same draw.	1/11/2025 5:30 PM
36	I strongly hope the town officials take this seriously as to what the people of this town want. They sit to represent the people, not their own vision. It is imperative to listen to the residents, the whole reason for this survey. Please do not sell out our small town!	1/10/2025 8:48 PM
37	We moved to Douglas 35 years ago and loved the country feel to it. Over the years, we have areas clearcut to put up a large house, and have seen the wildlife that we used to have in our yard diminish. I hope that you do not put up any more solar farms - they are ugly and are actually more of a detriment to our environment than a help. What happens to the panels after 20 years? They don't "break down" or decompose. They just sit there. Please keep the quaintness of Douglas intact. That's what makes Douglas special.	1/7/2025 11:05 AM
38	Douglas should concentrate on expanding services (police, fire, highway) and infrastructure (roads, bridges, water & sewer).	1/3/2025 9:46 PM

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39	More social events when we first moved here the town had a Memorial Day event with fireworks it was amazing bring that back	1/2/2025 6:37 PM
40	We don't need anymore weed shops or storage facilities. We should be focusing resources on enhancing the experience of the current residents so that the foundation is stronger for future growth and people want to stay. Currently, there isn't much driving us to stay once our kids are out of the school system. More needs to be done to make the town appealing for tax payers at all stages of their lives not cycling out parents and children.	1/1/2025 9:43 AM
41	You did not mention anything about the trail system and how we can improve traffic flow thru downtown. The lowered speed limit is not helping and is quite frankly annoying since I can run or e-bike faster than 20 mph. You forgot to mention how to build more community and improve the quality of life of residents living here. And how you swill invest in the aging population for services and resources available to them.	12/31/2024 1:01 PM
42	I can't stress enough the importance of funding the schools. They should be the priority. New families need good schools. Daycare options would be huge. is incapable modernizing the district. We are antiquated at best. We gave too many employees pushing paper. Both town and schools employees could be minimized by getting on board with technology. We hire way too many people for the jobs we have and the jobs that are unnecessary. This old school way of life no longer works either this many residents. Modernize and get into this century. The nepotism I have seen in the years I have lived here is incredible. It really needs to end. We need qualified people. Not everybody's brother, sister, sons and daughters.	12/30/2024 3:06 PM
43	Traffic flow and safety on Main Street. Many commercial vehicles use Rt 16 as an east-west toll-free route option to the Massachusetts Turnpike.	12/30/2024 12:05 PM
44	Please remember the town's primary duty is to the people living here right now and their current struggles. I feel town hall is always too focused on drawing new people in, protecting future property values, blocking outside access to things in town (like access to the state park, total nonsense) etc. I get that you want to ensure the town's future, but we are struggling right now, that needs to be the priority.	12/29/2024 11:45 AM
45	We'd love to see the trunkline trail paved for road bike use. We'd love to see some places where we could setup to work remotely, like coffee shops/cafes/bakeries, etc. Thank you for taking the time to seek our input!	12/28/2024 2:05 PM
46	Good survey.	12/28/2024 7:59 AM
47	Sidewalks everywhere and road maintenance should be a priority	12/10/2024 1:43 PM
48	Please retain our small town charm and repair our infrastructure and history.	12/8/2024 9:31 PM
49	One thing that always surprised me when I moved here 26 years ago was that there were town swimming lessons available for kids. A missed opportunity in my opinion. Also, not many recreational activities for kids outside of soccer, basketball and baseball/softball.	12/3/2024 3:53 PM
50	You absolutely can accomplish preserving forest land and slowing the growth rate and I am 1000000% for that. BUT raising my taxes even more??????? Absolutely not. I voted against this because you want to raise my already outrageously high taxes. Raising taxes is NOT the answer. Douglas really needs to learn how to make cuts.	11/23/2024 1:58 PM
51	It seems that the student population has gone down but cost continues to rise. Why is that. The school doesn't seem very good.	11/21/2024 10:27 PM
