

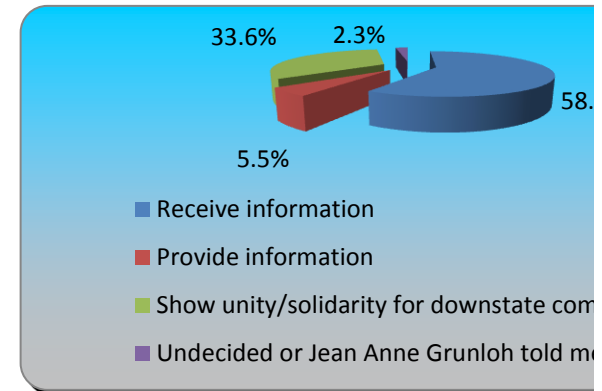
### Turning Graphical Results by Question

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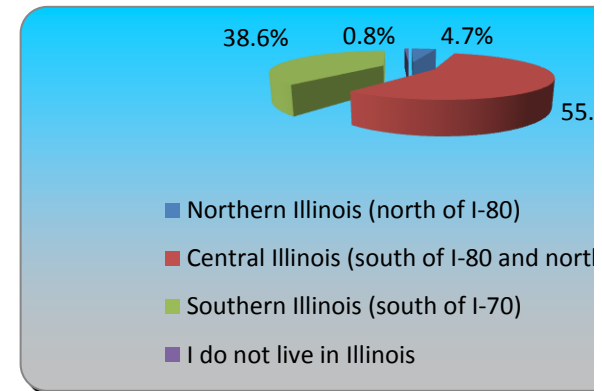
#### 1.) Which of the following BEST describes the reason you are attending this event?

	Responses	
Receive information	75	58.59%
Provide information	7	5.47%
Show unity/solidarity for downstate communiti...	43	33.59%
Undecided or Jean Anne Grunloh told me I had ...	3	2.34%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>100%</b>



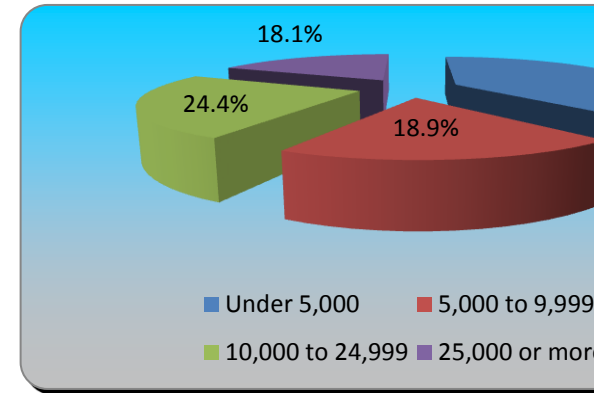
#### 2.) Which of the following best describes where you live?

	Responses	
Northern Illinois (north of I-80)	6	4.72%
Central Illinois (south of I-80 and north of ...)	71	55.91%
Southern Illinois (south of I-70)	49	38.58%
I do not live in Illinois	1	0.79%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>100%</b>



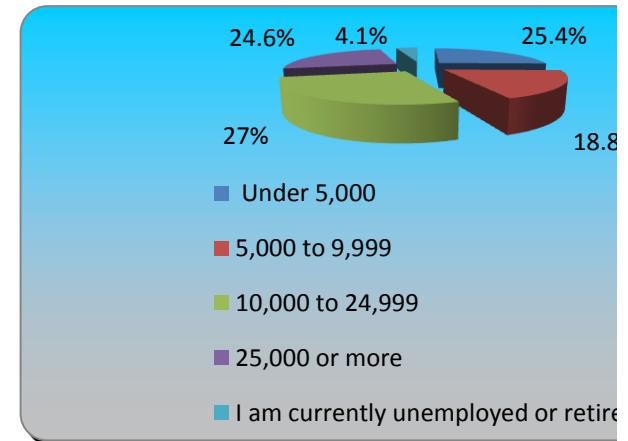
**4.) What is the approximate population of the community where you live?**

	Responses	
Under 5,000	49	38.58%
5,000 to 9,999	24	18.90%
10,000 to 24,999	31	24.41%
25,000 or more	23	18.11%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>100%</b>



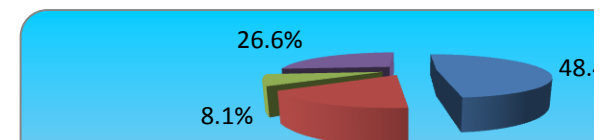
**5.) What is the approximate population of the community where you work?**

	Responses	
Under 5,000	31	25.41%
5,000 to 9,999	23	18.85%
10,000 to 24,999	33	27.05%
25,000 or more	30	24.59%
I am currently unemployed or retired	5	4.10%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>100%</b>

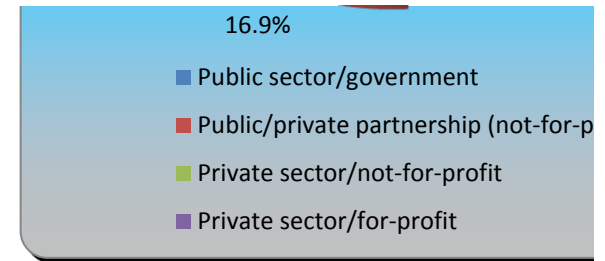


**6.) If currently employed, which of the following best describes your employer?**

	Responses	
Public sector/government	60	48.39%
Public/private partnership (not-for-profit)	21	16.94%

