

VILLAGE OF NEWARK VALLEY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMUNITY COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMUNITY SURVEY SUMMARY

Of those who completed the survey:

92.2% are residents	41.10% have lived here 30+ years	48.90% are employed Full-time	93.30% are Home Owners
2.2% age 18-24	16.70% have lived here 21-30 years	5.40% are employed Part-time	4.40% are Renters
31.1% age 25-44	22.20% have lived here 11-20 years	8.70% are Self-employed	2.20% responded 'Other'
36.7% age 45-64	16.70% have lived here 1-10 years	4.30% are a Full-time Homemaker	
30.0% age 65+	3.30% have lived here Not applicable	3.30% are unable to work	94.40% reside in a Single Family home
		29.30% are Retired	4.40% reside in a 2+ unit home
			1.10% reside in a 5+ unit home

Top 3 reasons for living in Newark Valley:

27.9% small town atmosphere
19.9% born and raised
15.4% proximity to family and friends

Top 3 areas to SHOP:

46.4% Binghamton/Vestal area
17.1% Village of Newark Valley
12.9% Owego area

Top 3 areas for DINING/TAKE OUT

38.8% Binghamton/Vestal area
21.5% Owego area
17.4% Village of Newark Valley

Top 3 most important CHARACTERISTICS of the Village:

25.8% Small town atmosphere
15.5% Sense of community
12.4% Feels safe and secure

Top 3 ISSUES/INITIATIVES the Village should focus on in the future:

17.6% Programs to renovate existing homes
15.0% Storm water runoff/flooding
11.2% Bicycle/Walking trails/routes & Strengthen Code Enforcement

Top 3 types of GROWTH the Village should encourage:

24.3% Retail
22.2% Residential
21.7% Light Industry

QUALITY of the following services:

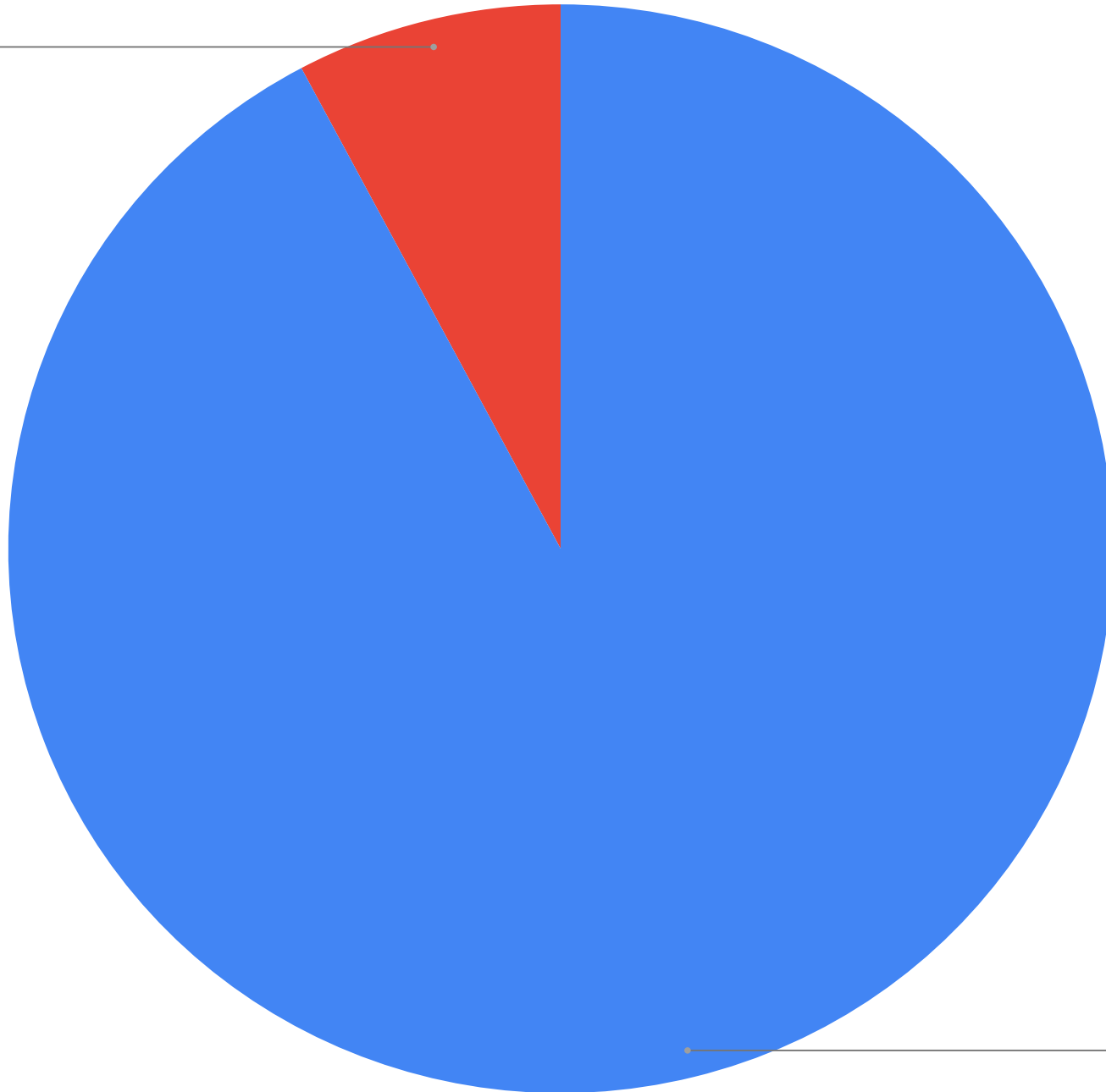
ENCOURAGE or DISCOURAGE the following LAND USES in the Village:

40.0% feel POOR about	POLICE PROTECTION	66.7% ENCOURAGE	Single family homes
81.0% feel GOOD about	FIRE PROTECTION	43.30% DISCOURAGE	Multiple Unit Dwellings
38.9% feel GOOD about	AMBULANCE PROTECTION	41.1% DISCOURAGE	Townhouses/Condominiums
44.4% feel GOOD about	RECREATION	67.8% DISCOURAGE	Mobile Home Parks
54.4% feel GOOD about	STREET/ROAD IMPROVEMENTS	59.6% ENCOURAGE	"Green" Building Construction
45.6% feel GOOD about	SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS	55.6% ENCOURAGE	Affordable Housing
54.4% feel GOOD about	PUBLIC WORKS services	68.9% ENCOURAGE	Senior/Assisted Living
76.7% feel GOOD about	SNOW REMOVAL services	62.2% ENCOURAGE	Arts/Theater
38.9% have NO OPINION on	ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT	76.7% ENCOURAGE	Restaurants
62.2% feel GOOD about	WATER services	74.4% ENCOURAGE	Small Business/Home Business
76.7% have NO OPINION on	SENIOR/ELDER services	60.00% ENCOURAGE	Small Inns/Bed & Breakfasts
55.6% have NO OPINION on	YOUTH PROGRAMMING	54.40% DISCOURAGE	Hotels
44.4% feel GOOD about	CULTURAL EVENTS & PROGRAMMING	68.90% ENCOURAGE	Public Green Space/Parks
38.9% feel GOOD about	BRAODBAND/INTERNET	61.10% ENCOURAGE	Light Manufacturing
73.3% feel GOOD about	PARKS/PLAYGROUND services	47.80% DISCOURAGE	Heavy Manufacturing
52.2% have NO OPINION on	HEALTH & SOCIAL services	72.20% ENCOURAGE	Bike/Walking Paths/Routes
		70.00% ENCOURAGE	Protection of Natural Areas/Open Space
		62.20% ENCOURAGE	Neighborhood Retail
		50.00% ENCOURAGE	Office Space
		45.60% ENCOURAGE	Grocery Stores
		65.60% ENCOURAGE	Medical/Dental Services
		56.70% ENCOURAGE	Residential Solar

1a. Are you a resident of the Village of Newark Valley

No

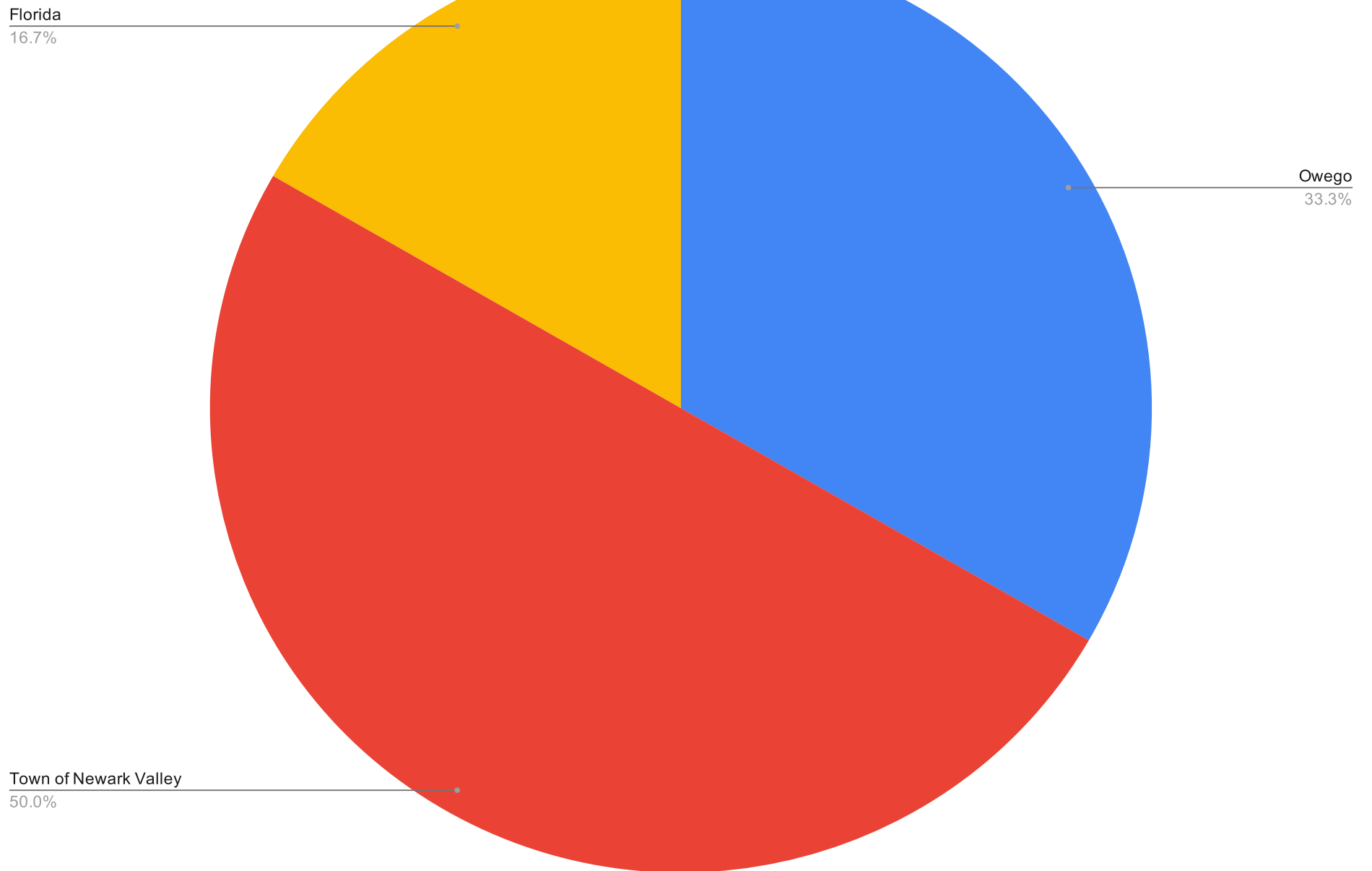
7.8%



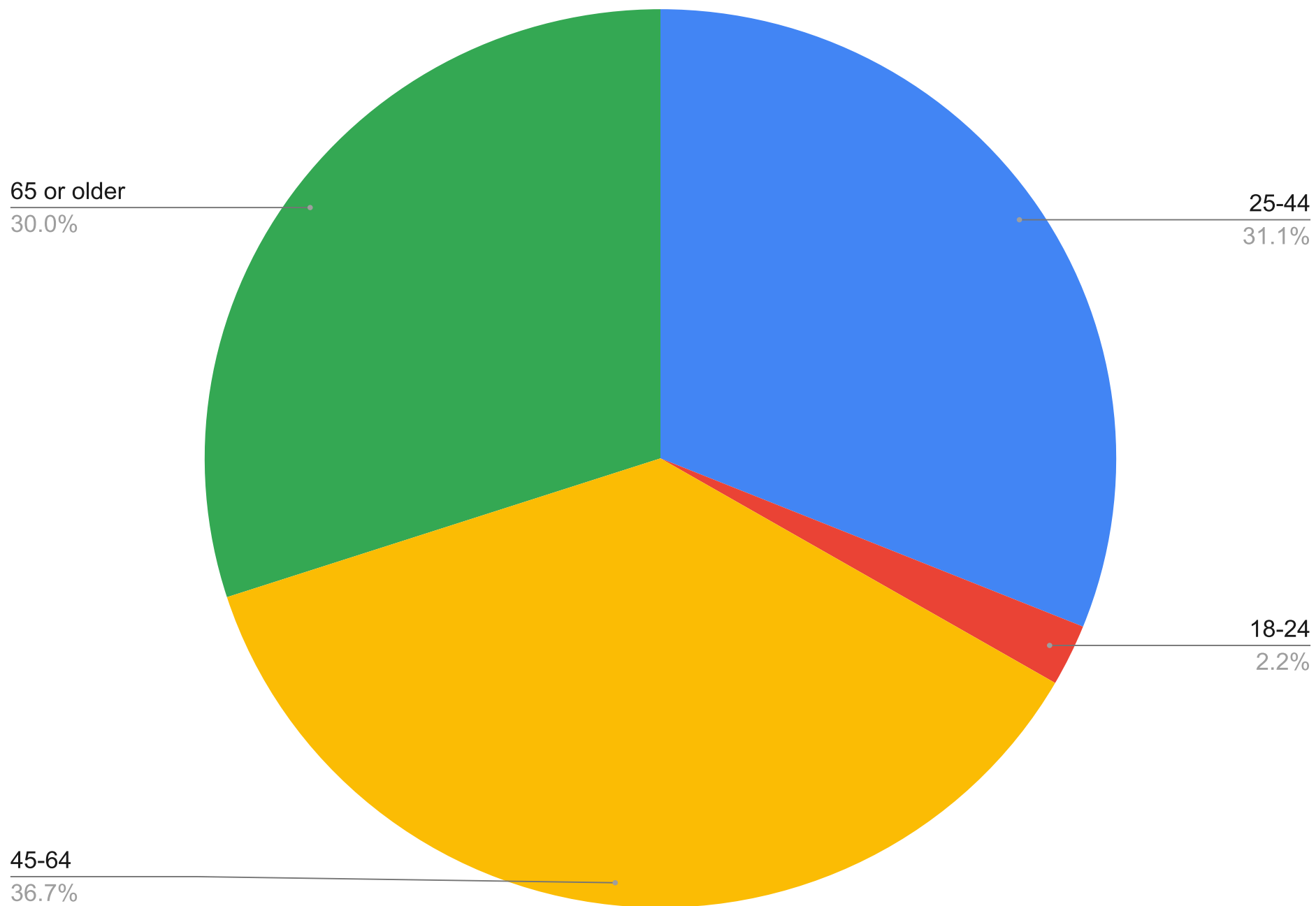
Yes

92.2%

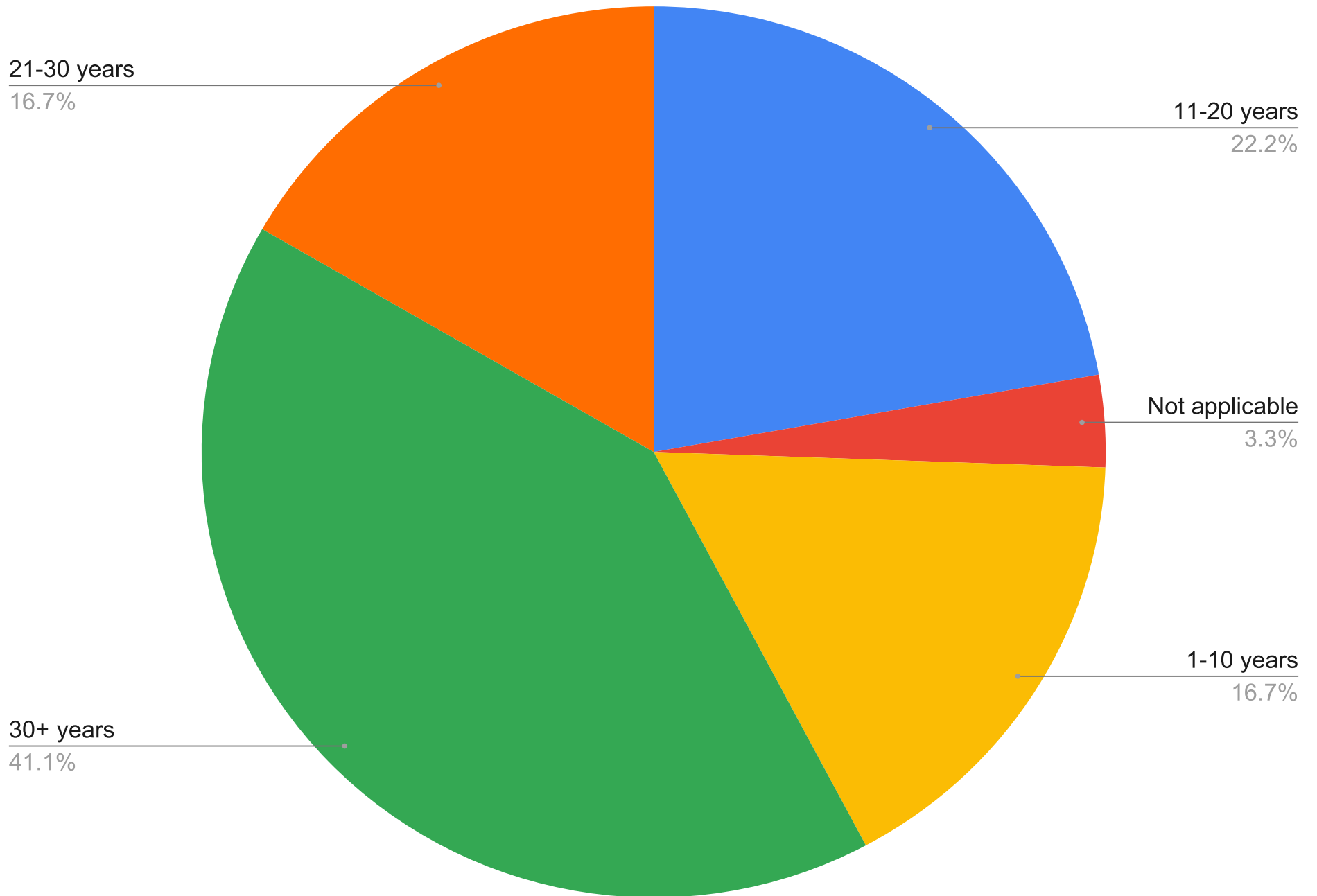
1b. If no, where are you a resident of?



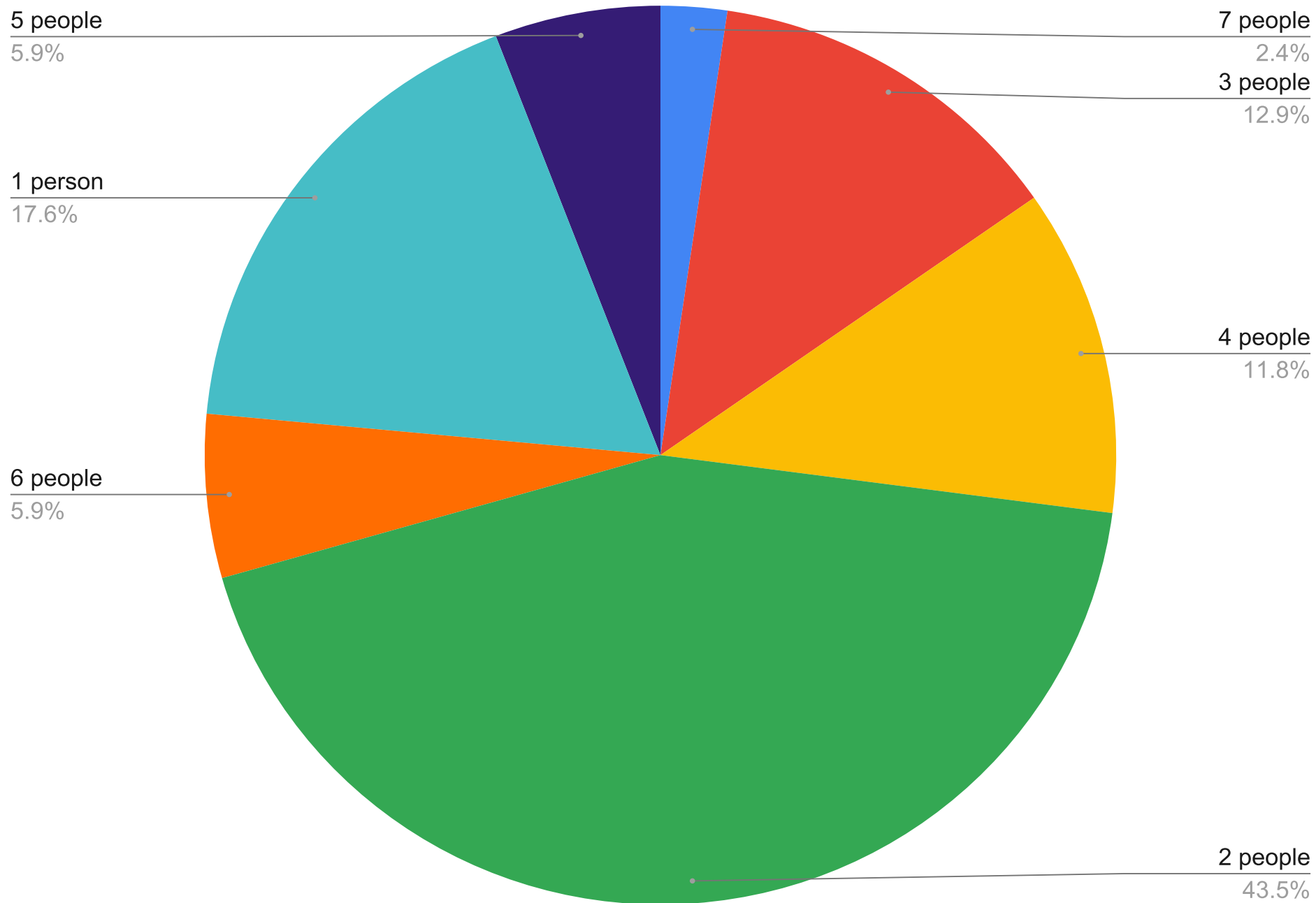
2. What is your age?



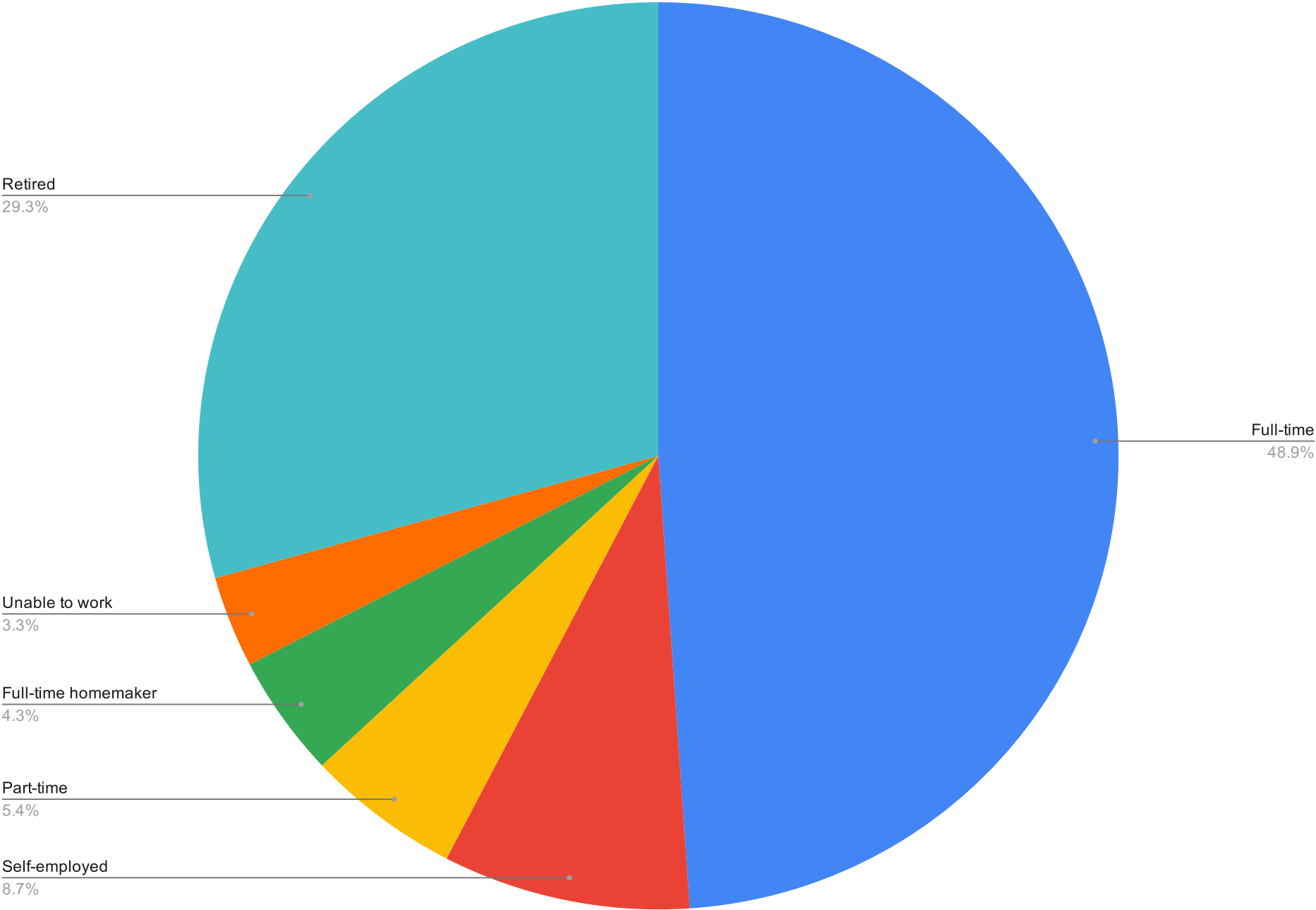
3. How long have you lived in Newark Valley?



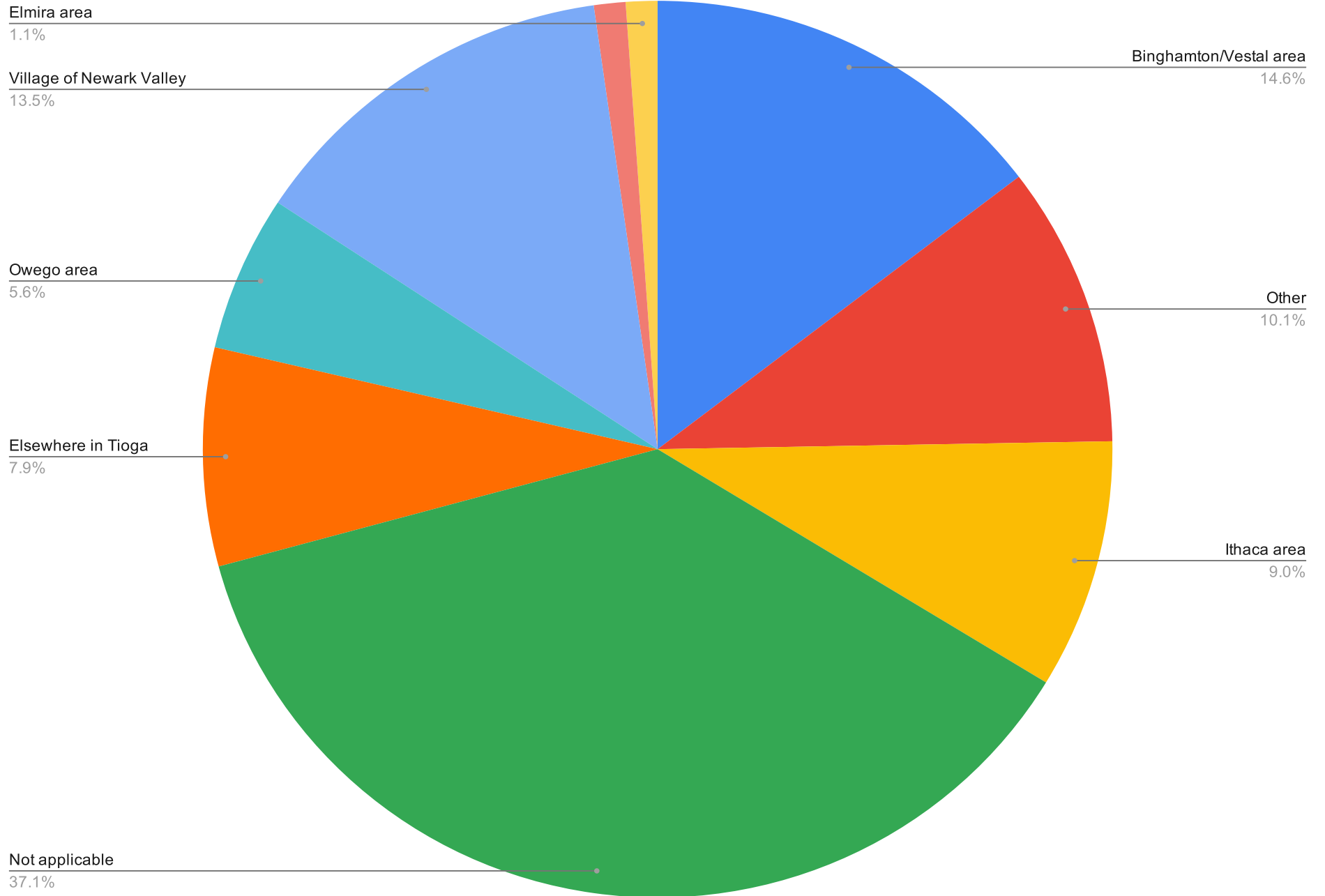
4. # of people that live in your household (including yourself)



5. Current employment status:



6. Where do you work/attend school?



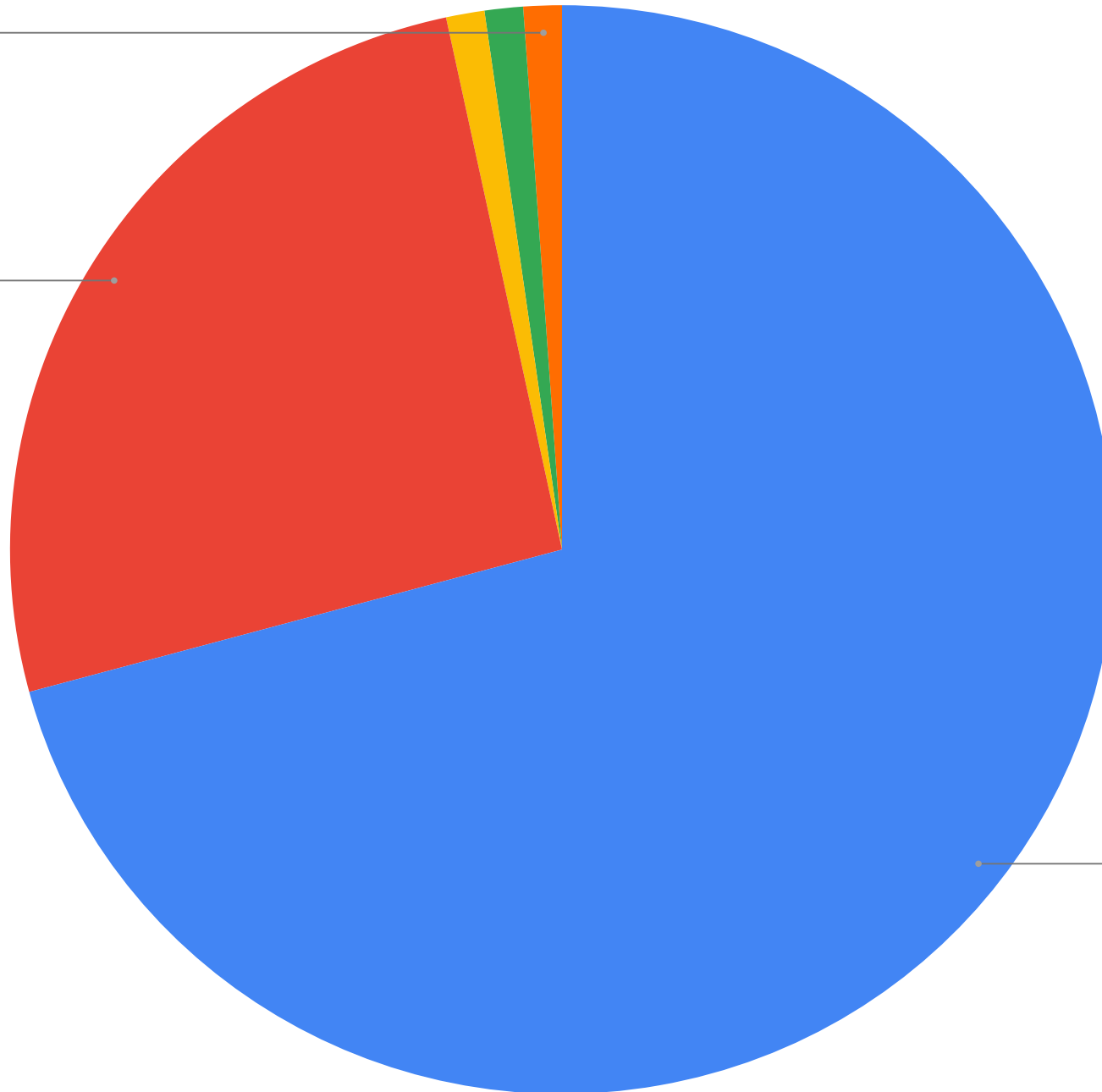
7. What mode of transportation do you most often use tot get to work/school?