52	Public trash covered by taxes would be great- also having to redo the road they just did was terrible	11/21/2024 8:58 PM
53	Potholes everywhere!	11/21/2024 3:41 PM
54	Seems we are simply repaving the cow path, again. This survey talks about downtown. Where would you put them? We had dentists, physicians, drugstore etc.. downtown but they are no longer. Parking is very limited downtown and the ability to create more is a fantasy.	11/21/2024 7:40 AM
55	I'm extremely disappointed that Douglas did not vote to adopt the CPA, the town would have truly benefitted from it and, as a taxpayer, I would have gladly chipped in my part to protect our beautiful Town and natural resources. I hope that we can vote on it again someday.	11/20/2024 10:37 PM

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56	More transparency of town government. More push notification of town meetings, warrants. Explanations of articles and reasoning for acceptance or rejection...	11/20/2024 9:42 PM
57	Farm animal regulation in this town needs to be addressed.	11/20/2024 9:03 PM
58	Get rid of the goodness store, improve downtown, get better restaurants, 3 pizza places are not needed.	11/20/2024 8:59 PM
59	Stop encouraging large families to move to Douglas exploding the school system. We have but enough schools to accomodate causing the yaxes to ne raised. Their taxes don't cover the cost for their kids to attend.	11/20/2024 8:43 PM
60	Please put repairing Martin Rd at the top of the list. This is one of the main roads to so many other roads in the area and it is in great disrepair.	11/19/2024 1:16 PM
61	RE CPA question: Monies should first be spent on what is needed. (Police station, Hwy garage, Senior Center, Library)	11/19/2024 12:55 PM
62	Town needs a drone to get to and observe situations, the police are unable to investigate, more secure evidence, for surveillance of people that don't follow the laws. A Daycare Center for children, affordable for residents to go to work, knowing they have their children in the best, safe place- their own town.	11/19/2024 12:35 PM
63	Seems everything going on in town is on Facebook. We don't use Facebook, and can never find election results. When asking other people in town, nobody seems to know! Can you please post more information on the Douglas Town website, or make it know where we can find this information.	11/17/2024 11:43 AM
64	ROADS!!!!!!	11/17/2024 10:09 AM
65	Get a new company for the disposal of trash the current one we have now sucks	11/16/2024 1:13 PM
66	I was unable to be at the open house on the 14th but I am very interested in being part of the future planning of douglas!	11/16/2024 12:21 PM
67	Watch these builders better!! They are destroying wetlands and getting away with it. Protect our town. Ex developers from SW Main to Orange St and Perry St ext.	11/15/2024 7:11 PM
68	NA	11/13/2024 7:23 AM
69	Exciting times! Thanks for doing this.	11/12/2024 9:01 PM
70	Implement a real stormwater by law.	11/12/2024 3:53 PM
71	Over-development taxes the water table. It also adds to noise and pollution. Large storage facilities/warehouses and other big commercial properties reduce Douglas' appeal. I do not want Douglas to become like so many of the towns inside the I-495 loop.	11/11/2024 11:12 AM
72	No additional comments.	11/10/2024 5:45 PM
73	We love it here. Just a note on the surcharge bill: We moved from a nearby town that recently had the "open space" measure on the ballot, and it passed. Within 1 year, 90% of the funds went to affordable housing, very little to open space, conservation, historic, etc. Still, we love this town, and look forward to staying for many years. Great neighbors!	11/10/2024 2:21 PM
74	Lowering taxes is a state issue. More local aid from state to lower oroperty taxes. Also, reduction for 65 or older	11/9/2024 8:15 AM
75	Thank you for doing this. The very best thing about Douglas is all the town and state land and trails. It's really special.	11/8/2024 6:17 PM
76	Thanks for your work on this!	11/7/2024 6:31 PM
77	Obviously all improvements require funding. But it would be wonderful if we invested in more community spaces that take advantage of the beautiful rivers, lakes, etc in the town The road past Wallum lake road towards high street is absolutely terrible for the first mile or so. Needs done desperately. Floods and freezes potholes too narrow etc	11/7/2024 6:18 PM
78	This town needs to become more attractive to businesses and residents. Attract more businesses to bring more people here and increase the commercial tax revenue. Equally as	11/7/2024 5:08 PM

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important is to lower the insanely high property tax. Douglas ranks last when compared to all surrounding communities and that needs to change. Adapt or fail.