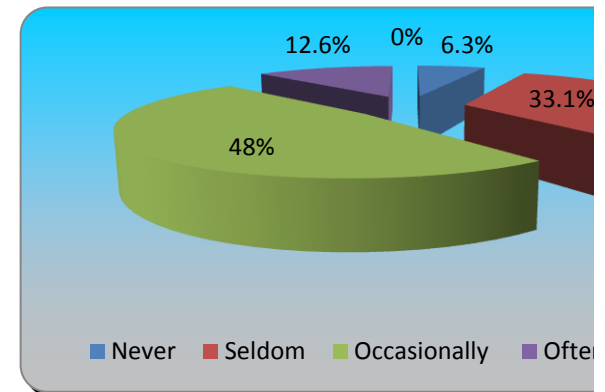


Private sector/not-for-profit	10	8.06%
Private sector/for-profit	33	26.61%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>100%</b>



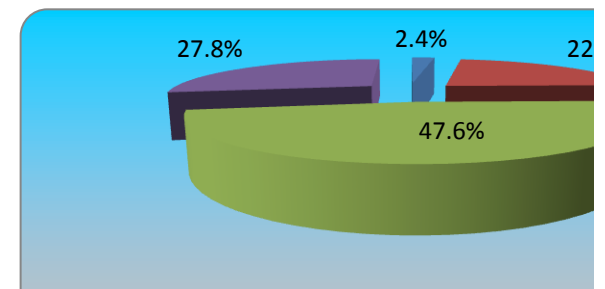
**7.) To what extent do you believe communities in your region cooperate with one another to recruit economic development projects to the region?**

	<b>Responses</b>	
Never	8	6.30%
Seldom	42	33.07%
Occasionally	61	48.03%
Often	16	12.60%
Always	0	0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>100%</b>

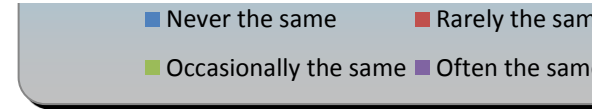


**8.) Regardless of population size, do you believe urban and rural/downstate Illinois communities face the same set of barriers and impediments to economic development?**

	<b>Responses</b>	
Never the same	3	2.38%
Rarely the same	28	22.22%
Occasionally the same	60	47.62%
Often the same	35	27.78%

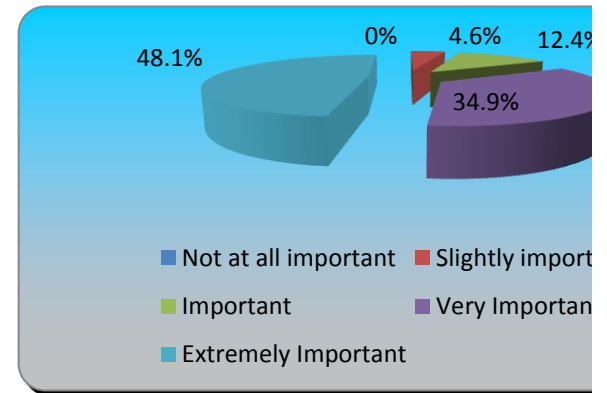


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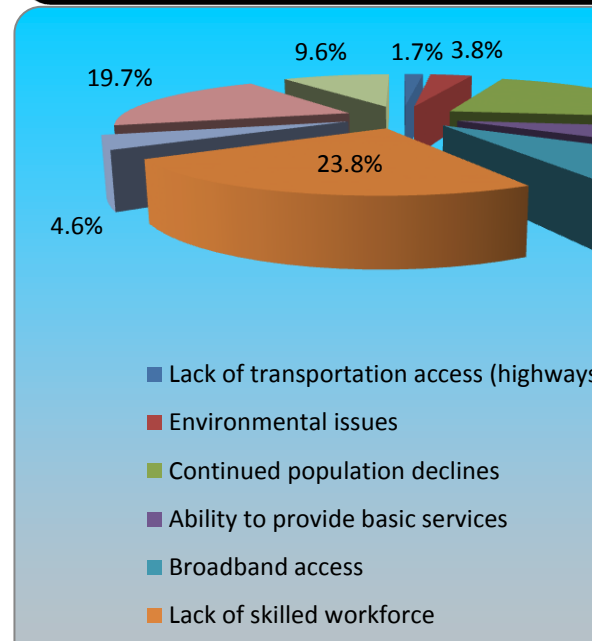
**9.) How do you perceive the importance of communities working together to achieve regional economic development?**

	<b>Responses</b>	
Not at all important	0	0%
Slightly important	6	4.65%
Important	16	12.40%
Very Important	45	34.88%
Extremely Important	62	48.06%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>100%</b>



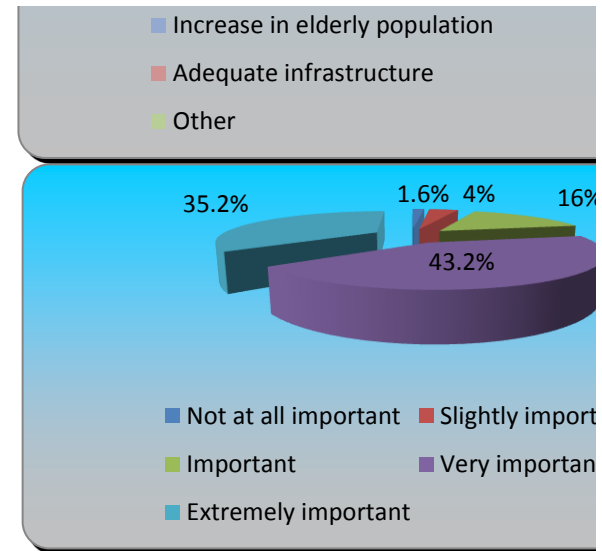
**10.) What are the two most serious issues facing your region in the next five years?**