Carpool/Rideshare

1.1%

N/A (Work from home/

25.8%



Personal vehicle

70.8%

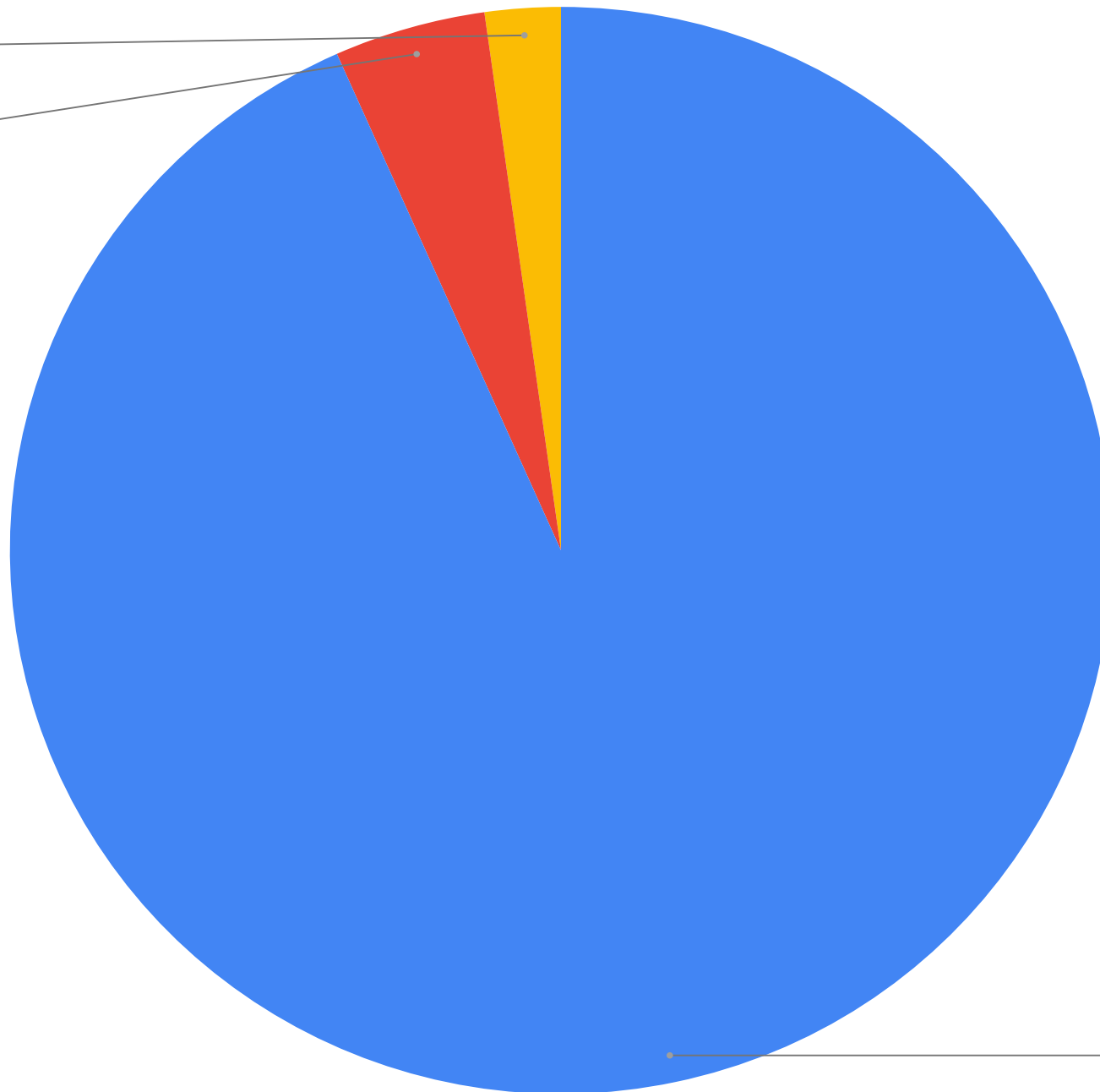
8. Do you rent or own:

Other

2.2%

Renter

4.4%



Homeowner

93.3%

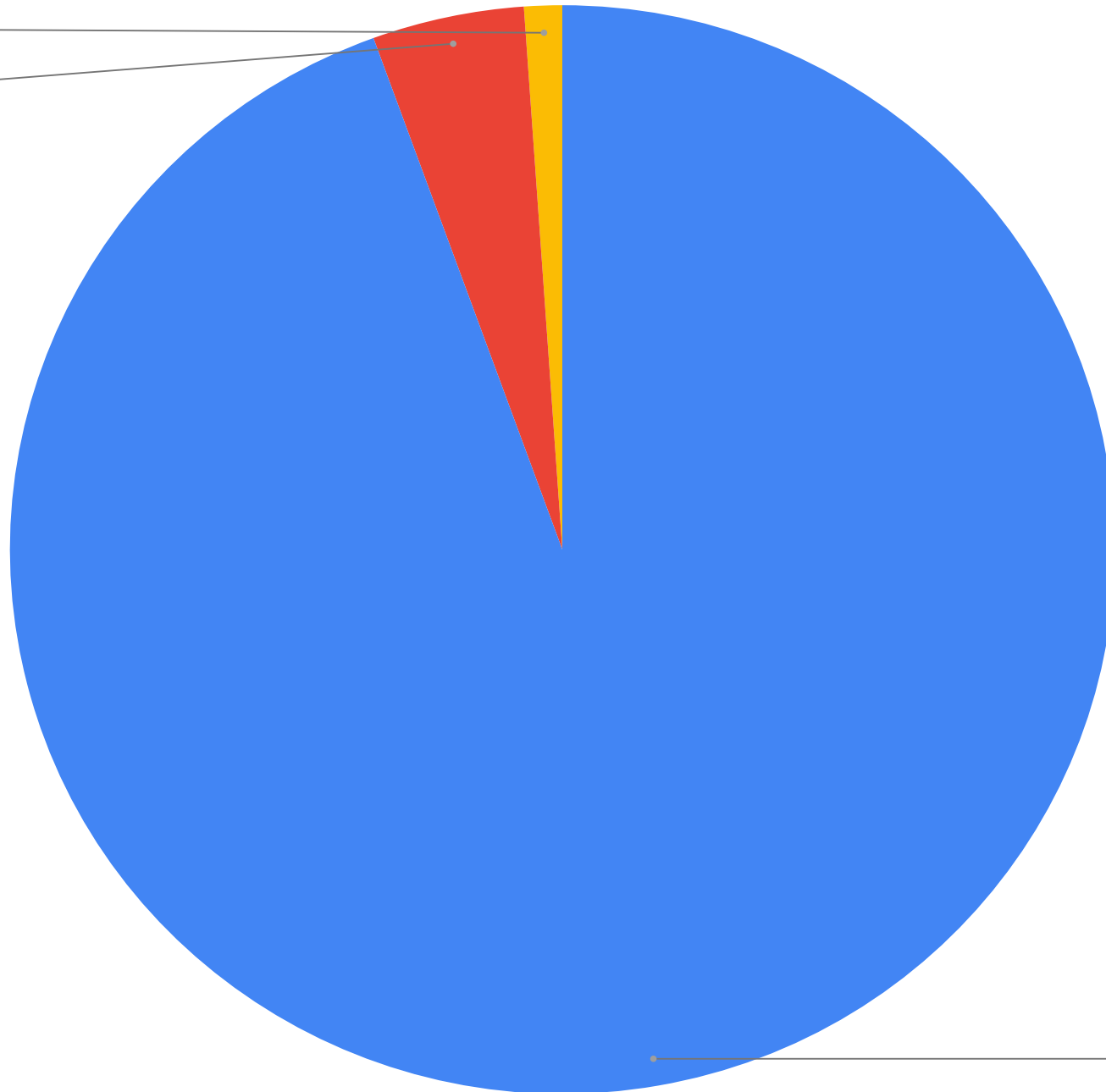
9. What type of structure do you reside in?

House/Building with 5

1.1%

House/Building with 2

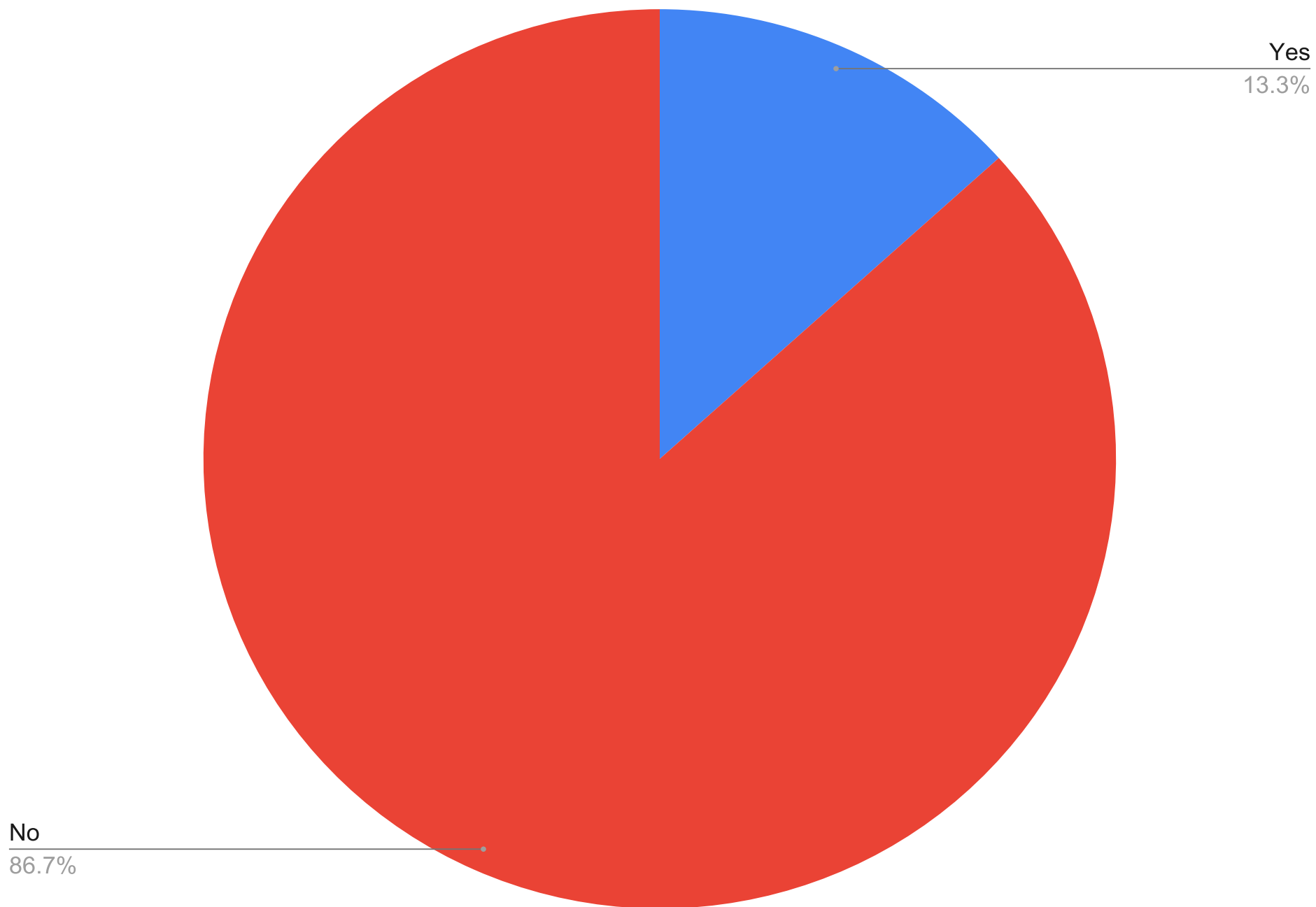
4.4%



Single family

94.4%

10a. Do you use your property for anything other than a residence?



10b. If yes, what else is your property used for?

Short term rental

7.7%

Other

15.4%

Daycare

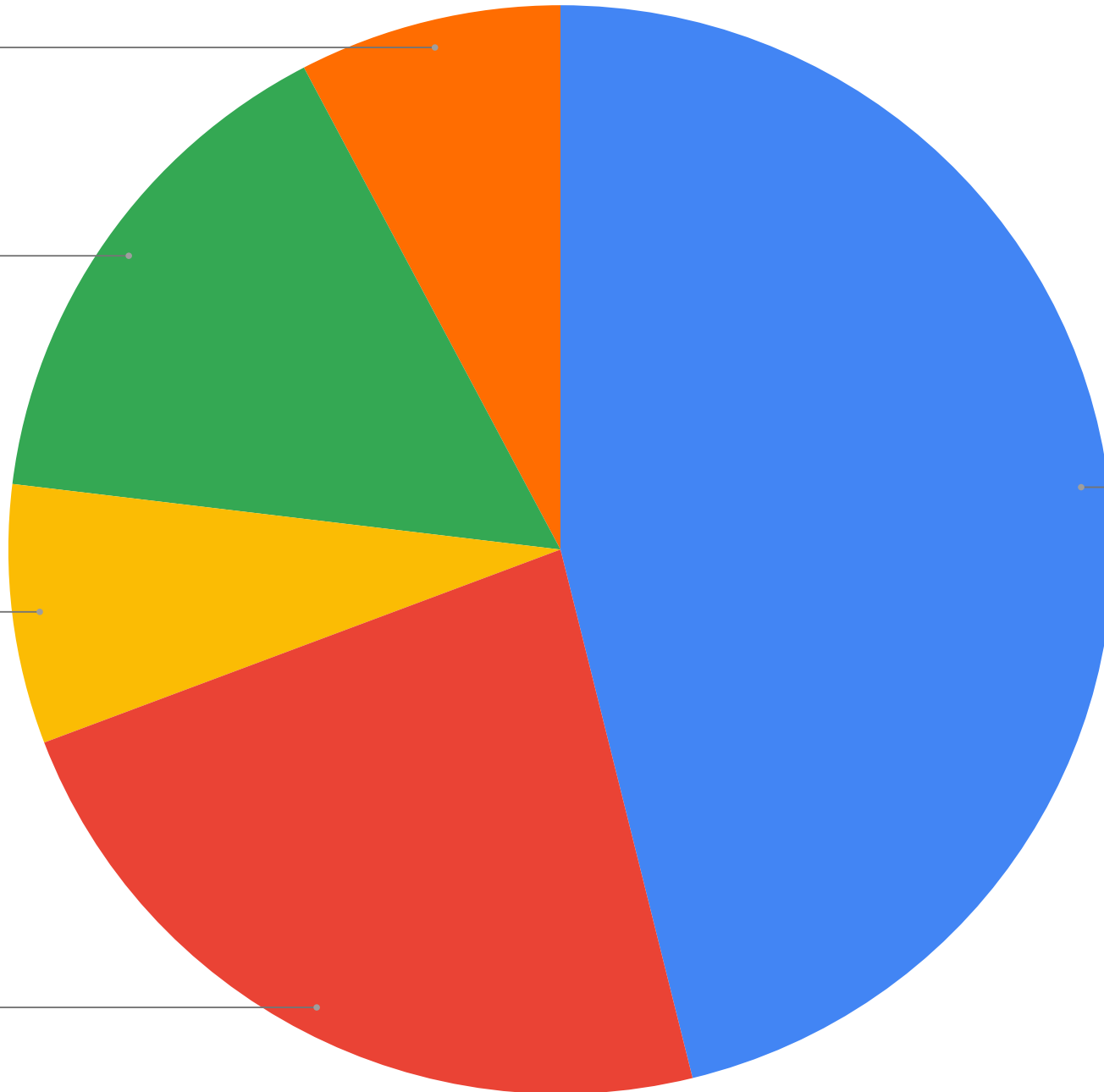
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Year-round rental

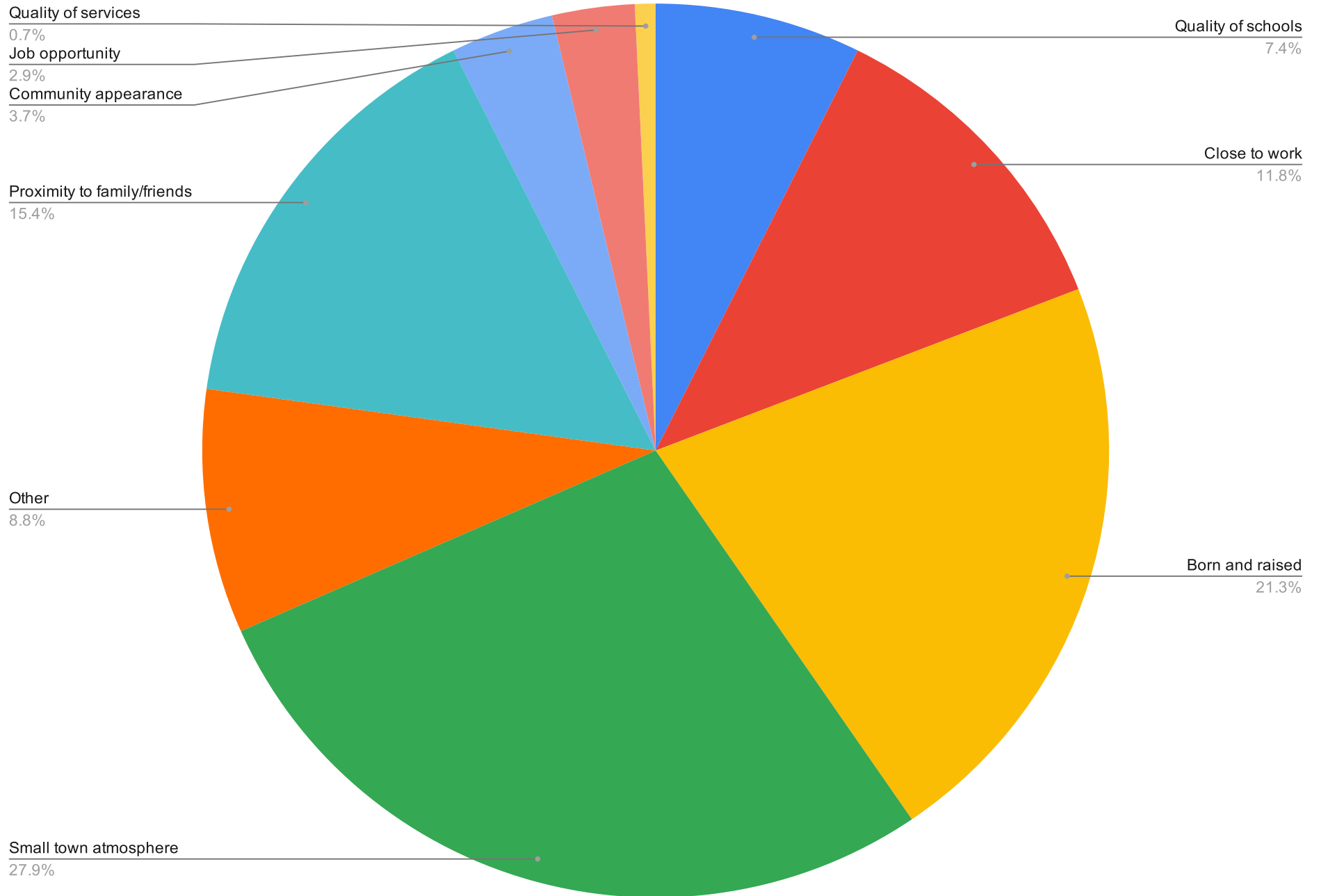
23.1%

Home Business

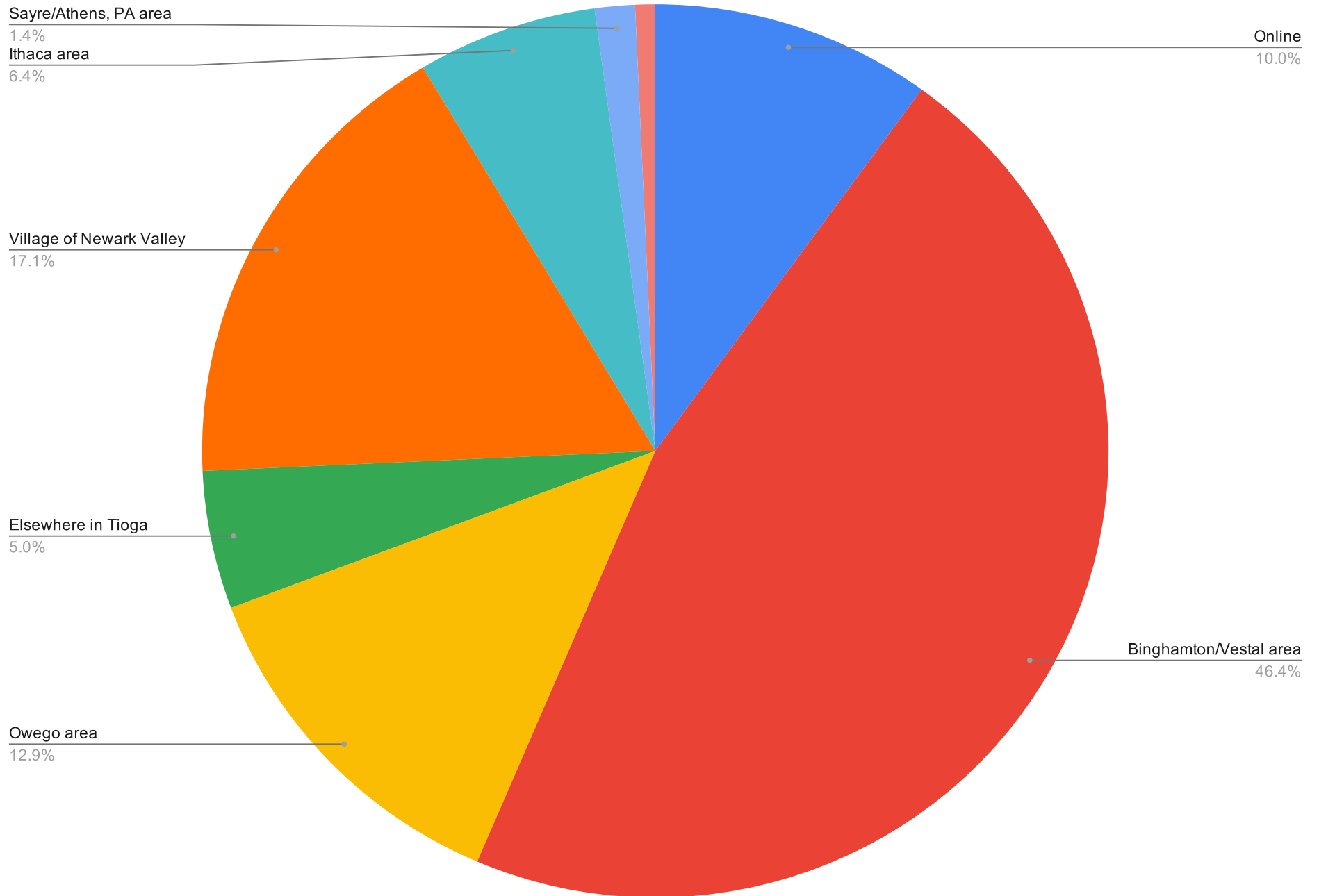
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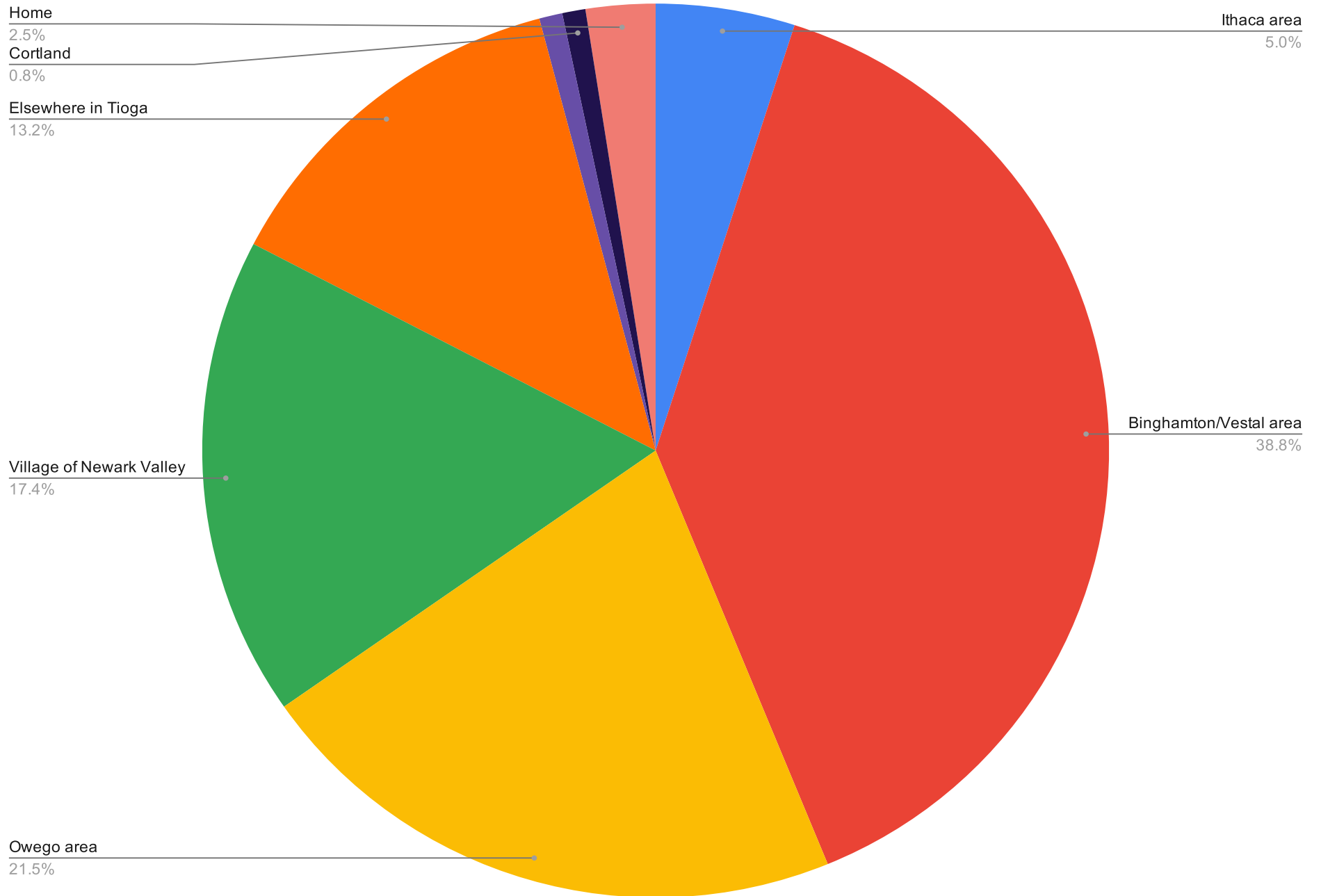
11. What is the primary reason you live in Newark Valley?



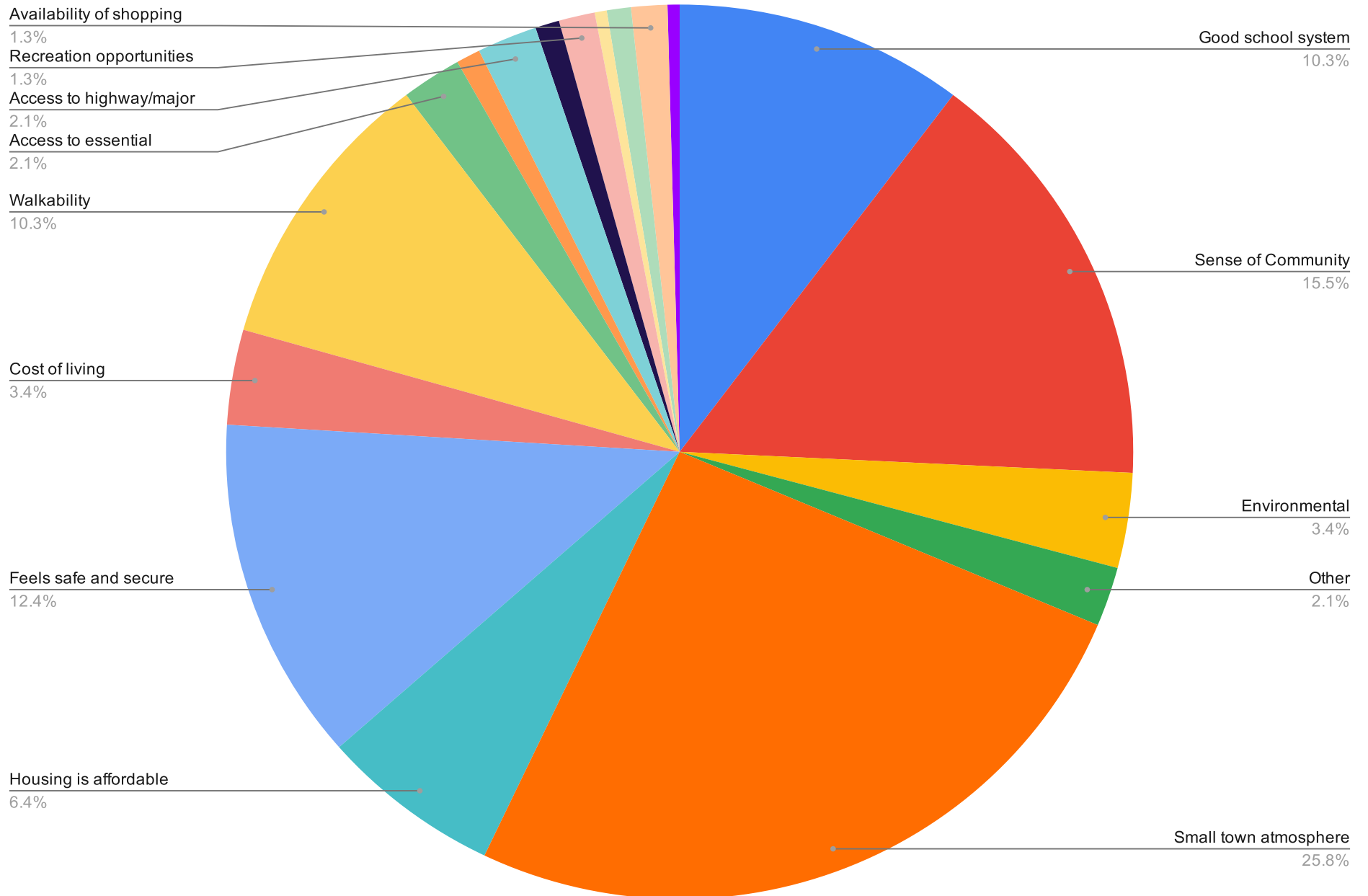
12. Where do you do most of your shopping?



