Food Access Survey 2020

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Analysis of Food Access:

A survey conducted on York County, NE

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In an attempt to provide future programming and grant applications to non-profit organizations in our community, York County Development Corporation (YCDC) teamed up with York County Health Coalition (YCHC) to ask the community questions regarding food access and food availability. Through the Local Foods Local Places initiative, we were able to conduct this anonymous survey for all adults who live in York County. With an end goal in mind and a little over a month of survey access to the public, we are now ready to share our professional analysis.

The survey consisted of 18 questions; 15 multiple choice and 3 being open-ended. The intended outcome of this survey was to understand the community's needs in regards for food. More specifically, food; accessibility, availability, knowledge, assistance, prefer-ability, and reliability.

We'll go through groups of questions regarding the same topic and subsequently dig into the analytics in each group. Starting with location, a little over 83% of participants of this survey find themselves attaining their food from Grocery Stores Inside of York County. The other 17% percent is distributed amongst the following categories: Grocery Stores Outside of York County (6%), Fast Food (3%), Restaurants (2%), Own Garden/Farm (2%), Food Pantry (1%), Online Food Delivery or Meals on Wheels (1%), Senior Center (1%), and Family, Friends or Church/Faith Organizations (1%).

Community gardens are a special way for interested members of the community to contribute to a healthy lifestyle by: providing fresh, safe, gratuitous herbs, fruits and vegetables.

When asked about the use of Community Gardens, 38% of participants answered "I wouldn't use a Community Garden," 31% opted for the opposite, choosing "I would use a Community Garden," and only 2% are currently using a Community Garden.

Next inquired about was the main reason behind not using a Community Garden, 30% of participants agreed on not being interested. There were a total of 40 participants who explained that they utilize their own garden and therefore, are not in need of a community garden. Other groups consisted of lack of gardening knowledge (71), lack of time (64), availability (53), and location (43).

Besides providing an extra food option in the community, these gardens also help with participant's well-being, by increasing; physical activity, physical health, and overall quality of life. Our next step is attempting to understand why a great opportunity is being squandered.

Next, we asked participants if they used the local Farmer's Market. 41% have never used the Farmer's Market, 51% sometimes use it and only 8% of participants utilize the Farmer's Market often.

Out of the 174 participants who benefit from the Farmer's Market, 24% would like to see more Fruits and Vegetables, 15% would like to see more Variety or Vendors, and the rest of the participants were dispersed amongst the following categories: Lower Prices (5%), Meat/Poultry (5%), Baked Goods (5%), Food Trucks/Entertainment (4%), Miscellaneous/NA (42%).

Of the individuals who participated in the survey, 74% don't need the help of outside resources to provide them with food. The other 26% are currently finding help in the following ways: Food Pantry, Food Stamps/SNAP/WIC, School Meals, Blue Valley Community Action, Church/Faith Organizations, York County Transportation, and the Senior Center.

More than half of the participants expressed that they've not been concerned about money for the food needed over the past year. However, 7% of participants, in the past year, have worried often about this very subject. Overpriced food, accompanied by "Unexpected Bills/Expenses" were the two highest reasons for the unease the participants had in this field.

Every city in York County was represented by at least one participant in the survey, with the majority being from York and age groups falling in between 18 to over 85 years old. The study also showed that 39% of participants personally know, or know of, someone in York County who at times, don't have enough food. The remaining 61% is almost equally divided between those who don't know of anyone with this endeavor (31%), and those who are not sure (30%).

We asked the participants if they had any ideas for the solution of this problem in our county. A few comments were mentioned multiple times. One of those being better advertising; of the already existing help and the available employment opportunities as well. Transportation to and from grocery stores, either bus transport or community volunteers. More food options; sit-in restaurants and healthier grocery stores. Also mentioned multiple times, was the idea of having a course that people in the community could take to learn how to save money and how to plant foods for their own consumption.

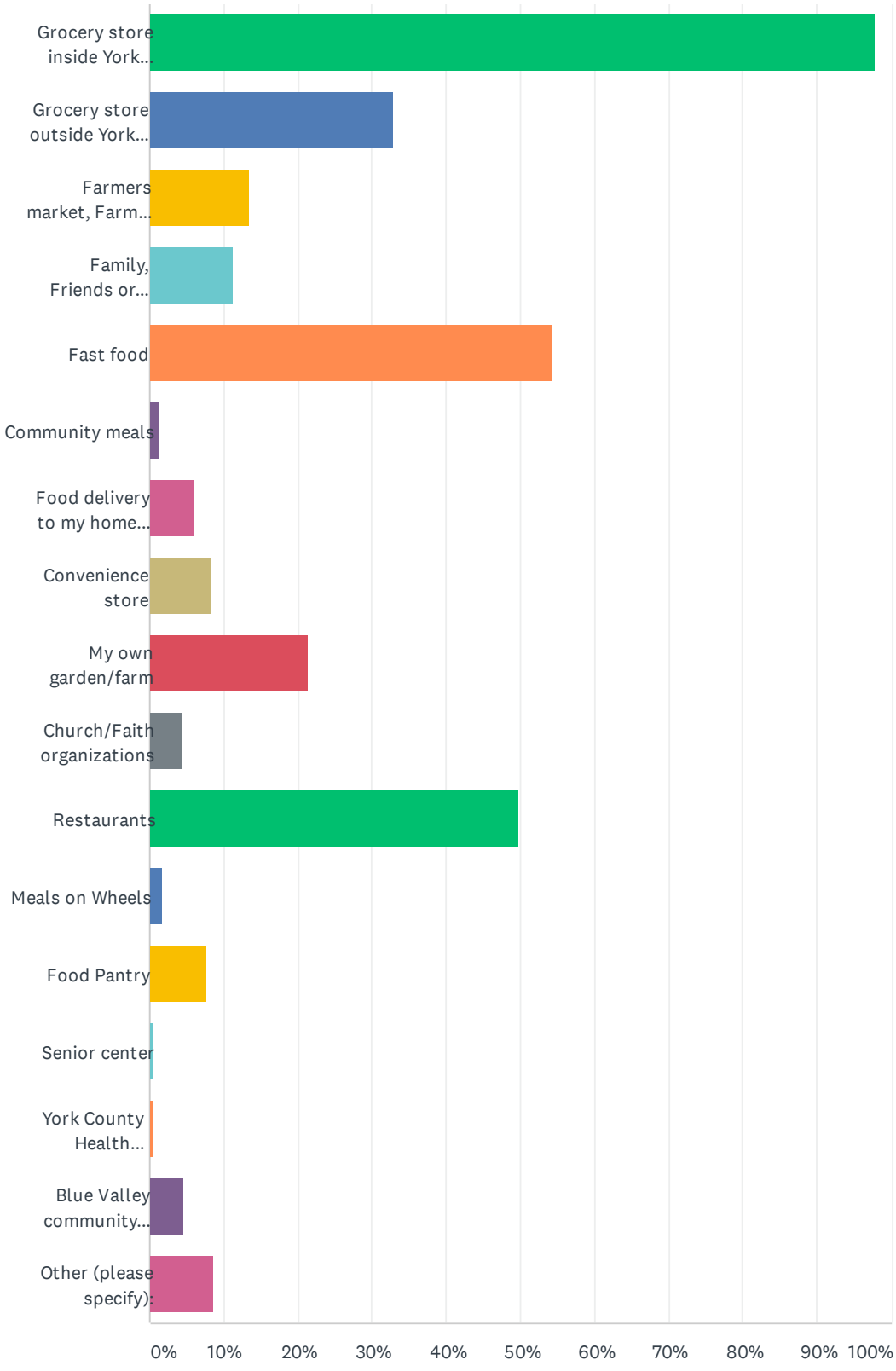
We've conducted this Food Access survey with hopes of understanding the food needs of our community. With this information, we are closer to providing non-profit organizations in York County with future programming and grant applications.

For additional information regarding the conducted survey, consider examining the in-detail analytics attached.

