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Docket Number Comprehensive Plan (CP 2045) Public Hearing

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Explanation I want to thank the Board of Supervisors and the Planning and Zoning Commission for the extensive effort to research and compile a Comprehensive Growth Plan for Cochise County. I would specifically like to commend Christine McLaughlin for her diligence and scholarship. However as a longtime resident and constituent of Cochise County I must express my concern about any deviation away from safe and renewable forms of energy to more toxic and environmentally dangerous form in the shape of nuclear energy, regardless of scale. Investment and development of solar generation has proven itself safe and eco nominally advantageous whereas nuclear has yet to solve the problem of radioactive waste disposal. Please I urge you not to pursue this dead end. Thank you for your time. Ronnie Maestas-Condos

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Re: CP2045 comments - AZSHPO

From McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

Date Fri 1/23/2026 3:05 PM

To Caroline Klebacha <cklebacha@azstateparks.gov>; Development Services <DevelopmentServices@cochise.az.gov>

Cc Susan Lawson <slawson@azstateparks.gov>; Arianna Urban <aurban@azstateparks.gov>

Hi Caroline,

Thank you for your thoughtful review of the Cochise County Comprehensive Plan. We appreciate your positive feedback regarding the Plan's inclusion of cultural resources and historic preservation, including Energy Goal 5 and its focus on protecting culturally significant areas.

In response to your recommendations, the County will consider: (1) incorporating the term "historic property" where appropriate to better distinguish NRHP/AZ Register-eligible resources from broader cultural resources; (2) exploring tools and policies that support the identification and consideration of historic properties during land development review; (3) adding language that reflects coordination with Tribes that may have cultural or ancestral ties to lands within Cochise County, even though no Tribal governments are located within the County; (4) strengthening Plan language encouraging identification, inventory, and awareness of historic resources and available incentives and programs; and (5) evaluating the potential benefits of pursuing Certified Local Government (CLG) status in the future.

We especially appreciate SHPO's willingness to support the County as implementation strategies are developed.

Sincerely,

Christine McLachlan, AICP

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From: Caroline Klebacha <cklebacha@azstateparks.gov>

Sent: Friday, January 23, 2026 2:51 PM

To: Development Services <DevelopmentServices@cochise.az.gov>

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Subject: CP2045 comments - AZSHPO

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Good afternoon,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Cochise Comprehensive Plan. We are aware that Cochise County has a substantial number of archaeological sites and historic properties. Please feel free to reach out to us to discuss their management and any of the topics discussed in the attached letter. Our office is happy to assist the County.

Sincerely,
Caroline

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From: **McLachlan, Christine** <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

Date: Tue, Nov 25, 2025 at 6:46 PM

Subject: 60-Day Agency Review – Cochise County Comprehensive Plan (CP2045)

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Cochise County is pleased to share the draft Comprehensive Plan (CP2045) for a 60-day agency review. This review period provides an opportunity for state, regional, and federal agencies, as well as other interested organizations, to provide feedback on the draft plan.

Project website: <https://cp2045.cochise.az.gov/>

Document link: [\(click here\)](#)

Submit Comments: Suggested edits or recommendations are welcome, please reference the chapter/section, and page when providing feedback.

- **Email:** developmentsservices@cochise.az.gov, subject line: "CP2045 comments"
- **Mail:** Cochise County Development Services Department Building F 1415 Melody Lane Bisbee, AZ 85603, Attn: Christine McLachlan
- Comments may also be submitted via the project website.

Deadline: January 25, 2026. Please, do not "reply to all."

Your input is greatly appreciated!

Christine McLachlan, AICP

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January 23, 2025

Christine McLachlan, Director
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RE: Cochise County; Cochise County Comprehensive Plan (CP2045); SHPO-2025-1502(184060)

Dear Ms. McLachlan:

Thank you for the invitation to review and comment on the development of the Cochise County Comprehensive Plan (the Plan), in accordance with Arizona Revised Statute § 9-461.06(D). The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)'s role in this review and any subsequent actions that may be completed under the Plan is considered non-mandated unless there is a state or federal nexus, including but not limited to land ownership, funding, and/or permitting.

Our office was extremely pleased to see that considerations of cultural resources and historic buildings were presented throughout the plan. The County clearly values its cultural roots and the benefits of mindful preservation. We were especially heartened by Energy Goal 5 which calls out "protecting what matters" and includes "culturally significant areas." We have prepared these comments with the goal of elevating the County's commitment and providing you with the useful preservation tools. Cochise County has a rich cultural heritage, and SHPO encourages promoting it through the identification, inventory, and assessment of precontact and historic resources and incorporating them into land use decisions.

We look forward to continuing consultation with the County on the development of the Plan and the County's future endeavors, and have provided some comments on the draft for your consideration.

1. SHPO recommends adopting the term "historic property" to differentiate cultural resources eligible for inclusion in the [Arizona and National Registers of Historic Places](#) (A/NRHP) (historic properties) from ineligible resources (cultural resources) and to prevent confusion when discussing culture and cultural events.
2. SHPO also recommends developing ordinances that would require historic property inventories for land development, including master planned communities, generation plants, solar fields, wind farms, and minor and major plan amendments. These inventories would assist the County in making informed decisions about the effects of development on historic properties and align with the County's Land Use and Energy goals.
3. We recommend adding commitments and procedures for conducting consultation with Native American Tribes that may be affiliated with the area to identify concerns with any natural and cultural resources that may be affected under this plan. We invite the County to use SHPO's Government-to-Government Consultation Toolkit (<https://sites.google.com/view/az-consultation-toolkit/home>) to identify these Tribes.
4. SHPO encourages the County to identify historic buildings, structures, objects, districts and sites throughout Cochise County that may be significant at the local, state, or federal levels. Historic designations, such as listing properties in the A/NRHP, which offers opportunities for residents and owners to receive state and/or federal financial incentives.
 - a. The [Federal Investment Tax Credit Program](#) authorizes a 20 percent investment tax credit coupled with accelerated depreciation for income-producing properties. The SHPO is

responsible for reviewing the eligibility of properties for the NRHP as well as rehabilitation plans to ensure their compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

- b. Additionally, Arizona maintains a [State Property Tax Reclassification Program](#) for owner-occupied homes listed in the A/NRHP and a property tax incentive program for income-producing properties. These programs are administered by the SHPO in conjunction with the county assessor's office.
 - c. NRHP-listed resources would be eligible to receive SHPO Heritage Preservation Grants funds for project such as brick and mortar rehabilitation, historic survey or studies, archaeological interpretation and stabilization, and education/preservation program development.
5. Lastly, we encourage the County to explore the option of becoming a Certified Local Government (CLG). This program, administered jointly by the National Park Service and SHPO, recognizes political subdivisions of Arizona, such as cities and counties, who have made a demonstrated community commitment to preserving their historic and cultural resources. The certification process involves developing and implementing a local historic preservation program, and, once certified, CLGs become eligible for planning and design assistance, along with federal funds to continue their historic preservation projects. If County leadership is interested in learning more about the benefits of CLG designation, please feel free to contact our office; we will be happy to have informal conversations with staff.

Thank you again for considering historic preservation in the County's Comprehensive Plan. We look forward to assisting you with your historic preservation goals and initiatives. Please don't hesitate to contact me at cklebacha@azstateparks.gov or by phone at 602.542.7140 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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State Historic Preservation Office

Fw: AZGFD comments on Cochise County Comprehensive Plan

From McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

Date Fri 1/30/2026 2:52 PM

To kmatthiesen@azgfd.gov <kmatthiesen@azgfd.gov>

Cc Laura Paulson <lpaulson@azgfd.gov>; David Daniels <ddaniels@azgfd.gov>; Callie Cavalcant <ccavalcant@azgfd.gov>; Ginger Ritter <gritter@azgfd.gov>; Project Evaluation Program - Game and Fish <pep@azgfd.gov>

 1 attachment (220 KB)

M25-11265209 AZGFD comm Draft Cochise County Comprehensive Plan (1).pdf;

Thank you for your review and comments on the Cochise County Comprehensive Plan (CP2045). We appreciate AZGFD's statutory responsibilities and expertise related to wildlife resources, habitat connectivity, and recreation.

We also appreciate AZGFD's support for the Plan's goals and policies addressing wildlife corridors, habitat protection, and consideration of water resources. We agree that minimizing riparian impacts is important. Because CP2045 is a policy-level document, we generally avoid including specific numeric setback standards. However, we will look for an opportunity to add language encouraging refinement of riparian protection measures through implementing zoning regulations, including during development review and Special Use Permit evaluation.

The County welcomes continued coordination with AZGFD to identify measures to avoid, minimize, or offset potential impacts to wildlife and habitat.

Thanks again!

Christine McLachlan, AICP

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Subject: AZGFD comments on Cochise County Comprehensive Plan

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Hello Ms. McLachlan,

Attached for your review are the Department's comments on the Cochise County Comprehensive Plan. Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide feedback on this document. Do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

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Katie Matthiesen

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January 16, 2026

Ms. Christine McLachlan
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Electronically submitted to: developmentservices@cochise.az.gov

RE: Cochise County Comprehensive Plan (CP2045)

Dear Ms. McLachlan:

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (Department) appreciates the opportunity to review and provide feedback on the Cochise County Comprehensive Plan. The Department understands that this plan is intended to provide a long-term policy framework that supports healthy growth, balances resource management, and supports community well-being. The Department also understands that there have been community engagement activities completed while creating this draft, to ensure community priorities and values are reflected in the plan.

Under Title 17 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, the Department, by and through the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, has jurisdictional authority and public trust responsibilities to conserve and protect the state fish and wildlife resources. In addition, the Department manages threatened and endangered species through authorities of Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act and the Department's Section 10(a)(1)(A) permit. It is the mission of the Department to conserve and protect Arizona's diverse fish and wildlife resources and manage for safe, compatible outdoor recreation opportunities for current and future generations. For your consideration, the Department provides the following comments based on the agency's statutory authorities, public trust responsibilities, and special expertise related to wildlife resources and recreation.

The Department appreciates the County's inclusion of policies and goals that emphasize considerations for wildlife and their habitats, including the policy that encourages landowners to establish wildlife corridors. Maintaining habitat connectivity is a priority for the Department, and wildlife movement corridors are important for wildlife to respond to changing environmental conditions. Similarly, the Department appreciates the policy that encourages protection of wildlife habitats and water resources during planning and permitting of development projects. The Department recognizes riparian habitats, including the San Pedro River, as areas of environmental importance to wildlife as they serve multiple functions in the ecosystem. The Department encourages projects to incorporate measures that minimize impacts to riparian areas,

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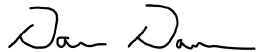
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such as maintaining a setback of 200 feet from ephemeral washes and ¼ mile from perennial waters.

The Department is available to assist Cochise County in identifying actions that can be taken to avoid, minimize, or offset any potential impacts to wildlife and habitat during the planning and implementation phases of future projects. The Department appreciates and looks forward to being included in the review of Special Use Permit applications, as early coordination can help support development goals while incorporating considerations for wildlife, consistent with the policies and goals outlined in the comprehensive plan.

The Department looks forward to continued coordination with Cochise County. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the Cochise County Comprehensive Plan (CP2045). For further coordination, please contact Katie Matthiesen at kmatthiesen@azgfd.gov or 520-388-4442.

Sincerely,



Dave Daniels
Regional Supervisor

Cc: Callie Cavalcant - Habitat, Evaluation and Lands Branch Chief

AZGFD #M25-11265209

Fw: Fw: Comprehensive Plan Update Shapefiles

From McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

Date Tue 12/16/2025 4:39 PM

To rbuss@azland.gov <rbuss@azland.gov>

 2 attachments (4 MB)

CochiseCountyLandUse.gdb.zip; CochiseCountyLandUseSHP.zip;

Hi Rhonda, see attached. The only missing layer is trails/open space/parks. It's on our list of shapefiles to create, for now we rely on a mix of layers, mostly externally hosted. I hope this helps your review. Let me know if you need anything else.

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Cc: Couchenour, Terry E <TCouchenour@cochise.az.gov>

Subject: RE: Fw: Comprehensive Plan Update Shapefiles

Hi Christine, Terry helped me find the appropriate layers and I was able to package them up.

Attached is a Geodatabase (often Preferred) and a folder with the 5 shapefiles all in WGS 1984 Projection

-Maintained Roads

-Land Use

-Growth Areas

-Area Plans

-Planning Area Designations

As of now we don't have a parks/trails layer

This is something I wanted to put a GIS analyst position on, but we haven't had the time. If State has an existing layer of trails for Cochise I would like to incorporate it into our data.

Best,

William Simone
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From: Rhonda Buss <rbuss@azland.gov>
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To: McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>
Subject: Re: Fw: Comprehensive Plan Update Shapefiles

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Hi Christine,

Season's Greetings! Thank you for getting back to me.

Unfortunately, I am not able to distinguish the exact colors representing the specific land use designation of when the growth area and public land ownership layers are turned on. If we could get the following existing and proposed shapefiles, we can change the properties in our database. That will help with us to provide comments.

Existing /Proposed:

- Planning Areas
- Growth Areas
- Land Use Designations
- Roadway Classifications
- Trails/OS/Parks
- Area Plans

Appreciate your help!

Thank you,



Rhonda Buss, AICP

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On Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 11:25 AM McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov> wrote:

Hi Rhonda, Thank you for your response and for reviewing the Comprehensive Plan Update.

Are there specific shapefiles you are requesting (e.g., Future Land Use, Growth Areas, County Boundaries)? The majority of the mapped information is available through the County GIS portal here: [\(link\)](#)

Any externally hosted datasets -not included in our GIS maps -are provided as direct links within the Comprehensive Plan document.

If you prefer, we can also package and provide specific shapefiles directly—just let us know which shapefiles would be most helpful for your review.

Take care,

Christine McLachlan, AICP

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From: Rhonda Buss <rbuss@azland.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2025 8:15 AM
To: Development Services <DevelopmentServices@cochise.az.gov>
Subject: Comprehensive Plan Update Shapefiles

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Dear Cochise County,

Thank you for the public notice regarding the Comprehensive Plan Update. Please forward associated Comp. Plan shapefiles so that we will be able to overlay the layers into our database. This will help inform our comments.

Thank you,



Rhonda Buss, AICP

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From Lee, Deborah S <DLee@cochise.az.gov>
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Date Thu 1/15/2026 10:37 AM
To McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

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PCS-CC BOS-011526.pdf; pcs-comments-FINAL-redacted-110824.pdf; indiv petition sigs-111124.pdf;

This was in the Development Services Inbox. Thank you.

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Subject: CP 2045 comments

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Enclosed please find the comments of our coalition on the Comprehensive Plan draft.

Thank you for your consideration.

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For more information, visit peacefulchiricahuaskies.com or contact us at peacefulchiricahuaskies@gmail.com or 520-369-3503.

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Peaceful Chiricahua Skies is a local coalition of organizations, businesses, and individuals in the Chiricahua-Peloncillo area and other parts of the "Tombstone MOA" proposal that are opposing expanded military training flights in this area.

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From McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

Date Fri 1/30/2026 9:28 AM

To Smith, Alexandra Z CIV USARMY ID-TRAINING (USA) <alexandra.z.smith.civ@army.mil>

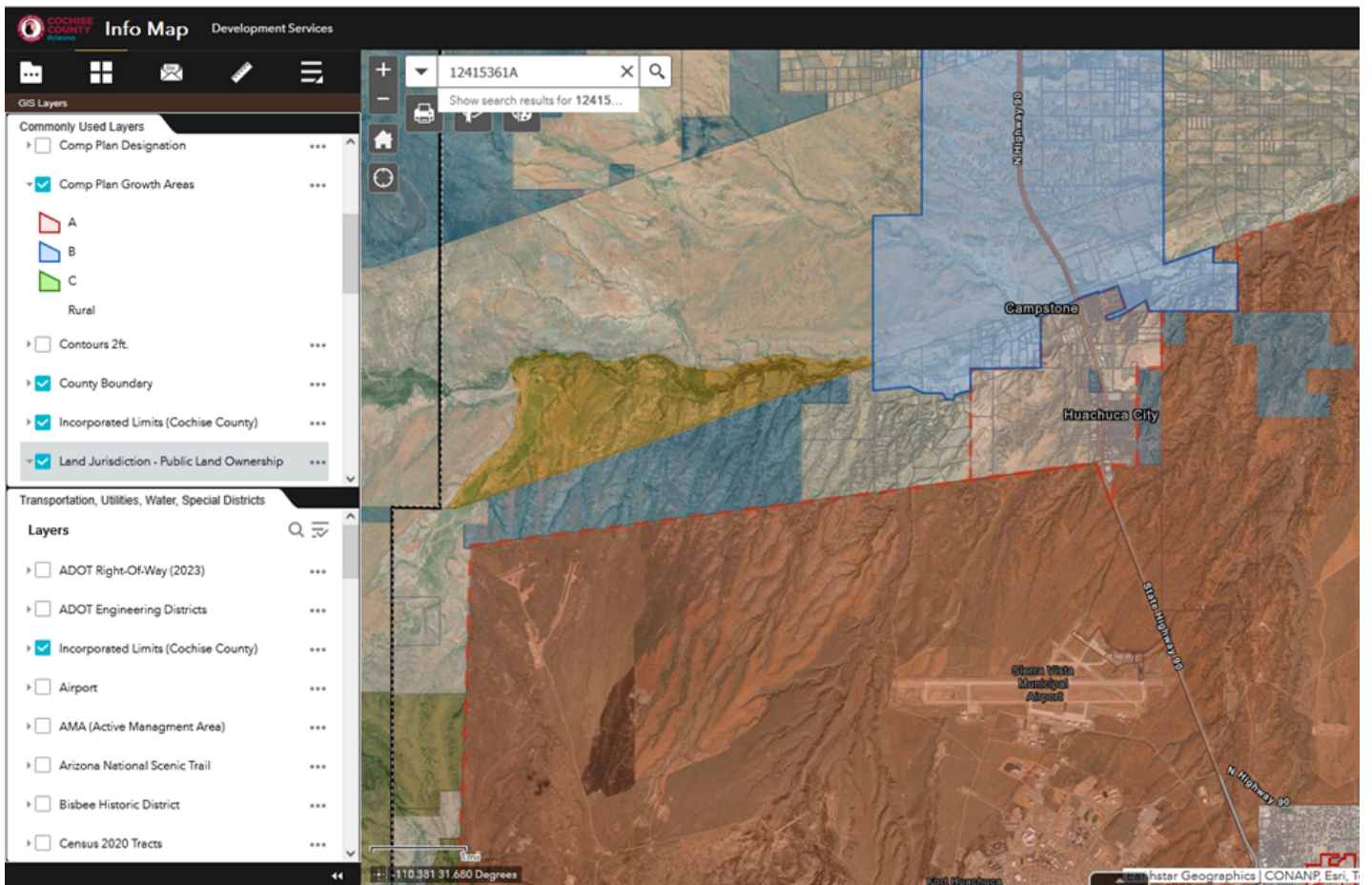
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Thank you for the detailed review of the Cochise County Draft Comprehensive Plan and for taking the time to provide both clerical and substantive comments. We appreciate the Fort's engagement and consistent coordination with the county.

Regarding the clerical comments noted on pages 38, 43–44, 100, 131, and 133 (land jurisdiction labeling, terminology updates, map keys, acreage update for the electronic range, and clarification in Figure 17), we have reviewed these and will incorporate the corrections or clarifications in the final draft, as applicable.

Regarding the substantive comment on Page 28, Map 2 (Growth Area Categories) concerning conserved lands contiguous to Fox Range: Map 2 was prepared using available County GIS datasets. To ensure our map accurately reflects the conservation intent and military compatibility, we request the Fort's assistance in identifying the location of the conserved lands you mention. Can you send us the parcel number/GIS shapefile/or KMZ of the area you mention?

In respect to your request for a more detailed map - here is a link to our development services info map, it includes our comp plan growth area layer: <https://arcg.is/0D05ai0>, as well as land jurisdiction – which includes “military.” Just make sure the “comp plan growth areas layer” and “Land jurisdiction layer” are selected. The four-square icon at the top left can turn on an underlying aerial. Here's how it should appear:



Thank you again for your thorough review and continued coordination. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Take care,

Christine McLachlan, AICP

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Ma'am-

Please find input for the subject request. POC is Mrs. Riggs:

"Here are my comments on the Cochise County Draft Comprehensive Plan. They are mostly clerical, except for the first one (highlighted). For that once, I would recommend requesting the County send us better detailed maps to either confirm conserved lands are not slated for growth (the scale of the map included is too big to get a good look) OR, assuming it IS the conserved lands they have outlined, they need to remove it from being scheduled for growth".

- Section 2: Land Use & Growth Element
 - Page 28: Map 2: Growth Area Categories
 - Issue: shows conserved lands contiguous to Fort Huachuca's Fox Range as "Growth Area B". Department of War dollars went into conserving some of that property for the explicit purpose of preventing development along our border. Developmental growth should not be planned on properties conserved with partner funding.
- Section 2: Land Use & Growth Element
 - Page 38: Lands Outside of County Jurisdiction
 - Issue: Fort Huachuca is color-coded as "Unincorporated", instead of "Military"
- Section 2: Land Use & Growth Element
 - Page 43: Title of second paragraph should be: "Buffalo Soldier Electronic Testing and Training Range"
 - Page 44: Map 8: Military Land and Overlays
 - Issue: In the Key, the testing range should be "Buffalo Soldier Electronic Testing and Training Range"
- Section 2: Land Use & Growth Element
 - Page 43:
 - Third paragraph, last sentence. "Department of Defense(DoD)" should be "Department of War (DoW)".
 - Sixth paragraph, under "High Noise and Accident Potential Zone," mid-paragraph, "DoD" should be "DoW".
- Section 5: Energy Element
 - Page 100: Map 28: Energy & Transmission Lines
 - Issue: Energy production site pins on map do not match pin color in key (Orange on map and red in key).
- Section 8: Economic Development Element
 - Page 131: Fort Huachuca
 - Issue: Electronic range is now 3,157 square miles (expansion now includes with Willcox Playa)
- Section 8: Economic Development Element
 - Page 133: Figure 17: Employment by Sector
 - Issue: Key notes FH jobs but does not note that they are not displayed in the graph.

Thank you.

Respectfully,



Alexandra Smith
Plans Specialist, PAIO

USAG, Fort Huachuca, AZ

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Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 6:46 PM

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Subject: 60-Day Agency Review – Cochise County Comprehensive Plan (CP2045)

Cochise County is pleased to share the draft Comprehensive Plan (CP2045) for a 60-day agency review. This review period provides an opportunity for state, regional, and federal agencies, as well as other interested organizations, to provide feedback on the draft plan.

Project website: <https://cp2045.cochise.az.gov/>

Document link: [\(click here\)](#)

Submit Comments: Suggested edits or recommendations are welcome, please reference the chapter/section, and page when providing feedback.

- **Email:** developmentservices@cochise.az.gov, subject line: "CP2045 comments"
- **Mail:** Cochise County Development Services Department Building F 1415 Melody Lane Bisbee, AZ 85603, Attn: Christine McLachlan
- Comments may also be submitted via the project website.

Deadline: January 25, 2026. Please, do not "reply to all."

Your input is greatly appreciated!

Christine McLachlan, AICP

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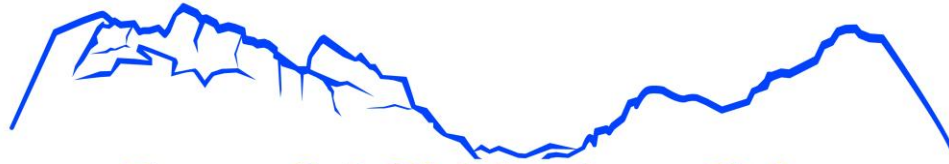
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Peaceful Chiricahua Skies

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January 15, 2026

Cochise County Government Offices
Attn.: Development Services and Board of Supervisors
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Bisbee, AZ 85603
(sent via email)

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to submit comments on the Cochise County Comprehensive Plan draft.

We were interested to see your Circulation Goals & Policies, which included:

- Policy 2: Coordinate with municipal, military, and educational airports to ensure safe, efficient, and integrated aviation services throughout Cochise County.
- Policy 3: Encourage airport improvements that support training, tourism, and business aviation while minimizing impacts on surrounding land uses.
- Policy 4: Work with federal, state, and agency partners, including the FAA, to secure funding for maintenance, upgrades, and expansions that meet county needs.

As such, we wondered if you have weighed in to oppose the recent U.S. Air Force proposal to dramatically increase military combat training in southern Arizona, which would result in flights at 100 feet above ground level, flights with sonic booms as low as 5,000 feet, release of chaff and flares, and other negative consequences for the state of Arizona.

We have written you about this several times, but have not received no response. (Other surrounding counties including Pima and Hidalgo and Catron in NM have responded to oppose this proposal and other militarization going on in our area.)

We believe that this proposal will result in serious safety risks for our county, including serious risk of wildfires, well as economic damage by harming the ecotourism industry here and decreasing property values.

For more details, see our comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Study that were signed on to by 22 organizations and businesses and 4,000 individuals at peacefulchiricahuaskies.com/comments and attached.

We urge you to oppose this Air Force proposal. In addition, this should be addressed in your Plan as it directly affects the policies listed above.

In addition, we are concerned about the Economic Development Goals & Policies, the first of which concerns increased military development in our county.

In our opinion, this is a short-sited goal which will not serve our county residents or businesses well. First and most importantly, the increased militarization of our county presents safety risks as detailed in our comments referenced above. Secondly, the opportunity cost of focusing on military development diverts funds from more sustainable and beneficial areas, such as health, education, housing, clean energy, and new entrepreneurial businesses. In addition, military development is an inefficient resource allocation, as military development has application in a specific government context and does not bring lasting value to economic growth of people to live here, in the way that health, education, or housing does. Further, positioning Cochise County as a primarily military center does not help the county's already damaged public perception. The negative effects of war and militarization are not a positive for our people. We need jobs but not ones that are transient, unsustainable, and focused on destruction.

We ask you to reconsider revising your Economic Development Goals & Policies to deemphasize military and mining and to instead focus on more productive industries, such as those suggested above.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this plan and will look forward to reviewing future drafts.

Sincerely,

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is on the left and the second is on the right.

Karen Fasimpaur and Kim Vacariu
Peaceful Chiricahua Skies

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Fw: CP 2045 comments

From McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

Date Fri 1/30/2026 3:25 PM

To peacefulchiricahuaskies@gmail.com <peacefulchiricahuaskies@gmail.com>

Cc Crosby, Tom <TCrosby@cochise.az.gov>; Gomez, Kathleen <KGomez@cochise.az.gov>; Antenori, Frank <FAntenori@cochise.az.gov>

 3 attachments (8 MB)

PCS-CC BOS-011526.pdf; pcs-comments-FINAL-redacted-110824.pdf; indiv petition sigs-111124.pdf;

Thank you for your comments on the Cochise County Comprehensive Plan (CP2045) and for sharing your concerns regarding aviation activity, military operations, and economic development priorities. To clarify, the Circulation policies in CP2045 address civilian aviation infrastructure, airport safety, and coordination with aviation partners. We understand that community members, local organizations, and some jurisdictions have participated in the federal NEPA public comment process regarding the Air Force proposal. The Comprehensive Plan does not authorize or regulate military flight operations, which are governed by federal agencies.

Regarding economic development, CP2045 supports a diverse and balanced economy. References to military-related activity reflect the County's existing defense presence but are not intended to diminish other priorities - including health care, education, housing, tourism, or local entrepreneurship. Economic diversification and community well-being remain key objectives of the Plan.

We appreciate your participation in the process. All comments received will be considered as the Plan continues through review and refinement.

Christine McLachlan, AICP

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Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2026 10:09 AM

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Cc: Crosby, Tom <TCrosby@cochise.az.gov>; Gomez, Kathleen <KGomez@cochise.az.gov>; Antenori, Frank

<FAntenori@cochise.az.gov>

Subject: CP 2045 comments

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Enclosed please find the comments of our coalition on the Comprehensive Plan draft.

Thank you for your consideration.

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For more information, visit peacefulchiricahuaskies.com or contact us at peacefulchiricahuaskies@gmail.com or 520-369-3503.

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Peaceful Chiricahua Skies is a local coalition of organizations, businesses, and individuals in the Chiricahua-Peloncillo area and other parts of the "Tombstone MOA" proposal that are opposing expanded military training flights in this area.

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Re: CP2045

From McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>
Date Wed 1/21/2026 3:29 PM
To renealdson@yahoo.com <realdson@yahoo.com>
Cc Gomez, Kathleen <KGomez@cochise.az.gov>

Thank you for taking the time to review CP2045 and for submitting your comments. Circulation goal 2, policy 4 is intended to address routine coordination with federal and state partners for the maintenance and safety of county-owned and regional airport facilities. It is not intended to prioritize one community over another, and it does not represent a County endorsement of federal military operations. Military training routes and operations are federal decisions, and the Comprehensive Plan focuses on policies the County can implement through land use and infrastructure planning. That said, we understand your concerns about the Air Force proposal to increase training activity in southern Arizona, and your comments will be included in the public record and considered as the draft plan is refined.

On water, the draft plan does address this issue directly through the Water Resources Element, which focuses on groundwater sustainability, drought resilience, conservation, water quality protection, and recharge. It also recognizes that groundwater is the County's primary source and includes policies to coordinate with ADWR and local water providers, support conservation and reuse, and plan for long-term supply and resilience.

Thank you again for your input.

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Subject: CP2045

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Attn: Development Services and Board of Supervisors
1415 Melody Lane, Building G
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Dear Friends,

I would like to comment on the Draft Cochise County Comprehensive Plan. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to do so.

I am concerned about several inconsistencies in it and one omission. I think you are putting the horse before the cart in Policy #4 saying that "you will work with federal, state, and agency partners, including the FAA, to secure funding for maintenance, upgrades and expansions that meet county needs." Are you out of touch or do you just not care because I don't live in Sierra Vista? You have not even commented on the Air Force proposal to increase military training in southern Arizona which as you must know would result in flights at 100 feet above ground level, flights with sonic booms as low as 5,000 feet, release of chaff and flares, etc. Your failing to issue a statement leads me to believe that your Goal #1 is to ignore the voices in Cochise County not based in Sierra Vista so you can cater to the military. I would like to think this isn't the case, but what other reason can you give for your absolute silence on this gut-wrenching issue? This needs addressing before you activate Policies #4 and #2. Not knowing where you stand on the issue, creates ambiguities in your policies.

Next, I am shocked and saddened by the omission of our dire water issue in southern Arizona. The drought is not going away and will, in fact, become worse. If I were an elected official--or even an appointed one--I would make this my #1 priority. We see individuals claiming to be families buy land and then turn around and sell it to a corporation that puts in an olive or pecan grove, all to obtain free water for their nuts to be sold overseas. The drought is severe in my area (Portal), and it is egregious that not one word do you mention about water in the Comprehensive Plan.

Please please reconsider and reformulate your goals. None of them may be possible without water.

Respectfully,
Rene Donaldson
PO Box 16535
2427 S Hayes Rd
Portal, AZ 85632

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Re: CP2045 comments

From McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

Date Wed 1/21/2026 11:18 AM

To Peter Waser <waserpm1245@gmail.com>; Taylor, Matthew <MTaylor@cochise.az.gov>

Hi Peter,

Thank you for your comments and for taking the time to review the Draft 2045 Comprehensive Plan. We appreciate your support for rooftop and distributed solar on public buildings, existing structures, and previously disturbed areas. We also appreciate your recommendation to avoid scenic/tourism viewsheds and approaches to Chiricahua. The draft plan includes policies to avoid high-value agricultural land and environmentally sensitive areas - we will consider adding a more explicit reference to scenic viewsheds as you noted. Thanks for that suggestion.

We also recognize your concerns about small modular nuclear technologies, including security, long-term waste disposal, and environmental impacts. Your comments will be included in the public record and considered as the plan is refined.

Thanks again,

Christine McLachlan, AICP

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From: Peter Waser <waserpm1245@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 3:11 PM

To: McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>; Taylor, Matthew <MTaylor@cochise.az.gov>;

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Subject: CP2045 comments

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I am writing concerning ideas related to energy development, discussed on pp. 97, 98, 99 and 102 of Cochise County's draft 2045 Comprehensive Plan. As a retired professional biologist I recognize that all forms of energy development have costs, but solar energy is the future if only because it, unlike fossil-fuel and nuclear energy, is virtually unlimited and our county is abundantly supplied with it.

I strongly support the idea of prioritizing installation of rooftop solar on public buildings, as well as the development of policies that encourage rooftop solar over personal and commercial space (warehouses, large buildings), and over already-disturbed land (parking lots, around existing industrial facilities). Large-scale development over high-value agricultural lands, environmentally sensitive areas, and the viewsheds of areas already contributing to tourism (like the approaches to Chiricahua N.M.) should be avoided.

Small-scale nuclear development sounds appealing on the surface but I urge the county to recognize the enormous problems of security and of nuclear waste disposal, issues that remain unresolved even after the 60+ years that nuclear power has been available. Costs of nuclear fuel mining, water contamination and nuclear waste cleanup are also enormous.

Sincerely,

Peter Waser

Professor (emeritus), Biological Sciences, Purdue University

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Re: CP2045 Comments

From McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

Date Tue 1/20/2026 10:34 AM

To Narca Moore <narca7@gmail.com>

Thank you for your comments and for your long connection to Cochise County. The draft Comprehensive Plan supports small-scale and distributed energy, including rooftop solar, solar on existing structures, community solar, and energy efficiency to reduce costs and improve resilience.

We hear your concerns about water supply and the potential impacts of high-water-use industries such as data centers, as well as concerns about agricultural groundwater use. While agricultural uses are generally exempt from County zoning regulation, water sustainability remains an important planning issue. The County is currently developing zoning policy specific to data centers, and your comments will be included in the public record and considered as that work and the Comprehensive Plan move forward.

Finally, we agree that protecting rural character, including ranching and the natural resources that support tourism and wildlife, is important to the local economy and quality of life.

Thank you again for taking the time to provide input.

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From: Narca Moore <narca7@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, January 18, 2026 10:52 AM

To: McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

Subject: CP2045 Comments

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Hello friends,

I'd like to comment on some aspects of the Cochise County plan being developed. I've lived in Cochise County for more than 30 years, and, before that, in neighboring Hidalgo County NM.

I encourage you to support small-scale energy development, especially solar panels on residences and other structures (over parking lots etc.). As blessed as we are with sunshine, using it is the obvious sustainable choice. I have solar panels on my home, and they have helped tremendously with electric bills. I also am glad to lessen my impact on the electric system.

I am alarmed by reports that the county is considering data centers for AI. As tempting as it may be to jump on that bandwagon, our limited water supplies prohibit an industry that uses so much water. My own well has, so far, made it through the current drought, but many of my neighbors have not been so lucky. We already are presented with problems of overuse of water by agriculture. Please create more sensible and sustainable policies regarding water use.

As for the data centers, today I learned that a single two-week training course for Chat GPT uses about 700,000 liters of fresh water. Data centers can involve hundreds of thousands of servers, which must be cooled—virtually always by cooling systems that convert water into steam. If you allow data centers to operate within the county, everyone's wells will be going dry. We'll also have a lot more humidity. You'll make Cochise County unlivable. I don't think that's hyperbole.

For livelihoods, I most support our traditional ranching lifestyle and nature tourism, which brings a lot of money into the county, thanks to our diverse wildlife. Please do not harm those two revenue streams.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Best regards,
Narca Moore

<https://narcamoore.com>

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Re: Economic growth and the CP2045 public review

From McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

Date Wed 1/21/2026 10:40 AM

To Catherine Collins <catherine.collins@publicinput.com>

Hi Catherine, thank you for reaching out and for following the CP2045 process. At this time, we're not looking to add new platforms or services, but I appreciate you sharing the resource and example.

Take care,

Christine McLachlan, AICP

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From: Catherine Collins <catherine.collins@publicinput.com>

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To: McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

Subject: Economic growth and the CP2045 public review

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Hi Christine,

I've been following the CP2045 draft process and your work on the county's economic development strategy. Many directors find it challenging to balance high-growth goals with the need to show residents that their specific feedback on maps and plan direction has been heard.

Cities like Austin, TX have used PublicInput to gather hyperlocal feedback and geocoded data to ensure their long-term plans are backed by verified community support.

Is this worth a quick conversation?

Best,

Catherine Collins

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Re: CP2045

From McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

Date Tue 1/20/2026 10:56 AM

To Dinah Davidson <dianewdavidson@gmail.com>

Thank you for your comment. The draft discusses SMRs only as a potential future technology and notes they are unlikely to be sited in Cochise County in the near term. If the County were ever to consider any nuclear-related project, waste handling and disposal would be addressed through extensive federal and state regulatory requirements, including U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission oversight and established rules for storage, transport, and long-term disposal.

I can add this clarification to the section - I hope this addresses your concern.

Thanks again,

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From: Dinah Davidson <dianewdavidson@gmail.com>

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To: McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

Subject: CP2045

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Comment (Diane Davidson, Portal AZ)

Regarding discussion of SNRs on p. 97, please comment on planning for disposal of nuclear waste.

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Re: Question about Community Area Profiles

From McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

Date Thu 1/22/2026 9:23 AM

To Pearl Mast <cpearlmast@gmail.com>

Hi Pearl, sorry for the delay in response. Also, thank you for your question and the review of the draft comprehensive plan. Right now, CP2045 is setting the framework and stating the County's intent to transition away from older Area Plans and create Community/Regional Profiles. The actual creation of the profiles will occur through a separate, later process, implemented as a subsequent Comprehensive Plan amendment. That later process will include local outreach through a combination of surveys and public meetings before those profiles are finalized and adopted.

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From: Pearl Mast <cpearlmast@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2026 8:11 AM

To: McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

Subject: Question about Community Area Profiles

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Hi Christine,

Cascabel Conservation Association is preparing comments regarding the draft CP2045. We are wondering if the process for developing a Community Area Profile is part of this commenting process, or if there will be a later process to develop the profile for each area.

Thanks,

Pearl Mast

Cascabel Conservation Association

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I encourage you to support small-scale energy development, especially solar panels on residences and other structures (over parking lots etc.). As blessed as we are with sunshine, using it is the obvious sustainable choice. I have solar panels on my home, and they have helped tremendously with electric bills. I also am glad to lessen my impact on the electric system.

I am alarmed by reports that the county is considering data centers for AI. As tempting as it may be to jump on that bandwagon, our limited water supplies prohibit an industry that uses so much water. My own well has, so far, made it through the current drought, but many of my neighbors have not been so lucky. We already are presented with problems of overuse of water by agriculture. Please create more sensible and sustainable policies regarding water use.

As for the data centers, today I learned that a single two-week training course for Chat GPT uses about 700,000 liters of fresh water. Data centers can involve hundreds of thousands of servers, which must be cooled—virtually always by cooling systems that convert water into steam. If you allow data centers to operate within the county, everyone's wells will be going dry. We'll also have a lot more humidity. You'll make Cochise County unlivable. I don't think that's hyperbole.

For livelihoods, I most support our traditional ranching lifestyle and nature tourism, which brings a lot of money into the county, thanks to our diverse wildlife. Please do not harm those two revenue streams.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Best regards,
Narca Moore

<https://narcamoore.com>

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RE: Map for solar farms n CP2045?

From McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

Date Tue 1/20/2026 10:30 AM

To Ali Morse <morseali2@yahoo.com>

 **McLachlan, Christine** reacted to your message:

From: Ali Morse <morseali2@yahoo.com>

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To: McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

Subject: Re: Map for solar farms n CP2045?

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Because the map is titled "Energy and Transmission Lines," I completely missed that it contained solar projects. What you mention in your last paragraph is a great idea.

Thank you!

Ali

On Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 10:03:25 AM MST, McLachlan, Christine <cmclachlan@cochise.az.gov> wrote:

Thank you for that suggestion. Map 28, page 100, shows the location of currently constructed solar farms in the county. They are part of the overall energy and transmission network. It does not include all approved (special use) sites, like on the map I provided Michael Gregory. I hesitate adding entitled (special use authorization), non-constructed projects because these are subject to modification and may not ultimately be constructed. And I don't want their inclusion in the Comp Plan to be interpreted as a guarantee of approval. The constructed projects have not only received special use approval but also completed additional state and federal review and received construction permits from the county.

Based on your comment, I can add an additional map focused on wind and solar projects and include summary metrics (overall number, general size, and general locations) of entitled projects that are not yet permitted/constructed.

Please let me know if you have any other suggestions.

Best,

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To: McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>
Subject: Map for solar farms n CP2045?

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Good morning,

Just wondering if it would be possible to include a map for the new CP. There are so many other good maps, it seems this would be an excellent addition.

Thank you,

Ali Morse

PS - Michael Gregory shared the map he received from you.

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Fw: Draft Comprehensive Plan

From McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

Date Thu 12/11/2025 9:18 AM

To rstravis1@msn.com <rstravis1@msn.com>

Hi Rebecca, sorry about that and thanks for reaching out. The best way to view the plan, supporting info, and to comment, is to visit the project website: <https://cp2045.cochise.az.gov/>.

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Subject: Draft Comprehensive Plan

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Fw: CP2045 comments

From McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

Date Fri 1/30/2026 9:57 AM

To SSWA <sulphurspringswateralliance@gmail.com>

Cc Tina Thompson <eatbeef2night@gmail.com>; Carol Joyce - (carolholden) <carolholden@arizona.edu>

Hi Katherine,

Thank you for your comments and for sharing the Sulphur Springs Water Alliance's work in the Willcox and Douglas basins, including the WaterSMART grant and anticipated Watershed Restoration Plan.

The Water Resources Element of the Comprehensive Plan is intended to set countywide, long-range policy direction and emphasize coordination among partners and agencies working toward our common water resource goals. To keep the Comp Plan equitable, flexible, and relevant over time, we generally describe actions and partnerships without naming individual community groups. That said, your input is helpful, and we will consider it as we refine the Water Resources section to reflect the importance of collaborative, basin-wide efforts aligned with County goals.

Thank you again for your time and engagement, and please feel free to share any additional information you'd like us to consider.

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To: Development Services <DevelopmentServices@cochise.az.gov>

Cc: Tina Thompson <eatbeef2night@gmail.com>; Holden, Carol Joyce - (carolholden) <carolholden@arizona.edu>; Watkins, Jackie <JWatkins@cochise.az.gov>

Subject: CP2045 comments

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Good afternoon,

I hope you're doing well. My name is Katherine Hamberger, and I'm writing on behalf of the Sulphur Springs Water Alliance (SSWA). We are a community-based group working across both the Willcox and Douglas basins to support effective, collaborative groundwater management.

SSWA's mission is to foster responsible management and conservation of our region's water resources through partnership and collaboration. Our vision is a vibrant local economy that operates with care for the Valley's natural resources, maintains its agricultural heritage and community, and avoids unnecessary harm to its wildlife and landscapes. Our strategy focuses on recharge and reduction, education and adaptation, and commitment and representation.

Over the past year, SSWA applied for and was selected for the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART grant. While we are currently awaiting final approval due to the temporary federal grant freeze, we anticipate moving forward once the program reopens in 2026. This grant would provide funding for us to create a Watershed Restoration Plan for the Willcox and Douglas Basins.

If possible, we would like SSWA to be included in the Water Resources section of the Cochise County 2045 Comprehensive Plan, particularly within the Action Plan. We believe our ongoing work, partnerships, and community engagement align closely with the County's goals for long-term water resilience.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if you need any additional information or would like to connect further.

Warm regards,

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Katherine Hamberger

Coordinator | Sulphur Springs Water Alliance

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RE: Natural Wind and Solar are the way to go

From McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

Date Wed 1/21/2026 4:16 PM

To armaghgirl@aol.com <armaghgirl@aol.com>

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Subject: Re: Natural Wind and Solar are the way to go

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Thank you so much, I appreciate the assurance.

On Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 11:23:43 AM MST, McLachlan, Christine <cmclachlan@cochise.az.gov> wrote:

Thank you for the follow-up. I understand the concern. Individual comments made in public meetings may reflect personal viewpoints. Overall, the Draft 2045 Comprehensive Plan emphasizes energy reliability and resilience while supporting continued responsible growth in renewables and energy efficiency.

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Subject: Re: Natural Wind and Solar are the way to go

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Thank you for your prompt response - I thought BOS Atenori was talking about nuclear and natural gas over natural resources.

On Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 10:50:29 AM MST, McLachlan, Christine <cmclachlan@cochise.az.gov> wrote:

Thank you for taking the time to review and comment. The draft plan recognizes that our electricity comes from the statewide grid, which includes a mix of sources, and it emphasizes reliability, resilience, and continued growth in renewables and energy efficiency - it does not propose a nuclear plant or expanded methane within the county. It also notes that traditional nuclear generation is not currently a practical option locally, and any future technologies would require extensive state and federal review.

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Sent: Saturday, January 17, 2026 2:05 PM

To: McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>; Taylor, Matthew <MTaylor@cochise.az.gov>

Subject: Natural Wind and Solar are the way to go

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With all the negatives attached to nuclear and methane why would you choose to foist that upon your constituents! Really!!!

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Re: Comments to CC Comp Plan 2045

From McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

Date Fri 1/23/2026 4:11 PM

To Michael Gregory <aztoxics@gmail.com>

Hi Michael,

Thank you for your detailed comments on the Draft Cochise County Comprehensive Plan 2045. I appreciate your time and the thoughtful perspective you provided on cultural history, land use and growth, water resources, public services, emergency preparedness, energy planning, and environmental conditions. Your input will be included in the public record and considered as the County refines the final Plan. That said, the Comprehensive Plan sets countywide goals and policy direction; some of your implementation-level suggestions— such as specific solar facility permit conditions and various technical standards are likely better, and more appropriately addressed within other planning documents such as the zoning regulations and the County’s emergency management and hazard mitigation planning. We will consider all applicable high-level suggestions for inclusion into the Plan, particularly around protection of natural resources, and coordination for public safety, while saving some of the more technical or operational details for future consideration within other relevant documents.

Sincerely,

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Christine McLachlan, Director
Cochise County Development Services
23 January 2026

re: Draft Cochise County Comprehensive Plan 2045

Dear Ms MacLachlan:

Please find below my comments on the current Draft Plan and suggestions for the final.

Writing them has made me remember an incident during the public comment process for the first County comprehensive plan, when members of the local People for the USA (or People for the West, I forget which) showed up in objection with sixguns on display in Elfrida where P&Z had scheduled a public meeting to discuss the plan — a meeting which P&Z, thusly confronted, canceled. A little more stand-up than flood the zone, but effective.

The following comments refer principally to the DP elements concerning Land Use and Growth, Water Resources, Public Services and Economic Development.

My first comment, however, refers to the second section of the Introduction which appropriately mentions the prehistoric Indigenous cultures of the county, but inappropriately does not mention that Indigenous people have continued to live here for the past ten millennia or so. Similarly to the DP's slighting of Hispanic culture (as cited in public comments to the 2024-2025 Survey), the DP in effect cancels Indigenous cultures. In correcting these oversights, the final Plan should add Indigenous cultures to the history timeline graph and clearly state that large portions of the county were homelands of various tribes and tribal nations, and that some of those areas and the natural resources (e.g., the San Pedro watershed), are of cultural and religious significance under tribal and federal law.

In composing a comprehensive plan, the County unavoidably must decide how much information to include and in what detail, and what to exclude to keep the document from being too cumbersome for the public to use effectively. This issue (again, one brought up in the Survey comments and responses) is pertinent to several of my comments below, in particular those concerning the need for public information about solar farms and other sites with potential for hazardous materials (hazmat) emergencies and the advisability of establishing a County Public Information Officer for emergency management information.

Again, as with all comprehensive plans, the County must deal with the largely impossible task of reconciling what the DP calls "smart growth" with various kinds of presumably unsmart unsustainable growth and development which, as is generally recognized, has to some degree been encouraged by the County in the past, contributing significantly to many current county problems (e.g., depletion of groundwater, rangeland and other natural resources).

Unfortunately, the DP too frequently leans toward encouraging some of that same unsmart unsustainable growth (e.g., by including Dark Skies as a sub-category of Tourism rather than as a

goal in its own right). This split between protecting the present and promoting destructive futures, manifested throughout the DP, suggests continuance of a kind of cognitive dissonance in County planning.

As the DP states, population growth in the county over the 10-year planning period is expected to be less than one percent. Yet the DP calls for several areas of “development”, a term which, as used in the DP, would seem to boil down to “growth” — economic growth, in particular, and its notorious indefinable greenwash alternative, sustainable growth (a self-contradictory term in the present economic environment and a time-dated notion at best viewed over the current planning horizon — a time of drought, dwindling ground and surface water, and intensifying climate change (a reality which, unless I just missed it, is not mentioned in the DP)).

For example, while the DP does commendably suggest goals of protection for natural resources (responsible use of adequate and unpolluted water, clean air, wildlife habitat, etc.) and for present residents (e.g., rural and small agriculture ways of life — at one point saying explicitly that the County plans to “support economic development while preserving the rural character of surrounding areas”); nonetheless, the DP’s calls for development of infrastructure and other measures to “support population growth” apparently indicate a valuing future (human) residents of the county above those here now (or, to use a perhaps old-fashioned distinction, to favor economic over community development).

While not taking the bold step of calling for inevitably necessary degrowth, the DP does, thankfully, as noted above, indicate some positive actionable goals, in particular those meant to protect or correct (e.g., encouraging renewable energy, broader access to health and internet services in rural areas, establishing scenic easements, promoting sustainable farming and natural resource rehabilitation and regeneration). But the DP presents very few specific measures to achieve, maintain or develop some of those goals, while at the same time pressing for growth and development that would detract from them.

While in some cases the details necessary to accomplish positive goals may exist in rules, plans, etc. which the DP might refer to, too often the positives are almost automatically coupled with negative counter-goals or are simply absent altogether. For instance, the DP laudably calls for encouraging farmers to adopt practices that enhance biodiversity, such as creating wildlife corridors, using rotational grazing and integrated pest management, but by failing to clarify that the word “farmers” is being used in the broad sense (i.e., to include ranchers), the DP gives the impression that it will not encourage ranchers to follow similar practices (though ranchers manage far more acreage than farmers in the restricted sense, including application of toxic herbicides with little regard for IPM practices).