79	Taxes are out of control.	11/7/2024 2:32 PM
80	Mention tennis	11/7/2024 1:26 PM
81	We want Douglas residents to be healthy & enjoy living here, have pride in our town, & lots of friends in town	11/7/2024 1:02 PM
82	historical buildings inventory of senior housing nursing homes/assisted living	11/7/2024 12:41 PM
83	I live on Oak Street. The solar installation has made more pot holes on the road. The drainage has always been awful and now more run-off from the solar field. The drainage needs to be address and road completely resurfaced. Also, there are two sets of "telephone" poles - old and new ones. The cable wires needs to move on the new poles! It looks awful now - not what a historic road should look like.	10/30/2024 8:39 PM
84	We need to improve tax breaks for seniors so they can stay in their homes	10/28/2024 7:00 PM
85	Pending truck traffic needs to be re-routed or denied. The congestion and air pollution would be a major detriment to anyone living or thinking of living in town. More need to celebrate the great natural resources we have and generate revenue from businesses associated with that.	10/28/2024 6:57 PM
86	After 2 years on 'Old Grammar School Disposition Committee' we disbanded because all options didn't work. Expensive to rehab, potential sex-offenders near schools, library has to remain a library, and no businesses stepped forward to renovate for offices after extensive search. Beautiful building though...	10/28/2024 4:15 PM
87	- town leadership -town hall hours are not good -town hall employee helpfulness to complete anything in a timely manner -very difficult to get projects completed or permits signed off on through town -too many family members from one family in town positions -multiple town positions to few people -overpaid town manager	10/28/2024 3:47 PM
88	There are beautiful trails in Douglas. I would hate to see nature altered and polluted by adding tar. Please keep that in mind as you think about future development. Some trails should be kept the way they are...just maintained to remove fallen tree limbs that cut access but not much more than that.	10/28/2024 10:51 AM
89	No door to door soliciting	10/27/2024 9:38 PM
90	We moved here for small town living and it is being destroyed	10/26/2024 2:04 PM
91	Accessible community spaces are so important! These are spaces where you meet people of different ages, cultures, backgrounds and economic class with whom you may find common ground. These relationships will strengthen the town as people bound and take pride in their town and their care for their neighbors.	10/22/2024 3:07 PM
92	Schools, library, road paving and no increase in low income housing is what everyone talks about around town. This is a small, family based community and we want to keep it that way.	10/22/2024 1:57 PM
93	We love living here. It doesn't seem beneficial to the residents to drive to other towns for shopping, playgrounds, groceries etc. Being left with a single option for cable/internet allows for price gouging and poor customer service. It's a bit of an insult to the residents that nothing has been done to draw more investment which would increase the economy and tax revenue for the town. The community is at a crucial point with a majority of its population reaching retirement age, or close to it. The young professionals who work in both Providence and Boston can be attracted here if the right decisions are made in the very near future. This would have an overall net positive impact for those who live here as it would increase property values, decrease taxes, and improve the standard of living.	10/21/2024 9:55 PM
94	More info from the town mailed to my house. Example, Voting info town meeting	10/21/2024 8:41 PM
95	Lower taxes	10/21/2024 5:11 PM
96	Do not raise taxes or add surcharges	10/21/2024 3:44 PM
97	Fix the roads	10/21/2024 12:44 PM
98	I love this town. I lived here as a child and returned here to raise my children. I hope that they are as blessed to call Douglas home as I have been.	10/18/2024 8:41 PM

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99	Public awareness and involvement are so important to the development and preservation of the community. Thank you for distributing these Master Plan Survey postcards at your Oktoberfest booth and for sending reminders in the mail. Appreciate all your efforts!! This is such a great opportunity to have our voices heard and help shape the future of the Town. If any additional volunteer support is needed, please feel free to reach out to me Thank you again!	10/18/2024 5:44 PM
100	Taxes derived from businesses are key to financial stability of a town, homeowner taxes alone should not be expected to shoulder the financial burden alone. The downtown businesses and any prospective future businesses would benefit from an unencumbered flow of people into town. I feel like the current roads and lack of sidewalks hinder that flow of customers and the attraction of the downtown area as a whole. The downtown area should be shining representation of Douglas culture. However, as currently constituted and maintained, it appears run down and in neglect. People currently go into downtown because they have to and the services are the closest in their category. They do not go downtown because they want and prefer to. That needs to change if Douglas is going to become a desirable location for prospective businesses and promote culturally progressive growth.	10/18/2024 3:24 PM