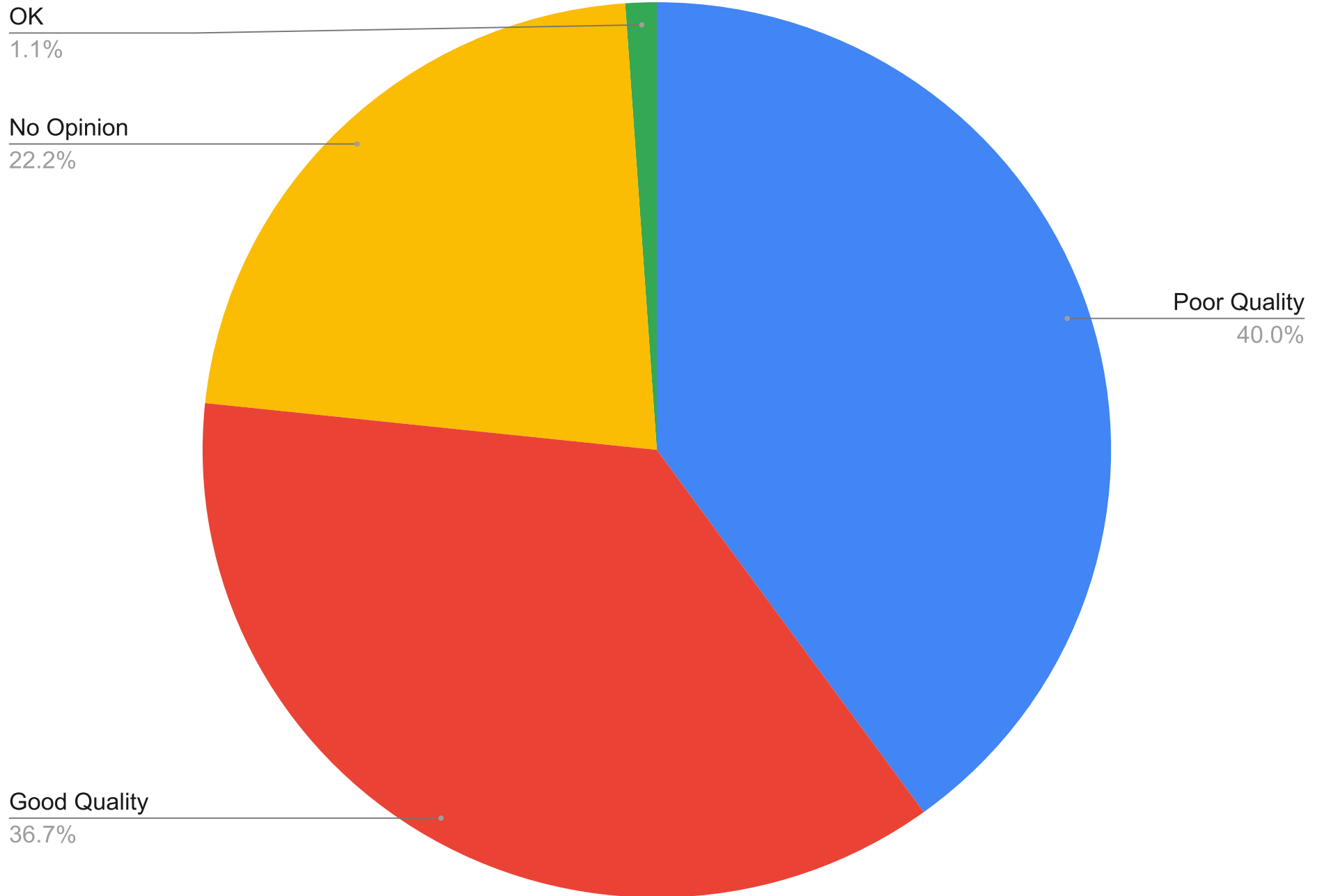
13. Where do you do most of your dining/take-out?



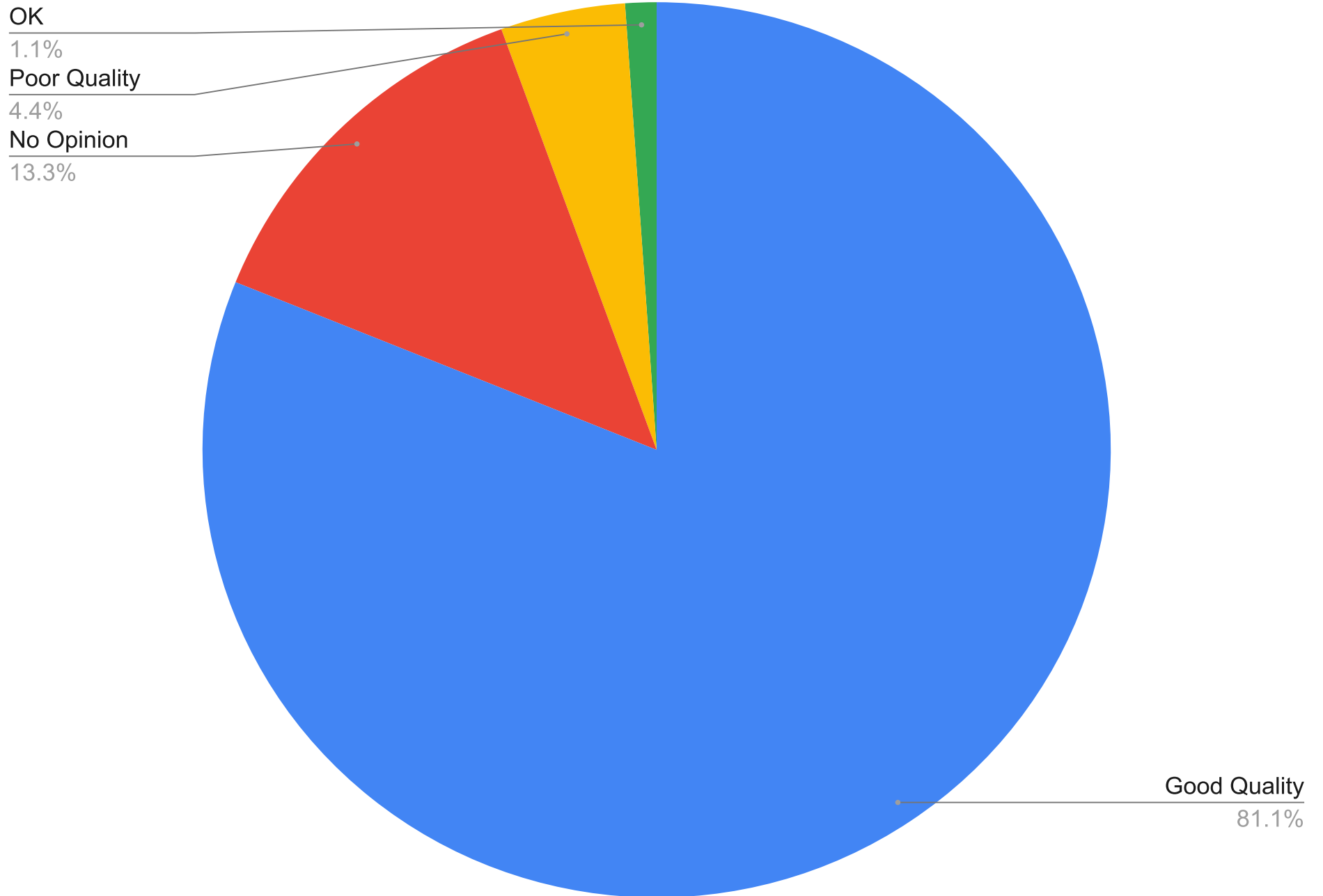
14. What are the most important characteristics of the Village of Newark Valley (Select your top THREE)



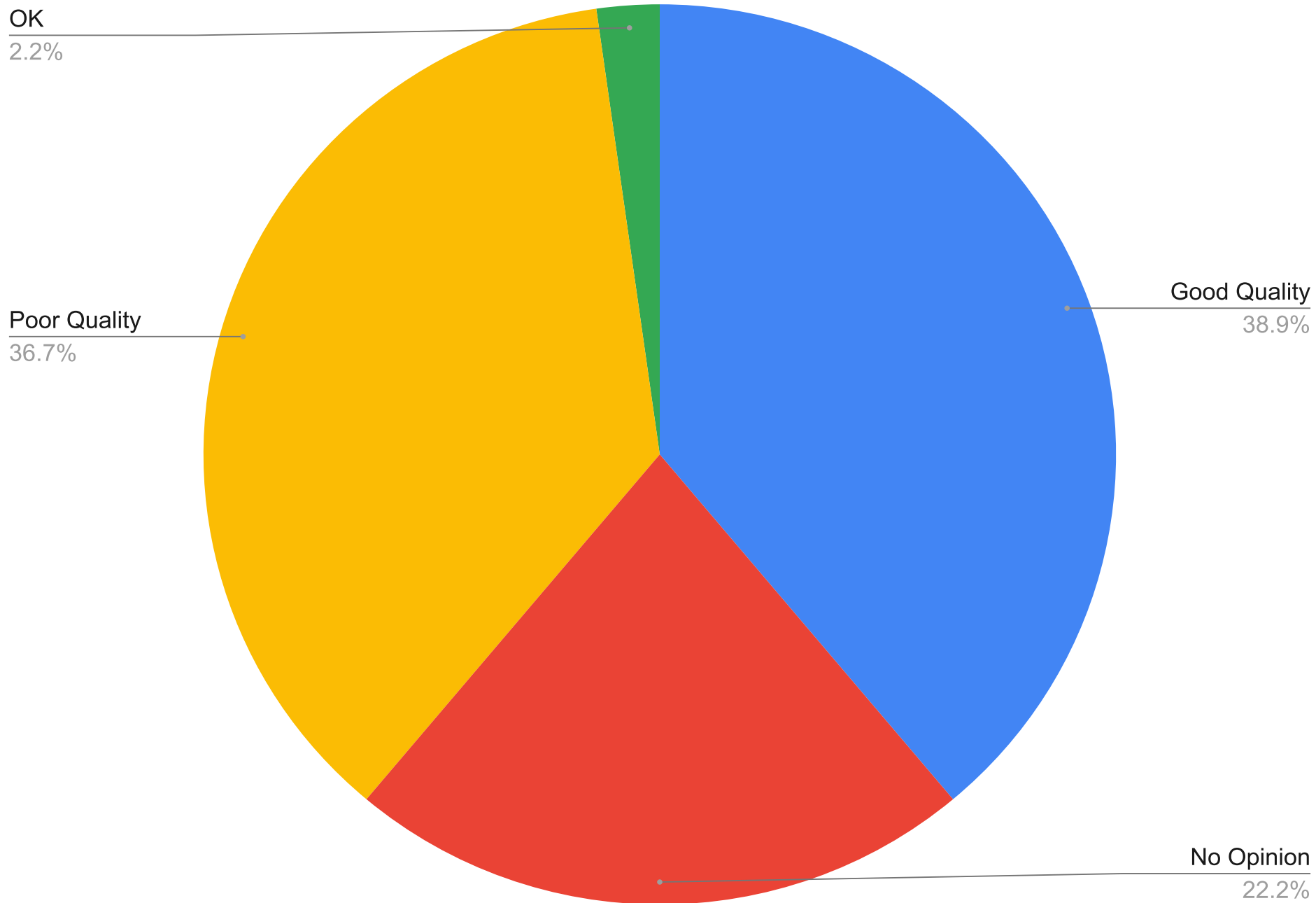
15a. What is the quality of the following services in the Village? [Police Protection]



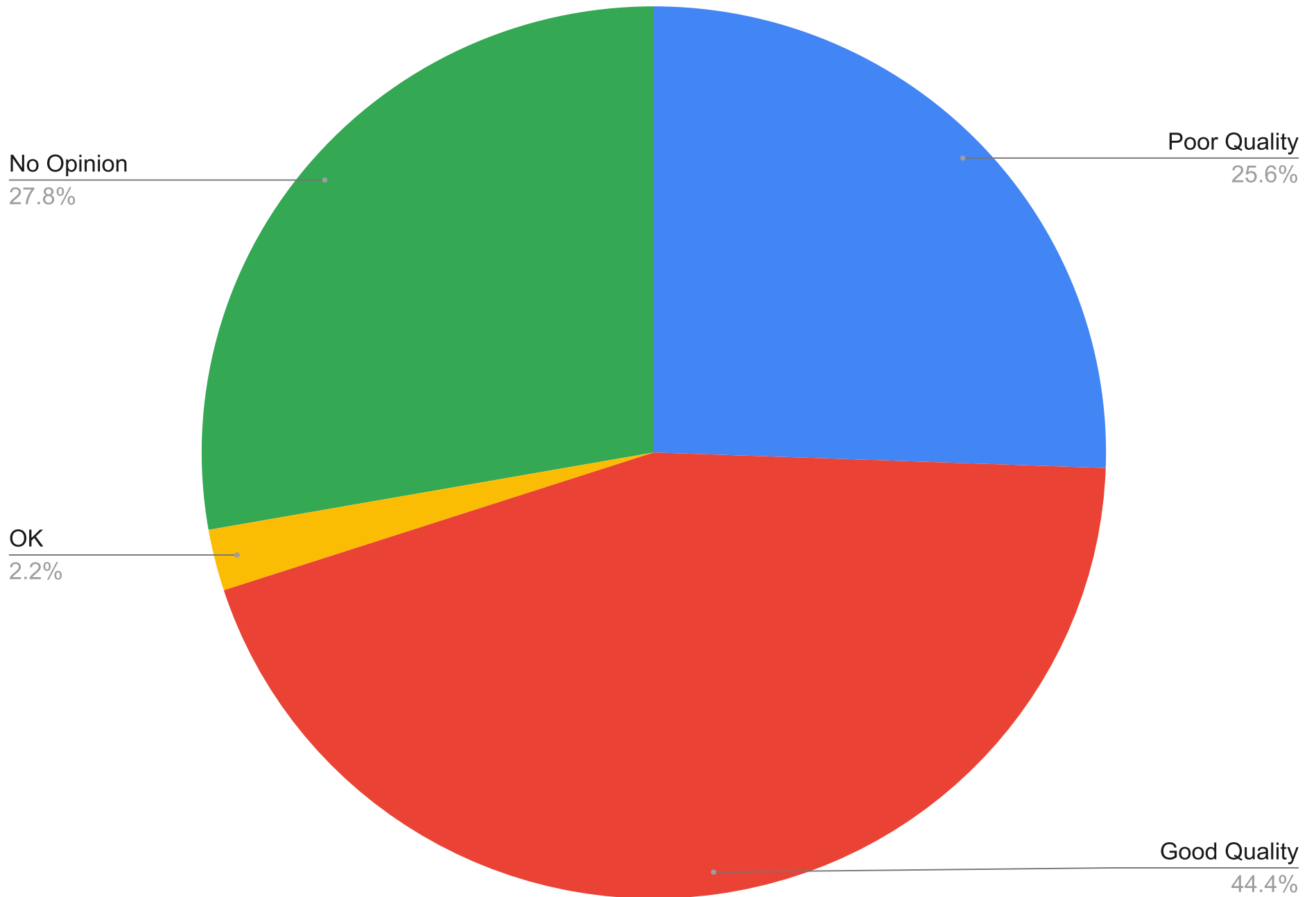
15b. What is the quality of the following services in the Village? [Fire Protection]



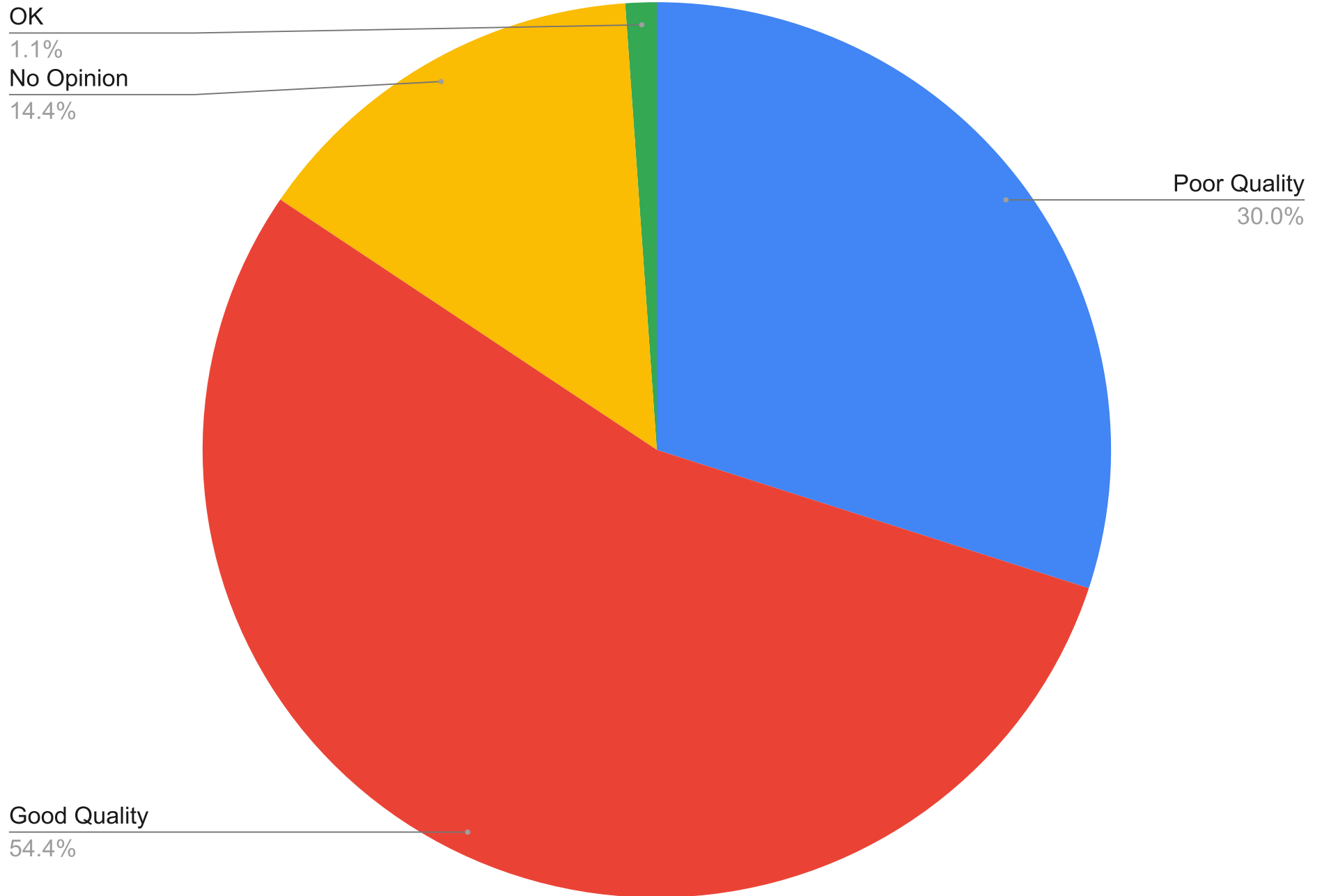
15c. What is the quality of the following services in the Village? [Ambulance Protection]



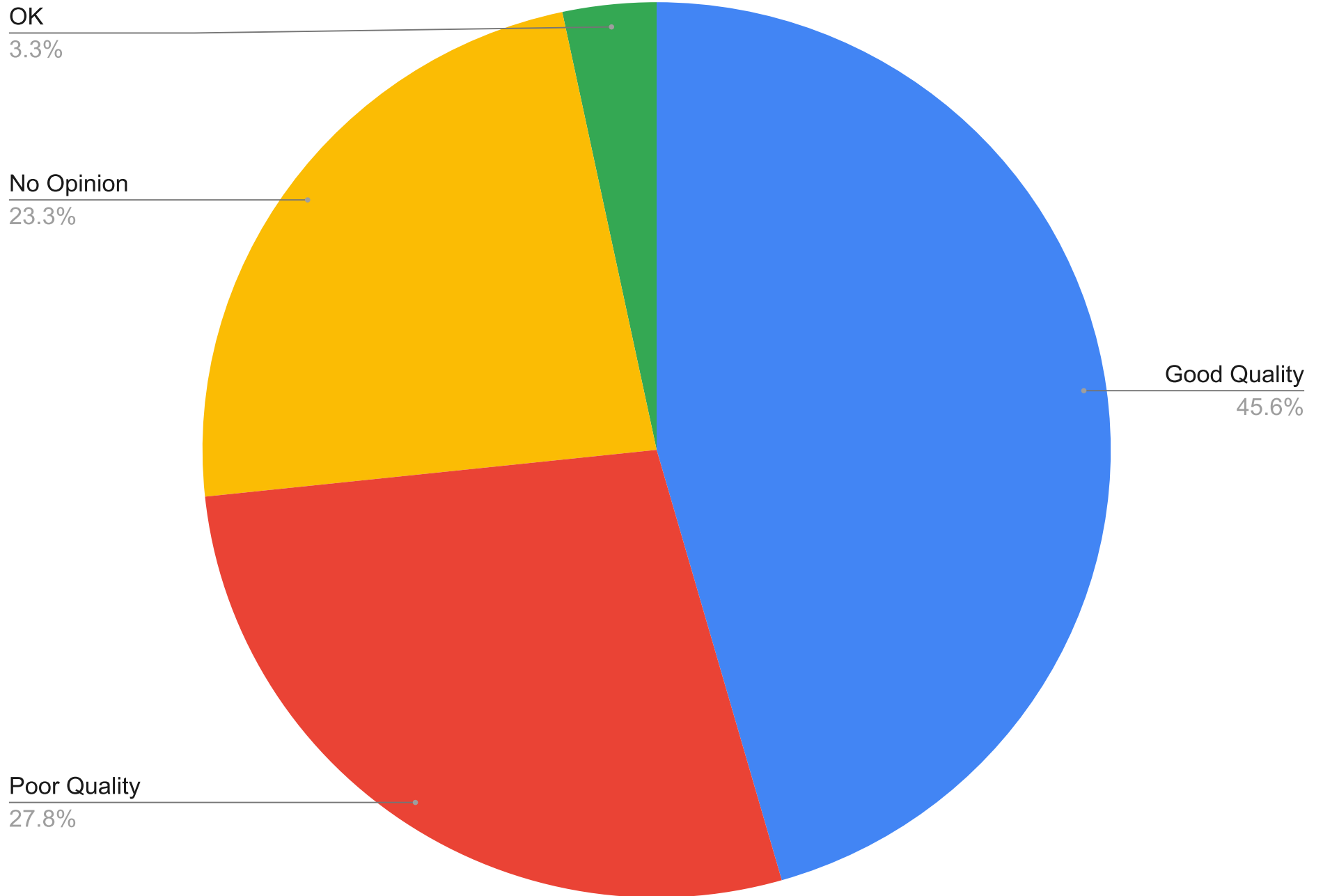
15d. What is the quality of the following services in the Village? [Recreation]



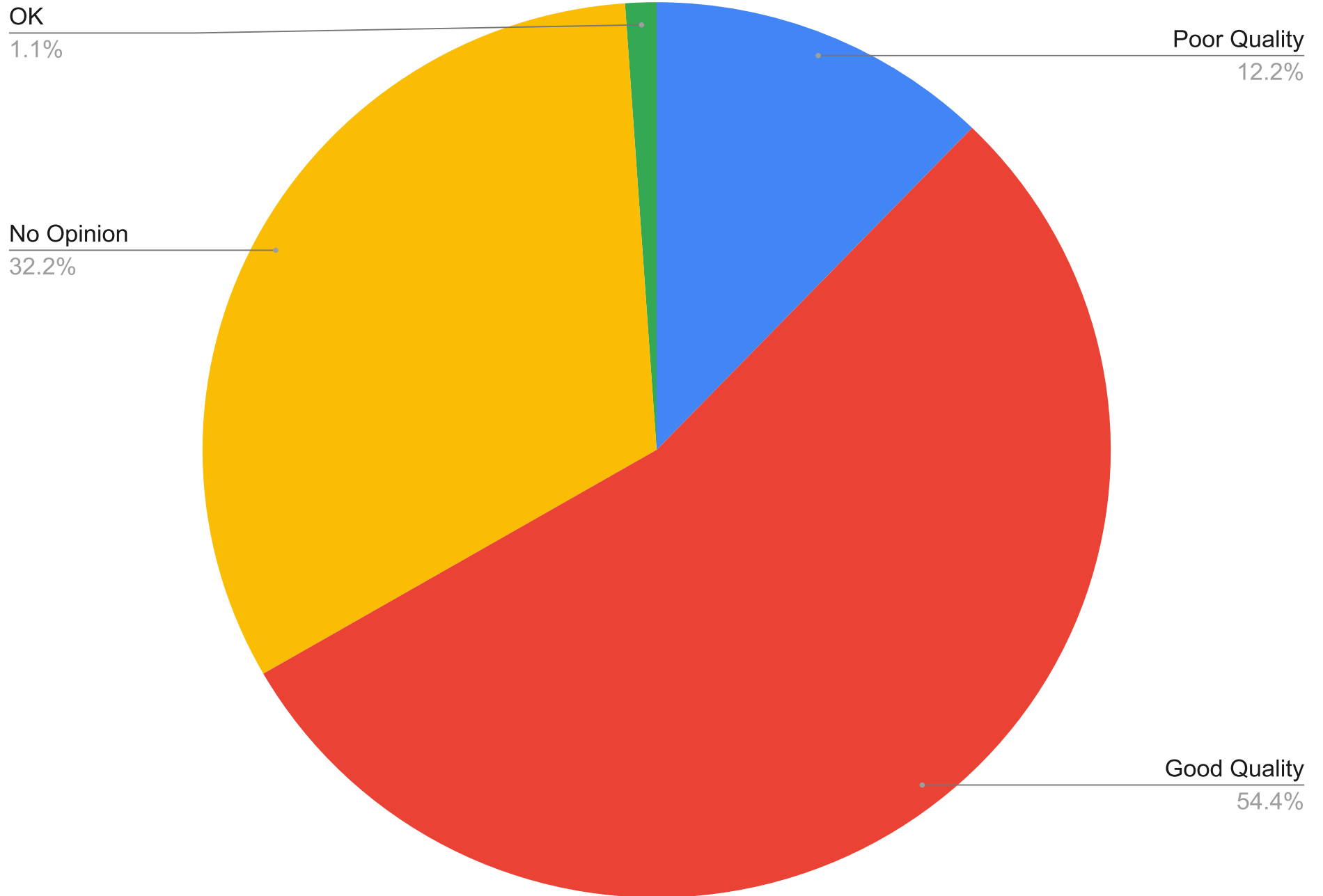
15e. What is the quality of the following services in the Village? [Street/Road Improvements]



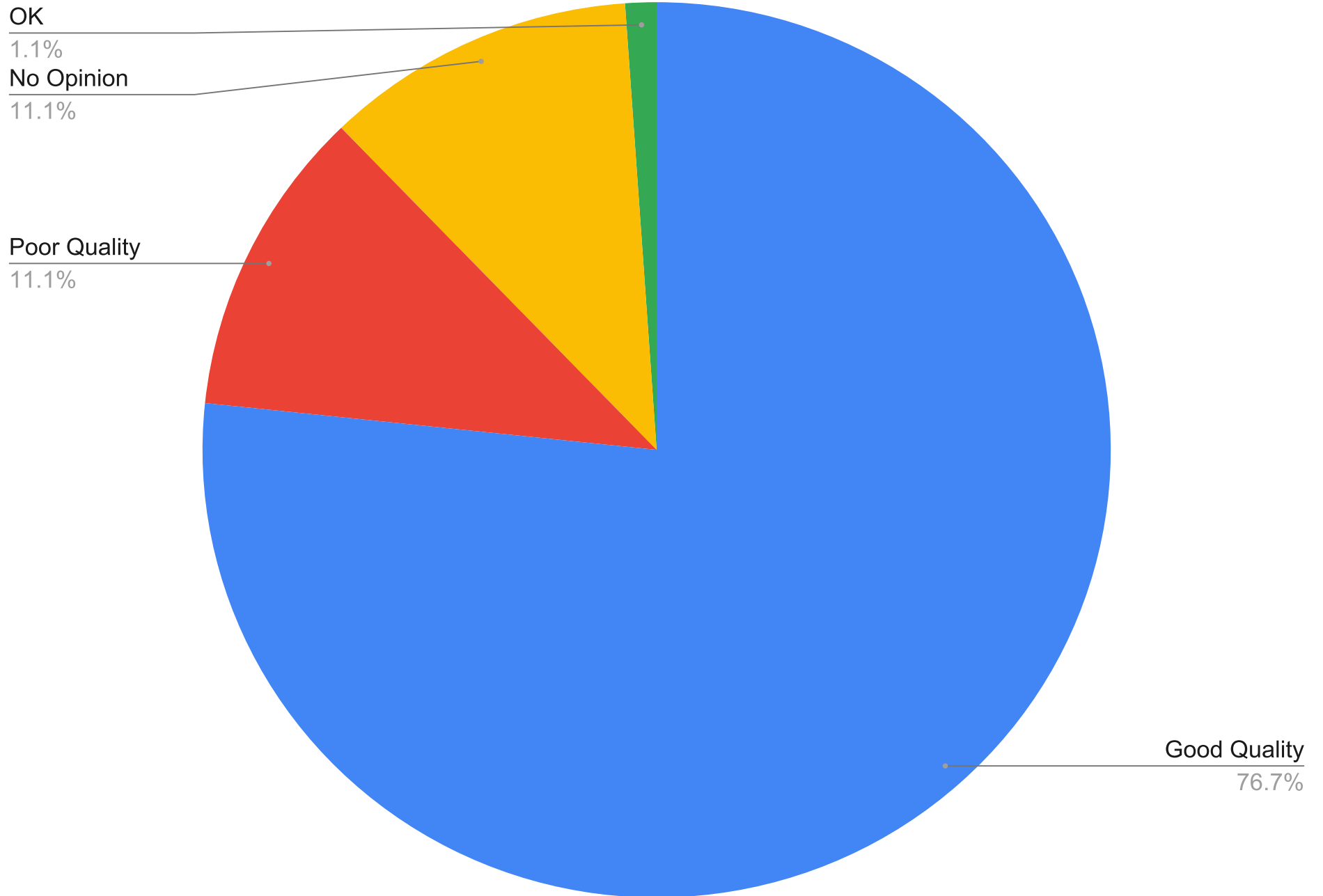
15f. What is the quality of the following services in the Village? [Sidewalk Improvements]