1. Water Resources

The dissonance noted above may be most apparent in the discussion of water resources, where the DP, in calling for “long term sustainability” states that though minimal population increase is projected, demand for water will “increase incrementally.” For instance, the DP says the County will continue protecting water resources by continuing to support efforts to “maximize” efficient

water use to “sustain” existing resources, including triage efforts like CCRN projects in the San Pedro “to help offset increases in water demand.” Even if the disputed, possibly inflated, figure the DP cites for CCRN recharge were accurate, it is a paltry amount, hardly more than a drop in the bucket compared to the overdraft of the San Pedro aquifer (figures for which should be cited).

Similarly, the DP makes no mention of need or effort to reduce either projected growth or demand, calling instead for population increases via, e.g., Fort Huachuca and subdivisions, leaving the fate of the San Pedro (as with other county aquifers in designated growth areas) to unlikely possibilities of desalinization and inter-basin transfer.

Rather than putting more time and money into efforts at “sustaining” our already badly over-pumped aquifers, and relying on failed, short-sighted, slow death strategies of planned slower rates of depletion, the County should focus on *restoring* aquifers and pursue the rational, obviously necessary long-term goal of zero net depletion (in short, “no more taken out than goes in”), the only realistic goal to possibly prevent the river’s death. The goal should specify recovery, not just terminal life support, steady-state not mythical eternal growth economics.

In the San Pedro watershed, for instance, the County should join calls for the state to establish an AMA there and in the meantime replace the inadequate existing requirement that subdivisions demonstrate “adequate” 100-year groundwater supply with the 100-year “assured” supply required by AMAs.

As it should, the DP proposes broad inter-agency cooperation on a variety of fronts, including protecting water resources. One specific goal it should include is partnering with BLM, USFS, US Army, and State Land Dept. to complement construction of mini-basins for water recharge with re-seeding of native grasses on thousands of acres of over-grazed rangelands and eroded floodplains in the county, a project which would have multiple benefits for wildlife, rural economies and groundwater replenishment.

2. Solar Energy and Emergency Services

Similar to its approach to water resources, the DP’s appropriate support for Community Solar and for increased solar power in general (widely approved by the general public, though not so noted in the DP), is countered by lack of specific requirements for available planning, prevention, mitigation, response and restoration measures at solar facilities, a lack which tends to raise public concern about commercial and utility-level solar facilities and to limit the solar option to decentralized (so-called “rooftop”) applications (which, the DP notes, do have “strong” public support).

While I too strongly support decentralized solar (having myself lived off-grid here for over 50 years), I recognize that it is infeasible for many people who would and should be well-served by solar, so in general I strongly support solar farms. But I am also aware of potential for hazmat emergencies at large solar facilities.

While it may be reasonable to object to a wind or solar farm next door, as some residents have done in regard to recent rezoning applications, demands for blanket rejection of renewables tend to be ideological, based mainly on objection to government in general, investment of one kind or another in fossil fuel economics, or mis- and disinformation about renewables.

In regard to potential for solar facility emergencies and public concern about them, the final Plan should spell out the measures necessary to prevent and address potential emergencies at solar facilities including, at a minimum, compliance with County Emergency Management/Local Emergency Planning Committee (CEM/LEPC) and County Emergency Operations (CCEOP) plans already in place precisely to ensure adequate prevention, preparation and response (especially in regard to the 300 or so Extremely Hazardous Substances so-classified by EPA which may be at those sites). Specified requirements should include use of state-of-the-art equipment and materials (e.g., least-toxic batteries and panels), industry-certified Best Management Practices (BMP) and Best Available Technology (BAT) (e.g., battery spacing, emergency response capability, periodic inspection, non-reflective coating of panels to prevent glint or glare impacts on wildlife, nearby properties and traffic).

Most such measures are already required in Special Use Permits for commercial or utility-level solar facilities; those which aren't, should be added. In addition, the final Plan should state that SUPs for solar farms must include, on a case-by-case basis, along with appropriate general hazmat precautions as noted above, any of a variety of site-specific practices used worldwide that facilitate dual-use compatibility of solar farms and agriculture (e.g., simple measures like putting panels high enough above ground to allow wildlife, cattle, crops, equipment and people to operate under them).

While establishing a county-wide fire or emergency response agency as suggested by the DP and Board of Supervisors is a goal worth pursuing, it cannot be accomplished overnight; meanwhile, the County should facilitate establishment of a specified county Hazmat Team to complement the current non-centralized team comprised of hazmat specialists from several separate fire departments (Frye, Sunsites, Douglas).

It is generally acknowledged that funding for training, equipment and, especially, public information aspects of hazmat readiness articulated under the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA, which first mandated LEPCs) has declined nationwide in the past decade or two, more or less in reverse proportion to the increase in potential for high-tech emergencies (like those at large solar facilities and Small Module Reactors). The county in some ways reflects that nationwide situation and, accordingly, should facilitate upgrading capabilities of the Department of Emergency Management and fire stations throughout the county to address potential solar farm and other high-tech facility emergencies. Upgrading should, in particular, include assistance to county-wide first responder and technician responder training and protective equipment. The County should set as a high priority assistance in seeking funding not only through usual sources like the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military

Affairs and FEMA but from other federal agencies (e.g., the US-EPA Border Program) and non-governmental sources.

The DP appropriately calls for ensuring that “new development maximizes access to solar” and encourages “solar-ready construction,” but the County should go further. As many years ago it began requiring subdivisions and other developments to provide low-water use fixtures, it should now require subdivisions as well as other commercial and utility-level developments to provide not just ease of access to, but installation of, solar hardware.

It should not go without saying that the public at large is at best vaguely aware of the existence, let alone functions, of all the various emergency agencies in the county. The final Plan should identify and differentiate the functions and capabilities of the County Emergency Management Department, Local Emergency Planning Committee, Emergency Medical Services, fire departments, and volunteer fire organizations, explaining in particular the planning and response as well as community right to know duties of the CEEM/LEPC.

In addition, the final Plan should specifically include emergency response capability as a component of the County’s periodic surveys of fire and EMS coverage, and the County should add a Public Information Officer to the CCEM/LEPC personnel roster, perhaps during the process of helping establish a county Hazmat Team.

3. Nuclear Reactors

While proposing an increase in renewable energy (widely approved by the public), the DP gives undue weight to consideration of nuclear energy plants (which are not renewable energy facilities and are widely disapproved by the public). The DP misleadingly says that Small Module Reactors (SMRs) “offer (not *may* offer) potential for more flexible, scalable nuclear deployment” and that the County should “position itself as ‘shovel-ready’ for future nuclear-related projects.”

SMRs, like all nuclear fission plants, produce radioactive waste, a problem that is not by any means made “negligible” by saying, as the DP does, that SMRs produce “minimal” amounts. No amount of a material that remains toxic for thousands of years is negligible. To suggest otherwise is merely to attempt to eliminate by linguistic magic the well-known “little bit here, little bit there” problem exemplified in the growing mass of toxic radwaste storage dumps (e.g., at the nearby WIPP site in Carlsbad, N.M.), as well as ignoring the issues of potential SMR emergencies.

PM-10 and Brownfields

PM-10 non-attainment is only one of many problems with the slag dumps at the P-D smelter site adjacent to Douglas (and implicitly encroached up in the City of Douglas’s own comprehensive plan) and the much-ballyhooed Port of Entry. Principal among these is water pollution, largely

ignored on the US side of the border for many years because the water flows mostly underground into Mexico. However, the site is in the sixty-foot-wide Roosevelt Reserve and the final Plan should include calls by the County for appropriate State and Federal agencies (e.g., ADEQ and EPA) to designate the site a brownfields area requiring updated assessment and clean-up.

5. Military Domination

The call for compatible land-use near military installations is reasonable, but the DP's overall attention to Fort Huachuca and associated military activity is sadly lacking. Where it does occur it is another instance of the DP giving preference to economic development. Most unsatisfactory is the County's almost total abjection to military dominance of the county economy. For example, while the DP does timidly suggest the County should look for other sources of revenue, it does not object at all, as other Counties have, to the military's proposals to drastically increase military traffic in both horizontal and vertical airspace, calling for increased numbers of jet trainer flights at extremely low altitudes over much greater areas than the military now controls, flights which are not only a public nuisance but a source of potential health and environmental harms. The County should join with other jurisdictions in opposing this mission creep.

Fw: CP 2045 comments

From McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

Date Thu 12/11/2025 11:49 AM

To Couchenour, Terry E <TCouchenour@cochise.az.gov>

Thank you Terry - I appreciate the review!

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From: Couchenour, Terry E <TCouchenour@cochise.az.gov>

Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2025 11:14 AM

To: Development Services <DevelopmentServices@cochise.az.gov>

Subject: CP 2045 comments

Hello Developments Services,

The draft looks great. I have a few comments, nothing too substantial, but may make for a better document.

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Page 57 -

Item 4. County Roads, second bullet states,

"Public roads not accepted into the county system: These roads are legally public but receive no routine county maintenance unless formally accepted No entity is formally responsible for maintenance. Roads in this category may remain unimproved until:"

Concern:

ARS 28-7215(B) specifically provides for the transfer of a public roadway to a person if the person agrees to assume the cost of maintaining and liability of the public roadway. While I haven't personally used the statute for that purpose yet, there is the possibility of having a County Road, not maintained by the County, but formally maintained by another entity. Second, it is possible to have an improved public road, built by a private entity, that is not county maintained.

Recommendation:

We may want to consider revising this statement as follows where ~~red strikethrough~~ is language to delete and **green bold italic** is language to add:

"Public roads not accepted into the county system: These roads are legally public but ~~receive no routine~~ **ineligible to receive** county maintenance unless formally accepted. ~~No entity is formally~~

~~responsible for maintenance. Roads~~ **Unimproved roads** in this category may remain unimproved until:"

The clean version is:

"Public roads not accepted into the county system: These roads are legally public but ineligible to receive county maintenance unless formally accepted. Unimproved roads in this category may remain unimproved until:"

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Page 70

Planning & Coordination second paragraph states,

"The Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization (SVMPO) is the designated transportation organization for the southeastern Cochise County region."

Concern:

SVMPO is located in the southwestern portion of Cochise County OR the southeastern region of Arizona. Since Cochise County is already in the southeastern area of Arizona, I believe it is more descriptive (for Cochise County purposes) to state that SVMPO is located in the southwestern portion/area/region of Cochise County.

Recommendation:

"The Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization (SVMPO) is the designated transportation organization for the ~~southeastern Cochise County region.~~ **southwestern region of Cochise County.**"

Clean version:

"The Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization (SVMPO) is the designated transportation organization for the southwestern region of Cochise County."

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Page 73

Goal 5, Policy 5 states,

"Policy 5: Develop and maintain a GIS-based inventory and ranking system for paving projects that evaluates factors such as land use intensity, emergency service access, school and transit bus routes, and connectivity to city roads. Use this system to guide equitable and data-driven prioritization of paving investments."

Concern:

First, I want to thank you for advocating for GIS! The concern is that Jason Faccio/Public Works may already have a pavement management service to help in this effort that we should acknowledge and incorporate.

Recommendation:

"Policy 5: Develop and maintain a GIS-based inventory and ranking system for paving projects that evaluates factors such as land use intensity, emergency service access, school and transit bus routes, and connectivity to city roads. Use this system, **in conjunction with existing pavement management services**, to guide equitable and data-driven prioritization of paving investments."

Clean version:

"Policy 5: Develop and maintain a GIS-based inventory and ranking system for paving projects that evaluates factors such as land use intensity, emergency service access, school and transit bus routes, and connectivity to city roads. Use this system, in conjunction with existing pavement management services, to guide equitable and data-driven prioritization of paving investments."

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Page 158

Right-of-way definition states:

"Right-of-Way: An area of land not on a lot that is dedicated for public or private use to accommodate a transportation system and necessary public utility infrastructure (including but not limited to water lines, sewer lines, power lines, and gas lines.)"

Concern:

A right-of-way can be both fee and easement. Within subdivisions it is common that utility easements traverse the subdivision lots. I recommend removing the "not on a lot" language.

Recommendation:

"Right-of-Way: An area of land ~~not on a lot~~ that is dedicated for public or private use to accommodate a transportation system and/or necessary public utility infrastructure (including but not limited to water

lines, sewer lines, power lines, and gas lines.)"

Clean version:

"Right-of-Way: An area of land that is dedicated for public or private use to accommodate a transportation system and/or necessary public utility infrastructure (including but not limited to water lines, sewer lines, power lines, and gas lines.)"

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Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment.

Best,

-Terry

Terry Couchenour

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To McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

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January 22, 2026

Christine McLachlan, Director
Cochise County Development Services

Dear Ms. McLachlan:

Thank you for the hard work you and your staff are doing to create the comprehensive plan.

The entire comprehensive plan should work from a single overarching goal:
Clean, reliable water for all inhabitants of Cochise County. County policies, practices, and decision-making processes prioritize water availability as the key factor guiding our future.

Not for all uses, but for all inhabitants. The focus should be on people, and by extension all living things, not on all the possible uses of our already depleted water supplies. If the last comprehensive plan had focused on protecting surface water and groundwater, we would now have a healthier county. Since it did not focus on water, it now absolutely must if we want to be able to create a comprehensive plan in 2046.

Without clean, reliable water for all county residents, nothing else is achievable. Without this as the priority, the comprehensive plan dooms us to a future of chasing water unsuccessfully. The result will likely be the destruction of our economy and our beloved rural lifestyle.

The comprehensive plan draft mentions the creation of two AMAs, but these, while helpful, will not save us.

The Douglas AMA goal is “reducing the rate of aquifer depletion.” In other words, it is a commitment to the depletion of the aquifer, not to reaching a healthy point where the amount leaving the aquifer is roughly the same as the amount replenishing the aquifer.

The Willcox groundwater basin is one of the three most-threatened in the state of Arizona, according to ADWR. The draft goal of the Willcox AMA is “reducing groundwater overdraft by at least 50% by 2075.” In other words, this draft goal is a commitment to continuing groundwater overdraft during the next three comprehensive-plan periods (assuming the county is still functioning well enough to create new comprehensive plans).

pp. 81, 83 & 85. There needs to be acknowledgment that no amount of recharge can be established that will solve the problem of continuing agricultural overpumping of the groundwater, both within and outside the AMAs. ADWR has documented this and has made it known publicly. While recharge projects are good, they are inadequate in a county where 92% of the use is for agriculture that has been extracting too much groundwater from our aquifers for decades.

Consequently, the comprehensive plan should say something more meaningful about water conservation measures besides recharge, including creating incentives for lessening use in order to keep more of the groundwater in the ground. Given that agriculture is already withdrawing

vastly more groundwater than is being returned to the aquifers, and that the AMA goals accept that the situation will continue over the long term, the county should make a commitment to keeping out other big users of water such as data centers, nuclear power, and industrial agriculture.

The county simply cannot allow more massive groundwater mining by entities such as Riverview LLP, which operates in the Sulphur Springs Valley. A news article in 2019 reported that Riverview was using 110,000 acre-feet of groundwater per year, which amounts to around 1,000,000 acre-feet in a 10-year period. The CCRN projects have saved 41,000 acre-feet over a 10-year period, and that is obviously no match for the agricultural overpumping in the Sulphur Springs Valley, where CCRN has no projects. Stating that CCRN projects have recharged 41,000 acre-feet over a 10-year period is misleading if the comprehensive plan doesn't also state specific numbers for the amount of overdraft in each of the basins and watersheds. By giving the CCRN figure but not the overdraft figures, the plan gives the impression that recharge has more of an impact than it does. An optimistic overreliance on recharge should not be built into a plan for the future.

Here are a few corrections to the water element section.

p. 75. Now that Douglas and Willcox are Active Management Areas, ADWR applies a more stringent requirement of assured water supply for new subdivisions, not just adequacy. This is already true in statute, not as part of the developing plans for the AMAs.

p. 77. ADWR has reported that there are 4 cones of depression around the Willcox Playa and that they may be merging into a regional cone of depression. Cones of depression often result in land subsidence, and the collapsed spaces under subsided land make recharge impossible. So, it may not be entirely accurate to say that the Playa contributes to recharge, and it would be worth double-checking with a hydrologist at ADWR.

p. 81. There is not a Sulphur Springs Valley Basin. There are two groundwater basins in the Sulphur Springs Valley, the Willcox basin and the Douglas basin, as shown on the map on p. 79.

p. 83. Within the AMAs, proposed new subdivisions in Willcox and Douglas would need to show assured water supply.

On the webpage at <https://cp2045.cochise.az.gov/cp-2045-water-resources>, under Federal, State, & Local Programs:

The statement about ADWR needs to be more specific, since there are now two AMAs in the county. In the two AMAs, regulatory oversight includes measuring actual groundwater use.

Another water-related agency that should be included here is ADEQ, especially in terms of clean water.

A federal agency that should be included is the USGS, which offers satellite data such as: <https://www.usgs.gov/data/estimated-crop-irrigation-water-use-withdrawals-willcox-groundwater-basin-arizona-2024> and <https://www.usgs.gov/data/estimated-crop-irrigation-water-use-withdrawals-sierra-vista-groundwater-subbasin-upper-san>

Another program that should be included here is the Arizona Geological Survey, which monitors land subsidence and earth fissuring. Subsidence caused by agricultural overpumping creates areas that can no longer recharge the aquifer, and earth fissuring is permanent and limits how or even if the land can be put to use. <https://blog.azgs.arizona.edu/blog/2021-07/us-191-cochise-county-damaged-extensive-ground-fractures>

Thank you again for your work on this important plan for our future.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Knott

Cheryl Knott, Pearce resident for 24 years, District 3

Re: CP 2045 comments - corrected pdf

From McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>
Date Fri 1/30/2026 3:39 PM
To cherylannknot@gmail.com <cherylannknot@gmail.com>

Hi Cheryl,

Thank you for your detailed comments on the Water Resources portions of the Cochise County Comprehensive Plan (CP2045). We agree that clean, reliable water is fundamental to Cochise County's long-term sustainability and quality of life.

We appreciate your recommendations regarding conservation, the limits of recharge, and growth and development considerations, as well as the specific technical corrections you provided. We will review the draft for accuracy on the AMA-related subdivision requirements, basin terminology, and the Willcox Playa/cones of depression discussion, and we will consider your suggestions to strengthen conservation-focused policy language and improve references to agencies and data sources (including ADWR, ADEQ, USGS, and the Arizona Geological Survey).

Thank you again for participating in the CP2045 process. Your comments will be included in the record and considered as the Plan continues through review and refinement.

Christine McLachlan, AICP

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Re: Comments on County Comprehensive Plan

From McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>
Date Tue 1/20/2026 10:42 AM
To Paul Hirt <paulhirt@me.com>; Taylor, Matthew <MTaylor@cochise.az.gov>
Cc Mark B Apel <mapel@arizona.edu>

Hi Paul, thank you for your thoughtful letter and for taking the time to review and provide detailed comments on the Comprehensive Plan 2045. We appreciate CLC's work in the Chiricahua and Upper San Simon Valley region and your emphasis on protecting wildlife corridors, watershed health, scenic vistas, and dark skies.

Your support for the Category D Rural designation, low-density development policies, floodplain planning, water resource protections, and coordination with federal and state land managers is noted. We also appreciate your suggestion to add "conservation" to the easement language - we will add this, and your willingness to assist with public outreach on conservation easements and voluntary best practices related to exempt uses.

Your comments will be included in the public record and considered as the plan moves forward to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

Thanks again,
Christine McLachlan, AICP

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Dear Ms McLachlan and Mr. Taylor,

Please enter the attached comments into the public record for the proposed county comprehensive plan 2045. Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the draft plan.

Regards,

Paul

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January 18, 2026

Ms. Christine McLachlan, Director
Cochise County Development Services
1415 Melody Lane
Bisbee, AZ 85603

Re: Cochise County Comprehensive Plan 2045

Dear Ms. McLachlan:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and feedback on the County's Comprehensive Plan 2045. We appreciate all the effort and public outreach your staff has done to produce this plan. We understand that this plan's policies are used to guide the County's decisions around new development and doesn't affect existing zoning or permitted uses. We hope you, the Planning Commission, and the Board of Supervisors will find our input useful especially as it pertains to any proposed development around the greater Portal and Upper San Simon Valley region.

The Chiricahua Mountains are a biologically rich, biodiverse region that is home to many species, some threatened and endangered, and home to a sparse human population. The County's largest federally designated Wilderness area is located in the Chiricahua Mountains and managed by the US Forest Service within the Coronado National Forest. The Chiricahua National Monument is the largest unit managed by National Park Service in Cochise County. These nationally recognized designations are the reason communities like Portal are an important gateway and economic asset for the county for visitors to access these areas for biological research and recreation. However, any development in these gateway areas, residential or non-residential, must consider the potential impacts to wildlife corridors, watershed health and scenic vistas. In addition, the Portal area has been recognized by amateur astronomers from around world as a unique 'dark skies' location ideal for unobstructed viewing of the skies.

The Chiricahua Land Conservancy (CLC <https://chiricahualandconservancy.org/>) founded in 2021 is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization directed by landowners in the Chiricahua-Peloncillo region.

The mission of the Chiricahua Land Conservancy (CLC) is to conserve healthy, diverse ecosystems within the upper San Simon Valley and surrounding mountains for the benefit of current and future generations. We seek to protect riparian and other sensitive habitats, promote habitat connectivity, preserve scenic landscapes, and encourage sustainable land use.

The prevalence of Federal and State Trust Lands adjacent to Portal and the surrounding rural community makes it that much more important to consider the preservation of the rural, low-density character of the private lands that connect to these public lands.

Cochise County's Comprehensive Plan 2045 policies for areas like Portal and the Chiricahuas, designated Category D "Rural," support the mission and goals of the CLC.

Specifically, these goals and policies are in alignment with the aspirations of the CLC for the preservation of this globally recognized landscape and one of Cochise County's environmental and recreational treasures.

Low-density Residential Development

The plan's policies pertaining to low-density development in Category D Rural areas like ours supports the current zoning of one dwelling per four acres (RU-4) in our community. We also support any proposed rezonings by landowners to 'downzone' their properties to even lower densities such as RU-10 or RU-36 for the purposes of protecting open space and restricting lot splitting.

We support Goal 4 – Healthy Land, Healthy Life, Policy 1 (p.52) *Encourage the donation of scenic easements by raising public awareness of their environmental and tax benefits.* **However, we suggest changing or adding the phrase 'conservation' to the type of easements that the county could encourage.** CLC stands poised to assist the county in raising public awareness of conservation easements' environmental and tax benefits, especially in the Upper San Simon Valley and Portal region.

Moreover, we support Goal 9 – Working Landscapes and Coordinated Land Use Policies 1 and 2 (p.54)

1. *"Protect agricultural and ranch lands as working landscapes that contribute to the county's economy, culture, and open space character";*
2. *"Direct new development away from areas at high risk of flooding, wildfire, or other natural hazards to promote long-term resilience."*

These will be important policies to consider with any new rezoning or special use permit requests in our community.

We also support Policy 3:

“Coordinate land use decisions with incorporated cities, towns, military installations, and federal/state land managers to promote consistency, efficiency, and cross-jurisdictional cooperation.”

This is an important policy with regard to any new development that is proposed adjacent to public lands like the Coronado National Forest, and the county should actively solicit their input.

Exempt Mining and Agricultural Activities

P.45: *“While regulation is restricted, the county can work with landowners and operators to promote best practices, minimize environmental impacts, and proactively address potential conflicts with surrounding uses. Collaboration through voluntary agreements or incentives can encourage more responsible development.”*

CLC recognizes the county’s limited authority to regulate exempt uses and supports the spirit of the above policy. In the event the county becomes aware of exempt agricultural or mining activities in the greater Chiricahua Region, the CLC could work with the county to facilitate local meetings and seek mutually agreeable voluntary agreements or incentives to minimize or mitigate potential impacts.

Floodplains

P.50: *“LAND USE PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS - The county may limit high-density development in floodplains to reduce overall flood damage risks. Flood-prone areas are preferred for parks or agricultural use rather than area for residential or commercial development.”*

The Cave Creek watershed that drains through Portal has experienced extreme flood events due to climate change and fires that resulted in infrastructure and property damage.

CLC supports the plan’s statement (p.48) regarding the update of the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 requiring that FEMA assess the need to revise and update all flood maps every five years. This will help the community and county understand the true extent of future flood events and plan accordingly. This will require additional funding and support of the county’s Flood Control District to hire additional engineering and floodplain staff.

Every Community Counts

CLC supports the plan's Goal 8 Every Community Counts (p.54) and all of its four policies with regard to creating profiles specific to a community, like Portal and its environs. Like previous area plans, the profiles should provide strong guidance for decision making based on a community's character, preferences and special attributes. The Portal area is a unique part of the county with its rich biological and recreational resources and demographic make-up, and, therefore, should be recognized as such when any new development requiring the county's discretionary approval or denial is proposed. This includes rezonings, special uses, master development plans, etc.

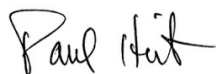
Water Resources

The CLC applauds the county for being accountable for its water supplies and maintaining policies related to management and conservation in the nexus between water supply and land use. Most notably, we support the ongoing resolution passed by the county in 2008 requiring all subdivisions to demonstrate an adequate water supply from ADWR (p. 83). In the Portal area, this will be important where water supplies in the Upper San Simon Valley are only accessible by drilling hundreds of feet.

In addition, Goal 4, Policy 2 (p.90) "*Protect riparian corridors, playas, and other natural recharge areas through conservation programs and land management strategies*" aligns with the CLC's overall mission to protect our riparian areas including the Cave Creek watershed and surrounding region from inappropriate development through voluntary acquisition and conservation easements.

Again, we'd like to thank Development Services for the opportunity to review this important plan that will guide decisions about development throughout the County. It is a very thorough document and covers a multitude of topics. We hope you will find our feedback and input helpful as the staff and elected officials consider any future development in our remote region of the County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Hirt". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Paul Hirt, President

On behalf of the board of directors of the Chiricahua Land Conservancy

Re: Follow-Up: Bisbee Area Mobility Master Plan & Community Connections Study

From McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

Date Sun 2/1/2026 3:11 PM

To bisbeebikeways@gmail.com <bisbeebikeways@gmail.com>

Cc RJ Cardin (PRK) <rj.cardin@maricopa.gov>; Gomez, Kathleen <KGomez@cochise.az.gov>; Taylor, Matthew <MTaylor@cochise.az.gov>

Thank you for the helpful feedback on the Sun Corridor Trail section and for the suggested context on related local planning efforts.

Based on your comments, we revised the section to include a policy-level reference to the Bisbee Area Mobility Master Plan (BAMMP) and the Bisbee Community Connections Plan (BCC), noting that in the Bisbee–Naco area, Sun Corridor Trail implementation and local connectivity are supported by these adopted plans. We also noted the broader local active transportation network in general terms.

Thanks again - we really appreciate you taking the time to review the draft.

Christine McLachlan, AICP

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Cc: RJ Cardin (PRK) <rj.cardin@maricopa.gov>; Gomez, Kathleen <KGomez@cochise.az.gov>

Subject: Re: Follow-Up: Bisbee Area Mobility Master Plan & Community Connections Study

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Hello Matthew,

I finally had a chance to look over the comprehensive plan section on the Sun Corridor Trail segment — it looks great. Thank you for putting that together.

I was wondering if you could also reference two related local plans in that section, since they provide important context and formal City and County alignment:

- The **Bisbee Area Mobility Master Plan (BAMMP)**, authored by Christine McLaghlan and formally adopted by the City of Bisbee, with Cochise County contributing staff time and resources; and
- The **Bisbee Community Connections Plan (BCC)**, which builds on and is a deeper, neighborhood-level implementation of the BAMMP, extends into unincorporated County land down to Naco, and was supported in part by a \$25,000 contribution from Cochise County.

The BCC also includes revitalization of neighborhoods through the emerging **27-mile Bisbee Bikeways network**, which is being designed not only as an active transportation system but also as a regenerative placemaking corridor — and which will be incorporated into the Sun Corridor Trail as a local loop and connection within the larger regional system. The full network will incorporate permaculture principles, including water harvesting, native and climate-appropriate plantings, erosion-reducing treatments, and shade strategies suited to a high-desert environment.

Across the system, Bisbee Bikeways also aims to integrate art installations, murals, creative seating, interpretive elements, and ecological restoration that highlight the region's unique flora, fauna, geology, and cultural history. This approach is intended to ensure that each segment — beginning with the West and East Segments — supports a broader vision of environmental stewardship, community identity, and place-based design, alongside mobility and safety goals.

In addition, a longer-term vision for the network includes incorporating **bike stations and related amenities** that residents and visitors can use for everyday transportation as well as recreation, helping support tourism, local businesses, and healthy activity.

I think including these references will help show how the Sun Corridor Trail segment fits within a broader, adopted, actively resourced, and locally implemented regional mobility and community development framework.

Thank you so much — and really nice work on this section.

Best,
Meggen

On Tue, Dec 2, 2025 at 11:28 AM Taylor, Matthew <MTaylor@cochise.az.gov> wrote:

Hi Meggen,

We added some of the language you provided us, keeping it high level. The Plan went out for 60-day review last week and is accessible here: <https://cp2045.cochise.az.gov/>. The Sun Corridor Trail reference is on page 67.

Feel free to offer additional comments or suggestions on the draft document.

Hope you are well also and enjoying the holiday season.

From: Bisbee Bikeways <bisbeebikeways@gmail.com>
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Cc: RJ Cardin (PRK) <rj.cardin@maricopa.gov>; Gomez, Kathleen <KGomez@cochise.az.gov>

Subject: Re: Follow-Up: Bisbee Area Mobility Master Plan & Community Connections Study

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Hello Matthew,

I hope you are well. I wanted to follow up on this. Did our suggestions make it into the final document?

Thank you.

Meggen

On Wed, Oct 22, 2025 at 3:53 PM Taylor, Matthew <MTaylor@cochise.az.gov> wrote:

Hi Meggen,

Yes, received. Thanks for the follow up – very good supplemental information we'll incorporate into the Plan.

From: Bisbee Bikeways <bisbeebikeways@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 3:36 PM

To: Taylor, Matthew <MTaylor@cochise.az.gov>

Cc: RJ Cardin (PRK) <rj.cardin@maricopa.gov>; Gomez, Kathleen <KGomez@cochise.az.gov>

Subject: Re: Follow-Up: Bisbee Area Mobility Master Plan & Community Connections Study

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Hello Matthew,

I'm just checking in to see that you received my message with the text for your Comprehensive Plan?

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Meggen Connolley

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On Sun, Oct 19, 2025 at 2:39 PM Bisbee Bikeways <bisbeebikeways@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Matthew and Kathleen,
How does this sound to you?

The Sun Corridor Trail Through Cochise County: Vision, Benefits, and Pathways Forward

The Sun Corridor Trail is a bold, long-range, multi-use, nonmotorized corridor concept spanning approximately 1,500 miles from Douglas, Arizona (at the U.S.–Mexico border) to Las Vegas, Nevada. It leverages existing trail links, new trail alignments, and connections through towns and rural landscapes to stitch together a continuous, safe, and separated corridor for bicycling, walking, and other human-powered travel, as well as opportunities for horseback use.

Within Cochise County, the trail is intended to celebrate the County's western heritage by providing opportunities for long-distance horseback riding while inviting visitors and residents to connect with its spectacular wildlife and natural landscapes. The trail will connect with communities such as Douglas, Naco, Bisbee, Sierra Vista, Tombstone, and Benson, with through-access to Pima County (linking into the Tucson region's trails, including the Chuck Huckelberry Loop).

A conceptual route through Cochise County has been developed, but the County and its communities have an opportunity to influence the preferred alignments, allowed modes of use, and spur connections through future planning processes. Some segments are already funded or partially built—e.g., an **\$8.5 million spur in Bisbee** for biking, walking, and other forms of active transportation spearheaded by **Bisbee Bikeways**, a grassroots nonprofit that has brought together City, County, State, and federal partners to create a safe, connected, and accessible trail network. The Bisbee Bikeways Project exemplifies how local leadership and cross-jurisdictional collaboration can leverage public and private investment—over \$10 million to date—to build infrastructure that supports both community health and regional mobility.

The trail is not purely recreational: it is also intended as a “linear park and soft multimodal infrastructure/transportation corridor” to support both day-use nonmotorized travel and “credit card touring” (lightweight long-distance bikers staying in local lodging, accessing services, and making stops) along its full length.

Incorporating the Sun Corridor Trail concept into Cochise County's transportation and open-space framework offers a unique opportunity to shape both livability and economic vitality in a rural setting. As a multi-use, nonmotorized corridor linking towns, landscapes, and regional trail networks, the Sun Corridor Trail can serve as both a recreation amenity and a backbone for alternative mobility. By integrating trail corridor planning into land use, growth area, and economic development strategies now, Cochise County can position itself to leverage state, federal, and philanthropic funding, boost local tourism, maintain its “western” heritage, and offer enduring health, mobility, and connectivity benefits for current and future residents. The path can also serve as a safety net by acting as a firebreak throughout the County.

On Tue, Oct 7, 2025 at 8:35 AM Taylor, Matthew <MTaylor@cochise.az.gov> wrote:

Meggen,

No apology necessary on my name :]

Please return your comments by 31 October, if possible.

I look forward to working with you and RJ also.

From: Bisbee Bikeways <bisbeebikeways@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 7, 2025 8:28 AM

To: Taylor, Matthew <MTaylor@cochise.az.gov>

Cc: Field, Rebeca <Rebeca.Field@kimley-horn.com>; Gomez, Kathleen <KGomez@cochise.az.gov>; R.J. Cardin <recprof@msn.com>

Subject: Re: Follow-Up: Bisbee Area Mobility Master Plan & Community Connections Study

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Thank you Matthew. I apologize for mixing up your first name in my last email!

RJ and I will review the Comp Plan and send some language to include on the Sun Corridor Trail. When do you need that language?

We are still working on getting a location for the meeting on the 17th. It will hopefully be at the City Hall. We will send you the invite once it's available.

Thank you and I look forward to working with you.

Best regards,
Meggen

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On Tue, Oct 7, 2025 at 8:16 AM Taylor, Matthew <MTaylor@cochise.az.gov> wrote:

Good morning Meggen,

It was a pleasure meeting with you and RJ yesterday at Supervisor Gomez's invitation. The draft Comp Plan is attached – see pages 64-65 if you would like to include additional details on the Sun Corridor Trail project. You can return your comments to me via email.

I have a scheduling conflict on the 17th. Please forward the meeting invite and we'll try to have someone attend.

Thanks again.

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Cc: R.J. Cardin <recprof@msn.com>

Subject: Follow-Up: Bisbee Area Mobility Master Plan & Community Connections Study

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Hi Kathleen and Mark,

It was a pleasure meeting with you today—thank you both for taking the time to discuss the future of the **Sun Corridor Trail** and regional connectivity. I realized afterward that I forgot to mention the **Bisbee Community Connections Study (BCC)**, which is currently underway. This study takes a deeper dive into the **27-mile network** proposed in the **Bisbee Area Mobility Master Plan (BAMMP)**, which I've attached here for reference. The BCC study is looking into the connection between Bisbee and Naco and also extends east and west of Naco on parts of the proposed Sun Corridor Trail.

Cochise County's contributed \$25,000 toward the BCC, thank you! Our next **TAC meeting** is scheduled for **October 17**, and we're hoping to use **Bisbee City Hall** as the venue. Mark, perhaps you can join us on behalf of Cochise County? I believe there was another country representative at the last TAC meeting. I am not sure who that was. Rebeca can you remind me?

Cuing in **Rebeca Field**, Project Manager with **Kimley-Horn** who is managing the BCC. Rebeca, could you please share which areas of the **Sun Corridor Trail** are currently being analyzed in the BCC so we are all on the same page moving forward?

For context, **R.J. Cardin** (Board President, **Sun Corridor Trail Alliance**) and I met with **Supervisor Kathleen Gomez** and **Planning Manager Mark Taylor** today to discuss opportunities to strengthen the Sun Corridor Trail connection between Bisbee and Douglas.

Thank you again, Kathleen, for your continued leadership and partnership in supporting these important regional projects.

Warm regards,

Meggen

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Re: CP2045 Comments

From McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

Date Mon 2/2/2026 8:37 AM

To Ali Morse <morseali2@yahoo.com>

Hi Ms. Morse,

Thank you for your comments on the Draft Cochise County Comprehensive Plan and for sharing your concerns regarding water, energy demand, and environmental impacts associated with certain industries/users. The Plan encourages energy efficiency and renewable energy development—especially solar and wind—and includes policies to protect water resources, wildlife habitats, and culturally significant areas during planning and permitting, and to coordinate County review with applicable state and federal agencies.

The Comprehensive Plan does not approve or prohibit specific uses such as feedlots or data centers - potential regulations, location criteria, and development standards related to these specific uses are better addressed through the County's zoning regulations. FYI, a joint work session with the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for February 11 to discuss data centers (potential zoning text amendment), and a separate joint discussion about solar energy power plants, will immediately follow -both discussions will be between 2-4pm that day.

Regarding nuclear energy, CP2045 recognizes that while nuclear power contributes to Arizona's low-carbon electricity through the regional grid, local generation in Cochise County is currently impractical. Any future nuclear-related activity would also be subject to extensive state and federal oversight. Your comments will be included in the public record and considered as CP2045 continues through review and refinement.

Let me know if you have any other questions/concerns,

Christine McLachlan, AICP

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From: Ali Morse <morseali2@yahoo.com>

Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2026 9:27 PM

To: Development Services <DevelopmentServices@cochise.az.gov>

Cc: McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

Subject: CP2045 Comments

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Please see below and attached

Dear Ms. McLachlan,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Comprehensive Plan for Cochise County. My concerns are related to water, energy, and environmental impacts of proposed industries discussed during public meetings. Data centers, nuclear power facilities, aluminum processing plants, feedlots, etc. would all put substantial demands on our diminishing water supplies. Additionally, they pose serious health risks to wildlife and human populations via air- and water-borne contaminants, noise and/or light pollutants.

Data centers have been a hot topic for potential jobs and tax revenue in our county. The adverse effects of high water usage, massive energy consumption, and substantial greenhouse gas emissions far outweigh the benefits. Areas with power grids that run more on renewable energy and have less water scarcity are better suited for data centers: states like Texas, Montana, Nebraska, and South Dakota appear to strike that balance.

<https://www.wired.com/story/heres-where-to-build-data-centers-to-keep-emissions-down/>

More resources here:

ncejn.org

As you know, data centers employ very few people—most of the limited number of jobs are up front, during construction. Once established, it takes very few humans to keep the machinery operating.



Nuclear power is also unrealistic for Cochise County; high capital costs, long construction timelines, and radioactive waste are major concerns. Nuclear energy is the most expensive power source in the US but *“Wind and solar power, in particular, have seen dramatic cost reductions, making them increasingly competitive with fossil fuels and nuclear energy.”*

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/dianneplummer/2025/02/11/nuclear-vs-renewables-which-energy-source-wins-the-zero-carbon-race/>



Our county is ideally suited for hybrid wind and solar systems; the two are compatible with our climate and can be conveniently built on the same parcel of land to maximize land use efficiency while minimizing impact to viewscapes. amplussolar.com



Our county treasures its natural resources and outstanding landscapes; every measure should be taken to protect these irreplaceable assets. Careful planning that adheres to strict environmental regulations, pre-construction requirements, and uniform reporting guidelines are critical to maintain the quality of rural life we all value.

Our ever-changing climate patterns with short, intense precipitation followed by extended periods of severe drought should also be taken into account in this Draft Comprehensive Plan. A sensible balance between economic growth, quality of life, and preservation of natural resources must be the overarching goal of the Plan. Thank you for your dedication to these ideals and for listening to the residents of our beloved county.

Sincerely,
Ali Morse (Portal)

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Re: comments from CP2045

From Ali Morse <morseali2@yahoo.com>

Date Tue 2/17/2026 10:23 AM

To McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

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Thank so much!

My best,

Ali

On Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 08:16:10 AM MST, McLachlan, Christine <cmclachlan@cochise.az.gov> wrote:

The comments, as well as a detailed report of project website and survey results, were attached to last week's commission agenda. Here's a link to the agenda: ([click here](#)) . The comp plan was the third item. When you click on that the second attachment are the "agency and public comments." We were fortunate to receive a lot of response - and the response was quite varied in terms of topic area. Let me know if you have any trouble accessing them.

Take care,

Christine McLachlan, AICP

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From: Ali Morse <morseali2@yahoo.com>

Sent: Friday, February 13, 2026 3:41 PM

To: McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

Subject: comments from CP2045

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Good afternoon, Ms. McLachlan,

I'm wondering if we are able to view the comments on the Draft Plan, as were shared with the Board and Planning Commission. If that's not possible, have they been categorized in some way (i.e., pro/con comments on data centers, nuclear, solar, wind energy, etc.)?

Thank you,

Ali

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Re: CP2045 final draft corrections

From McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

Date Fri 2/27/2026 2:58 PM

To Cheryl Knott <cherylannknott@gmail.com>

Hi Cheryl. I appreciate the follow-up.

Regarding the AMA omission on 86-87: Thank you for catching this – I made the correction in the plan.

Page 88 map: I believe the map is correct – I doublechecked. The Sunsites area includes both a regulated Community Water System and a Water Improvement District. According to ADEQ records, Clear Springs Utility operates as the Community Water System (shown in blue). County tax area records identify the Wellspring Water District (Tax Area Code 2205), which is shown in green on the map. Here's a couple links to take you to the GIS maps:

https://azwatermaps.azwater.gov/cws/#data_s=id%3AdataSource_18-19195e0bdf1-layer-13%3A74

<https://cochise.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=0e9f91241bf247b8901686355ff6e144>

Page 90, double policy typo: fixed.

Again, thank you so much for your careful review.

Take care,

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Sent: Monday, February 9, 2026 2:00 PM

To: McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

Subject: CP2045 final draft corrections

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Dear Ms. McLachlan,

Thank you for all your work on the final draft. I appreciate the changes you made.

Pages 86-87, Willcox and Douglas are also subject to AMA requirements for municipal groundwater users. Private water companies (even though they are not cities) are also subject to the AMA municipal program, such as Hope Water Arizona South, Inc., which serves the Sunsites area in the Willcox AMA. I'm sorry I didn't notice this when I sent my comments on the first draft.

Page 88, The map seems to indicate that there's a community water district in the Sunsites area on Hwy. 191. I believe the Sunsites area is served only by the private water company and outside Sunsites people use residential wells, so I don't think there's a community water district. Maybe I'm misinterpreting the green and blue areas on the map.

Page 90, There are two Policy 4, and one should be Policy 5.

Thank you again,
Cheryl

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Re: FH Response: 60-Day Agency Review – Cochise County Comprehensive Plan (CP2045) - [UNCLASSIFIED]

From McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>

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Thank you, Alanna, we will make those changes as requested. These parcels will appear in the Plan as D-Rural prior to final adoption by the Board (3/10). I appreciate your assistance.

Take care,

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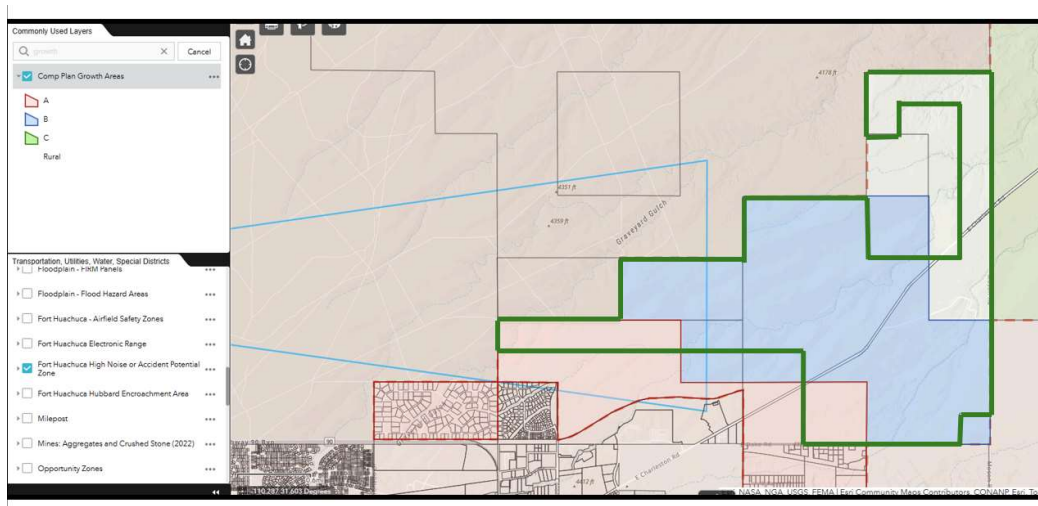
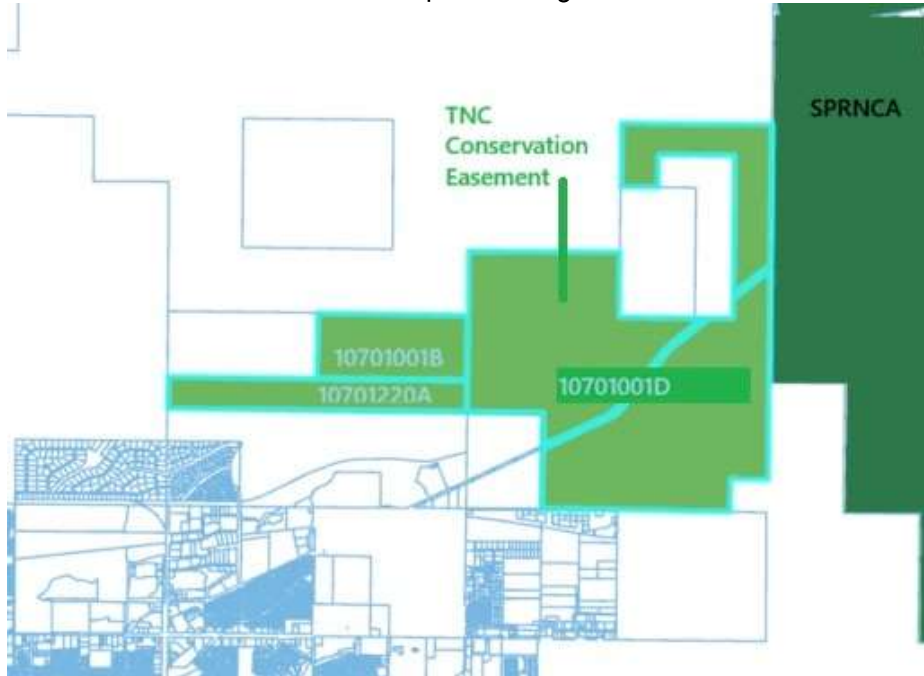
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Christine,
Sorry for the delay.

Parcels 10701001B, 10701220A, and 10701001D all have a conservation easement on them that was partially paid for by Army. Attached is the deed, which in Section 2.0 lists development, construction, and subdivision as prohibited uses. The Nature Conservancy is the easement holder and confirmed the status of the parcels for me.

Image on the left is what TNC sent me with the parcels identified. Image on the right is a screenshot from the map you provided, with Growth Areas and the Libby Army Airfield High Noise and Accident Potential Zone shown. I outlined the three parcels in green.



These parcels need to be removed from growth categories in the comprehensive plan.

V/r

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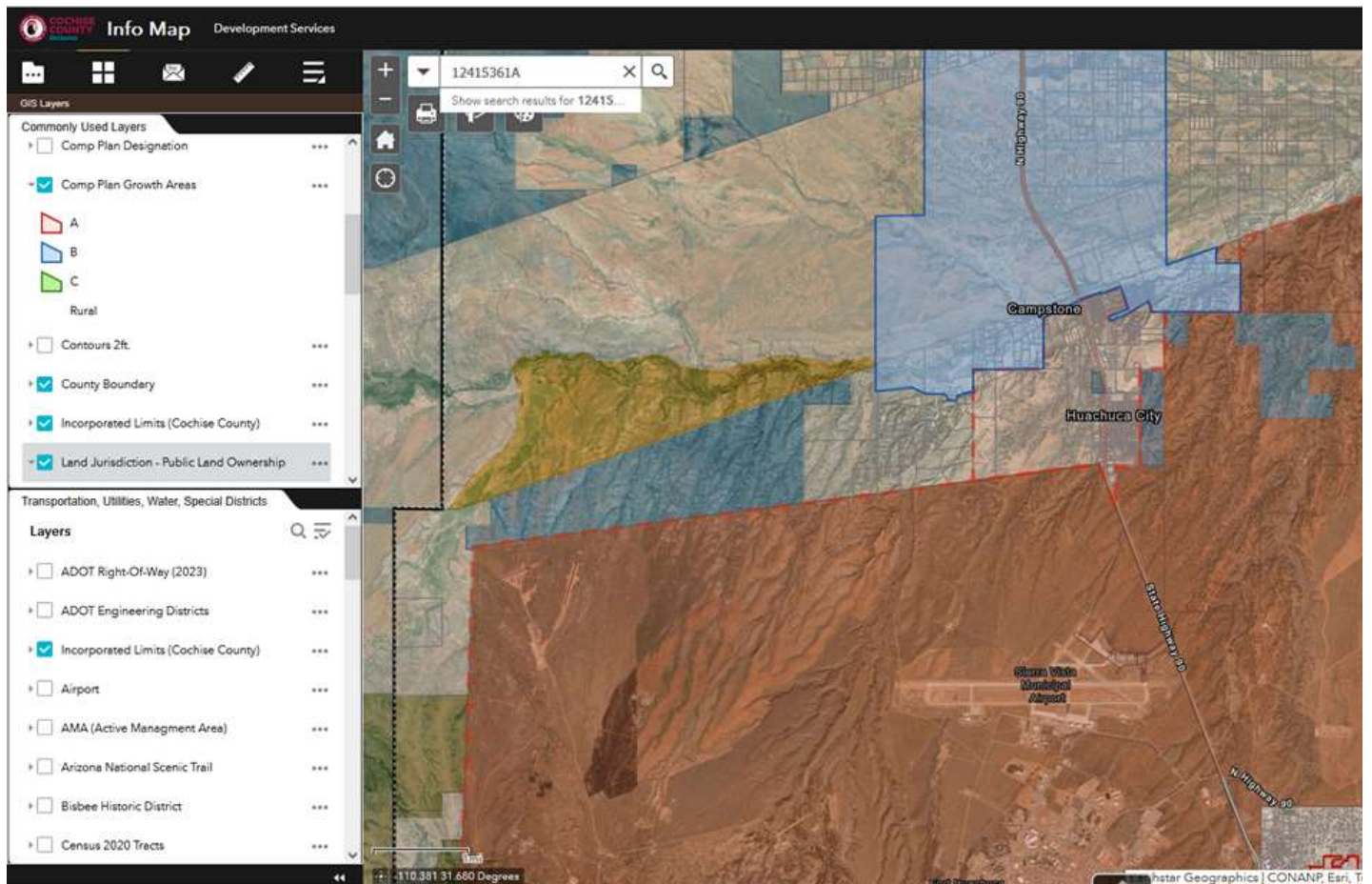
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Thank you for the detailed review of the Cochise County Draft Comprehensive Plan and for taking the time to provide both clerical and substantive comments. We appreciate the Fort's engagement and consistent coordination with the county.