101	I will have a daughter starting school soon. We already visited the primary school and they had a Douglas police officer present- that made me feel safe. Made me feel good to send my daughter there	10/17/2024 9:26 PM
102	There seems to be a lot of corruption and payoffs between big business and town government allowing big business to get away with everything, while regular citizens are held to a higher standard and forced to go above and beyond with permits, zoning and conservation. This is not the quiet small town it used to be	10/17/2024 6:40 PM
103	I think , Mr. Wojcik and his team are doing a great job running the town. It's exciting to see what plans will come out of this master planning effort. Please consider a YMCA. Thank you.	10/17/2024 3:28 PM
104	like to see school gyms open to public use i.e. volleyball, basketball league	10/17/2024 2:16 AM
105	The school district should also be considered as part of any long range plan for the town as the current outlook from many in town is that the school does not have a good report card and student opportunities & outcomes are not nearly as good as in other local communities. Sadly, as a result many students leave or wish to leave to go to BVT due to the district not serving our students well.	10/16/2024 11:00 PM
106	More community events would be spectacular!	10/16/2024 9:31 PM
107	The roads are atrocious. The highway department works hard. It irks me to see up to 3 people on pothole duty. And it's dangerous.	10/16/2024 5:48 PM
108	I really think the wifi would benefit residents. We have only one option currently and get priced gouged. If not a town run option then bring in an additional vender like xfinity.	10/16/2024 5:46 PM
109	Would also love to be able to access more resources and information on the town website, and maybe hear about the town meetings in a more consistent way (mailers, banners in town) so that I can plan to actively participate in keeping Douglas amazing. Thanks for all that you do!!	10/16/2024 1:11 PM
110	There is no need to build more buildings, renovating what we have is fine. Create more outdoor space for kids and people, create more space for farm life and encourage small businesses	10/15/2024 10:23 PM
111	Lower taxes to retain retirees that want to stay in the town. Continue tree removal along our roads for public safety	10/15/2024 7:10 PM
112	I think with the state park and deep history, douglas has a lot to offer and could be really cute.	10/15/2024 11:17 AM
113	Taxing home owners to find affordable housing is a terrible idea. Many residents are already on a tight budget.	10/15/2024 10:43 AM
114	When paving the roads do it the right way.	10/14/2024 3:14 PM
115	Roads suck, and no new taxes.	10/14/2024 11:04 AM
116	No more taxes on private property! We pay enough!	10/14/2024 7:11 AM
117	Bring in Verizon FIOS, only having Spectrum as a choice is horrible. There is no incentive for them to perform better with no competition.	10/14/2024 6:16 AM

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118	I don't know how one would go about it but I'd like to see Wallum Lake only be open to town residents.	10/14/2024 1:31 AM
119	Lower property taxes for senior citizens!	10/13/2024 7:39 PM
120	Hi taxes	10/13/2024 7:15 PM
121	There is conservation land next to my house with a lovely trail along the Mumford River - but I never see anyone walking on the trail, other than me and my dog. Need to increase awareness of public trails.	10/13/2024 11:07 AM
122	Property taxes have climbed seems each year on bogus increased property values. This is ridiculous and needs to stop. Seems the town administrator is always crying wolf for more money. The school budget is a major drain on everyone and needs to be curbed. Every year their budget goes up but have fewer kids. That money should go to getting our roads repaired. Douglas needs to stay small and not turn into a big town with rude people coming from new york/new jersey and boston area. They bring their liberal political views and start demanding changes that fits their agendas and not the rest of the town.	10/13/2024 8:38 AM
123	Douglas has been in a housing boom but just not focused on getting people to actually spend time in the town. There isn't places to really spend money, no central community space. We are also extremely lacking in diversity in this town which should be another focus of this town if it actually wants to grow.	10/13/2024 5:48 AM
124	When I moved here 30 years ago, I picked douglas because they had a plan to keep the town a " bedroom town". They wanted to mimic Sturbridge with tourist, bed & breakfasts, antique shops. Now it seems it is just jamming duplex's in anywhere. The town is losing it's identity	10/12/2024 3:22 PM
125	More road signs edges of the road mowed back, safety More speed limit signs, school bus stop signs.	10/12/2024 2:13 PM
126	I think the survey is a very good idea.	10/12/2024 1:56 PM
127	Approve residential irrigation!!!!!!	10/12/2024 1:33 PM
128	Help out the town food pantry for those that need it. Allow children to access food and clothing that they need.	10/12/2024 11:33 AM