Q1 Where do you get the food you need for yourself and/or your family? Please check the locations where you usually get food:

Answered: 301 Skipped: 0

York County NE FOOD ACCESS SURVEY



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Grocery store inside York County	98.01%	295
Grocery store outside York County	32.89%	99
Farmers market, Farm stands or CSA	13.29%	40
Family, Friends or Neighbors	11.30%	34
Fast food	54.49%	164
Community meals	1.33%	4
Food delivery to my home (on-line service)	5.98%	18
Convenience store	8.31%	25
My own garden/farm	21.26%	64
Church/Faith organizations	4.32%	13
Restaurants	49.83%	150
Meals on Wheels	1.66%	5
Food Pantry	7.64%	23
Senior center	0.33%	1
York County Health Coalition	0.33%	1
Blue Valley community services	4.65%	14
Other (please specify):	8.64%	26
Total Respondents: 301		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY):	DATE
1	Dollar General	10/30/2020 4:33 PM
2	My workplace gives me free food	10/28/2020 11:50 AM
3	York College	10/28/2020 1:11 AM
4	Lincoln food bank	10/27/2020 2:13 PM
5	Cafeteria on Campus	10/27/2020 12:19 PM
6	College	10/27/2020 11:56 AM
7	My daughter. I don't have an income.	10/26/2020 12:27 PM
8	Lincoln Food Bank distribution - 1st Friday of each month.	10/26/2020 12:15 PM
9	Dollar General	10/26/2020 12:05 PM
10	Walmart	10/26/2020 12:02 PM
11	Coffee shops	10/26/2020 11:02 AM
12	Used to go to Blue Valley community service. Would love to go back.	10/26/2020 10:51 AM
13	100 General	10/26/2020 10:38 AM
14	School provided food	10/22/2020 9:31 AM
15	Friends and community gardens	10/21/2020 2:29 PM
16	York College Cafeteria	10/21/2020 2:11 PM
17	York college cafeteria	10/21/2020 12:15 PM
18	Cafeteria at York College	10/21/2020 11:49 AM
19	Caf on Campus	10/21/2020 11:46 AM
20	York college caf	10/21/2020 11:46 AM
21	York college	10/21/2020 11:31 AM
22	Dollar General	10/21/2020 11:30 AM
23	College	10/21/2020 11:29 AM
24	Food bank distribution	10/17/2020 11:43 AM
25	Walmart	10/16/2020 2:55 PM
26	Order Online	10/13/2020 10:36 AM

Q2 Please tell us where you get MOST of the food you need:

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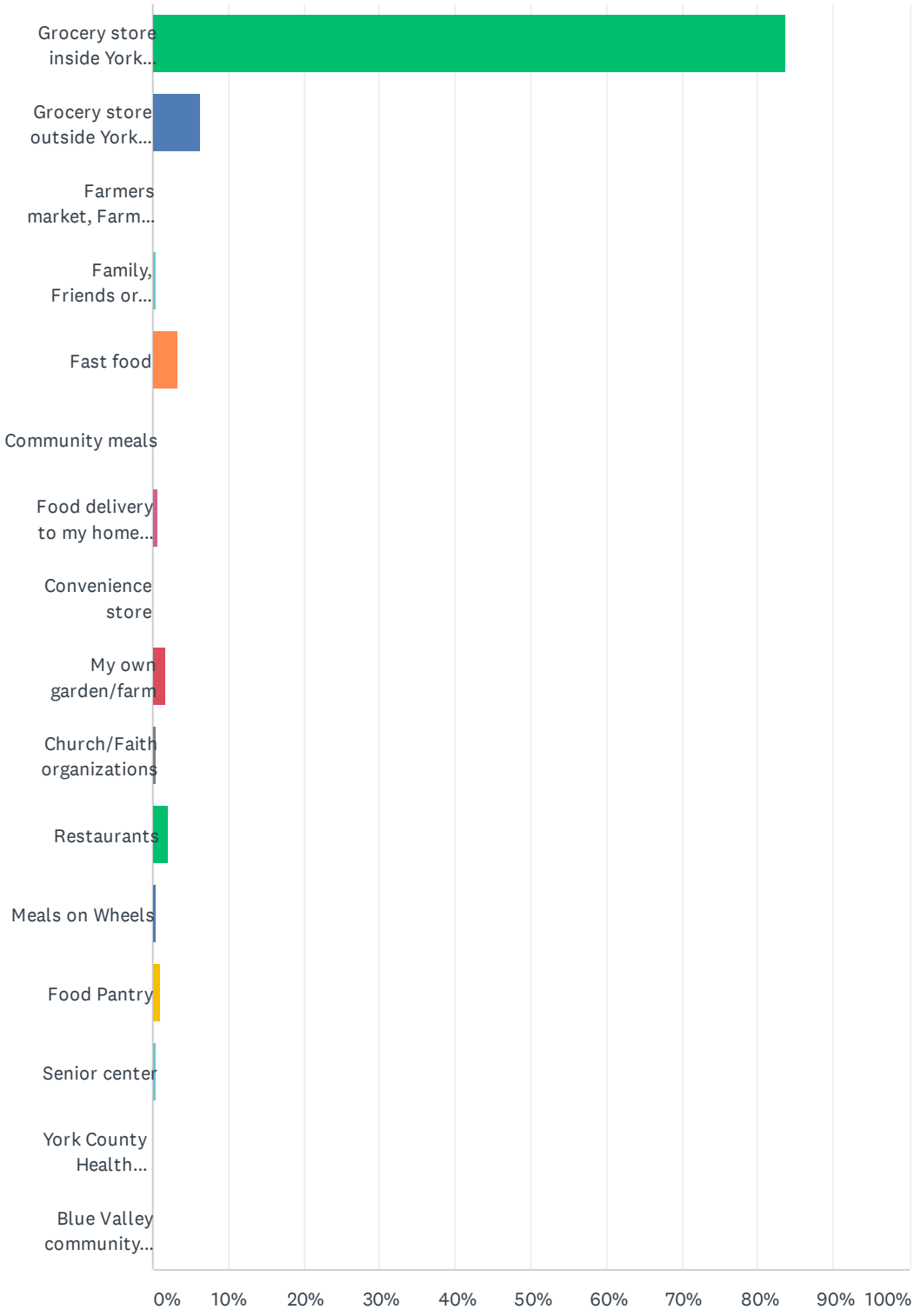
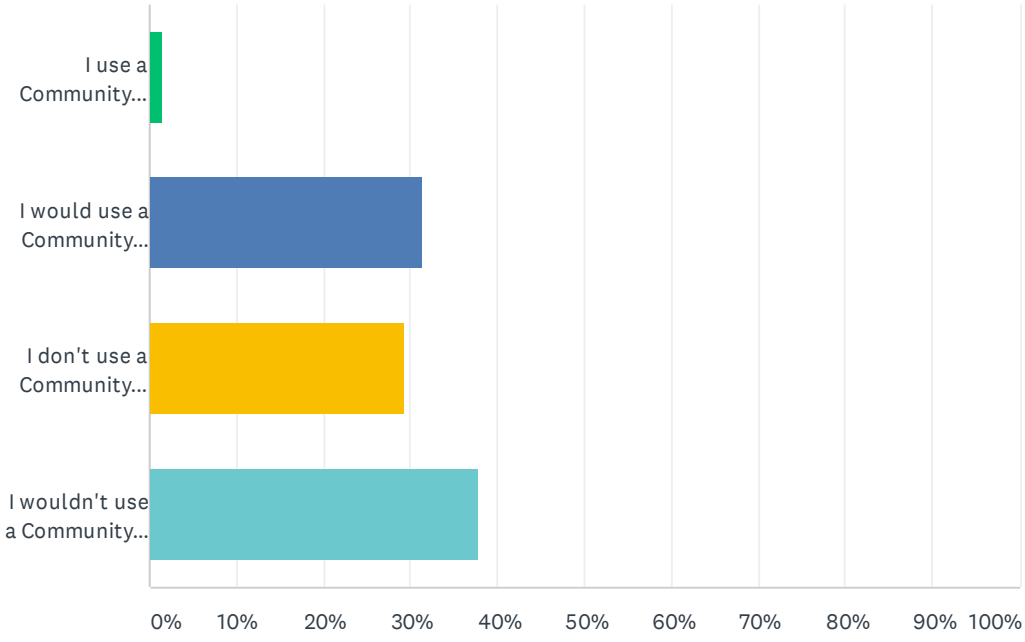


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Grocery store inside York County	83.61%	250
Grocery store outside York County	6.35%	19
Farmers market, Farm stands or CSA	0.00%	0
Family, Friends or Neighbors	0.33%	1
Fast food	3.34%	10
Community meals	0.00%	0
Food delivery to my home (on-line service)	0.67%	2
Convenience store	0.00%	0
My own garden/farm	1.67%	5
Church/Faith organizations	0.33%	1
Restaurants	2.01%	6
Meals on Wheels	0.33%	1
Food Pantry	1.00%	3
Senior center	0.33%	1
York County Health Coalition	0.00%	0
Blue Valley community services	0.00%	0
TOTAL		299

Q3 Do you utilize a Community Garden or would you?