Regarding the clerical comments noted on pages 38, 43–44, 100, 131, and 133 (land jurisdiction labeling, terminology updates, map keys, acreage update for the electronic range, and clarification in Figure 17), we have reviewed these and will incorporate the corrections or clarifications in the final draft, as applicable.

Regarding the substantive comment on Page 28, Map 2 (Growth Area Categories) concerning conserved lands contiguous to Fox Range: Map 2 was prepared using available County GIS datasets. To ensure our map accurately reflects the conservation intent and military compatibility, we request the Fort's assistance in identifying the location of the conserved lands you mention. Can you send us the parcel number/GIS shapefile/or KMZ of the area you mention?

In respect to your request for a more detailed map - here is a link to our development services info map, it includes our comp plan growth area layer: <https://arcg.is/0D05ai0>, as well as land jurisdiction – which includes “military.” Just make sure the “comp plan growth areas layer” and “Land jurisdiction layer” are selected. The four-square icon at the top left can turn on an underlying aerial. Here's how it should appear:



Thank you again for your thorough review and continued coordination. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Take care,

Christine McLachlan, AICP

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Subject: FH Response: 60-Day Agency Review – Cochise County Comprehensive Plan (CP2045) - [UNCLASSIFIED]

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Ma'am-

Please find input for the subject request. POC is Mrs. Riggs:

"Here are my comments on the Cochise County Draft Comprehensive Plan. They are mostly clerical, except for the first one (highlighted). For that once, I would recommend requesting the County send us better detailed maps to either confirm conserved lands are not slated for growth (the scale of the map included is too big to get a good look) OR, assuming it IS the conserved lands they have outlined, they need to remove it from being scheduled for growth".

- Section 2: Land Use & Growth Element
 - Page 28. Map 2: Growth Area Categories
 - Issue: shows conserved lands contiguous to Fort Huachuca's Fox Range as "Growth Area B". Department of War dollars went into conserving some of that property for the explicit purpose of preventing development along our border. Developmental growth should not be planned on properties conserved with partner funding.
- Section 2: Land Use & Growth Element
 - Page 38: Lands Outside of County Jurisdiction
 - Issue: Fort Huachuca is color-coded as "Unincorporated", instead of "Military"
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 - Page 43: Title of second paragraph should be: "Buffalo Soldier Electronic Testing and Training Range"
 - Page 44: Map 8: Military Land and Overlays
 - Issue: In the Key, the testing range should be "Buffalo Soldier Electronic Testing and Training Range"

- Section 2: Land Use & Growth Element
 - Page 43:
 - Third paragraph, last sentence. “Department of Defense(DoD)” should be “Department of War (DoW)”.
 - Sixth paragraph, under “High Noise and Accident Potential Zone,” mid-paragraph, “DoD” should be “DoW”.
- Section 5: Energy Element
 - Page 100: Map 28: Energy & Transmission Lines
 - Issue: Energy production site pins on map do not match pin color in key (Orange on map and red in key).
- Section 8: Economic Development Element
 - Page 131: Fort Huachuca
 - Issue: Electronic range is now 3,157 square miles (expansion now includes with Willcox Playa)
- Section 8: Economic Development Element
 - Page 133: Figure 17: Employment by Sector
 - Issue: Key notes FH jobs but does not note that they are not displayed in the graph.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Alex

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Subject: 60-Day Agency Review – Cochise County Comprehensive Plan (CP2045)

Cochise County is pleased to share the draft Comprehensive Plan (CP2045) for a 60-day agency review. This review period provides an opportunity for state, regional, and federal agencies, as well as other interested organizations, to provide feedback on the draft plan.

Project website: <https://cp2045.cochise.az.gov/>

Document link: [\(click here\)](#)

Submit Comments: Suggested edits or recommendations are welcome, please reference the chapter/section, and page when providing feedback.

- **Email:** developmentsservices@cochise.az.gov, subject line: "CP2045 comments"
- **Mail:** Cochise County Development Services Department Building F 1415 Melody Lane Bisbee, AZ 85603, Attn: Christine McLachlan
- Comments may also be submitted via the project website.

Deadline: January 25, 2026. Please, do not "reply to all."

Your input is greatly appreciated!

Christine McLachlan, AICP

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Comprehensive Plan for Cochise County

From Tracy Caras <tracycaras@gmail.com>

Date Mon 2/16/2026 5:49 AM

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Cc McLachlan, Christine <CMcLachlan@cochise.az.gov>; Taylor, Matthew <MTaylor@cochise.az.gov>

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Dear Supervisors,

I am a resident and registered voter of Cochise County and have been following the ideas put forward for the Comprehensive Plan. For the record, I completely oppose both the solar powered data centers and small modular nuclear reactors. I feel that both of these would be disastrous for our county - both environmentally and economically.

Please weigh the opinions of all your constituents (whom you are meant to represent) before deciding on either of these projects.

Thank you,

Tracy Caras
Dragoon, AZ

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County Comprehensive Plan

From Lloyd Glenn <llglenn@vtc.net>

Date Tue 2/24/2026 4:34 PM

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 1 attachment (13 KB)

I have read with great interest the Cochise County Comprehensive Plan for 2045.docx;

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Dear Supervisors Antenori, Gomez and Crosby,

I hope you will take the time to read my letter on the County Comprehensive Plan and comments.

With respect and thanks,

Lisa Glenn
Willcox

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TO:

Cochise County Supervisors:

February 24, 2026

I have read with great interest the Cochise County Comprehensive Plan , as well as the many excellent comments from experts and residents alike. The Cochise County Supervisors, along with many others, are to be commended for the long, hard work that has brought them to this final step.

Most of the comments I have read express great hesitation and concern with the direction in which we are headed. Much of that is because the facts of who we are and where we live has been lost in the planning considerations. Much of Cochise County consists of 2 Groundwater Basins, the Douglas Basin and the Willcox Basin, both pumping more water than is being recharged. The Willcox Basin, a closed basin with a finite water supply, is pumping 3 to 5 times more than is recharged. It is hotter and drier than in the past, with much less rainfall or snowmelt. We have over 50 miles of fissures, and areas of subsidence that compacts the soil, making it a “dead zone “, which is no longer able to hold/recharge water. That storage area is lost forever! The Willcox Basin is one of the fastest sinking basins in Arizona, and perhaps, the country. In just over 11 years, one area of the basin has dropped by 11.5 feet!

Brian Conway, Geophysicist at ADWR has stated “The changes that have already happened in the Willcox Basin are locked in.” “I don’t think subsidence will ever stop.”

There are technological advancements that will enhance our lives in many ways, but the processes necessary to get there can also cause great harm. Technology must invest in solving these immense problems before that technology is put upon any community.

* At this point in time, AI Data Centers do not belong in any arid area; but most assuredly not in an area that has a rapidly declining aquifer!

There are many differing ideas on how we should move into the future, and many differing solutions to the many problems that we will be faced with. But, first and foremost, always do no harm. The rewards of the future should never be a trade-off for destruction in the present.

Sincerely,

Lisa Glenn

Willcox

CP 2045 Draft Comments

Comment: Email As a resident of Cochise County for the past 11 years, I believe and desire the county to remain rural. The question and concern of water usage is vital and important to everyone who lives in this county. We have already seen the big fight over the ADI aluminum plant and the amount of water and pollution that it will use and expel into the atmosphere. I'm all for bringing jobs to the area, but not at the expense of the resident's wells running dry. People moved to this county because it has a "small town" and "rural" atmosphere to it. I implore that any "development", like the ADI plant or the Villages at Vinegeto", that the concerns of ground water be seriously taken into account. If need be, hire a firm that can recommend businesses that do not consume millions of gallons of water a year or produce pollutants. link

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Response: Thank you for your comments. Both the ADI aluminum facility and the Villages at Vigneto are located within the incorporated City of Benson, and land use decisions, water service approvals, and project oversight fall under the City's jurisdiction along with applicable state regulatory agencies.

Cochise County Development Services does not have authority over development within incorporated municipalities. In unincorporated areas of the County, however, groundwater protection and rural character remain central considerations in planning and zoning decisions, and all projects must comply with state water and environmental regulations.

CP 2045 Draft Comments

Comment: Addendum to CP 2045 Cochise County is operating under a new reality shaped by Active Management Areas (AMA) and Irrigation Non-Expansion Areas (INA). Water protection is essential and responsible. However, with agricultural expansion restricted and water-intensive development limited, we must ask a clear and honest question: What meaningful economic opportunities remain for our land? If we do not define the next phase of economic transition, we risk long-term stagnation. Young people will continue to leave. Families will relocate for opportunity. Healthcare access will weaken. Public safety budgets will tighten. Seniors on fixed incomes will face greater pressure. When traditional growth pathways narrow, leadership must intentionally create alternative pathways. Under current water realities, the most viable large-scale opportunities are renewable energy, battery storage, low-water industrial campuses, logistics infrastructure, and airport-related operations. The US-191 corridor near Bisbee–Douglas International Airport stands out as one of the few practical, scalable locations where this transition can occur responsibly. It is near transportation infrastructure, away from sensitive agricultural lands, and positioned to support cross-border trade and renewable energy integration. Economic strength is community strength. Commercial tax revenue supports our public schools, teacher retention, police staffing, fire equipment, libraries, road maintenance, and workforce programs at Cochise College. Without commercial growth, those costs shift to homeowners. If we diversify revenue through responsible, low-water industries, we create long-term funding stability. That stability supports students, protects seniors, strengthens public safety, and keeps services accessible across rural communities. Our youth are watching. They are asking whether careers exist here in renewable energy, logistics, aviation services, and skilled trades. Without opportunity, talent leaves. Once lost, it is difficult to recover. Douglas and Agua Prieta are deeply interconnected. Families live on one side and work on the other. Strategic investment near the airport strengthens lawful employment, reinforces cross-border relationships, and builds shared economic resilience. This moment is not about urbanization. It is about transition. If AMA and INA policies define what cannot expand, then CP 2045 must clearly define what can responsibly grow. Water must be protected. Agriculture must be preserved. Culture must be honored. But opportunity must also be created. Economic restriction without replacement opportunity creates risk. Call to County and State Leadership: This is the moment to act intentionally. If we do not define a transition strategy now, restriction becomes decline. If we align water protection with economic innovation, restriction becomes resilience. Strategic, water-conscious investment near Bisbee–Douglas International Airport can diversify

revenue, strengthen schools, support public safety, expand healthcare access, retain young families, and protect seniors from rising tax pressure. Protect our water. Preserve our heritage. Support our schools. Strengthen our communities. Keep our youth here. Build what is possible—where it makes sense—before opportunity leaves. Leadership today determines whether Cochise County slowly contracts—or confidently moves forward.

Response: Thank you for your comments. Cochise County is committed to aligning CP 2045 with state water regulations while supporting responsible, water-conscious economic development. The Plan provides policy direction to protect groundwater, preserve agriculture, and encourage diversified growth—including renewable energy, airport-related uses, and low-water industrial development—where appropriate. Our goal is to balance resource protection with long-term economic stability for County residents.

CP 2045 Draft Comments

I am totally disappointed with the significant weakening of dark sky protections in the 2045 draft as compared with the current comprehensive plan that was passed in 2015. This is both inappropriate and offensive. Note key differences in the current plan: A standalone goal to "Preserve the dark night skies... to the greatest extent possible" versus subsuming it purely under tourism. This is not merely a tourism issue. We live here, and we want to keep the skies that we have, and ideally IMPROVE them by mitigating unnecessary pollutions. The 2015 plan has multiple specific actionable policies whereas the 2045 draft only has a single policy focused on designations. Protective language has been dropped, e.g. discourage, encourage best practices vs "where feasible" (2045). This is intellectually lazy and favors industrialization and heavy pollution. Lighting standards. Detailed requirements via shielding, low-pressure sodium, timers etc, and NONE of this is mentioned in the 2045 draft. This is a total shift in ideology from environmental preservation to "economic tourism opportunity." This is not the vision of residents here and this draft plan is in dire need of revision to restore the protections in the current 2015 plan. I am concerned that the county has a heavy industrialization vision that is not compatible with why most of us live here. Please correct these vast oversights and restore the protections as they were previously defined.

zac asked 21 days ago

Thank you for your comments. Cochise County remains firmly committed to protecting its dark skies. Detailed requirements for shielding, fixture types, timers, and other lighting controls are included in the Outdoor Lighting requirements in the Zoning Regulations (Chapter 2.45)—not the Comprehensive Plan, which sets broader policy direction. CP2045 moves from broad “encourage/discourage” statements of the previous plan to a clear implementation strategy—it directs the County to pursue recognized Dark Sky Community and Dark Sky Park designations, which come with measurable standards, public accountability, and long-term stewardship. It also places dark skies within a broader, coordinated effort to showcase Cochise County’s historic and natural assets, helping align preservation goals with funding opportunities, partnerships, and practical actions that can strengthen protections over time.

CP 2045 Draft Comments

Comment: I live in Sunsites/Pearce. I notice no suggested upgrades in the Sulphur Springs Valley. And I could find no indicators for the widening of 191 from Douglas to I-10 on this map, that we were told would be happening in 2026. The information came from a Sheriff's meeting in Sunsites this past summer which included County officials as well. As an aside to the reason for the meeting, we were told Rt 191 would become a 4-lane highway, with turn lanes and turnouts, possibly lights. Also that there would be over 200 semi-trucks passing up rt. 191 daily, maybe more, as an outcome of the upgrading of the Port of Authority in Douglas. My question is twofold: 1. Why have we (residents along the pathway of Rt 191) not been given any say on whether or where that expansion would be taking place. 2. How do those designing this highway expect to build a road that does not immediately collapse into the fissures that are, even now, with much less traffic, continuing to subside every week. ADOT has to send a crew out almost weekly. They fill them one week and they are already collapsing in the next. This seems like a very foolish location for putting a high traffic roadway with very heavy vehicles. I am not particularly fond of the idea, but progress must move on. I just think that a highway in this continually sinking valley is a very risky proposition. We would also like to know the decided upon location for the new highway so that we can move if it is too close to our residences. Thanks you for the planning you are doing.

LenaD asked about 1 month ago

Thank you for the questions. The widening of US 191 is not currently listed as a funded project in ADOT's adopted 2026–2030 Five-Year Construction Program. US 191 is a state highway, so any expansion will require formal scoping/environmental process where ADOT must present alternatives to the community and take public comment. Regarding fissures and subsidence - any future widening would require extensive geotechnical studies. The location of active subsidence areas will be a major factor in whether, where, and how road improvements could be built. Because the widening of 191 is not a currently funded project, there is no finalized alignment/location available yet that we can share.

CP 2045 Draft Comments

Comment: Am I understanding correctly if we live in a platted subdivision that it cannot be open range. How is that enforceable? Who would I contact?? ARIZ SUN SITES #4 lot 4 Blk 626 I also own in the same lot and block lots numbers: 3, 2, 1, 17, 18

CP2045 asked about 1 month ago

Sunsites #4 was platted in 1962, before Cochise County adopted subdivision regulations. Fencing is not shown on the plat, as current rules did not apply, and under Arizona open range law, neighboring property owners are generally responsible for fencing livestock out if animals roam onto their property.

CP 2045 Draft Comments

Comment: Has or when does this go into effect?

CP2045 asked about 1 month ago

Thank you for your question. The plan is currently in the 60-day public review period, which ends January 25, 2026. After that, it will go before the Planning and Zoning Commission on February 11, 2026, for a public hearing and recommendation. Finally, the Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on February 24, 2026, to consider adoption of the plan. If adopted by the board at that meeting, it would go into immediate effect (Feb 24).

CP 2045 Draft Comments

It all sounds good, but will you stand by it? From what I understand you want Cochise County to be a heavy industrial site.

Gina asked about 2 months ago

Thank you for your comment. The Comprehensive Plan does not designate Cochise County as a heavy industrial site. Its purpose is to guide land-use decisions, emphasizing the protection of rural character and natural resources. The plan, which applies to unincorporated areas of Cochise County, directs industrial uses appropriate areas with adequate infrastructure.

CP 2045 Draft Comments

Comment on Draft 2045 Comp. Plan, page 8, historical timeline. Missing entirely is the time period from 1500 through "late 1800s"! These 350-380 YEARS represent the Spanish Colonial times from Coronado and other explorers 1539 on as they traveled the San Pedro R. corridor. The following years continue with the history of these lands claimed for Spain and as a Spanish Colonial outpost (Terrenate Presidio by Fairbank) all the while interacting with the local tribal nations. Cochise County was Colonial Spain, ALL of it from 1539 through 1821 when it became MEXICO. It wasn't until 1854 and the Gadsden Purchase that these formerly Spanish, then Mexican lands became part of the USA as the New Mexico Territory and then Arizona Territory in 1863. This left a rich cultural heritage as well as 350++ years of Spanish being the predominant language along with indigenous dialects and CANNOT BE OVERLOOKED without questions as to why that is the case. Latinos still make up 36% of the County population! Do not overlook or purposely ignore the history, you have access to many experts who can assist you in filling in the details. Please understand , too, that the people didn't move, the BORDER moved. Cochise County was Spain/Mexico many centuries longer than it has been the US. Please add this important part of Arizona and Cochise County history to the timeline! Our history only makes us stronger, and you tout a bilingual population as a good selling point for business--so add WHY there are so many bilingual speakers! (I own ranch property in the County since 1988 and am very familiar with the history of the area, hence my comments on this huge oversight.) Thank you.

mmgraf asked about 2 months ago

Thank you for your comment. You are correct - this is a significant part of Cochise County's history and cultural heritage. In the final draft, we will revise the historical timeline to include these important periods, highlighting the long-standing presence of Spanish and Indigenous cultures and the bilingual heritage that continues to shape the County today.

CP 2045 Draft Comments

Strict management of livestock from invading and damaging private properties where no legitimate open Grazing is justifiable. Neighborhoods and subdivisions should not have to deal with herds of cattle. This is a safety and health issue, trespassing, essentially claiming eminent domain of tax paying private property owners.

Cas asked about 2 months ago

Thank you for your comment and for sharing your concerns. In platted subdivisions, Cochise County requires fencing or other measures to keep livestock out of residential areas, helping protect safety, health, and property. On unplatted rural lands, Arizona's open-range laws generally allow livestock to roam. Property owners can contact state legislators to advocate for changes to these laws to better protect their property.

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Email Cochise county is and should stay Rural. Think basics. Water: Every decision should out this first and foremost. Follow and update the 100 year plan. Protect us from industries moving in and using the recourse that we need to survive. Heavy Industry: We do not have the infostructure and should not attempt to create it for Heavy Industry. I cannot think of a heavy industry that protects the environment or recourses. To blindly support a polluting industry like ADI in Benson is in my opinion a way to kill the town, Few jobs created, massive pollutants and water use, no infrastructure to fight an accident. IT will drive away snowbirds and tourists coming to Cochise country because of the rural aspect of our country. Secondary routes. With no frontage road we all know what happens when I-10 gets closed down. Look at accidents or construction on the highway. I 10 has become a major trucking route with no expansion. or consideration of secondary routing. Protect what we have. How can a county allow a secondary smelter next to out rive and wildlife area? It is coming to light that it appears Cochise county has looked the other way for years when the tank transfer area of the railroad in Benson has no plan should an accident happen. A volunteer fore department. The emergency plan drafted by ADI says they will call 911. No evacuation plan. I feel that the powers of government has decided that sacrificing the people for profit is acceptable. Think Rural. Think conservation. Think what we are leaving to our children and grandchildren. ADI is the canary in the mine shaft. IF it takes place, watch the snowbirds leave. Watch businesses close. Watch the increased traffic and pollution drive out the small farmers, Watch the water dry up. Thanks for listening. Christopher link

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Christopher Dezso asked about 2 months ago

Thank you for your comments. The Comprehensive Plan emphasizes preserving Cochise County's rural character and requires that land-use decisions, particularly in cases where there is a request to change the land use or zoning from rural to industrial, prioritize water availability, infrastructure capacity, transportation access, emergency services, and compatibility with surrounding uses before changes are considered. The County recognizes your concerns and will use this Plan to guide growth in a manner that protects public safety, environmental resources, tourism, and the long-term viability of rural communities.

CP 2045 Draft Comments

Many of us in the Sulphur Springs Valley have lived here for decades. We have had to deepen our well, even though it was one of the deeper ones when we purchased the property. (because it was at one time used for agriculture.) It costs thousands of dollars to deepen a well. We are worried that our well may dry up and we or our children won't be able to sell our property. We are surrounded by land owned by the dairies and they are running those pivots constantly. Also, they recently moved a large herd of cattle onto the field behind our house. All of our neighbors have the same concerns.

L.Polm asked about 2 months ago

Thank you for your comments. While groundwater regulation and agricultural pumping are primarily overseen by the State of Arizona, the County can address these concerns through land-use planning by requiring water supply considerations for new (non-exempt) development and coordinating with state agencies on long-term groundwater sustainability. These issues are critical to protecting the viability of existing rural residences, which is a priority of this planning document.

CP 2045 Draft Comments

More homes and low income housing that people can afford

Yvonne Carrillo asked over 1 year ago

Thank you for your suggestion! Affordable housing is a critical concern and we will do our best to develop policy that supports high-quality, affordable housing in Cochise County.

CP 2045 Draft Comments

City allowing to have/live in rv, motor home etc on property More jobs

Yvonne Carrillo asked over 1 year ago

Thank you for your suggestions!

CP 2045 Draft Comments

Is it feasible to Dam up the BLM at the San Pedro River an make it a nice lake to fish, camp and swim at? This would help with the water in Cochise County also bring in revenue to the area and also water for any farmers that want to plant crops.

John zuniga asked 12 months ago

Thank you for your suggestion. Creating a dam on the San Pedro River is not feasible, because it is a protected riparian area with critical habitat and federally designated conservation status. Here's a little more info about the river, published by BLM:

<https://www.blm.gov/national-conservation-lands/arizona/san-pedro>

CP 2045 Draft Comments

THE CURRENT LAND USE MAP SHOWS VARIOUS COLORS OF LAND USE, HOWEVER, THERE IS NO EXPLANATION OF WHAT THESE TITLES MEAN. THERE IS NO SUCH AGENCY AS US GAME AND FISH. DO YOU MEAN US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE OR ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT? NEITHER ONE IS DEPICTED ON THE MAP.

OldTimer asked 12 months ago

Thank you for your comment. The map key on page 38 of the draft plan clarifies that this category represents U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lands, not Arizona Game and Fish. We appreciate your careful review.

CP 2045 Draft Comments

I understand that water policy cannot be determined solely at the county level. However, your answer to the question below does not address supporting agriculture. Local economies are supported by agriculture, not the other way round, and we force agriculture out at our peril.

Sonia Gasho asked 12 months ago

Thank you for your comment. Cochise County's Comprehensive Plan includes policies that support agriculture by protecting farmland, encouraging sustainable irrigation practices, and promoting agri-tourism and local markets. These policies are designed to help agriculture thrive while balancing water conservation and long-term community growth.

CP 2045 Draft Comments

Stop allowing developers to overbuild. Segments of the county are at risk of running out of water. Some wells are already going dry.

GreggAPowell asked about 1 year ago

Thank you for your concern. Cochise County prioritizes growth in areas with adequate water and infrastructure and limits high-density development in rural or water-sensitive areas. However, the County has limited authority over private wells and certain exempt uses like agriculture and mining, so we focus on guidance, coordination, and sustainable planning where we can.

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suggestions related to land use: Cochise County's diverse landscapes and strategic location offer tremendous potential for sustainable development, economic growth, and community enrichment. Below are key land-use recommendations aligned with the CP 2045 vision:

- 1. Economic Development Zones Logistics and Trade Hubs:** Expand industrial zones near the Douglas Port of Entry to support freight movement, warehousing, and distribution centers. Establish Foreign Trade Zones (FTZs) to attract manufacturing companies and export-driven industries. **Innovation and Technology Parks:** Designate land for AI research centers, data centers, and autonomous vehicle testing zones to position Cochise County as a technology leader.
- 2. Renewable Energy Zones** Develop solar farms, wind parks, and hydrogen fueling stations in low-impact desert areas to create renewable energy corridors. Promote microgrids and battery storage systems to support energy resilience and off-grid housing developments. Provide zoning incentives for green energy businesses and clean technology companies.
- 3. Housing Growth Areas Mixed-Use Developments:** Encourage multi-family housing, live/work spaces, and affordable housing units in urban growth zones to meet future housing needs. **Rural and Off-Grid Housing:** Support off-grid communities and eco-friendly housing developments with sustainable water and solar systems. **Retirement Communities:** Allocate land for active adult communities, RV parks, and senior living facilities to support retiring populations.
- 4. Tourism and Recreation Areas Cultural and Historical Preservation:** Protect and promote historic landmarks, ghost towns, and archaeological sites for heritage tourism. **Eco-Tourism Parks:** Develop nature trails, campgrounds, and wildlife sanctuaries to attract eco-tourists and preserve natural habitats. **Entertainment Hubs:** Create theaters, festival grounds, and event venues to boost arts and culture.
- 5. Agricultural Preservation Zones Smart Agriculture Practices:** Protect fertile farmlands by promoting sustainable irrigation and crop diversification programs. **Agri-Tourism Initiatives:** Designate areas for farm-to-table markets, wineries, and agricultural festivals to boost local economies.
- 6. Transportation and Connectivity Hubs Multi-Modal Transport Centers:** Expand rail terminals, highway rest stops, and EV charging stations to support cross-border trade and commuter growth. **Airport Expansion:** Support the expansion of Bisbee-Douglas International Airport for direct flights to major business hubs (Dallas, Atlanta, Seattle, Phoenix). **Bike and Pedestrian Paths:** Develop bike lanes and multi-use trails connecting urban growth areas to rural communities.
- 7. Water Resource Management Areas** Develop rainwater harvesting systems, wastewater recycling, and flood control basins to address water scarcity. Promote low-water landscaping and native plant restoration to balance growth with conservation efforts. Implement

zoning policies that limit high water usage developments in fragile areas. 8. Emergency Preparedness Zones Create disaster relief hubs and emergency shelters to support residents during wildfires and flooding events. Integrate AI surveillance systems and drone technology for early-warning alerts and rapid response. 9. Scenic and Conservation Corridors Propose scenic road designations (e.g., Highway 80, US-191 and Chiricahua routes) to boost tourism and preserve natural beauty. Develop open space corridors and wildlife protection areas to balance development with environmental conservation. 10. Smart Growth Incentives Provide density bonuses, tax breaks, and grants for developers building eco-friendly, high-density housing and mixed-use communities. Streamline zoning approvals for green projects, modular homes, and affordable housing developments. These land-use recommendations align with Cochise County's long-term vision by balancing growth, sustainability, and economic expansion. To ensure that the county should be prepared to meet the needs of future generations while preserving its heritage and natural resources.

Sreenu asked about 1 year ago

Thank you for your thoughtful suggestions. We've considered them where possible—many are reflected in CP 2045's Growth Area Categories, Land Use Designations, and policies—but some ideas are very specific and would need to be addressed through site-specific Master Development Plans, overlays, or future planning efforts. We appreciate your input as we continue to guide sustainable growth and preserve Cochise County's unique character.

CP 2045 Draft Comments

I live in Tombstone. When there is a change of permitted building, the affected properties should be notified prior to affecting that change. They currently are not.

Meg85638 asked 11 months ago

Thank you for your comment. Cochise County's Comprehensive Plan and land-use regulations do not apply within city limits. To request changes to notification procedures for building permits, residents should contact the Tombstone City Council or Planning Department, as they have authority over permitting and can consider implementing property-owner notifications.

CP 2045 Draft Comments

Does the county have any say in subsidized cattle ranching on public lands, or are these policy decisions made at the state and federal level?

Anna asked 6 months ago

Thank you for your question. Cochise County does not control subsidized cattle grazing on public lands; these programs are managed by federal agencies such as the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service, and grazing policies are set at the state and federal level.

CP 2045 Draft Comments

I agree with Joanna's concerns below. I don't understand that as we hear reports of the AMA and water issues we haven't been hearing about any kind of restrictions for the large users of our water such as the dairy and nut farms. I understand that they provide jobs and hopefully taxes, but conservation should belong to everyone. The dairy uses more than the entire county. Shouldn't they be held accountable for reducing water usage?

Debbie asked about 1 year ago

Thank you for your comments. Many have expressed similar concerns regarding this issues. While Cochise County's direct authority to regulate water usage is limited, in recent months, the Arizona Attorney General has taken steps to address excessive groundwater pumping by corporate farms, indicating a growing recognition of the need for regulatory action at the state level. In addition, the county can partnering with state agencies like ADWR to promote more stringent groundwater management strategies related to large-scale water users.

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Is that football field in the title picture and the green fields behind it in Cochise county?

MsDoabunch asked 12 months ago

That is the beautiful home field for the Douglas bulldogs.

CP 2045 Draft Comments

Also, that picture of a river is not in Cochise county is it?

MsDoabunch asked 12 months ago

That is correct - while almost all photos on the website are from Cochise County, the river photo on the home page is not.

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With a shortage of water resources in the Willcox Water Basin, what is the plan for fixing the problem there? Too many stakeholders have already had their wells run dry while the out-of-state corporations/industrial conglomerates continue to suck up the aquifer. This is pushing the original farmers/ranches out of the area because they can't afford to deepen their wells.

Joanna Seeley asked over 1 year ago

Thank you for your question and we share your concerns. Equitable water allocation is a difficult issue that cannot be addressed at the county-level alone. We will support policies for the county that support water conservation, infrastructure improvements, as well as water management policy that is in alignment with land use planning.

CP 2045 Draft Comments

Area Plan 92 is on the map but no information or what you are planning. Looking forward to reviewing and commenting when there is actual information

Doc asked over 1 year ago

Thank you for visiting our site. Please check back frequently for project updates and additional opportunities for public input.

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I'm concerned about the circulation of expected RV and campers when Camp Riff (Touquoise Valley GC) has events. The supervisors allowed over 600 camp sites and rock and roll venues. When all those vehicles converge into the little side streets of Naco trying to get to the entrance to pay.... There is going to be a problem. If you do the math figuring 10ft a car and the number of cars from neighbors and Camp Naco at times congestion could get ugly, cars and motorhomes sitting in traffic waiting to get to the front gate to pay and register. My idea is to force Camp Riff to have visitors enter via Naco Highway that way the congestion stays out of the small residential streets of Naco. Think about how many vehicles for 600 rv park plus bar and restaurant patrons and normal traffic thru the border from Sonora. It could be a mess, especially if emergency response is slowed by the congestion during these events. Mind you security is an issue as well. People will be parking wherever they can jumping the fences. I was young and broke at a time, I'd do the same. I think it could be a real traffic issue when these events come and go. I moved here in 2016, sold everything I had to buy my dream, to live by the golf course and be a member and play golf everyday I could. Well you all and Ken Bugde from Bisbee sold my dream to a man that so far has really made a mess of it. It's a fire hazard I the waiting. 600 dry campsites? We are talking folks who will come to party, I understand that. I hope Cochise County Sheriff's have the manpower to control and secure the situations that could arise just from the traffic. We the taxpayers of Naco were promised land tax breaks from Joe Lewis, my taxes just went up. Is he paying his fair share for the fire hazard. Something to think about as far as traffic congestion and circulation if a fire happens during an event with all that fuel that has cumulated sine he's owns the place many of the trees have died and the live ones he's cutting down. Heartbreaking as a horticulturalist. Please look into his plans for up and over 600 guests arrival and departure within the confines of our small forgotten little town.

Tackaboo asked about 2 months ago

Thank you for your comment. The Comprehensive Plan recognizes that traffic circulation, emergency access, and public safety are key considerations in land-use planning, especially serving large event venues. While the Plan does not regulate individual businesses, it supports policies that encourage proper access design, minimize impacts on residential streets, and ensure safe ingress and egress for large gatherings to protect residents, emergency response, and the character of small communities like Naco.

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What are your plans with Willson Road? Resolutions 75 19? When Naco was bidding for the transfer station which Douglas won out. So are you going to build a major road for trucking out of Naco? Are you going to ever build that road? The expense to build bridge over GreenBush Draw for loaded semi trucks. My idea is to pave big road down to Purdy Way and then pave Purdy way to Naco Highway diverting traffic to border entrance via Naco Highway. Make Willson Road a one way out of town. In other words divert all traffic traveling south on Willson from 92 at Purdy to go east to Naco Highway south to border entrance or the town of Naco. You could save on not having to construct a bridge over Green Brush Draw?

Tackaboo asked about 2 months ago

Thank you for your comment. While no specific construction or bridge plans for Willson Road are in place, or contemplated in the the plan, your suggestion to use Purdy Way to divert traffic to Naco Highway and make Willson Road one-way will be noted for future planning and traffic studies.

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Lighting issues in the county. The county should consider installing "solar street lights." There are no lights by the high school in Bisbee and no lights on the the way to Old Bisbee. Very hard to see and difficult to use brights because of other cars.

JS5454 asked 12 months ago

Thank you for your comment. Safe lighting is key for road safety. Your suggestion for solar street lights near Bisbee High School and the route to Old Bisbee will be noted for future planning and safety improvements.

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By the way, for many years to come Arizonans cannot count on ANY federal support in the water management area. It is a "state" responsibility, other than for Constitutionally approved matters related to regional hydro-electric power, dams, and flowing rivers. "Recharging" our water zones is the responsibility of Arizonans and no other. In short, I ain't payin' for California's or Colorado's failure to manage their water resources efficiently or in a sustainable manner.

Vic Currier asked about 1 year ago

Thank you for your comment. The Water Resource Element reflects that water management—including recharge, conservation, and long-term planning—is primarily a local and state responsibility. The plan focuses on sustainable use, aquifer protection, and community-based solutions, without relying on federal support.

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What is happening within the Douglas aquifer

Jeanne asked 12 months ago

Thank you for your questions. The area is now regulated as the Douglas Active Management Area, which requires conservation measures. The first plan was adopted in late 2024. It establishes rules to reduce groundwater withdrawals, manage irrigation and municipal use, and move the aquifer toward long-term sustainability.

CP 2045 Draft Comments

why have you not implemented the suggestions that J. Nayer Hardin made? There is no time to waste given the problems that are fast arising and that will not wait for creeping government to support?

alohawater asked 12 months ago

Thank you for your comment. All public suggestions, including those from J. Nayer Hardin, are being reviewed as part of the Comprehensive Plan update process. Because the plan must follow required public-input steps, legal guidelines, and coordination with state and local water agencies, recommendations cannot be adopted immediately, but we appreciate your time and note your concern.

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Please consider implementing incentives for home owners to install water harvesting for garden/yard watering.

CRR asked 11 months ago

Thank you for your suggestion. Incentives for residential rainwater harvesting align strongly with the Element's conservation and recharge goals. Your feedback is noted as we review potential policy tools—such as rebates, technical guidance, or partnerships—that can help homeowners implement water-saving practices.

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Is the County considering the rights and needs of many over the rights and needs of the few? I believe our elected officials should be voting for what is good for many and not just the needs of a few. Specifically, I reference the small cattle owners and crop growers as opposed to the large stock holder owned, do not care about your neighbor, do not provide any value to the community farmers and cattle owners. These water restrictions loom heavy on the minds of those just trying to feed their family and the large conglomerates do not worry as they have the lawyers and come elected officials on their side. Farmer suicide rates exceed that of Veterans. The transition to organic farming, mob cattle grazing, This can save water, get the land healthier so water can soak faster into the aquifer. Get rid of all these water sucking non native plants in particular mesquites that are not native to some areas of the county. Perhaps the county should look at getting specialists to come here to teach these things instead of focusing on just getting more tourists to come in damage the area, drive side by side vehicles spreading invasive seeds in their tires, eroding the lands causing more runoff and disrupting the peace and quiet of the area.

Better Future asked 6 months ago

Thank you for your comments. The Water Resource Element aims to balance the needs of all water users, and your concerns about the challenges faced by small farmers and the impacts of large operations are important. While this element cannot regulate water rights or individual operations, your feedback helps ensure the plan better reflects on-the-ground realities and community priorities. Thank you for contributing.

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Comment--We should look at all resources for self-sustainment inside the borders of Arizona without consideration for neighboring states or countries. - Arizona Water Law (AWL) and the follow-on promulgated rules & regulations require, first, an element of consistency throughout the Territory of Arizona. - Second, AWL - said (by water masters) to be the most "incongruous collection of special interest paragraphs" in Arizona Law - should require that "no man can be deprived of drinking water" with stiff penalties for violation. - After that, no person or entity upstream can dam or block water from downstream needs (water shed management regulation needed). - All promulgated rules & regulations regarding water use and distribution should be managed according to guidelines within the "USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map - U.S. Department of Agriculture" (GZ) designations. The northern parts of the territory are in GZ-6 and GZ-7. The southern part is predominately in GZ-8. - From that point, food is the next most important priority behind water. What edible foods are grown in GZ-6 & 7? What edible foods are grown in GZ-8? What edible foods need the most water on a "per-acre" calculation for (a) human and (b) animal nutritional benefits? Flora pollinators & cross-pollinators for sustaining life and abundant growth must necessarily be managed - not on men's whims - but on science's calculated facts. Animal breeds are essential factors in food production. For example - the Jornada Experimental Range northeast of Las Cruces (Growing Zone "8") established in 1912, found in general terms, that the Brangus breed of cattle is far more efficient than, say, Herefords or pure Brahman herds on a grazing site monitored over a sixty (60) year period by "cow-unit-per-acre" and "carcass size" suitable for majority slaughterhouse meat processors. Based upon sufficient study, water-use law should be measured by "best conservation" and "highest quality need." - Water use is not a sport. - Consider switching back to the "community swimming pool" rather than have individual pools of water evaporating at accelerated rates. It's the same for unnecessary personal fish ponds. Neither is in the community's best interest until all other basic needs herein are satisfied. Then, if enough water is deemed available, by all means, fill up your personal swimming pool if you must. In arid lands, WATER must take top priority over all other matters except border security and community safety, followed by the general health and welfare of citizens within the territory. Until other laws related to, for example, eating horse meat are changed, horses contribute little or nothing other than for use in antiquated farming/plowing methods. No priority should be given to horses raised for sport or competition without adequately covering all of the above - first. Shelter and housing are prioritized next, followed by mining and general industry/manufacturing. These are basic tenants of natural law and should be

prioritized in order of "need" - not by the latest en vogue "sport" or "want" or even "business profitability."

Vic Currier asked about 1 year ago

Thank you for your response. Your comments suggest the need for a structured, science-based approach to water and resource management in Arizona that is both comprehensive and strategic. We will further consider your comments as we draft this plan.

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Stop big Ag from using up all our water.

Raber asked about 1 year ago

Thank you for your comment.

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All these people in the Sulpher Springs valley, demanding water restrictions do not speak for those of us in the San Pedro Valley.

1971kris asked about 1 year ago

Understood, thank you for your comment.

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1. Why have we not yet shifted to 3d printing "atmospheric water generators" (look up the technology at the EPA site and general searches) - "water from air" towers and devices, hydropanels, as a way to reduce the drain on our aquifer? 2. Greenhouse farming uses a lot less water than traditional farming. Why are we still using ancient farming practices that consume a lot of water in our climate emergency when we have so many better options? For those who prefer outdoor farming, something like the Tree T-Pee on individual plants could also help slow or stop the drain on our aquifer too. 3. What do I have to do to get the County to go to the Feds to get the Rucker Canyon Dam repaired? It would make a great back up water source for when wells run dry, like they are. There is a product called Hydreva, a magnetic water cleaner, can make the water from there drinkable. Divine solutions to our water problems are everywhere! How do we incorporate them into our plans for the future as well as the present too?

Nayer asked about 1 year ago

Thank you for your comments. You have mentioned several innovative technologies and sustainable practices that could help mitigate water scarcity and enhance agricultural efficiency. Each of these deserve consideration.

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How do we reclaim the land and water resource currently under the control of the federal government, i.e. the Rucker Canyon Dam, for We The People? We can 3d+ print the repairs with a veterans based crew and use part of the area as a modern Ellis Island style relocation service to help with the many climate crisis refugees already arriving. We don't have to wait to 2045 to begin. Let that be our completion date.

Nayer asked over 1 year ago

To provide some context for others, Rucker Canyon Dam is managed by the U.S. Forest Service as part of the Coronado National Forest. In recent years, there have been some discussions about rebuilding or repairing the dam to enhance its economic/environmental/and community benefits and we are aware of at least one petition on change.org specifically related to this dam. Thank you for bringing this up.

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It would be great to get more people to harvest rainwater. Even though it doesn't rain very frequently, the rain we do get is sufficient to water gardens, lawns, animals etc. I see a lot of people investing money in wells, but I never see or hear anyone talk about investing in rainwater harvesting. It would be great if the county could incentivize people to install rainwater catchment systems, especially on large buildings.

Taryn Beck asked about 1 year ago

Thank you for your suggestion. I think this is a great idea!

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It looks like many of the questions on here are from a pro AMA stance. Please do not believe that that is the majority's wish. We need water conservation but we DO NOT need AMAS or more restrictive water regulatory schemes that will cripple our local economies. I see you are considering water districts and I believe they are an important consideration for our residents. Are you considering implementing the funding for low income residents for well maintenance?

Sonia Gasho asked 12 months ago

Thank you for your comments. There are some existing funding sources and assistance programs to help low-income residents with well maintenance, specifically through Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and others. Locally, the county provides assistance for emergency home repairs for low-income residents. While this would not fund regular maintenance, it could apply to urgent repairs intended to ensure a home's safety, security, and livability. For more information, please see <https://www.cochise.az.gov/890/Emergency-Home-Repair-and-Owner-Occupied>

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What is being implemented to stop large companies coming in and using huge amounts of water for the dairy, the Egyptian alfalfa fields?

Jeanne asked 12 months ago

The Willcox Basin has recently been designated as an Active Management Area (AMA) by the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR). This designation came into effect to address the ongoing concerns about groundwater depletion and to better regulate water use in the region. With the Willcox AMA now in place, the rules governing groundwater use in the basin have become stricter, and large-scale water withdrawals, such as those by Riverview Dairy and other operations, will face more oversight and regulation. This includes limits on the amount of water that can be withdrawn from the aquifer, requirements for reporting water use, and the implementation of water

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THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME DISCUSSION OF THE RECENT COURT ORDER DEDICATING FEDERAL RESERVE WATER RIGHTS TO THE SAN PEDRO RIPARIAN CONSERVATION AREA, AS WELL AS EXISTING WATER CONTAMINANTS SUCH AS E. COLI AND PFAS.

OldTimer asked 12 months ago

Thank you for your suggestion. The SPRCA is a critical part of our landscape.

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Why does tge water leave white residue on my water pitchers.

Alidan asked 12 months ago

It sounds like you have hard water, which means it contains higher-than-normal levels of dissolved minerals, especially calcium and magnesium. A water softener system, or water filter, could help.

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There are a lot of questions about water recharge; however most of them only address the San Pedro valley where there is surface water. I am curious how recharge of the aquifer will be addressed in the Sulphur Springs Valley (Willcox Basin Aquifer) since there is no surface water and the only recharge that happens is from the Chiricahua Watershed and the Dragoon Mountains Watershed. The past 10 years have seen exceptional drought conditions in our area so the recharge has been very limited (and probably negligible in light of the over-pumping of groundwater). What/How is the County planning to mitigate this critical situation?

Kalimera asked 12 months ago

Thank you for your question. As you state in your question, the Willcox Basin faces both limited natural recharge sources and over-pumping, which are compounded by ongoing drought conditions. The county could advocate for a combination of collaborative groundwater management programs, increased conservation efforts, artificial recharge, additional monitoring and data collection, alternative water sources like desalinization, expanded reliance on active management areas. All potential options are likely to have pros and cons and there is no one solution to this complicated issue.

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What if any actions are being taken toward Aquifer Recharge projects?

Rancher asked about 1 year ago

Thanks for your question. Cochise County has implemented several aquifer recharge projects to enhance groundwater levels and support the health of the San Pedro River. These initiatives are primarily coordinated through the Cochise Conservation & Recharge Network (CCRN), a collaborative partnership among local governments and organizations. Collectively, these projects have contributed to more than 6,000 acre-feet per year of groundwater benefits through retired historic pumping, precluded future pumping, and recharging stormwater and reclaimed water. For more detailed information on these projects and the CCRN's initiatives, you can visit their official website <https://ccrnsanpedro.org/>

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Additionally, clean water in Bisbee. We have basically 3 stations in the same area, by Safeway. There should be one in Warren and one in OB at least.

JS5454 asked 12 months ago

Thank you for your suggestion. Because this is a municipal water supply, we will pass this along to the city of Bisbee.

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Is there a plan to limit businesses and private well users acting like a business to protect the regular water usage of most residents?

Bubblegirl asked 12 months ago

Thank you for your question. In Arizona, currently the primary means that we have to regulate groundwater usage are reserved for Active Management Areas, or AMAs. Within these areas, businesses and private well owners, acting in a commercial capacity, are subject to increased regulation. Specifically, they must adhere to withdrawal limits and may be required to obtain permits for non-exempt wells.

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Why not create Active Management Areas for water control? The state refuses to regulate water but we live here and would like county to regulate water usage so we have water for our future. The current water situation is unsustainable in the long run.

Gene asked over 1 year ago

Hi Gene, thank you for your suggestion. I'm not certain which area of the county you live in, but as you may be aware in August of 2022, the County received petitions to form new AMAs for the Douglas and Willcox basins. Following an election, the ballot measure for the Douglas AMA passed, the Willcox measure did not. AMAs are areas within the state that are subject to certain statutory and administrative regulations regarding the withdrawal and use of groundwater and, as such, are useful tools for water conservation. AMAs can still be considered for additional areas in Cochise County. It sounds like you are in favor of additional studies and policy to encourage their development.

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This goes right along with the Land Use. How are you going to regulate the big out-of-state/country guys if there's not enough water for the little guy?

Joanna Seeley asked over 1 year ago

Thank you for your comment, you are absolutely right - water use directly correlates with land use. Water allocation is a difficult issue that cannot be solved by one document or just at the county level. Within the Comprehensive Plan we will develop policy at the county level to support water conservation, infrastructure development and maintenance, promote climate resilience, as well as align county policy with the latest state and federal water regulations.

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Suggestion: Please research and investigate the feasibility of Water Districts throughout the County. Each and every rural public school could implement a water district, benefit from its implementation while serving to accommodate area residents. It could offer an alternative to new wells, old wells needing service, clean water, and "balancing current needs with long-term goals and environmental stewardship."

SM Frei asked over 1 year ago

Thank you for your suggestion! We will consider policies to support water districts and other centralized water management strategies to promote more efficient use and allocation of water.

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How are we to plan anything when the farms are using up the water our well has been dug twice from 250 to 450 feet the farms need to be regulated 100 gallons free after that 1.00 a gallon and the money be put in a fund for people in the community that have to dig deeper and not have different countries pumping our water for their country unless they pay 2.00 a gallon after 500 gallons 5.00 a gallon because they don't care if we run out of water but this is our home we have to protect our homestead when immigrants come to our country they can buy property and drill a well and suck our water dry it's not fair for rich nationals to do this and I sometimes wonder who's side our people are on because we don't see any kind of profit we have to suffer the consequences while others fill their pockets not in the least caring about our community

Robert asked over 1 year ago

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What plans do you have for large scale water reclamation, such as recharge wells or building new reservoirs?

Kathy asked over 1 year ago

Thank you for your question. Cochise County is a key partner in the Cochise Conservation and Recharge Network (CCRN) along with the Cities of Sierra Vista and Bisbee, Fort Huachuca, Bureau of Land Management, The Nature Conservancy and the Hereford Natural Resource Conservation District. CCRN is an innovative series of projects capable of increasing flows in the upper San Pedro River, There are several projects underway that are intended to address issues such as areawide water conservation, agricultural viability, wildlife habitat restoration, and military mission protection. These important issues will also be addressed within the Comprehensive Plan Update 2045. Project staff will use results from our community outreach, and updated environmental studies and demographic information to develop policy that better supports the efforts of the CCRN. For more information, please visit: <https://ccrnsanpedro.org/>.

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Good afternoon,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Cochise Comprehensive Plan. We are aware that Cochise County has a substantial number of archaeological sites and historic properties. Please feel free to reach out to us to discuss their management and any of the topics discussed in the attached letter. Our office is happy to assist the County.

Sincerely,
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Deadline: January 25, 2026. Please, do not "reply to all."

Your input is greatly appreciated!