	<b>Responses</b>	
Lack of transportation access (highways, rail...)	4	1.67%
Environmental issues	9	3.77%
Continued population declines	52	21.76%
Ability to provide basic services	16	6.69%
Broadband access	20	8.37%
Lack of skilled workforce	57	23.85%
Increase in elderly population	11	4.60%
Adequate infrastructure	47	19.67%
Other	23	9.62%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>100%</b>



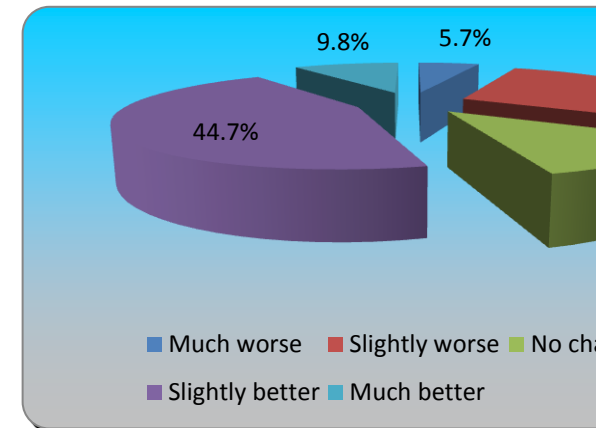
**11.) How important is increasing collaboration in improving quality of life in your region?**

	Responses	
Not at all important	2	1.60%
Slightly important	5	4%
Important	20	16%
Very important	54	43.20%
Extremely important	44	35.20%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>100%</b>



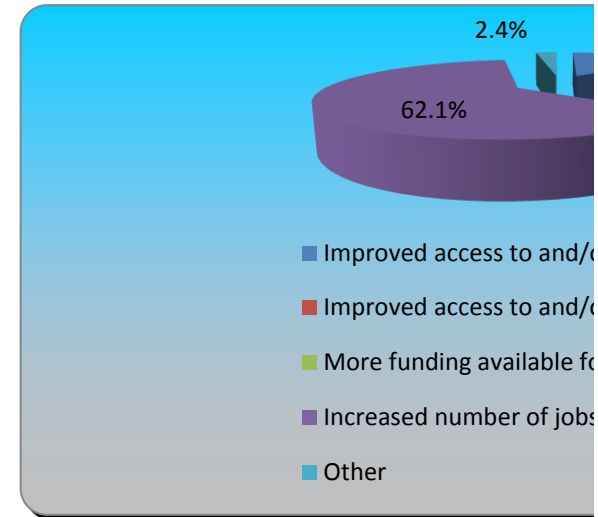
**12.) During the last 5 years, to what extent do you believe the quality of life in your community has changed?**

	Responses	
Much worse	7	5.69%
Slightly worse	34	27.64%
No change	15	12.20%
Slightly better	55	44.72%
Much better	12	9.76%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>100%</b>

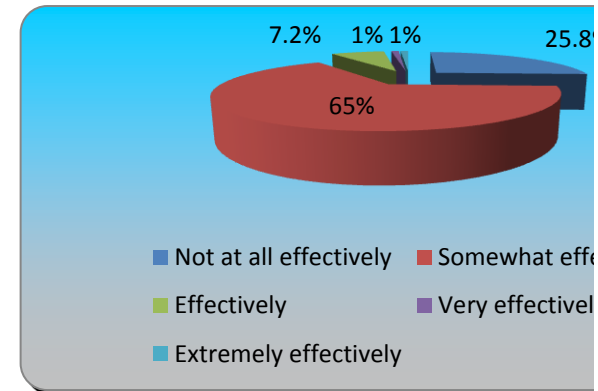


**13.) Of the following, which would best support a higher**

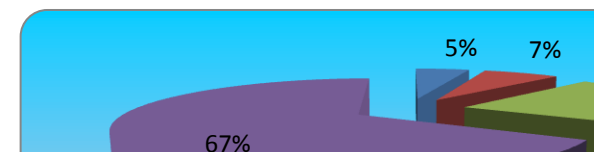
<u>quality of life in your community in the next 5 years?</u>	<u>Responses</u>	
Improved access to and/or funding for educati...	16	12.90%
Improved access to and/or funding for health ...	3	2.42%
More funding available for improving infrastr...	25	20.16%
Increased number of jobs created within 60 mi...	77	62.10%
Other	3	2.42%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>100%</b>



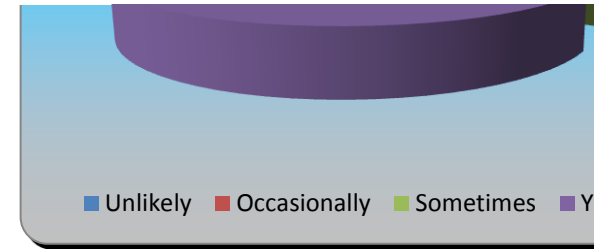
<u>14.) How effectively do state government programs and/or policies recognize downstate development needs?</u>	<u>Responses</u>	
Not at all effectively	25	25.77%
Somewhat effectively	63	64.95%
Effectively	7	7.22%
Very effectively	1	1.03%
Extremely effectively	1	1.03%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>100%</b>