129	Keep Douglas a town that people choose to come to, do not become a town where people come because they don't have another choice. Invest in our young generations and take care of the older generations by taking care of families	10/12/2024 10:13 AM
130	Not addressed was the very high property tax rate in a town that provides almost zero to residents. This needs to change and increasing the commercial tax base could be part of the solution while adding amenities to the town for residents	10/12/2024 10:06 AM
131	We love Octoberfest!	10/12/2024 9:41 AM
132	The roads here in Douglas are terrible, I have dead trees that are only a few feet next to North street that are dangerous to passing cars and too dangerous for me to cut down. I called the Douglas DOT and they said they couldn't afford to do it.	10/12/2024 8:50 AM
133	Would love to see more "small town" stuff brought back. Fireworks, parades, etc. The downtown area desperately needs beautification. We need more committees like the Town Common Preservation Society to get things done, run events and draw some people (and income) into Douglas.	10/12/2024 7:29 AM
134	for the amount of taxes we pay it would be nice to have more small business here. It's a beautiful town but the downtown area is bleak.	10/12/2024 7:25 AM
135	Property tax rate compared to surrounding towns is quite high	10/12/2024 7:10 AM
136	I feel the town administrator is grossly overpaid. His last raise was not in keeping with a town the size of Douglas. Way too much fat at the top!	10/11/2024 11:26 PM
137	Please fix roads instead of makeshift patching jobs that don't last more than a few months. Waste of money and time for the town.	10/11/2024 10:14 PM
138	I believe I've covered everything I've had to say so far. Best decision I made for my family was moving here. It's a lovely town.	10/11/2024 9:44 PM

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139	<p>We have only lived this town for 3 years. We chose to come out here from Cambridge to get out of the city and live a quieter life. Many of my comments here may seem in opposition to that goal, but I believe that both my personal goals, and my vision for the town, are actually symbiotic. I grew up in Weymouth and had my first apartment in Dedham. I lived in both places about 10 years before sweeping revitalization efforts. Dedham is a case study in how to do this properly in my opinion. The largest source of tax revenue for the town is an outdoor mall and cinema that replaced a nearly disused cinema and vacant gravel lot, whose only purpose was to be an incredibly obvious area to buy drugs at night. The town is better for the changes, and the success has rippled through the community all the way down to small businesses. If we want people to make Douglas their home, and have the town prosper economically, which allows for funds to better conserve our heritage, then residents need to be able to eat, shop, and do all of their daily errands here in town. Do we want to fund senior housing, veteran affairs services, and low-income housing? Sure. We absolutely should. Where is that money coming from though? Increasing property taxes without growing the local economy, of which much is staffed or owned by Douglas residents, is how you force people out of a town. Funding social initiatives, green initiatives, and conservation initiatives costs money. We, as a town, should endeavor to have the income earned by Douglas residents spent at Douglas businesses. An honest assessment of the current state of local economic activity should tell you that this is not happening. Let's break our dependence on Uxbridge, Webster, and Sutton for our goods and services. It's time for a sweeping effort to re-zone land for commercial use.</p>	10/11/2024 12:44 PM
140	<p>We have two children who will soon be entering the public school system. We would love to see more child care programs and improvements to the primary school (like what was done to the other grade schools). We have concerns about them walking to and from school due to the lack of sidewalks in town and would love to see this improved.</p>	10/11/2024 10:44 AM
141	<p>There seems to be a misappropriation with the finances in this town. It is time to stop with the random storage facilities and start bringing in businesses that people of Douglas and surrounding towns can enjoy. When the tiny village of Whitinsville has more options than Douglas, that should be seen as a problem. We need to grow this town so it can be enjoyed by its people. History is a wonderful and important thing, but we live in the present and have to plan for the future and stop focusing so much on the past. I have personally voted for previous tax increases because I want to see this town grow. I won't vote for another one because I have seen my taxes increase and not seen improvement in the town with the exception of the town common but that is run by volunteers not our tax dollars. I'm tired of seeing raises for law makers (and not teachers) and new police cars (like Douglas needs an unmarked car) but no growth. We live in a town being run by people who are more interested in having a title than actually improving the town they claim to love. It's sad and I believe that it can be better.</p>	10/10/2024 8:57 PM