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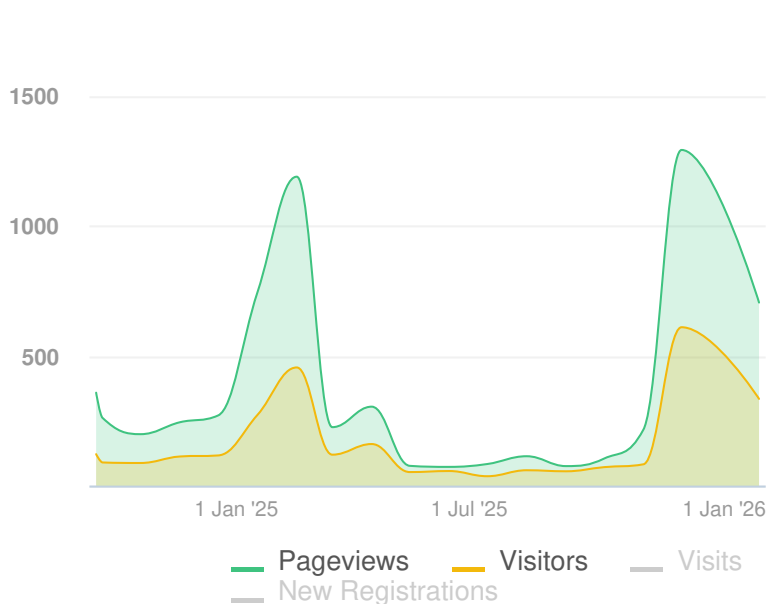
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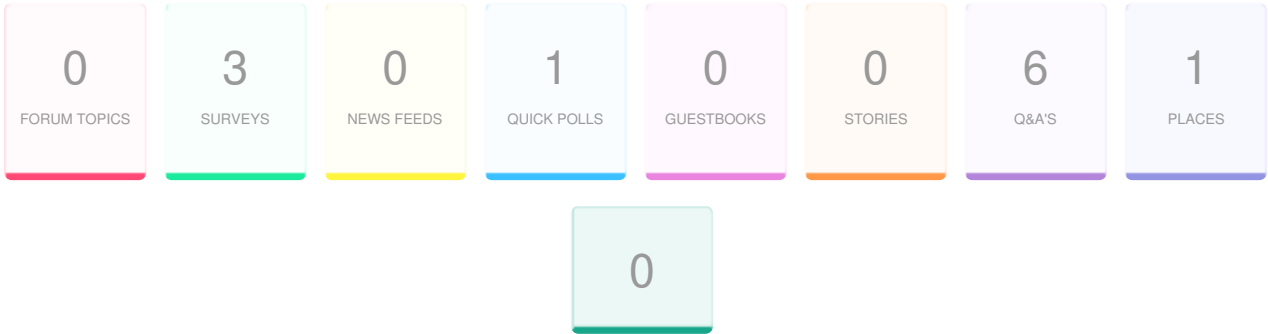
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PARTICIPANT SUMMARY

ENGAGED	331 ENGAGED PARTICIPANTS			TOP PROJECTS		
INFORMED	Registered	Unverified	Anonymous	Participants (%)		
INFORMED	Contributed on Forums	0	0	0	CP 2045 Draft Comments	316 (26.0%)
	Participated in Surveys	312	0	0	CP 2045 Water Resources	23 (7.1%)
	Contributed to Newsfeeds	0	0	0	CP 2045 Housing	20 (3.4%)
	Participated in Quick Polls	0	0	0	CP 2045 Energy	14 (8.6%)
AWARE	Posted on Guestbooks	0	0	0	CP 2045 Land Use	12 (1.9%)
	Contributed to Stories	0	0	0	CP 2045 Circulation	5 (1.9%)
	Asked Questions	26	16	0		
	Placed Pins on Places	3	0	0		
	Contributed to Ideas	0	0	0		
<i>* A single engaged participant can perform multiple actions</i>				<i>* Calculated as a percentage of total visits to the Project</i>		
ENGAGED	1,105 INFORMED PARTICIPANTS			TOP PROJECTS		
INFORMED	Participants			Participants (%)		
INFORMED	Viewed a video	0		CP 2045 Draft Comments	558 (45.9%)	
	Viewed a photo	65		CP 2045 Housing	429 (71.9%)	
	Downloaded a document	448		CP 2045 Land Use	120 (18.8%)	
	Visited the Key Dates page	0		CP 2045 Circulation	56 (20.9%)	
AWARE	Visited an FAQ list Page	354		CP 2045 Water Resources	42 (13.0%)	
	Visited Instagram Page	0		CP 2045 Energy	30 (18.5%)	
	Visited Multiple Project Pages	384				
	Contributed to a tool (engaged)	331				
<i>* A single informed participant can perform multiple actions</i>				<i>* Calculated as a percentage of total visits to the Project</i>		
ENGAGED	2,559 AWARE PARTICIPANTS			TOP PROJECTS		
INFORMED	Participants			Participants		
INFORMED	Visited at least one Page	2,559		CP 2045 Draft Comments	1,215	
				CP 2045 Land Use	639	
AWARE				CP 2045 Housing	597	
				CP 2045 Water Resources	324	
				CP 2045 Circulation	268	
				CP 2045 Energy	162	
<i>* Aware user could have also performed an Informed or Engaged Action</i>				<i>* Total list of unique visitors to the project</i>		

ENGAGEMENT TOOLS SUMMARY



SURVEYS SUMMARY	
3	Surveys
312	Contributors
342	Submissions

TOP 3 SURVEYS BASED ON CONTRIBUTORS		
309	20	13
Contributors to Cochise County Comprehensive Plan 2045 Survey	Contributors to CP 2045 Housing Survey	Contributors to CP 2045 Energy and the Environment Survey

QUICK POLLS SUMMARY	
1	Quick Polls
0	Contributors
0	Responses

TOP 3 QUICK POLLS BASED ON CONTRIBUTORS
0
Contributors to What method of communication and engagement do you think is

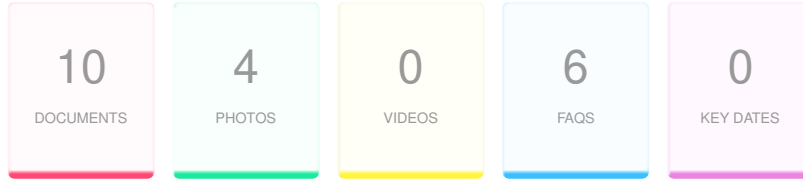
Q & A SUMMARY	
6	Q&As
42	Contributors
56	Questions

TOP 3 Q & A BASED ON CONTRIBUTORS		
23	12	10
Contributors to We Want to Hear From You. Please share comments to help improve the draft Water	Contributors to We want to hear from you. Please share comments that help improve the draft Land	Contributors to We want to hear from you. Please share comments that help improve the Draft Cochise

PLACES SUMMARY	
1	Places
3	Contributors
3	Pins

TOP 3 PLACES BASED ON CONTRIBUTORS		
3	0	0
Contributors to Scenic Roads	Contributors to Surface Watersheds in Cochise County	Contributors to Active Management Area

INFORMATION WIDGET SUMMARY



DOCUMENTS	
10	Documents
448	Visitors
622	Downloads

TOP 3 DOCUMENTS BASED ON DOWNLOADS		
489 Downloads	66 Downloads	30 Downloads
Draft Cochise County Comprehensive Plan CP2045	deleted_document	Draft Cochise County Comprehensive Plan CP2045

PHOTOS	
4	Photos
65	Visitors
76	Views

TOP 3 PHOTOS BASED ON VIEWS		
30 Views	19 Views	19 Views
deleted_photo	deleted_photo	Land Use Designations

FAQS	
6	Faqs
354	Visitors
375	Views

TOP 3 FAQS BASED ON VIEWS		
118 Views	74 Views	60 Views
CP 2045 Draft Comments	CP 2045 Land Use	CP 2045 Circulation

TRAFFIC SOURCES OVERVIEW

REFERRER URL	Visits
www.google.com	268
www.cochise.az.gov	263
m.facebook.com	195
lm.facebook.com	188
l.facebook.com	115
www.bing.com	55
android-app	26
duckduckgo.com	22
choosecochise.com	14
www.facebook.com	10
chatgpt.com	10
nextdoor.com	9
cochise.az.gov	7
mail.google.com	6
statics.teams.cdn.office.net	5

SELECTED PROJECTS - FULL LIST

PROJECT TITLE	AWARE	INFORMED	ENGAGED
CP 2045 Draft Comments	1215	558	316
CP 2045 Land Use	639	120	12
CP 2045 Housing	597	429	20
CP 2045 Water Resources	324	42	23
CP 2045 Circulation	268	57	5
CP 2045 Energy	162	30	14

Cochise County Comprehensive Plan 2045 Survey

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

27 August 2024 - 31 January 2026

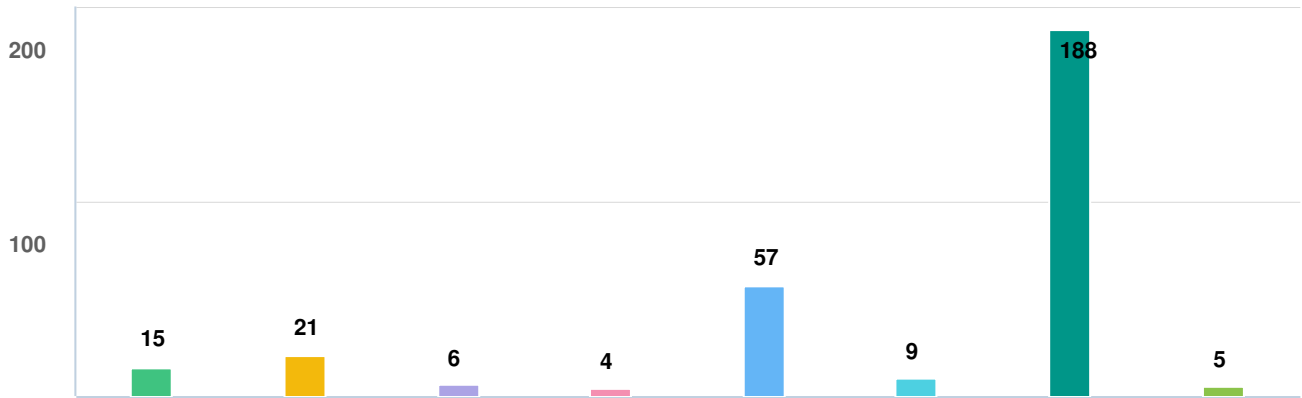
PROJECT NAME:

CP 2045 Draft Comments



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 | Where in Cochise County do you live?

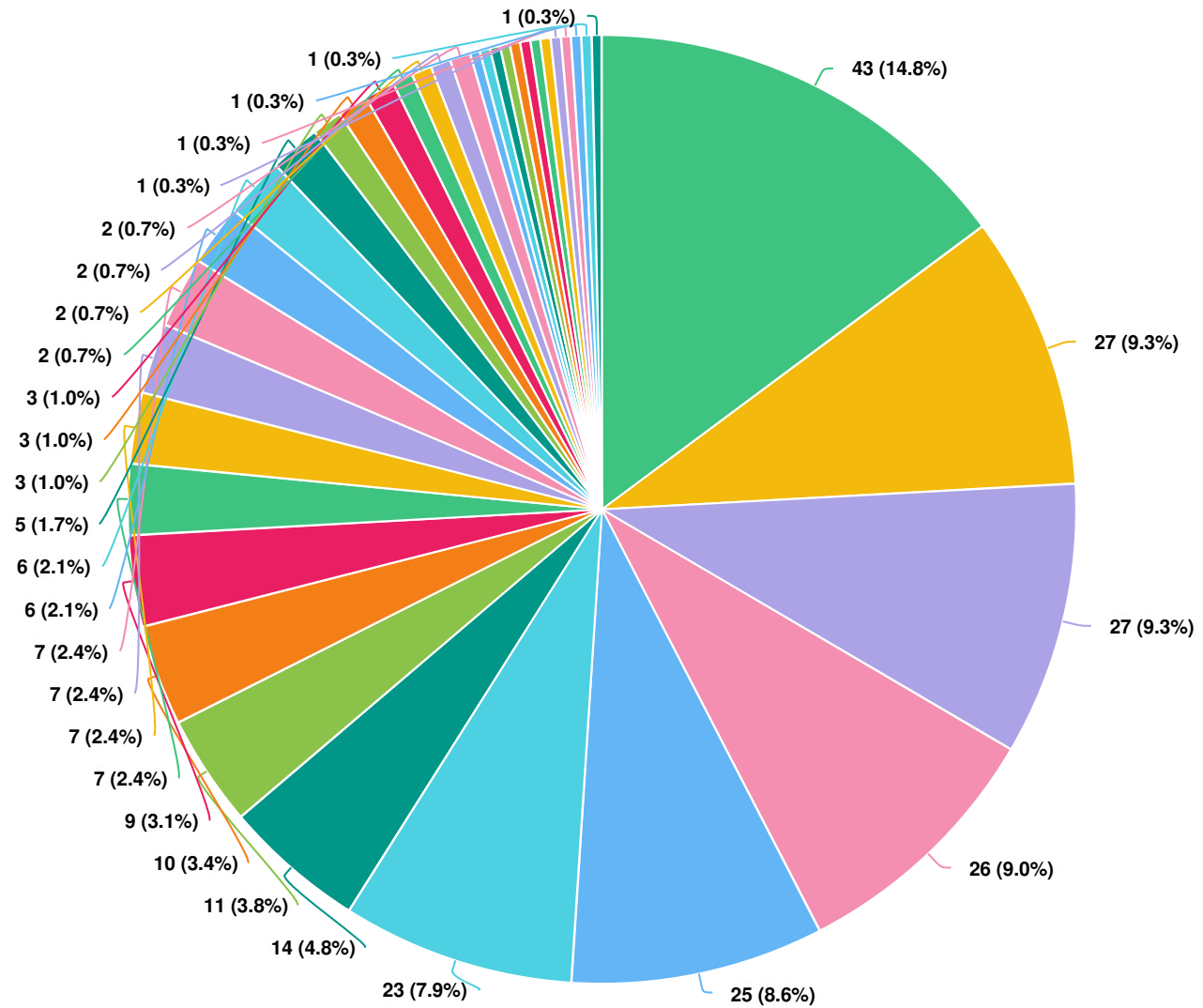


Question options

- Benson (within City Limits)
- Bisbee (within City Limits)
- Douglas (within City Limits)
- Huachuca City (within City Limits)
- Sierra Vista (within City Limits)
- Willcox (within City Limits)
- Unincorporated Cochise County (not within City Limits)
- I do not live in Cochise County

Optional question (305 response(s), 4 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q2 Please enter your zipcode

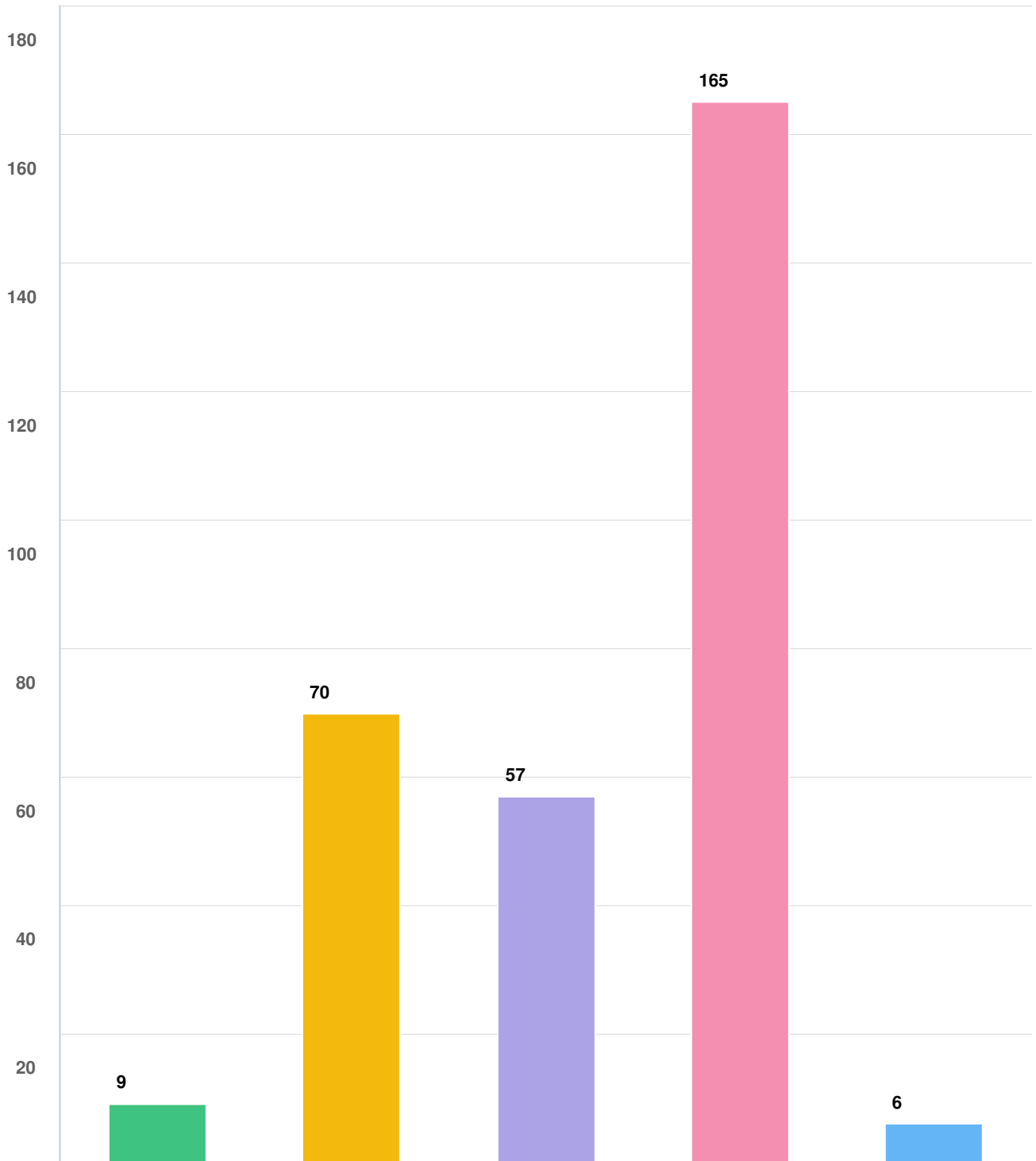


Question options

- Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 ● Hereford, AZ 85615 ● Sierra Vista, AZ 85650 ● Benson, AZ 85602
- Bisbee, AZ 85603 ● Portal, AZ 85632 ● Douglas, AZ 85607 ● Willcox, AZ 85643 ● Pearce, AZ 85625
- Cascabel, AZ 85602 ● Mc Neal, AZ 85617 ● Tombstone, AZ 85638 ● Dragoon, AZ 85609 ● Cochise, AZ 85606
- Huachuca City, AZ 85616 ● Sunizona, AZ 85625 ● Saint David, AZ 85630 ● Whetstone, AZ 85616
- Mescal, AZ 85602 ● Double Adobe, AZ 85617 ● Miracle Valley, AZ 85615 ● Douglas, AZ 85608
- McNeal, AZ 85617 ● Sunsites, AZ 85625 ● Kirkland, WA 98034 ● Fry, AZ 85635 ● Naco, AZ 85620
- Willcox, AZ 85644 ● Gleeson, AZ 85610 ● Tucson, AZ 85706 ● Elfrida, AZ 85610 ● San Simon, AZ 85632
- Summerfield, FL 34491 ● Pirtleville, AZ 85626 ● Bonita, AZ 85643 ● Kansas Settlement, AZ 85643
- Aurora, CO 80011

Optional question (290 response(s), 19 skipped)
 Question type: Region Question

Q3 How long have you lived in Cochise County?

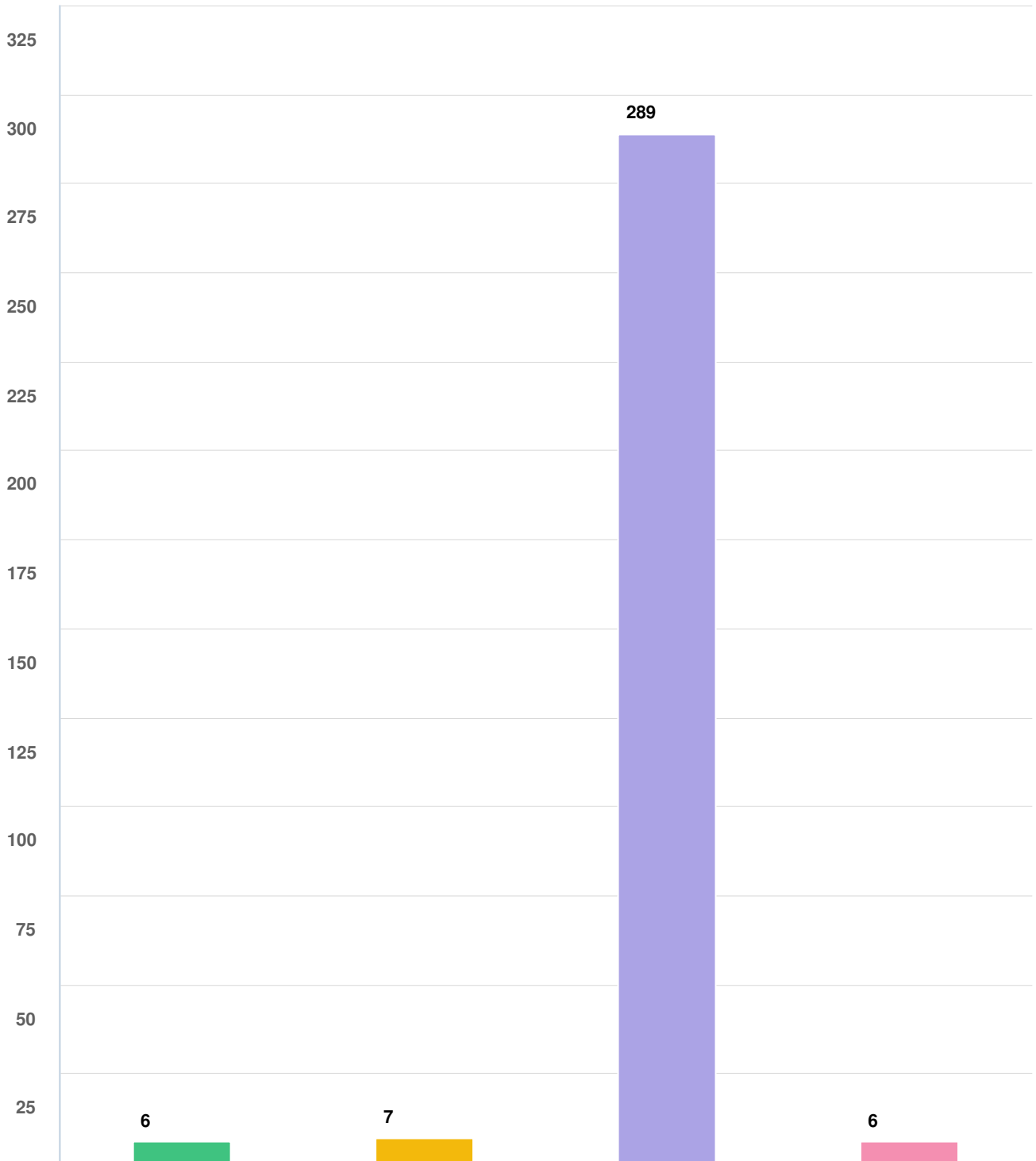


Question options

- Less than one year
- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11+ years
- I do not live in Cochise County

Optional question (307 response(s), 2 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q4 How many months of the year do you live in Cochise County?

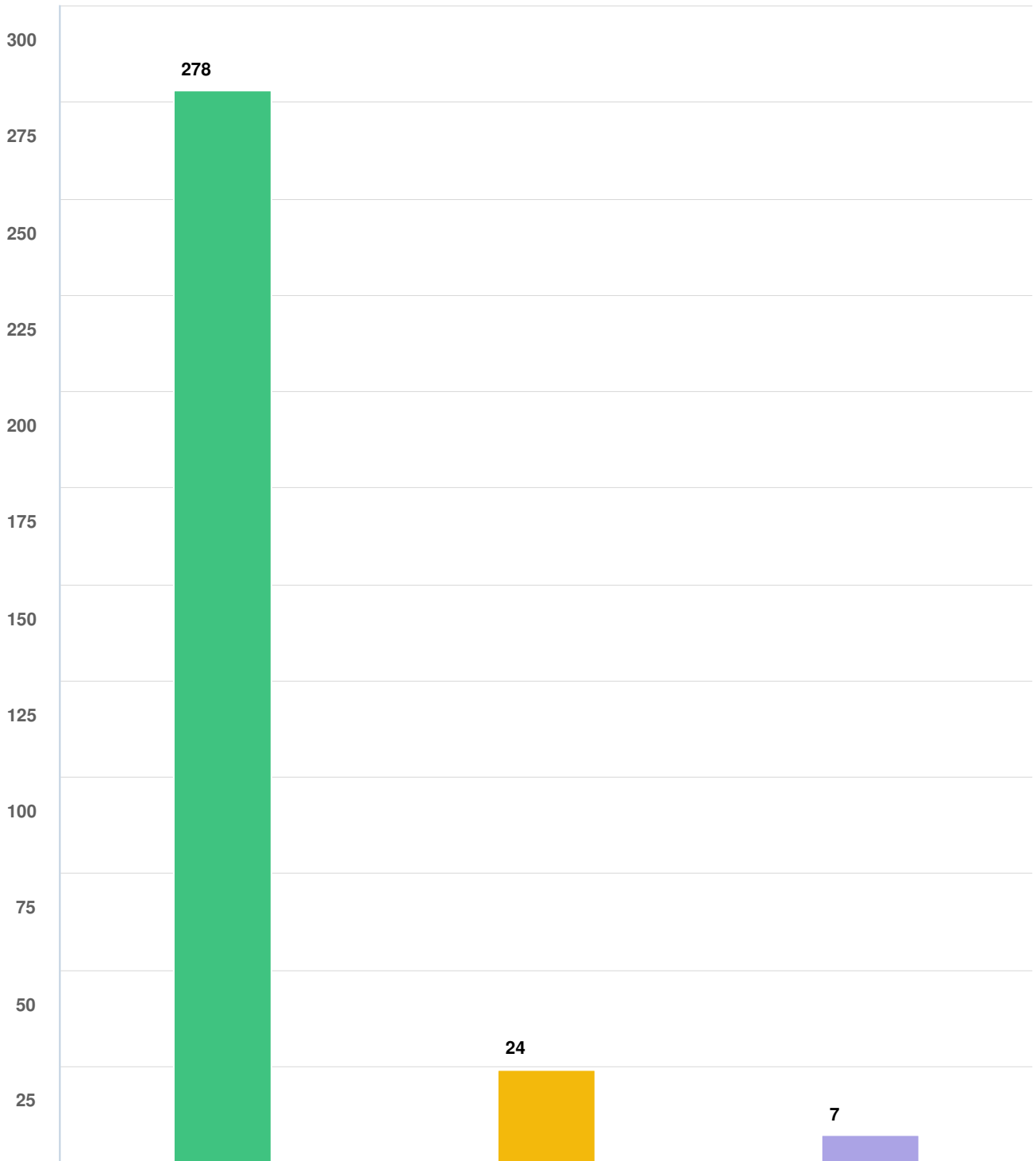


Question options

- 0-6 months
- 6+ months but less than year-round
- Year-round
- I do not live in Cochise County

Optional question (308 response(s), 1 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q5 Do you own or rent your current residence in Cochise County?

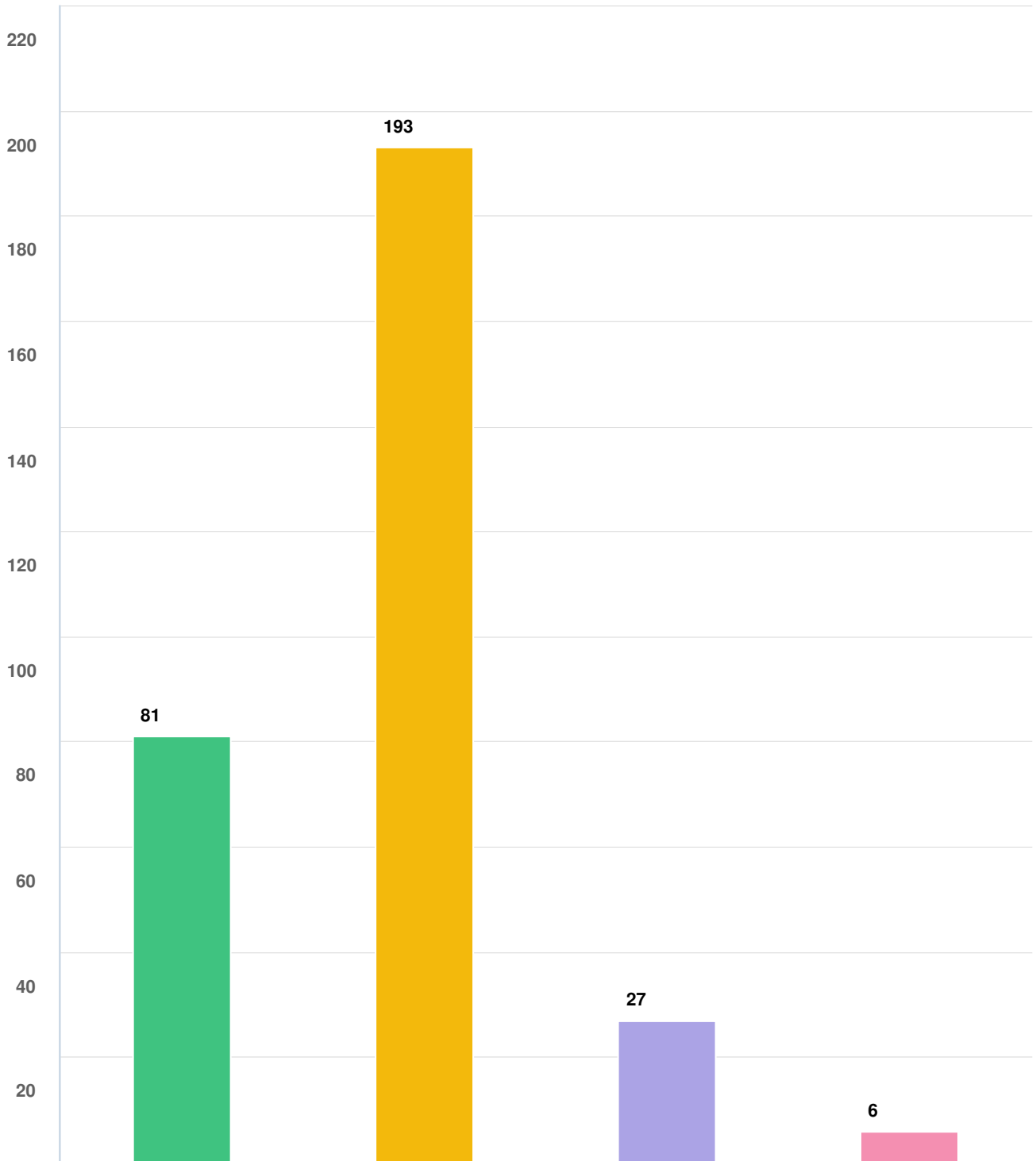


Question options

- I own a home in Cochise County
- I rent a home in Cochise County
- I do not live in Cochise County

*Optional question (309 response(s), 0 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question*

Q6 How satisfied are you with the overall quality of life in Cochise County?

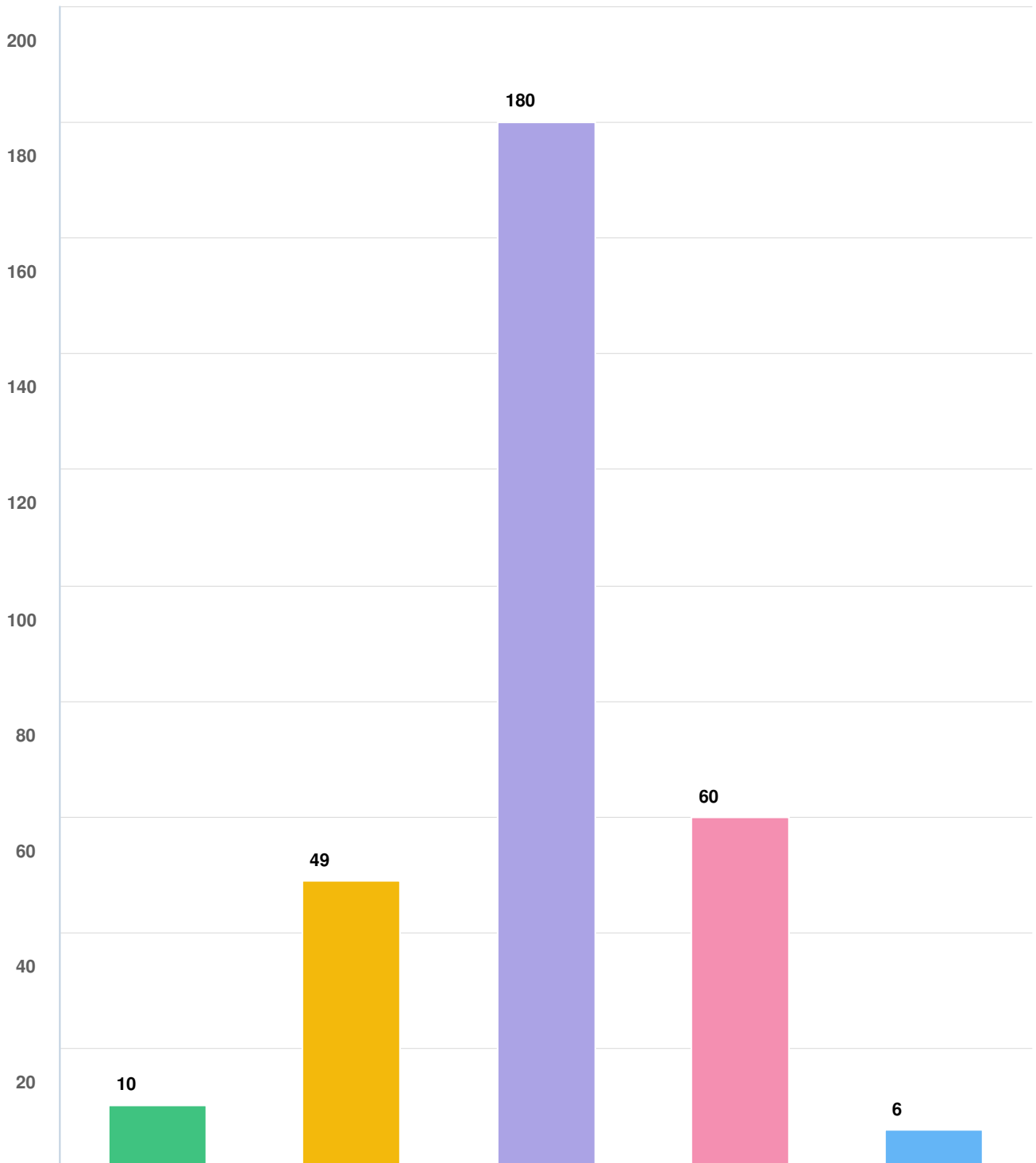


Question options

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Unsatisfied
- Very unsatisfied

Optional question (306 response(s), 3 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q7 | How does the quality of life in Cochise County today compared to ten years ago, or since you moved to the community if less than ten years?



Question options

- Much better
- Better
- About the same
- Worse
- Much worse

*Optional question (305 response(s), 4 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question*

Q8 Describe Cochise County in ONE word.

SP Beautiful
8/28/2024 11:08 AM

Charles Picturesque
8/29/2024 12:48 AM

Bonnie Marsh Pleasant
8/29/2024 09:23 AM

flemingkathy63 peaceful
8/29/2024 10:40 AM

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David Insvaz home
8/29/2024 12:51 PM

Murdoch Scenic
8/29/2024 02:09 PM

Robb1914 Decent
8/29/2024 02:41 PM

Joanna Seeley interesting
8/29/2024 03:30 PM

KBid Peaceful
8/29/2024 03:35 PM

Katherine Beautiful
8/29/2024 08:06 PM

Kathy Rural
8/30/2024 05:32 AM

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CRR Backward
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Francisco diverse
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Tamara peaceful
8/30/2024 03:07 PM

David Jones picturesque
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8/30/2024 07:29 PM

KC Beautiful
8/30/2024 09:21 PM

GregK Wonderfull
8/31/2024 02:25 AM

Doc Complex
8/31/2024 07:57 AM

Kim Water issues
8/31/2024 08:57 AM

Shoobop Diverse
8/31/2024 10:45 AM

JJ Huge
8/31/2024 10:49 AM

Chris D Relaxed
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Gina Quiet
8/31/2024 11:41 AM

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Dragoon Resident/Rancher Freedom!

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Mwageling13 Beautiful

9/01/2024 09:15 PM

BajaAZgirl eclectic

9/02/2024 05:42 PM

SM Frei Peaceful

9/03/2024 12:01 PM

SarahA Rural

9/03/2024 12:36 PM

RESIDENT Unique

9/04/2024 08:36 AM

Murdochlover1 Rural

9/04/2024 11:00 AM

DW9933 Different

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SusanC Friendly

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MariaL Rural

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Gene Beautiful

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Vulnerable

Diane Davidson
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Tammy
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12/05/2024 04:33 PM

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12/09/2024 02:17 PM

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Friendly

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Versatile

HBF
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Strong

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Country

Janae
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Vee Golden
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Beautiful

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DJ Beautiful

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San Pedro Hummingbirds

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SilentMajority Rural

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Robert K Stable

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Jeff Rugged

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Liz rural

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Jim S-Z POTENTIAL

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SG Beautiful

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Tom Beautiful

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Mark diverse

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Serenity

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Tranquil

Taryn Beck
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Stunning

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safe

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Steve
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scenic

Shanna
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Home

Andrew A
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Dee Comfortable
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MRS Beautiful
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Cynthia Mortensen Wonderful
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EllenC

Quaint

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Nancy W

Interesting

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Dry

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LarryT

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Jenni8103

Beautiful!

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quiet

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Emily

Beautiful

2/05/2025 11:49 AM

JBL

Rural

2/05/2025 11:50 AM

JWS469

I love it here. We just need to get crime under control.

2/05/2025 11:58 AM

Robert Best

Historical

2/05/2025 11:58 AM

Dmevans75

Ok

2/05/2025 12:06 PM

User23445

Potential

2/05/2025 12:08 PM

Don 2/05/2025 12:22 PM	I like the Cochise County just really disappointed how the katie hobbs over turned the AMA water when the voters voted not to join AMA. Used her power to override the people who voted it down. Like a Dictater
Modi33W 2/05/2025 12:26 PM	Onery
mdoebler71 2/05/2025 12:27 PM	Diverse
Kathleen E Long 2/05/2025 01:22 PM	Illegals
Naomi 2/05/2025 03:00 PM	Timeless
MsDoabunch 2/05/2025 03:35 PM	Awesome
JS5454 2/05/2025 03:50 PM	Rural
Bubblegirl 2/05/2025 05:42 PM	problematic
Keith Rife 2/05/2025 06:22 PM	Unsuspecting
RET 2/05/2025 07:39 PM	rural
Anastasia 2/05/2025 08:07 PM	Large
K4clay 2/05/2025 11:31 PM	BEAUTIFUL
ADN 2/06/2025 12:14 AM	RED

Ken Rasmussen Relaxing

2/06/2025 06:57 AM

Anne623 Beautiful

2/06/2025 08:27 AM

CarolynC79 Corrupt

2/06/2025 09:58 AM

SJC Scenic

2/06/2025 03:18 PM

Kchristiana Beautiful

2/06/2025 04:22 PM

OldTimer OPEN

2/06/2025 06:21 PM

Michpete Crime

2/06/2025 11:18 PM

Petersad Small

2/07/2025 07:34 PM

Robinsellsaz Serene

2/10/2025 12:40 PM

I love Sierra Vista Beautiful

2/10/2025 01:22 PM

DKelly Hometown

2/10/2025 01:29 PM

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Welcoming

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Red

Bordertreasures
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Interesting

Shoestring
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Diverse

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Diverse

KVilo
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Big

KV
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Skies

JBBenson
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Corrupt

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Biodiverse

Hazard Hawk
2/11/2025 01:41 PM

Beautiful

RA
2/11/2025 02:18 PM

Unpopulated

Jenni
2/11/2025 03:04 PM

peaceful

Helen Snyder
2/11/2025 03:28 PM

uncrowded

catloverjlm
2/12/2025 01:29 AM

Massive

DBCW
2/12/2025 07:46 AM

after-thought

Azkandi
2/12/2025 09:15 AM

struggling

Malpai Group
2/12/2025 10:32 AM

Open

Mel

Diverse

2/12/2025 06:11 PM

BPhifer Unorganized
2/13/2025 09:17 AM

Holly Draper Rural
2/13/2025 09:24 AM

RB Beautiful
2/13/2025 09:34 AM

BTJr beautiful
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Jan HP Scenic
2/13/2025 10:31 AM

Heathermichele30 Diverse
2/13/2025 10:31 AM

bjwolfe52 Beautiful
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Bunny2025 Home
2/14/2025 03:21 PM

clorante Rural
2/16/2025 03:20 PM

Ytraffic 2/16/2025 04:00 PM	Wild
Mimi 2/16/2025 04:41 PM	Diverse
Rae Weiler 2/16/2025 04:43 PM	Peaceful
S.P. Harmon 2/16/2025 06:55 PM	Diverse
Raul 2/16/2025 09:40 PM	Great
Urbancountrygirl 2/16/2025 09:58 PM	Blah
Jenn06 2/17/2025 08:28 AM	Quaint
RiffRaff 2/17/2025 08:49 AM	Uncrowded.
Betty King 2/18/2025 07:55 PM	Home
Newbie 2/19/2025 10:56 AM	Pretty
Ruth Plenty 2/19/2025 12:49 PM	isolated
David Gowan Jr. 2/19/2025 01:40 PM	Peaceful
Craig 2/20/2025 06:10 PM	Rural
PRAIRIE PIONEER 2/21/2025 07:40 PM	IDYLIC

Artist Paul

2/22/2025 08:39 AM

Peaceful

JasonA

2/24/2025 03:01 PM

Underdeveloped

Patricia Reynolds

2/25/2025 06:27 AM

Beautiful

Terry Penny

2/25/2025 10:23 AM

Sinshine

Jennmiller

2/28/2025 08:50 AM

peaceful

Linda Pretty

2/28/2025 10:18 AM

Sold water rights to highest bidder; China

SamK

3/01/2025 04:05 PM

Rugged

Lynn Smith-Lovin

3/02/2025 06:22 PM

Beautiful

Moatengator

3/11/2025 07:57 AM

Home

Wfd2025

3/11/2025 08:03 AM

Beautiful

Rose

3/11/2025 08:26 AM

Rural

Melissa

3/11/2025 09:44 AM

Serene

RhondaR

3/11/2025 09:47 AM

Clean

Sharynn

3/11/2025 11:13 AM

Cozy

BolaniLe Welcoming

4/01/2025 11:08 PM

jjbdiaz Home

4/02/2025 07:48 AM

Diane D Rural

4/04/2025 04:09 AM

steamcrow Beautiful

4/05/2025 09:40 AM

SJP rural

4/07/2025 07:23 PM

CptSpock Stagnant

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Anna Lands interesting

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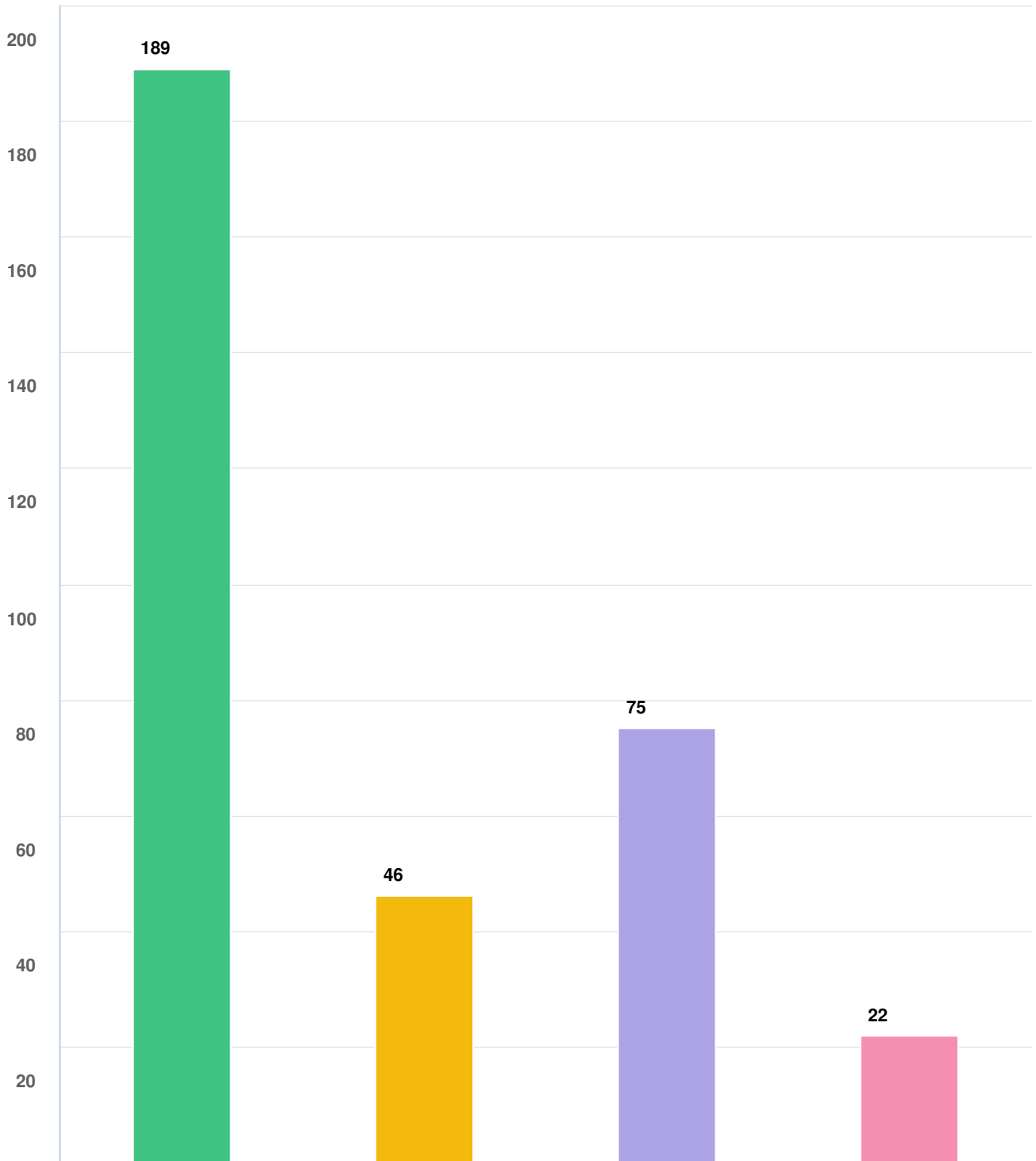
Better Future Possibilities

8/07/2025 11:35 AM

Optional question (282 response(s), 27 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q9 How would you describe the predominant land use near your home?

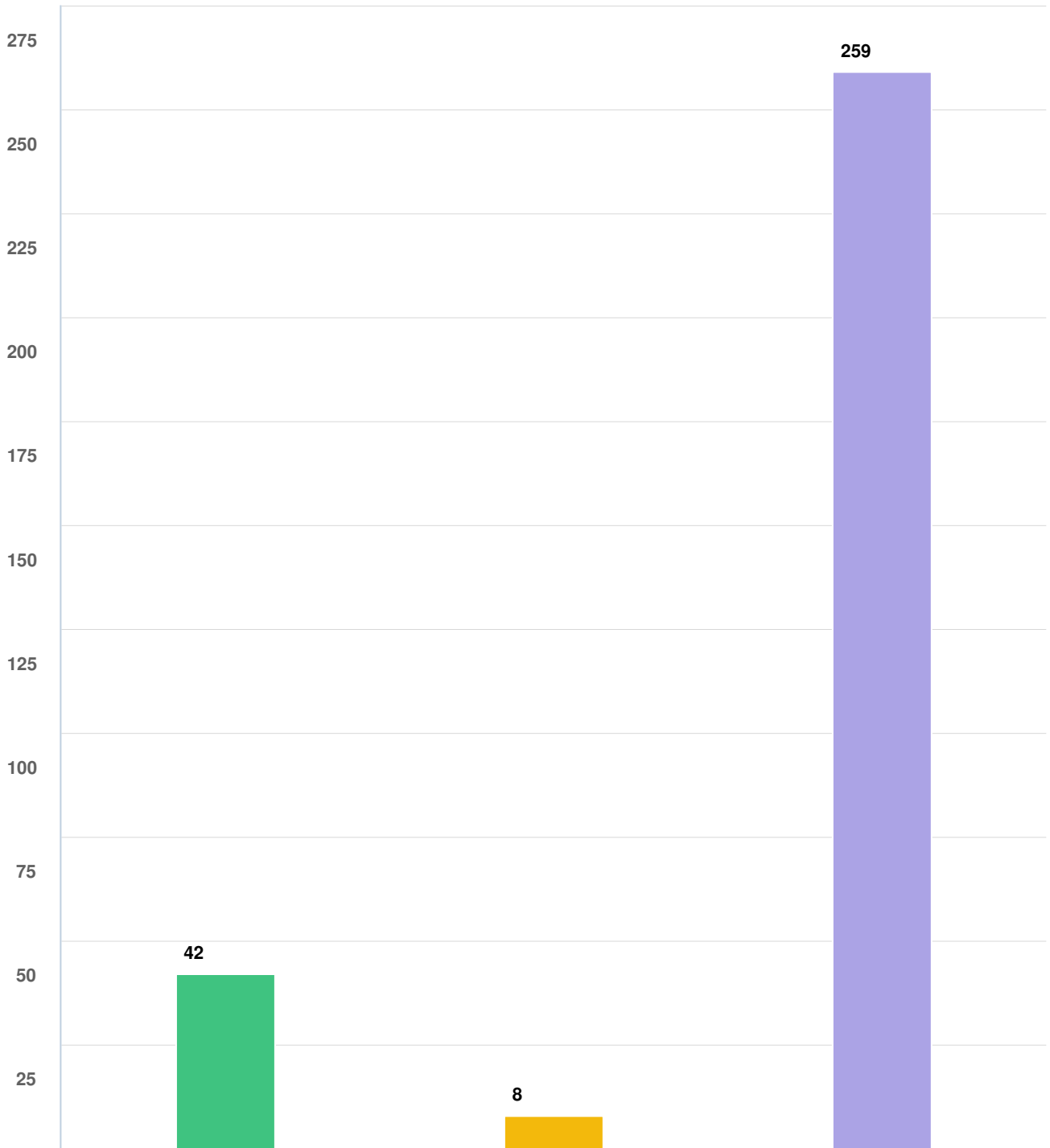


Question options

- Rural
- Agricultural
- Suburban
- Urban

*Optional question (309 response(s), 0 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question*

Q10 Do you own a farm or ranch or work in agriculture?

