



Community Conversations

2011 Session Results

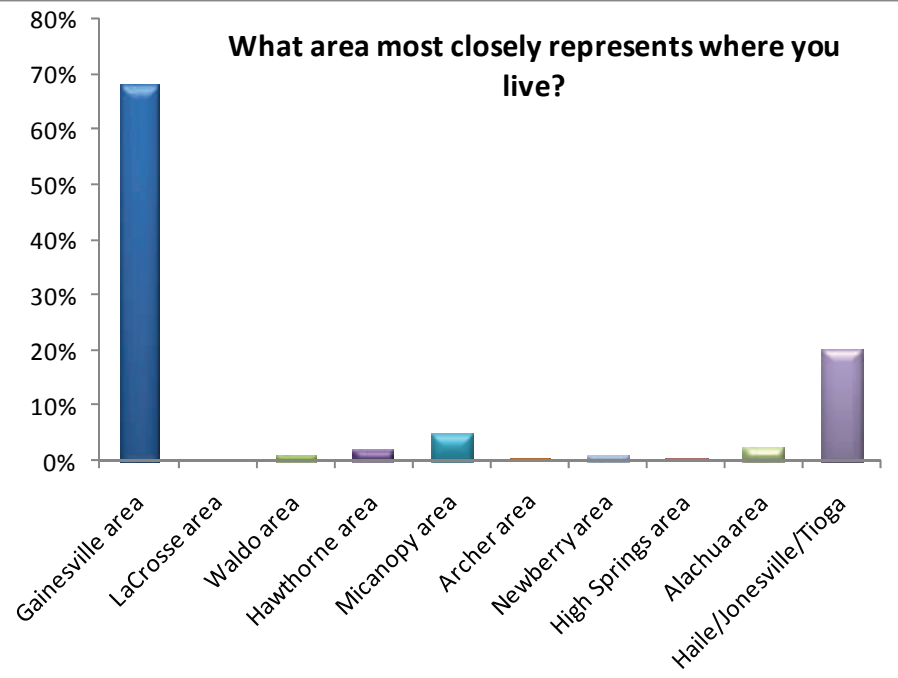
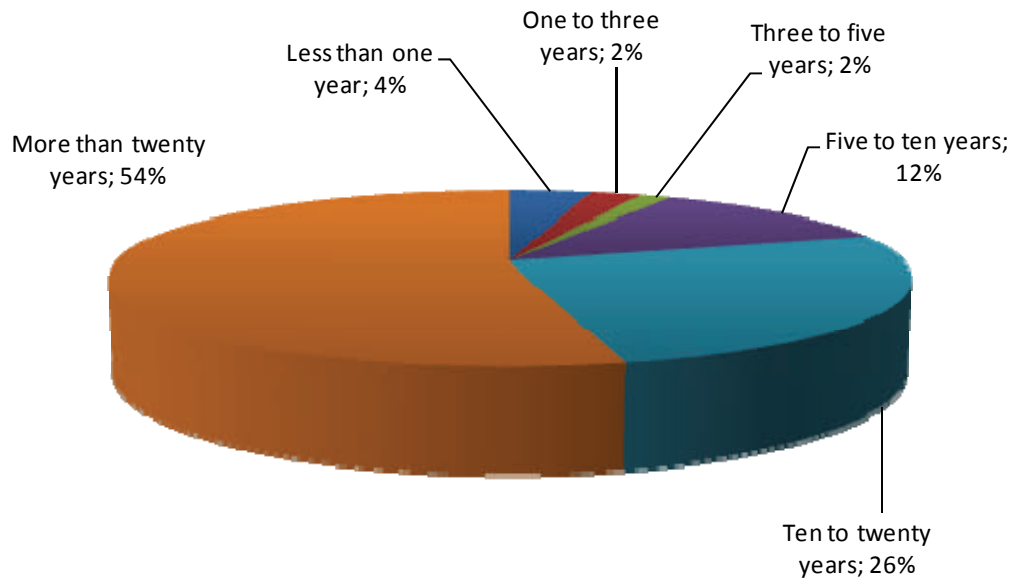
Event Date	Time	Location	Number in Attendance
July 25, 2011 (Monday)	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Santa Fe College Main Campus	54
July 28, 2011 (Thursday)	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Center for Innovation & Economic Development Santa Fe College 6th Street	44
July 30, 2011 (Saturday)	10:00 am to Noon	Tower Road Branch Library	51
August 1, 2011 (Monday)	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	Alachua County Public Health Department	54
August 15, 2011 (Monday)	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Talbot Elementary School	24
Total Attendance			227