142	<p>Douglas is a nice town it just needs a revamp. Similar to milbury.</p>	10/10/2024 7:59 PM
143	<p>Chap 269 12E gun ranges exempt from 500 ft and chap 214 7B ranges grandfathered if town changes sound ordinance so remind residents gun ranges are here to stay so don't complain about them they were established before you moved here</p>	10/10/2024 7:47 PM
144	<p>Keep Douglas a small rural town. Commercial buildings near state roads that already have truck traffic. 2 acre lots minimum keeps nice open neighborhoods. No more tight, over populated condos like both village on north st.</p>	10/10/2024 7:12 PM
145	<p>Bridge on North St needs to be improved for town access and better traffic</p>	10/10/2024 7:08 PM
146	<p>I think we need to fix the school system, when I had children in the system, it always cost the town a lot of money but we never got a good return on that investment. if we as a town do nothing we will be over run by housing, flooding the schools and taxing the infrastructure and then maybe I will decide to move out.</p>	10/10/2024 6:26 PM
147	<p>I find some of the questions in this survey concerning. I moved to Douglas recently with my wife and the appeal of the town was that it is very quiet and has a small town feel. Adding affordable housing, and a lot more parking will take away from that. Parking is needed obviously but I'm sure I'm not the only one who doesn't want all of Main St to be filled with parking lots and every open area of the town to turn into condos or apartments</p>	10/10/2024 3:56 PM
148	<p>you did not cover how you raise taxes for 1 department only to give it to another department. you did not cover you would guarantee that tax money goes where it was suppose to. you did not cover how over paid a few school personnel are and tax us for their larger raises.</p>	10/10/2024 10:50 AM

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149	Keep taxes low. They are far too high already. Need more small business not more houses or big business	10/10/2024 8:37 AM
150	Thank you for taking on this project, our town needs and deserves more like the surrounding towns	10/9/2024 7:38 PM
151	Your question about the use of CPA funds is unethical. CPA funds are allocated to all four purposes. You suggest that public opinion can limit the spending to a desired category only. I will vote against the proposal on the basis of your question.	10/9/2024 3:51 PM
152	More frequent roadside maintenance of trees and bushes would be nice. Visibility can be a problem.	10/9/2024 3:03 PM
153	More cable and WiFi company choices	10/9/2024 3:57 AM
154	Hold north brown llc accountable for their shady practices. They are not doing what they should be and meeting standards. They are also killing the home values by cutting many corners in landscaping	10/8/2024 11:49 PM
155	I've lived in douglas for 24 years. There's been a lot of talk on bringing in businesses and commercialization. It's been very slow progress!! No retail or shops, same restaurants the coffee shop and Gregories could use a make over.	10/8/2024 10:02 PM
156	The litter is terrible. Roads are not cared for. No variety with food and bev choices. It's a nice area but offers very little.	10/8/2024 8:36 PM
157	Transportation for seniors to out of town medical appointments such as Boston or Providence. Tri Valley services are limited when they have a grant. When they don't have a grant, there are no services.	10/8/2024 7:45 PM
158	I made a comment earlier. I'm sorry if everything is high priority and I understand it's not all going to happen and certainly not overnight. Thank you for all you do for our town.	10/8/2024 6:37 PM
159	Please preserve the small rural town character!!	10/8/2024 4:02 PM
160	I would love to see a dog park in town as well as other places where people can congregate with either low or no pressure for spending money	10/8/2024 1:01 PM
161	You covered everything. Remember, we love this town and do not want to be taxed out of our homes and become homeless	10/8/2024 10:19 AM
162	Down town traffic flow and revitalization should be a priority.	10/7/2024 8:33 PM
163	Increased opportunities for socializing for seniors & others.	10/7/2024 8:30 PM
164	Activities and sports for the kids of the town.	10/7/2024 7:39 PM
165	Increase renovations to down town businesses to update the rundown look of the older establishments. Facelift and and more diverse restaurants to increase choices for dining inside of Douglas	10/7/2024 5:39 PM
166	I thin Douglas could be lovely. It has good bones but there are a lot of things lacking in this town. Downtown needs an improved look. There is a lot of space along the river, a riverwalk would be a lovely addition with a rotating food truck or beer garden and concerts in the summer. The town has no recreation for kids in the summer. Surrounding towns like grafton and blackstone and Sutton have many other programs in the summer for kids to participate in. Also, the amount of tractor trailer traffic coming from 395 via 16 to 146 should be stopped. They can take route 20. The road is not designed for that use and it's loud and looks bad.	10/7/2024 12:47 PM
167	Town owned cemeteries are in rough shape. The history of our town deserves a much larger budget.	10/7/2024 12:24 AM