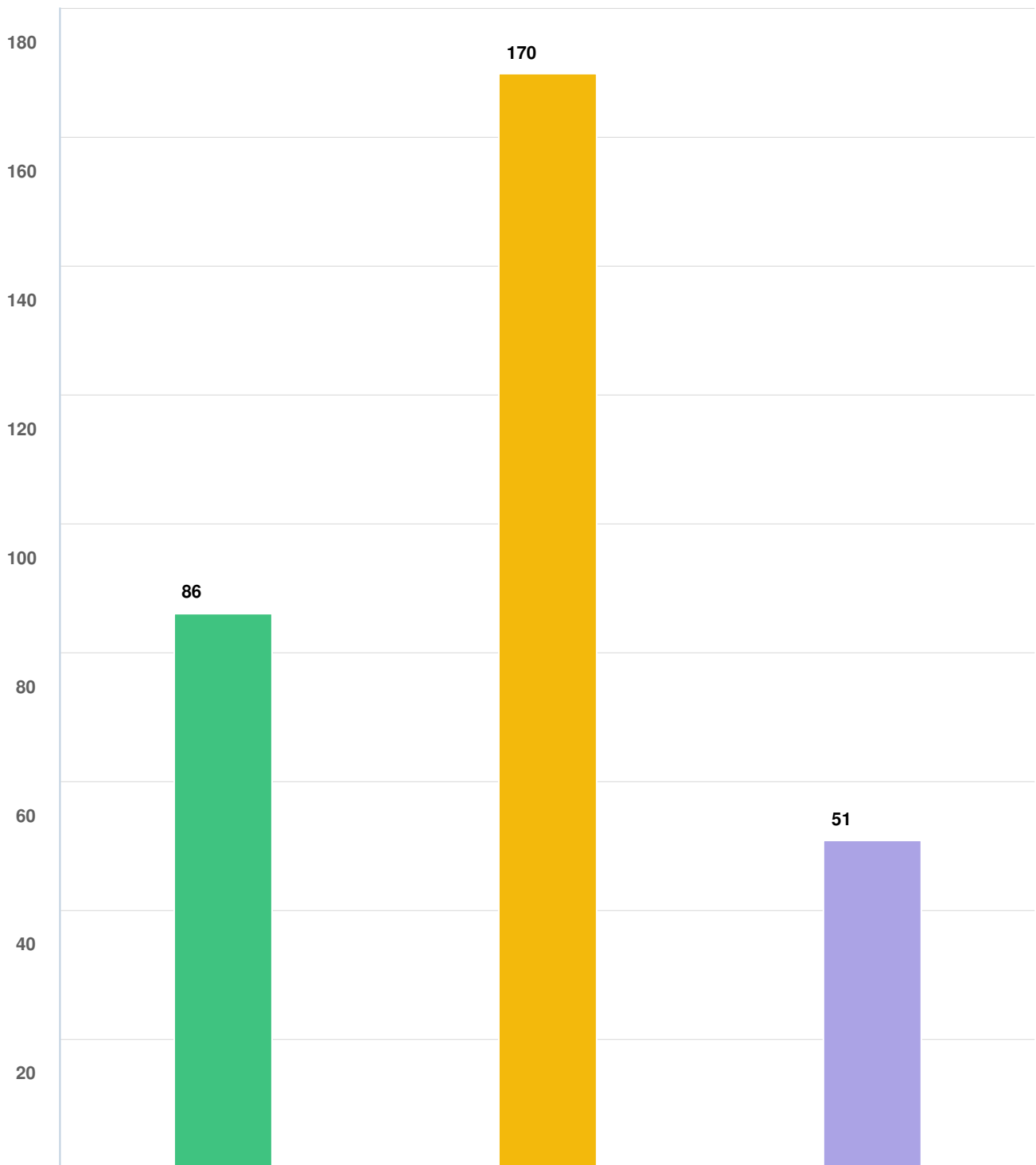


Question options

- Yes, I own my own farm or ranch
- Yes, I do not own a farm but I work in agriculture within Cochise County
- None of the above

Optional question (308 response(s), 1 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q11 Which is your opinion of the pace of residential construction in Cochise County?

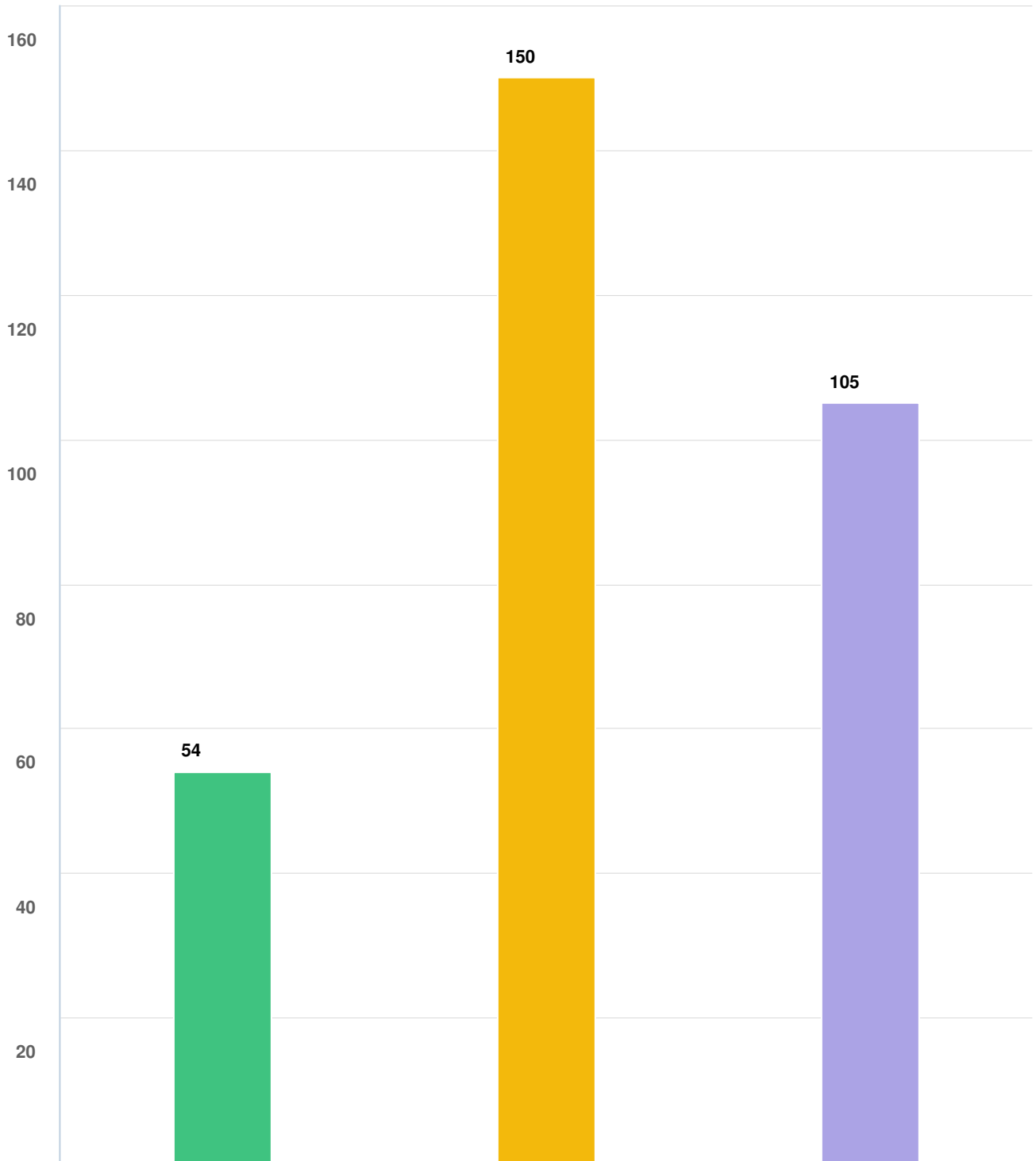


Question options

Too fast About right Too slow

*Optional question (304 response(s), 5 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question*

Q12 Which is your opinion of the pace of commercial construction in Cochise County?

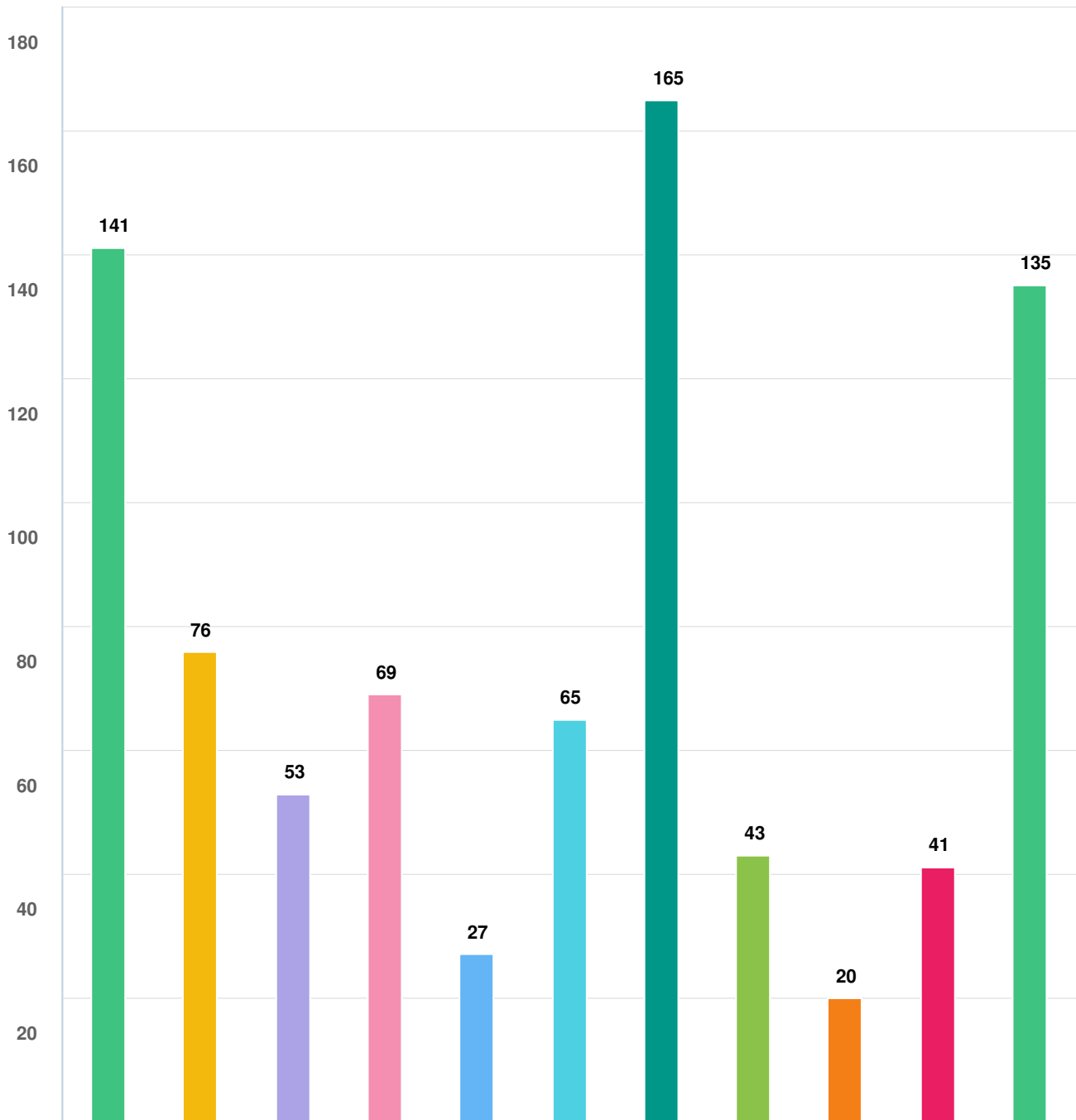


Question options

- Too fast About right Too slow

*Optional question (306 response(s), 3 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question*

Q13 What types of housing would you like to see more of in Cochise County? Select all that apply.

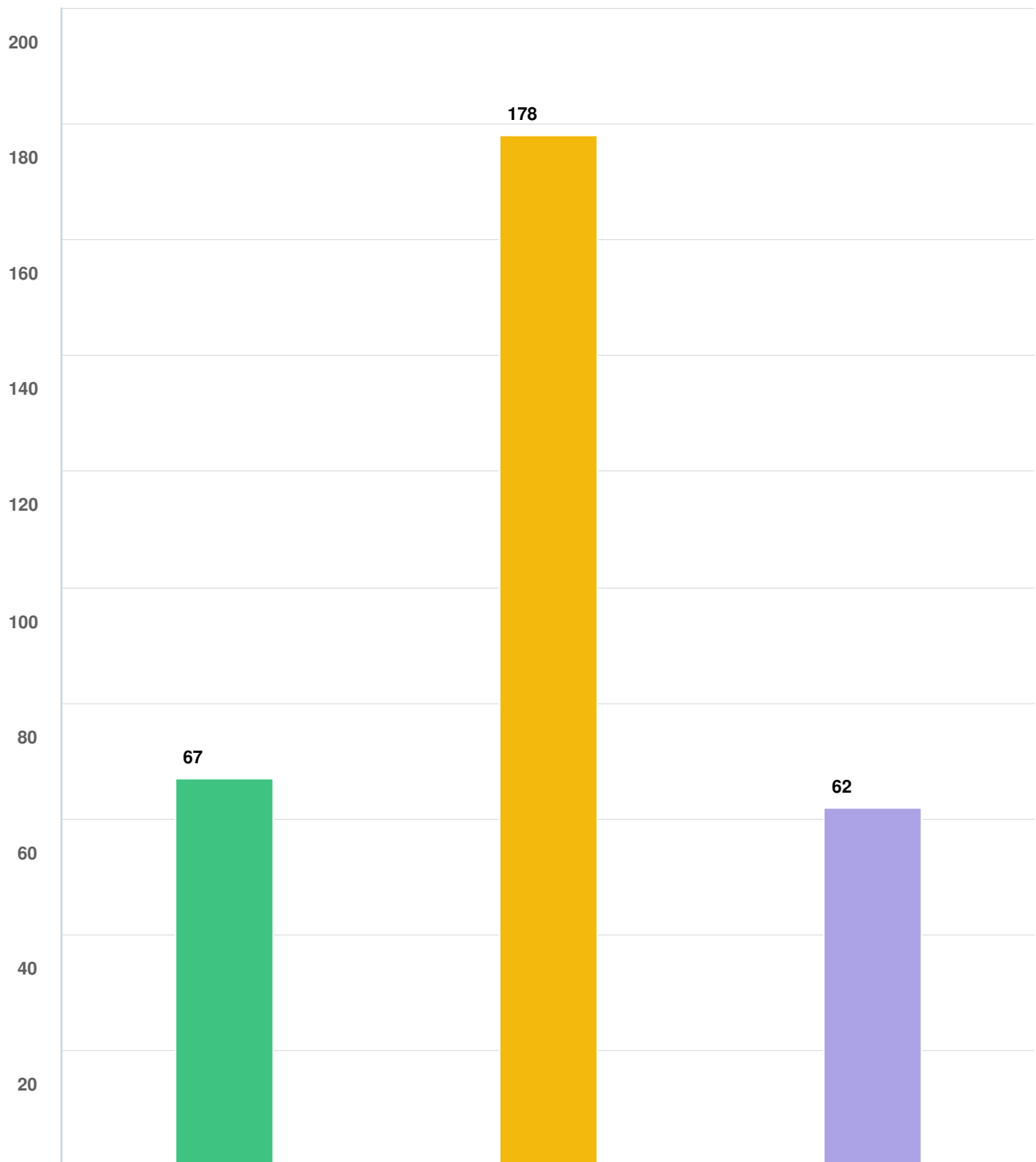


Question options

- Affordable housing units
 ● Accessory dwelling units/casitas
 ● Duplexes/Triplexes/Fourplexes
- Small scale apartment buildings (8 units or less)
 ● Mid- to large-scale apartment buildings
- Live/work combination buildings
 ● Site built single family homes
 ● Manufactured homes
 ● Manufactured home parks
- Recreational vehicle parks
 ● Off-grid, non-traditional single family housing

Optional question (290 response(s), 19 skipped)
 Question type: *Checkbox Question*

Q14 | Are you in favor of the county offering incentives to encourage developers to build higher density residential projects?

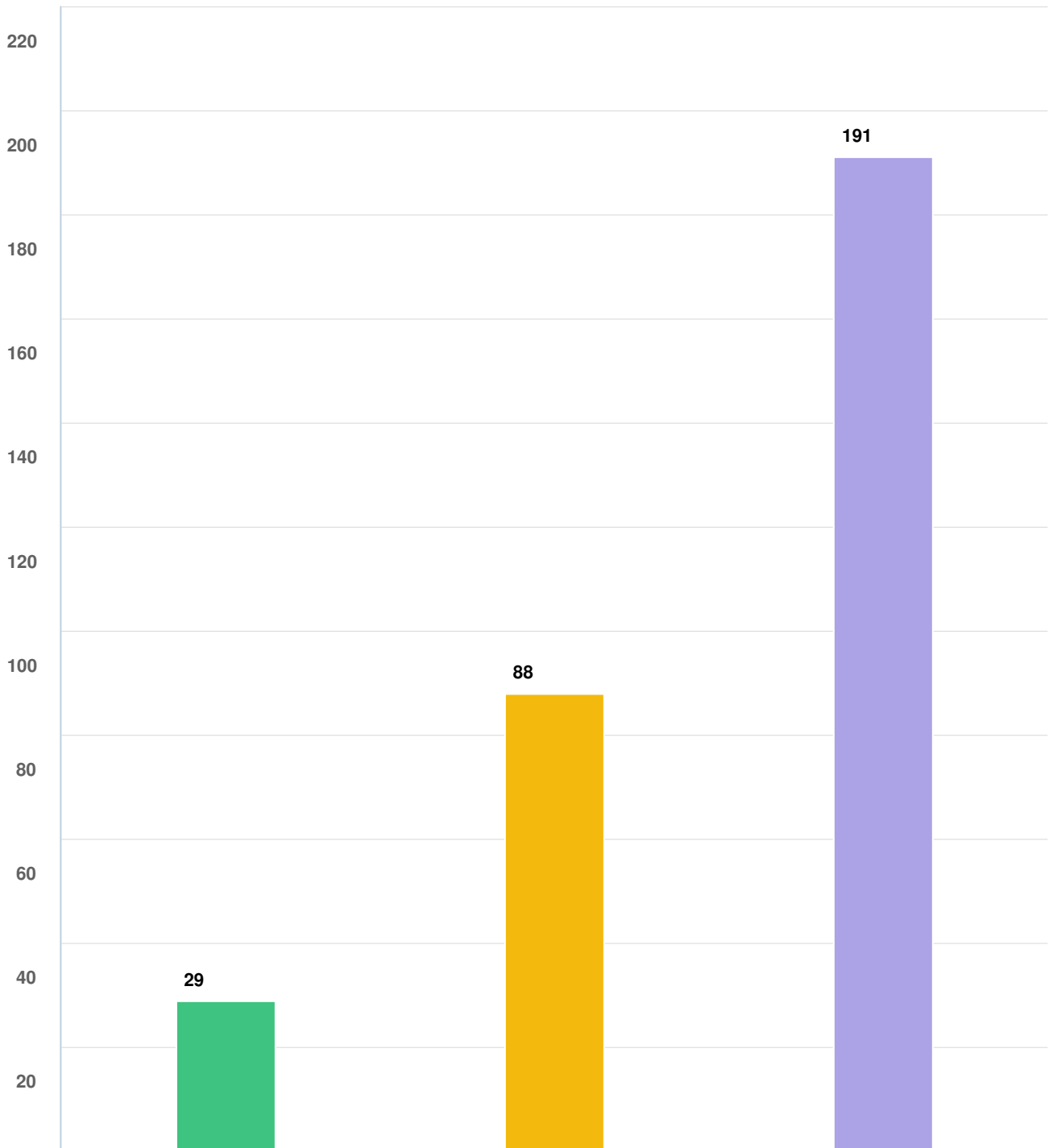


Question options

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

Optional question (307 response(s), 2 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q15 While a resident of Cochise County, have you experienced any negative impacts (e.g., noise, traffic, pollution) due to nearby land uses?

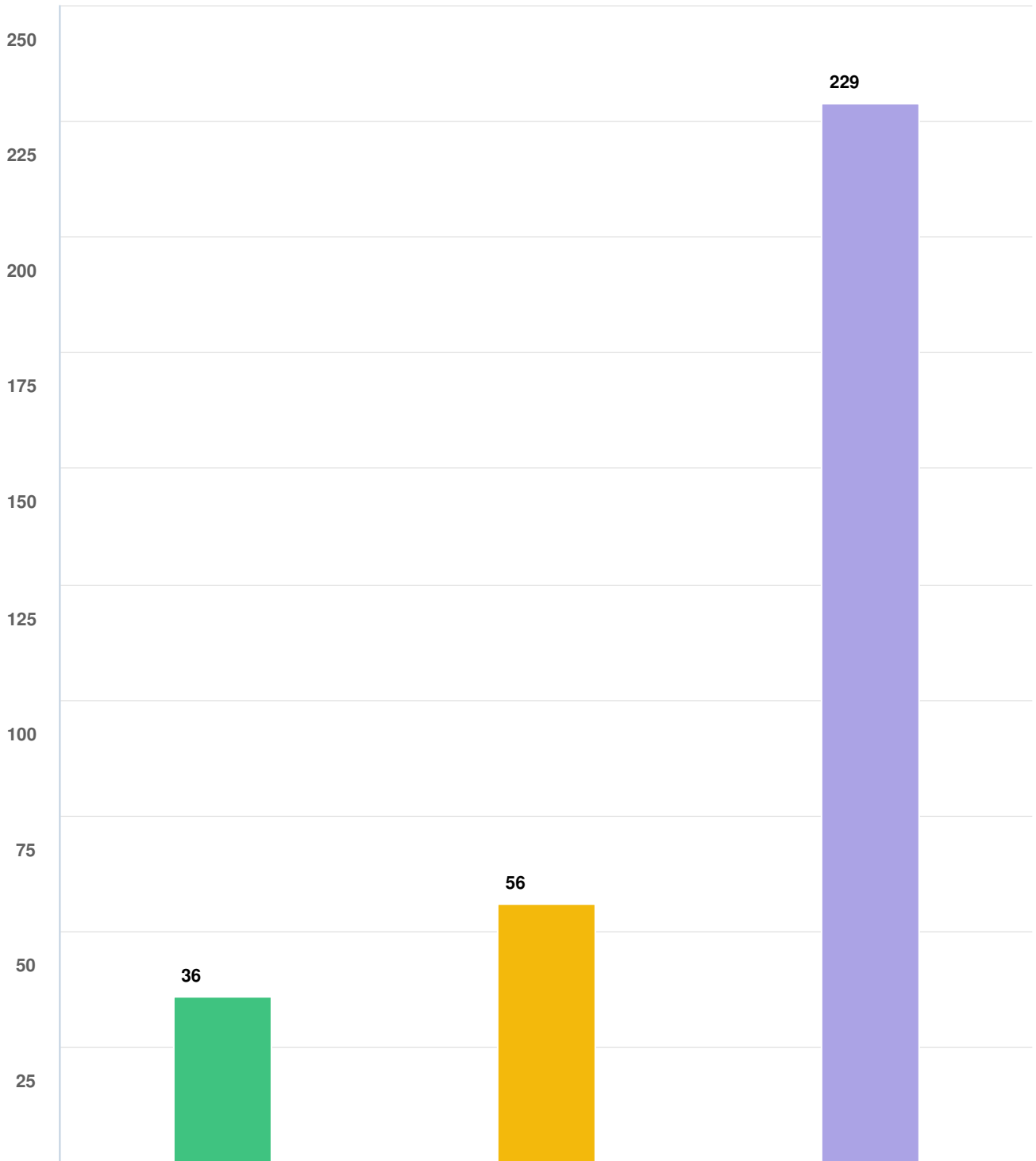


Question options

- Yes, I notified the sheriff's office and/or Cochise County code compliance.
- Yes, but I did not notify the sheriff's office and/or code compliance.
- No, no issues

Optional question (305 response(s), 4 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q16 Do you own a business in Cochise County and/or are you self-employed?

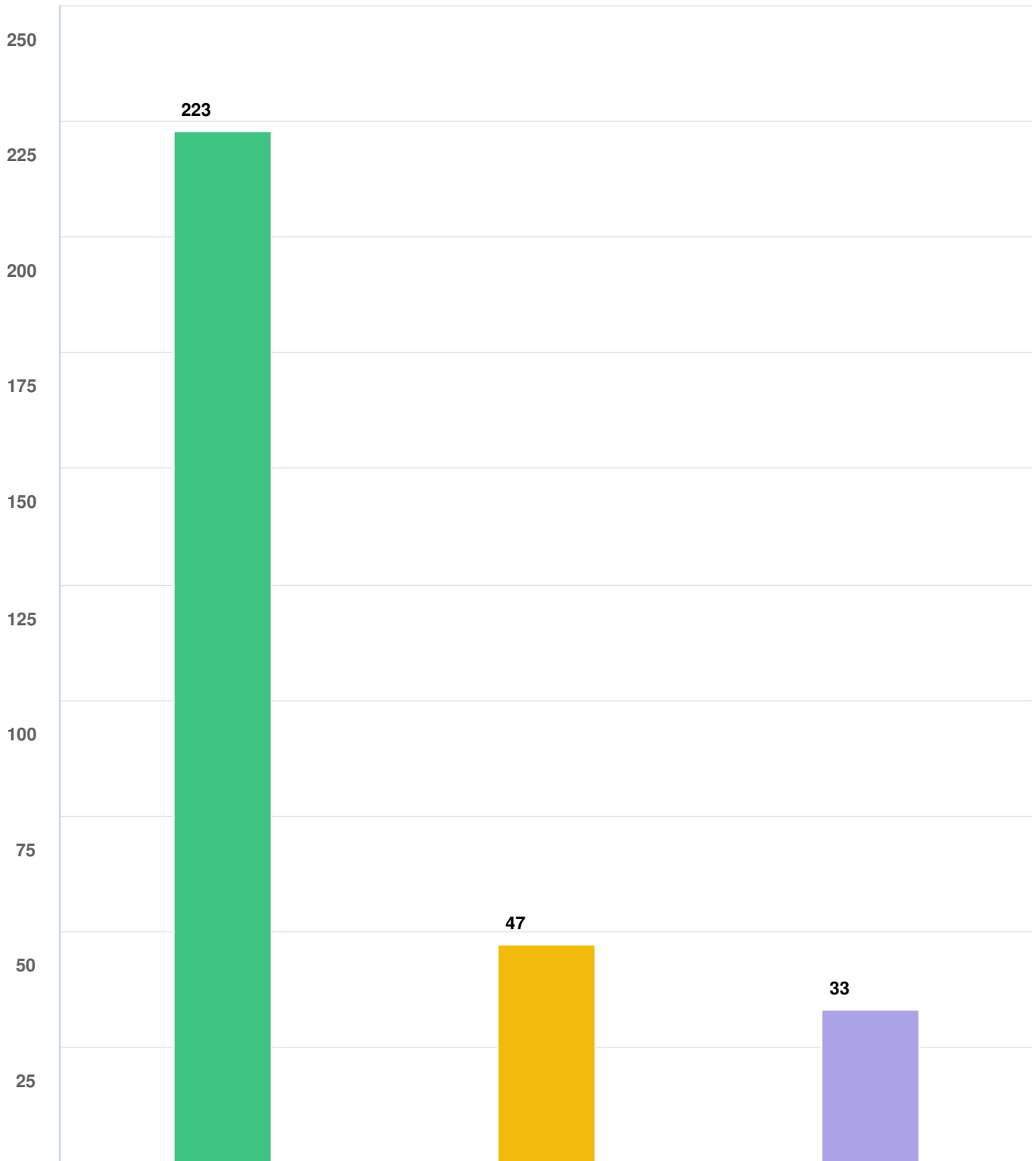


Question options

- Yes, I own a business
- Yes, I am self-employed
- No, neither

*Optional question (308 response(s), 1 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question*

Q17 Are you interested in starting a business in Cochise County within the next 10 years?



Question options

- No, I'm not interested
- Yes, and I will likely do so
- Yes, but it is not likely that I will be able to do so.

Optional question (302 response(s), 7 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q18 | If you indicated that you would like to open a business but did not think you would be able to do so, briefly why you do not feel you are able to start a business

David Insvaz
8/29/2024 12:51 PM
Liberal staff. Such as, why are there fourteen (14) speed bumps in a three block radius of Equestrian and Choctaw. The 'friend' of the County Commissioner responsible, left a way for the complainer to leave his house without having to use the speed bumps. 'Friend' is how it is stated in AZDOT records.

KC
8/30/2024 09:21 PM
Currently FT government employee

Dragoon Resident/Rancher
9/01/2024 02:05 AM
The economy sucks.

Mwageling13
9/01/2024 09:15 PM
Start up costs

DW9933
9/06/2024 06:39 PM
N/A

chriseparent
9/24/2024 08:23 AM
market is poor

Trish
10/25/2024 08:39 PM
Lack of commercial space that isn't crumbling and over priced.

Shawn Is Retired
12/11/2024 07:11 PM
The local customer base won't support the sort of business I would like to open. Most businesses that could thrive in a large metropolitan area will fail here because there just aren't enough paying customers. One customer base that is local, I'm addressing Fort Huachuca's soldiery, is sequestered no post, and not really encouraged to visit the local area outside the gate.

CC5252
1/15/2025 06:49 AM
I'm not set financially for it.

Jim S-Z
1/16/2025 03:05 PM
lack of incentives and I don't perceive any agency that is here to help start a small business in old Bisbee

CWilley

1/27/2025 05:07 AM

Lack of funding opportunities, target market may not be present — need more interest among residents to support small businesses as opposed to large chains / retailers

Taryn Beck

1/27/2025 08:34 AM

I would like to open a coffee shop/bakery in Douglas but it is very expensive to open a business like that. Also, there are not enough residents in Douglas to support a business like that.

coyotech

1/30/2025 08:16 PM

I'm too old and don't have enough energy left after working on my place. I'll stay with my small scale services.

JWS469

2/05/2025 11:58 AM

I would like to open up a restaurant

Dmevans75

2/05/2025 12:06 PM

We are in such a rural area, I am not sure a business would be worth it. I am pretty sure others feel the same which is why no commercial businesses are building here

User23445

2/05/2025 12:08 PM

Age

Modi33W

2/05/2025 12:26 PM

Taxes on Fry are too high. I have seen too many businesses open and close within a year or 2 due to the high costs. Also, the older community complains non-stop about every business that opens here. If it isn't exactly how they want it to be, it gets slandered.

Keith Rife

2/05/2025 06:22 PM

Not sure

Kalimera

2/11/2025 05:37 AM

If I wanted to have a home yoga studio the ingress/egress and parking lot requirements are restrictive, all the hoops the County makes a home business go through is a bit crazy. Permits and etc

Henrettafam

2/11/2025 06:34 AM

Rental rates for buildings or office space is too high

JBBenson

2/11/2025 11:08 AM

I need startup funding

catloverjlm

Personal services

2/12/2025 01:29 AM

DBCW

Too much red-tape and fees

2/12/2025 07:46 AM

Toni

Money issues

2/16/2025 10:04 PM

Terry Penny

Lack of money,high rent for storefront, not enough customer traffic

2/25/2025 10:23 AM

Nanooks

Lack of support. City & county not business friendly

3/26/2025 10:25 AM

Kelly S

I do not think I will have the financial means to start a business.

3/31/2025 07:58 PM

Carla Meyer

Price of rent for a starting business

4/01/2025 12:30 PM

April

Taxes are getting insane to include property taxes. There should be incentives for locals not commercial developers

4/01/2025 01:00 PM

JDale

We don't quite have the net worth to qualify.

4/01/2025 01:31 PM

Diane D

Affordability

4/04/2025 04:09 AM

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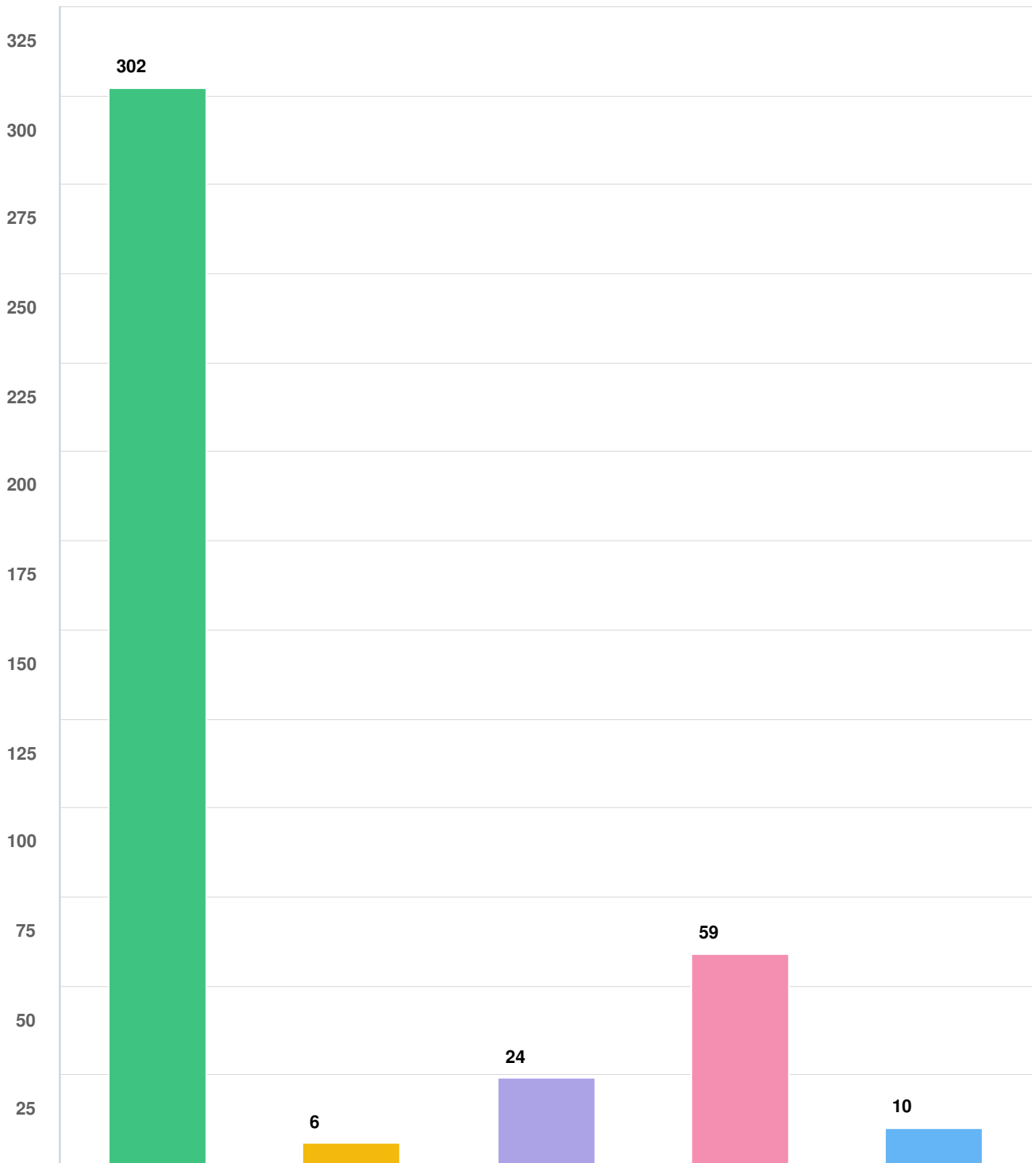
The expense of starting a business would be too high.

4/15/2025 03:26 PM

Optional question (32 response(s), 277 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q19 | What are your primary modes of transportation? (Select all modes of transportation that you use on a regular basis)

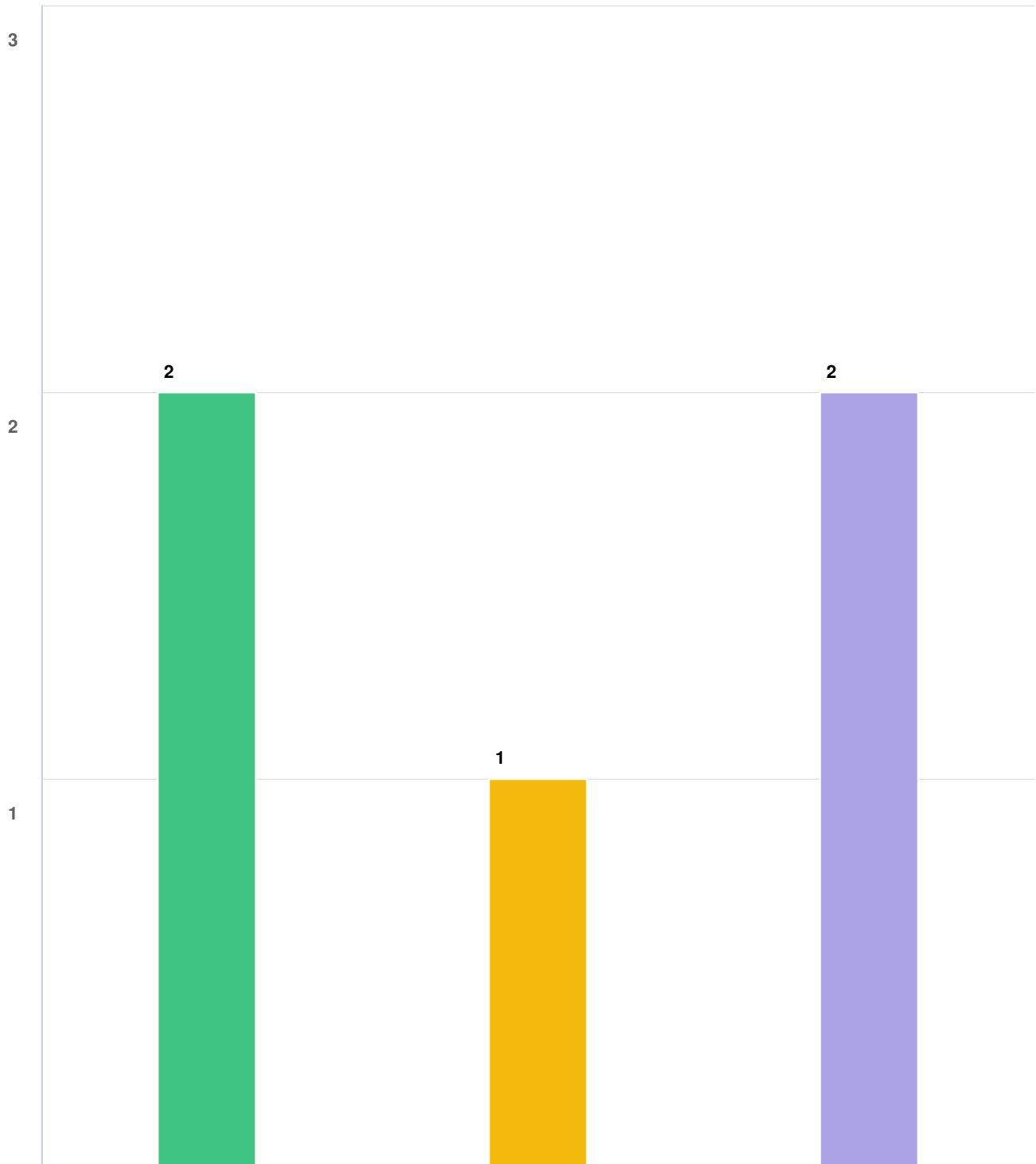


Question options

- Car or motorcycle
- Bus
- Bicycle
- Walking
- Ride share

Mandatory Question (309 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q20 How often do you currently use the bus for transportation within our community?

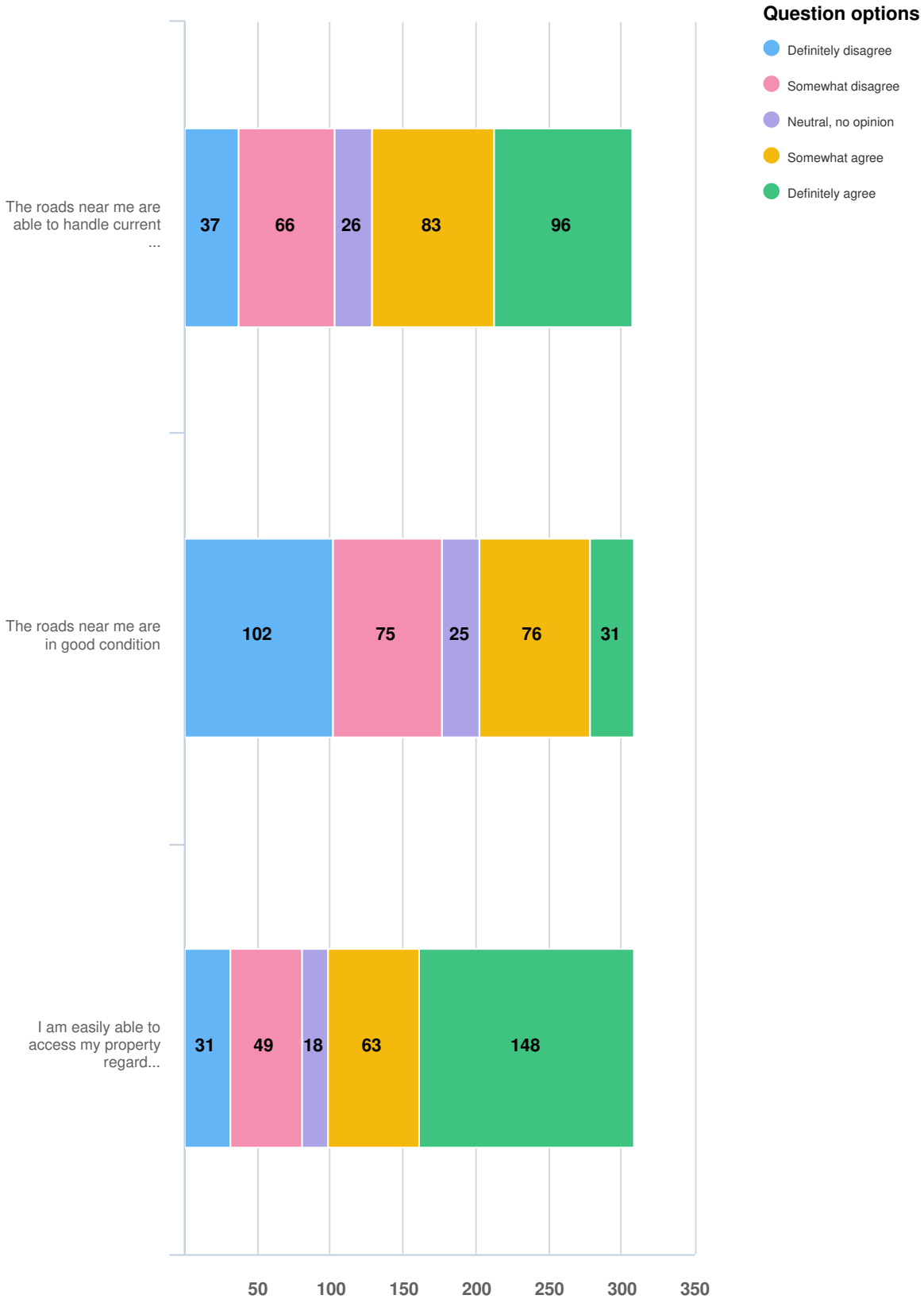


Question options

- Daily
- Frequently (at least once a week)
- Occasionally (at least once a month)

*Optional question (5 response(s), 304 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question*

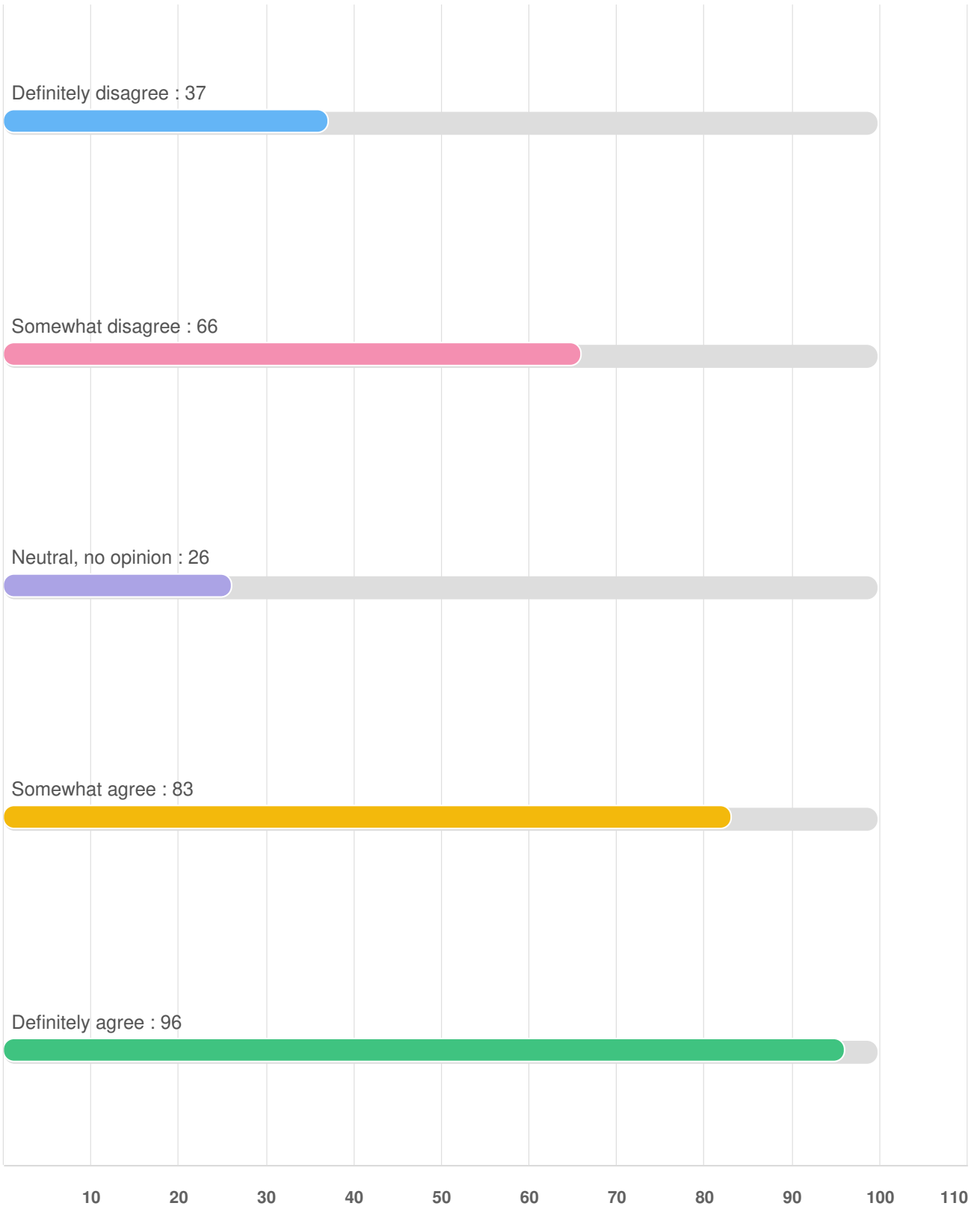
Q21 | When considering Cochise County’s existing transportation networks, state whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:



Optional question (309 response(s), 0 skipped)
Question type: Likert Question

Q21 | When considering Cochise County’s existing transportation networks, state whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:

The roads near me are able to handle current levels of traffic



The roads near me are in good condition

Definitely disagree : 102



Somewhat disagree : 75



Neutral, no opinion : 25



Somewhat agree : 76

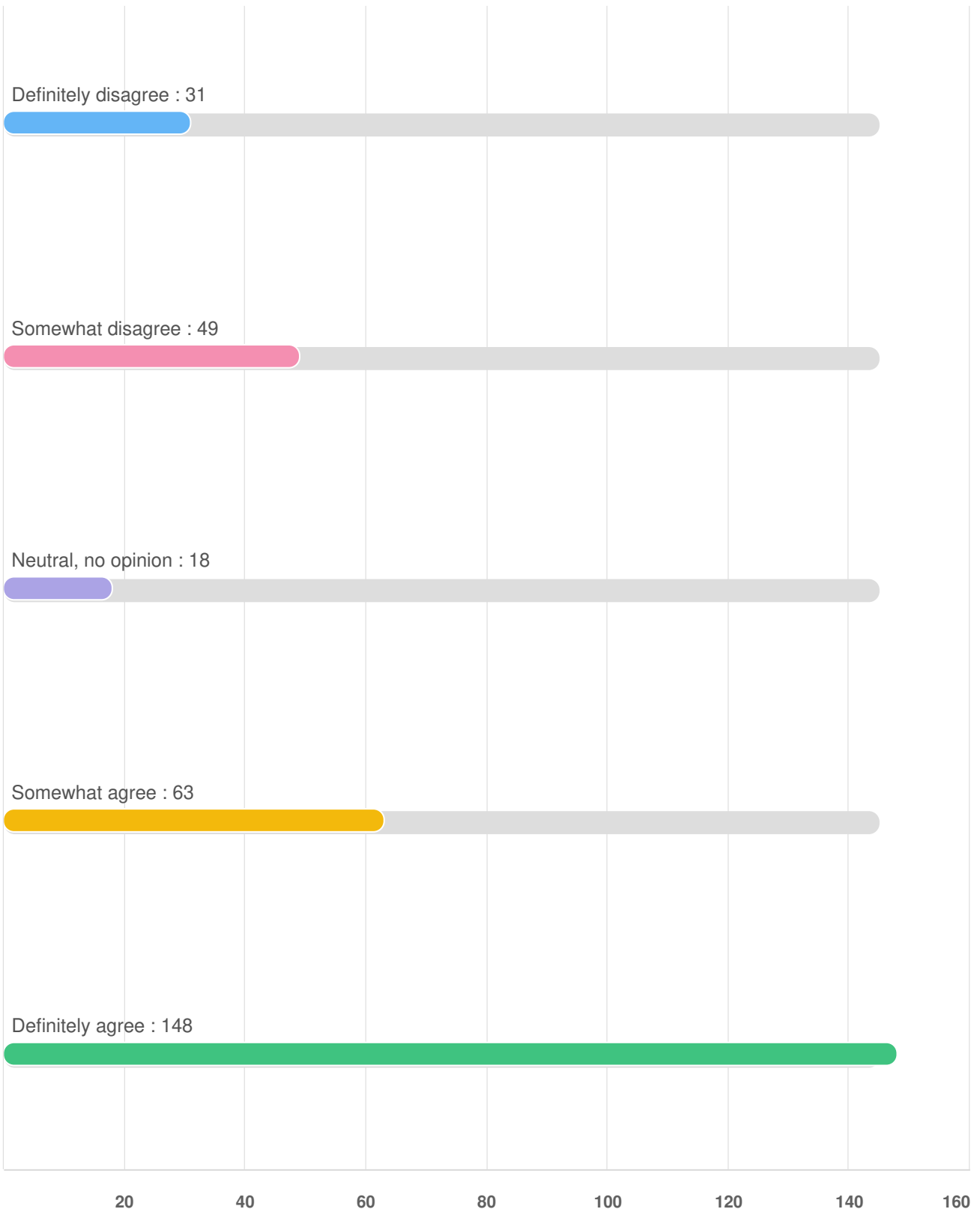


Definitely agree : 31



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I am easily able to access my property regardless of the weather



Q22 | What do you think should be the prioritization for ranking vehicular transportation funding on county-maintained roads?