<u>15.) In your opinion, could downstate communities speaking as a group help state agencies better understand the needs of downstate rural counties?</u>	<u>Responses</u>	
Unlikely	5	5%
Occasionally	7	7%

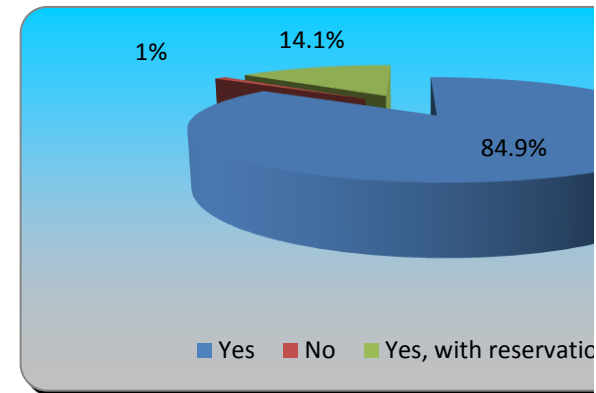


Sometimes	21	21%
Yes, absolutely	67	67%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100%</b>



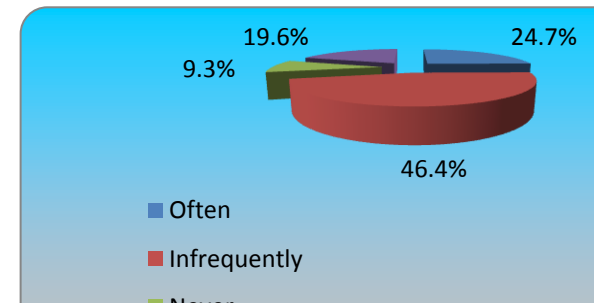
**16.) Do you support the revitalization of a bipartisan downstate caucus in the Illinois General Assembly?**

	Responses	
Yes	84	84.85%
No	1	1.01%
Yes, with reservations	14	14.14%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>100%</b>



**17.) Have you been active in making the case or lobbying for a specific issue?**

	Responses	
Often	24	24.74%
Infrequently	45	46.39%
Never	9	9.28%
My job does not allow me to participate in th...	19	19.59%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>100%</b>

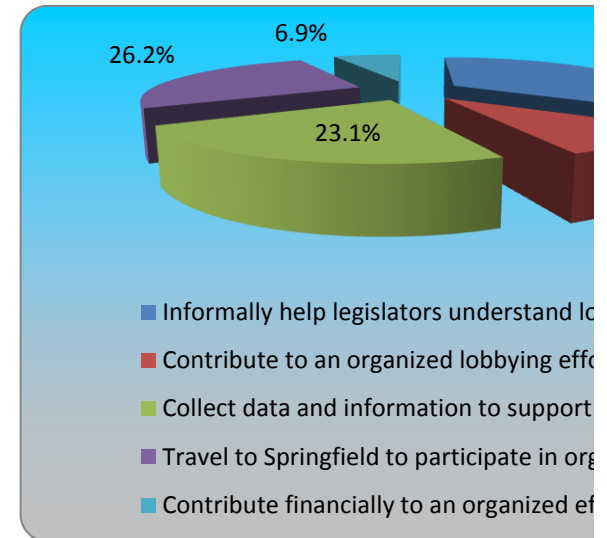
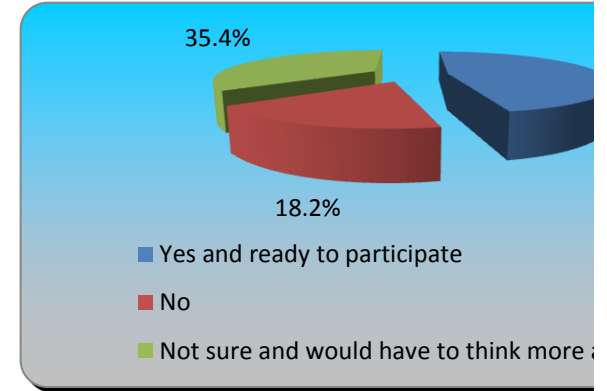
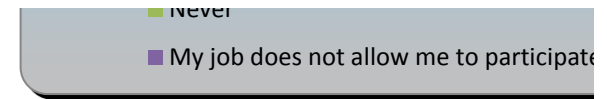


**18.) If a Downstate Caucus were organized would you commit at least one day per month to making the case for an issue?**

	Responses	
Yes and ready to participate	46	46.46%
No	18	18.18%
Not sure and would have to think more about i...	35	35.35%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>100%</b>

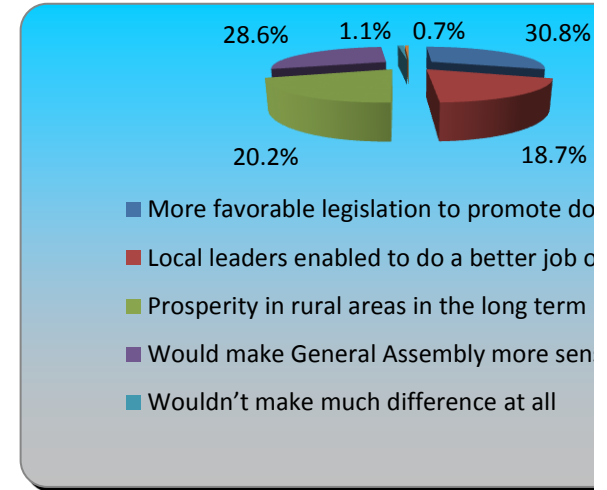
**19.) If yes, which of the following tasks would you do?**