168	We need a noise by-law	10/6/2024 10:16 PM
169	We need sidewalks and playgrounds. We need programs for kids to do.	10/6/2024 9:09 PM
170	Beautifying the downtown area to be similar to Church Street in Whitinsville would be desirable	10/6/2024 7:38 PM
171	We have lived in Douglas for 30 years, are involved in town boards, yet feel like transplants. I get it, but hope that locals can be a little more welcoming in the future.	10/6/2024 6:57 PM
172	Heavy traffic through town is an issue which is a safety concern. Particularly downtown with	10/6/2024 2:15 PM

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narrow street and on-street parking. Traffic signals and restricted side-street access would help

173	Love the open land	10/6/2024 12:21 PM
174	Town organization, town should have a town manager/ administrator to help streamline these processes and make sure departments are operating correctly.	10/6/2024 11:14 AM
175	Douglas is an incredible town. It has so much charm and it's residents love it. While I understand the need for growing the tax base, we cannot continue to do it in the manner we are. Large commercial buildings with subsidies or tax cuts or destroying our land for inefficiency use with solar panels will drive the middle class homeowners out of the town. We need to be encouraging more young families who will bring tax revenue and spend their earnings in town. We need to embrace our community feel, not destroy it.	10/6/2024 8:22 AM
176	We moved to Douglas to get away from the hustle and bustle of other more populated towns. If Douglas were to become more commercial and crowded we would not consider remaining here.	10/5/2024 10:32 PM
177	The fact that we get nothing out of having the state forest, they don't pay taxes on it. The state run beach is not accessible to town folk.	10/5/2024 4:30 PM
178	Stop giving school administrators raises and stop creating new administrative positions.	10/5/2024 3:07 PM
179	Would love to participate with your group in developing this master plan	10/5/2024 8:45 AM
180	I think investing in the school system is how you will get young families to want to own single family residences here. I think if we had a great school system, Young families with children would pour in to live in a rural and single-family household community. It is worth it to me to pay more taxes to give to the school system.	10/5/2024 8:33 AM
181	Reduce spending, lower taxes, be a great small town, stop trying to grow and get business to come	10/5/2024 7:22 AM
182	A rather large concern of mine is the construction of huge homes going on in our community. When someone buys a home for a million dollars. They expect services well beyond what Douglas can provide. When they don't get those services, they will join committees and look to steer the community's direction, i.e. Selectboard, FinComm, School Comm, etc. This in turn will ultimately increase spending which will then increase taxes. Taxes that people in small homes, that do not make the salaries of the people in large homes cannot afford. I have witnessed this in other communities and I do not wish to see this happen in Douglas. All around the current modest homes are HUGE homes being built, costing close to \$1 million. Again, people are going to expect town services for the tax bill that they are paying. One would say rightfully so, what day will expect services that the current staff in the current structure does not provide for. They will expecting and demanding more funds be spent on Schools, Fire, Police, roads and ultimately look for Recreation Centers and other projects which will need Prop 2 1/2 overrides to fund, increasing the tax burden on those that came to this small little community years and years ago.	10/5/2024 6:35 AM
183	take a serious look back at the 1998 Master Plan and in particular the items that weren't accomplished. Why weren't they? The pie in the sky sections of this one i.e. grocery store, pharmacy, more food establishments.. are just that. The town isn't big enough to support them. We couldn't even support a book store (sciutos). Why? lack of foot traffic.. no amount of beautification (bs) is going to draw people to walk 1/4 of a mile area and i doubt anyone would want to take a stroll to the Douglas Package Store. There is very little room to expand anything downtown so focus on what's there and make it visible.	10/5/2024 2:05 AM
184	Would like to preserve the small town community	10/4/2024 10:24 PM
185	I visit someone on Gilboa St. and the traffic speeds up and down this road. There have been accidents and extremely load vehicles racing. There is children on this street also and I'm afraid one day they might get hit and killed or really hurt.	10/4/2024 7:21 PM
186	There should be a rec. department.	10/4/2024 3:06 PM
187	Douglas is small town and far enough from city and big town where people can live here and still afford to commute to work, don't allow douglas to turn into overcrowded loud town.	10/4/2024 12:42 PM
188	I moved here for peace and quiet. With all the construction I can now hear 146 from my house. For 16 months now construction noise 7 days a week and more to come.....learned a hard	10/4/2024 9:39 AM

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	lesson; if land is open, it is buildable.	