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Maintenance of paved roads (resurfacing)	1.51
Maintenance of dirt roads (re-grading)	2.17
New roadway segments connecting to existing roads	3.10
Expand capacity/increase number of lanes on existing roads	3.11

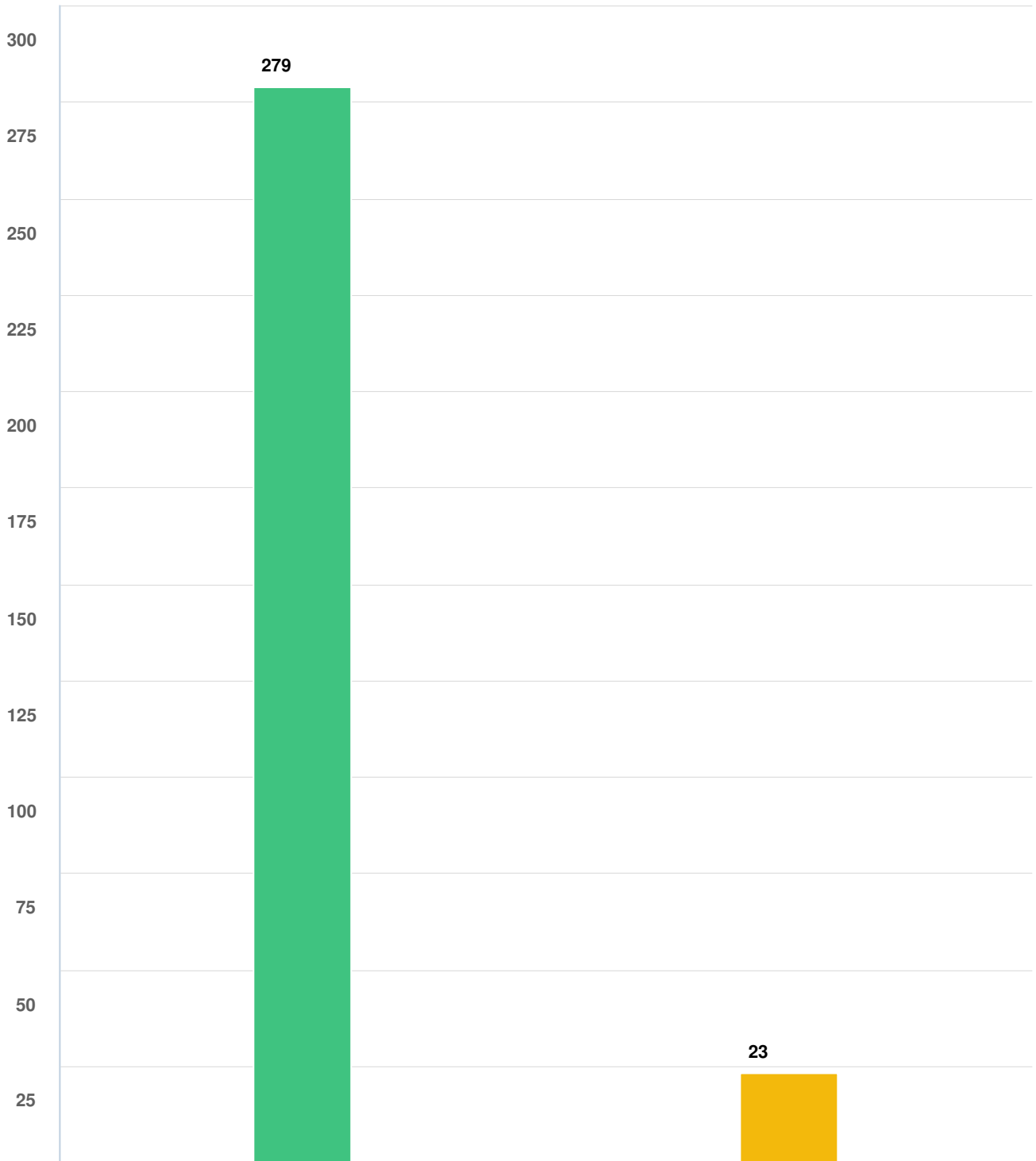
*Optional question (305 response(s), 4 skipped)
Question type: Ranking Question*

Q23 | What do you think should be the prioritization for ranking for nonvehicular transportation funding?

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
New multiuse paths	2.17
Additional sidewalks	2.50
Additional bike lanes or facilities	2.52
New hiking trails	2.65

*Optional question (287 response(s), 22 skipped)
Question type: Ranking Question*

Q24 Do you have access to a safe and reliable water source for your home?

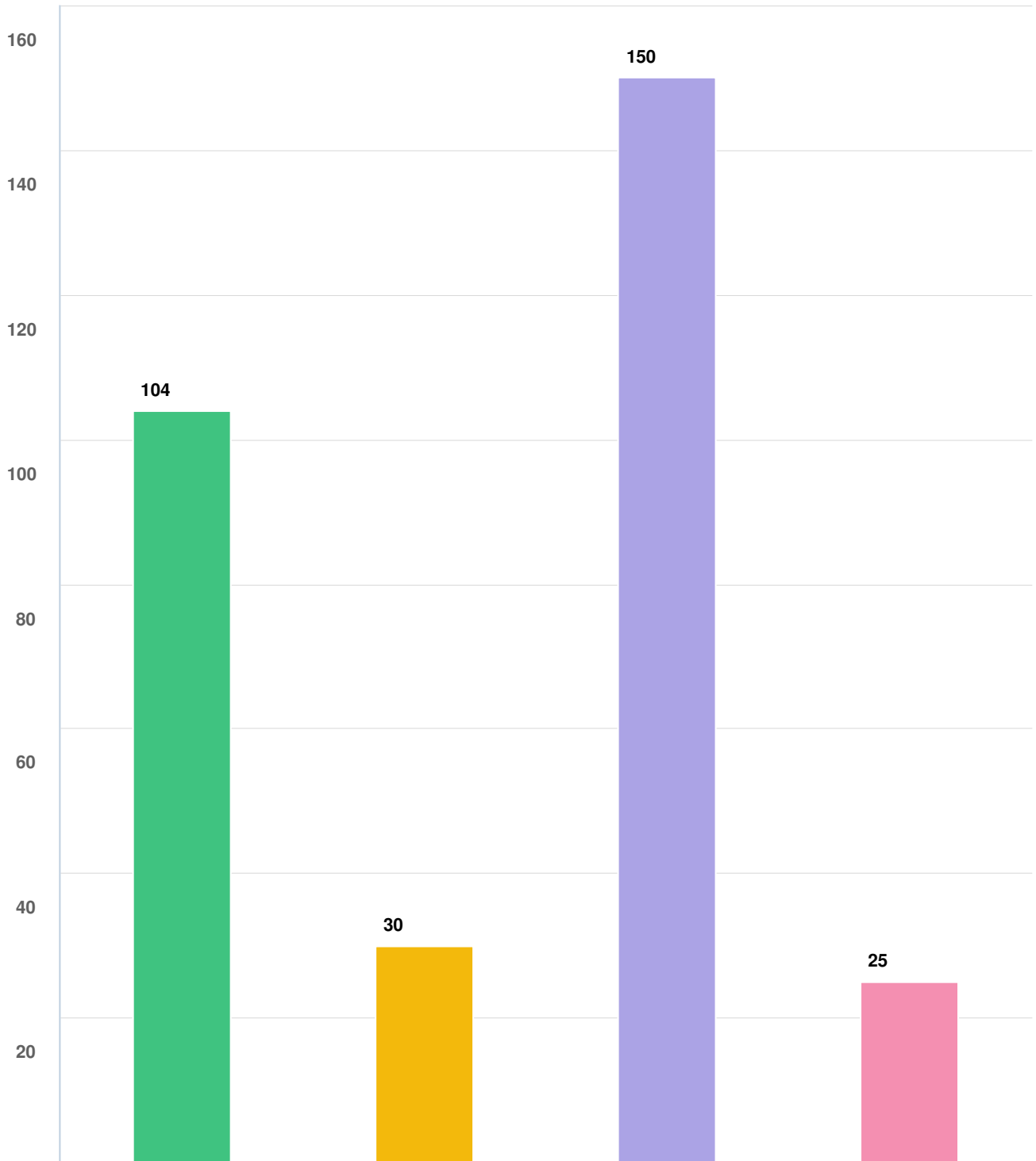


Question options

- No
- Yes

*Optional question (302 response(s), 7 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question*

Q25 What is the primary water source for your home?

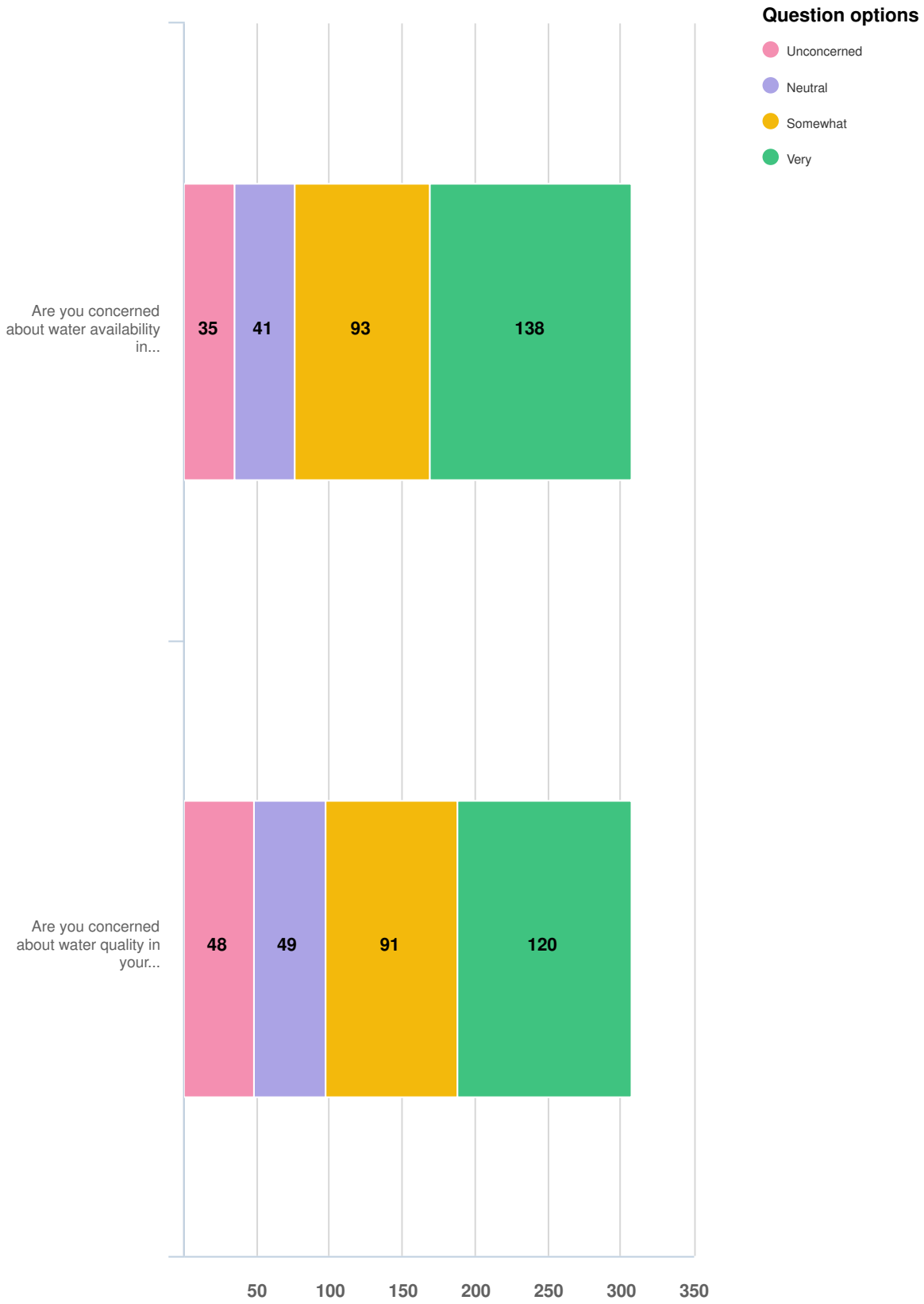


Question options

- Other
- Water company
- Well-share
- Private well

Optional question (304 response(s), 5 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

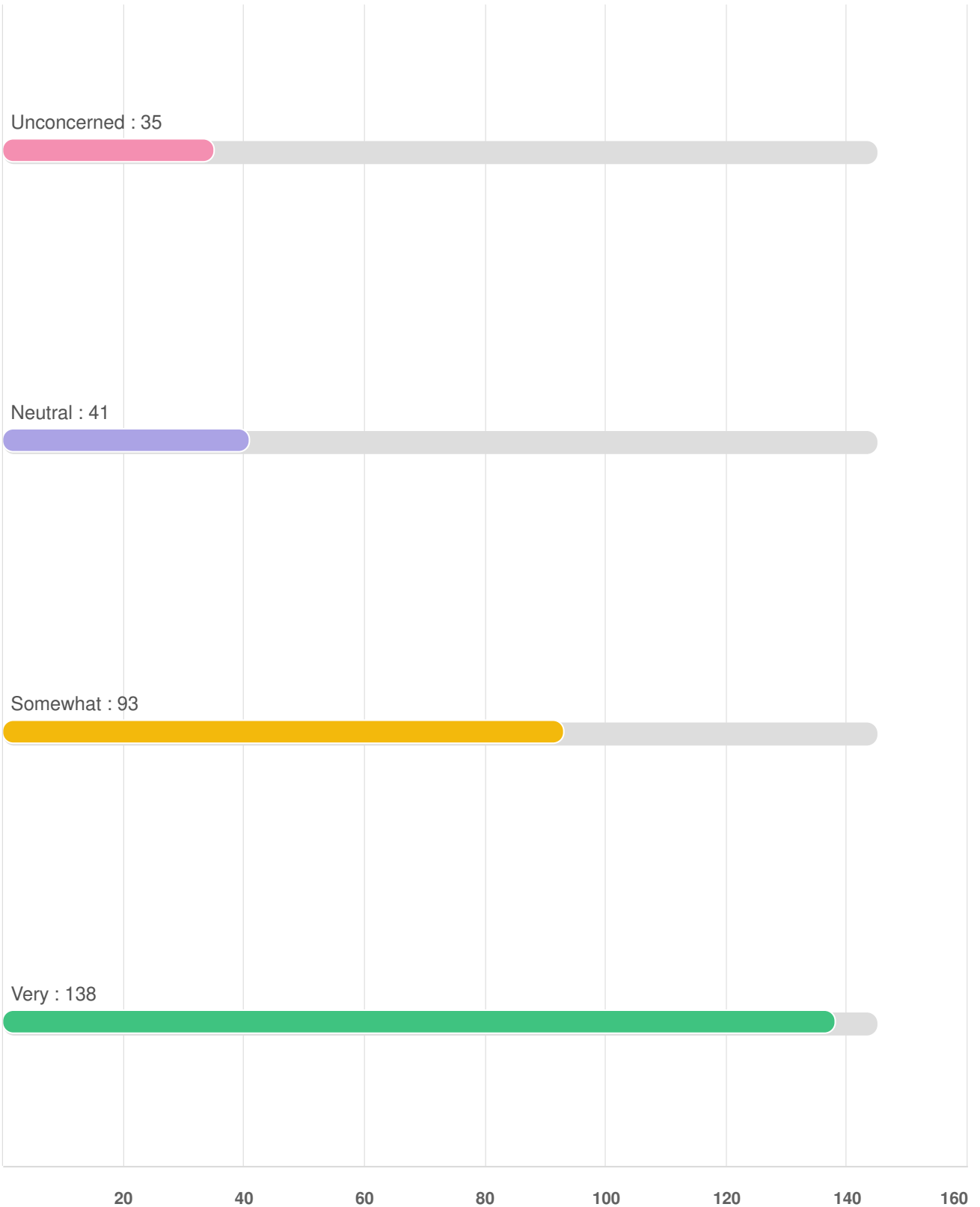
Q26 Rate your level of concern regarding water availability and water quality below.



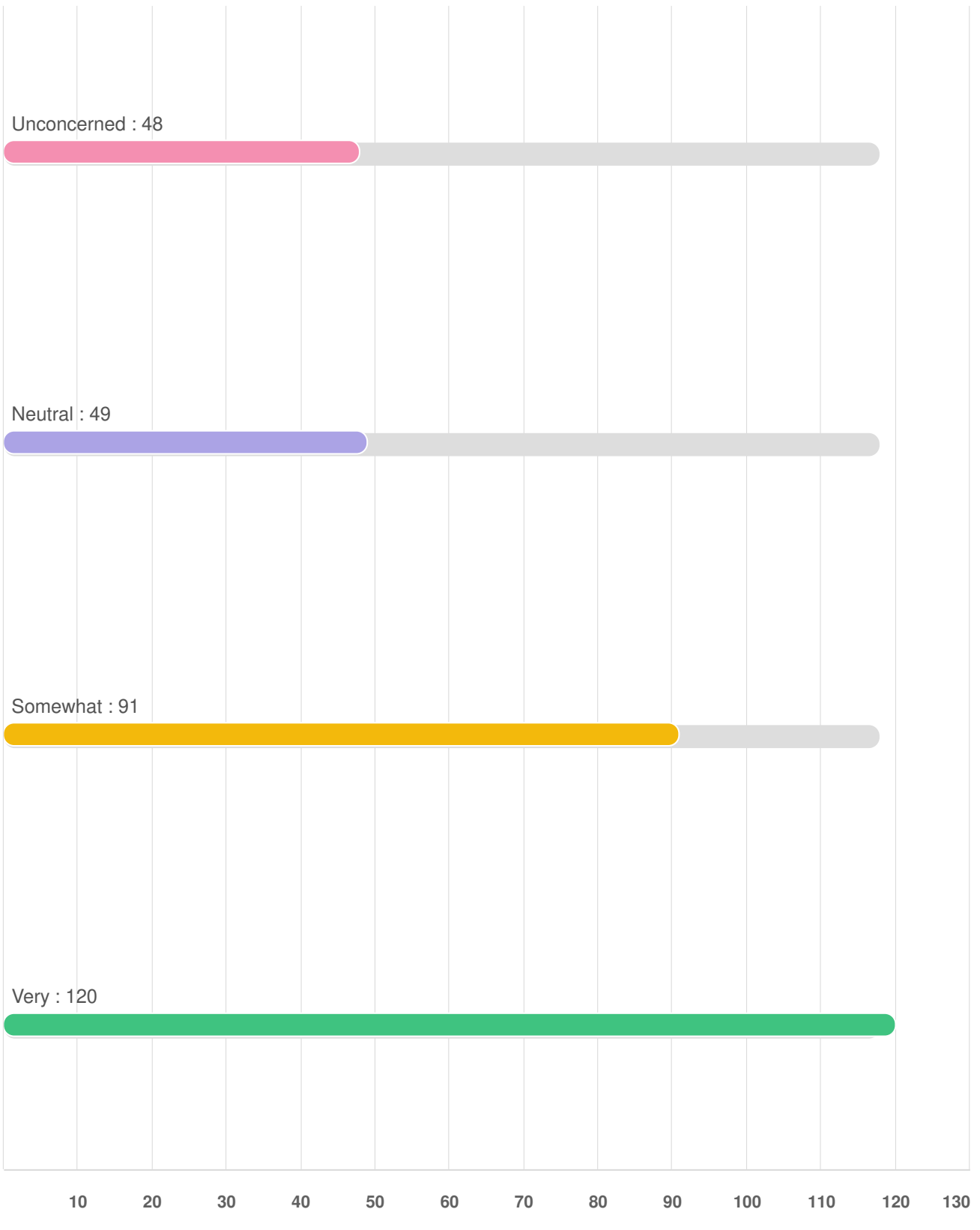
Optional question (308 response(s), 1 skipped)
Question type: Likert Question

Q26 | Rate your level of concern regarding water availability and water quality below.

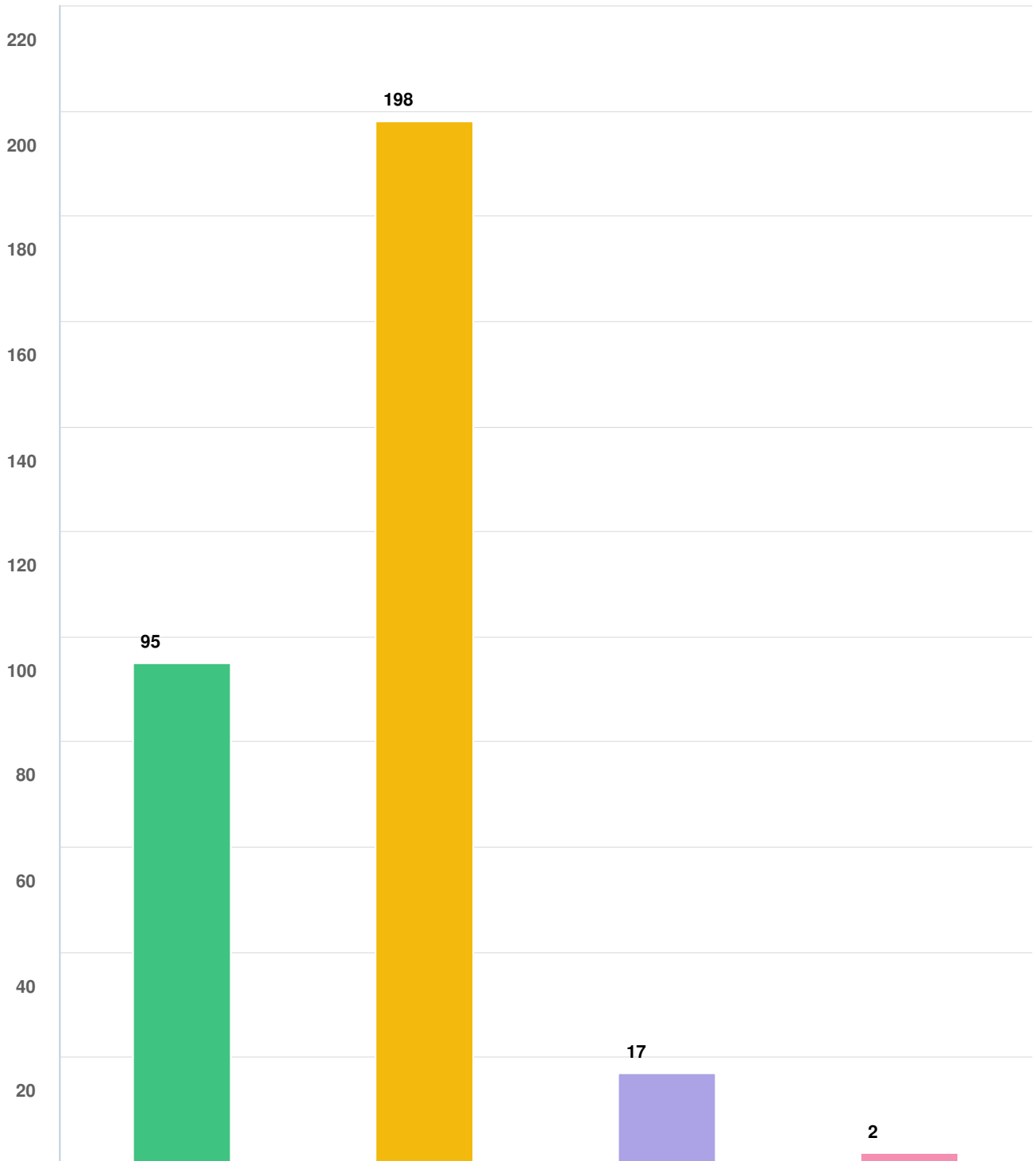
Are you concerned about water availability in your community?



Are you concerned about water quality in your community?



Q27 How do you treat the wastewater generated in your home?

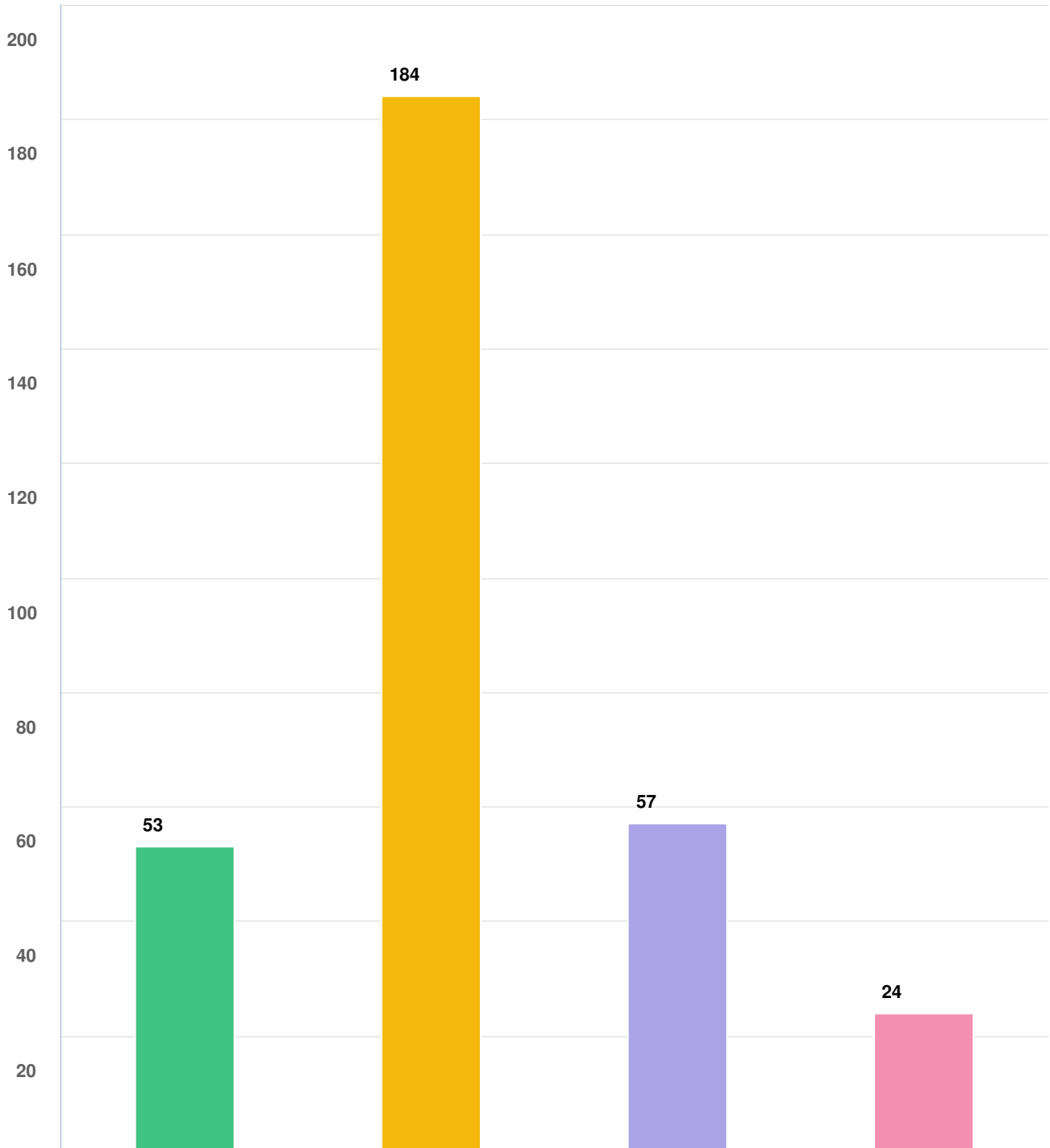


Question options

- I do not have a home in Cochise County
- Alternative water treatment system
- Septic tank
- Sewer

Optional question (307 response(s), 2 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q28 Do you have any other plumbing fixtures in your home that intended to save water?
(Examples: low flow toilet, tankless water heater, rainwater harvesting, energy star dishwasher)

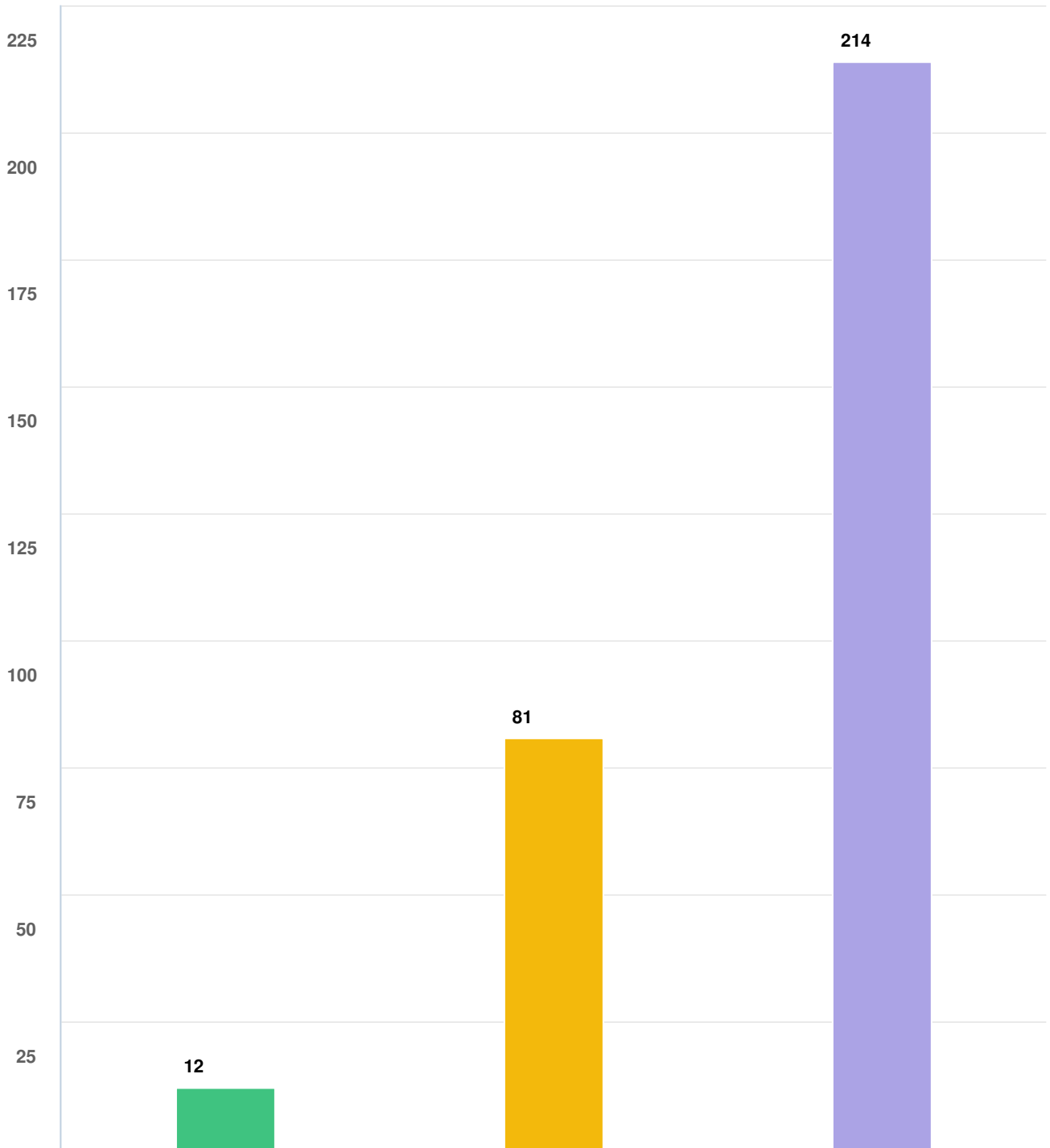


Question options

- No, and I am not interested in having them installed
- No, not yet, but I am interested and will install as needed
- Yes, I have installed at least some of them since I moved in
- Yes, but they were installed before I moved in

Optional question (306 response(s), 3 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q29 Is your home powered by on-site solar panels?

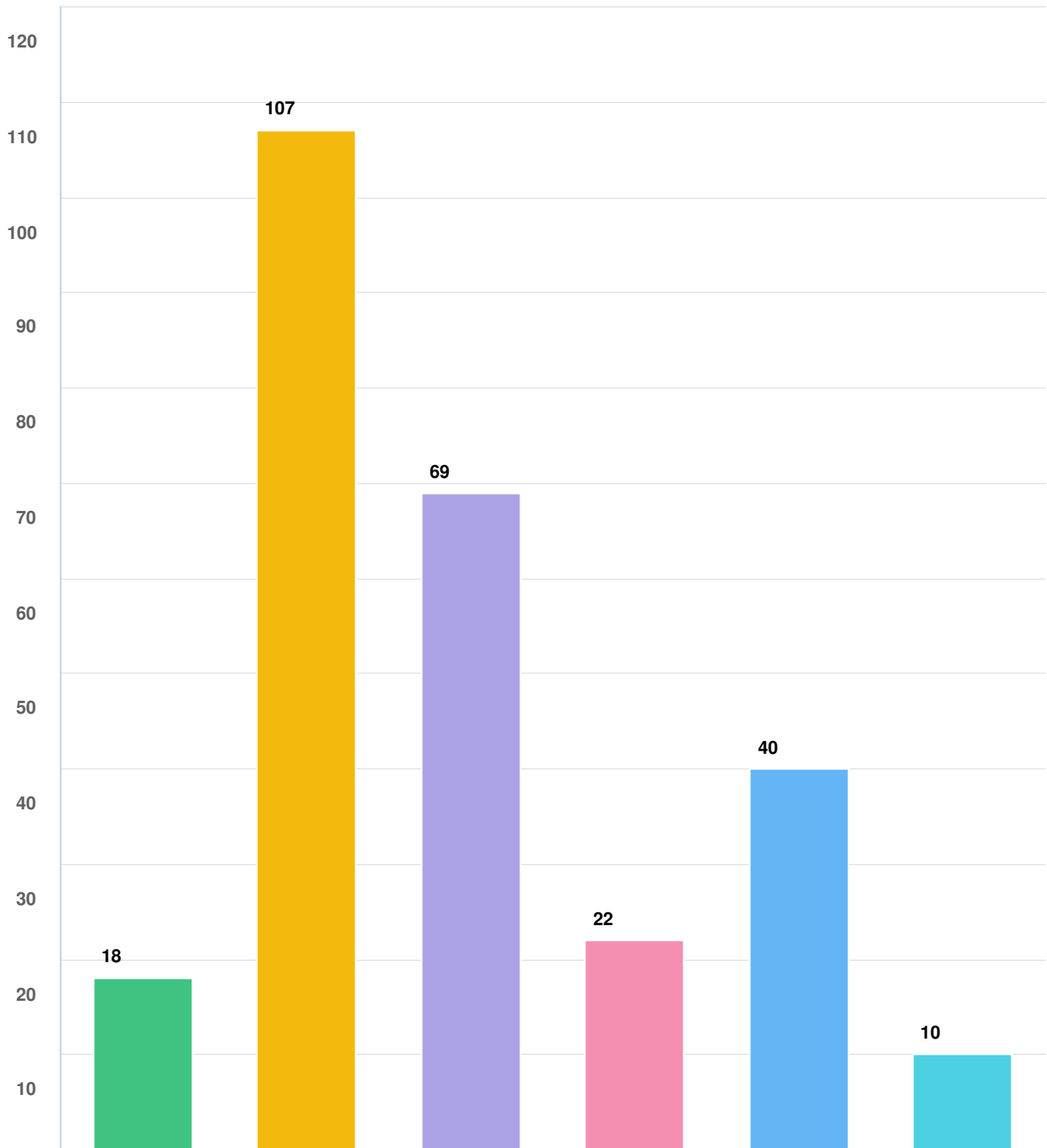


Question options

- No, it is not
- Yes, I had them installed or installed them myself
- Yes, they were already installed before I moved to the home

Optional question (307 response(s), 2 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q30 If no, what are the primary reasons you do not have on-site solar panels to power your residence? (select any that apply)

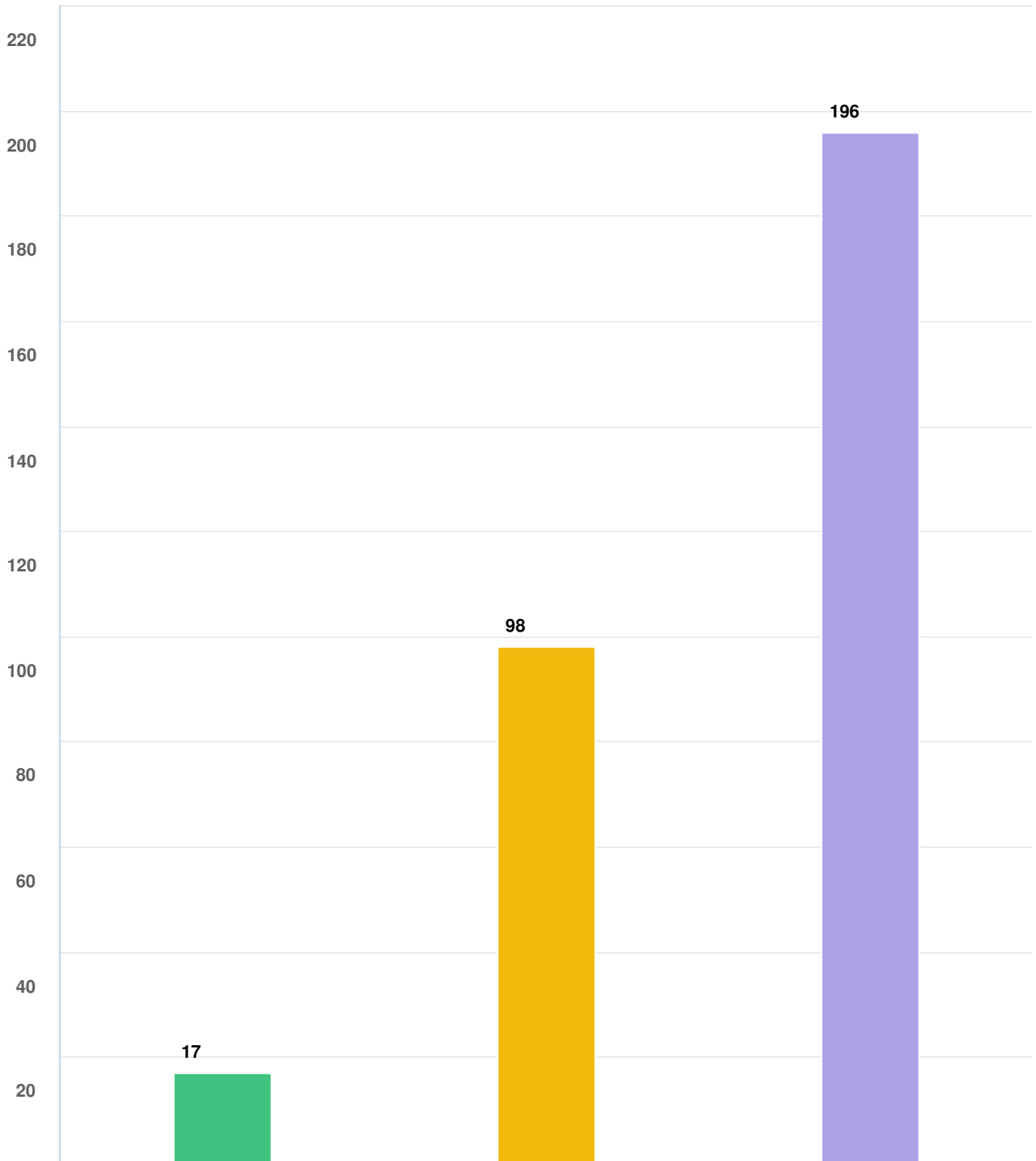


Question options

- I do not have a good location on my property
- I plan to purchase them in the future
- Not interested
- I do not think it is a good investment for me
- Too expensive
- I rent and this is not an option

Optional question (209 response(s), 100 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q31 Do you own an electric vehicle?

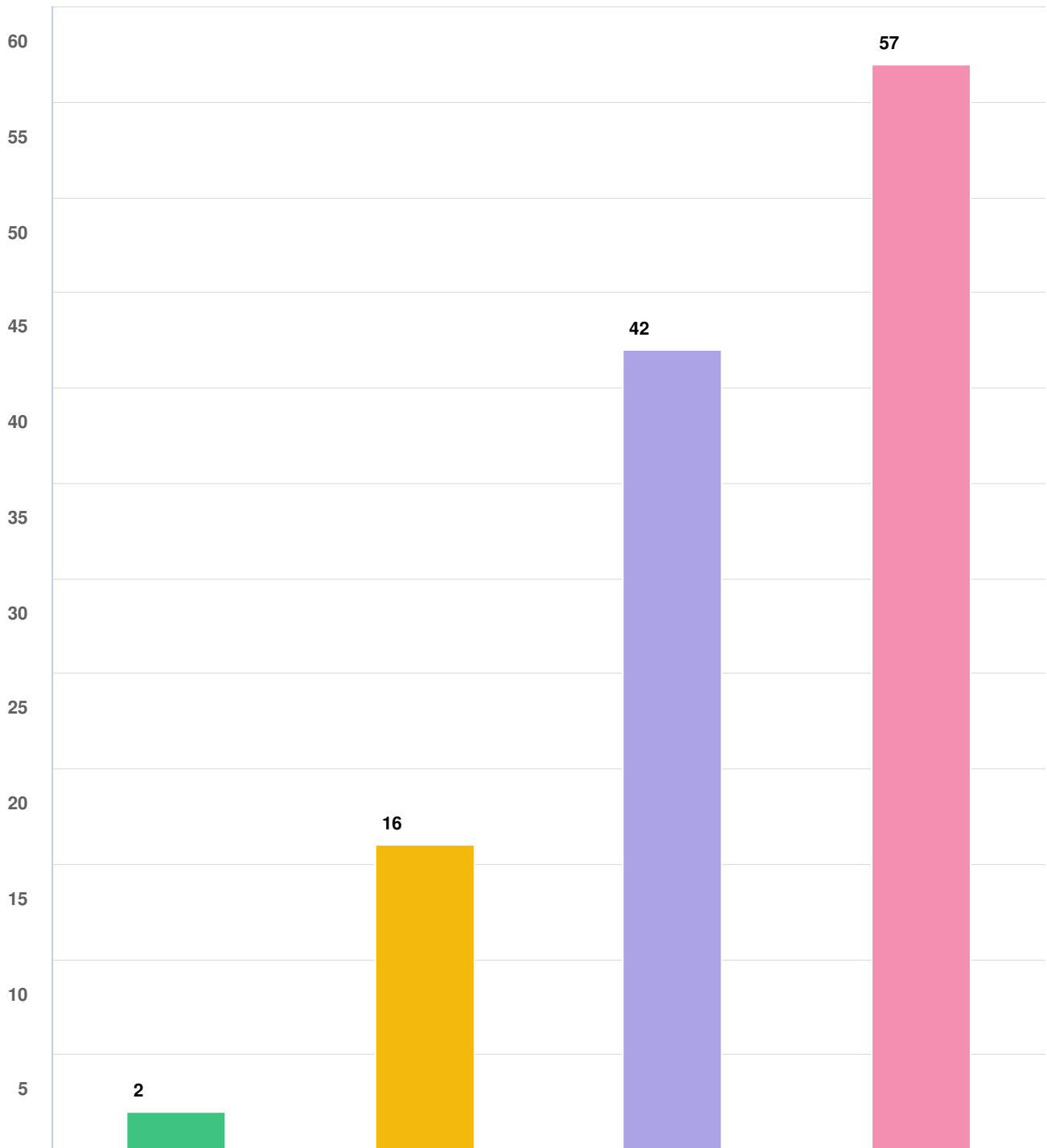


Question options

- No, and I would not consider buying one
- No, but I would consider buying one
- Yes

*Optional question (306 response(s), 3 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question*

Q32 | If no, what is the primary reason you do not have or plan to purchase and electric vehicle? (select any that apply)

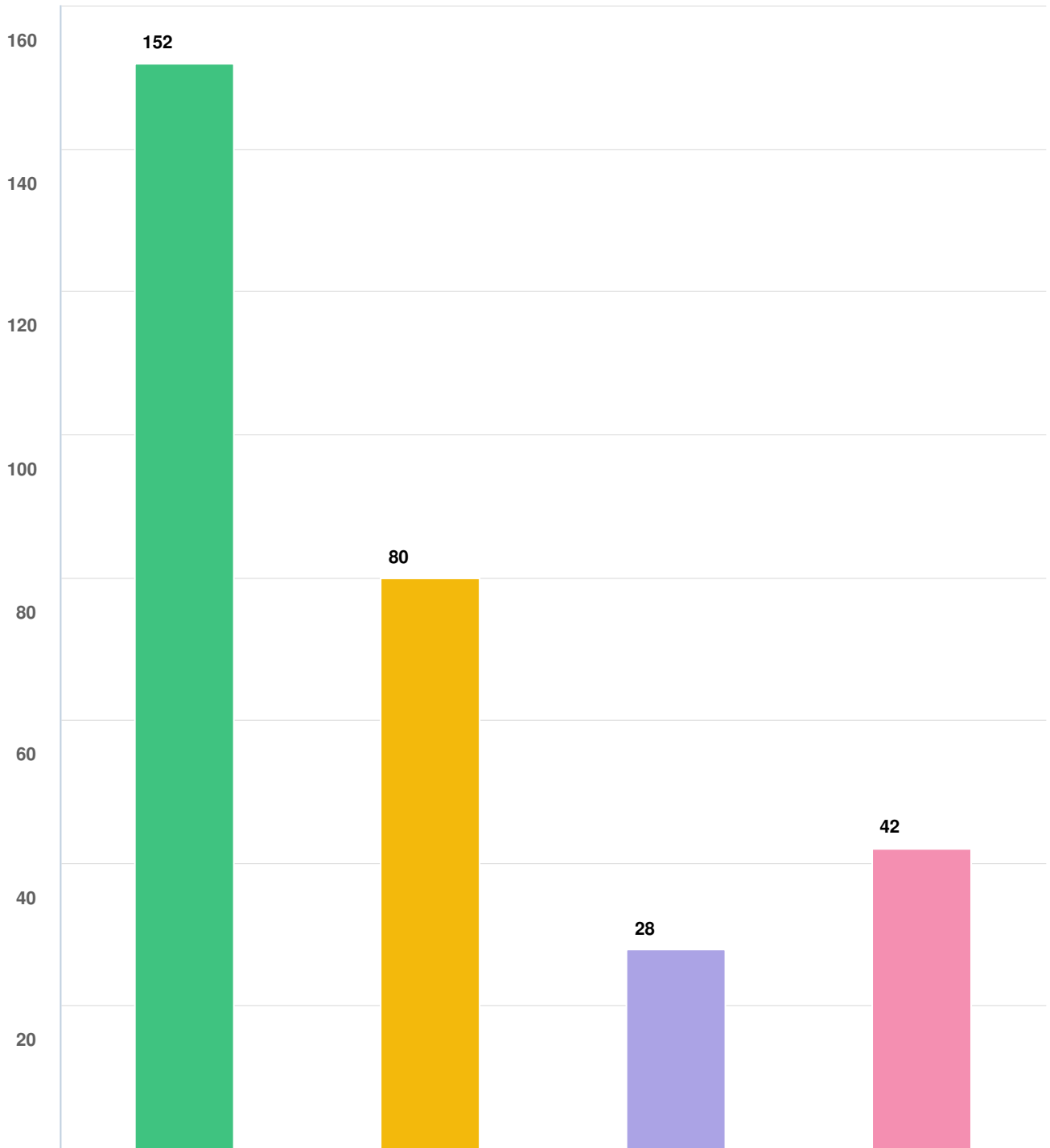


Question options

- I have charging concerns or there is not an adequate charging system network
- Electric vehicles are relatively too expensive
- Not a good fit for my needs
- I do not drive

*Optional question (88 response(s), 221 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question*

Q33 Do you feel there is enough access to public lands in the county?



Question options

- No, and I would like to have more access
- No, it is insufficient but adequate for my needs
- Yes, but I would like to have more access
- Yes, it is sufficient

Optional question (301 response(s), 8 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

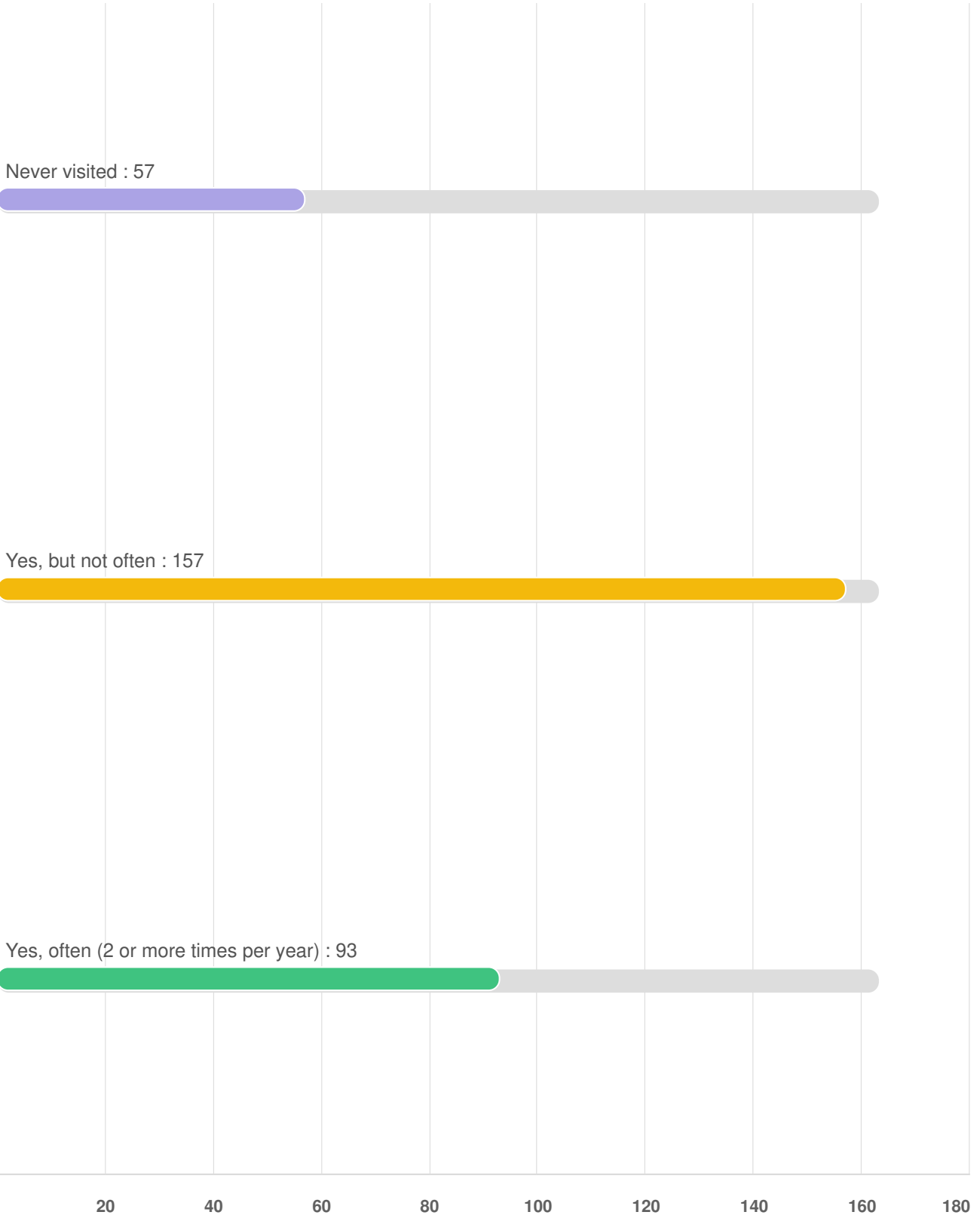
Q34 Have you visited any of the following recreational facilities within Cochise County?