	Responses	
Informally help legislators understand local ...	55	34.38%
Contribute to an organized lobbying effort	15	9.38%
Collect data and information to support a dow...	37	23.12%
Travel to Springfield to participate in organ...	42	26.25%
Contribute financially to an organized effort...	11	6.88%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>100%</b>



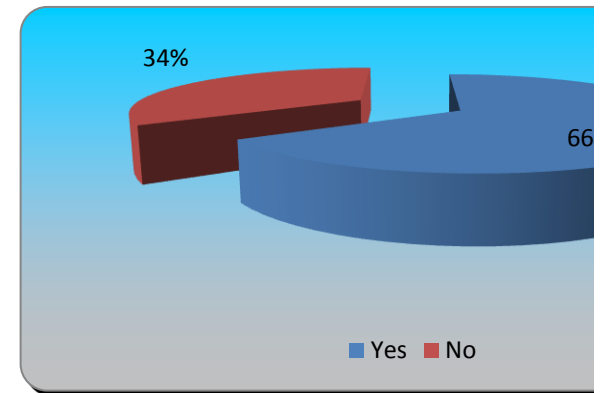
**20.) How would you expect a Downstate Caucus to help rural downstate counties? (choose all that apply)**

	Responses	
More favorable legislation to promote downsta...	84	30.77%
Local leaders enabled to do a better job of a...	51	18.68%
Prosperity in rural areas in the long term	55	20.15%
Would make General Assembly more sensitive to...	78	28.57%
Wouldn't make much difference at all	3	1.10%
Don't know	2	0.73%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>100%</b>



**21.) Does your community have an Enterprise Zone?**

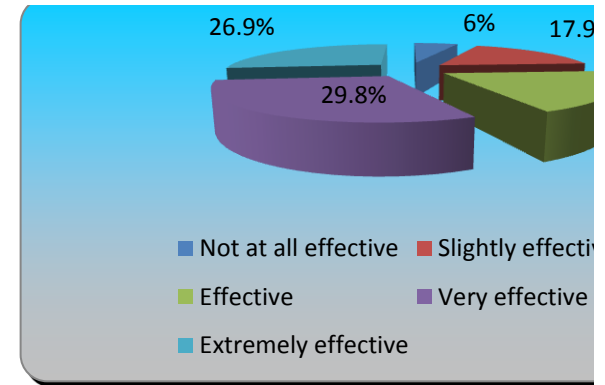
	Responses	
Yes	64	65.98%
No	33	34.02%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>100%</b>



**22.) If your community has an Enterprise Zone how effective has it been for stimulating economic development?**

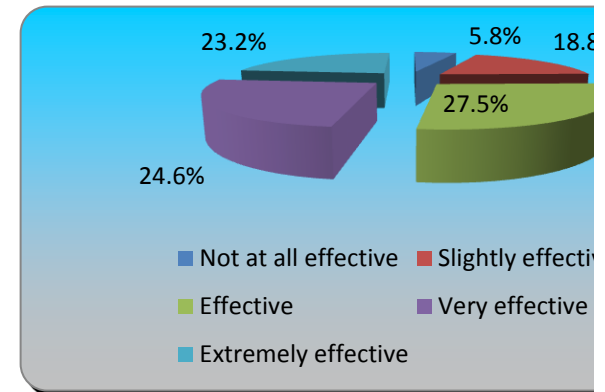
Responses

Not at all effective	4	5.97%
Slightly effective	12	17.91%
Effective	13	19.40%
Very effective	20	29.85%
Extremely effective	18	26.87%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100%</b>



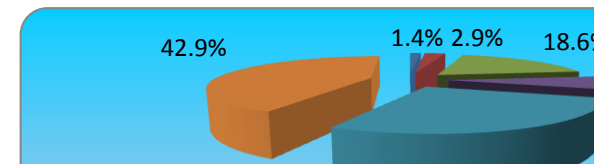
**23.) If your community uses Enterprise Zone, how effective has it been for creating or retaining jobs?**

	Responses	
Not at all effective	4	5.80%
Slightly effective	13	18.84%
Effective	19	27.54%
Very effective	17	24.64%
Extremely effective	16	23.19%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>100%</b>

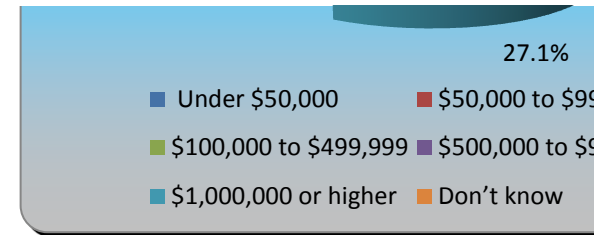


**24.) What is the typical fair market value of improvements resulting from an Enterprise Zone-supported project in your community?**

	Responses	
Under \$50,000	1	1.43%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2	2.86%
\$100,000 to \$499,999	13	18.57%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	5	7.14%

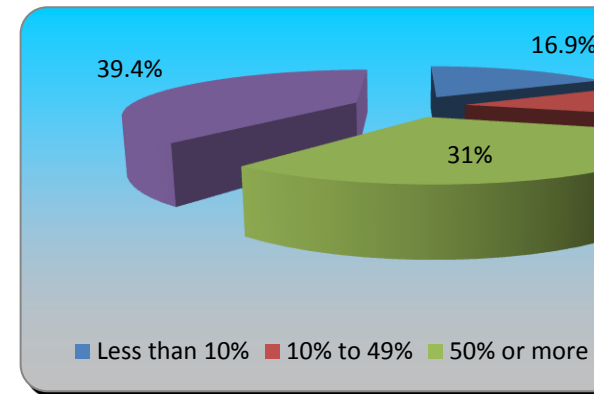


\$1,000,000 or higher	19	27.14%
Don't know	30	42.86%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>100%</b>