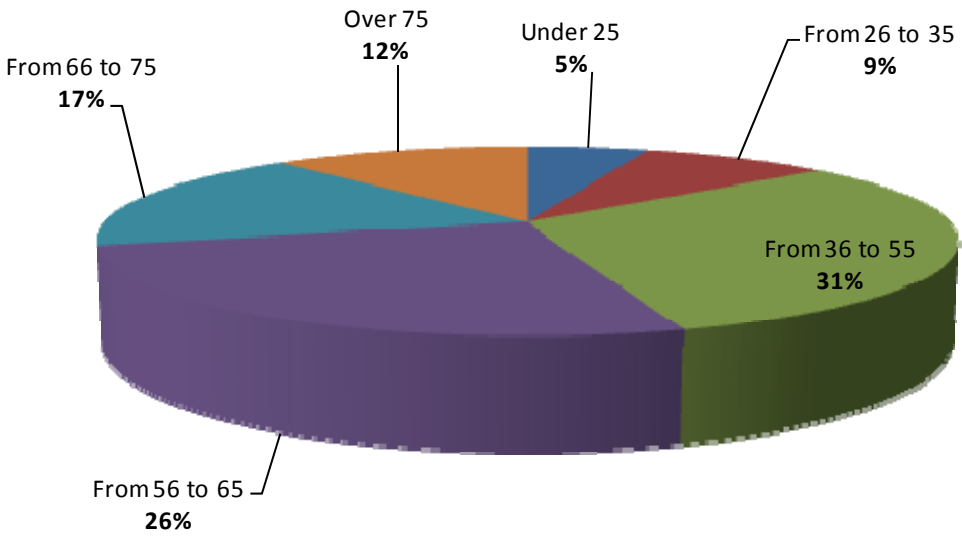
The Community Conversation meeting process:

- Welcome from Commissioner
- Opening Remarks from County Manager
- Audience demographic questions
- Small Group Conversations
- Financial information and budget briefing
- Citizen participation service level questions
- Table top activity—Budget Exercise
- Participant idea board responses

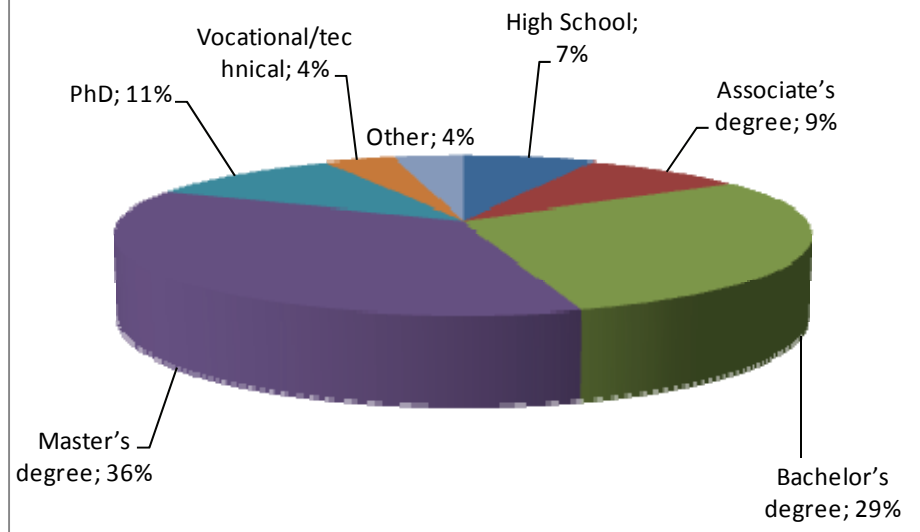
Small Group Conversations—Participants were asked to form small groups of no more than five to discuss questions such as: “What do you love about Alachua County that you would never want to lose?” and “What would you place in a time capsule to represent Alachua County?” For the first question there were varied responses that included diversity, culture, natural environment, access to medical care, the University, parks, museums, and being centrally located. The second question resulted in very similar responses among all groups that included an oak tree, moss, bottle of Gatorade, pictures of local spots, vial of clean air/water, TRIM notice, and a local area map.