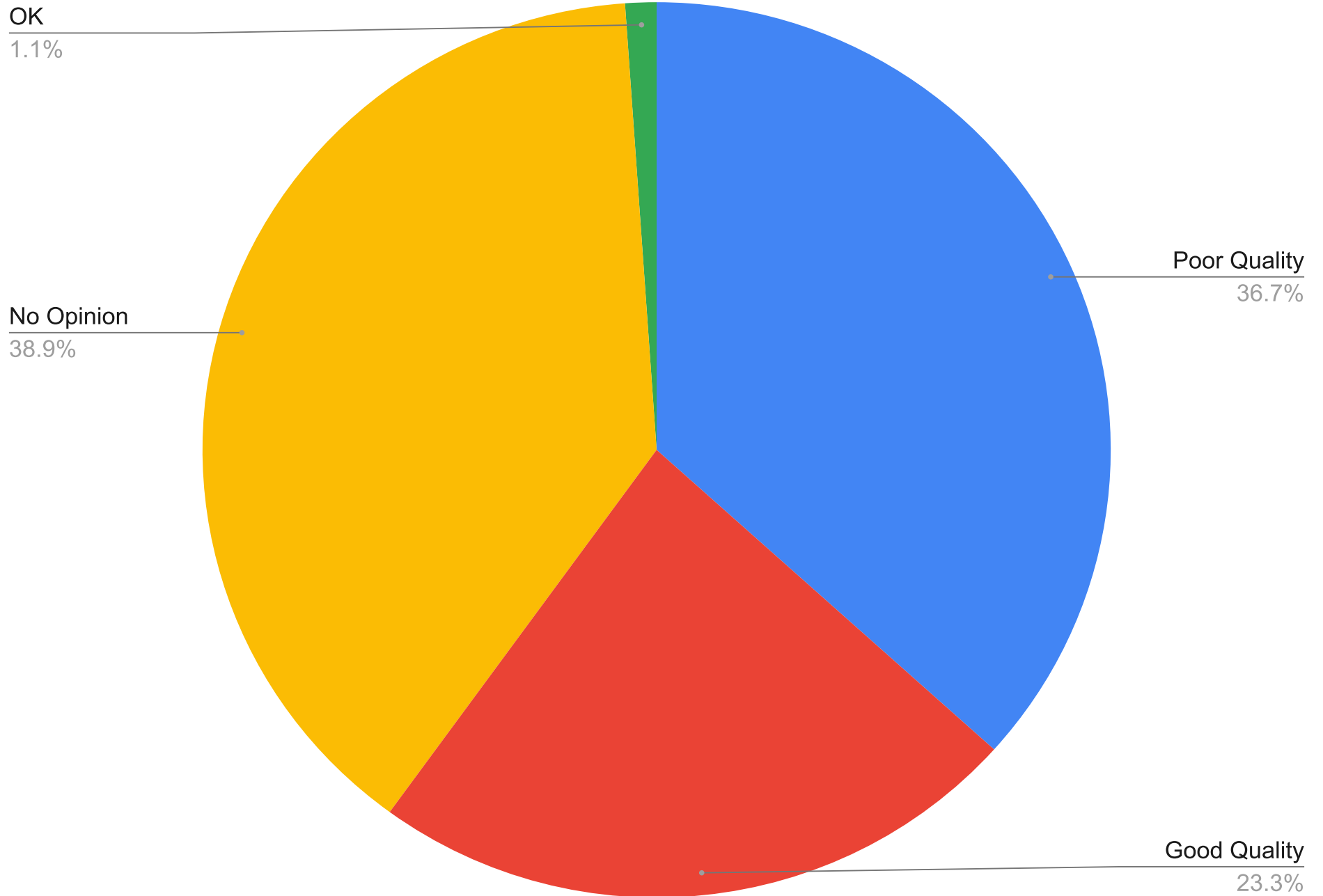
15g. What is the quality of the following services in the Village? [Public Works Services]



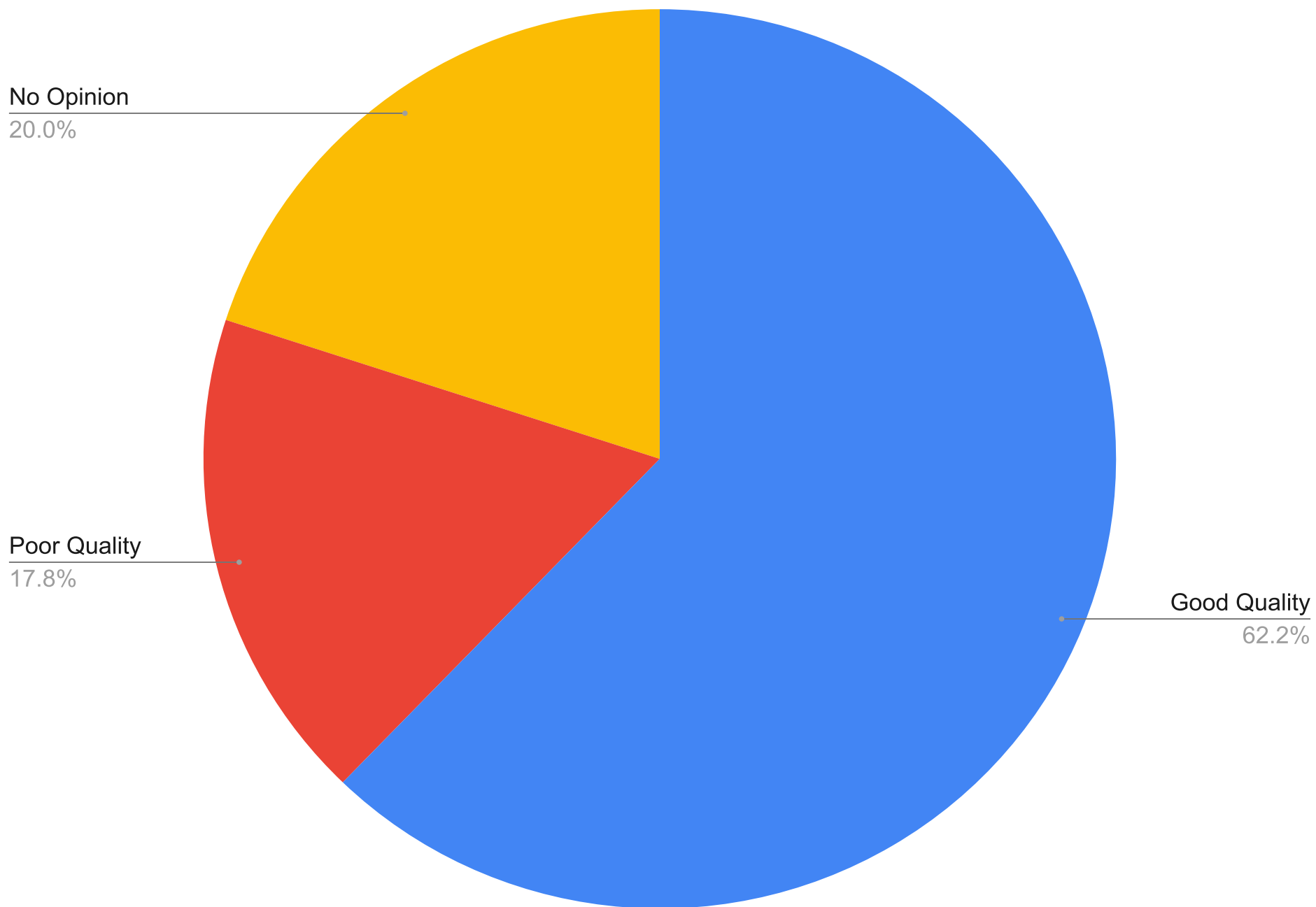
15h. What is the quality of the following services in the Village? [Snow Removal]



15i. What is the quality of the following services in the Village? [Zoning/Code Enforcement]



15j. What is the quality of the following services in the Village? [Water Services]



15k. What is the quality of the following services in the Village? [Senior/Elder Services]

Good Quality

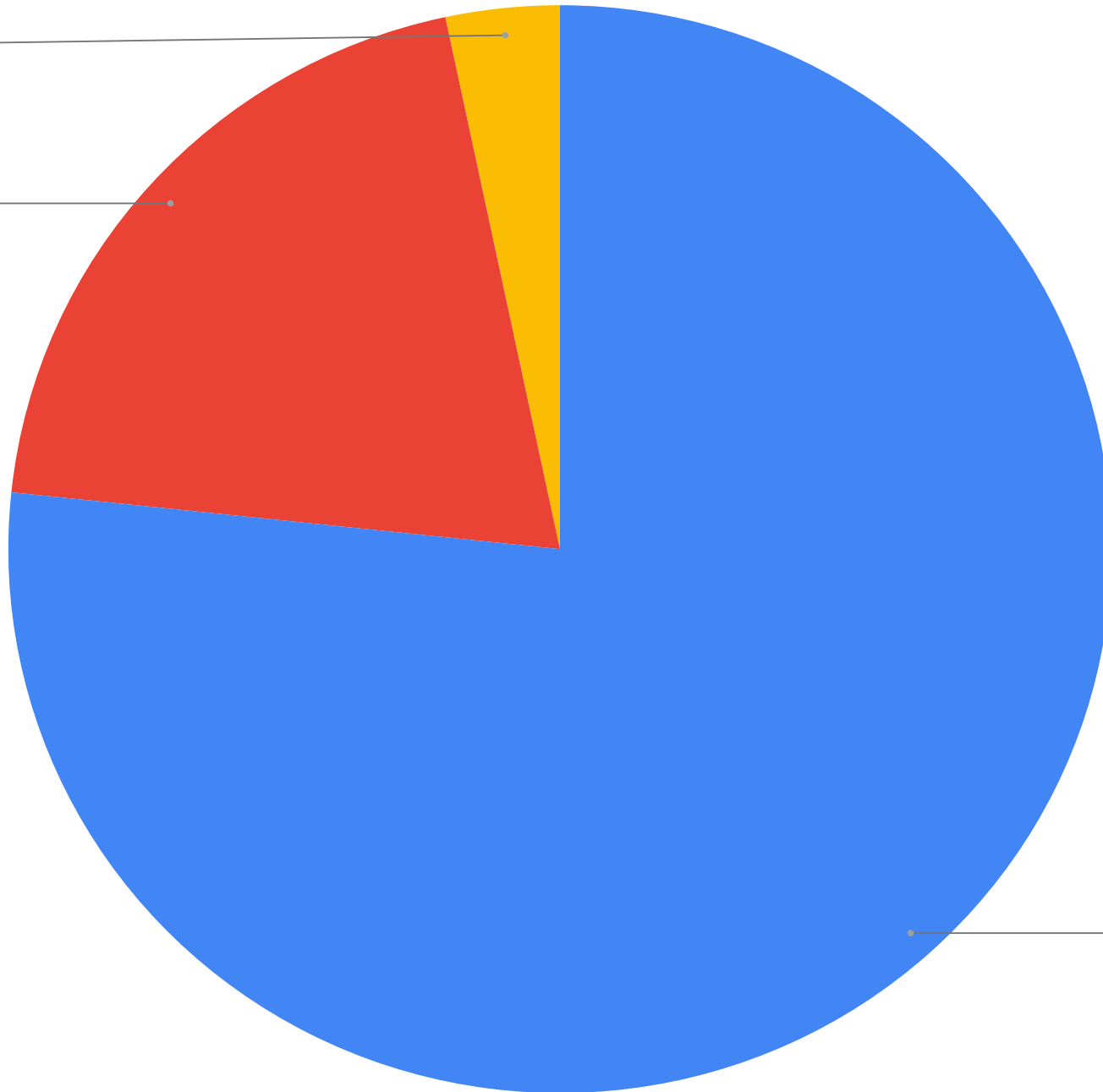
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Poor Quality

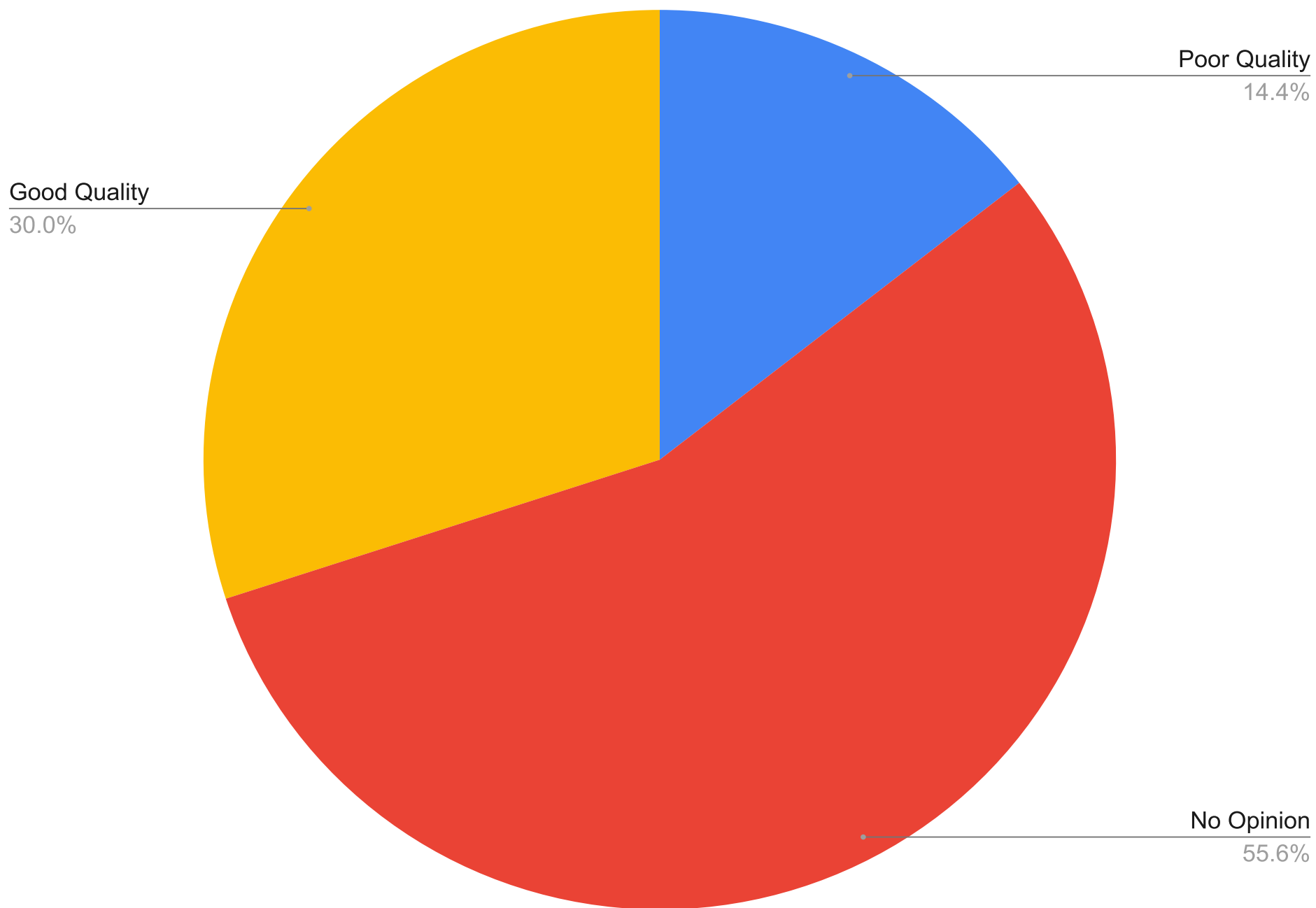
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No Opinion

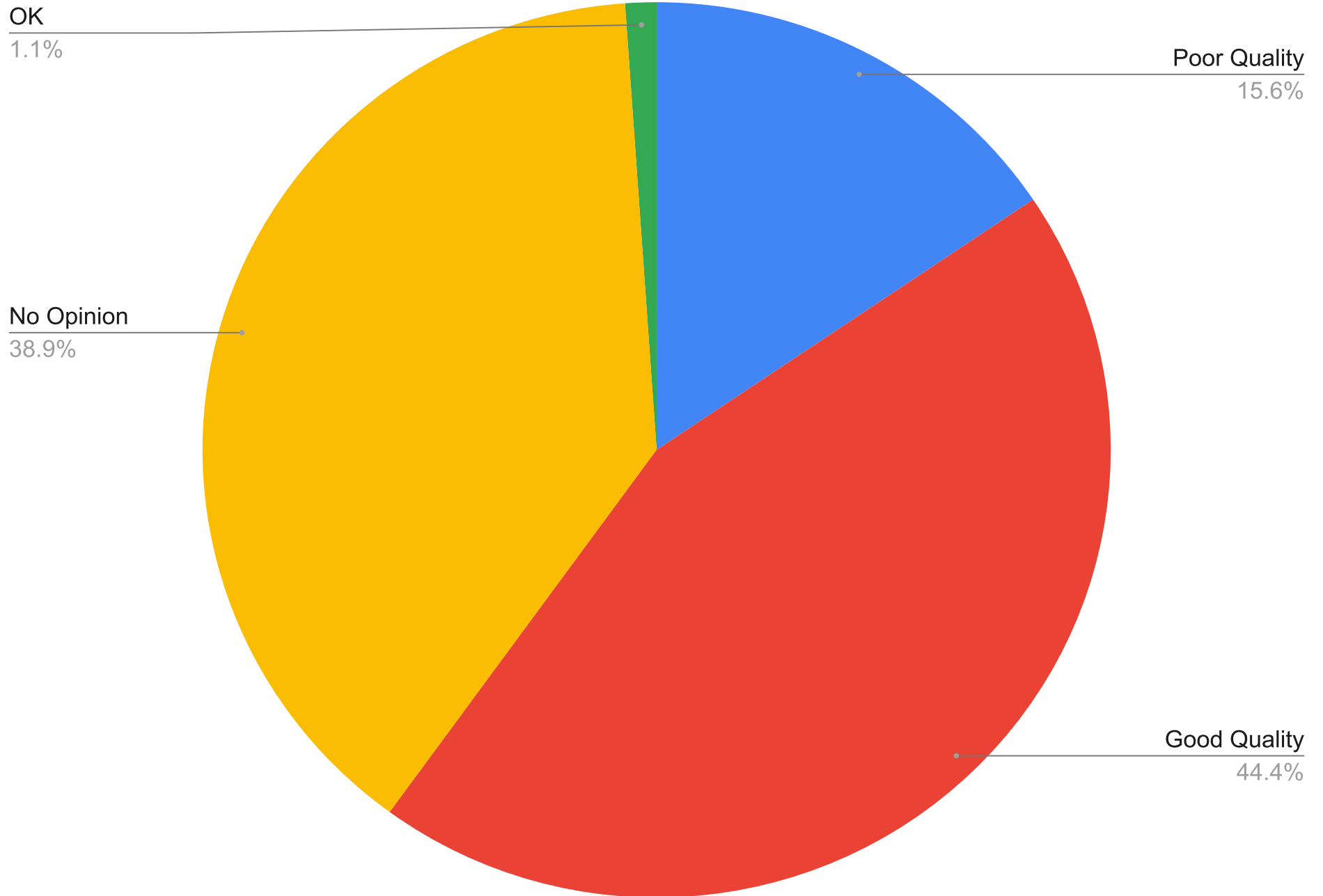
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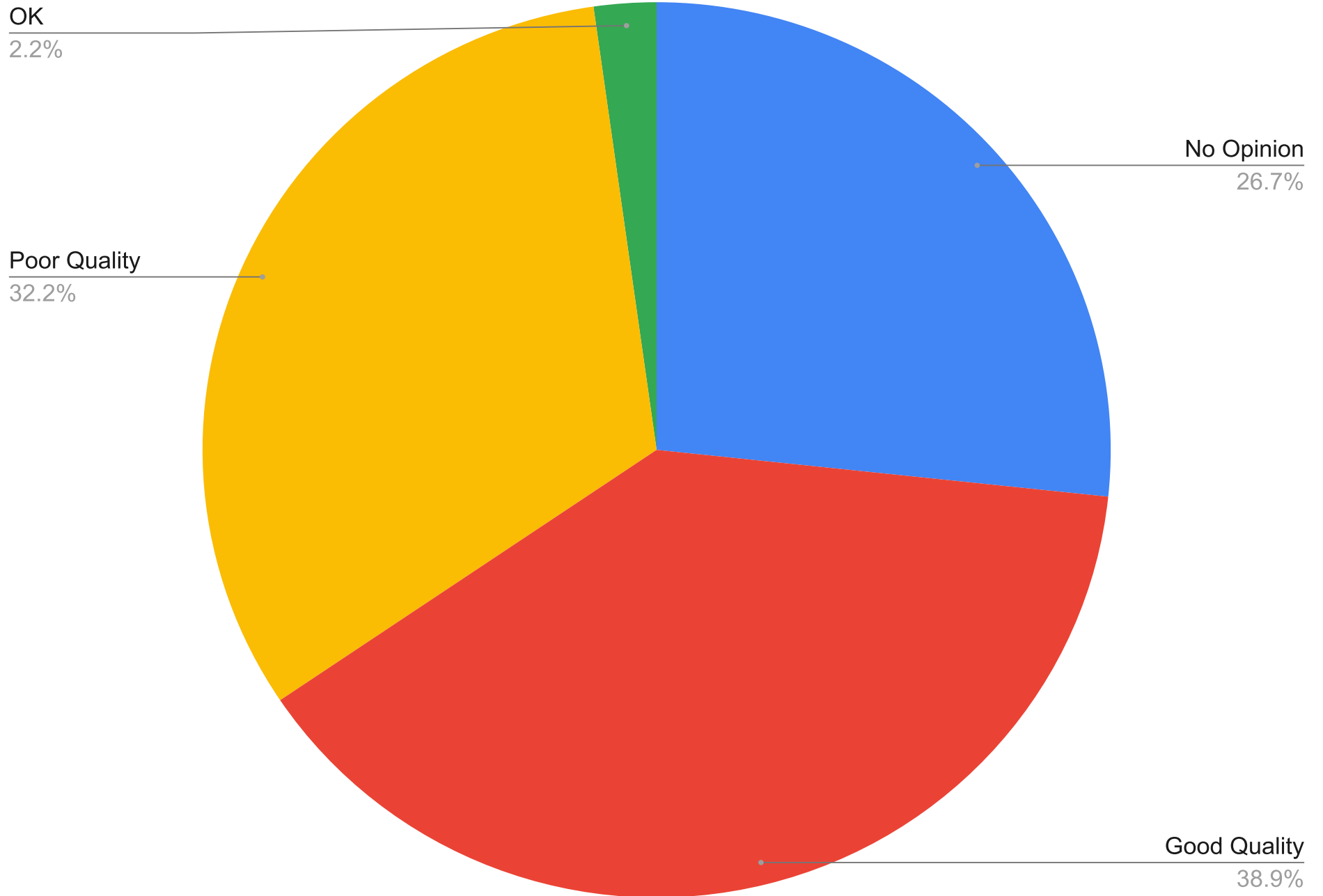
15l. What is the quality of the following services in the Village? [Youth Programming]



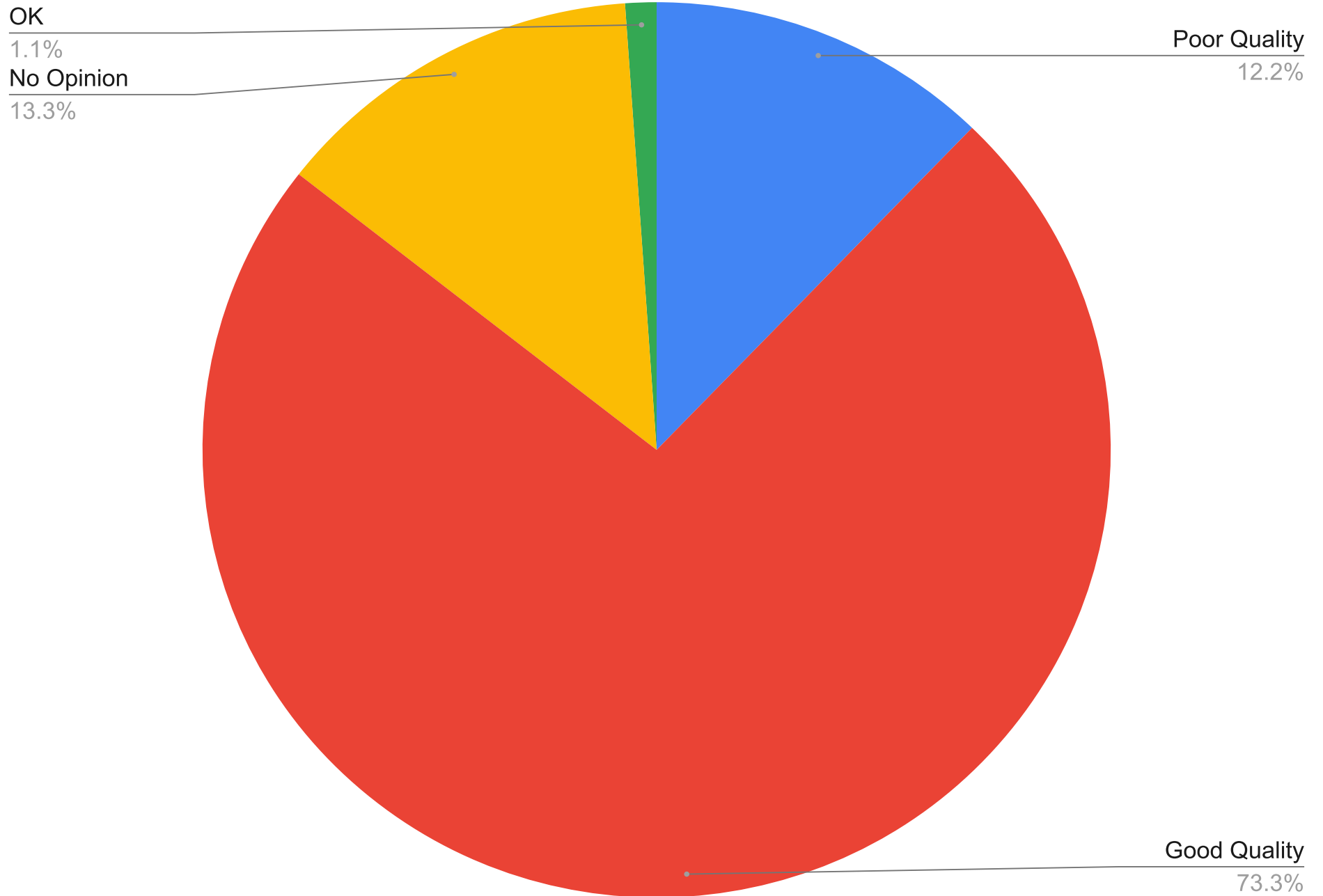
15m. What is the quality of the following services in the Village? [Cultural Events & Programming]



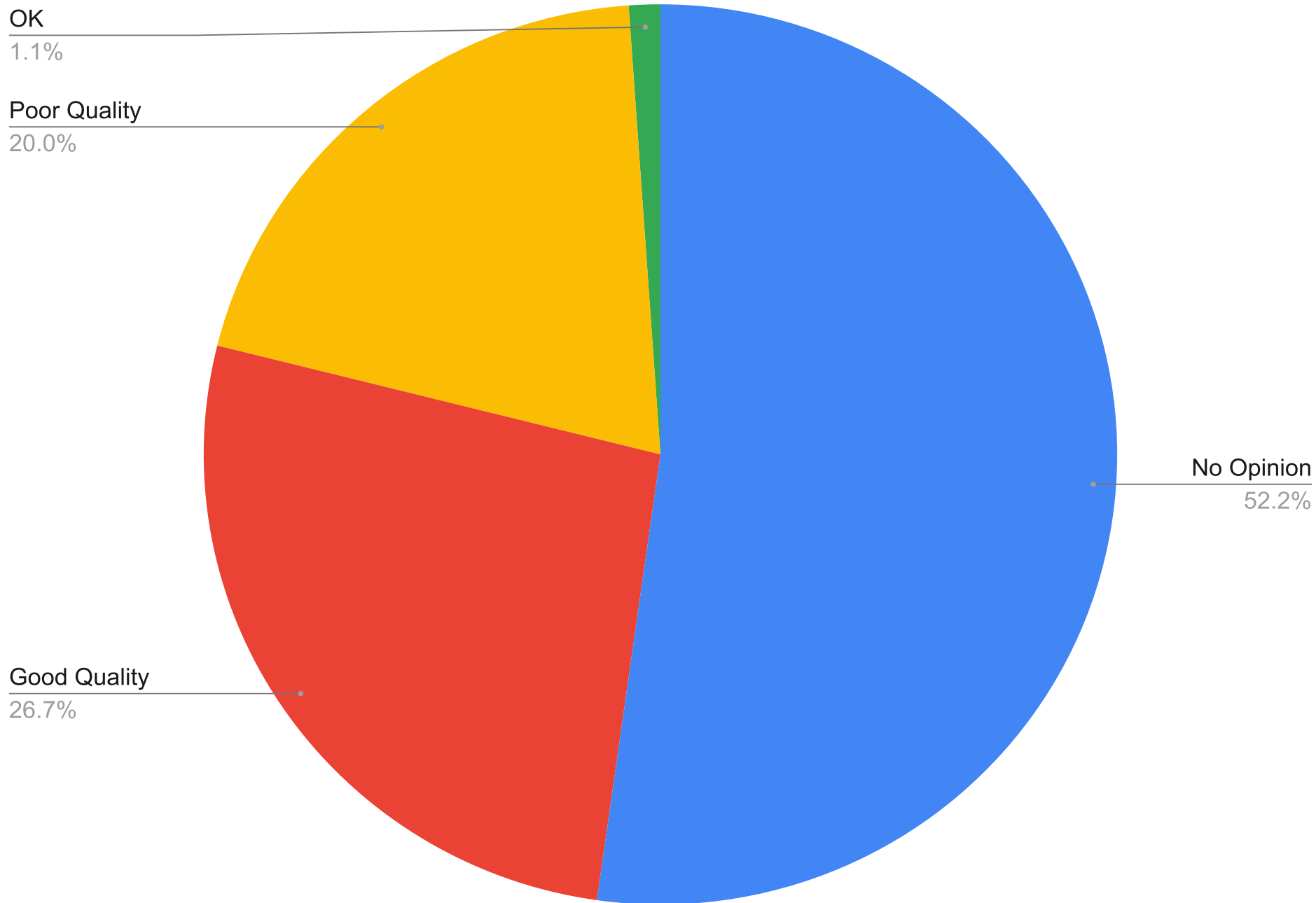
15n. What is the quality of the following services in the Village? [Broadband/Internet Service]



15o. What is the quality of the following services in the Village? [Parks/Playgrounds]



15p. What is the quality of the following services in the Village? [Health & Social Service]



15q. What is the quality of the following services in the Village? [Other (please specify below)]

Hours for town office are terrible. They make it hard for residents with full time day jobs to go to do town business.

We love the fact that this is a small, but we still have hardware/liquor/grocery/drug/dollar stores, banks, restaurants, and gas stations within walking distance.

My family worries about the increase in drug use in the area (meth)

there should be a middle between good and poor- some are ok but not the best

Not an issue that can be fixed at village level, but more so state level. Flooding is a major issue, it affects homes, roads, businesses and the local parks and sights in the village limits.