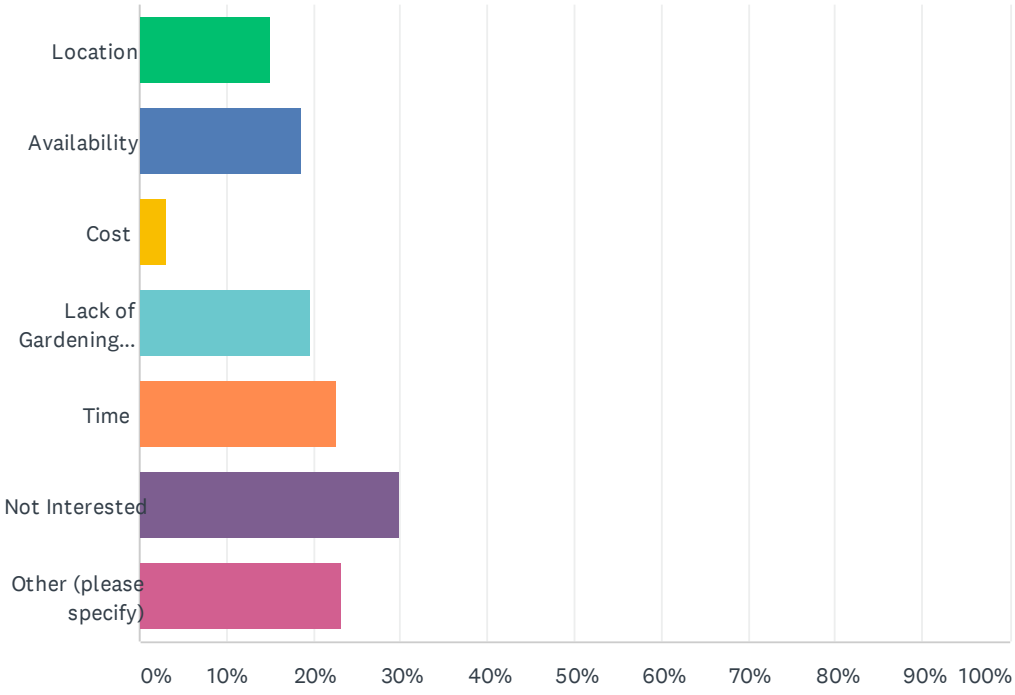
Answered: 293 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I use a Community Garden	1.37%	4
I would use a Community Garden	31.40%	92
I don't use a Community Garden	29.35%	86
I wouldn't use a Community Garden	37.88%	111
TOTAL		293

Q4 If you aren't utilizing a Community Garden, why not?

Answered: 284 Skipped: 17



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Location	15.14%	43
Availability	18.66%	53
Cost	3.17%	9
Lack of Gardening Knowledge	19.72%	56
Time	22.54%	64
Not Interested	29.93%	85
Other (please specify)	23.24%	66
Total Respondents: 284		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I have my own garden	11/3/2020 9:18 PM
2	Have our own garden	11/3/2020 5:37 PM
3	Didn't know of community garden.	11/3/2020 10:23 AM
4	Have my own.	11/2/2020 8:34 PM
5	Have my own	11/2/2020 8:56 AM
6	Physically hard for .e to garden. I raise sweet corn & few tomatoes	11/1/2020 6:26 PM
7	Have my own garden	10/28/2020 8:22 AM
8	I have my own garden.	10/27/2020 8:32 PM
9	I already have a garden of my own.	10/27/2020 4:07 PM
10	Do we have one? I do not know a lot about gardening or if we have one.	10/27/2020 3:31 PM
11	I did not even know this was a thing.	10/27/2020 3:05 PM
12	I'm not even sure if there is one in york	10/27/2020 12:48 PM
13	Don't know where one is!	10/26/2020 12:27 PM
14	Don't have one.	10/26/2020 12:08 PM
15	Getting more stable on my feet.	10/26/2020 12:05 PM
16	I can't have a community garden.	10/26/2020 11:59 AM
17	Never heard of it.	10/26/2020 11:00 AM
18	I'm almost 90 years old!	10/26/2020 10:37 AM
19	Physical Disability	10/26/2020 10:27 AM
20	Security, vandalism	10/22/2020 12:01 PM
21	Have own space	10/22/2020 11:19 AM
22	We have our own garden and we allow others that need it use the community gardens.	10/21/2020 3:48 PM
23	The school where I live raises a few fruit and vegetables.	10/21/2020 2:29 PM
24	Don't know how to join/find Community Garden.	10/21/2020 1:46 PM
25	Grow our own garden	10/21/2020 12:26 PM
26	We have our own garden.	10/21/2020 12:13 PM
27	I have my own garden space	10/21/2020 11:56 AM
28	Don’t know what it is	10/21/2020 11:32 AM
29	convenience	10/21/2020 11:13 AM
30	Have my own and swamp with other neighbors	10/21/2020 11:04 AM
31	I have my own Garden available to use	10/21/2020 10:59 AM
32	I wasn't aware of a community garden	10/21/2020 10:56 AM
33	Garden at home	10/21/2020 10:52 AM
34	We have our own garden.	10/21/2020 10:45 AM
35	Didn’t know we had one.	10/21/2020 10:42 AM
36	Not one locally in our town	10/19/2020 10:16 AM
37	Not aware of any in our area	10/19/2020 8:26 AM

38	We garden in our yard	10/19/2020 7:33 AM
39	Have a family garden	10/17/2020 10:43 AM
40	My back yard is convient	10/17/2020 8:25 AM
41	There are none and I have my own garden.	10/17/2020 7:37 AM
42	Don't have one	10/16/2020 2:55 PM
43	I have my own garden	10/16/2020 1:44 PM
44	I have my own garden.	10/16/2020 1:39 PM
45	Have a big garden area at home.	10/16/2020 9:20 AM
46	I already have my own	10/15/2020 1:18 PM
47	I have my own garden	10/14/2020 10:11 AM
48	i have a garden at home	10/14/2020 9:49 AM
49	I don't know how they work. Does everyone have their own area or is it one big garden for all to get the benefit from?	10/14/2020 9:20 AM
50	We have our own, and now sure where they're located.	10/14/2020 9:18 AM
51	have own garden	10/14/2020 9:15 AM
52	Have our own large space for garden	10/13/2020 11:12 PM
53	Don't know much about them, the availability or restrictions	10/13/2020 10:56 PM
54	Have our own garden	10/13/2020 8:41 PM
55	i have my own.	10/13/2020 1:45 PM
56	Storage and supplies needed for canning	10/13/2020 8:58 AM
57	have my own garden	10/13/2020 7:38 AM
58	Have our own garden	10/13/2020 6:50 AM
59	Have our own garden	10/12/2020 9:59 PM
60	have my own garden	10/12/2020 5:52 PM
61	Have home garden	10/12/2020 5:42 PM
62	Have my own gardening s	10/12/2020 5:40 PM
63	Have my own	10/12/2020 5:37 PM
64	I have my own garden	10/8/2020 2:09 PM
65	I have my own garden	10/8/2020 1:53 PM
66	Don't know of one.	10/1/2020 1:08 PM

Q5 Do you utilize the Farmers Market?

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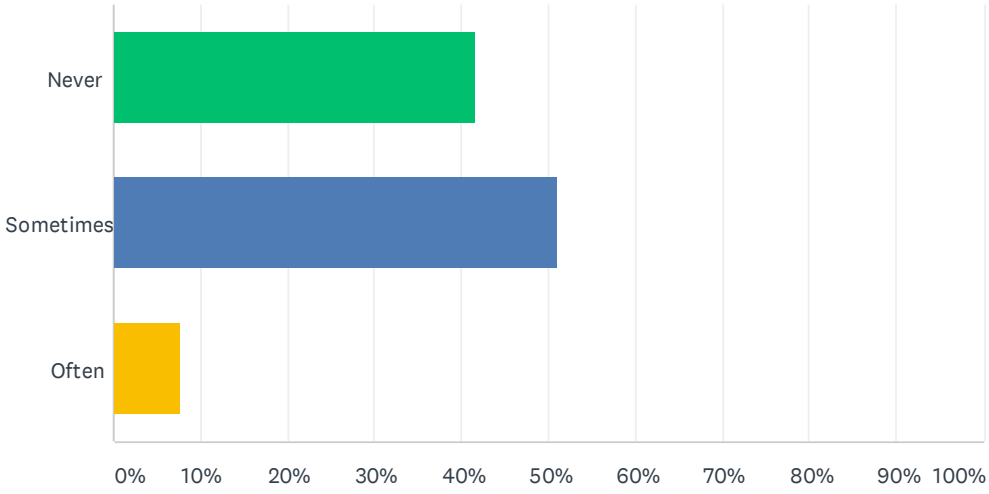


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Never	41.55%	123
Sometimes	51.01%	151
Often	7.77%	23
Total Respondents: 296		

Q6 What would you like to see at your local Farmers Market?