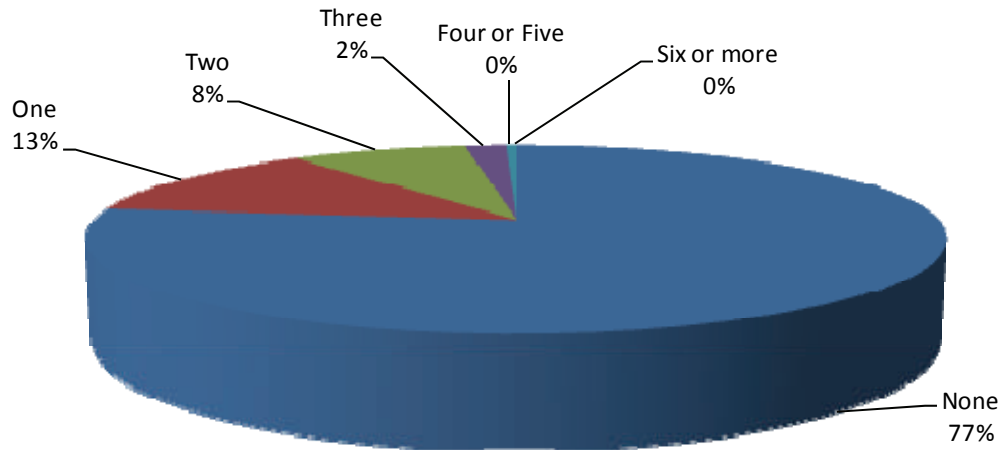


What is your current age?



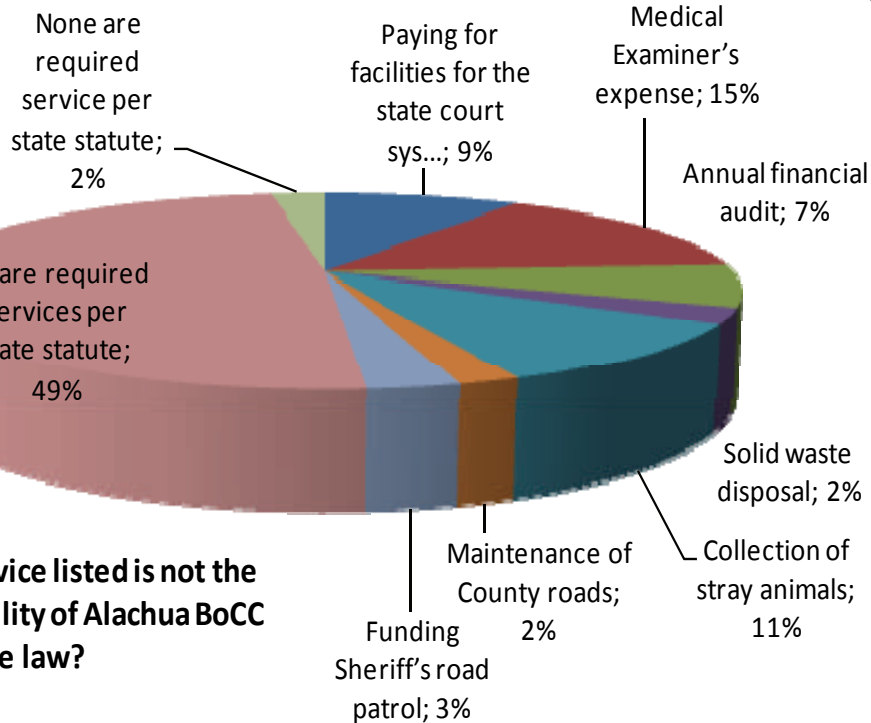
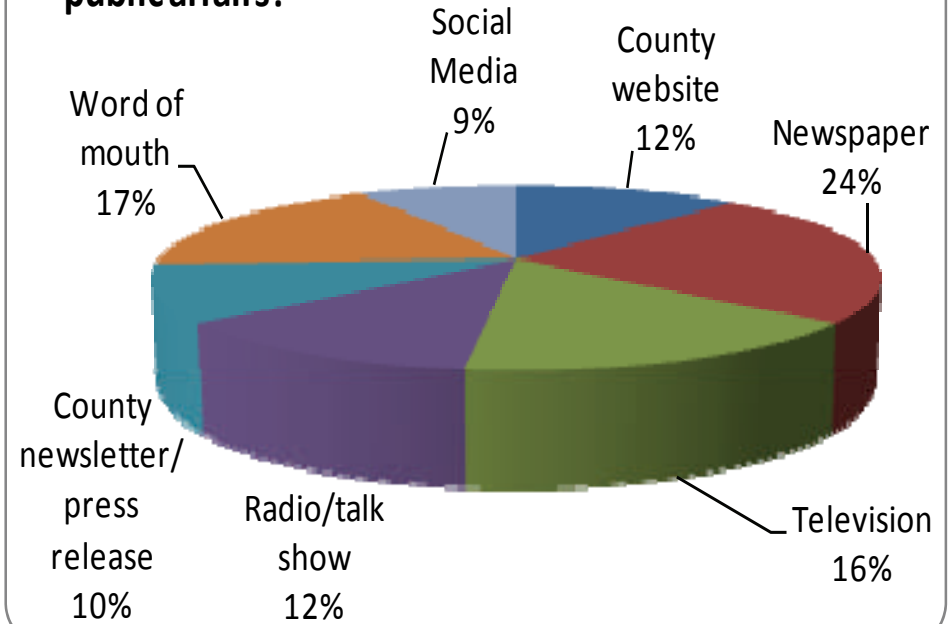
What is your highest level of education?