Wireless phone service for ATT

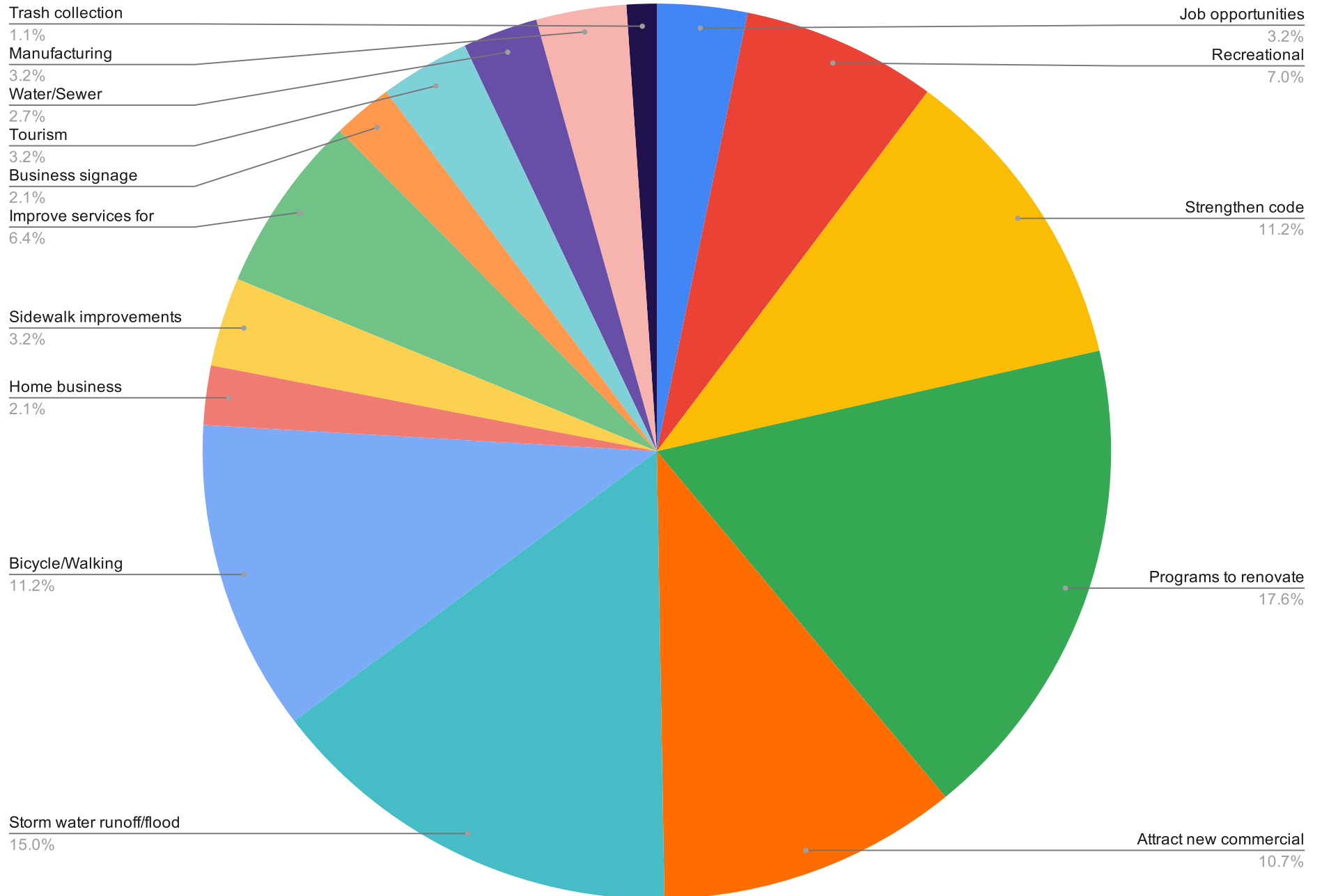
VILLAGE RESPONSIBLE FOR SIDEWALKS

SERVICES GOOD BUT COST OF WATER. TAXES & TRASH PICK UP TOO HIGH

AMISH FAMILIES SHOULD PAY PROPERTY TAXES; CLEAN UP AFTER HORSES.WE HAVE TO CLEAN UP AFTER DOGS

SNOW PLOWS BLOW THE SNOW REALLY HIGH & COVER SIDEWALKS WHEN YOU HAVE JUST GOTTEN DONE SHOVELING THEM VERY AGGRAVATING

16a. What issues/initiatives would you like to see the Village focus on in the future? (Choose 2)



16. What issues/initiatives would you like to see the Village focus on in the future? (Choose 2) Other:

Other (please specify below) Limited parking restricts new business growth.

Other (please specify below) Reduce number of vacant properties & reduce taxes by improving efficiency

Other (please specify below) Eliminate village

Other (please specify below) Lower the village tax. It can not continue to grow and attract the residents needed to evolve.

We need to more persistent with code enforcement or change what is not working,than those that impose fines need to be a little more in tune on whats going on with the way homeowners use their property . I'm concerned that my property value stays the same but my taxes go up!

Other (please specify below) indoor community usage areas- pool, community center, area to go in the winter and rainy months not the school

Other (please specify below) encourage snowmobiling and snowmobilers

Sewer add on would be amazing, here in the village with lot sizes, and drainage issues septic's aren't performing as they should. To be able to feed into a waste system could save homeowners the major cost of fixing what exists and replacement cost as drains are limited on lot sizing and then flooding overwhelms drain fields.

Other (please specify below) improvements to public properties Trout Ponds & maintaining bike park better. Village gives the appearance it's poor and can't even trim tall grass and weeds around public areas. Bike park is a disgusting mess.

GOOD AS IS

BARKING DOGS

MERGE WITH TOWN LOWER TAXES

NEW MAYOR

NEW MAYOR

OTHER - LOWER COST OF LIVING

OTHER-ADDRESS VILLAGE TAX ISSUE, SHOULD CONSOLIDATE WITH THE TOWN OF NV

DILAPIDATED HOMES - EMPTY ABANDONED PROPERTIES

DOG OWNERS CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR PETS

SOLAR PARK

17. What types of growth do you believe the Village of Newark Valley should encourage? (Check all that apply)

I do NOT favor

3.7%

Light industry

21.7%

Residential

22.2%

Commercial/Office

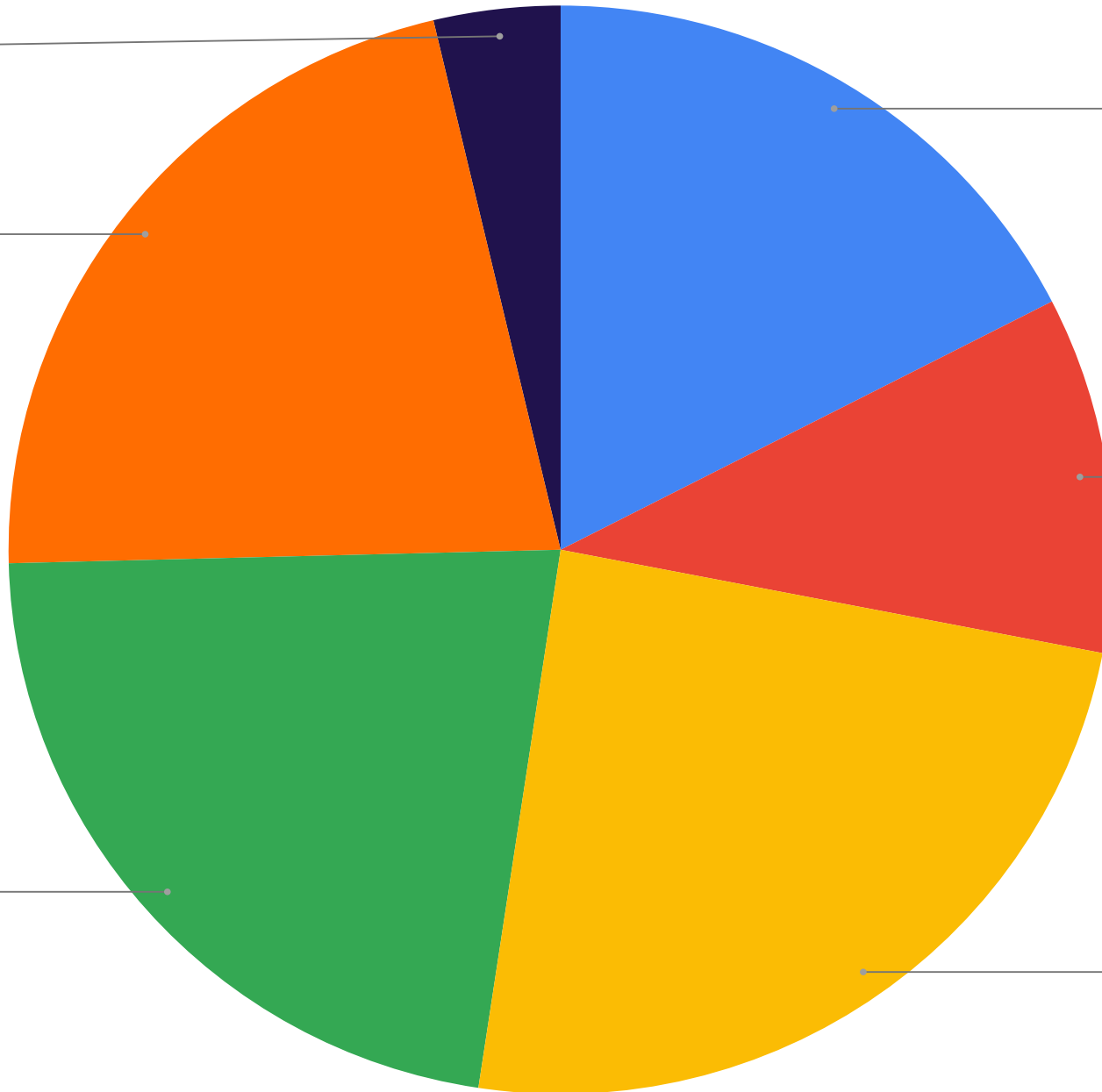
17.5%

Tourism

10.6%

Retail

24.3%



17. What types of growth do you believe the Village of Newark Valley should encourage? (Check all that apply) Other

Other (please specify below) Elder care in the country.

One major draw to NV is the small town feel however lack of jobs makes it difficult for some to stay. A small factory (similar to the former ladder fac. would bring jobs to the area and restore the town a bit. However i feel it is important to keep that small town family feel!

Other (please specify below) community options for recreation and health

Other (please specify below) encourage snowmobilers to come to or leave from the Village. They spend well, need food and fuel and don't have to know about the awful pig farm smell!

Other (please specify below) An evening based coffee house with light social alcohol service, with bands, poetry readings etc., a place for high school kids early eves to gather for a sip of tea etc and study together and adults to mingle and get together socially in the community not village or church run.

SENIOR HOUSING ONLY (NOT LIKE GOLDEN LANE)

ART & CULTURE

ANY AND ALL GROWTH IS GOOD!

ENCOURAGE CRAFT WINERIES, BREWERIES; SERVE ALCOHOL AT RESTAURANTS

BINGO; TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIORS

ALEXANDER POND TO BEACH

STOPPING SPEEDERS (INCLUDING WEITSMAN TRUCKS) THROUGH THE VILLAGE

THER IS ALWAYS A BBQ AT OUR METHODIST CHURCH MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND - ON SATURDAY. THE VILLAGE USED TOADVERTISE OUR YARD SALES FOR THAT DAY BUT NO LONGER DOES THAT. SUPPORT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. ALSO, VILLAGE CLEAN UP USE TO BE AFTER THE SALES - SO HELPFUL. I'M SURE RESIDENTS WOULD CHIP IN A FEE FOR "JUNK PICK UP"

favor all growth

NEW MAYOR

GET A DUNKIN DONUTS- CLOSING GAS STATION; FEELS SAFE & SECURE (KEEP IT THAT WAY)

18a. Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in the Village of Newark Valley?
[Residential Development: Single Family Homes]

Discourage

8.9%

No Opinion

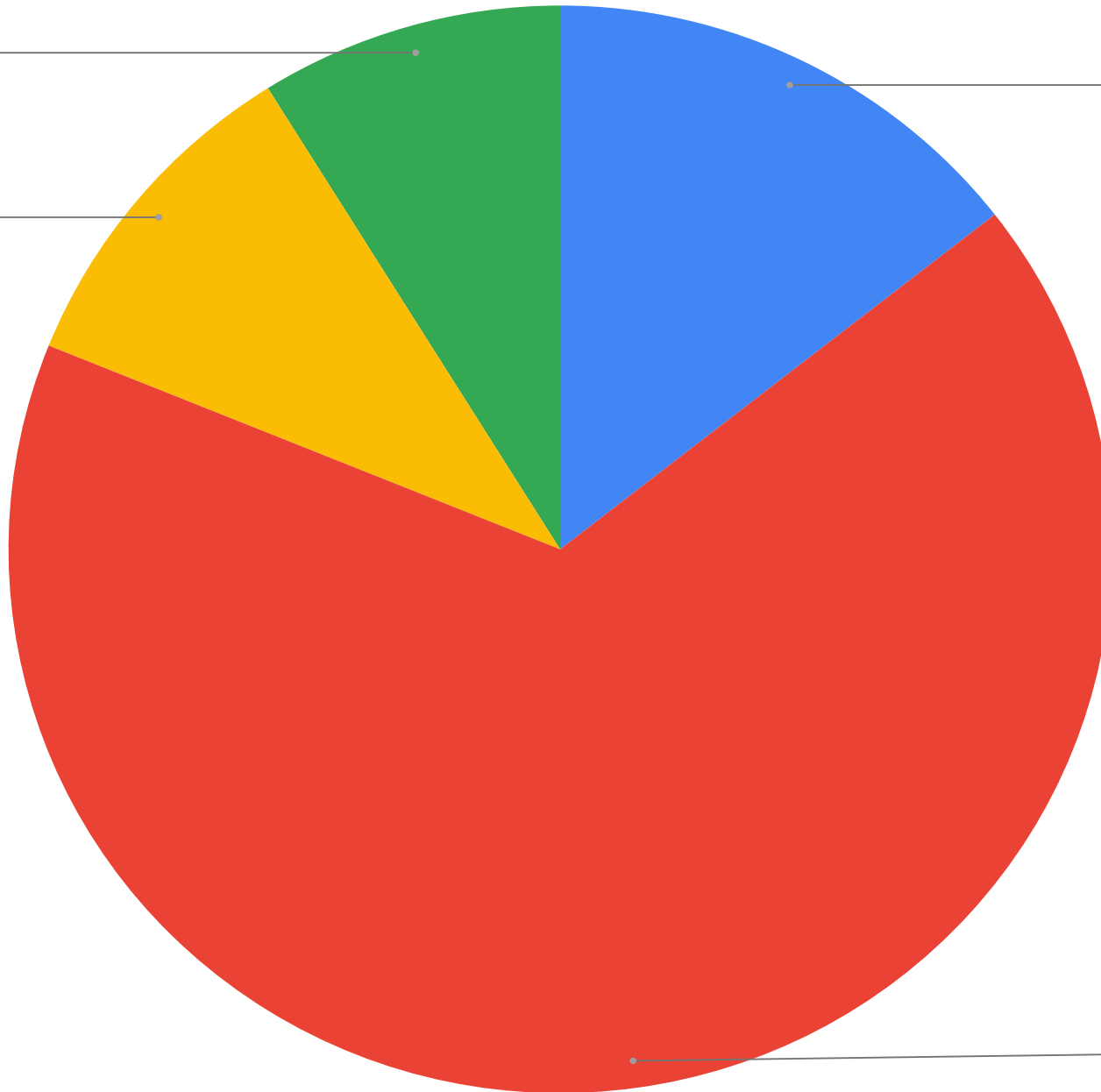
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No Change

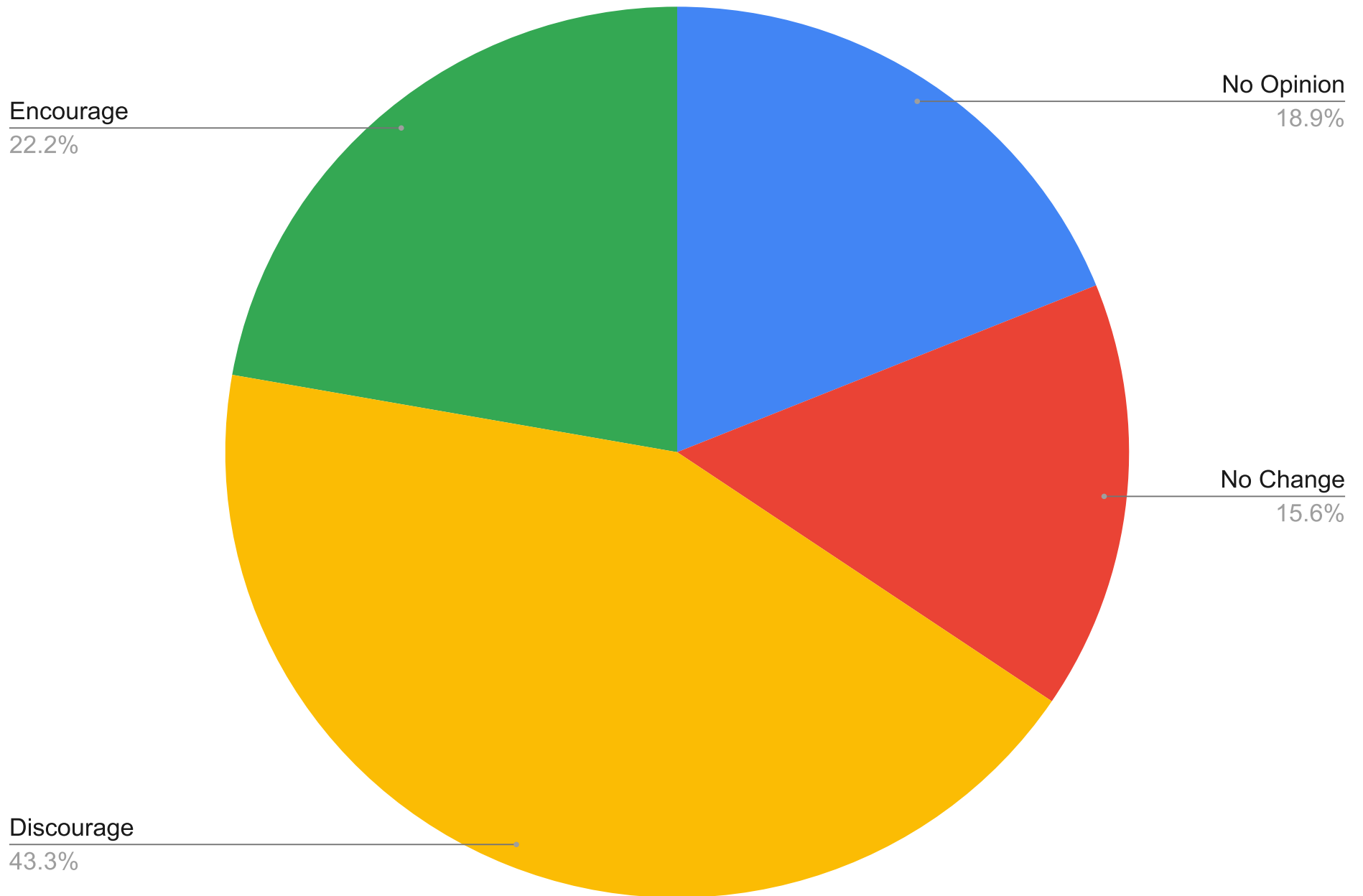
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Encourage

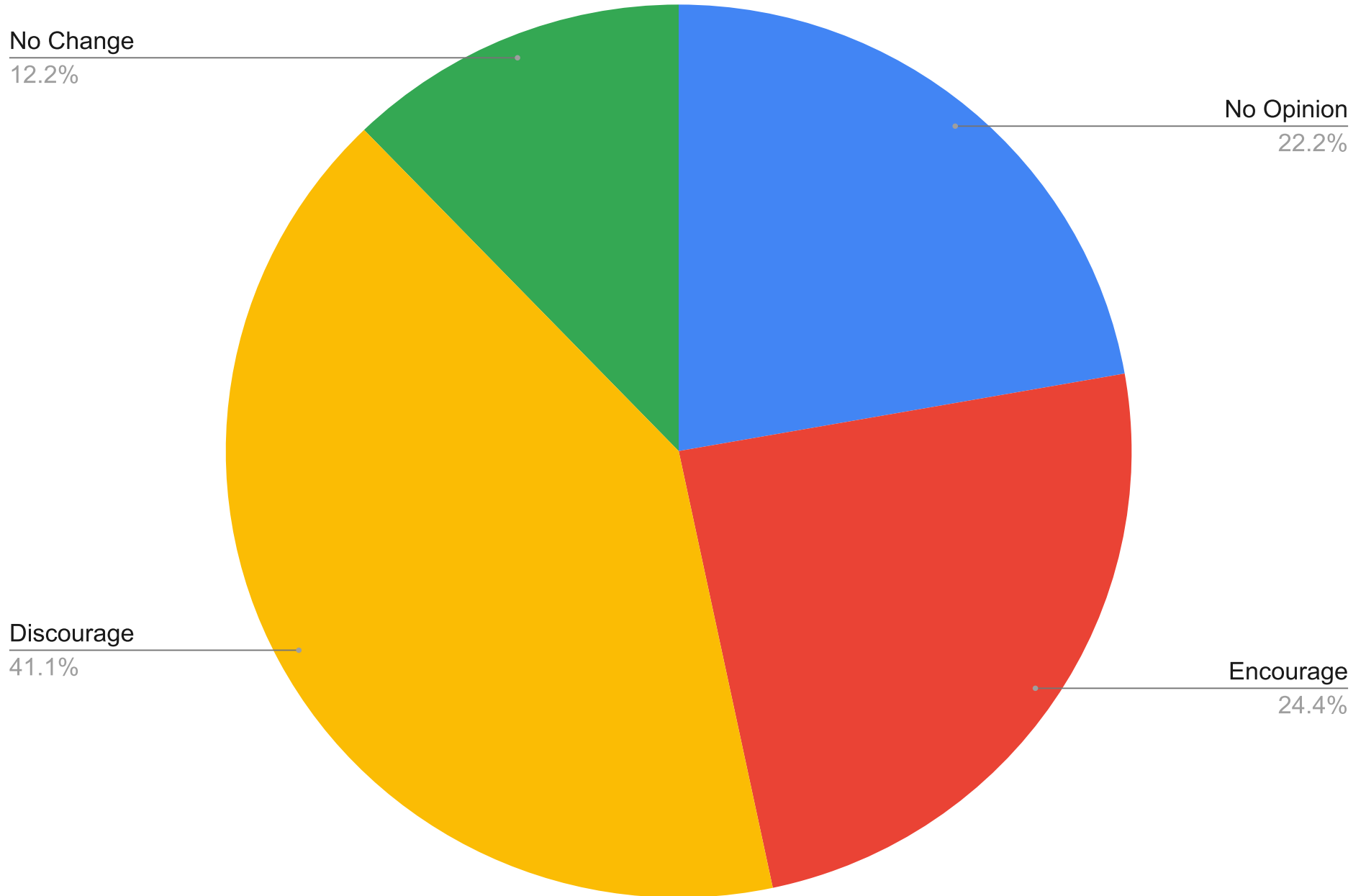
66.7%



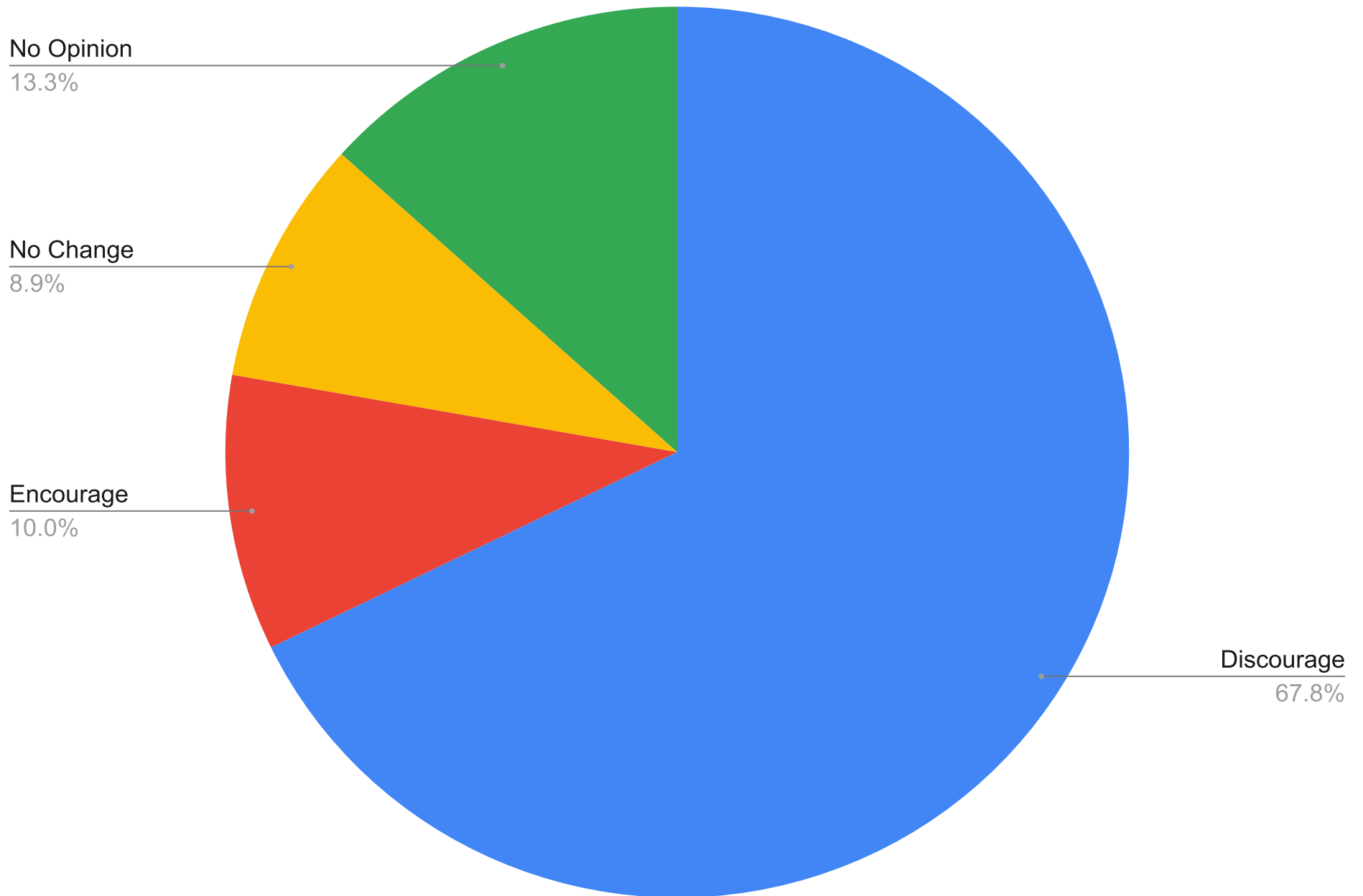
18b. Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in the Village of Newark Valley?
[Residential Development: Multiple Unit Dwellings]



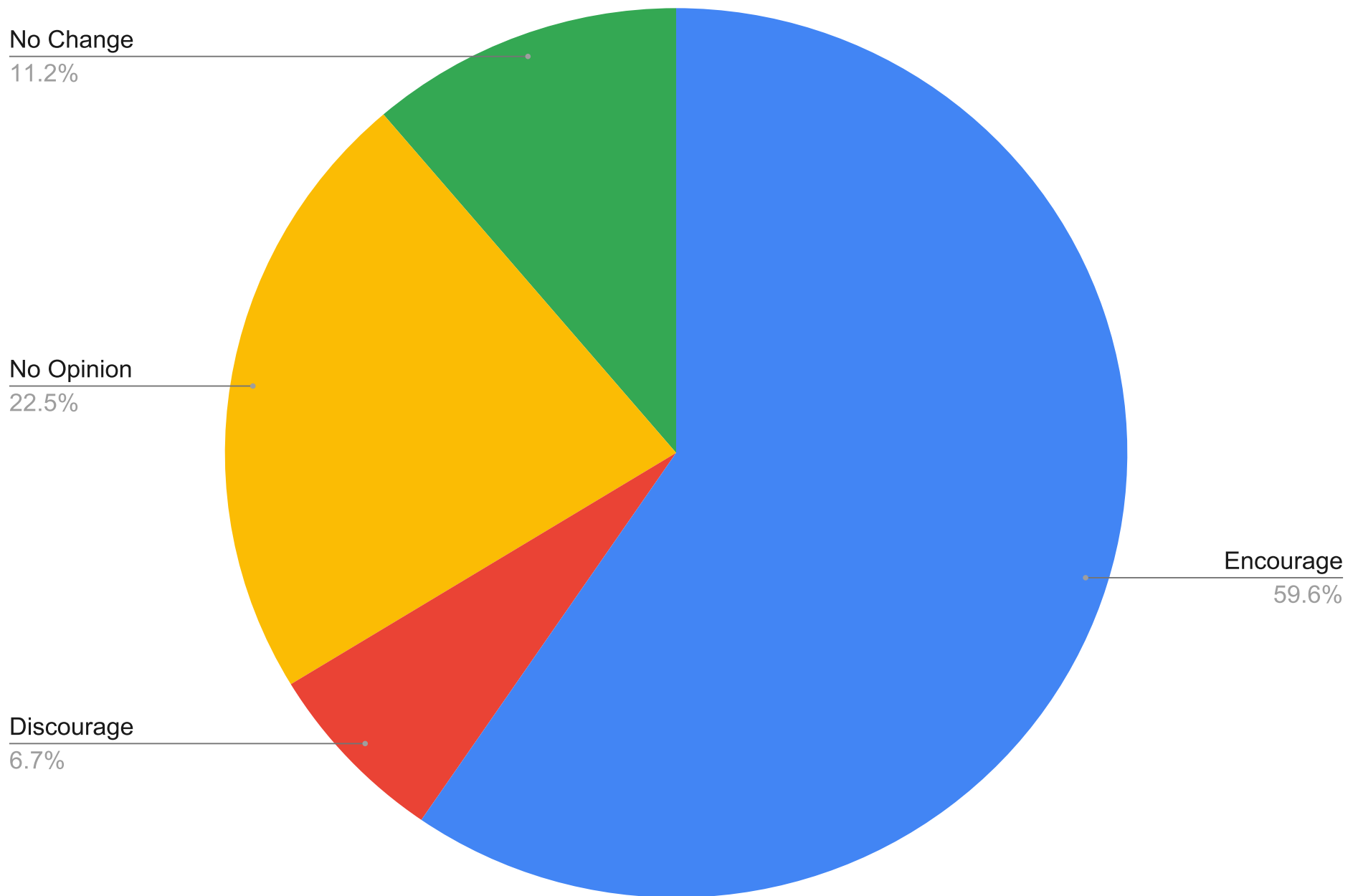
**18c. Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in the Village of Newark Valley?
[Townhouses/Condominiums]**



**18d. Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in the Village of Newark Valley?
[Mobile Home Parks]**



18e. Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in the Village of Newark Valley?
["Green" Building Construction]