Answered: 118 Skipped: 183

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Not sure	11/6/2020 5:40 PM
2	fruit and things to make smoothies, or smoothies already made.	11/4/2020 12:21 AM
3	Acorns	11/3/2020 10:23 AM
4	Nothing	11/2/2020 8:34 PM
5	Bulk pricing that would let me really plan some meals out, freeze things, etc.	11/2/2020 8:57 AM
6	Fresh vegetables and baked goods.	11/2/2020 8:44 AM
7	Tomatoes cucumbers	10/31/2020 10:33 PM
8	flowers	10/28/2020 8:22 AM
9	fruit	10/27/2020 5:51 PM
10	Affordable produce. The prices always seem high to me.	10/27/2020 4:07 PM
11	More variety	10/27/2020 3:31 PM
12	I am not sure.	10/27/2020 3:05 PM
13	Stuff worth buying	10/27/2020 1:35 PM
14	Access	10/27/2020 1:04 PM
15	More stands in general. Its usually a fairly small farmers market, I think it just needs more variety.	10/27/2020 12:48 PM
16	N/A	10/27/2020 11:50 AM
17	Fruits and eggs	10/27/2020 11:33 AM
18	produce	10/27/2020 11:29 AM
19	N/A	10/27/2020 11:26 AM
20	Fresh veggies, international products like plaintains, passion fruit, papaya, fresh meat and fish.	10/27/2020 11:24 AM
21	Didn’t know there’s a farmers market in York	10/27/2020 11:23 AM
22	Yes	10/27/2020 11:19 AM
23	All peppers, all squashes, onions and herbs	10/27/2020 11:18 AM
24	Fresh food and deli meats	10/27/2020 11:13 AM
25	Local honey	10/27/2020 11:13 AM
26	More often, and where is the farmers market going to be this winter?	10/26/2020 12:27 PM
27	They already have what I like.	10/26/2020 12:22 PM
28	Lower prices; cucumbers; tomatoes.	10/26/2020 12:08 PM
29	Even more fruit and vegetables.	10/26/2020 12:05 PM
30	More fruits and vegetables.	10/26/2020 12:02 PM
31	Sweetcorn	10/26/2020 11:56 AM
32	Everything is fine!	10/26/2020 11:11 AM
33	Does York have a Farmers Market?	10/26/2020 11:04 AM
34	More fruit	10/26/2020 11:02 AM
35	I enjoy all of what is there.	10/26/2020 10:51 AM
36	Lots of Sweetcorn.	10/26/2020 10:48 AM
37	Fruit	10/26/2020 10:38 AM

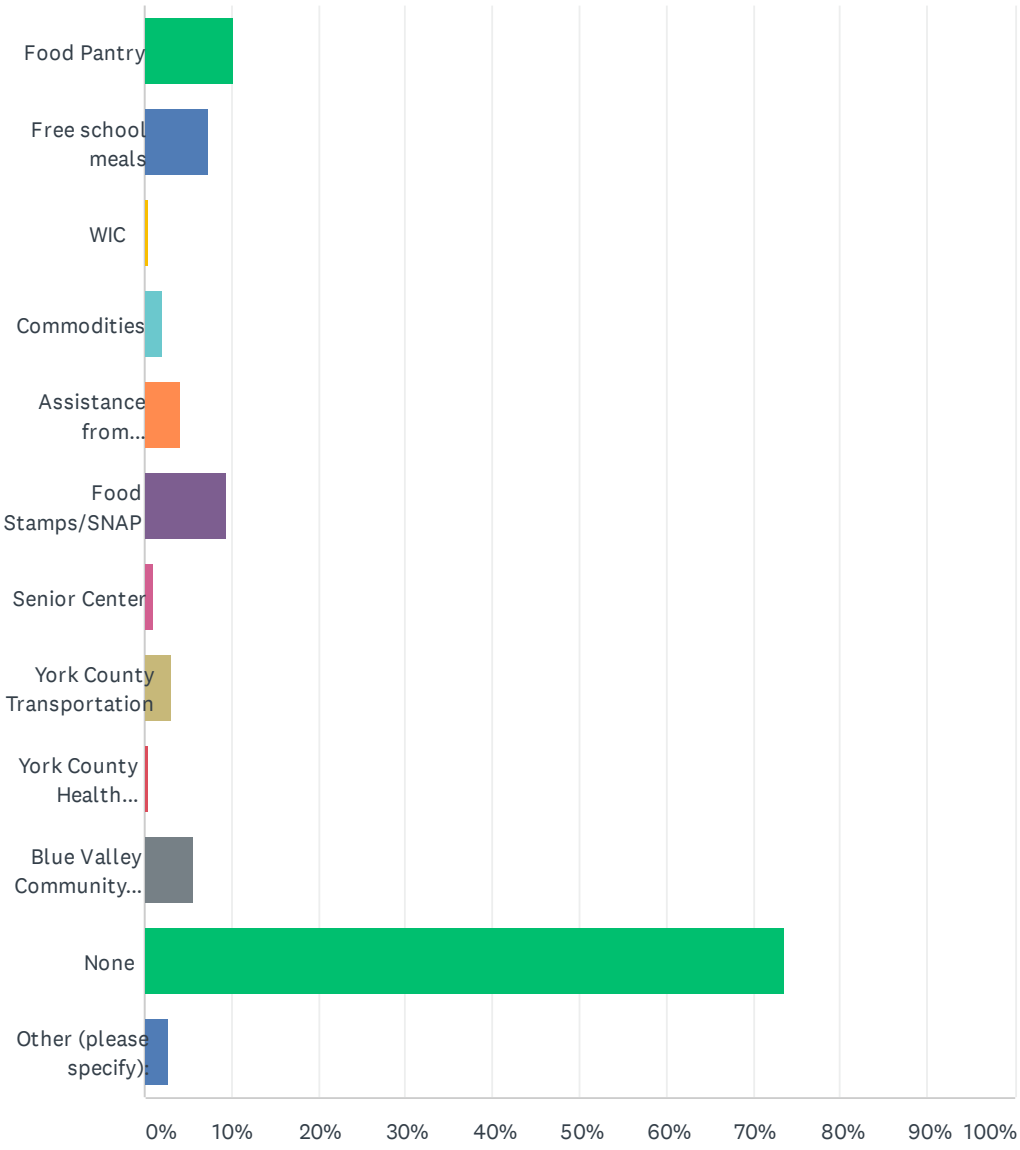
38	It's good.	10/26/2020 10:34 AM
39	German baked bread; apples; dates; soup mix - beans; cereal grains; fresh fruit; apricots; milk; celery; lettuce	10/26/2020 10:27 AM
40	Cheaper prices on products.	10/26/2020 10:22 AM
41	Eggplants and things like that.	10/26/2020 10:19 AM
42	Potatoes, Vegetables, Sweetcorn	10/26/2020 10:14 AM
43	Competitive prices.	10/22/2020 12:01 PM
44	Fruits	10/21/2020 3:10 PM
45	Organic Whole Foods	10/21/2020 3:08 PM
46	Fresh produce, and local meat sources.	10/21/2020 2:29 PM
47	I don't usually go to farmers markets.	10/21/2020 2:11 PM
48	Fish	10/21/2020 1:42 PM
49	I would like to see more variety of foods being sold at the farmers market	10/21/2020 1:39 PM
50	Meat, pastries, fruits and veggies.	10/21/2020 1:14 PM
51	More vendors with options	10/21/2020 12:37 PM
52	Variety	10/21/2020 12:26 PM
53	More free samples.	10/21/2020 12:23 PM
54	Produce, jams, bread	10/21/2020 12:15 PM
55	More venders	10/21/2020 12:13 PM
56	Better way of handling open foods just sitting out. With people who can touch them freely and not purchase any of the things they have touched. Maybe having things individually wrapped or bagged. More fruit in my opinion since that is one thing that I do lack in my nutrition diet.	10/21/2020 12:02 PM
57	Fruit	10/21/2020 11:56 AM
58	More vendors. The selection is very limited.	10/21/2020 11:56 AM
59	More food and snack options!	10/21/2020 11:52 AM
60	More produce and prepared food	10/21/2020 11:50 AM
61	More fresh vegetables and fruit, less crafts.	10/21/2020 11:33 AM
62	I didn’t know York had a farmers market. Fresh produce	10/21/2020 11:31 AM
63	Fresh produce at reasonable prices.	10/21/2020 11:30 AM
64	Easily accessible	10/21/2020 11:29 AM
65	In past, prices seemed very high. Would like all regular produce competitively priced.	10/21/2020 11:06 AM
66	More veggies and fruits and breads.	10/21/2020 11:06 AM
67	Would love to see more vendors there with more products available.	10/21/2020 11:04 AM
68	More produce items	10/21/2020 10:59 AM
69	I am satisfied with the current selection.	10/21/2020 10:42 AM
70	More fresh vegetables and fruit when in season.	10/20/2020 10:14 PM
71	Fruits and vegetables	10/20/2020 8:29 PM
72	More garden produce. More local crafts, foods. Love the coffee, soaps, baked goods!	10/20/2020 3:39 PM
73	More vendors.	10/19/2020 10:16 AM