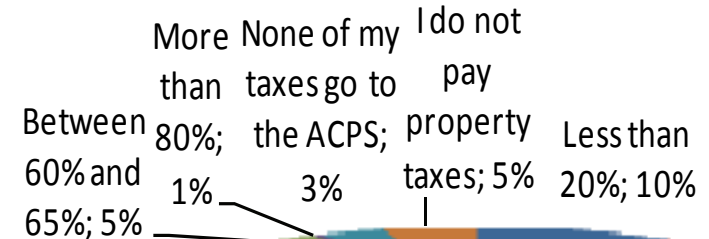


How many children live in your household?

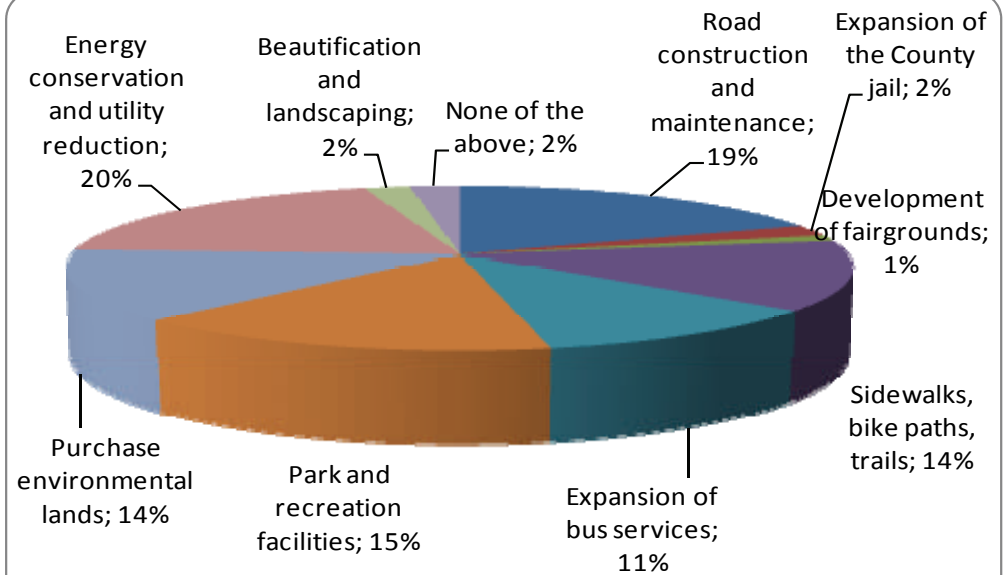
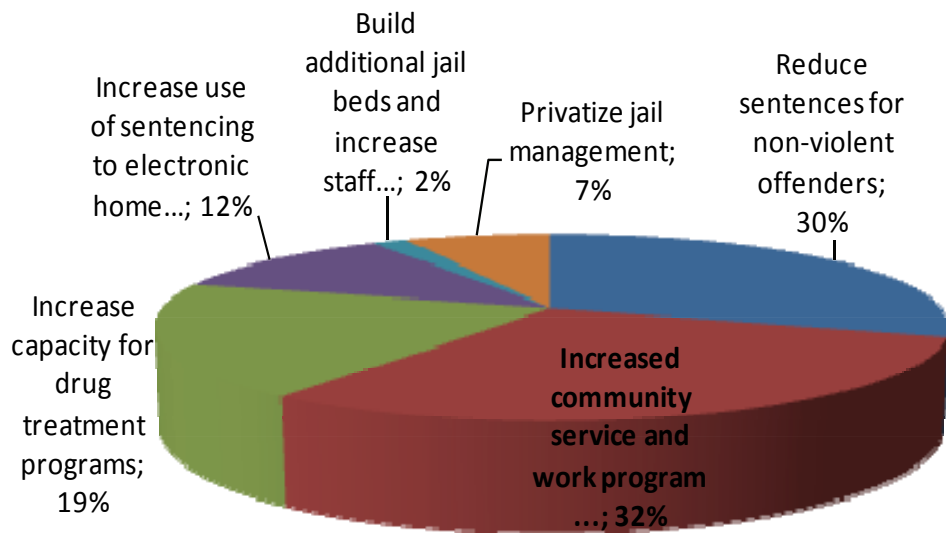