189	I don't really have anything additional. I just know that having graduated from Douglas High School myself, I know I won't be sending my kids there. They're going to school choice out. The school system just doesn't offer a lot to kids to add to their college applications besides sports.	10/4/2024 7:00 AM
190	In order to change Douglas into a more desirable community, the first thing that needs to be done is bring in more business. Without additional commercial growth, taxes will remain high. The schools and teachers need to be supported. If the school ratings decline, new families will not move here. Right now, good schools is the only thing attracting new families.	10/4/2024 6:49 AM
191	There needs to be an evaluation of the parking and traffic situation through center of town	10/3/2024 7:38 AM
192	Love this town	10/3/2024 6:18 AM
193	I like when the town has events like October fest. Brings everyone together and is very enjoyable. Let's do more of that.	10/2/2024 6:38 PM
194	A tax credit could be offered to homeowners whose homes qualify for historical renovation. Town buildings and facades should be preserved. Carriage rides or something fun could be offered during holiday times.	10/2/2024 6:28 PM
195	Don't raise taxes	10/2/2024 6:00 PM
196	I do not personally want CPA to pass. We have enough in taxes to pay! You're adding a surcharge to our property tax! You're taxing the retired right out of their homes. Stop builders from building ginormous houses and make larger requirements on acreage.	10/2/2024 5:47 PM
197	Form of local government	10/2/2024 4:30 PM
198	Connecting the High school to the middle school.	10/2/2024 1:58 PM
199	It would be nice to address the large amount of the town budget that goes to blackstone valley tech.	10/2/2024 12:40 PM
200	I grew up in Douglas and was in Douglas public schools. It's a small school system, but I still think it's a very good one and we need to keep it that way. After graduating college, I was living in South Florida and Rhode Island. Later, I moved home with my husband to raise our son and he recently graduated from Douglas High School. We also moved home to help take care of my aging parents. we love Douglas and we want to see it both preserved and evolve into an even better small town. We want to retire here.	10/2/2024 12:05 PM
201	Take care of our youth and families. They are the future of our town.	10/2/2024 11:22 AM
202	Support the Troops	10/2/2024 10:25 AM
203	We need commercial investment to help raise our tax base. People get upset that their taxes are raised but don't want anything to change. Change needs to happen to help support the schools, town hall, dpw, etc. We really need to come into the 21st century and maybe get a grocery store, a liquor store that isn't falling down, a senior center that isn't in the basement of a post office, and more than one restaurant apart from pizza joints. We are very far behind all of our neighbor communities.	10/2/2024 6:56 AM
204	Side walks and the center of town are not safe and super dark at night	10/2/2024 1:10 AM
205	Need to reduce the amount of traffic coming through the town. The amount of tractor trailer trucks that come through the town is getting out of hand. The speeding around town is an issue.	10/1/2024 11:41 PM
206	Lower Taxes	10/1/2024 10:17 PM
207	Hoping our town stays quiet and rural but with some useful amenities.	10/1/2024 8:41 PM
208	The town barn needs to be dismantled and reconstructed with a actual parking lot and a garage that will work for the new trucks	10/1/2024 8:25 PM
209	Residents are tired of volunteering and donating \$ to see simple things happen in town. When residents have to do everything to make this town enjoyable to live in, it stops being enjoyable. You burn out and move away. I hope this survey is shared with the officials in town. We	10/1/2024 7:33 PM

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continue to raise taxes, orgs have to constantly raise \$ to survive and what do we have to show for it? Not much. I am an avid volunteer in town and it is so disheartening.

210	Keep the trucks from driving through Douglas. It can't handle all that traffic on a 2 lane road. Mornings are bad enough due to school buses.	10/1/2024 7:09 PM
211	Thank you for asking for opinions. :)	10/1/2024 6:53 PM
212	Fix the roads	10/1/2024 5:55 PM
213	Please, no more large land clearing projects!! You will destroy the character of the town.	10/1/2024 4:06 PM
214	Village residential is going to get out of control. Just look at compass side by side housing. Pitiful!	10/1/2024 2:49 PM
215	Please consider using land to build up the town. Even things like a tennis court or pickle ball will invite more town use. But currently the town needs to step it up to the new age of people moving here.	10/1/2024 2:46 PM