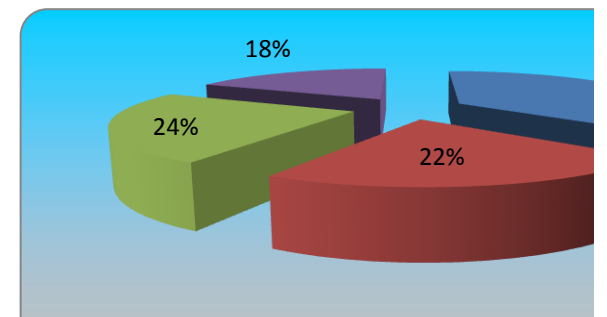
**25.) An Enterprise Zone was instrumental in what percentage of projects in your community during the last three years?**

	Responses	
Less than 10%	12	16.90%
10% to 49%	9	12.68%
50% or more	22	30.99%
Don't know	28	39.44%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>100%</b>



**26.) Within how many years will your community be impacted if your Enterprise Zone is not extended?**

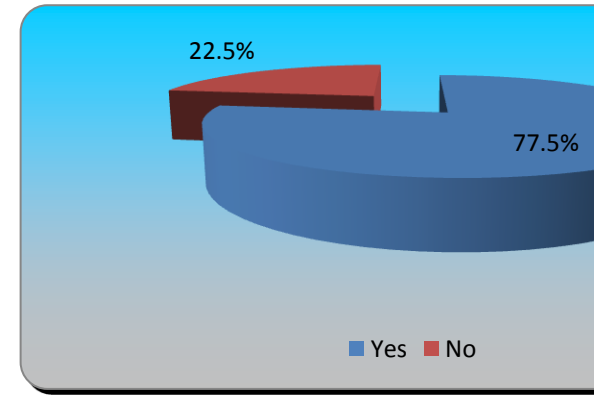
	Responses	
0-2 years	18	36%
3-5 years	11	22%
5-7 years	12	24%
7+ years	9	18%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100%</b>



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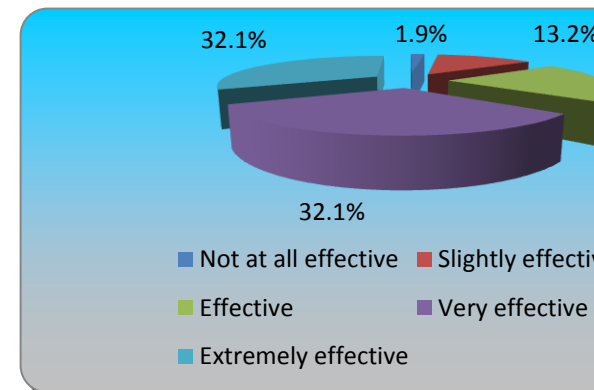
**27.) Does your community have a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District?**

	Responses	
Yes	55	77.46%
No	16	22.54%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>100%</b>



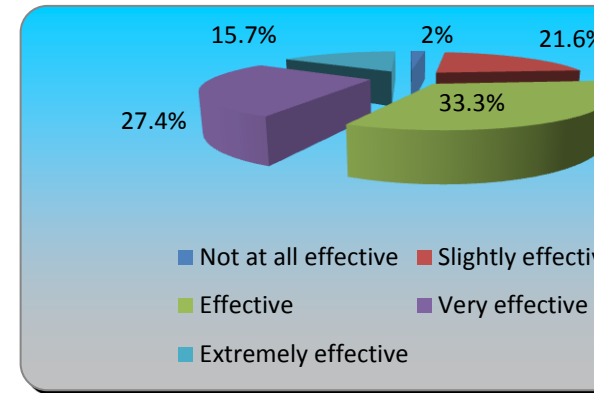
**28.) If your community has a TIF District how effective has it been for stimulating economic development?**

	Responses	
Not at all effective	1	1.89%
Slightly effective	7	13.21%
Effective	11	20.75%
Very effective	17	32.08%
Extremely effective	17	32.08%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>100%</b>



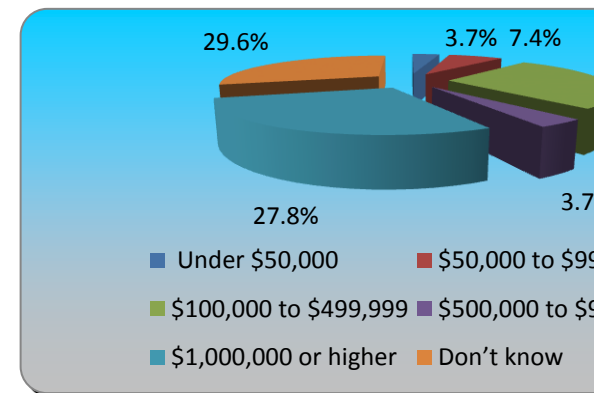
**29.) If your community uses Tax Increment Financing, how effective has it been for creating or retaining jobs?**

	Responses	
Not at all effective	1	1.96%
Slightly effective	11	21.57%
Effective	17	33.33%
Very effective	14	27.45%
Extremely effective	8	15.69%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>100%</b>