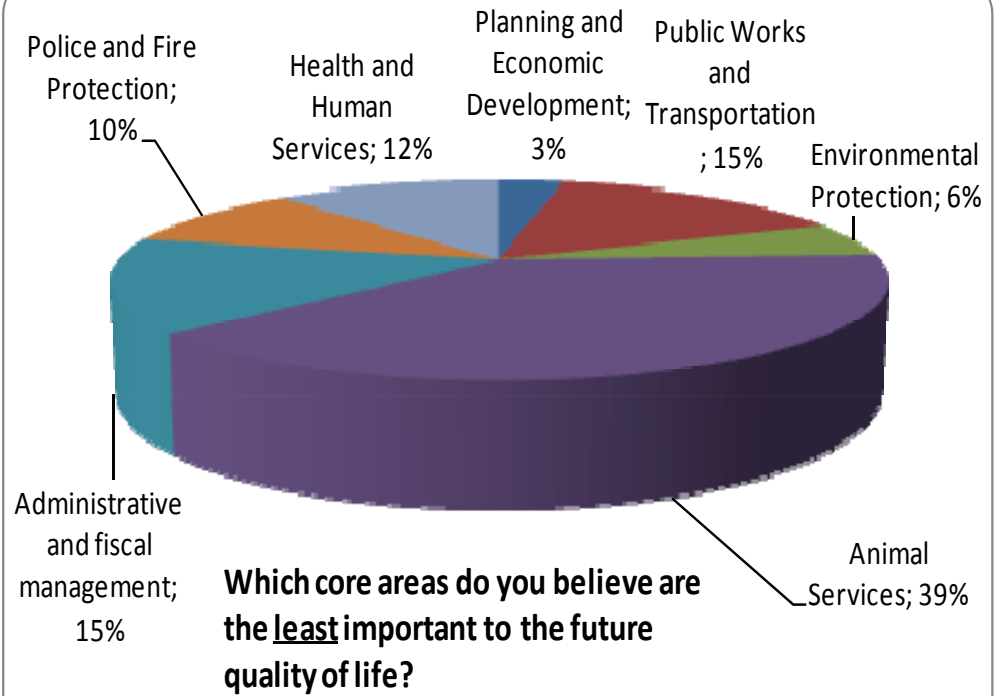
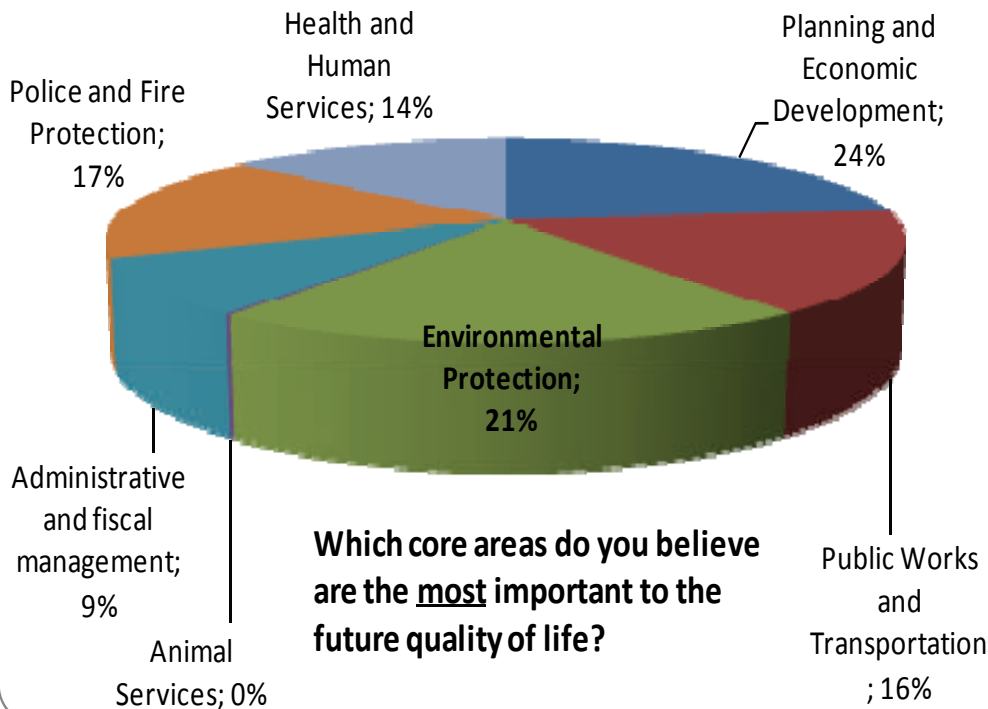
How do you receive information on County public affairs?