74	fruits, vegetables, plants, and baked goods.	10/19/2020 10:05 AM
75	More fresh meat and produce and less processed foods/crafts.	10/19/2020 9:18 AM
76	More variety of vendors and food trucks.	10/17/2020 3:38 PM
77	Bigger variety of food,	10/17/2020 11:43 AM
78	I don't use the Farmer's Market, so I don't really can't answer this.	10/17/2020 9:14 AM
79	After Covid- a "social area". Many times people would like to be able to sit & visit while their partner takes more time to shop. Also if food is served, it would be nice to have a table & seat to eat the meal while it is hot AND this may be a way for some to interact with others more.	10/16/2020 6:44 PM
80	Fresh foods	10/16/2020 4:11 PM
81	Jerky, more vendors	10/16/2020 2:55 PM
82	More fresh produce	10/16/2020 2:25 PM
83	more variety	10/16/2020 1:56 PM
84	I would be interested if there were more produce options. It seems to me that most (or a significant amount) of the things there are non-food items, which is great for those vendors. However, I don't have much interest in purchasing those items.	10/16/2020 1:39 PM
85	More fruits and vegetables	10/16/2020 1:25 PM
86	It’s great the way it is	10/16/2020 12:51 PM
87	More fresh fruits and vegatables	10/16/2020 9:20 AM
88	Canned/preserved vegetables	10/15/2020 1:18 PM
89	Fresh fruit, more vegetables	10/14/2020 9:20 AM
90	I didn't have a chance to check it out this year so I'm not sure what was offered.	10/14/2020 9:18 AM
91	Meat, eggs, fruit, vegetables, honey, pastries, bread, all kinds of home made and homegrown food.	10/14/2020 9:02 AM
92	Fresh fruits and vegetables, Local craft items, Meats	10/14/2020 8:19 AM
93	food truck	10/13/2020 11:12 PM
94	Variety of produce Variety of baked goods The hours though are not convenient for me to go to.	10/13/2020 10:56 PM
95	More produce vendors, fresh flowers, local wine/beer vendors,	10/13/2020 8:41 PM
96	Family night with entertainment. Place to sit and eat or visit. Low carb baked goods items.	10/13/2020 7:24 PM
97	Produce	10/13/2020 4:30 PM
98	I've enjoyed the variety of options when I have been there, from local produce to baked goods and ready to eat food.	10/13/2020 2:27 PM
99	FRESH	10/13/2020 1:45 PM
100	not sure	10/13/2020 1:38 PM
101	Food trucks, more vendors other than just foods	10/13/2020 12:28 PM
102	More fresh produce/meat/cheese/baked goods and less knick-knacks.	10/13/2020 10:48 AM
103	More variety, to include cheeses. Year-round availability.	10/13/2020 10:36 AM
104	More produce	10/13/2020 9:55 AM
105	More options than what we have. Examples: soup kits, wineries, home made pastas/noodles, wood working	10/13/2020 8:47 AM
106	Variety	10/13/2020 8:35 AM
107	More fresh produce and fruits.	10/13/2020 7:38 AM

108	Less craft items and more food items, maybe even less baked goods and more choices such as fresh produce	10/12/2020 10:59 PM
109	Fresh produce, locally made products	10/12/2020 9:17 PM
110	Unsure	10/12/2020 8:44 PM
111	Entertainment and food trucks/vendors	10/12/2020 7:51 PM
112	More unique food items (baked or produce)	10/12/2020 7:38 PM
113	I don't know what is there now.	10/12/2020 7:10 PM
114	more variety, entertainment,	10/12/2020 5:52 PM
115	Fresh vegetables, meat	10/12/2020 5:42 PM
116	Not sure - more produce?	10/12/2020 5:40 PM
117	They usually have a good supply of fresh produce which is what we usually purchase.	10/8/2020 1:53 PM
118	Fresh produce at reasonable prices.	10/1/2020 1:08 PM

Q7 Do you use any of these resources to help you get food? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 285 Skipped: 16

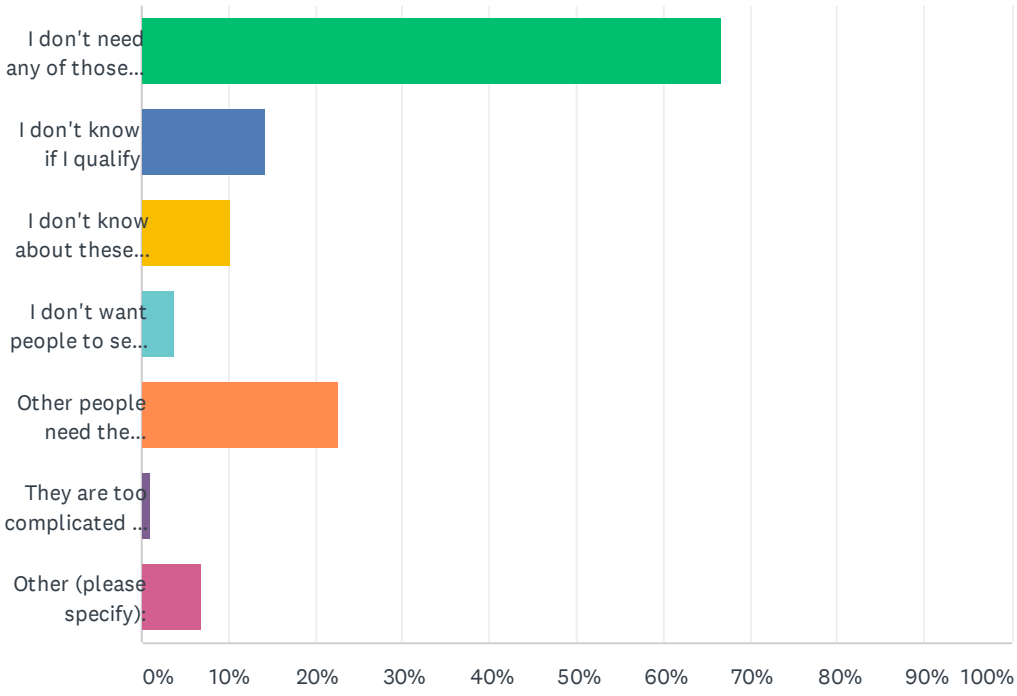


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Food Pantry	10.18%	29
Free school meals	7.37%	21
WIC	0.35%	1
Commodities	2.11%	6
Assistance from Church/Faith organizations	4.21%	12
Food Stamps/SNAP	9.47%	27
Senior Center	1.05%	3
York County Transportation	3.16%	9
York County Health Coalition	0.35%	1
Blue Valley Community Action	5.61%	16
None	73.68%	210
Other (please specify):	2.81%	8
Total Respondents: 285		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY):	DATE
1	No	10/30/2020 8:08 PM
2	York College	10/27/2020 3:31 PM
3	Lincoln food bank	10/27/2020 2:13 PM
4	I can't get food stamps.	10/26/2020 12:27 PM
5	Lincoln Food Bank distribution - 1st Friday of each month.	10/26/2020 12:15 PM
6	Mom's meals; East Hill Church beginning of each month.	10/26/2020 12:08 PM
7	Friends driving me	10/18/2020 2:19 PM
8	Family	10/16/2020 1:25 PM

Q8 If you don't use some of the resources listed in Question 7, why not? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 262 Skipped: 39



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't need any of those resoures	66.79%	175
I don't know if I qualify	14.12%	37
I don't know about these resources/I don't know how to find out about them	10.31%	27
I don't want people to see me or know that I'm using the resources	3.82%	10
Other people need the resources more than I do	22.52%	59
They are too complicated or too hard to use	1.15%	3
Other (please specify):	6.87%	18
Total Respondents: 262		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY):	DATE
1	I am not in dire need of any of the other options.	11/4/2020 12:21 AM
2	Cost and limited money	11/3/2020 10:06 AM
3	Plan for my needs	11/2/2020 8:34 PM
4	College student	10/28/2020 1:11 AM
5	I am a college student so I cannot afford a lot but I can afford more but not a lot	10/27/2020 3:31 PM
6	Why don't these resources have what people need?	10/26/2020 12:27 PM
7	Some I don't qualify for - others I wasn't aware of.	10/26/2020 12:15 PM
8	Don't qualify for WIC or Commodities.	10/26/2020 11:59 AM
9	I'm not old enough.	10/26/2020 11:11 AM
10	United Healthcare just SENTA (Food Card) 10/2020	10/26/2020 10:42 AM
11	I have a medical condition that requires a strict diet	10/21/2020 12:06 PM
12	Pick up times are when I’m working	10/20/2020 8:29 PM
13	Don’t qualify, but would definitely use them if we could!	10/20/2020 3:39 PM
14	No need	10/17/2020 8:25 AM
15	I don’t qualify	10/13/2020 9:05 PM
16	I do not qualify	10/12/2020 9:59 PM
17	To clarify, Do you mean question 7?	10/12/2020 5:41 PM
18	We typically get plenty of garden produce from friends & family.	10/8/2020 11:23 AM

Q9 If it were up to you to decide, where would you prefer to get the food you need for yourself/you family? In other words, where do you want to get the food you need?