**30.) What is the typical fair market value of improvements resulting from a TIF-supported project in your community?**

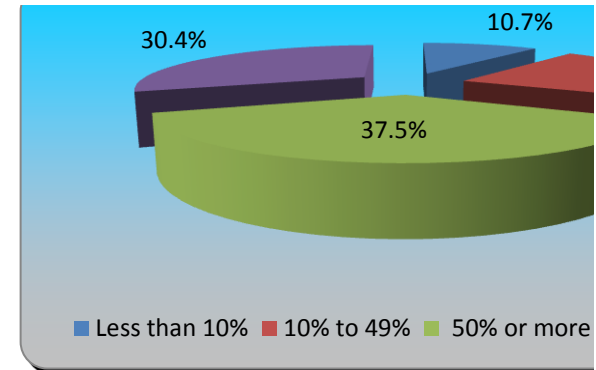
	Responses	
Under \$50,000	2	3.70%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4	7.41%
\$100,000 to \$499,999	15	27.78%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	2	3.70%
\$1,000,000 or higher	15	27.78%
Don't know	16	29.63%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>100%</b>



**31.) A TIF district was instrumental in funding what percentage of economic development projects in your community during the last three years?**

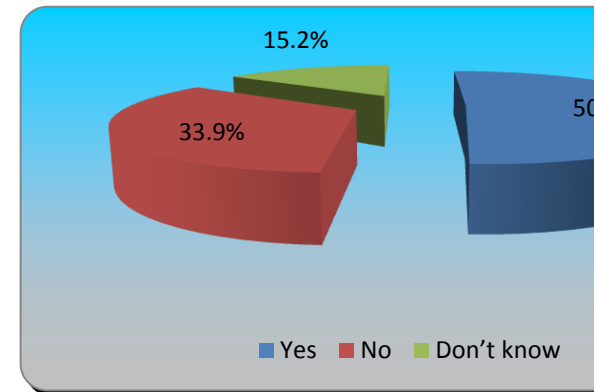
	Responses	
Less than 10%	6	10.71%

10% to 49%	12	21.43%
50% or more	21	37.50%
Don't know	17	30.36%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>100%</b>



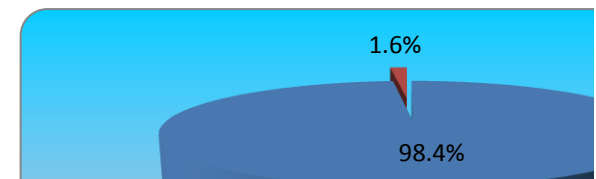
**32.) Does your community use TIF and Enterprise Zone to stimulate economic development within the same designated areas?**

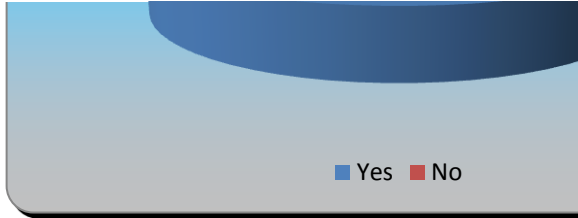
	<b>Responses</b>	
Yes	30	50.85%
No	20	33.90%
Don't know	9	15.25%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>100%</b>



**33.) Do you feel it is important for downstate development and community leaders to meet approximately once per year to collaborate on timely economic trends and issues and share collective concerns or requests with the downstate caucus?**

	<b>Responses</b>	
Yes	63	98.44%
No	1	1.56%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>100%</b>





**34.) Would you be willing to serve on one or more of the following Downstate Development Task Forces or Committees (check all that apply)?**

	Responses	
a. Planning or Steering Committee (i.e. for a...	20	27.40%
b. Communications Committee (i.e. develop a w...	6	8.22%
TIF Districts Committee (i.e. to do some type...	16	21.92%
Enterprise Zones Committee (i.e. to do some t...	7	9.59%
Making Illinois More Competitive Committee (f...	24	32.88%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>100%</b>

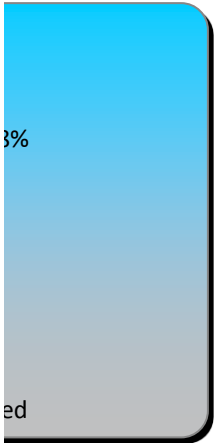
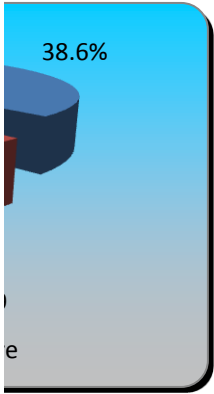
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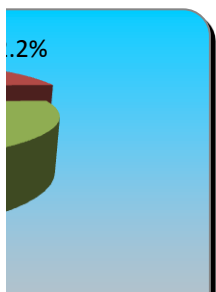
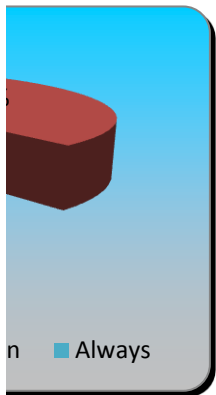
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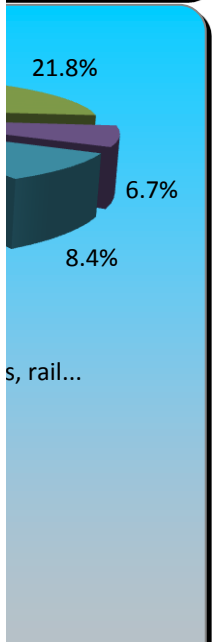
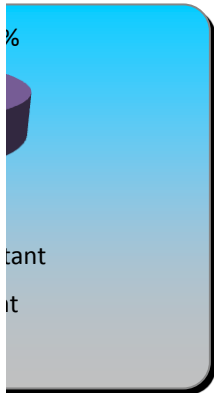
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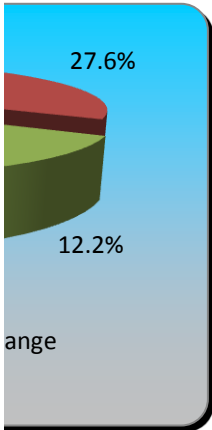
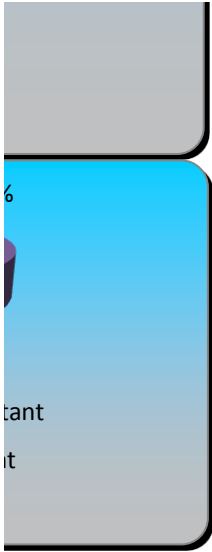