Optional question (308 response(s), 1 skipped)
Question type: Likert Question

Q34 | Have you visited any of the following recreational facilities within Cochise County?

Chiricahua National Monument



Kartchner Caverns State Park

Never visited : 112



Yes, but not often : 169



Yes, often (2 or more times per year) : 23



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Coronado National Forest

Never visited : 44



Yes, but not often : 123

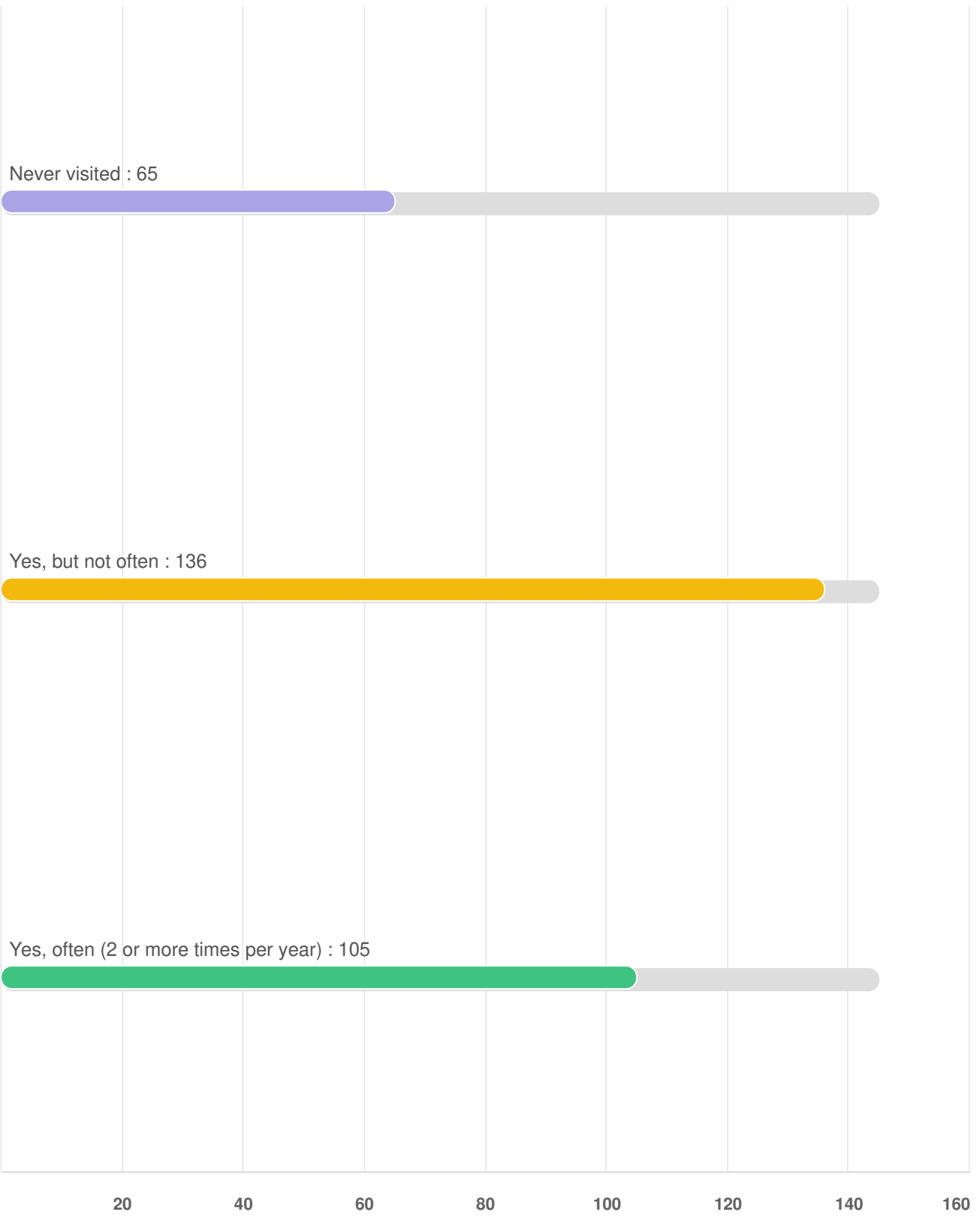


Yes, often (2 or more times per year) : 139



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San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area



Ramsey Canyon Preserve

Never visited : 95



Yes, but not often : 146



Yes, often (2 or more times per year) : 64



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Fort Bowie National Historic Site

Never visited : 171



Yes, but not often : 122



Yes, often (2 or more times per year) : 9



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Dragoon Mountains Wilderness Area

Never visited : 119



Yes, but not often : 146

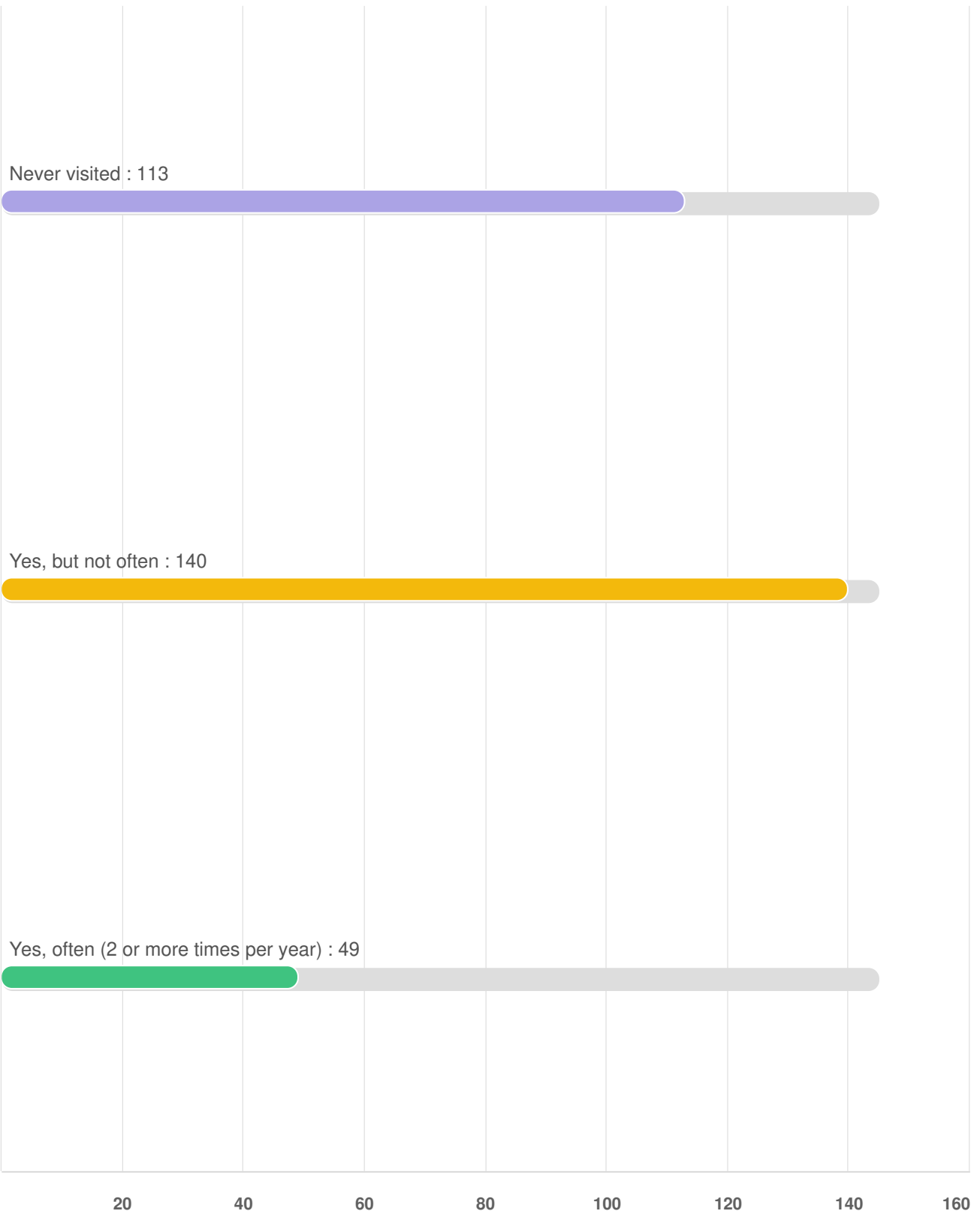


Yes, often (2 or more times per year) : 40

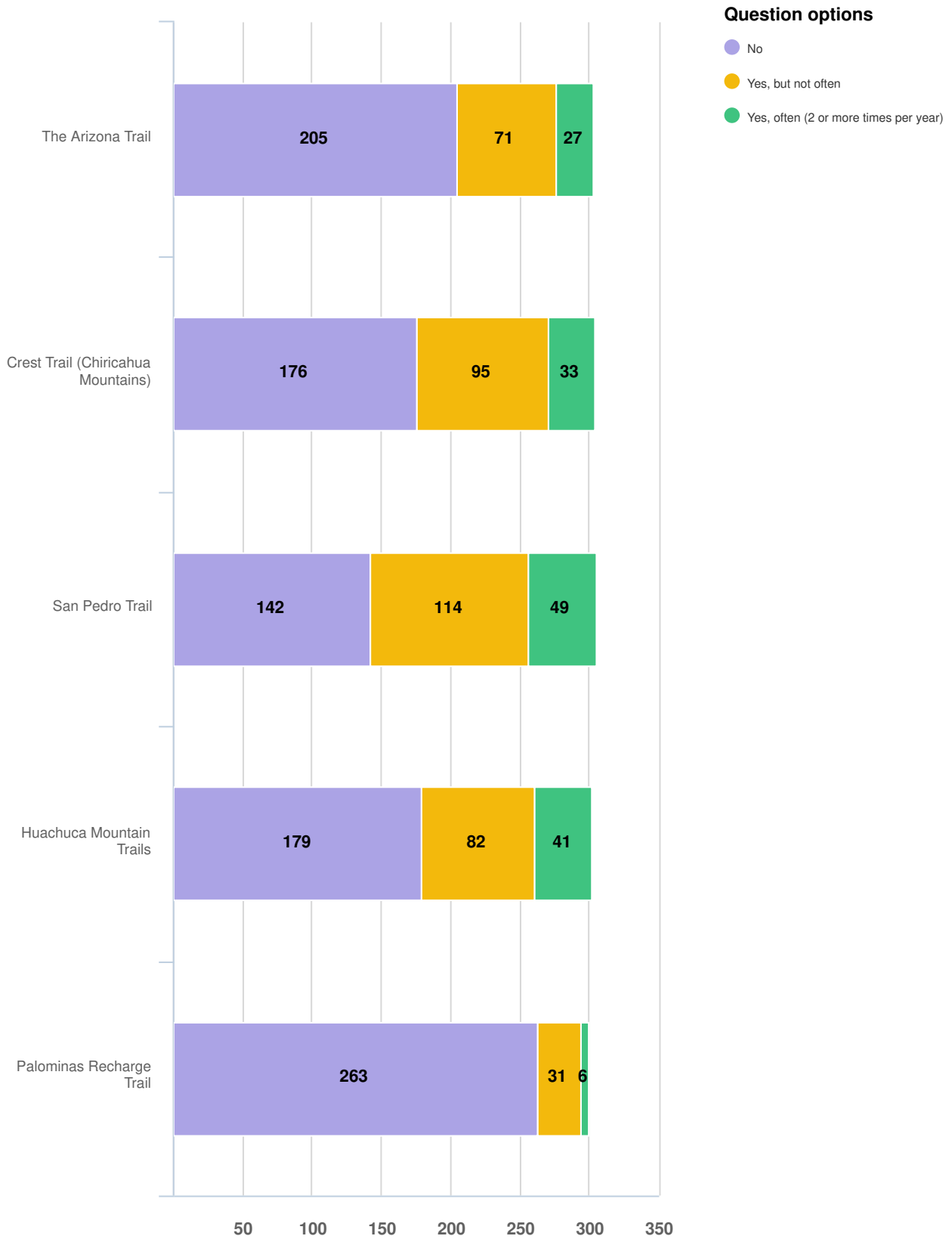


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Parker Canyon Lake



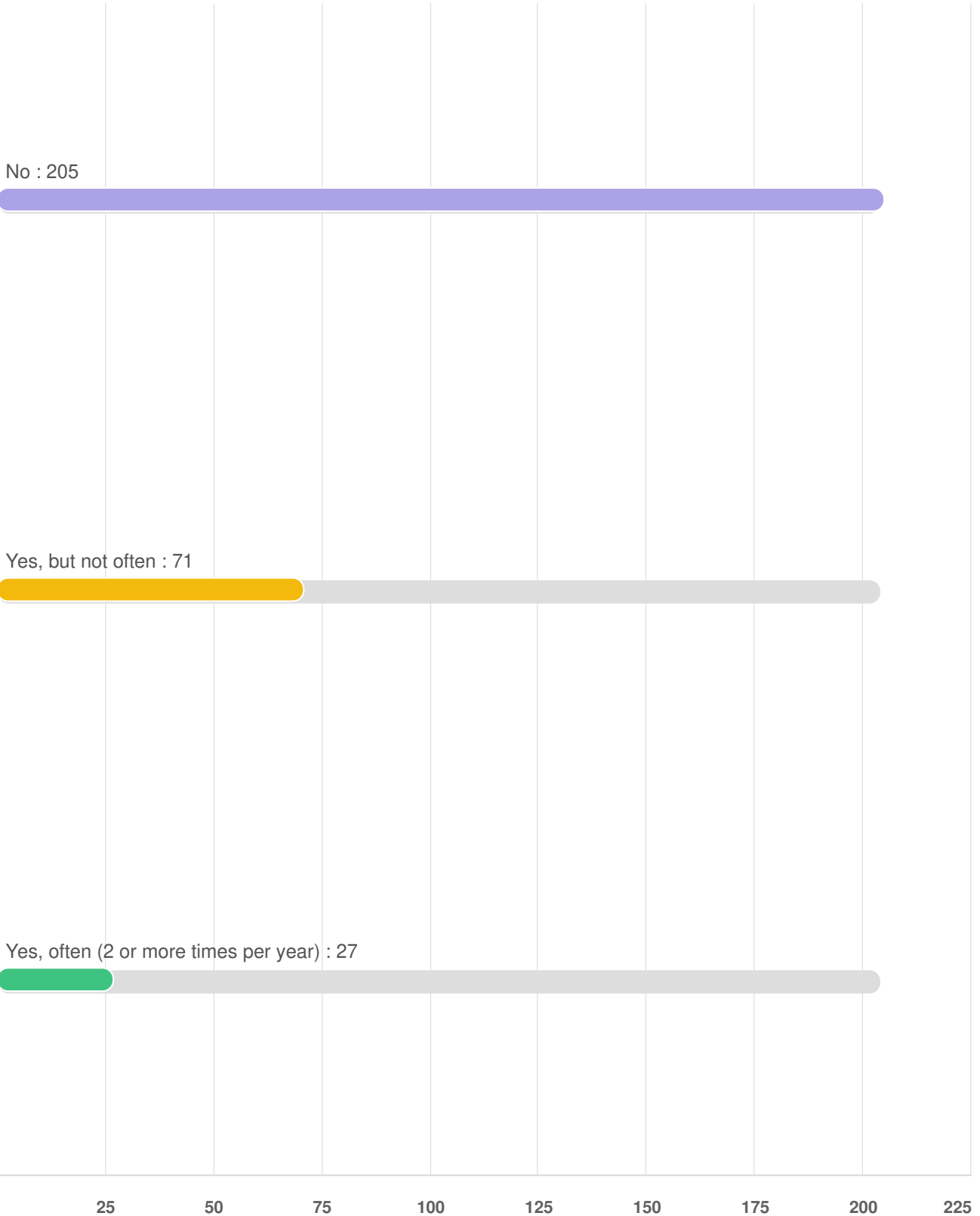
Q35 | Have you hiked/biked any of the following recreational trails within Cochise County?



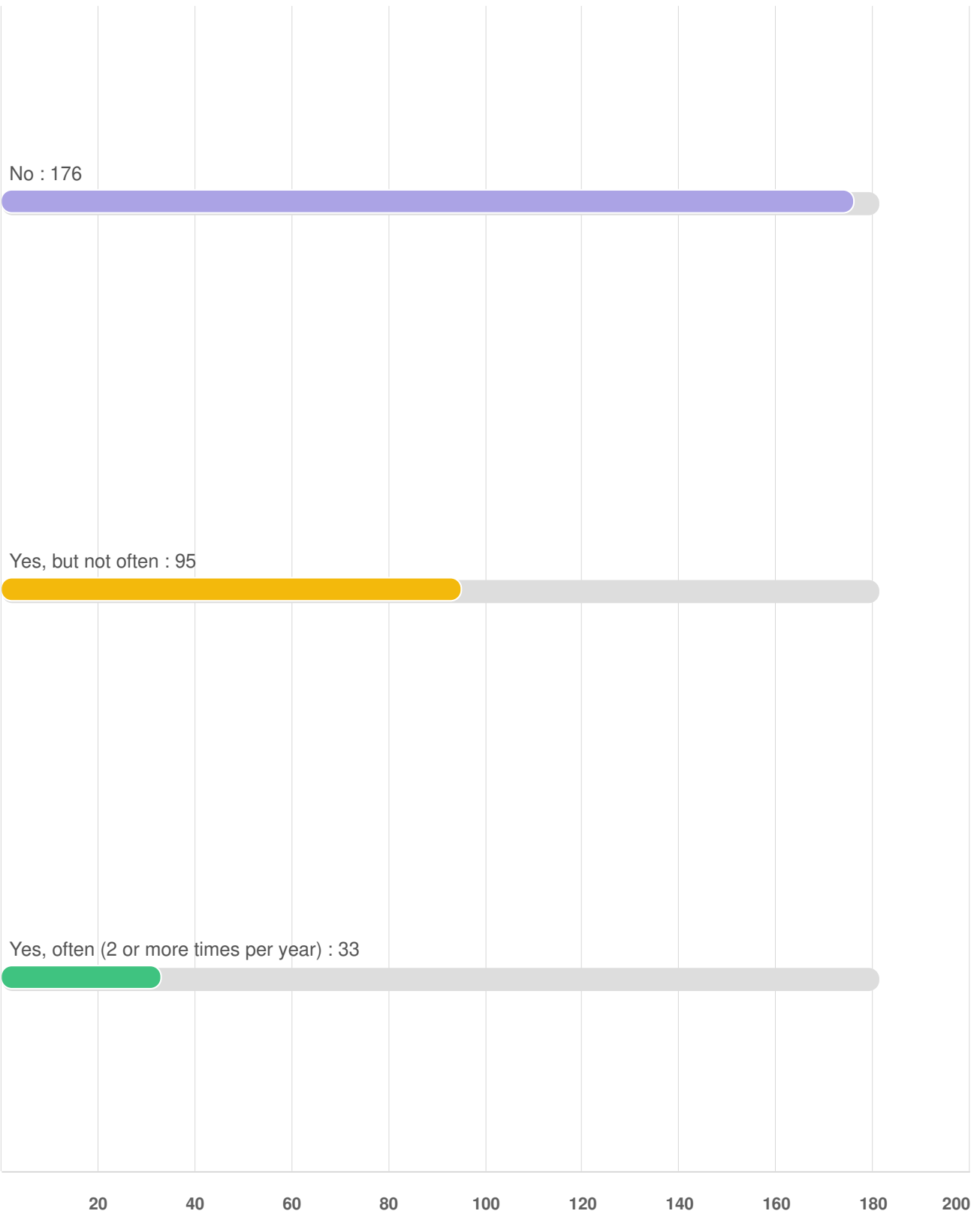
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Question type: Likert Question

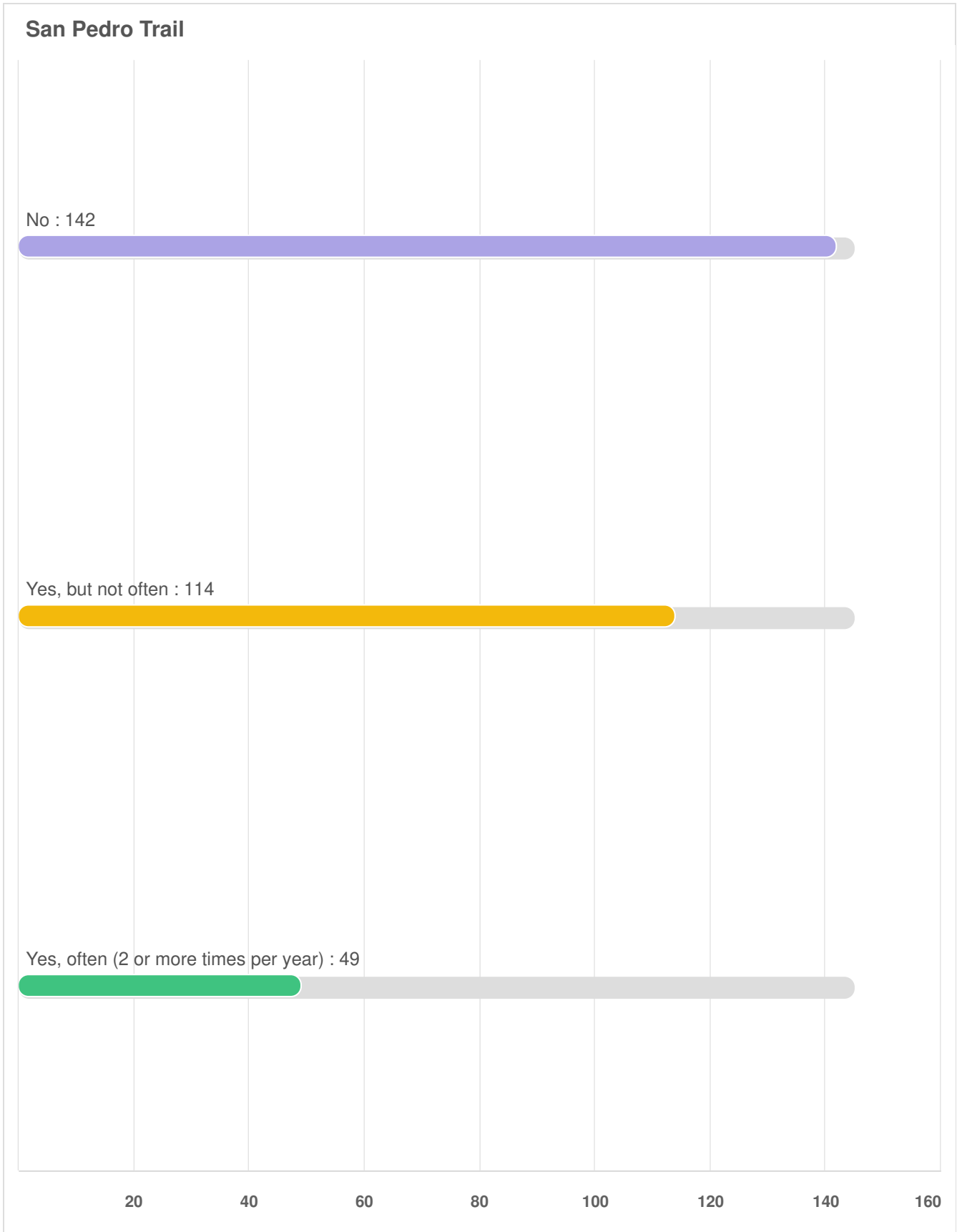
Q35 | Have you hiked/biked any of the following recreational trails within Cochise County?

The Arizona Trail



Crest Trail (Chiricahua Mountains)





Huachuca Mountain Trails

No : 179



Yes, but not often : 82



Yes, often (2 or more times per year) : 41



20 40 60 80 100 120 140 160 180 200

Palominas Recharge Trail

No : 263



Yes, but not often : 31



Yes, often (2 or more times per year) : 6



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Q36 | Is there anything else, not previously mentioned, that you would like to see addressed by policies in the Comprehensive Plan?

SP

8/28/2024 11:08 AM

Figure out better drainage for N. Frontier Rd. so it doesn't become impassible during the monsoon.

Charles

8/29/2024 12:48 AM

I would like to see access to public lands restored where ranchers have leased all surrounding land effectively blocking legal access and would like to see Rucker lake restored.

flemingkathy63

8/29/2024 10:40 AM

I would like to see zoning changed to allow mobile homes, RV's and off grid non traditional housing in Twin Lakes subdivision in Willcox and on all County land not in a city limits.

Mirandk

8/29/2024 11:16 AM

If possible, bringing funding to the school systems. Most kids are in a school where they might be taught by a teacher who does not have a bachelor degree..

David Insvaz

8/29/2024 12:51 PM

Access to historic areas. Counsel Rocks was visited by many people who were prepared to visit. Then 'someone' graded the road for car travel and graffiti appeared over the historic Native American Art. Same thing with Jackson's Cabin. Same thing with Crystal Beds. Same thing with the 'real caverns' where Karcner Caverns opened. Brown Canyon is another example, where it was a great hiking and camping area, it is now a highway for illegals.and drugs. Ramsey canyon is now a drug and illegal highway. While talking about illegals, why is a certain church on Yaqui allowed to house and transport illegals with impunity?

Murdoch

8/29/2024 02:09 PM

Financing vehicle for chip sealing unimproved county maintained roads and better connectivity in urbanized area.

Robb1914

8/29/2024 02:41 PM

Hwy 90 especially in Sierra Vista is an embarrassment.

Joanna Seeley

8/29/2024 03:30 PM

No new mining start-ups. Restrictions on out of state/country commercial industries which do not contribute to the county. ie: anything that does not provide a commodity to the county.

KBid

8/29/2024 03:35 PM

Specific guidelines for business and industrial growth in rural zoned areas.

Katherine

8/29/2024 08:06 PM

No more stupid dairy companies or any other company, especially from outside Arizona that robs the Sulphur Springs Valley from water. And fees charged to these companies for the damage their semi trucks are causing to our roads

Kathy

8/30/2024 05:32 AM

Water harvesting on public lands, and required for any new business or residential development.

ShaGall

8/30/2024 05:51 AM

Limit clearing of land for agri. We need to revitalize our soils for carbon capture not destroy it for trees and crops unless doing cover crops.

David Jones

8/30/2024 03:15 PM

I believe that home builders (of more than six homes) should be required to include water facilities that ensure water usage does not deplete the aquifer, e.g., water recharge facility. The (abandoned) Tribute development by Castle & Cooke would have dropped the level of the San Pedro aquifer to 600' below the surface. There are over 4,000 wells in Cochise County. If only half of them were affected, this would have meant a \$56,000,000 financial hit on County well owners (\$28,000 to dig a 600' well).

jgiacomino

8/30/2024 07:29 PM

water conservation required for new construction

KC

8/30/2024 09:21 PM

Highway or mass transit travel - I would LOVE rapid access to I-10/ Tucson that does not include multiple speed changes.

GregK

8/31/2024 02:25 AM

The water plan for the aquifer needs to be addressed and some kind of plan made so private wells do not start drying up from agriculture over irrigation. It's been happening all over Arizona and I've heard some private wells have dried up and people on fixed incomes can't drill deeper like the Ag Business can and do....

Doc

8/31/2024 07:57 AM

More development is not progress or does it enhance the quality of life. We chose to settle here to enjoy the rural life style and peace. Strengthen the protection for those who live here.

Shoobop

8/31/2024 10:45 AM

Request no parking on side streets, especially in subdivisions. NO PARKING of RVs on side streets.

JJ

8/31/2024 10:49 AM

Seems like one of the most important is getting a grip on managing water usage

Dragoon Resident/Rancher

9/01/2024 02:05 AM

Encourage water independence and conservation as well as educate residence on emergency preparedness. Also, establish community resources on public land like community orchards/gardening options as well as community accessible well/water sources. Also, fast track and incentivize residence installing water creation machines that create water out of atmospheric humidity. Remove accessibility issues to public lands such as locked gates. Public lands should not be behind locked gates.

BajaAZgirl

9/02/2024 05:42 PM

Better signage so vistor's are not confused. East bound 80: lists OB too late and close to exit and the signage is also obscured by a tree. Off ramp west bound West Blvd off 80 too deep and quick and should be sooner and less sharp of a turn.

William Osborne (SEAGO)

9/03/2024 08:42 AM

Green infrastructure and water-smart infrastructure and utilities policies for application in public and private development projects to conserve drinking water and reuse/reclaim wastewater and stormwater, and minimize use of fossil fuels.

SM Frei

9/03/2024 12:01 PM

Recommendation: Stage 1. Establish a water district at each of the county public schools using current board members and facilities. Offer access to residents. Stage 2. Establish a water district at a County site available in a rural area where practical. Offer access to residents.

Murdochlover1

9/04/2024 11:00 AM

More lanes on existing roads.

DW9933

9/06/2024 06:39 PM

N/A

SusanC

9/08/2024 12:40 PM

Increased handicap access to public lands.

Gene

9/23/2024 11:37 AM

Protect environment.

DesertRat

Phasing out corporate and industrial agriculture, especially Riverview

9/23/2024 03:00 PM

K9kate

9/23/2024 05:46 PM

The County needs to start passing water regulation laws. Big Ag and the giant feed lots are sucking our water dry. The resulting ground subsidence and private wells going dry shows incredible arrogance, lack of forethought, and ignorance by the county leaders. The noise of the natural gas well pump motors near residential areas ruin the quality of life for many. They shouldn't be allowed to be near peoples homes. They ruin the value of our properties. They ruin the peace and quiet quality of life in a rural county. The future expansion of the military planning to fly jets is ridiculous. It will ruin our monuments and other outdoor recreational areas for visitors, wildlife, and residents. The noise, air and ground pollution will kill what little economic income we have. We need leaders who will take care of everyone in our county not just big ag, the feedlot and the military.

Karensartain

9/24/2024 07:50 AM

Keeping corporate farming (like Riverview) out of our county and other industrial (mining) due to water reserves

chriseparent

9/24/2024 08:23 AM

agricultural use of water in Douglas Basin is out of control and residential wells are going dry, including mine. it will cost me \$10,000 to dig to water so pecan growers from california can make a buck at my expense. my neighbor across the street died from dehydration due to lack of water, and her body wasn't found for weeks-all her dogs died too.

VW

9/24/2024 10:25 AM

The Willcox and Douglas basins being drained within the next 20+ years. Fact that you have not stopped housing sales, so more families are going to get robbed of owning a useable home. Fact that you are not stopping Corporate AG from ending life in this valley. You need to sue the state for circumventing the 7k cattle limit in the county. Punishment of Peggy Judd and others who were clearly bought by Riverview Corporation when supposedly working for the local people. BUYOUTS, for homeowners screwed by you allowing Corporate AG in to rape this valley.

Amalia Marin

10/06/2024 06:29 PM

Plans for keeping Air traffic and the accompanying noise levels at a minimum over more populated areas as our region grows

Nayer

10/17/2024 02:21 PM

Farming for the people (not 20 acres) Restoring the Rucker Canyon Park Dam 3D Construction Printing - especially using local geopolymers Residual farming and mining chemicals relation to cancer rates The need for modern mental health - community service

(i.e. using AI) Encourage positive cyber home based businesses and educational opportunities.

JD

10/21/2024 07:21 AM

affordable housing

KeepingTracks@76

10/22/2024 11:32 AM

Nothing to add at this time

Trish

10/25/2024 08:39 PM

I would love to see running/walking paths for the Willcox area.

Elly

10/30/2024 04:59 PM

I saw nothing on the USAF plans to increase their flights etc. This will negatively impact life in Cochise county.

Palma Hudson

10/31/2024 11:06 AM

Border issues

in person 3

11/05/2024 12:20 PM

water, immigration, keeping rural life rural

in person 4

11/05/2024 12:28 PM

The issue of wells drying up in Willcox possibly affected by Riverview or other agricultural on how that will affect the plan 2045

Dusty Benson

11/06/2024 01:36 PM

Preserve the county's rural character and encourage small business. Wildlife corridors and crossings. Road surfacing and maintenance to mitigate dust.

Diane Davidson

11/07/2024 02:21 PM

Noisy USAF FLIGHTS interrupting our peace and quiet and threatening an economy based on quiet recreation. Non-biodegradable, polluting chaff I water, and flares fro military aircraft, potentially causing fires.

waserpm

11/07/2024 04:06 PM

groundwater, groundwater, groundwater! Need to use in a sustainable way!

VerdeVista2024

11/13/2024 01:32 PM

I am for bringing in businesses and industry that will create jobs, but not at the expense of peoples wells (water) or their standard of living (Rural living) that they are enjoying. People like me moved to Cochise County because it is rural living and not overcrowded like other

counties.....I like my space!

in person 7

11/21/2024 09:56 AM

Encourage/develop our natural amenities to encourage visitors, maintain rural areas like the Tres Alamos Community area, growth in existing areas that are already zoned, be mindful of water use and sustainability

in person 8

11/21/2024 10:14 AM

availability of groundwater from existing residential wells is the most important thing. Agriculture of inappropriate crops should not be allowed. This is the desert.

in person 10

11/21/2024 10:28 AM

solar farm, wind farm

Lot 145

12/03/2024 02:00 PM

All I can think of is it would be nice if Dark Skies could be part of the plan.

Pricklypear14

12/05/2024 04:33 PM

I am very concerned about the decline of groundwater due to agriculture and residential building.

Li

12/09/2024 02:17 PM

Continuing support for the Owner Builder Opt-Out Building Permit. It has allowed so many people (both young and old) to build their own home and then many practice restorative agriculture, permaculture, eco-friendly living, and more. Most of these people would otherwise NEVER be able to afford to build their own home, so we are providing an immense service to people with it.

Arizona Desert Rat

12/09/2024 05:02 PM

Preservation of the Opt Out permit.

Shawn Is Retired

12/11/2024 07:11 PM

Refill at least the pit mine adjacent to Lowell, using the mine tailings covering Bisbee's local landscape. Bisbee's open pits present a serious and ongoing threat of collapse. Cochise County should be encouraging businesses to relocate here. Our water table, near Sierra Vista, is recharged annually. We have no water crisis, as have Tucson or Phoenix. We also appear to have a surplus of business buildings standing empty. Science should win over political party, and health directives should be enforced by local law enforcement. Human lives were lost in Cochise County, when the local law enforcement failed to enforce health mandates. This MUST change. Stop wasting taxpayer dollars on disruptive and invasive Christmas

parades. What percent of residents actually want them? Not me.

Woz

12/12/2024 03:12 PM

More public transportation

1971kris

12/16/2024 05:55 PM

Hwy 90 should be 2 lanes all the way from the 90 92 split to Moson rd.. The residential opt out permit should be expanded. People should be allowed to live in a single Rv on their own property.

jrmcdoug

12/16/2024 07:09 PM

Airspace should not be used for training. Would like to keep the rural, off grid essence of the area; no solar farms and certainly no more large agricultural farms. Access to water is already a problem.

talex

12/17/2024 09:16 PM

Disposal of brush. We are not allowed to have anything much larger than a campfire so there is no good way to dispose of brush. Piles of brush encourage rodent populations. It would be nice to have free chippers at the landfills and could give the mulch to residents for erosion control and gardening purposes..

in person 13

12/18/2024 11:48 AM

Multimodal connectors countywide

Sreenu

12/22/2024 08:30 PM

While the existing Cochise County Comprehensive Plan covers land use, housing, mobility, water resources, energy, and economic growth, there are several additional areas that could be addressed to make the plan more forward-thinking and adaptable to future trends:

1. Smart Cities and Digital Infrastructure Policy Focus: Invest in smart city technologies to enhance efficiency, safety, and connectivity. Opportunities: Expand broadband access and 5G infrastructure in rural areas. Leverage AI-powered traffic systems, smart grids, and sensor-based monitoring for public safety. Establish free public Wi-Fi zones and co-working spaces to attract remote workers and tech businesses.
2. Renewable Energy Innovation and Resilience Policy Focus: Promote green energy solutions and energy resilience to reduce carbon footprints. Opportunities: Develop solar farms, wind parks, and battery storage systems. Encourage EV charging networks along key highways and urban centers. Establish hydrogen refueling stations to support commercial trucking and clean transportation corridors.
3. Economic Diversification and Innovation Zones Policy Focus: Create innovation districts to attract startups, tech hubs, and manufacturing industries. Opportunities: Designate zones for AI research labs, robotics testing, and autonomous vehicle development. Provide incentives for data centers and logistics hubs

connected to the border trade corridor. Support eco-tourism parks and recreational facilities to boost tourism-based income. 4. Workforce Development and Education Hubs Policy Focus: Expand STEM education, vocational training, and apprenticeship programs to prepare a future-ready workforce. Opportunities: Develop partnerships with universities, trade schools, and private employers. Offer AI-driven learning programs and certifications in renewable energy, logistics, and automation. Establish career centers and internship programs tied to local industries. 5. Healthcare Access and Telemedicine Policy Focus: Improve healthcare infrastructure and expand telemedicine services, especially in rural areas. Opportunities: Build urgent care centers, specialty hospitals, and mobile clinics. Integrate AI-driven diagnostics and robot-assisted surgeries. Address mental health care needs with affordable treatment options. 6. Sustainable Water Management Policy Focus: Strengthen water conservation policies and develop alternative water resources. Opportunities: Implement rainwater harvesting systems and wastewater recycling programs. Develop smart irrigation systems for agriculture to prevent water waste. Promote low-water landscaping and desert-friendly architecture. 7. Arts, Culture, and Entertainment Policy Focus: Preserve historic sites while building modern entertainment venues. Opportunities: Establish outdoor amphitheaters, museums, and film production facilities. Create public art programs and festivals to boost cultural tourism. Support local artists and craft markets to promote economic diversity. 8. Disaster Preparedness and Climate Adaptation Policy Focus: Strengthen disaster resilience policies to address wildfires, flooding, and climate changes. Opportunities: Develop early-warning systems using AI and drones. Build emergency shelters and relief centers equipped for natural disasters. Implement sustainable building codes to withstand climate challenges. 9. Affordable Housing and Mixed-Use Developments Policy Focus: Expand affordable housing options to meet growing demand. Opportunities: Incentivize multi-family units, tiny homes, and casitas for affordability. Develop live/work communities that integrate housing, offices, and recreation. Support manufactured home parks and eco-friendly designs for low-income families. 10. Multi-Modal Transportation and Connectivity Policy Focus: Enhance mobility options to support growth corridors and reduce congestion, while improving regional and international connectivity. Opportunities: Develop bike lanes, multi-use trails, and pedestrian-friendly pathways. Improve bus services, rideshares, and park-and-ride stations. Promote regional transportation networks and cross-border rail links. Expand Bisbee-Douglas International Airport to attract business travel and direct flights to DFW, Atlanta, Seattle, California, and Phoenix. Develop EV and hydrogen refueling stations along key routes for sustainable transit options. Final Thought: By incorporating these additional policies, Cochise County can position itself as a modern, resilient, and sustainable destination that meets

the needs of current residents, future generations, and investors.

These recommendations align with the 2045 Plan's goals for growth, economic development, and environmental protection, ensuring Cochise County remains a dynamic and thriving region for decades to come.

HBF

1/07/2025 12:04 PM

No

Janae

1/08/2025 02:15 PM

Allowance of high industry in rural livelihoods by areas.

Vee Golden

1/08/2025 07:49 PM

I live off of Skyline Road and I-10. We are very concerned about the water in our area.

Speedbump

1/10/2025 09:05 AM

This county should not be encouraging bicyclists on the roads and certainly shouldn't be shutting down roads for them.

GreggAPowell

1/10/2025 09:17 AM

WATER WATER WATER! STOP ALLOWING DEVELOPERS TO OVERBUILD. WATER IS AN INCREASINGLY LIMITED RESOURCE. We WILL run out if the State and county continue their mismanagement of water resources. We do not have enough water in the Cochise County for high density housing. Even consider that shows how highly irresponsible and short-sighted the county is.

mtaylor

1/10/2025 09:21 AM

Focus on adequate infrastructure

CharityAngel

1/10/2025 09:22 AM

No

Raber

1/10/2025 10:41 AM

We have several people who have just parked an RV on a piece of land and started living there. Do they have a septic system or are they polluting? Someone at County could look at an aerial pic and compare it to property plans.

DJ

1/10/2025 03:28 PM

Improve access to public employees and facilities

San Pedro

1/10/2025 10:01 PM

Build bridges or water flow retention basins to the river.

SilentMajority
1/10/2025 10:35 PM

Leave citizens alone. Quit wasting tax dollars. Do not try to make our county like other broken counties.

Robert K
1/11/2025 10:38 AM

Offer incentives for large businesses to come and offer jobs to bring more people to work here.

Gabriel#2024
1/11/2025 02:58 PM

Keep commercial and industrial construction far away from existing communities and i expect that county representatives would protect ground water sources for people's homes and property. County Representatives should be promoting the rural aspect of Cochise County, not trying to destroy it with excessive "development" and industrial expansion.

BizBeeBlue
1/11/2025 10:56 PM

More use of recycled ground up asphalt from Highway 90 resurfacing project on some Hereford roads!

BL
1/14/2025 04:38 PM

Nothing noted.

Vjtaku
1/14/2025 06:34 PM

My biggest concern is the County needs to know how much water are in the aquifers to make decisions on so many aspects of the comprehensive plan. My husband and I went to Phoenix and spoke to the water department about this and we were told they had no funding to do the surveys.

CC5252
1/15/2025 06:49 AM

I would like to see more trees planted. Light maintenance sustainable trees. especially in smaller communities like mine.

D Crowley
1/15/2025 08:10 AM

Do something about the wildcat development of the shacks that are popping up everywhere.

RJones
1/15/2025 09:43 AM

Build the new County Jail!!!!!!

Jeff
1/15/2025 12:52 PM

Ensuring that all businesses comply with ADA standards for both parking and building access is critical. My wife is a permanent wheelchair user, and we've noticed a lack of properly designed van-accessible parking spaces at many local businesses. Additionally, some "accessible" spots in our city parks fail to connect to a

sidewalk, rendering them completely unusable for wheelchair users. This is especially concerning since many new businesses are being built after the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design were passed into law. It seems odd that the city isn't adequately enforcing equal access laws during new construction or remodels.

Jim S-Z

1/16/2025 03:05 PM

Workforce housing. Reasonable regulations AND ENFORCEMENT for short-term rentals. Plans to address continued growth fueled from PHX and TUC retirees and potential influx from CA (due to fires, quality of life, expense).

tnp

1/24/2025 11:45 PM

We don't want growth and development in Portal. We are a small, quiet community and we would like to keep it that way. Growth would ruin the peace and quiet most of us moved here for.

Heloav8tr

1/25/2025 12:43 PM

Pave S Foudy Road

llwhereford

1/25/2025 02:56 PM

A comprehensive plan and/or agency to help seniors to locate in-home care, transportation, meals-on-wheels, 55+ housing, etc. With a large retirement community in the county, access to information to help seniors in this rural situation receive the help needed for them to stay in their own homes would be a great help. An agency that can assist families to coordinate services needed for loved ones would be of great benefit. It seems everyone has to figure out for themselves what's available, and the opportunities for scams and low-quality services abound in this environment. Intentional regular maintenance of the county road system with trained personnel to repair and maintain correctly. Untrained workers make shoddy repairs that never last, but that seems to be the norm. There is so much deferred maintenance here--it's appalling. An attitude of just getting by is more than disappointing. This has gotten worse since moving here in 2003. Another issue is housing that is obviously unsafe, unsanitary, and not in compliance with any code continues to exist without correction or condemnation. I hope this isn't what Cochise County wants to be known for. A vision for excellence in every area of government is needed here. It has significantly declined, and the people suffer for it.

Ray K

1/26/2025 11:33 AM

I would like to see fewer restrictions under the Owner Builder Opt Out Permits.

Gmanattheranch1-

1/26/2025 06:30 PM

Litter and garbage dumping needs to be addressed. People buy lots in the county and use it to haul garbage and belongings and then

abandon it and leave their junk to litter surrounding properties. There are many vacant homes and buildings that are not being used. You would think there would be some use for them.

TeaPartier

1/26/2025 08:36 PM

Cochise County has little to entice QUALITY professionals (medical, legal, manufacturing, entrepreneur) into our county. Our infrastructure, public servants, public schools, hospitals, veterinary clinics, retail, entertainment, education, have below average ratings. The County falls short in enticing and keeping educated professional families here.

CWilley

1/27/2025 05:07 AM

We need to be prioritizing a sustainable shift in energy production. We have an opportunity to be leaders among our state in transitioning to cheaper, more reliable and cleaner energy sources — particularly solar. In addition, we should invest in a wastewater treatment facility to recycle our water and keep prioritizing the aquifer recharge. Sierra Vista area has always been a leader in water conservation and we should continue to do so. In addition, promoting a more circular economy will ensure the longevity of our communities. Further, as an avid outdoorist, it is clear we are missing huge economic opportunities by not catering to tourism of our wild spaces. The sky islands region is an amazing destination for all kinds of recreation and we should be prioritizing that — especially considering we are a AZT gateway community.

Taryn Beck

1/27/2025 08:34 AM

One of the main things I am concerned about is lack of access to healthy foods, specifically in Douglas. The only place to buy any food at all is Walmart and I have seen the prices of my groceries increasing every year since I've lived here. I used to shop at Food City and the 99cent store when they were open because they had more competitive pricing. Now that those are gone, the only place in Douglas is Walmart and they don't have to compete for business. Not only are they more expensive than ever, the quality of the food has gone down. We are paying premium prices for food that is often very close to being rotten. For example, a bag of mandarin oranges is anywhere between \$5-\$7, and I end up throwing 1/3 of them away because they are inedible. I do not have the money or the time to drive all the way to Sierra Vista, more than an hour from my house, on weekends to do my grocery shopping.

Steve

1/27/2025 05:00 PM

I have not read the plan yet.

Andrew A

Restore most of the open land area to AG instead of RU4. Much of

1/27/2025 08:49 PM

what is currently designated as RU4 will not likely ever be built on within the planning horizon of this plan. Remove the requirement of a paved driveway entrance off of a gravel roadway for any improved property.

Tracy

1/28/2025 04:54 AM

Over pumping of water in Willcox Basin by Coronado Dairy and large corporate agriculture

pete

1/28/2025 10:15 AM

Stop the over pumping of Willcox Basin groundwater by Coronado Dairy and other mega corporate owned agriculture

Randil1414

1/28/2025 08:21 PM

Water conservation

Sue

1/29/2025 09:45 AM

Financial incentives for water and energy conservation, and funding for multi-use paths.

Renewable

1/29/2025 03:50 PM

greater recycling options including for hazardous waste

Bryan Hartman

1/29/2025 04:31 PM

protect private property rights

Bonafidelulu

1/30/2025 07:50 PM

I would like to see more community outreach programs to educate the public.

coyotech

1/30/2025 08:16 PM

I want to see the continuation of policies that allow people to use the relaxed owner-builder permits that we have had, and be amenable to "homesteaders". The independent types pay property and sales taxes the same as more conventional people, and usually require fewer public services. When my mother moved here because she wasn't able to live independently, I couldn't find an apartment or small house near by to rent for her, and my place isn't far enough along for her. So I could see the value in having more small and safe apartments in the small towns. I like that there are small bus lines in towns, for people who can't drive. So I would say I like to see the increased public services in towns, and continuing freedom from them out of town.

Sonia Gasho

1/31/2025 02:10 PM

Growth should be centered around current urban areas. Exurbanization and "tiny homes" on off grid parcels all too often turn into eye sores or hazards.

Wren

2/01/2025 08:44 AM

better maintenance of the paved roads!!!

Pearl

2/04/2025 09:19 AM

Your questions about water supply don't differentiate between supply for human use and that to support the incredible diversity of life in our riparian areas. Please address maintaining the water supply for our natural areas. That will support tourism in a way that nothing else can. Also, please address how to encourage creativity in conservation of resources like water, rather than making the regulations increasingly onerous, so that people give up trying.

Cynthia Mortensen

2/05/2025 11:11 AM

None

lisag

2/05/2025 11:12 AM

There are too many roads that are not county maintained that should be. Residents who live off of these roads experience more car repair issues and it's mind boggling to me that in the middle of a road, it just stops being county maintained.

Nancy W

2/05/2025 11:19 AM

Thru frontage road on I-10 so traffic isn't impacted so badly when there is an accident between Benson & Tucson

Jeanne

2/05/2025 11:20 AM

I would like to see home repair help for Cochise County elderly on SS and or SSI.

LarryT

2/05/2025 11:22 AM

A 3 person community friendly team either county or city parking enforcement. ADA violations, fire hydrant, crosswalk, wrong way on a 2 way street, abandoned vehicles, blocking driveway, fire lanes etc. Mainly ADA & safety violations. Ret'd Parking Supervisor here sees the need., Could even be a volunteer position.

dtmerci

2/05/2025 11:43 AM

Maintenance of the multi-use paths.