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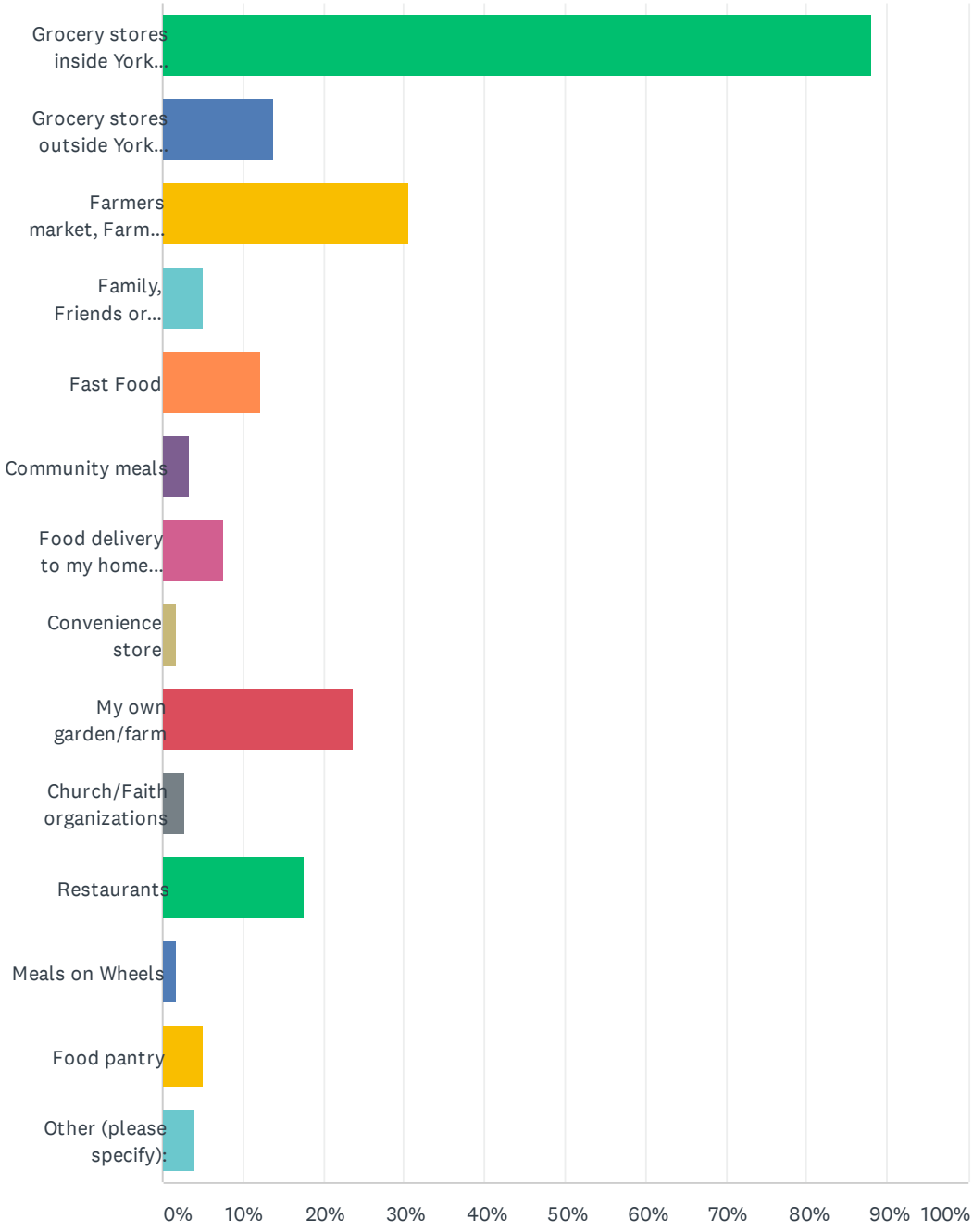

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Grocery stores inside York County	88.14%	260
Grocery stores outside York County	13.90%	41
Farmers market, Farm stands or CSA	30.51%	90
Family, Friends or Neighbors	5.08%	15
Fast Food	12.20%	36
Community meals	3.39%	10
Food delivery to my home (on-line service)	7.46%	22
Convenience store	1.69%	5
My own garden/farm	23.73%	70
Church/Faith organizations	2.71%	8
Restaurants	17.63%	52
Meals on Wheels	1.69%	5
Food pantry	5.08%	15
Other (please specify):	4.07%	12
Total Respondents: 295		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY):	DATE
1	Whole Foods or fresh thyme in Lincoln	10/27/2020 11:33 AM
2	I have epilepsy. I can't drive. Why can't people deliver from food pantry? I'm 55, I can't carry a heavy box 3 miles or even 3 blocks.	10/26/2020 12:27 PM
3	Here in York, I don't have a vehicle.	10/26/2020 12:08 PM
4	Walmart and Grand Central	10/26/2020 11:59 AM
5	All if needed.	10/26/2020 10:45 AM
6	I believe the allotment for SNAP is not sufficient	10/26/2020 10:34 AM
7	Free Lincoln food delivery.	10/26/2020 10:27 AM
8	Walmart	10/16/2020 2:55 PM
9	Wish there was a grocery store in York that was not Walmart. A larger store that had more variety and options	10/13/2020 10:56 PM
10	Meat markets	10/13/2020 8:41 PM
11	fresh meat from small shops	10/13/2020 1:45 PM
12	some things we like are not available at local stores	10/13/2020 8:22 AM

Q10 In the past year, how often have you worried you would not have enough money to buy the food you need?

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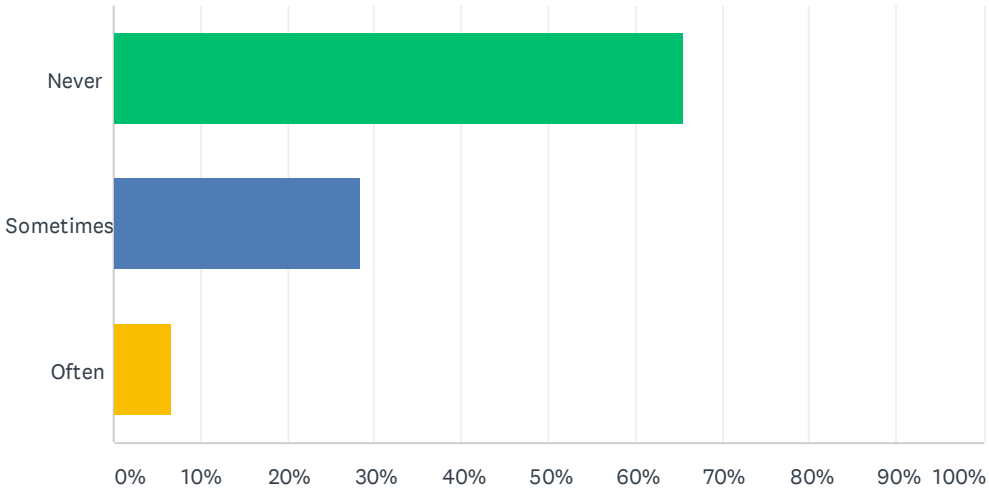

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Never	65.55%	196
Sometimes	28.43%	85
Often	6.69%	20
Total Respondents: 299		

Q11 Do any of these things get in the way of you being able to get the food you need for yourself and/or your family? Please check all that apply.