**18f. Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in the Village of Newark Valley?
[Affordable Housing]**

No Change

7.8%

No Opinion

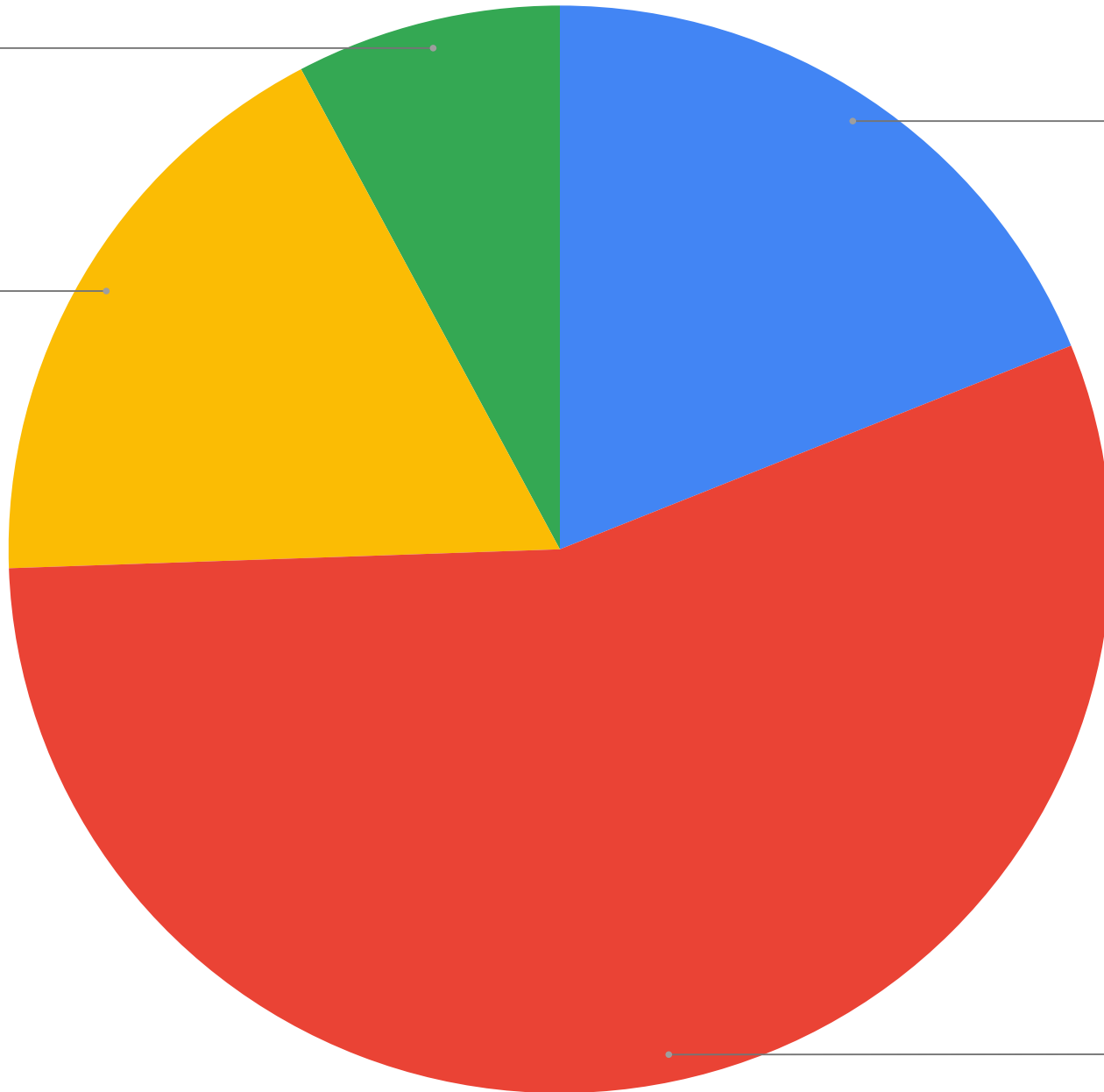
17.8%

Discourage

18.9%

Encourage

55.6%



**18g. Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in the Village of Newark Valley?
[Senior/Assisted Living]**

No Change

7.8%

No Opinion

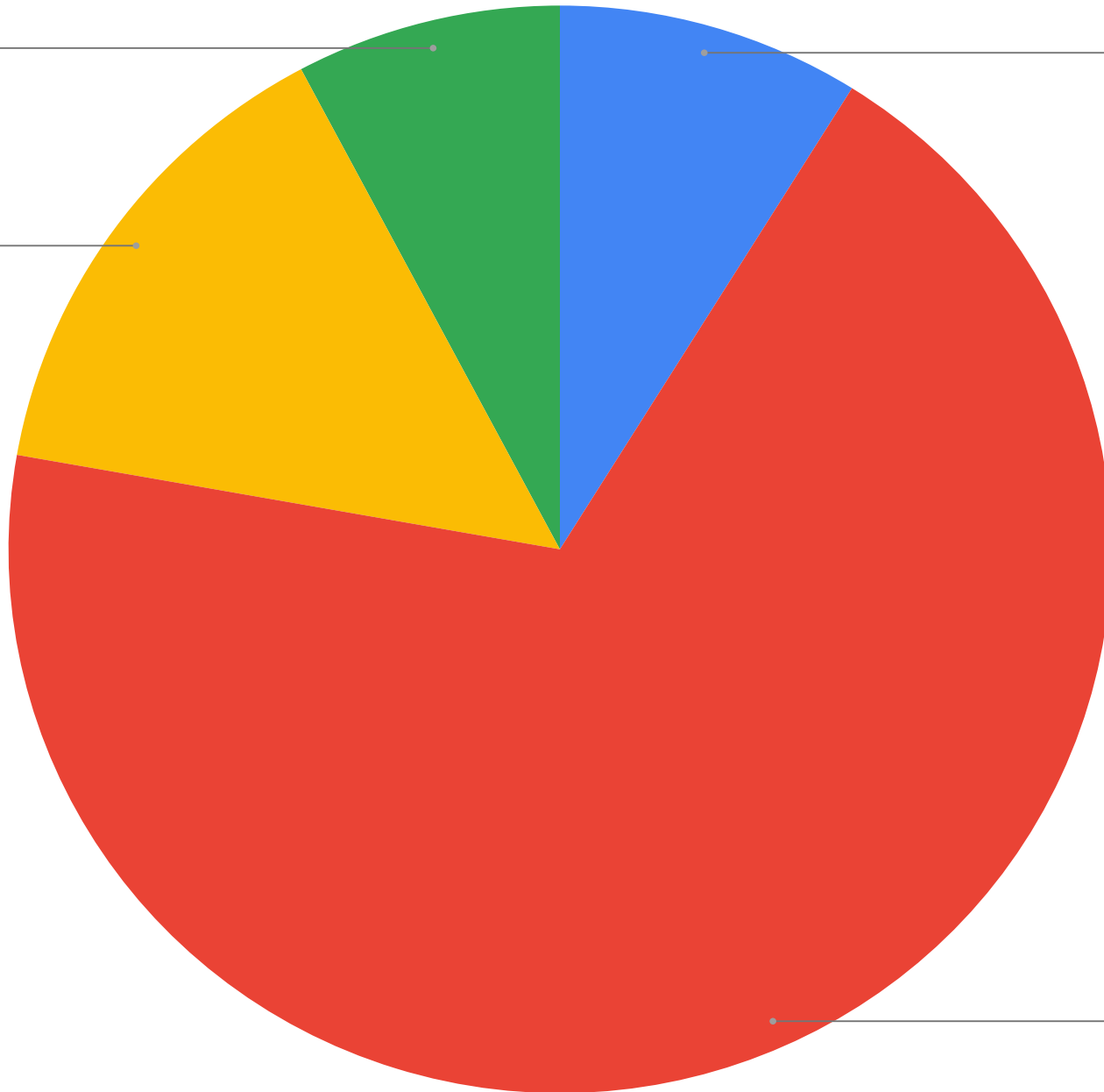
14.4%

Discourage

8.9%

Encourage

68.9%



**18h. Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in the Village of Newark Valley?
[Arts/Theater]**

Discourage

3.3%

No Opinion

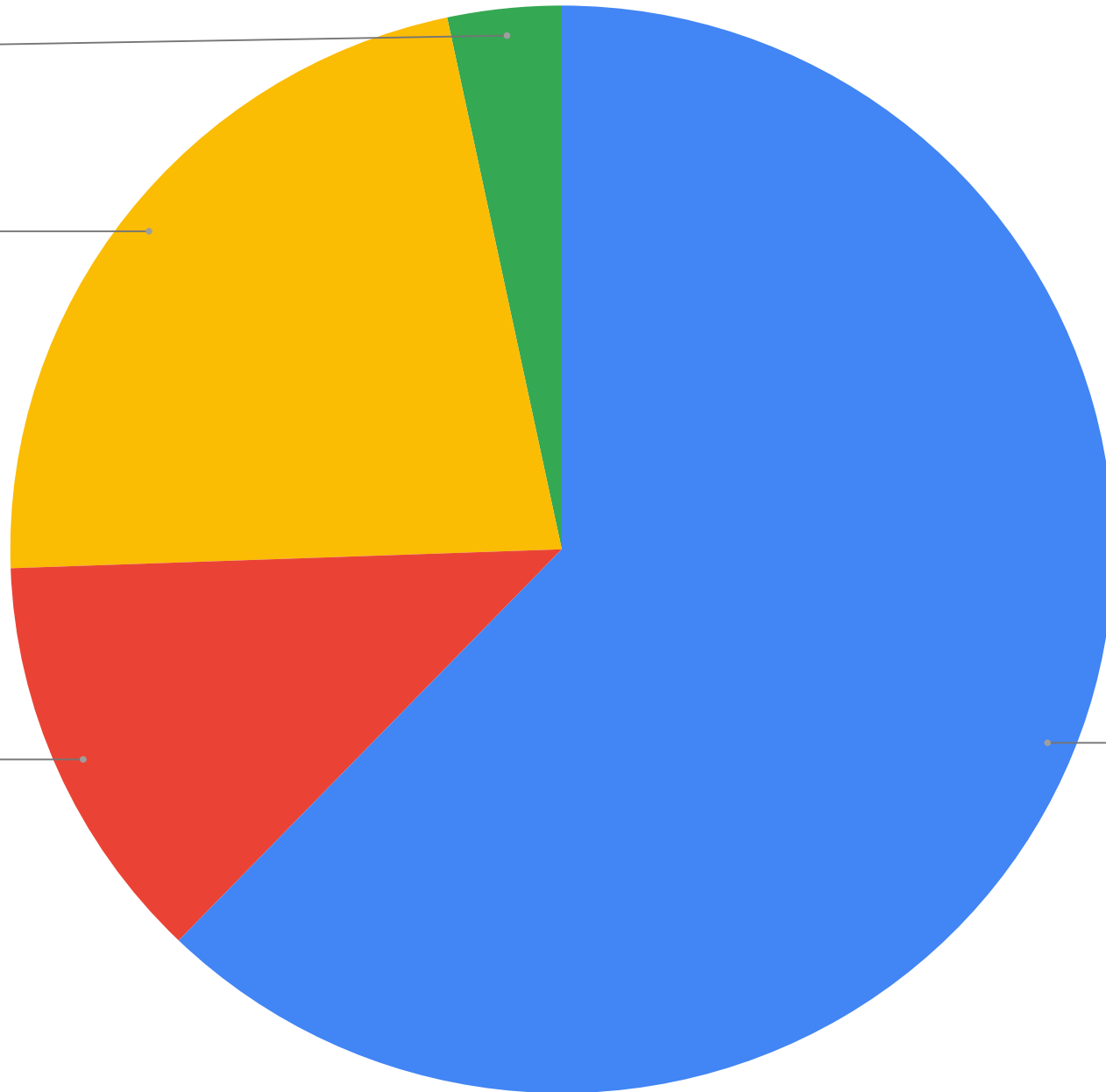
22.2%

No Change

12.2%

Encourage

62.2%



**18i. Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in the Village of Newark Valley?
[Restaurants]**

Discourage

4.4%

No Change

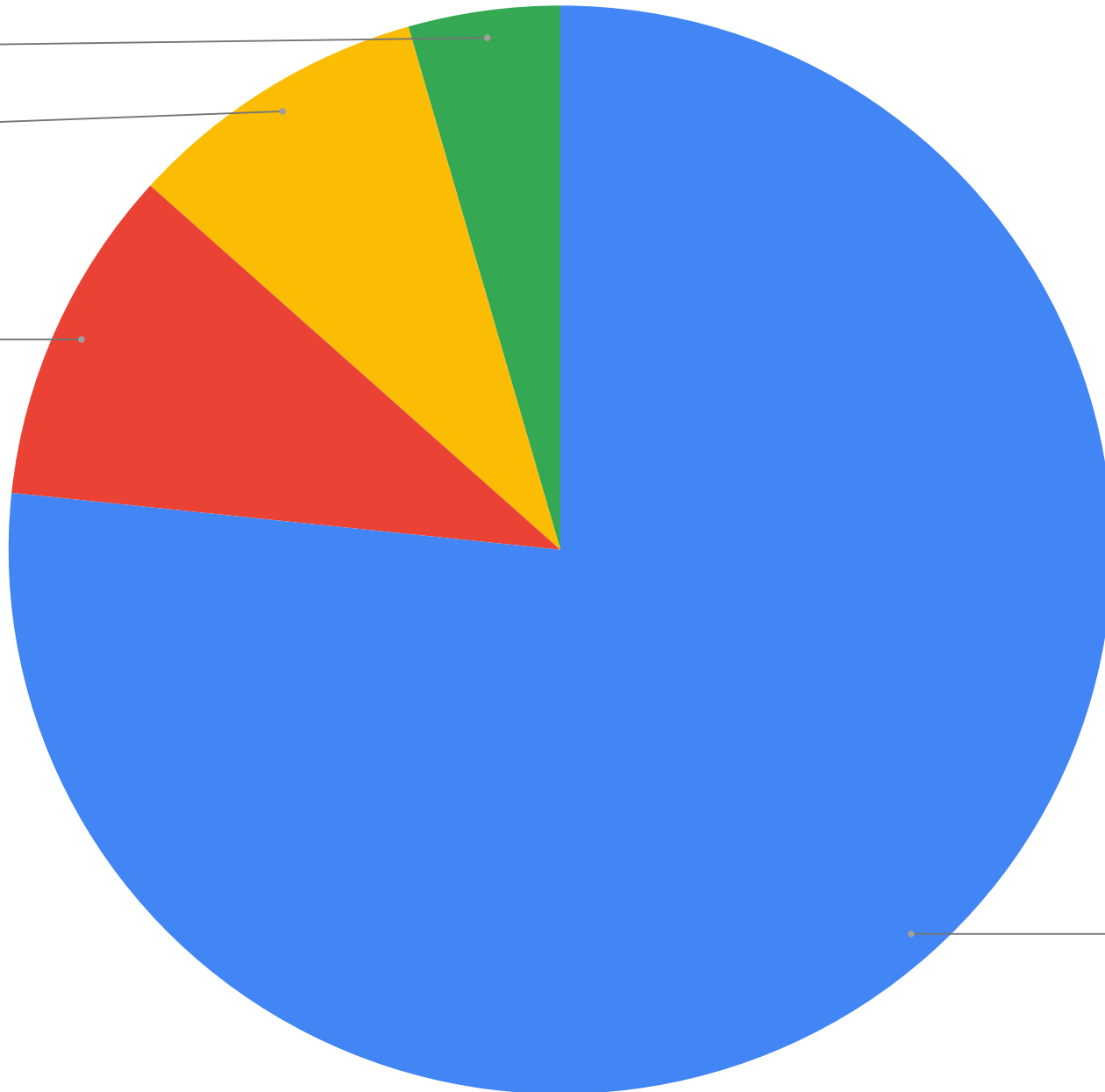
8.9%

No Opinion

10.0%

Encourage

76.7%



**18j. Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in the Village of Newark Valley?
[Small Business/Home Business]**

Discourage

5.6%

No Change

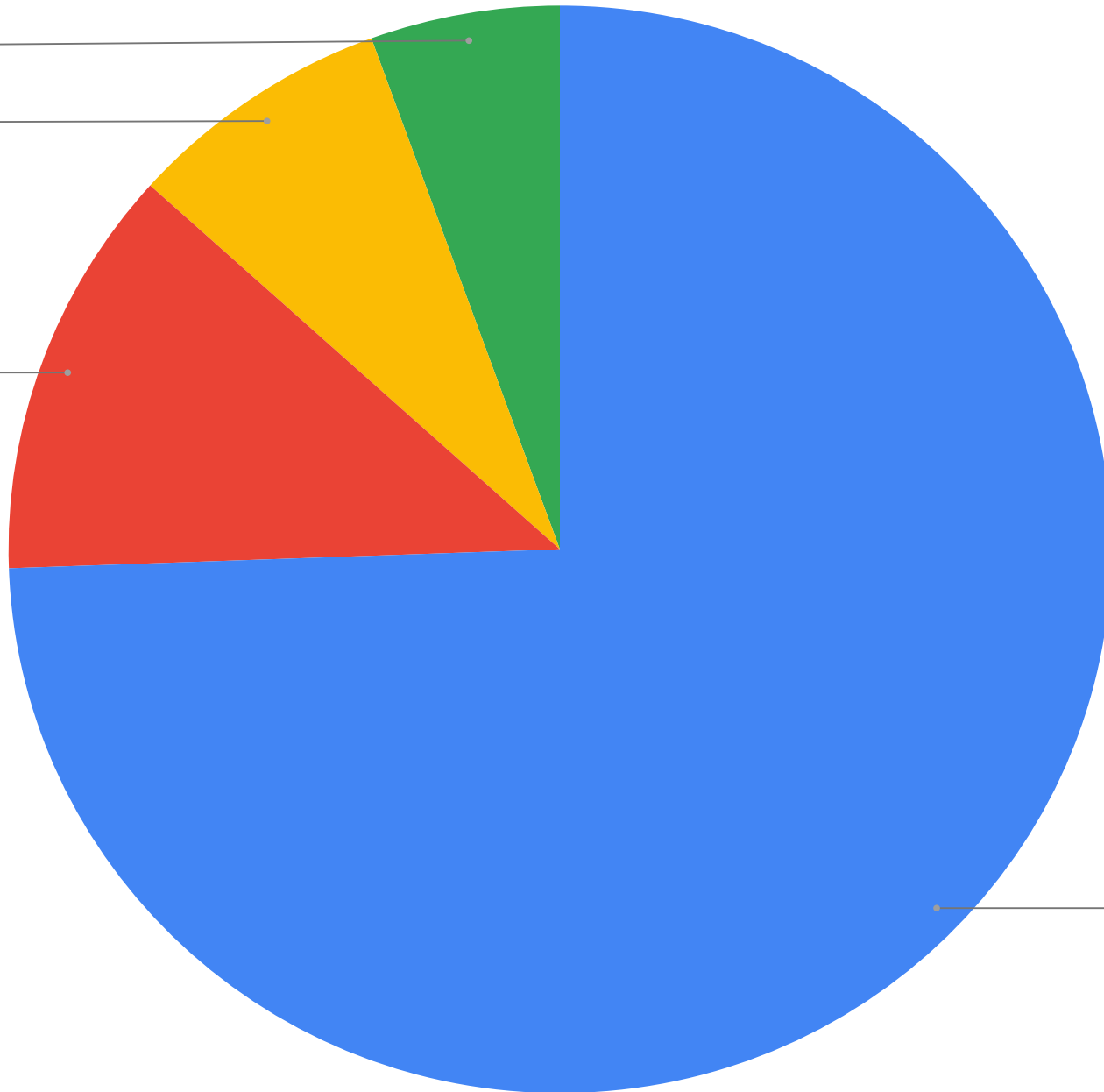
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No Opinion

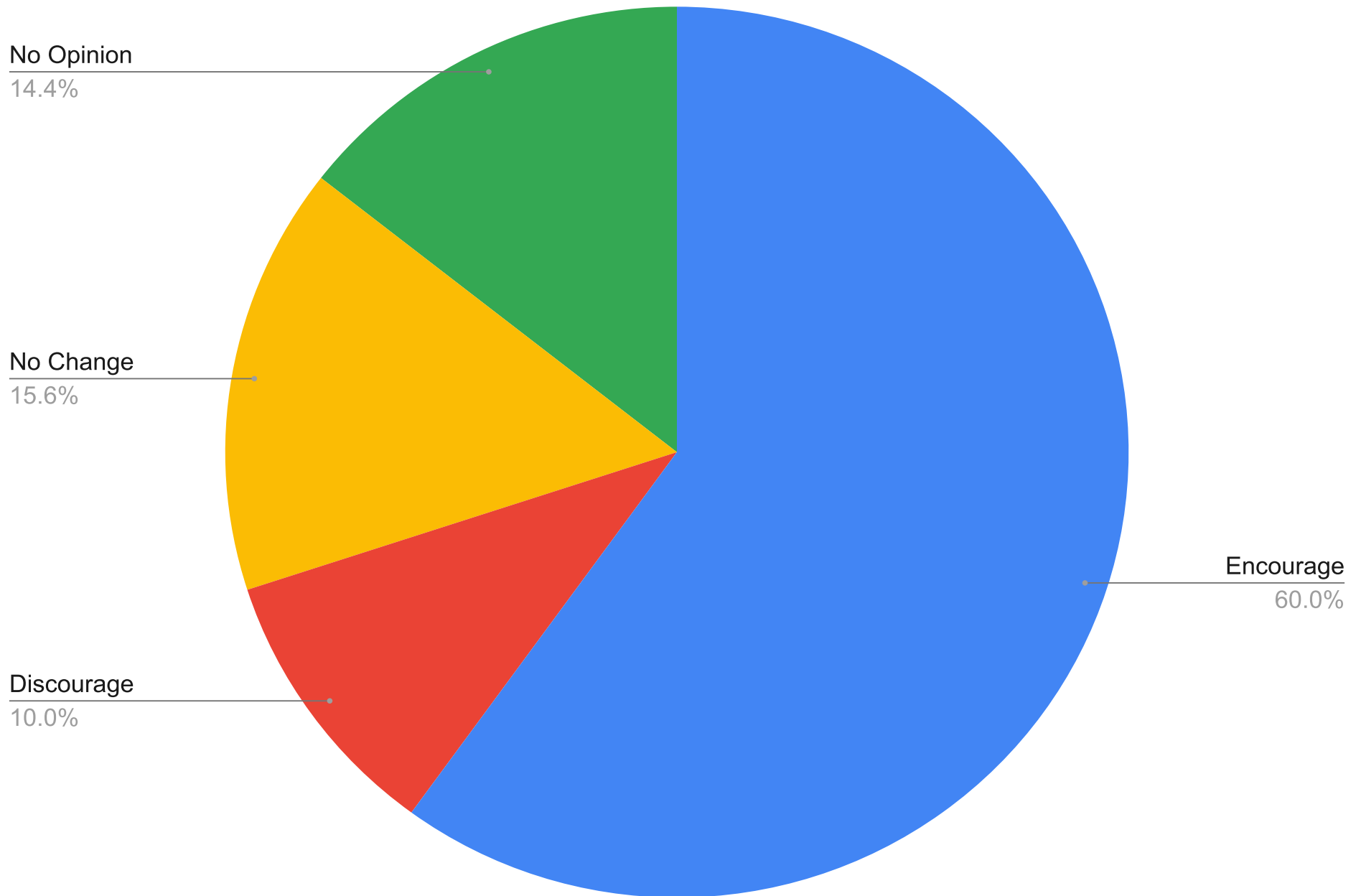
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Encourage

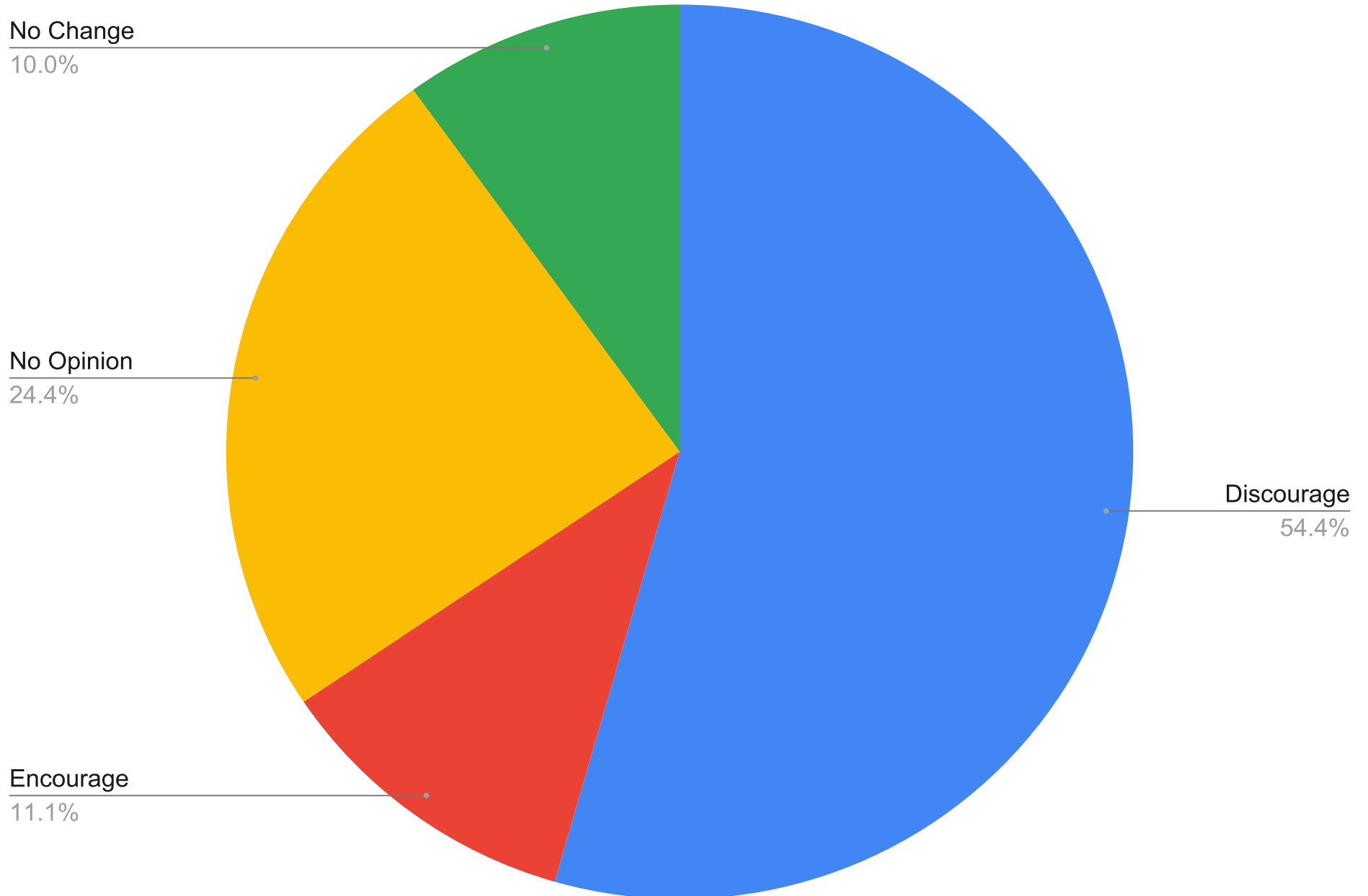
74.4%



18k. Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in the Village of Newark Valley?
[Small Inns/Bed and Breakfasts]



**18I. Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in the Village of Newark Valley?
[Hotels]**



**18m. Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in the Village of Newark Valley?
[Public Green Space/Parks]**

Discourage

2.2%

No Change

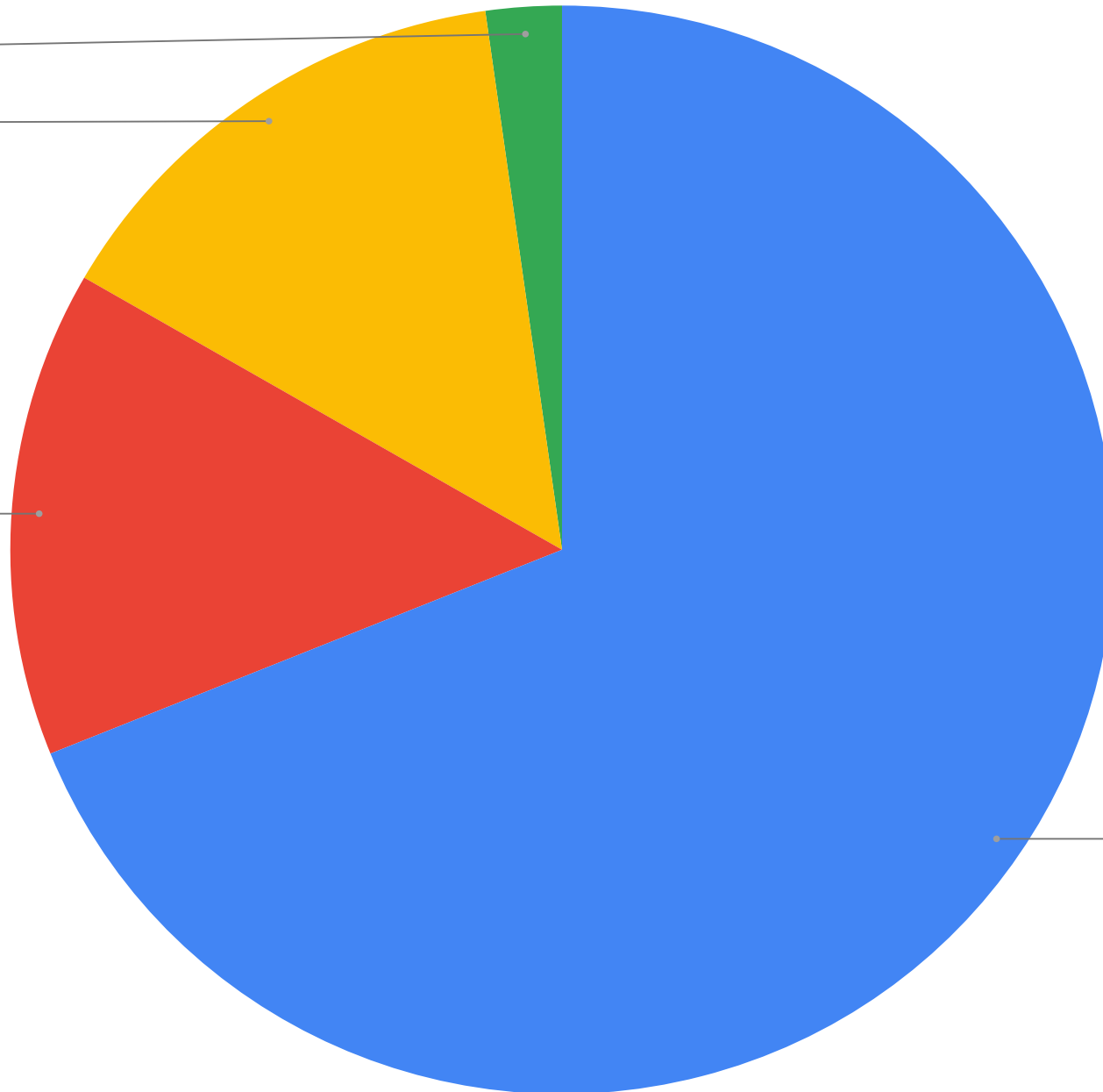
14.4%

No Opinion

14.4%

Encourage

68.9%



**18n. Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in the Village of Newark Valley?
[Light Manufacturing]**

No Change

5.6%

No Opinion

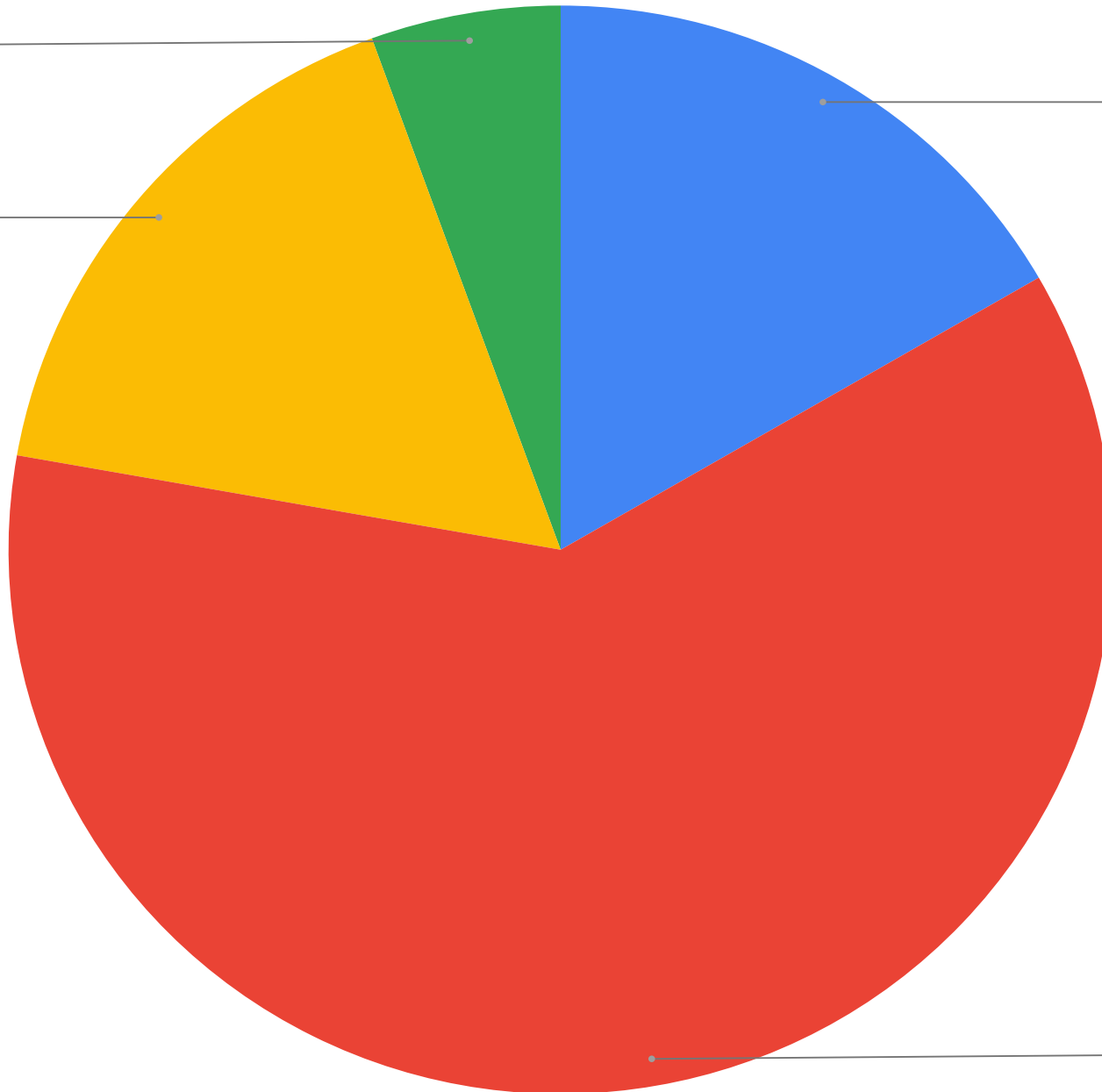
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Discourage