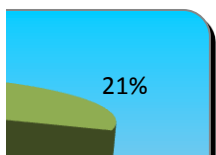
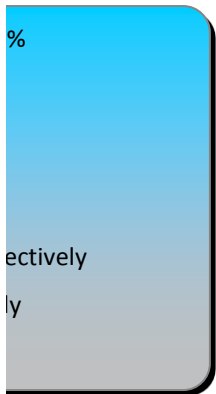
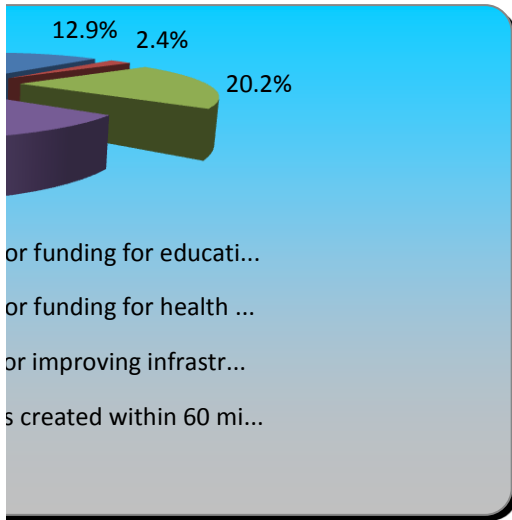
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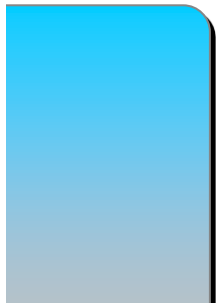
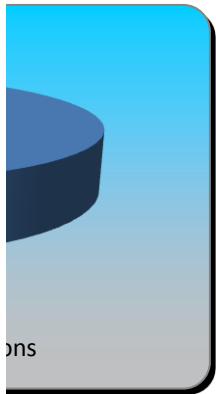


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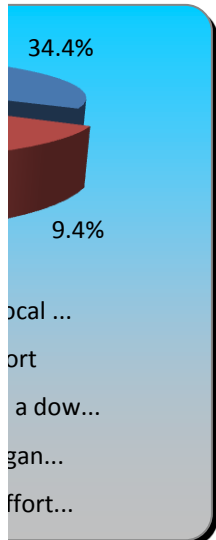
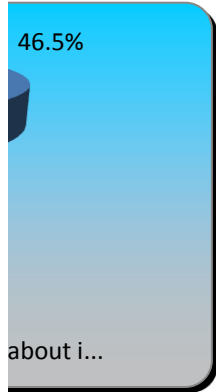


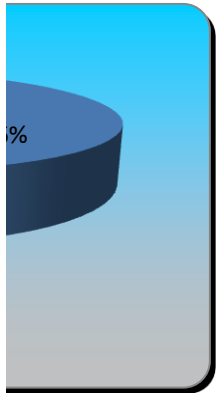
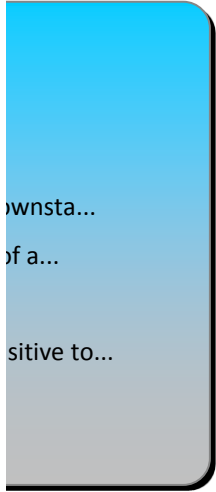


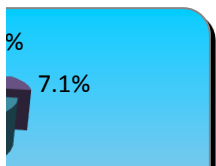
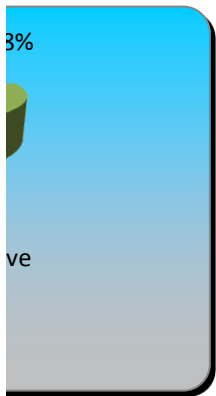
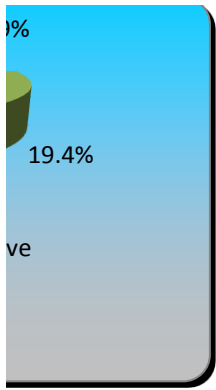


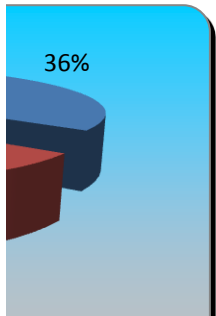
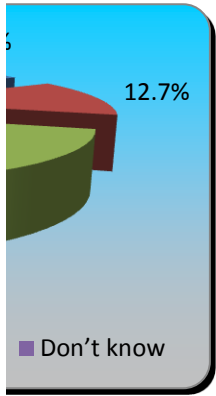


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