Which service listed is not the responsibility of Alachua BoCC under State law?



On average, what % of your tax dollar goes to the School Board?



Which of the following strategies do you favor for dealing with rising costs of incarceration of people in the County jail?

Which of these County public infrastructure investments would you support funding with your tax dollars?

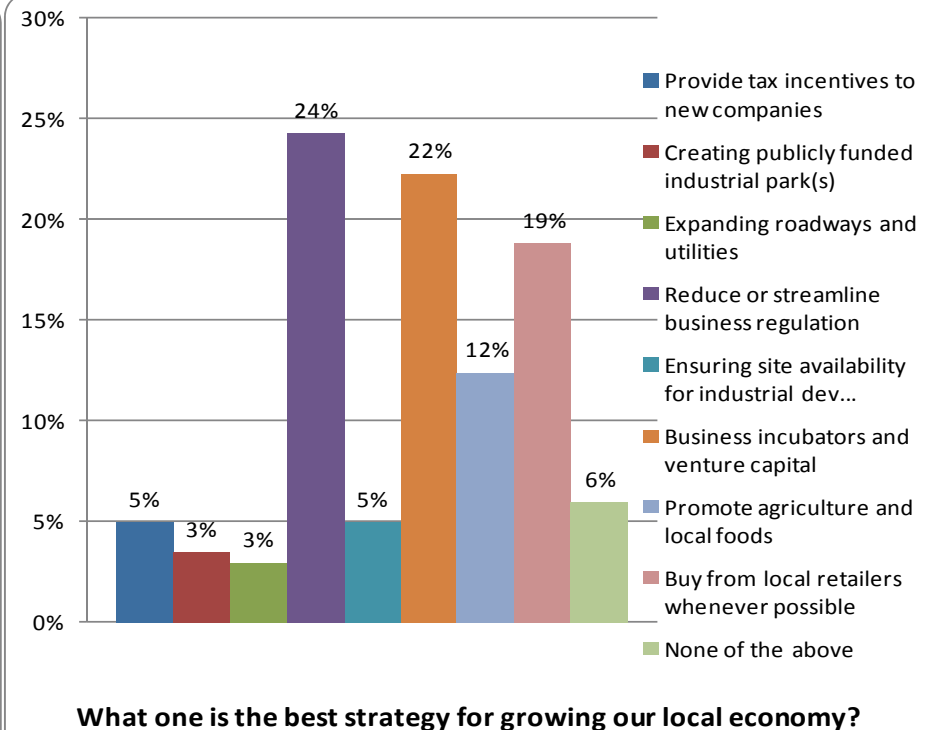
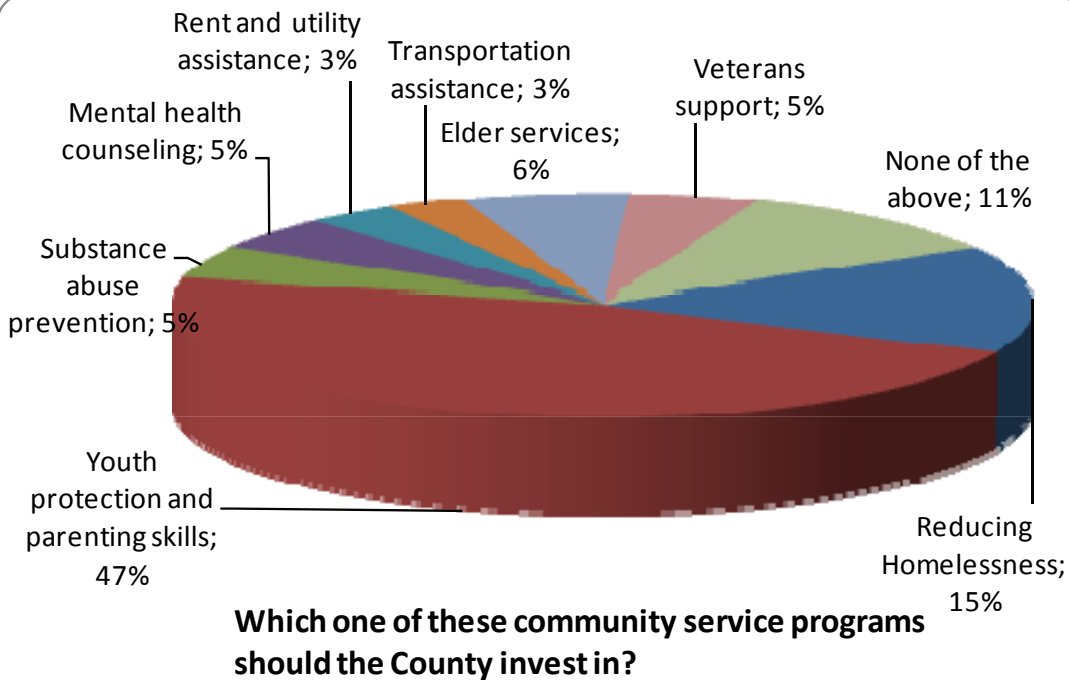
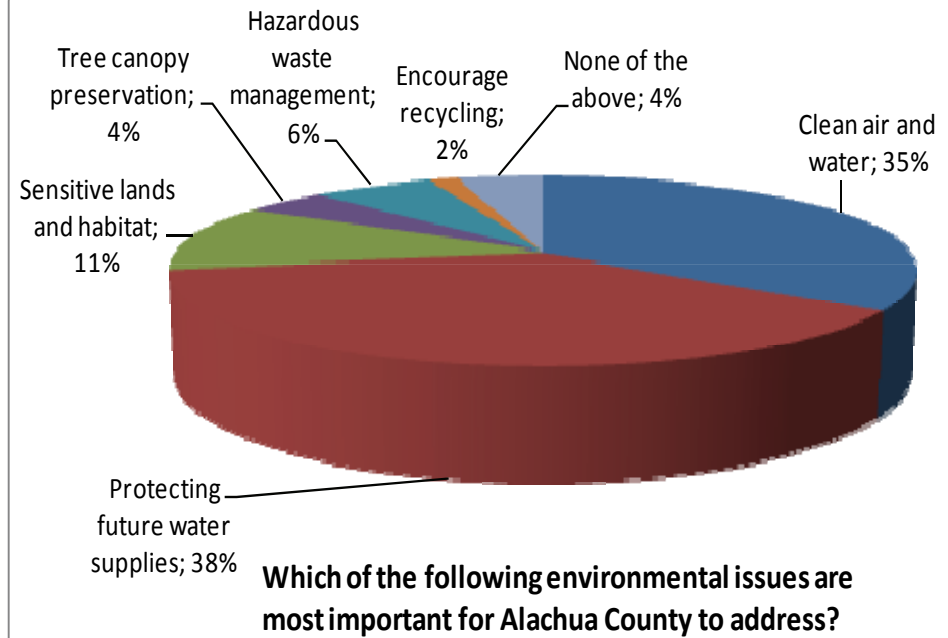
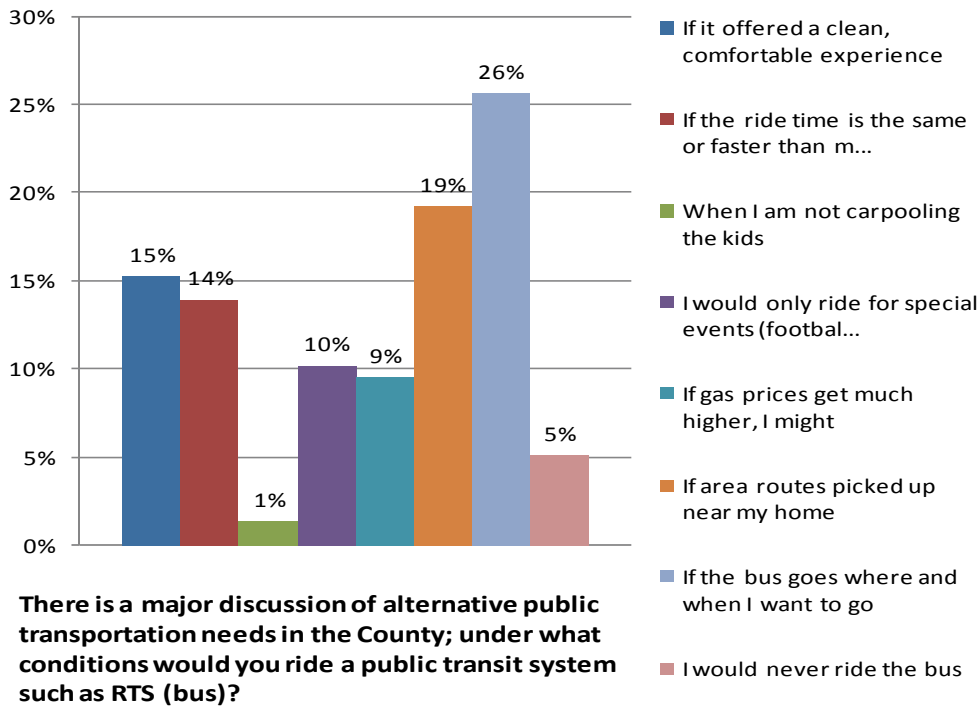
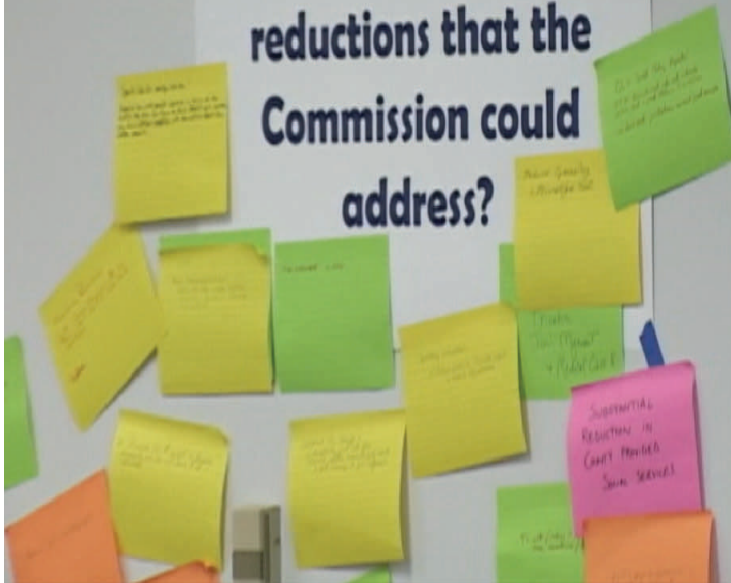


Table Top Activity—Budget Exercise Results

- 227 Participants over 5 sessions
- 34 “Commission” tables (averages)
- Requested to reduce budget by 10%
 - 1.55% reduction to Managed Growth and Development
 - 0.17% reduction to Environmental Stewardship
 - 2.88% reduction to Economic Development
 - 1.08% reduction to Health and Human Services
 - 3.57% reduction to Public Safety



What specific idea(s) do you have for spending reductions that the Commission could address?



Participant Idea Board Responses—**“What specific idea (s) do you have for a program, facility, or project that would improve our County?”** 115 participants completed sticky notes with 151 suggestions for the Commissioners to consider.

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We would like to thank the National Center for Government Performance and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation for guidance and support for these events. A special thanks to Peter Block for his guidance in Community building.

For additional information, please contact Donna Bradbrook or Suzanne Gable in the Alachua County Office of Management and Budget at 352/374-5262. Event details are also posted to our website at:

<http://www.alachuacounty.us/Depts/OMB/Pages/OMB.aspx>