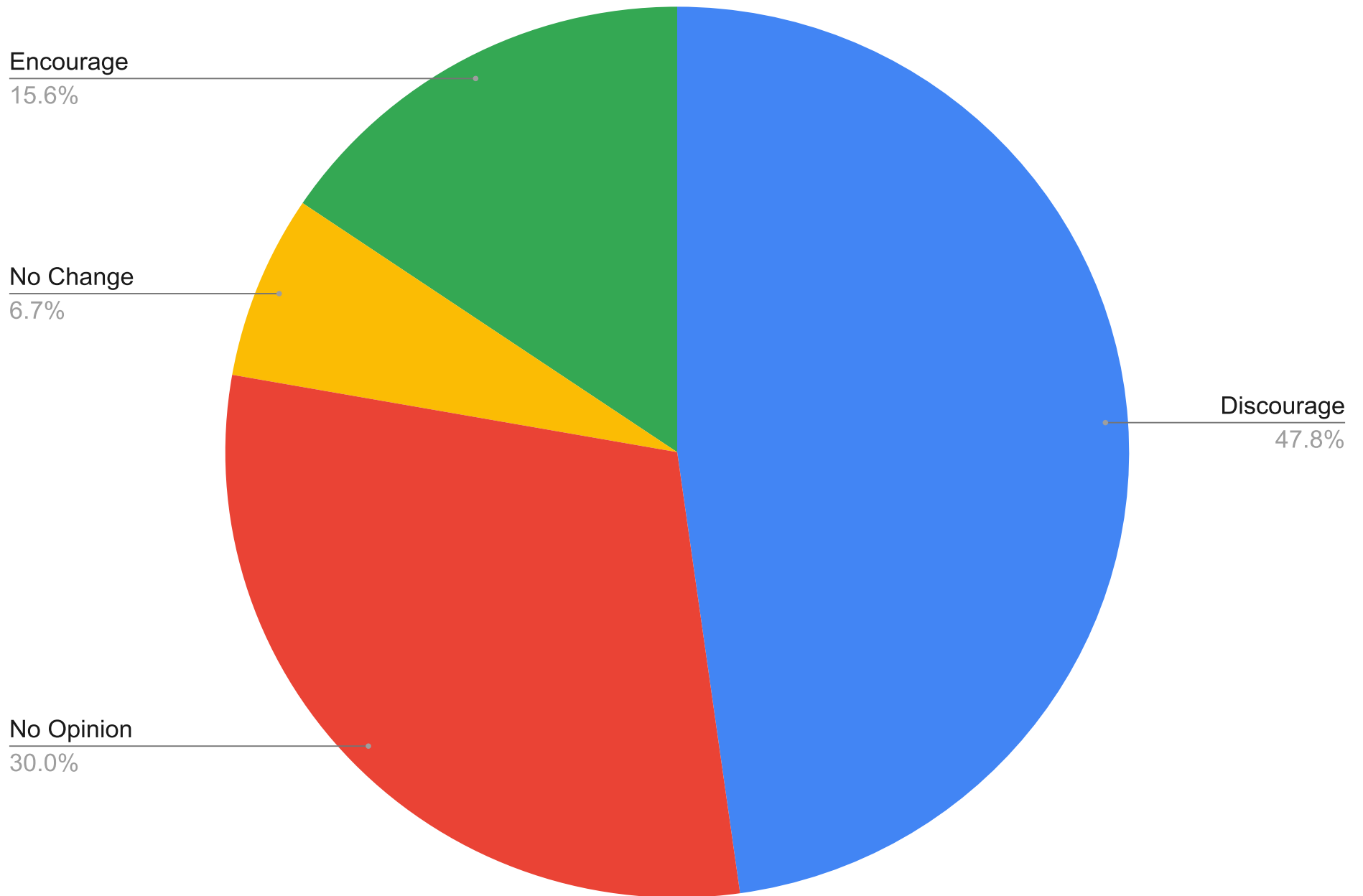
16.7%

Encourage

61.1%



18o. Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in the Village of Newark Valley?
[Heavy Manufacturing]



**18p. Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in the Village of Newark Valley?
[Bike/Walking Paths/Routes]**

Discourage

3.3%

No Change

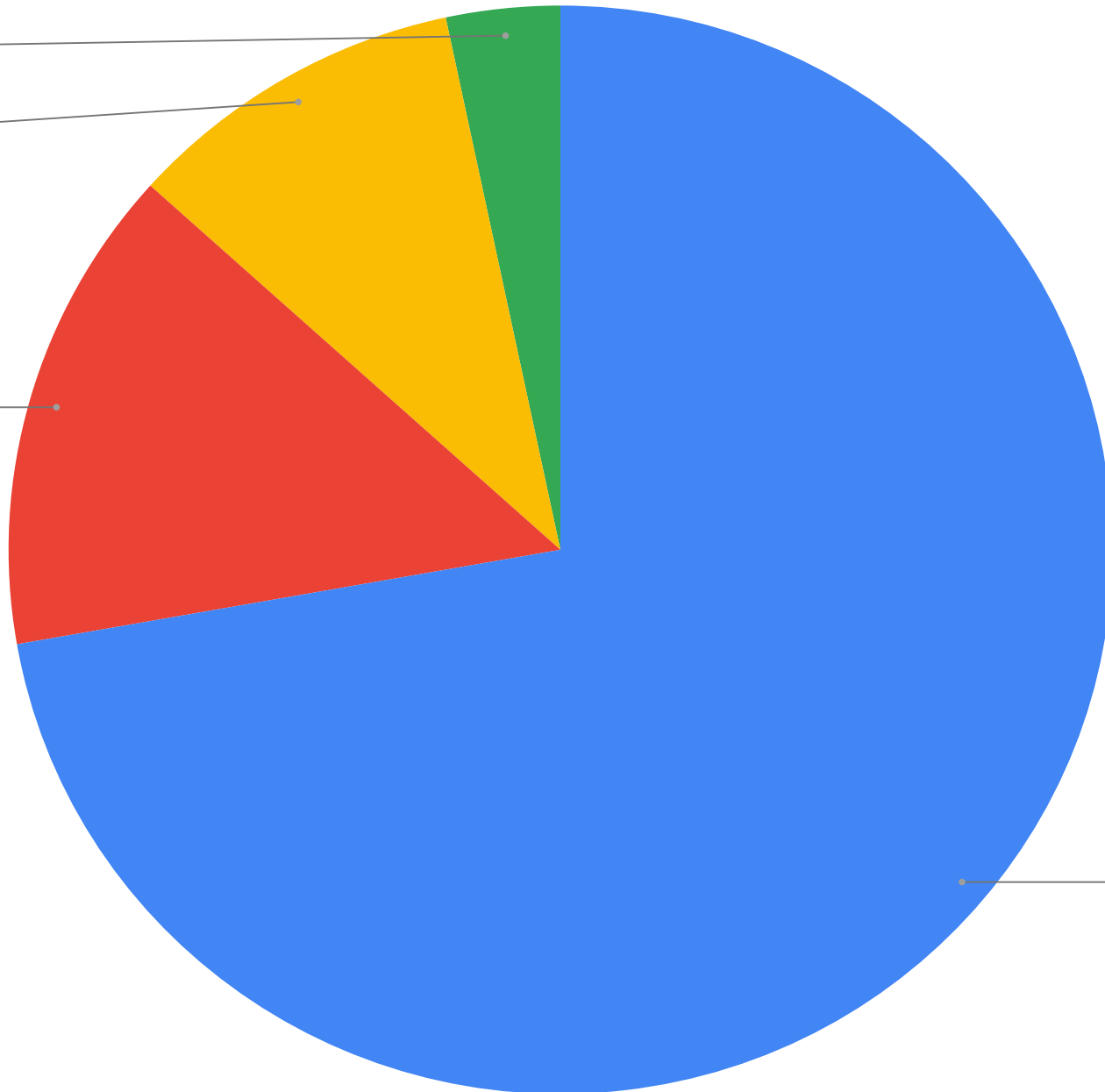
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Encourage

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18q. Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in the Village of Newark Valley?
[Protection of Natural Areas/Open Space]

Discourage

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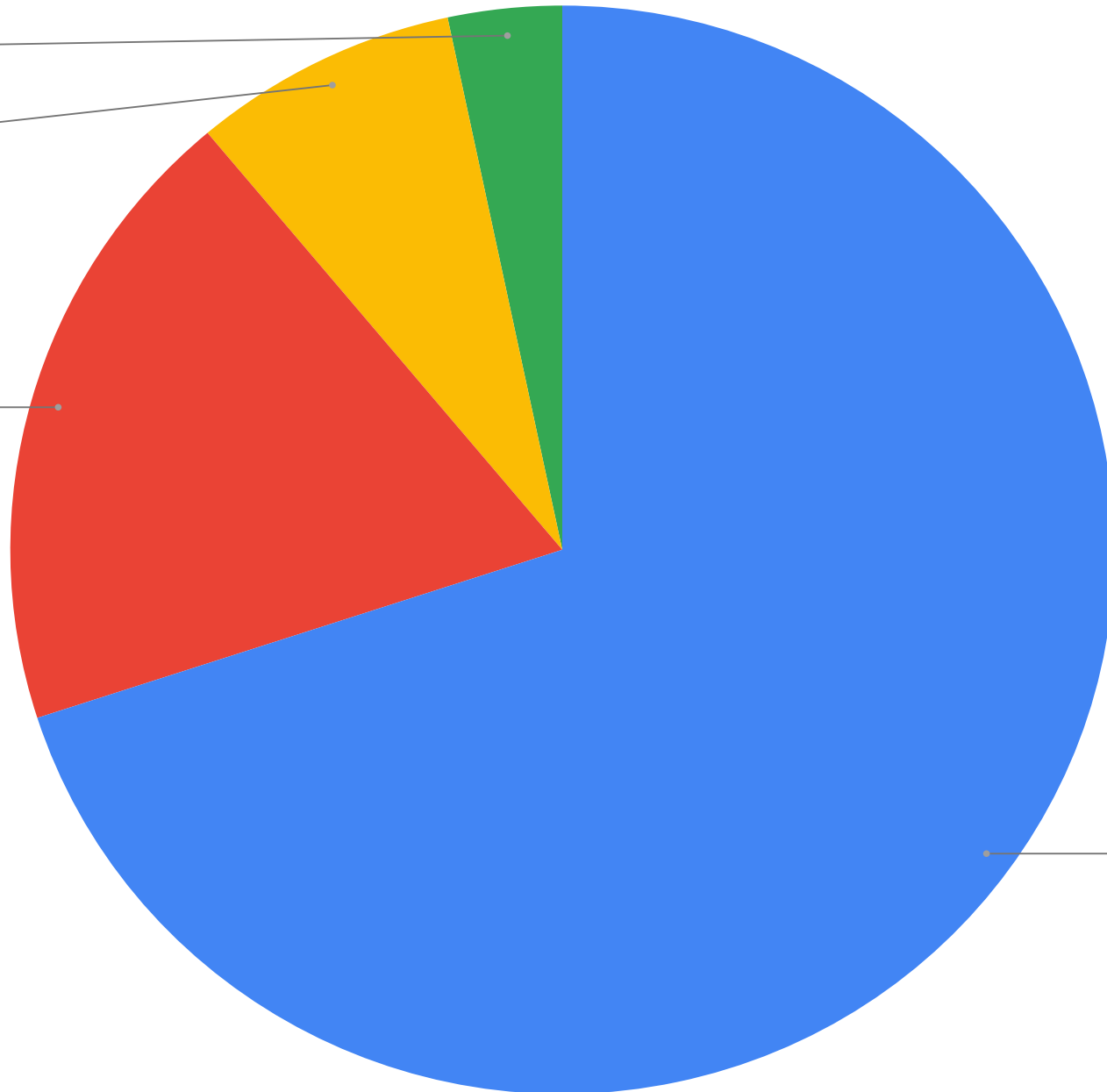
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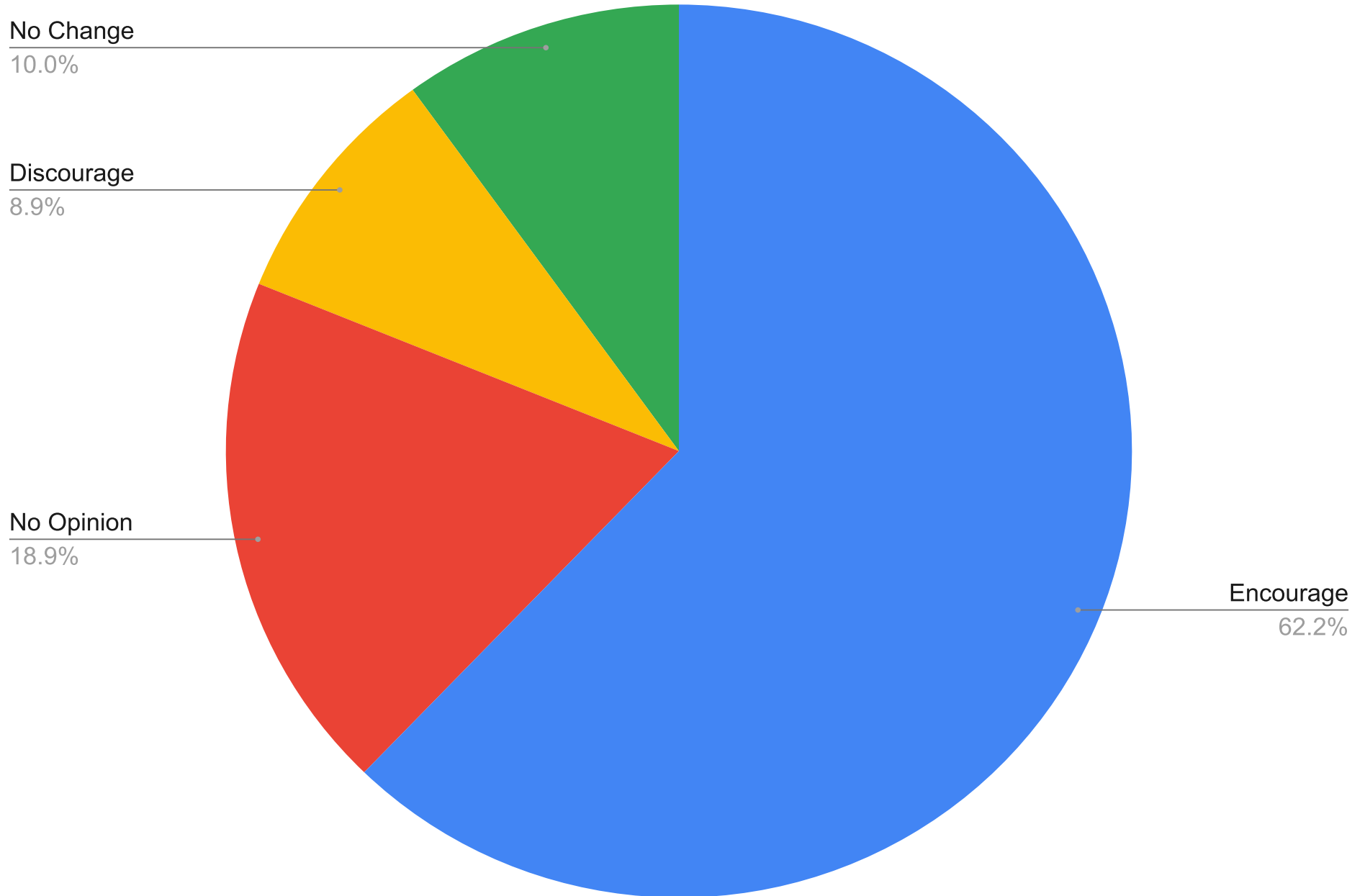
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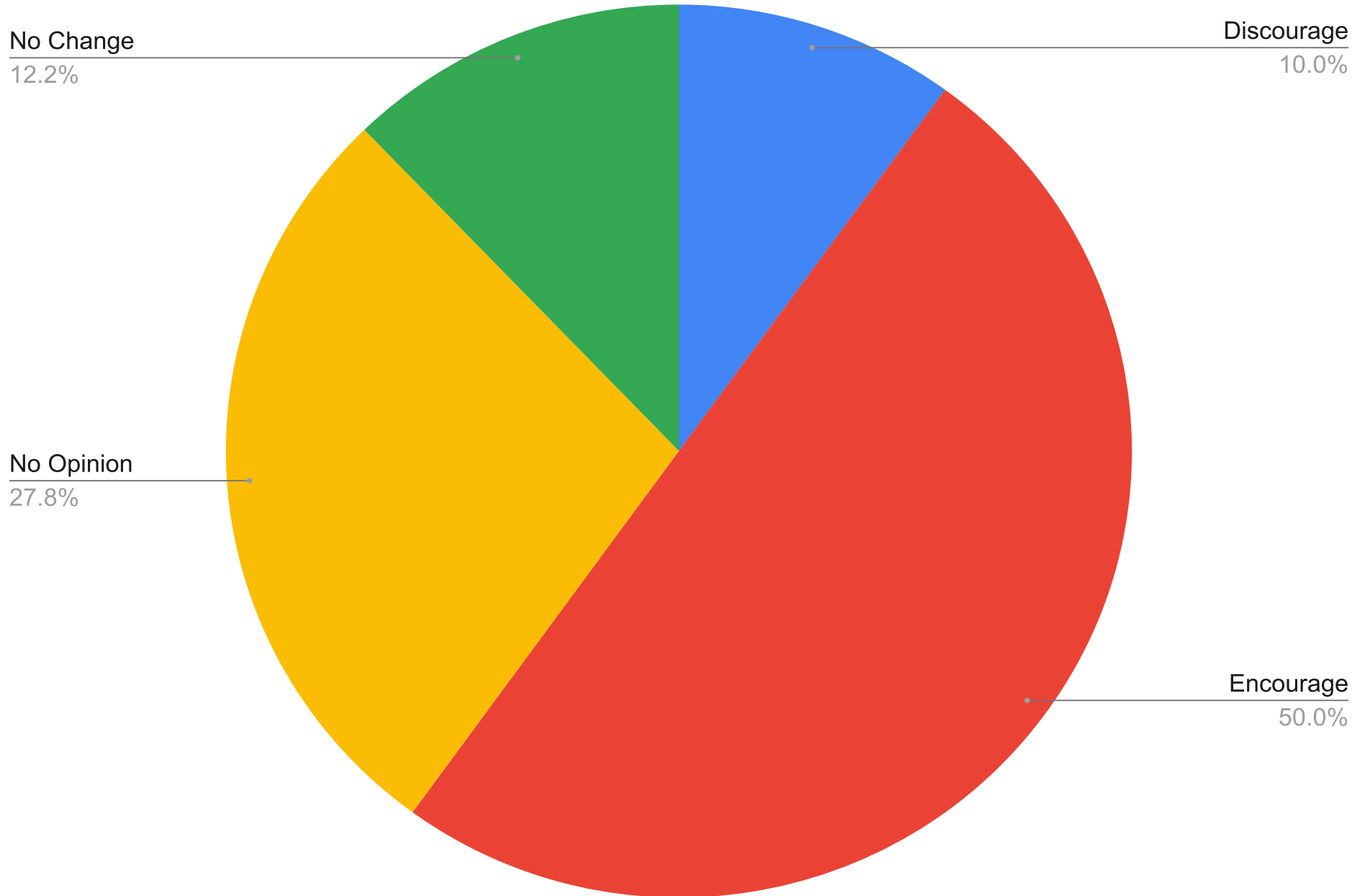
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**18r. Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in the Village of Newark Valley?
[Neighborhood Retail]**



**18s. Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in the Village of Newark Valley?
[Office]**



18t. Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in the Village of Newark Valley?
[Grocery Store]

Discourage

4.4%

No Opinion

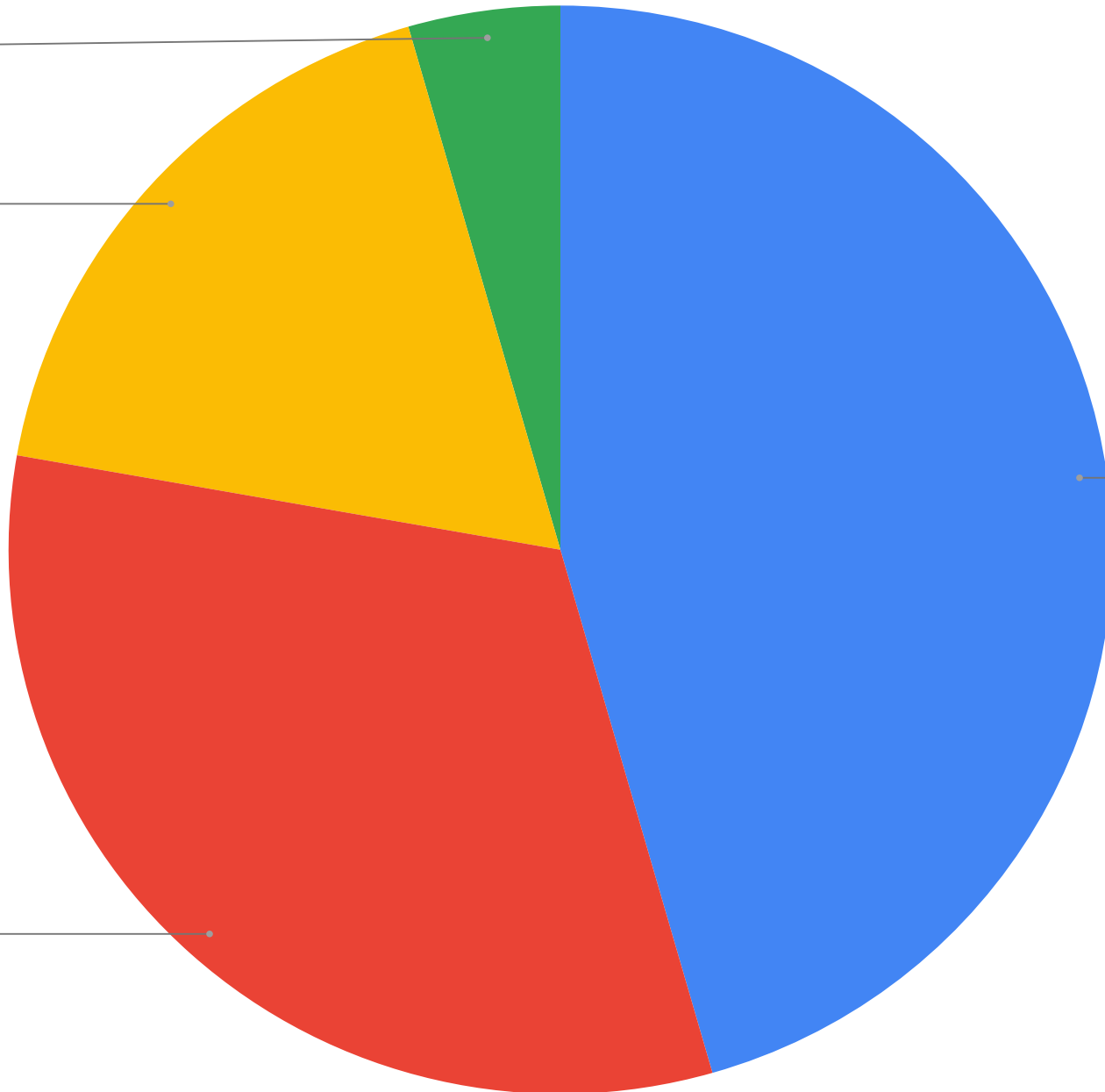
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No Change

32.2%

Encourage

45.6%



**18u. Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in the Village of Newark Valley?
[Medical/Dental Services]**

Discourage

5.6%

No Opinion

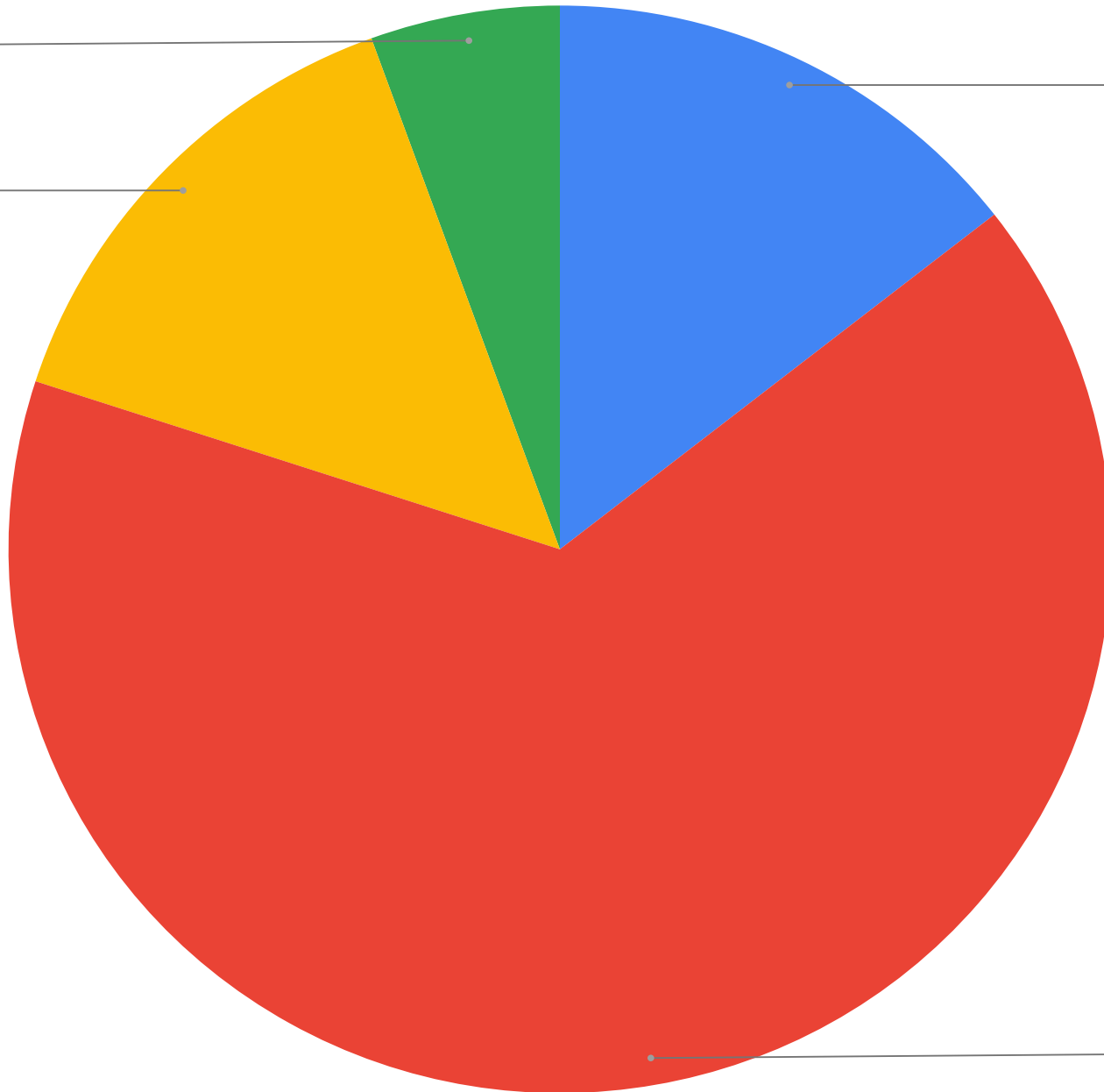
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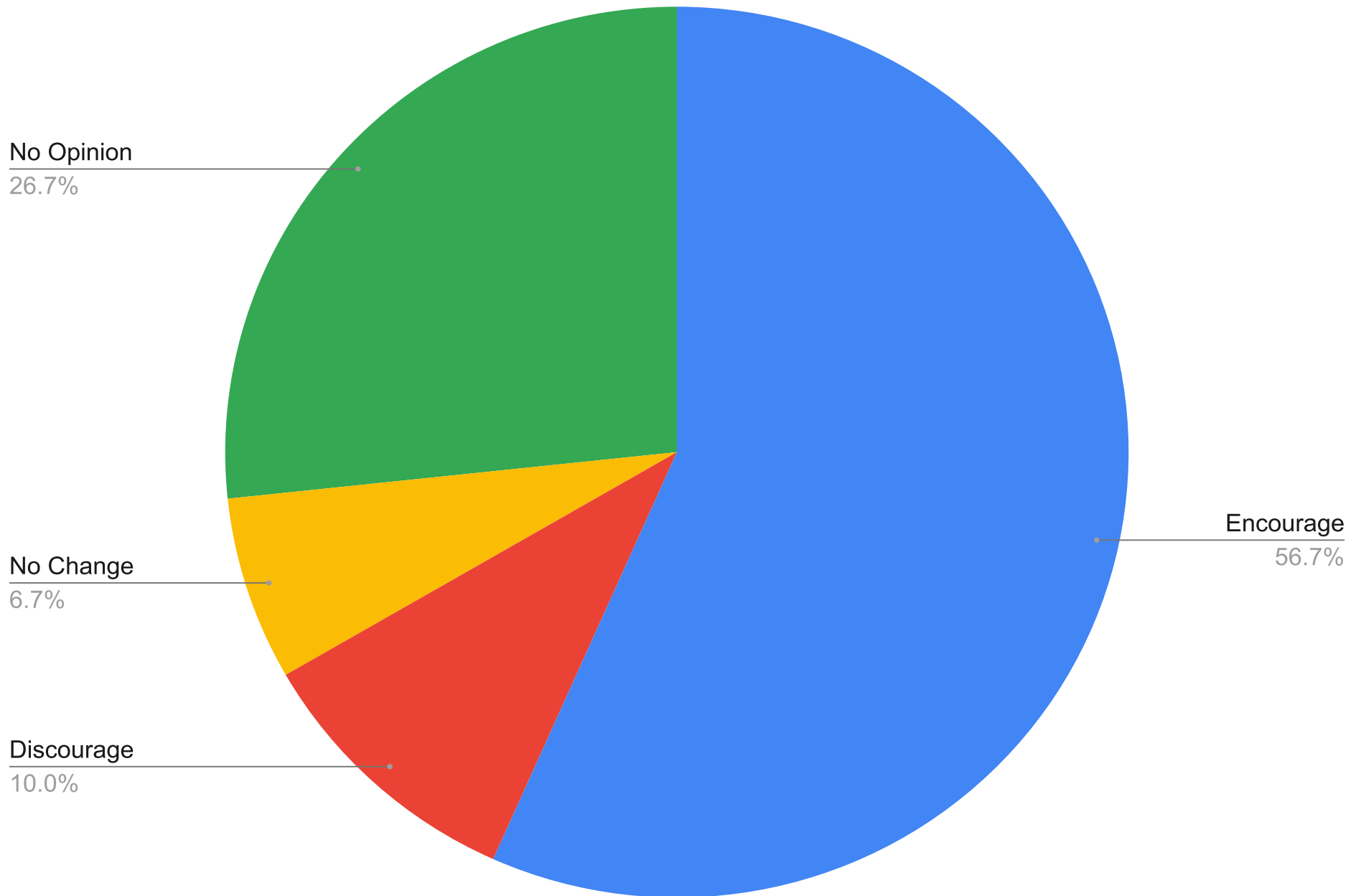
14.4%

Encourage

65.6%



18v. Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in the Village of Newark Valley?
[Residential Solar]



18w. Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in the Village of Newark Valley? [Other (please specify below)]

Please continue to encourage small town living like the Holiday Magic and Summer Days

Assist elderly with updating their homes for aging in place.