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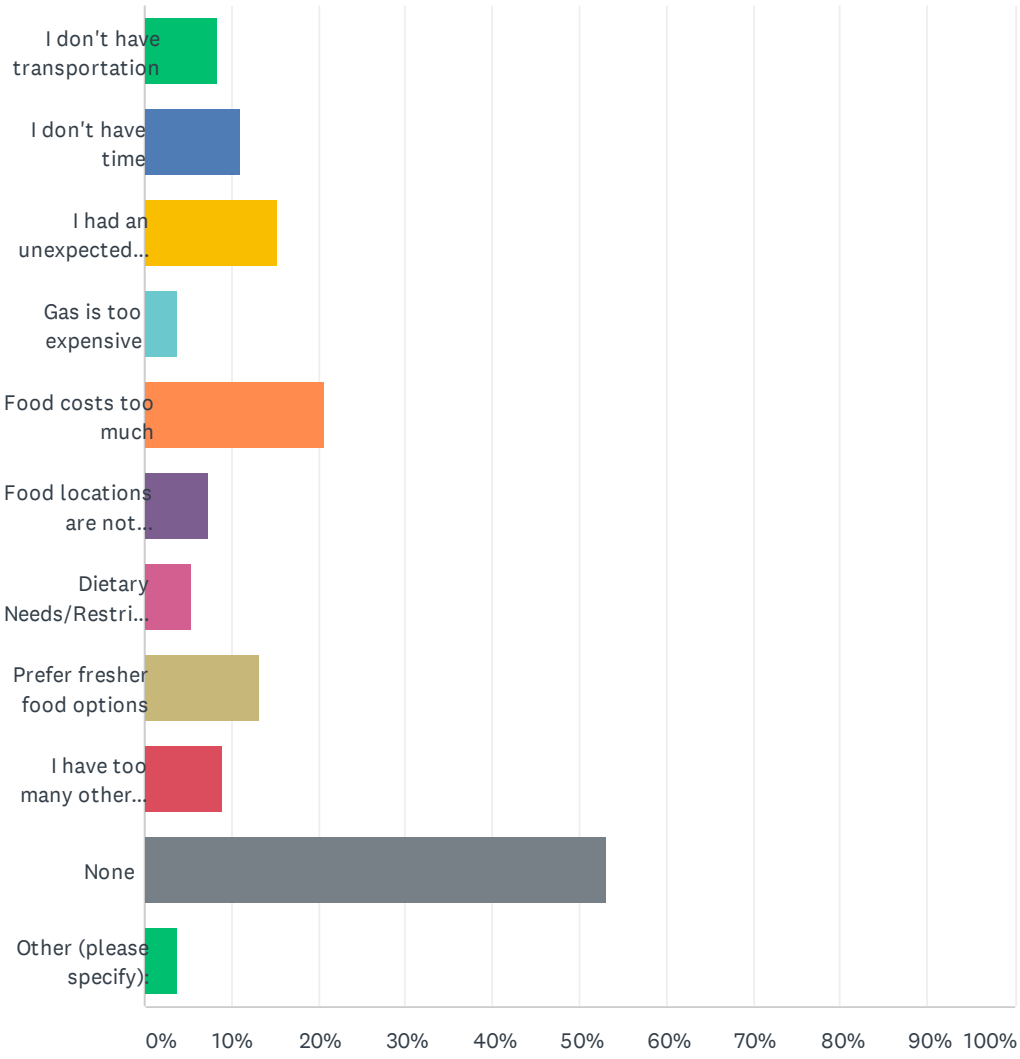
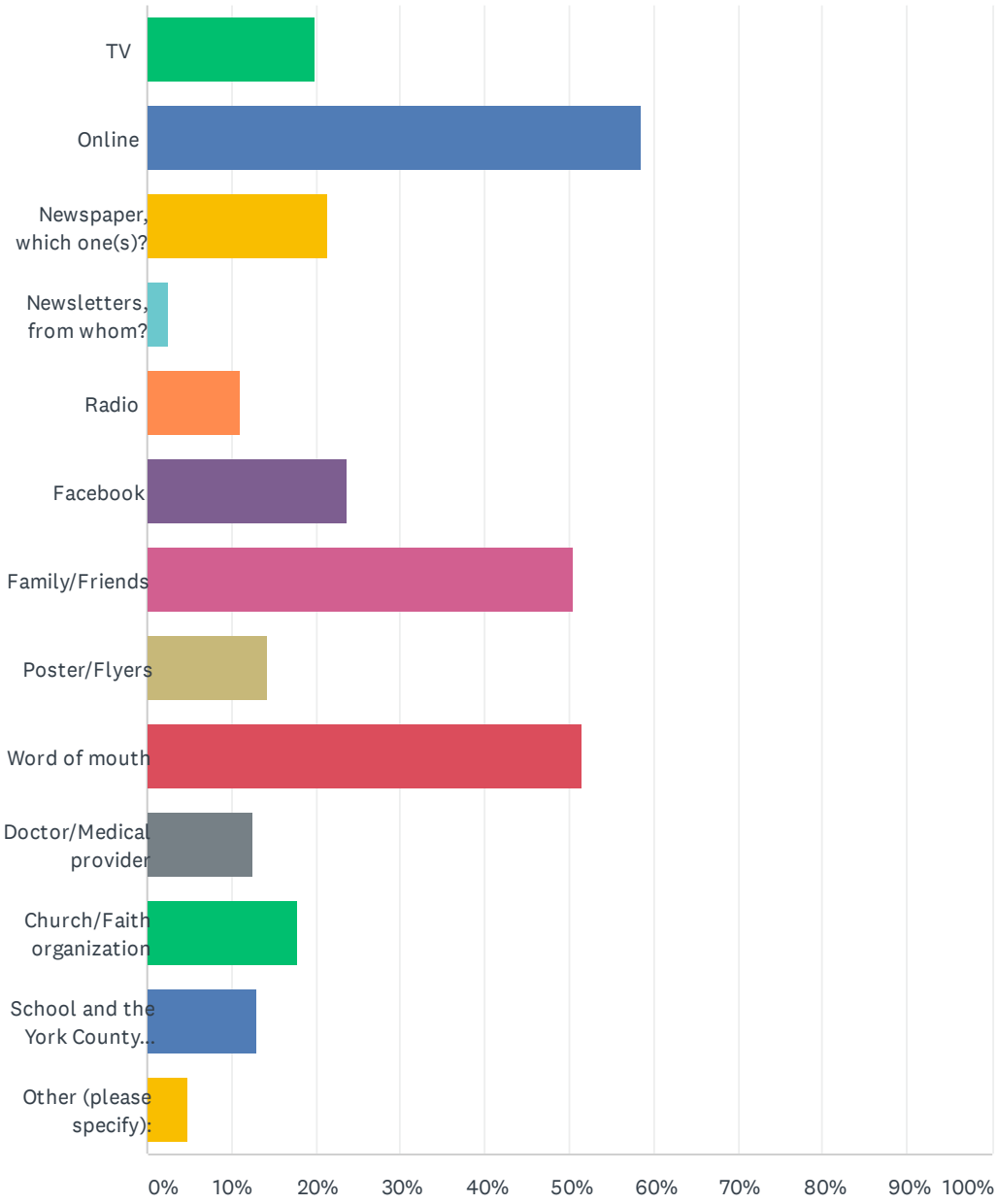


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't have transportation	8.28%	24
I don't have time	11.03%	32
I had an unexpected bill/expense that made it difficult to buy food for a short time	15.17%	44
Gas is too expensive	3.79%	11
Food costs too much	20.69%	60
Food locations are not convenient	7.24%	21
Dietary Needs/Restrictions	5.52%	16
Prefer fresher food options	13.10%	38
I have too many other expenses	8.97%	26
None	53.10%	154
Other (please specify):	3.79%	11
Total Respondents: 290		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY):	DATE
1	I miss Bag N Save for fresh produce. Grand central quality good but I can go to Li coln or GI once month for pantry restock/better selection and price of produce of fresh th for	11/1/2020 6:26 PM
2	Age/health	10/30/2020 1:01 PM
3	My credit is bad, but I pay my credit card debt a little here and there every month. But I did not mean for my credit to get bad, but I am trying to get it better.	10/26/2020 12:22 PM
4	I don't qualify for SNAP - over income guidline.	10/26/2020 12:15 PM
5	Bad weather, transportation after 5:00 pm.	10/26/2020 11:59 AM
6	SNAP allotments are not sufficient.	10/26/2020 10:34 AM
7	Income dropped significantly in past two years.	10/20/2020 3:39 PM
8	Occassionally the foods we need/want are unavailable for periods of time	10/19/2020 8:26 AM
9	Not enough competition in grocery stores and restaurants	10/16/2020 2:55 PM
10	I dont like shopping at national chains - (walmart)	10/14/2020 9:05 AM
11	Not having delivery options to home	10/13/2020 8:35 AM

Q12 Where do you get reliable information about resources and other things you need?

Answered: 287 Skipped: 14

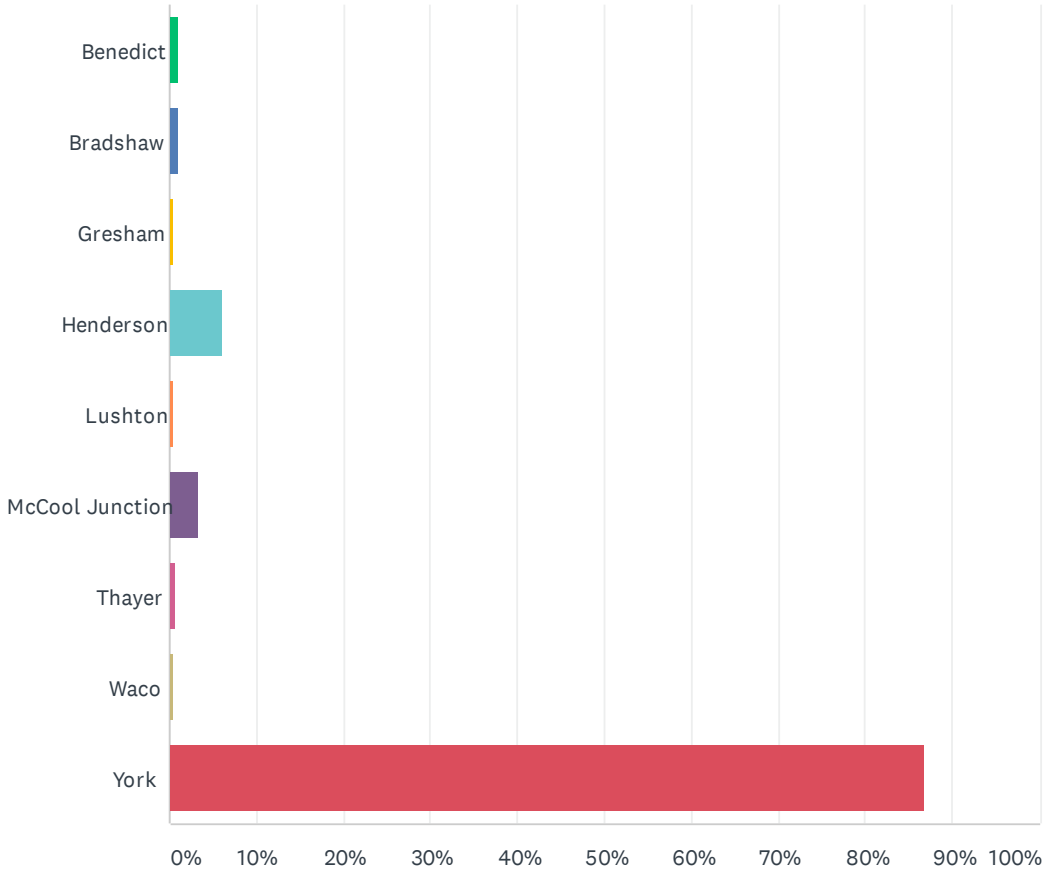


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
TV	19.86%	57
Online	58.54%	168
Newspaper, which one(s)?	21.25%	61
Newsletters, from whom?	2.44%	7
Radio	11.15%	32
Facebook	23.69%	68
Family/Friends	50.52%	145
Poster/Flyers	14.29%	41
Word of mouth	51.57%	148
Doctor/Medical provider	12.54%	36
Church/Faith organization	17.77%	51
School and the York County Health Coalition	12.89%	37
Other (please specify):	4.88%	14
Total Respondents: 287		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY):	DATE
1	Why is the bus ticket not given if you need a ride to the food pantry?	10/26/2020 12:27 PM
2	York News Times	10/26/2020 12:22 PM
3	York News Times and Local Newsletters	10/26/2020 12:05 PM
4	York Daily	10/26/2020 11:08 AM
5	York News Times	10/26/2020 10:43 AM
6	York News Times	10/26/2020 10:37 AM
7	York News Times (Newspaper Local)	10/26/2020 10:32 AM
8	Books	10/21/2020 11:33 AM
9	Newspapers: York News Times	10/19/2020 9:18 AM
10	York News-Times	10/15/2020 1:18 PM
11	York News Times and Chamber Chat	10/14/2020 9:20 AM
12	don't need information	10/13/2020 7:55 AM
13	Self	10/12/2020 5:55 PM
14	YNT & LJS	10/12/2020 1:55 PM