JWS469

2/05/2025 11:58 AM

More grassy parks

Robert Best

2/05/2025 11:58 AM

No

Dmevans75

2/05/2025 12:06 PM

I would like to see more options for us in the Sunizona/Sunsites/Pearce area. Maybe a Walmart market store. Where er are, we are 50 minutes to Douglas, Benson and Willcox

User23445

2/05/2025 12:08 PM

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Don

2/05/2025 12:22 PM

Again disappointed in hobbs overturning what voters voted on to not be in the AMA.

Modi33W

2/05/2025 12:26 PM

Include a mayor in the smaller "towns" like Nicksville, Hereford and Palominas and then include them in the County law/County affecting decision making process.

Naomi

2/05/2025 03:00 PM

No

MsDoabunch

2/05/2025 03:35 PM

I realize this is a limited survey but there are so many more places that could have been mentioned. Most people in Sierra Vista have no idea there is anything east of Walmart other than Tombstone.

JS5454

2/05/2025 03:50 PM

Lighting issues in the county. The county should consider installing "solar street lights." Additionally, clean water in Bisbee. We have basically 3 stations in the same area, by Safeway. There should be one in Warren and one in OB at least.

Bubblegirl

2/05/2025 05:42 PM

That custom homes that address disabilities/medical needs and/or great for fire prevention that pass all state and local minimums are not shackled by maximums or slowed in their progress. Also that when private access roads are needed that people are referred to the proper specifications and that if the county makes an error that they are held accountable for their error instead of penalizing the home owner- also that those obeying the rules aren't penalized and other residents disobeying county codes are held accountable by the county and not have to be dealt with by the neighbors. Wells also should be residential in a residential area- certain depth range and/or tank amounts- as flexible as possible without draining all the neighbor's wells dry potentially within a few years - heard things and seeing this as a possibility from another neighbor.

RET

2/05/2025 07:39 PM

I may be dreaming, but I would like to be able to drink the tap water in Bisbee. Parking in Old Bisbee would be nice, too.

ADN

2/06/2025 12:14 AM

We have a water crisis! Get RID of the big ag - dairies & pecan farms!! Stop building homes because we don't have enough water to grow. Care about the current residents who's well are drying up! It's either residents or ag corporations. Who do you care about? And... Ft Huachuca will cause us to lose our precious San Pedro River - the last remaining free flowing river in the state!!!

Ken Rasmussen

2/06/2025 06:57 AM

None

Anne623

2/06/2025 08:27 AM

Water use policy for rural areas. I am on the Willcox basin and feel industrial farms will cause my well to fail.

CarolynC79

2/06/2025 09:58 AM

Fix the damn roads.

SJC

2/06/2025 03:18 PM

ohv trails, speed limits esp Hwy 90 from SV to Hereford-many businesses & hard to see when going that fast to pull over to turn at appropriate time-speed limit should be reduced

OldTimer

2/06/2025 06:21 PM

LACK OF SUFFICIENT GROUND WATER, WHICH IS DEDICATED TO SAN PEDRO RIVER NOT DEVELOPMENT. VERY POOR WATER QUALITY INCLUDING PFAS AND E COLI.

Michpete

2/06/2025 11:18 PM

Homeless, druggies

gramma7

2/08/2025 04:49 PM

I am very concerned that the availability of drinking-quality water will not meet the pace of development. More homes and businesses will not help the county if there's not enough water for them. I think all new residences should have grey water systems. There could also be financial incentives to help people who would like to add them to existing residences.

Robinsellsaz

2/10/2025 12:40 PM

No

I love Sierra Vista

2/10/2025 01:22 PM

Right now I'm not sure. I would have to think about it.

DKelly

2/10/2025 01:29 PM

A gym that would benefit seniors and the younger generation.

Silver Ranger

2/10/2025 02:00 PM

Zoning for unincorporated areas

cochisecountyresident

2/10/2025 02:30 PM

We are very concerned about water availability here. The lack of regulation is unacceptable. Outside interests buying property and digging wells for agriculture and ranching (much of which is exported out of the county) is unacceptable.

Ladymiss

2/10/2025 03:02 PM

N/A

service1010

2/10/2025 04:28 PM

Remove RU4 subdividing in Portal. Reduced taxes for seniors. Programs for seniors (like New Mexico), focus on water conservation - no more pecan farms and other water intensive crops, Remove 'fence out' for cows.

desertsage

2/10/2025 04:47 PM

Keeping our rural communities rural.

Blacktail Rider

2/10/2025 05:21 PM

No more nut tress; no more agricultural irrigation; solar panels are fine especially if they prevent more activities using water

D Turner

2/10/2025 06:22 PM

Don't actually know what to ask until getting into a discussion.

DesertWillow

2/10/2025 07:07 PM

Don't allow companies to bring in their solar panels and damage our lands.

William Huber

2/10/2025 07:18 PM

Concerned about noise from military jet and plane flyovers.

Bordertreasures

2/10/2025 09:33 PM

Homeless...focus groups ...how would they envision their lives or how could their lives be better and what would they do to make their lives better? Realistically

Shoestring

2/10/2025 10:21 PM

Limited use of permits for new tree farms! Sucking our wells dry

Kalimera

2/11/2025 05:37 AM

Recycling Program for rural areas. We should not have to pay to recycle! Also there needs to be a cap placed on the number of animal units a CAFO's in Cochise County can have. This cap should never have been lifted. We now have mega feedlots/center pivots that are destroying the land, aquifer and health of our residents. I was hiking in the Chiricahua National Monument and you could smell the feedlot from up there. The dust/smell/pollutants from agriculture have ruined the views and enjoyable experience of the Sulphur Springs Valley. I have lived here 30+ years and in those years the quality of air and water in this valley has been ruined by allowing huge agricultural practices to move in and take over.

Henrettafam

2/11/2025 06:34 AM

Abandoned business buildings being utilized/revamped before building more Accessibility for those that are disabled

KV

2/11/2025 10:06 AM

Halt excessive low-elevation military combat training by Air Force over populated rural areas.

JBBenson

2/11/2025 11:08 AM

More transparency in local governance

Rsowards

2/11/2025 12:21 PM

Dealing with illegals & drugs-we need more deputies

roberteweissler

2/11/2025 01:22 PM

Long-term protection of groundwater resources and river ecosystems for local communities, residential properties and sustainable, low-water-use businesses. Local control of water resource use and permitting of industrial scale business operations.

Hazard Hawk

2/11/2025 01:41 PM

We are worried/concerned about the constant drain on the aquifer in the Willcox Basin due to ever expanding nut growing operations and the industrial dairy operations.

RA

2/11/2025 02:18 PM

Lower taxes. Stop allowing ranchers to spray Spike 20 herbicides on state lands around residential properties! Please no solar/wind farms!! Harmful to people and the environment, especially around the Chiracuhas!

Jenni

2/11/2025 03:04 PM

no

Helen Snyder

2/11/2025 03:28 PM

Protection of Sandhill Cranes wintering areas, especially in the face of possible lithium ponds being built. We have not heard about whether these exploratory operations are neutral, beneficial or dangerous for wildlife.

catloverjlm

2/12/2025 01:29 AM

Would like more extensive and availability of transportation

DBCW

2/12/2025 07:46 AM

County should be more involved with volunteers willing to help (e.g., the Master Naturalists, etc.); more promotion of our natural areas

Azkandi

2/12/2025 09:15 AM

smaller areas that have affordable housing so that not everyone is on top of each other and so it does not bring down property values. Rent control of some kind. More job opportunities that pay well by courting companies to locate here and not over tax them with creating infrastructure to build here.

Mel

2/12/2025 06:11 PM

Repave roads or at least fill in pot holes on a regular basis

BPhifer

2/13/2025 09:17 AM

Systemic change to all fire districts to ensure laws are being enforced. There is no oversight. We are being fleeced here in San Simon. OML are not being followed. Lack of transparency. Taxpayers are subsidizing a private entity at great expense.

Holly Draper

2/13/2025 09:24 AM

New Jobs for people.

Jan HP

2/13/2025 10:31 AM

I'm concerned about illegal people and the dangers they pose. Police chases, trash & drugs.

Heathermichele30

2/13/2025 10:31 AM

With respect to land use and development: Hwy 90 between Sierra Vista and I-10 has always seemed like a great location for large freight/warehouse facilities due to vast amount of undeveloped land and the proximity to I-10. Incentive driven development for such facilities, I believe, could bring substantial employment to individuals in Benson, Sierra Vista, Tombstone and Willcox. Is there a reason

Cochise County does not consider an Industrial/Freight/Sci-Tech complex in that area for manufacturer warehouses and/or freight facilities. We already have Loves & Mavericks for truckers and the SV Airport. It would be nice to see the County devise a plan to really build up the Huachuca City - to Benson corridor for a "Cochise Hub" per se. Similar to the Groveport, Ohio/Rickenbacker Airport area.

Cglockner

2/13/2025 12:22 PM

In Willcox I would love to see more sidewalks through out town, most of the people in this town walk. Maybe expand(make it bigger) on Gonzalez park.

Strand658

2/13/2025 03:35 PM

Stop the federal government from low level training flights over Tombstone

zac

2/13/2025 06:47 PM

It is great that one of goals of the current comprehensive plan is to preserve the dark night skies of Cochise County. The skies here are one of the main draws of this region of the state for me. Unfortunately, a lot of new light pollution is being created by businesses such as the dairy farm which are exempt from the zoning regulations that exist to protect the night sky. This is rather unfortunate and needs to be addressed. It is a blatant double standard and a permission slip for businesses to pollute and steal from the people that live here. In reality it would not take much for these businesses to adhere to the same standards that private residents do and thereby almost entirely eliminate the light pollution they are presently causing. As it stands today they are drastically impacting the quality of the night sky, and it is getting much worse due to these exemptions that are doing the opposite of preserving the dark night skies.

cdg123412

2/14/2025 08:24 AM

Lowering real estate taxes.

Bunny2025

2/14/2025 03:21 PM

Splash pads in parks and dog parks.

Mimi

2/16/2025 04:41 PM

Push higher ups to fix our border wall!

Rae Weiler

2/16/2025 04:43 PM

No

S.P. Harmon
2/16/2025 06:55 PM

None

Raul
2/16/2025 09:40 PM

Keep up the good work

Urbancountrygirl
2/16/2025 09:58 PM

Would like to see a bike trail system similar to tucson

Jenn06
2/17/2025 08:28 AM

More recreational sites for youth. Activities.

RiffRaff
2/17/2025 08:49 AM

Stop the Supervisors from hiring attorneys.

Djlegg
2/17/2025 12:55 PM

Address dust control Reguvination of the grasses/forbs/ brush on bare land to stop wind erosion

Newbie
2/19/2025 10:56 AM

Would love a Costco or Sam's Clubs. Brings in more business from surrounding communities.

Ruth Plenty
2/19/2025 12:49 PM

Areas within Cochise County that currently are not monitored for orchard planting, specifically pecan and olive tree developments, to be monitored for projected ground water use which will reduce water level for private homeowner well water and control of heavy dust/dirt storms even with light wind (5 to 8 mph) as natural plant, tree, shrubs are removed and soil overturned to break up ground for tree planting. Issues with valley fever and allergies. Early 1980s City of Tucson banned olive tree orchards because of their pollen.

David Gowan Jr.
2/19/2025 01:40 PM

Mostly road quality improvements.

Craig
2/20/2025 06:10 PM

Residential kitchen sink greywater allowance

PRAIRIE PIONEER
2/21/2025 07:40 PM

THE OUTRIGHT BAN OF LARGE PRIVATE EVENTS IN LOCATIONS WHERE FULL TIME RESIDENTS LIVE & ARE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BT THE TRAFFIC. NOISE & DANGER POSED BY THE BURNING OF LARGE WOODEN STRUCTURES!!!

Artist Paul

2/22/2025 08:39 AM

Definitely support for the owner builder opt out. It brings people to the county from all over with long term plans to build and live there. Most of the people using it are community involved people as well. Too many complications or changes to it will cause a lot of problems for many and slow the move of people buying land here.

gail

2/23/2025 01:01 PM

protect water usage (don't allow building developments and mining) dirt roads keep to minimum width (to keep traveling speed slow to protect wildlife)

JasonA

2/24/2025 03:01 PM

Formally allow RV living on private land with stipulations (like must have septic). People living in RVs are extremely efficient water and energy users. As it stands now, Cochise County attracts only the worst RVers - those willing to violate formal rules or pretend they don't know until forced to leave. Cochise repels the best RVers (those looking to abide by reasonable rules) because the existing rules are stupid - basically can't live in an RV except in an RV park or while building a (not needed) stick home.

Patricia Raynolds

2/25/2025 06:27 AM

I am concerned about big dairy farms taking too much water.

Terry Penny

2/25/2025 10:23 AM

Don't have time to comment right now

Jennmiller

2/28/2025 08:50 AM

historical preservation

Linda Pretty

2/28/2025 10:18 AM

No more water giveaways to outside interests ie almond groves suck our water then sell to china

SamK

3/01/2025 04:05 PM

Less Border Patrol. Less violations of my 4th amendment rights

Lynn Smith-Lovin

3/02/2025 06:22 PM

Limit the development of large-scale residential or industrial agriculture in the Middle San Pedro Valley (between MP 10 and the Northern county line on Cascabel Rd). The groundwater is already dropping even with minimal human use. We need the water preserved for the sparse rural residents and for wildlife.

Moatengator

Community engagement in management of Cochise County

3/11/2025 07:57 AM

Wilderness Areas, bring schools in, small businesses. Incentivize with recognition, scholarships for students.

Rose

3/11/2025 08:26 AM

Find the balance between growth and keeping things "small town", not building homes so quickly that the infrastructure, schools, and business can support the growth

Daniel

3/13/2025 10:14 AM

Retain the dirt portions of the Cascabel Road as UNPAVED. See supporting documentation handed to Christine and Dan at Cascabel Community Center meeting regarding Cochise County Planning.

Barbara Clark

3/14/2025 10:49 AM

1. water use policies that limit overuse that causes groundwater levels in wells in the area to lower or go dry and/or surface water to disappear 2. policies that preserve open space and rural uses /small communities with small- scale local production of goods 3. policies that support "living within our means" -in other words, choosing sustainable population densities and industries that are adapted to low water-use since that is how we can sustainably survive here in the future. 4. Policies that encourage protecting open space, such as lower property taxes on private properties that are formally dedicated to preserving open space via recorded deed restrictions or conservation easements.

Joanne

3/18/2025 07:00 AM

I would like to keep big agriculture out of San Simon Valley

Ndarus

3/26/2025 09:37 AM

Sidewalk repair or connections

Roadrunner flats

3/26/2025 11:12 AM

Please preserve the opt out permit. Cochise county is becoming a leader in natural and alternative buildings. We have two expo/conferences highlighting this program and it seems to be the number one reason people are moving to rural lands. It's great PR and we should build on this.

Jensch

3/29/2025 03:58 PM

Yes. Better bike lanes potentially separately near the Chiricahua national monument so that biking is safe

Brandon

3/30/2025 05:33 PM

Maintain open space, and increase incentives for dark skies initiatives.

abinfordwalsh

3/30/2025 05:48 PM

Cascabel Road has gotten wider and is being graded more often than 10 years ago and before. The dirt road is critical for Cascabel to maintain its rural and rugged charm, but the road is too wide. I wish Cascabel Road could remain dirt but be half as wide and require less grading (slower cars - less of a washboard effect and less maintenance required). For me progress would be more narrow rugged roads where people drive 25 mph and see more wildlife. Dark skies are important but society has a habit of leaving their lights on at night. Could there be a modest program to provide free hoods for outdoor lighting? Landscapes and wildlife connectivity were not mentioned in the survey but are my main interest for a healthy Cochise County. Could development be incentivized within city boundaries over rural areas? Maybe not, but the ever-expanding footprint and fragmentation of the landscape is sad to see. It wasn't mentioned in the survey but "The Western Wildlands Route" bike trail goes through Cochise County. Formerly called "The Wild West Route," it starts at the Mexican Border near Coronado National Monument and goes all the way to the Canadian Border. We regularly get bikers going through Cascabel who stop at the Cascabel Community Center or CCA campground to take a break, get water, or camp. Is this worth mentioning in the plan for future consideration? Here is the website for the trail - <https://bikepackingroots.org/project/western-wildlands-route/> Fire control is one cause of the proliferation of shrubs (such as upland mesquite) where there were historically grasslands. Could there be a recommendation to adopt new building codes which have greater fire resistance requirements? Maybe if houses were fireproof we wouldn't have to put out as many fires? Or I'm being overly optimistic. Public education may be needed for people to understand that fire maintains grassland environments. Society needs to change as a whole.

MCox

4/01/2025 10:02 AM

Not that I can think of right now

Kathy Calabrese

4/01/2025 11:56 AM

Cochise County WILL build a new jail as planned. Not interested in the Feds getting involved. Participate CBP and ICE. Develop or invite corporations to develop a couple of venues to draw more tourists as well for residents. Resort for families.

Joseph Sepp Sprietsma

4/01/2025 01:46 PM

More trails, outdoor activities, pickle ball courts

BolaniLe

4/01/2025 11:08 PM

Miracle Valley???

jjjbdiaz

4/02/2025 07:48 AM

Water issues

steamcrow

4/05/2025 09:40 AM

Make RU4 simpler and easier.

SJP

4/07/2025 07:23 PM

Multiuse path along Charleston Road from Sierra Vista to Tombstone. The county currently closes this road for a bicycle ride. This is the primary road for Tombstone residents to travel to Sierra Vista for medical emergencies, medical care, and shopping. Closing this road for a non-essential purpose is incompatible with the county requirement to provide necessary support services to the county's residents rather than out-of-area non-residents.

CptSpock

4/11/2025 10:43 PM

Need more support for small businesses and less corporations.

Charlie Hagen

4/18/2025 12:10 AM

The Dairy farm's exemption from light pollution regulations has a direct impact on the operations of local astronomy. From what I understand, dark sky preservation is a stated mission of Cochise county and I would like to see that mission upheld. Their lighting, through all hours of the night, is extreme - the impact of their operation can be seen for dozens of miles. Astronomy and dark sky preservation has a very large presence in Cochise, it would be a shame to see that go to waste due to seemingly unnecessary exemptions handed out to businesses that do not need them.

Anna Lands

5/28/2025 03:30 PM

designated open spaces; focused attention on water and land conservation/no or very well regulated heavy industry; expanded social services; re-configure relationships with developers - they should directly benefit the county without any concessions.

Better Future

8/07/2025 11:35 AM

Encouraging small farming businesses which work with the schools to teach organic growing, water conservation and restoration of the grasslands. More chain businesses do not help the community. Dollar General and the likes only work people part-time, they provide overly processed foods which contribute to unhealthiness of the county. Have Farmers Markets at the health center where people come and can purchase local foods. The solar panels provide shade, it can be a win-win. In Elfrida encourage youth to learn organic farming and start a seed bank where locals can replant crops that are adept to our area. We do not need more paths for people to quickly walk or run through, nor speed past on bikes. We should develop areas where people are encouraged to saunter and enjoy the uniqueness of our

area. Plant gardens and trees that provide food rather than using water to grow grass. Close off some streets once a month for just walking and riding bikes, encouraging interactions.

Optional question (206 response(s), 103 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q37 | Are there any amenities that the county lacks that could enhance the quality of life for residents? If so, briefly describe in the space below.

SP

8/28/2024 11:08 AM

NO

Charles

8/29/2024 12:48 AM

Rucker lacks adequate restrooms and parking areas. It seems as if the park was abandoned from maintenance after the fire.

flemingkathy63

8/29/2024 10:40 AM

We desperately need housing for very low income seniors. We need more access to Indian Health Care.

Mirandk

8/29/2024 11:16 AM

I would like to see for pet-friendly areas. One example would be dog parks with separate areas for small/elder dogs and bigger dogs.

David Insvaz

8/29/2024 12:51 PM

Fix the roads on Cherokee and take out almost all the Speed Bumps mentioned previously.

Murdoch

8/29/2024 02:09 PM

Extend Multi use path along Ramsey Road

Robb1914

8/29/2024 02:41 PM

Please yards and homes in Sierra Vista and other towns should be ordered to be cleaned up some are really bad.

Joanna Seeley

8/29/2024 03:30 PM

Permanent MDs in rural areas.

KBid

8/29/2024 03:35 PM

The lack of response and involvement from county employees, specifically the planning and zoning department.

Katherine

No

8/29/2024 08:06 PM

Kathy

8/30/2024 05:32 AM

Frontage roads along I-10 from J6/Mescal to Wilcox. Many communities along the interstate have no way to leave the neighborhoods if the interstate is shut down... which is often.

ShaGall

8/30/2024 05:51 AM

Team up with AZ Game and fish for community ponds

CRR

8/30/2024 08:30 AM

Create and enforce noxious weed removal in housing areas. Landowners/landlords need to keep flammable vegetation cleaned up for safety reasons.

David Jones

8/30/2024 03:15 PM

None that have not already been addressed.

jgiacomino

8/30/2024 07:29 PM

incentives for solar, supporting local farming

KC

8/30/2024 09:21 PM

More open water recreational areas would be great. Parker is a 40 minute drive from SV.

GregK

8/31/2024 02:25 AM

High speed rural internet like the government promised, the little money the government paid for to my internet provider only lasted for about two years... Where's the free internet for school age kids?

Doc

8/31/2024 07:57 AM

The County is providing what it needs.

Shoobop

8/31/2024 10:45 AM

More public transportation to/from Tucson airport. Widen Hwy 92.

Gina

8/31/2024 11:41 AM

No more fast food restaurant's, healthier options.

Dragoon Resident/Rancher

9/01/2024 02:05 AM

Community based assets on public lands such publicly accessible wells/springs with dispensing infrastructure, community gardens/orchards.

Mwageling13

Spay/neuter clinics

9/01/2024 09:15 PM

BajaAZgirl

9/02/2024 05:42 PM

Bike path Bike racks/parking

William Osborne (SEAGO)

9/03/2024 08:42 AM

Better professional and trades development programs in public schools that call upon members of the existing and retired workforce to prepare and mentor children for jobs that will need to be filled in their local communities.

SM Frei

9/03/2024 12:01 PM

Establishing water districts within the county would solve many of the area's issues with wells, clean water and agriculture.

SarahA

9/03/2024 12:36 PM

A Costco or Sam's club would cut down on our fuel bill and bring in additional economy for the county instead of it going to Pima County

Murdochlover1

9/04/2024 11:00 AM

More high quality single family developments.

DW9933

9/06/2024 06:39 PM

While Cochise County has two of them this county still lacks dispensaries many spend money that they could use for their medicine on gas that can be used to be put into local economy instead of Tucson's. Pomerene also lacks physical businesses I live between Benson city limits and Pomerene unincorporated area and this side of the Benson area seriously needs businesses especially ones such as gas stations, movie theater, restaurants, stores (grocery, co-op grocery, dollar general, etc) medical banks, dispensary as well as apartments of a few kinds (senior, income based, condo, regular apartments). Only two bridges connect Pomerene to Benson and one bridge between Pomerene and Cascabel so Cascabel would also benefit to such businesses if some of the many hundreds of acres of flat land is rezoned so such businesses could be built. While their may not be much for vocal support nor opposition it's time that the types of businesses I mentioned are built Pomerene has also grown a lot within the last year especially with more homes being built. It's time Pomerene be brought into the 21st century with businesses, apartments, medical facilities, etc and all can still be done on a non large scale and be done to where the businesses, apartments, etc only run on electricity and no gas. I'm hoping that the county will push for development in Pomerene within the next couple of years.

SusanC

Although I don't have any, There seem to be a lack of amenities for

9/08/2024 12:40 PM

children.

MariaL

9/10/2024 03:23 PM

Entertainment options like bowling, movie theater, miniature golf etc

Ohioman

9/18/2024 05:34 PM

Add multi-use trails to rural areas such as along Moson Rd and connect them to the multi-use trails in Sierra Vista. This would allow for safe bicycle and foot travel from rural residential areas to town.

DesertRat

9/23/2024 03:00 PM

Stable supply of groundwater in the Willcox basin.

K9kate

9/23/2024 05:46 PM

Grocery store.

Karensartain

9/24/2024 07:50 AM

A stable water supply for our Willcox basin area

chriseparent

9/24/2024 08:23 AM

off-road bike trails, rural public transportation, rural noise ordinances, composting toilets being code-compliant without an entire septic system, water restrictions on commercial water use way beyond the AMA we fought for

VW

9/24/2024 10:25 AM

Free Water to all that are losing theirs. Grants for vehicles, tanks, upgrades to plumbing, fuel for hauling the water, along with any other things related to families being able to survive here without a increased cost to live. with enough water to support a household running like it did prior to you allowing the basins to be drained like they are. Or better yet Buyouts to put folks like me in the position to buy an equal sized home and property somewhere the water is not being ripped out from under us by Corporate AG that you allowed in. We should not lose everything because you got in bed with Corporate AG.

Nayer

10/17/2024 02:21 PM

What to do when the well runs dry? Apart of the County to assist with area specific issues. Check NBC's video on Youtube DRAINING ARIZONA. Health check points. - In the 6 years we've been here - 4 neighbors have had cancer. - is the County check the toxins and their potential health impacts. A phytoremediation program should be implemented as part of the plan. Approve 3d printing+ structures and infrastructures to provide ample, safe housing for climate crisis refugees, many who are already here..

KeepingTracks@76

10/22/2024 11:32 AM

No comments at this time.

Elly

10/30/2024 04:59 PM

Keep it simple!

in person 3

11/05/2024 12:20 PM

no

in person 4

11/05/2024 12:28 PM

Better transportation for rural residents to get to SV, Benson, or Douglas to shop, medical, or recreation,

Dusty Benson

11/06/2024 01:36 PM

More multi-use paths.

Diane Davidson

11/07/2024 02:21 PM

Paid transportation to medical care or from Douglas Emergency back to Portal.at age 75, I spent a night on waiting room floor because there is no hospital and no transport.

in person 9

11/21/2024 10:21 AM

bike lanes for bikers along Hwy 90/92

Lot 145

12/03/2024 02:00 PM

Better mass transportation would be helpful.

Li

12/09/2024 02:17 PM

Multi-lane roads. There is so much traffic in this county that is makes certain areas difficult to navigate with semi trucks and cars (and ins some areas, bicycles, too!)

Arizona Desert Rat

12/09/2024 05:02 PM

Secure border.

Shawn Is Retired

12/11/2024 07:11 PM

Clearinghouses for information about local attractions and features. One-stop shopping. In Huachuca City, find a better way to inform citizens about things like water quality events. Survey motorcycle riders about streets and roadways. Encourage Fort Huachuca leadership to better maintain its primitive canyon access roads. Encourage Fort Huchuca to restore fish and fishing to its ponds, after mitigating the alleged, "impact areas," that effectively deny access by local fisherfolk. Encourage the US Park Service to improve the

Montezuma Canyon access road with pavement, and continue that improvement and paving all the way to the pavement that currently ends at Parker Canyon Lake. Publish maps that indicate what public lands are legal and available for hunting. Publish maps showing where fishing is legal.

Woz

12/12/2024 03:12 PM

More public transportation

1971kris

12/16/2024 05:55 PM

Public access to hookers hot spring.

talex

12/17/2024 09:16 PM

Brush disposal.

in person 13

12/18/2024 11:48 AM

Improved modes of transportation countywide, commercially

Sreenu

12/22/2024 08:30 PM

Suggested Amenities to Enhance Quality of Life in Cochise County 1. Healthcare Facilities and Services: Urgent care centers, specialty clinics, and telemedicine hubs to improve healthcare access in rural areas. Mental health facilities and wellness centers to support emotional and physical health. 2. Community and Recreation Centers: Multi-purpose community centers for events, fitness programs, and youth activities. Indoor sports complexes, swimming pools, and skate parks for year-round recreation. 3. Public Transportation and Connectivity: Expanded bus routes, park-and-ride facilities, and rideshare hubs for commuting convenience. Bike lanes, walking trails, and multi-use paths for safe, eco-friendly travel. 4. Cultural and Entertainment Venues: Amphitheaters, art galleries, and performance spaces to promote arts and culture. Event venues for concerts, festivals, and local markets. 5. Retail and Dining Options: Shopping centers, outlet malls, and farmers' markets to boost economic activity and local business visibility. Diverse restaurants and food courts to enhance culinary experiences. 6. Educational and Workforce Training Facilities: STEM-focused education centers, vocational training schools, and coding academies for career readiness. Libraries and digital resource centers to support lifelong learning. 7. Green Spaces and Outdoor Amenities: Parks, playgrounds, and dog parks for family-friendly outdoor activities. Hiking trails, campgrounds, and picnic areas to highlight the region's natural beauty. 8. EV Charging and Renewable Energy Infrastructure: Electric vehicle charging stations and hydrogen refueling hubs for sustainable transportation growth. Solar-powered rest stops and eco-friendly parking zones. 9. Technology Hubs and Co-Working Spaces:

Remote work centers and tech incubators to attract entrepreneurs and startups. High-speed internet zones to support remote workers and AI-driven services. 10. Public Safety and Emergency Response Facilities: AI-powered surveillance systems, disaster relief centers, and community shelters to improve safety and preparedness. Fire stations and police substations in growing neighborhoods. Final Thoughts: By investing in these amenities, Cochise County can enhance residents' quality of life, attract new businesses, and retain younger generations while preserving its rural charm and cultural heritage.

HBF

1/07/2025 12:04 PM

Better hospitals and better care facilities/housing for the elderly community.

Vee Golden

1/08/2025 07:49 PM

I like all of the parks.

Speedbump

1/10/2025 09:05 AM

Like many people in Cochise County, I just want to be left alone. The more government stays out of my life, the happier I feel.

mtaylor

1/10/2025 09:21 AM

I live in the City

CharityAngel

1/10/2025 09:22 AM

Internet Cafe or space where those who don't have access to a hardwire internet connection could go to work remote jobs. For example those that live in RVs can't have a hardwired connection

Raber

1/10/2025 10:41 AM

Could we build a wall to keep Liberals out?

DJ

1/10/2025 03:28 PM

Support educational opportunities through Cochise college and UA for enrichment as well as degree programs.

San Pedro

1/10/2025 10:01 PM

Family amusement parks.

SilentMajority

1/10/2025 10:35 PM

Improved economy, more working class people.

Robert K

1/11/2025 10:38 AM

The creation of public shooting ranges would be great. Offer a place for people to shoot in a safe location and bring instructors in for

classes.

BizBeeBlue

1/11/2025 10:56 PM

Having more of Cochise County history shared with county via the Herald. For instance that it is the only county in the U.S. that is named after an individual Indian Chief!

M. Wright

1/14/2025 04:01 PM

Updated parks or bowling alley, movie theater. Kids need more to do here.

BL

1/14/2025 04:38 PM

Availability of public transportation, warehouse store (Sam's Club/Costco), variety of restaurants, cultural activities (theater, museums), bring in businesses to create jobs.

Vjtaku

1/14/2025 06:34 PM

I feel like the County has lots of amenities and the cities provide some also. More restrooms along roads.

CC5252

1/15/2025 06:49 AM

Multi use paths in every community not just the big city. Exercise stations along these paths. Many people walk for exercise in my community and have to use the road shoulder to do so.

Marcella

1/15/2025 08:34 AM

Another grocery store, COSTCO

RJones

1/15/2025 09:43 AM

More Bus Routes

Jeff

1/15/2025 12:52 PM

Reducing the influence of HOAs and equity-driven LLCs that dominate our local housing market, siphoning the hard-earned money of our residents—including active and retired military—to states like Colorado and California. We must prioritize protecting our community by supporting local landlords and businesses to ensure that the money and interests of our area remain here to strengthen our local economy. It's time to stop selling our land to the interests of mega-corporations that do not have the best interests of the average Cochise County resident in mind.

Liz

1/16/2025 02:23 PM

YMCA would be welcomed! Complete bike trail. PickleBall courts

Jim S-Z

T R A N S I T - lots more options for public transportation between

1/16/2025 03:05 PM

major towns/cities. Attracting more entrepreneurs in the hospitality businesses (we need more quality hotels/motels and eateries). More/better upkeep and improvements to our parks. MOST IMPORTANTLY: stronger penalties (no probation!) for human smugglers and drug smugglers.

Tom

1/24/2025 06:14 PM

Fire coverage in my area. No transfer station in the area.

Heloav8tr

1/25/2025 12:43 PM

National Brand Hotel in Bisbee

llwhereford

1/25/2025 02:56 PM

For one, decent grocery store choices with healthy foods as a focus that are affordable. Sprouts, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods, Wegmans, Costco, etc. 2. A focus on recruiting doctors, especially specialists and other medical personnel to keep medical care available locally. 3. More recreational opportunities with GOOD roads to get to them. Ramsey Canyon Road is a terrible, Miller Canyon access is terrible as is Ash Canyon.

Ray K

1/26/2025 11:33 AM

Hotsprings area area open to public with working springs!

Gmanattheranch1-

1/26/2025 06:30 PM

A grocery store in Douglas other than Walmart.

TeaPartier

1/26/2025 08:36 PM

Encourage professionals and productive families into this county with clean industry and manufacturing, quality education, quality medical care, popular business and retail, and family entertainment.

CWilley

1/27/2025 05:07 AM

We need more healthy choices for food — we are dominated by fast food chains that do nothing to directly impact our community.

Taryn Beck

1/27/2025 08:34 AM

For myself, the only thing I need are more grocery stores. For others, however, I would love to see more healthy restaurants and more activities for younger people to do. I have heard that they are possibly going to build a community center in the old call center building in Douglas, which is great. For others, more access to specialized medical care would also be good to have. I am lucky that I can get all my medical issues taken care of in Cochise County, but I know many people who travel to Tucson for medical care.

NMOORE

1/27/2025 09:08 AM

transportation to the other cities within the county, I would like to shop local but there are not enough retail stores here except Marshalls, Ross, Target and Walmart and the selection is very small of the items they carry for the growing community and for those coming from Mexico. I end up going to Tucson for back to school, Xmas shopping.

Steve

1/27/2025 05:00 PM

There is nothing the county lacks, but the county does have too little of certain things. like maintaining the roads it already has. I was told there is not enough money to maintain the roads the county has, so why add more?

Andrew A

1/27/2025 08:49 PM

Much of the current planning policy is based on a suburban development pattern that does not fit the current rural development pattern. Revert most of the land use to AG designation and only rezone land when enough development pattern change indicates development activity to warrant a zoning use designation change. Prioritize rural lifestyle over suburban development patterns.

Tracy

1/28/2025 04:54 AM

Fewer fast food restaurants

klcummins

1/28/2025 06:53 AM

I would like the county to take care of the landscaping on county property, especially the County Courthouse in Bisbee. I would like county buildings to be more energy efficient and not run HVAC surfing off work hours.

pete

1/28/2025 10:15 AM

Better quality high speed internet access to my zip code (85609) (Less expensive also!)

Renewable

1/29/2025 03:50 PM

While remotely attending the recent work session on the Plan I was encouraged to hear the discussion around re-establishing rail transport in our County. I would like to see this avenue seriously pursued to include pedestrian transport like light rail in other urban areas

Bryan Hartman

1/29/2025 04:31 PM

pave existing dirt roads to lower dust and improve air quality. improve dirt roads so that our business can move products in and out.

Bonafidelulu

1/30/2025 07:50 PM

There should be more recreational activities for community involvement. I'd also like to see a possible community farm or garden

that the community can learn gardening, planting, harvesting (horticulture) ... weekend classes and site trainings. I believe in the Hereford/Moson road area, something needs to be done about the flooding that happens at the same sites.... Other access roads should be available as I noticed when it floods, you only have one way to access those residential homes and have to wait it out.

coyotech

1/30/2025 08:16 PM

Paved shoulders on the paved roads would be very good. I don't ride a bike anywhere, but I feel sorry for the people who have to bike on the paved roads, trying to wobble along on the outside line with no road shoulders, and cars trying to get around them safely. At night it's especially dangerous for both bikes and vehicles.

Wren

2/01/2025 08:44 AM

better restaurants; not fast food restaurants!!!

Cynthia Mortensen

2/05/2025 11:11 AM

None

lisag

2/05/2025 11:12 AM

Bus or rail service to Tucson and beyond.

EllenC

2/05/2025 11:14 AM

More diversity in retail stores and recreation options.

Nancy W

2/05/2025 11:19 AM

More recreational opportunities for young people (bowling alley, year-around swim center or YMCA)

Jeanne

2/05/2025 11:20 AM

Nothing comes to mind.

LarryT

2/05/2025 11:22 AM

None, The county is darn near perfect.

Jenni8103

2/05/2025 11:32 AM

More activities for kids/teens to do. A place where there are arcades, Lazor tag, put-put gold, go carts, ropes course, food options all in one location. A large public outdoor pool, and not the cove.

dls1219

2/05/2025 11:32 AM

Affordable housing, better roads,

dtmerci

2/05/2025 11:43 AM

A multi-use path on Ramsey Canyon Road to Equestrian. Paths around, under, and over the roads like in Tucson.

JWS469

2/05/2025 11:58 AM

More grassy parks

Robert Best

2/05/2025 11:58 AM

Shopping options like Cisco / Sam's club

Dmevans75

2/05/2025 12:06 PM

See my comment in question 33

User23445

2/05/2025 12:08 PM

Better schools and bringing back communities of family and accivities

Don

2/05/2025 12:22 PM

Of road area for camping or day camping to BBQ.

Modi33W

2/05/2025 12:26 PM

Summer Camp sites for kids up to 18 years old. Extend the bus routes into Hereford, Nicksville and Palominas.

Naomi

2/05/2025 03:00 PM

N/A

MsDoabunch

2/05/2025 03:35 PM

As a horse person I would like to see more instead of fewer equestrian venues and trails.

JS5454

2/05/2025 03:50 PM

Lighting issues in the county. The county should consider installing "solar street lights." Additionally, clean water in Bisbee. We have basically 3 stations in the same area, by Safeway. There should be one in Warren and one in OB at least.

Bubblegirl

2/05/2025 05:42 PM

This is a generally older community, so a few more options for elder care and transitional housing would be great, but sorely lacking is any community activity centers for youth. (I like the libraries in general though :). Oh, and the sidewalk "improvements" in Sierra Vista and many areas have a huge lip at all ramp access points preventing mobility devices from navigating easily especially when there is some hand/dexterity issues with independent movement- not all devices have great turn radii and the lip blocks any ability for devices to hang over any restricting the types that can be used- get a large device

user to test or look at designs before implementing them is my advice
(I was in the city) :)

Keith Rife

2/05/2025 06:22 PM

Skating ring

RET

2/05/2025 07:39 PM

public transportation

ADN

2/06/2025 12:14 AM

WATER conservation efforts (rid big ag) & enact no-growth policy.
Support our PUBLIC schools (not christian schools) & pay our public
teachers more. Embrace & promote our Hispanic & Native American
cultures... and our Mexican neighbors.

Ken Rasmussen

2/06/2025 06:57 AM

Yes a residential upgrade for seniors of 25,000 per year for upgrades
on their home that they are living in

CarolynC79

2/06/2025 09:58 AM

Get rid of corrupt politicians and supervisors who don't care about this
county and it's people and quit making us pay for their legal fees.

SJC

2/06/2025 03:18 PM

bowling, water park, more restaurants & shopping (Costco, Aldi, etc)

Kchristiana

2/06/2025 04:22 PM

Would love to have a Trader Joe's or Sprouts, additional grocery
options

OldTimer

2/06/2025 06:21 PM

AIR QUALITY CONCERNS.

Michpete

2/06/2025 11:18 PM

A shelter for homeless and drug treatment

Petersad

2/07/2025 07:34 PM

More areas for archery hunting

Robinsellsaz

2/10/2025 12:40 PM

Cochise County is progressing well.

I love Sierra Vista

2/10/2025 01:22 PM

Stop building more houses as the population increase puts a strain
on the school system, police & fire and our watershed.

DKelly

2/10/2025 01:29 PM

Not sure if this falls into this category but the city is sorely lacking in another grocery store that could provide the community with better pricing.

Silver Ranger

2/10/2025 02:00 PM

no

cochisecountyresident

2/10/2025 02:30 PM

behavioral health, especially for low income residents

service1010

2/10/2025 04:28 PM

A second grocery store in Douglas. Senior transportation to Sierra Vista or Tucson from Portal

desertsage

2/10/2025 04:47 PM

Law enforcement in rural areas besides Border Patrol, even though BP does a great job.

Blacktail Rider

2/10/2025 05:21 PM

Improve non county owned unsaved access roads; recycling stations,

D Turner

2/10/2025 06:22 PM

Not sure. Depends on what a group of residents are looking for. Just because I am satisfied, does not mean other people are.

Bordertreasures

2/10/2025 09:33 PM

Mental health drop ins for measured doses of illegal drugs to keep them functioning in homes and at work with their traumas addressed to promote positive lifestyles as they do in the EU. What we've done over and over is not working and has not worked. Let's do something different and new. Much better Education systems needed to give kids a sense of purpose and draw professionals here.

Shoestring

2/10/2025 10:21 PM

Paving foothills road.

Kalimera

2/11/2025 05:37 AM

1) decent recycling programs- especially for businesses that generate a lot of recyclable waste. 2) community gardens. We should be encouraging self sustainable practices. 3) get a new tax assessor. Cochise County has too high of a property tax rate relative to the amenities we have access to. (Especially those of us in rural areas). 4) better mental health programs.

Henrettafam

2/11/2025 06:34 AM

Accessibility building may be ADA compliant but outdoor spaces, recreational, transport are not

KV

2/11/2025 10:06 AM

Better rural maintenance of unpaved county roads.

JBBenson

2/11/2025 11:08 AM

Exit only frontage roads that can be accessed when I10 is backed up because of accidents

roberteweissler

2/11/2025 01:22 PM

More class 1 bicycle lanes, especially to provide alternate routes to riding on highway shoulders.

Hazard Hawk

2/11/2025 01:41 PM

Maybe some sort of rural bus route for the seniors that are unable to drive themselves.

RA

2/11/2025 02:18 PM

We don't want amenities! We want smaller government bureaucracy! Lower taxes, no solar/wind farms!

Jenni

2/11/2025 03:04 PM

helping provide atleast 4 roll off dumpsters to help neighborhoods like miracle valley be cleaner so driving home isnt so blah. These people I think would clean their properties if they had the countys help and resources to do so.

Helen Snyder

2/11/2025 03:28 PM

Research is needed to avoid siting wind turbines in flyways and near Golden Eagle nest areas. Switch to the cylindrical type that do not pose such a hazard to birds and bats.

catloverjlm

2/12/2025 01:29 AM

Hereford doesn't have many options would like more

DBCW

2/12/2025 07:46 AM

We need more things for school-age children to do besides video gaming. Get them outside to enjoy nature and value our county's beauty.

Azkandi

2/12/2025 09:15 AM

A quality well staffed hospital. A civic center where you can hold indoor conferences and events. More parks and up keep on our current parks. Places that have shade to gather at in the summer months. A shelter that provides meals, a safe space for our homeless population and a pathway for a leg and hand up.

Malpai Group

2/12/2025 10:32 AM

Events at the fairgrounds

Mel

2/12/2025 06:11 PM

County veteran service officers, transit for those in the county to the city.

BPhifer

2/13/2025 09:17 AM

More services to the northern Cochise area to minimize time, travel, and expense to taxpayers.

Holly Draper

2/13/2025 09:24 AM

They need something for kids and young adults to do.

BTJr

2/13/2025 10:25 AM

town centers that are more pedestrian friendly, with safe affordable efficient public transportation.

Heathermichele30

2/13/2025 10:31 AM

I believe the County does a great job, within the scope of what it can do. However, if ever there are visionaries that could make magic happen, here are some "dream" ideas: Family Centric "Lodges" near County parks with activities for teens and relaxation for adults; Racinos/Casinos; Amusement Park. Tombstone is literally a ghost town after dark - and could be a place that generates SO much revenue if it would actually stay open until 1 or 2 am. Bring in fresh young talent, and market itself properly. If (my) dreams were reality it would become the mini-Nashville or Ft. Worth Stockyards of the Southwest, all activities and shops that currently exist, would - just add to it, and keep the town open, with rotating up and coming musicians. Family friendly during the day and party-goers at night; more lodging/restaurants, authenticity and excitement. etc. Sort of like what Bisbee does now - but for those who prefer country music, rodeos, horse races, etc. The best of both worlds and cultures. It's wonderful to preserve all of the beauty around Cochise County in the rural areas, but if we do not somehow build our towns up with jobs/industry - people will just go to Tucson to spend their money; and young talent will leave altogether. I am nearly 50 years old. I grew up in Elfrida & Willcox - my parents came here from West Texas and farmed /worked for PD mines for a better life. I recently came back to Cochise County from living out of state for the very reason that our County does such a great job of preservation and keeping our rural areas beautiful and desirable - but our town/municipalities should be attracting new businesses and talent for long term (smart) growth and sustainability, not driving them to Tucson/Phoenix.

Cglockner

2/13/2025 12:22 PM

More recycling centers closer to or in the rural areas, libraries open on weekends, Free pool day when pools open, more pools.

Strand658

2/13/2025 03:35 PM

Public transportation between cities.

cdg123412

2/14/2025 08:24 AM

Continue to let people live their lives the way they want without government overreach, and the people will continue to like cochise.

Bunny2025

2/14/2025 03:21 PM

Making parks more accessible and we do not have a bowling alley or movie theater for older movies.

Mimi

2/16/2025 04:41 PM

I don't know

Rae Weiler

2/16/2025 04:43 PM

Definitely need more public transportation . It is difficult to even schedule a ride on city bus , they are usually booked solid . They need another bus or at least a van ! Train & bus service for trips out of town would certainly be welcome also !

S.P. Harmon

2/16/2025 06:55 PM

Soild waste facilities be free for household trash. Maybe add cost to county tax

Raul

2/16/2025 09:40 PM

No

Urbancountrygirl

2/16/2025 09:58 PM

Ice rink, roller rink, indoor shooting range, park w/ lake and trail around it (like in Sahurita), main event or dave & busters,

Jenn06

2/17/2025 08:28 AM

Amenities to mitigate the amount of dust/ dirt in Hereford.

RiffRaff

2/17/2025 08:49 AM

More Public Transportation.

Djlegg

2/17/2025 12:55 PM

Partner with and build more outdoor public gun shooting ranges on BLM and Az state lands. Develope off-road trail system for OHV on BLM and Az state lands.

Ruth Plenty

2/19/2025 12:49 PM

Please refer to thoughts provided in #33 More control over residential and commercial development in rural areas of Cochise County

David Gowan Jr.

2/19/2025 01:40 PM

More churches.

PRAIRIE PIONEER

2/21/2025 07:40 PM

My only concern & desire is for county officials to ALWAYS protect the best interests of the community & to thwart special interests groups, from degrading our quality of life for the exclusive purpose of financial gain.

Patricia Raynolds

2/25/2025 06:27 AM

We need to save the San Pedro river!

Terry Penny

2/25/2025 10:23 AM

Same as above

Jennmiller

2/28/2025 08:50 AM

museums

Linda Pretty

2/28/2025 10:18 AM

Air control of noisy aircraft.

SamK

3/01/2025 04:05 PM

A farm festival that celebrates and educates about the many low-water crops and techniques we can use out here. While also addressing the very real concerns of growing water intense plants like cotton

Lynn Smith-Lovin

3/02/2025 06:22 PM

Narrow the grading on the dirt part of Cascabel Rd to slow traffic and to allow native vegetation to recover on the edges of the road. It used to be so much more beautiful....now it looks like a mining road. Also, try to oppose development from corporations outside the area that degrade our quality of life without providing ANY benefit to the local population (e.g., Sunzia).

Rose

3/11/2025 08:26 AM

Elderly services (Sr rec programs, etc). Additional festivals, events w/o having to go to Tucson/Phoenix

Joanne

3/18/2025 07:00 AM

grocery store in Douglas

Ndarus

3/26/2025 09:37 AM

More involvement for youth

Nanooks

3/26/2025 10:25 AM

More opt out choices that are easier to obtain. Allow residents to build on their land in alternative ways that encourage environmentally sustainable methods. Encourage families to use alternative energy methods such as solar & wind.

Roadrunner flats

3/26/2025 11:12 AM

#21 I want alk of those things. Having bike and hiking trails around the county are great for locals and tourists. Better advertising too. I've never heard of the palominas trail. Ask Bisbee to have marked trails with interpretive signs leaving from old Bisbee up through the Mules. What a great activity for tourists and the signs would make it more inviting.

SNC

3/26/2025 02:54 PM

Quality grocer

Jensch

3/29/2025 03:58 PM

Sunizona needs its own post office. I am 30 miles from the Pearce post office. The town of Light used to have ita own post office

Brandon

3/30/2025 05:33 PM

County programs fore elder care in rural area so folks can stay and stay healthy in their homes and communities longer and home hospice/ end of life care.

abinfordwalsh

3/30/2025 05:48 PM

I can't think of anything.

Samuel L

4/01/2025 10:27 AM

Previously mentioned: Multi use lanes in Bisbee

Kathy Calabrese

4/01/2025 11:56 AM

See #33

Carla Meyer

4/01/2025 12:30 PM

Sam's Club or Costco...

Mergood77

4/01/2025 01:03 PM

Maybe a dog park and American restaurant and expand Walmart

JDale

4/01/2025 01:31 PM

Large splash pads

Joseph Sepp Sprietsma

4/01/2025 01:46 PM

Pickle ball courts

AWakefield

4/01/2025 09:44 PM

Fire protection and timely law enforcement response

BolaniLe

4/01/2025 11:08 PM

More lakes and filled reservoirs

jjjbdiaz

4/02/2025 07:48 AM

Put aside differences and work towards bipartisan agreements, putting the well-being of our county, state, and country first.

steamcrow

4/05/2025 09:40 AM

Attract a local grocery and hardware store.

SJP

4/07/2025 07:23 PM

Internet service as promised ny the Biden administration

CptSpock

4/11/2025 10:43 PM

Activities for teens and young adults.

irisr

4/15/2025 03:26 PM

Having more activities for young people like teen hangout spaces. Cochise County has so much land, a theme park or something similar would be amazing. Mental health services are greatly lacking in the county.

Anna Lands

5/28/2025 03:30 PM

Libraries could offer classes for adults in all aspects of basic computer use; civics; how things work and more.

Better Future

8/07/2025 11:35 AM

Incubator building in the downtown Bisbee building owned by Bisbee. It would be a great place where Entrepreneurs could be mentored to start new businesses in the county that would provide jobs besides just service work. The SBA in Sierra Vista is marching to the same old song and lacks new ideas / vision.

Optional question (195 response(s), 114 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question