Beautify what we have first.

I would discourage an out of home business that doesn't have the proper parking or space for customers.

youth

19. What do you like most about the Village of Newark Valley?

Small town feel

Small town

I like the green and trout ponds.

Nice community feel

Small town feel with great community

It's a quiet town.

small town

Safe, walkable community

I like that it is generally quiet and friendly

Small town friendly people.

Small, but packs in all the essentials we need in a pinch without having to drive 20 miles.

Quiet

The small town atmosphere and how neighbors know and help each other.

People

Small town atmosphere

The roads are always kept clear in winter and the power almost never goes out

The "small town" vibe where everyone will say Hi to you!

People

The sense of community

Small Town Feel

Splits the drive between Ithaca and Binghamton allowing spouses to work in opposite directions and expanding career opportunities

Nothing

Unique treasure that doesn't need outside attention.

The older folks who worked hard and took care of their homes and properties. They make it feel like a nice place to live.

small town feel

It use to be the way everybody kept their property.Now with abandoned homes on every corner.mini junk yards. unkept property's it really is a shame.

engagement of community
Community feel
small town atmosphere and the Tillers & Toilers...they do a beautiful job!
The quietness
Sense of community
Safe community
Small Town Atmosphere
Small town atmosphere
Friendly, safe, rural, pretty area
Quietness. Quaint small town with tons of history!
Small town
Intimate neighborhoods; care by some to lower cost of living; communication
SAFETY; SECURITY; COMMUNITY OF COMPASSION & FAMILY LIKE
Mostly peaceful and beauty
How everyone cares about their neighbors & are always there to help
My neighbors! What a great bunch of people! I feel so lucky!
Safe/small; beautiful surroundings/sense of community
friendliness of people; quiet atmosphere; local activities for different seasons; awesome village crew taking care of streets, etc.Glad to see people "flipping homes" renovating - need more!
It's nice and quiet
SMALL; HOMEY
SMALL TOWN/COMMUNITY FEEL
QUIET, FRIENDLY & LOW CRIME
SMALL TOWN ATMOSPHERE; HISTORIC BUILDINGS; ACCESS TO DRUG STORE, LIBRARY, GROCERY & OTHER BUSINESSES IN WAKLING DISTNACE
SMALL TOWN
IT IS USUALLY VERY QUIET AT NIGHT
FRIENDLY; QUIET; SMALL TOWN USA ATMOSPHERE
SMALL TOWN ATMOSPHERE

FRIENDLY, CLEAN, HELPFUL NEIGHBORHOOD
SMALL TOWN ATMOSPHERE
OUR VILLAGE IS KEPT CLEAN AND IS WELCOMING.I HAVE ALWAYS LIKED THE SMALL TOWN VIBE AND LOW TRAFFIC FLOW.
QUIET ATMOSPHERE
SMALL TOWN VIBE
PEACE & QUIET
QUIET, FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY; ARTS
HISTORICAL SOCIETY; ARTS
FRIENDLY; SELF-CONTAINED; ACTIVITIES OF CELEBRATION
LOCATION; SIDEWALKS; FAMILY FRIENDLY
FRIENDLY COMMUNITY
MOSTLY PEACEFUL (EXCEPT THOSE BIG SPEEDING TRUCKS)
SMALL SIZE & LIGHT TRAFFIC; SEE #14
HISTORICAL SOCIETY; IT’S A SMALL, CARING COMMUNITY; TILLERS & TOILERSDO AN EXCELLENT JOB AROUND VILLAGE GREEN, ETC. TROUT POND PARK.IT'S A FRIENDLY, HELPFUL VILLAGE
FRIENDLY SMALL TOWN WITH A SENSE OF COMMUNITY
NON-POLITICAL PEOPLE
NOTHING
QUIET

20. What is your biggest concern about the future of Newark Valley?

Poverty and blight

that it grows and doesn't decline

Security, too many cars and houses being broken into.

Safety, drug abuse

It getting run down. We have a a decent sized low income population that need nice housing and local job opportunities

I'm worried factories and other unpleasant buildings will start to appear.

flooding and people moving out

we need more options for medical care without traveling out of county and we need transportation options for those who do not drive.

The disrepair of existing properties in the village area. People do have pride but limited resources. I think people from the surrounding area would shop local if there were more options and parking available. I know I have not stopped at a business when I wanted to because there was no parking.

Lack of jobs and affordable housing.

Rapidly increasing crime rate

Viability of the village

Drugs and thefts

Looking shabby

Too much development that could kill the 'small town appeal'

Safety, too many people trespassing on our properties and stealing from us in the night. Too many drug related issues in our town and Village. So sad to see how Newark Valley has changed over the years.

We need some sort of business(es) to bring more people to NV, and entertainment to keep them here.

Drugs and thefts

not enough shops/restaurants/small business in the area

Drugs

The number of vacant properties, and the number of properties on the market. It is a clear sign that people are not happy in Newark Valley and are leaving. I suspect the departure for some is because of the added taxes of being within the village limits.

Tax Cost

Taxes will have a negative impact on the Village going forward.

All the rental properties and the scum that have moved into the area. It's turning into the village of owego or Endicott. The folks that rent don't care about our village like the ones that own homes and work. I believe you will see more and more GOOD people move out of village because of this. The crime alone is getting worse.

too many zombie type properties

See 19

sustainability long term - kids leaving and not enough to keep them here or attract new families- (doomed NY)

Very little growth economically
As long as the stench from the pig farm is there I really don't believe in much of a future for the residents or the Village. Quality of life is really gone. (Yes, we understand it is not ALWAYS noticeable) We have no desire to spend time in our own yard nor invite people over. It's a detriment to all of our home values. Winter activities and tourism are the only future as one doesn't have to smell the stench.
No growth. Businesses failing.
3 elm street, and the repeat offenders arrested frequently for drugs listing that address while being so close to the tranquil community atmosphere and the local park so many frequent. Newark Valley had a major drug problem like every other town, but repeate offends face no consequences. Many many names could be listed.
Keeping Main Street an appealing drive /walk. Grants for businesses trying to revitalize the village.
Too many People will.find out where we are
Decay
Blight and safety (petty crimes).
Loss of population
Our village is getting over run by lower class, nonworking citizens that don't have respect for their neighbors or village. More theft and drugs are frequent and in turn it will push the hard working decent people out.
Exodus of youth and crime associated with subsidized housing (i.e. temporary) tenants with no attachment to the community.
Too much commercialization
Too much emphasis on grants. Too much salaries in Village office and Dept of Public Works
People leaving due to affordability; cheaper to move to nearby villages
TAXES UNAFFORDABLE AND PEOPLE MOVING OUT
To much regulation & interference on our personal land or space
Too many houses up for sale & way too many run down, unoccupied properties
People not keeping up their properties or yard/sidewalks
The "zombie properties" make their area look run down.I would like to encourage new young families to move in to our town, but afraid they will be scared off by the danger and shabbiness of the condemned properties.
vacant dwellins/businesses; **increase drug problem with too little investigation into problem areas
No jobs close by- when no jobs - no future for people moving here.Dilapidated homes - who wants to move to a village that looks "run down"
That is doesn't grow.
HOUSING PRICES GOING UP
INCREASE IN DRUG USAGE AND EXPOSURE IN PUBIC PLACES FOR YOUNG CHILD.AGING POPULATION AND ACTIVE COMMUNITY W/ LIMITED POLICE EMERGENCY SERVICES.
TAXES
TAXES (VILLAGE) HAVE TRIPLED SINCE I MOVED HERE
CODE ENFORCEMENTDERELICT HOMES & BUILDINGS - FLOODING IN VULNERABLE AREAS

PROPERTY VALUE - NEIGHBORHOOD JUNKYARDS - WOOD PILES FROM DOWNED TREES NOT REMOVED
POORLY MAINTAINED HOMES
CRIME
THE COST TO LIVE HERE. NOTHING TO KEEP YOUNG FAMILY HERE.NO JOBS HERE. MOST PEOPLE THAT LIVE HERE, WORK & SHOP SOMEPLACE ELSE, THEN MOVE CLOSER TO WORK
FAMILIES SEEM TO BE STRUGGLING TO FIND AFFORDABLE HOUSING.PEOPLE MOVING OUT.INCREASE IN DRUGS/ RIFF RAFF
HIGH TAXES
AMISH FAMILIES NOT PAYING THEIR PORTION OF PROPERTY TAXES, PLEASE REQUIRE THEM TO CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR HORSES AS WE HAVE TO PICK UP AFTER OUR DOGS.
TAXPAYER MONEY SPENT WASTEFULLY
ABANDONED AND DETERIORATING HOMES/ IMPROVING PROPERTIES CODE ENFORCEMENT IMPROVING MAIN ST
PEOPLE MOVING OUT BECAUSE OF LACK OF JOBS OR NO TRANSPORTATION
LOW CLASS/LOW INTELLIGENT PEOPLE MOVING INTO AREA; DIMINISHING COMMUNITY/NOT KEEPING UPDATED COMMERCE DATA
SMALL BUSINESSES UNABLE TO STAY IN BUSINESS
SLOW RISE IN CRIME - THEFT MOSTLY
TOO MANY DRUGS, NOT ENOUGH LAW ENFORCEMENT; NOT AS SAFE AS IT USED TO BE
PROPERTY LOOKING TRASHY; EMPTY HOUSES & BUSINESSESWITH PROBLEMS (FOSTERS OLD GARAGE); UNLICENSED CARS IN YARDS; FLOODING; VILLAGE TAXES GETTING TOO HIGH!
LOW INCOME HOUSING BRINGS IN PROBLEMS.FOCUS ON SENIORS INSTEAD.NEED STRINGENT CODE ENFORCEMENT
VILLAGE TAX INCREASE +21% THEN - 4% = 17+% FOR WHAT? AMBULANCE!! OR LACK OF!LOOKS: RUNDOWN, UNKEMPT, SO MANY HOUSES FOR SALE
GETTING NEW MAYOR
ELECTED OFFICIALS
RUN DOWN HOUSING

21. What would you change about the Village of Newark Valley?
Town office hours
Insensitive for businesses, more youth activities
amount of taxes (although I know what that means...)
More cleanup days through out the year. That helps keep place up and looking fresh.
Another restaurant
Lower the village water tax.
flooding
see question 20
Added resources - Open market space for local farmers and crafts people, bridge replacements on the roads that once had one. Store front upgrades with awnings? decorated for the seasons making NV a one stop community experience. A resource center for residents and students offering a variety of electronic and instruction of the arts. (Maybe staffing with local volunteers.) Crime Stoppers - No toleration of drug operations and we will tell on you! Notification to NV residents of persons know to harm children and why are they allowed so close to a school zone?
With so many houses in disrepair and visible roof damage I would seek funding to help residents make the required repairs to help themselves and improve the look of the town.
Get rid of the ridiculous bonfire bylaw
Provide an opportunity for neighbors to get together and meet each other
Looks unkept
Encourage property improvements
I think more after school things for the kids to do would be great! I would also like to see the old, overgrown, and broken sidewalks around Elm street, etc, redone because they're too hard to walk on and people are forced to walk in the street to avoid them.
More police presence, especially over night.
I would enforce the codes that are in effect about all these "ghost" houses that make our town look so bad. Get rid of them!
Looks unkept
better code enforcement - the village is a nice quiet place to live unless people are revving car engines or driving in circles with their four wheeler in their back yard :(
Jobs
I would eliminate the village and simply have it be part of the town, reducing administrative costs and therein reducing tax costs for residents. I hear the reason this has not been completed yet is because the town superintendent does not want to deal with the water management, and because the village administration does not want to eliminate jobs resulting in unemployment of peers. However, these unethical reasons benefit only the few, and avoid a decision that would save money for the majority. The public works manager position could be maintained under the town supervisor. The water and garbage services could go up slightly in cost to ensure that the added position only impacts the former village residents, and does not raise taxes for those who were previously outside the village limits, while reducing tax costs overall for those within the current village limits by improving administrative efficiency. We need to do something to address the outrageous tax costs of living within the village limits, or I fear that within a matter of year the number of vacant properties and properties on the market will continue to rise. Newark Valley is a great, safe, community oriented place to live, but people are deterred from living within village limits, because the perks do not outweigh the cost. We might as well live outside the village limits, safe tax costs, and still reap the benefits of living near this wonderful area.
Tax Cost for Village
Attention to what we have,no attraction to what we don't.
The non working/renters that are not an asset to our village.

relax some codes...
Code enforcement more persistent . Laws enforced !
Trash policy- really 2 cans for larger families gets tough, another trash day for larger items, an electronics trash day
More activities for teens
At this point, the location.
More business development. No longer a dry town.
The many eye sore and abandoned homes in the village, the drainage issues and the mayor. More options to keep kids active in the village, open secure hang out places. Dislike the recent loss of 2 businesses, both a gas station and the ice cream store have closed their doors.
Community center for kids. Get them off the streets!!!
Road improvement
Dissolve it into the town.
More business
Make Main Street appealing to outsiders.
Less rental properties. More home owners/working class.
Make it “Wet” along with the Town to encourage more viable dining options.
Remove dollar general
slum lords
spending
Consolidate the Village of NV into the Town of NV
More help in home improvements for lower/middle income residents
I think NV should help the elderly more. There should be breaks on the garbage and water. I home with one person certainly doesn't use as much as a family of 5! We should allow anohtre cable co. to come to NV
stricter laws on propert upkeep (enforcement)
I would live a local bar or restaurant that serves dinner with drinks.There is no where within walking distance to hand out and have a beer/glass of wine and food to relax and meet new people.
Vacant buildings, especially on Main St.; ** Pressure Goodrich to clean up or put up a fence
Ambulance service here! Code Enforcement; disgusting homes on Main St. [slum lords on Main St] unlicensed cars everywhere; sidewalks not mainainted; junk in yards; cars parked in no parking areas and in areas on corner blocking sidewalks and room for cars to pass.
Lower the taxes - they are too high!Codes, especially the one concerning RV's. We have relatives who come here & have an RV hook up for them. Also ban on fires - we like to have a fire to sit around at night
SCHOOL TAXES TOO HIGH
SEEMS THAT NEWSLETTERS ARE DISCOURAGING/LECTURING/DEPRESSING AND TRYING TO CHANGE THINGS BEYOND POPULATION'S FINANCIAL MEANS. UNCERTAIN AT THIS POINT OTHERWISE
SOMETHING THAT WOULD BRING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
CONSIDER CONSOLIDATING WITH THE TOWN SINCE SO MUCH OF TAX-EXEMPT IS TOWN-WIDE SERVICES.
MORE ARTS & CULTURE; A VISUAL UPGRADE OF STORE & PHARMACY - LOOKING VERY SHABBY ON EXTERIORS - CODE ENFORCEMENT STRONGER ABOUT YARDS/TRASH UPKEEP

ANOTHER GROCERY STORE
I'M AFRAID WE MAY BE CLOSE TO A "ZONE" LAW - SAD BUT TRUE AND NOGRANDFATHER OPTIONS
HAVE THE VILLAGE RESPONSIBLE FOR OR PARTIALLY FUND (MORE THAN 1/2) SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT - AND HAVE A SPECIFIC CONTRACTOR DO THE WORK FOR UNIFORMITY
MOST PEOPLE THAT LIVE HERE, WORK & SHOP SOMEPLACE ELSE, THEN MOVE CLOSER TO WORK
I REALLY LIKE THAT YOU HAVE ACCESS TO MANY SERVICES W/IN THE VILLAGE (GROCERIES, FOOD, BANKING, HAIR, LIBRARY., ETC.)CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT TO KEEP PEOPLE HERE.
PICK UP LEAVES AND GRASS MORE OFTEN THAN ONE TIME EACH MONTH.BRING BACK THE VILLAGE CLEAN UP DAYS LIKE THEY USED TO BE WHER PICK UP WAS AT THE HOUSES INSTEAD OF NEEDING TO MOVE THE STUFF TO WHIG ST
BARS - ENCOURAGE; LIFT THE DRY TOWN RULE
VILLAGE OFFICE REDUCE STAFF
OPEN TO CRAFTS AND ARTS; CRAFT BREWERIES ETX. ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN HISTORICAL SOCIETY & IMPROVEMENTS TO DOG CONTROL; LAW ENFORCEMENT/NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM; CHANGE OUTDATED ALCOHOL BAN
1. FIX SIDEWALKS 2. UPDATE STREET LIGHTS 3. PUBLIC POOL 4. SPPED BUMPS 5. DUNKIN DONUT (CHAMBER OF COMMERCE) 6. OPEN LAKE; FIT DRIVEWAY;ALLOW BOATS,FIX DRIVE TO LAKE DREDGE LAKE, CREATE BEACH OPEN TO PUBLIC, ALLOW WENDORS
WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME POLICE PROTECTION
BAR/RESTAURANT; BAKERY
BEAUTIFY MAIN ST. A BIT MORE - DRIVING IN THE VILLAGE FROM EITHER DIRECTION DOESN'T GIVE A GREAT IMPRESSION.USE THE VILLAGE GREEN FOR MORE ACTIVITIES, CONCERTS.
WE NEED TO HAMMER ON PROPERTY OWNERS WHO LET THEIR PROPERTY SIT AND ROT.
MERGE W TOWN NOW!!!
NEW MAYOR
NEED NEW MAYOR
NEW HOUSES

22. What would you preserve in the Village of Newark Valley?

Small town feel

Green space and parks

friendly community atmosphere

Library and post office

Historical buildings, small town feel

Sense of community and small town pride

The small town vibe and rustic feel.

small town feel

open town square

Small town care and friendship.

The small town life. It's nice having some essentials and businesses close by, but we love it here because it's not as big, busy, and loud as nearby cities.

The green spaces and the small town atmosphere

Trout ponds

Small town atmosphere

I would keep the development of industry and retail limited to keep the 'small town' appeal

The Village Green, the Tillers and Toilers do a great job there and it's inviting to drive into NV

Our historical sites, and our small town "feel".

Trout ponds

the history, buildings and sense of community

Atmosphere

Hollenbeck's Grocery and the Trout Ponds, these locations benefit not only the village but the Newark Valley community at large.

Nothing

The beauty of the village.

trout ponds park

peace & quiet

history and nature

Small town atmosphere

The Tillers & Toilers are really a treasure.

The current growth occurring with businesses along Main Street

Everything

Train Station

Historic buildings.
The Library. Apple Festival.
Older single family homes
As many of the historical buildings
safety & public concern
All historical buildings and structures such as Village Green pavillion & Trout Ponds
Village green, historic bldgs - post office, Depot, Hollenbecks, small businesses
Our history - library, municipal building, middle school, Depot, Trout ponds
Quaintness/upkept village owned spaces
The park at the Trout Ponds and the Community Gardens!
Trout Ponds; Historical Society/museum/Festivals; Depot; School/Village connection
Village Square; Library; Trout Ponds; Train Depot; Community Events
Everything.It's a nice town and would hate to see it get overdeveloped.The Government leaves a lot to be desired, but most of the people are nice.
PARKS
COMMUNITY FEEL
MUNICIPAL/PO BUILDING; DEPOT; TROUT PONDS
THE PARKS, THE HISTORIC BUILDINGS. ENCOURAGE MORE CULTURAL EVENTS THROUGH TOURISM - NATURE TRAILS - MORE INVOLVEMENT WITH YOUNG PEOPLE
HISTORY
LIBRARY; VILLAGE GREEN
NEWARK VALLEY DAYS; THE NEWSLETTER; THE AMAZING NEWARK VALLEY MAINTENANCE CREW
HISTORICAL BUILDINGS
HISTORY
SMALL TOWN ATMOSPHERE
THE VILLAGE GREEN; TROUT PONDS (NEEDSGARBAGE CANS BACK); AND THE LIBRARY, DEPOT/BEMENT BILLINGS - NOT SURE THEY ARE A SEPARATE ENTITY
START BY CLEANING UP RUN DOWN HOMES - INCREASE SELF-PRIDE
QUIET FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE; AFFORDABLE HOUSING
HISTORY; CULTURE; ARTS
I GENERALLY FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT GOV. @ ALL LEVELS SHOULD INTERFERE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES ONLY WHEN THEY HARM OR POSE A THREAT TO OTHERES, AND SHOULD ONLY PROVIDE SERVICES SUCH AS INFRASTRUCTURE THAT CAN BE PROVIDED AT A BETTER QUALITY AND COST THAN WOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM THE PROVATE SECTOR.
HISTORY & EVENTS; TOGETHERNESS W/ ACTIVITIES
TROUT PONDS PARK; LIBRARY; DEPOT EVENTS
ATMOSPHERE

MORALISTIC BEHAVIOR
DEPOT & ACTIVITIES; BANK; LIBRARY; GROCERY STORE; TROUT PONDS; DRUG STORE; VILLAGE GREEN; CHURCHES
WORK AT KEEPING THE BUSINESSES WE HAVE & ENCOURAGING NEW ONES.KEEP THE HISTORIC BUILDINGS (PO, LIBRARY) IN GOOD CONDITION
ITS SUCH A BEAUTIFEL VILLAGE, ESPECIALLY THE GREEN
OLD BUILDINGS
WALKABILITY

Additional comments,
We should try to repair and make use of some of the older buildings in town, letting them rot is like watching bits of history melt away.
Elder Care in the country. People want to remain in their homes for as long as possible. Identify who is in need - a ramp, bathroom renovations, railings, transportation, grocery delivery, etc. Get the funding to help the resident and or the people caring for them. I have working in SNF's and ASL from government dollars and high end self pay for thousands of dollars a month. The bottom line is most people want their independence which allows them to sleep in, bath when they want, eat when they want and with assistance it would be more cost efficient to remain in our homes. About mobile home parks - I am not opposed, I have family living in parks; however the codes that are on the books need to be reinforced. A mobile park does not need to be an eyesore, and it can be a great option for someone who can not afford to purchase a home.
All in all, I think Newark Valley is a fantastic little country town with easy access to larger towns as needed. It has a decent amount of trails, and provides the basics with the current shops that it has. I would like to see more room for home-based businesses but that's more customer driven, I think, than town driven where customers would RATHER go to an 'official' shop than a house. Perhaps a few more smaller commercial buildings would help!
It does not seem fair to me that retired senior citizens who live alone should be paying the same amount for garbage as the people who have 5 kids! I use 1/4 can a week, and my neighbors have 2 full ones a week. Why can't we have a choice? Also, why can't we be allowed to have another cable provider come into NV to offer much better deals than Spectrum does? Haeefe from Spencer only charges about half what Spectrum does for the same services, but they are not allowed into NV. Thank you for asking our opinions.
Explanation of answer for #7 - I drive to Ithaca and then have to walk a mile into my office. Explanation of other for #14 - Proximity to work for both me and my husband, splits distance between Ithaca and Binghamton.
Question #5- I am a full time employee and full time college student. #6 I work in Binghamton and attend school online.
Less is sometimes more.
Whats needed is a no nonsense approach to code enforcement and those that impose the laws, fines & such! A no nonsense approach to those that own the property's that stand idle and nothing being done with them (some for years).
Really missing an indoor area for family and kids for the unpleasant weather days, we go to vestal for this now but would gladly pay a fee to have a nice safe indoor play area for our kids.
I think I've addressed most of my comments above, #20. Since the stench of the pig farm has made me physically ill on more than one occasion and I have the ability to leave home and go elsewhere for fresh air, I really have no affection for the area. I see the number of homes for sale escalating and know that our home values are dropping. As more and more people travel through the area, especially coming into the village via rte. 38B, the less desirable the entire area is becoming. Encouraging people to visit while the permeating, invasive stench is in the air is nothing more than suicidal for the future of the Village.
Thank you to our vilalge guys who clean up our streets in the spring!The sand & gravel truly is messy and blows into driveways and homes - windows, porches, etc.You cleaning that helps keep homes from looking dirty, etc.The state did not clean Main St this year!It has piles of sand and gravel everywhere, blocking drains, messign home fronts - dirty sidings & windowsWhy was it not cleaned?
I for one, and neighbors alike are getting tired of Code overreach.It's one thing - codes for building safety.It is not Government's job to prevent us from having relatives visit and parking their RV on our property.Also being Native American, if people come for a visit and set up a teepee it's okay with me.Keep up thisover reach baloney and you'll see us in court. Government, get out of our lives!Tired of it!Also, if I wish to build a sacred fireand sit and pray we will; again step on my toes and you will see a lawsuit.
Since moving here, areas of the village have improved, some areas are worse.Could a group be formed of volunteers to help the village improve homes appearances and derelict buildings. Gives the Village a sad, depressed look.Could we give incentives (award, gift certificates, for improvements)The majority of volunteers (hist. society. etc., Tillers & Toilers) are senior citizens - somehow we need to encourage & involve youth and young adults more in their community.The community garden is a good example.Encourage citizenship for community. Could the school art department/art club re-do the mural - very faded on our grocery store exterior?Could be a contest w/ award for best exterior design - entry way redecorated - one for the pharmacy as well.I commend the Village on water, lighting, playground, park, historic restoration of public buildings.Big improvement in the last 20 or so years!Keep on moving forward!Northern Tioga Chamber of Commerce is doing great!
We have resided in MN, PA, OH and NY if not living in the country.I feel a real draw to a small towninhabited with folks that take pride in their town, school, park and shop local when possible.My husband is retired and I hope to retire here soon.The residents of this town are lovely, respectful of their neighbors, park, etc.I feel happy to live in a town where my littel grandchildren can thrive and explore a safe environment.PS. You can put a pumpkin on your porch for Halloween - and expect to see it intact after the season!

ADD WISH LIST: STORY TIME FOR TODDLERS AT LIBRARY; SPEED ENFORCEMENT BY TROUT PONDS; MORE MONITORING OF TROUT PONDS; FLASHING PEDESTRIAN SIGNS; YEILD TO PEDESTRIAN SIGN AT TRAFFIC LIGHTS; NO SMOKING COMMUNITY (BRING IN MORE FAMILIES); RAMP TO LIBRARY & POST OFFICE; ATTRACTING BIG BUSINESS (CHAIN RESTAURANT) /THEME PARKTIP: TECHNOLOGY & MILLENIALS - ATTRACT YOUNGER ADULTS WITH ENTERTAINMENT OPTIONS.CENTRAL NY IS NOT AN ATTRACTIVE PLACE FO THE YOUNGER GENERATIONS.WE NEED MORE BUSINESS & NIGHT TIME ACTIVITY.HIGHLY RECOMMEND LIFTING "DRY TOWN RULE"ALLOW RESTAURANTS TO OPEN BARS.A BAR ALONE WILL BRING IN LOW CLASS & CAR ACCIDENTS.I APOLOGIZE FOR THE PENMANSHIP.
BE UNIFORM BE FAIR - IF ONE PERSON HAS TO REMOVE AN UNREGISTERED/LICENSED VEHICLE, EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE NEEDS TO BE TOLD THE SAME.IF A LETTER GOES OUT REGARDING SIDEWALK REPAIR, TREE TRIMMINGS, WHATEVERK, CARRY THROUGH DON'T CHANGE YOUR MIND & HALF O FPOPULATION DOES IT, EXCUSES THE OTHER HALF.LONG AGO WE HAD A FULL TIME POLICEMAN (HOWARD HORTON), THEN WE HAD DEPUTIES WORKING PART TIME - A FEW HOURS HERE & THERE WEEKLY.WHAT HAPPENED?THERE WAS \$ THEN; I THINK SOME SHOULD BE BUDGETED FOR POLICE PROTECTION IN OUR VILLAGE - ESPECIALLY IN THIS DAY & AGE.IT WOULD BE NICE TO SEE A SHERIFF PATROL GO BY & ON OUR VILLAGE STREETS & NOT JUST DURING A DRUG RAID, METH PROBLEM, ETC.ALSO - AMBULANCE SERVICE - HAVE A AD FOR EMT'S, DRIVERS, ETC.WE NEED SERVICE IN THE VILLAGE, NOT OVER IN MAINE.THAT DOESN'T SOUND FAR AWAY UNLESS YOU ARE THE ONE IN DISTRESS - TRULY A MATTER OF LIFE & DEATH - START A GO FUND ME PAGE, ADVERTISE & TRY TO SQUEEZE A FEW DOLLARS OUT FOR THIS.I'M SURE POLICE COVERAGE & AN AMBULANCE IN THE VILLAGE WOULD BE A PLUS FOR PEOPLE MOVING IN NV.EMPTY GAS STATION - LOOKS ODD, IS PREVIOUS OWNER GOING TO SEE IT; IT NEEDS TO BE AN ACTIVE BUSINESS AGAIN.*PROPERTY AT 17 BROOK ST - LUMBER FROM DESTROYED BRIDGE STILL THERE FROM LAST FLOOD!!LAWN IN FRONT UNMOWED - CAN'T VILLAGE BILL OWNER & GET IT CLEANED UP?A NEIGHBOR MOWS THE BACK LAWN.
VILLAGE DOESN'T PLOW MAIN ST. SO WE PAY EXTRA.ALSO PUTRID PORK POOP PRESENCE.