Q13 What city or town do you live in?

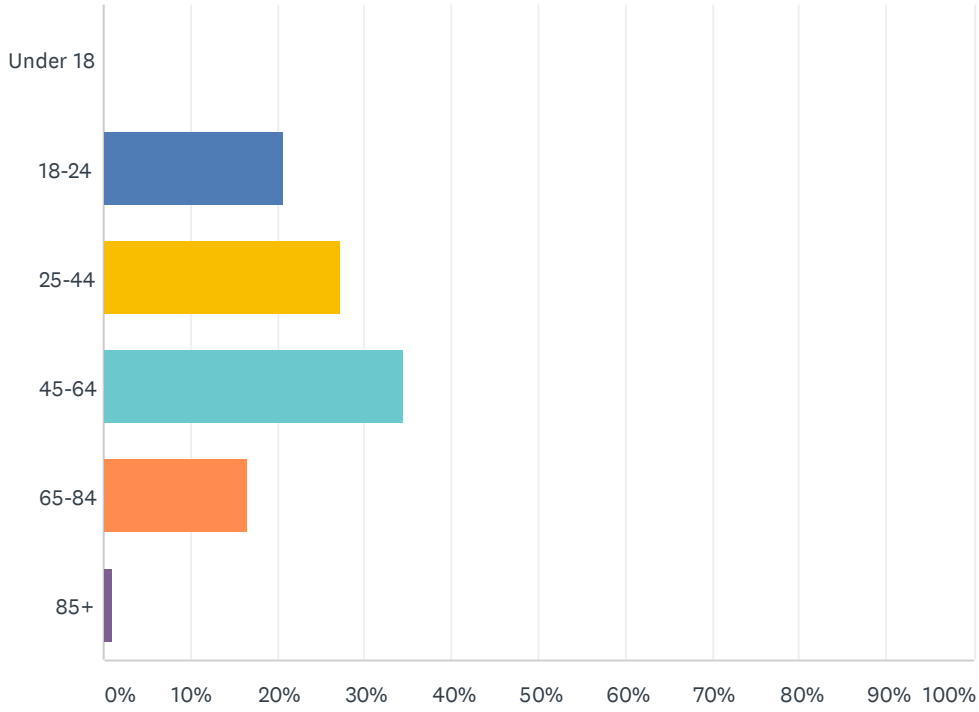
Answered: 296 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Benedict	1.01%	3
Bradshaw	1.01%	3
Gresham	0.34%	1
Henderson	6.08%	18
Lushton	0.34%	1
McCool Junction	3.38%	10
Thayer	0.68%	2
Waco	0.34%	1
York	86.82%	257
Total Respondents: 296		

Q14 What's your age?

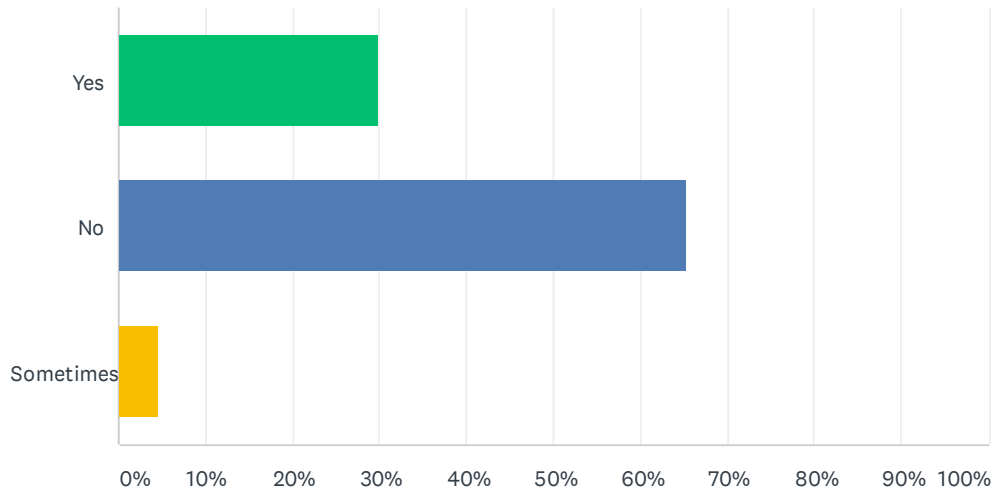
Answered: 298 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-24	20.81%	62
25-44	27.18%	81
45-64	34.56%	103
65-84	16.44%	49
85+	1.01%	3
Total Respondents: 298		

Q15 Do you have any children who depend on you to provide their food?

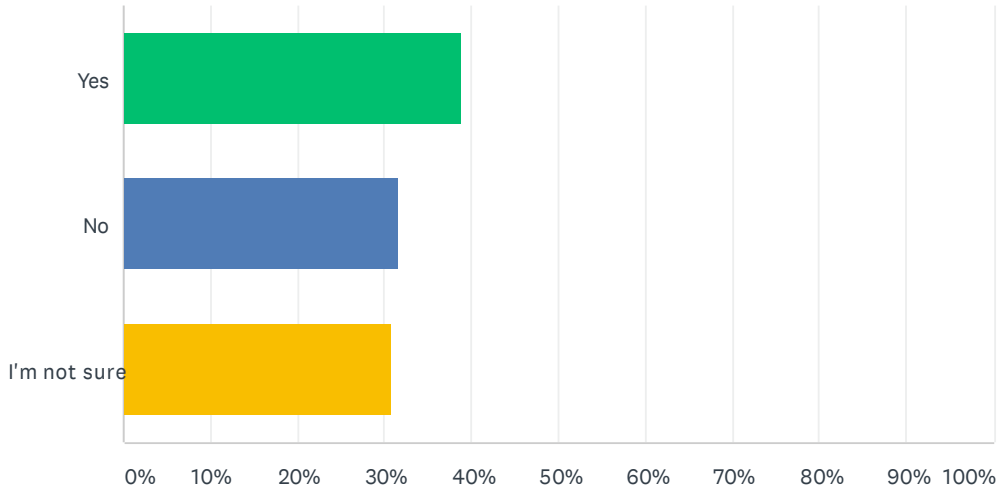
Answered: 300 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	30.00%	90
No	65.33%	196
Sometimes	4.67%	14
Total Respondents: 300		

Q16 Do you personally know, or know of, people in York County who sometimes do not have enough food?

Answered: 300 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	39.00%	117
No	31.67%	95
I'm not sure	30.67%	92
Total Respondents: 300		

Q17 What ideas do you have for ensuring that everyone in York County has reliable access to good food? In other words, what solutions can you think of?

Answered: 99 Skipped: 202

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I do not really have any, I believe that the food drive that comes to the city of York does a great job.	11/4/2020 12:21 AM
2	Make more honest money.	11/3/2020 10:23 AM
3	Less fast food and prepare meals at home.	11/2/2020 8:34 PM
4	Aldi is a wonderful store for providing low-cost food that is healthy; I'm unsure what the barriers would be to bringing one in. I also would personally love something like a Trader Joe's or a Fresh Thyme to help provide fresher options at a reasonable price.	11/2/2020 8:57 AM
5	Donations!	11/2/2020 8:44 AM
6	There are certainly some people/families that struggle with food but I also work with people that they spend their money on tobacco,alcohol, mismanage their money. Perfect example our church group brought groceries to the door to a family in need but they had a big screen when that was a new product on the market & multiple cases of beer/hard alcohol bottles visible. I really wanted to turn around with the "free groceries" Budgeting needs to be a skill too.	11/1/2020 6:26 PM
7	Better food at the food pantrys its mostly outdated	10/31/2020 10:31 AM
8	Have more food boxes for families. Not just low income but other families that don't meet the requirements to be low income. Those people struggle really hard sometimes making enough for decent meals.	10/31/2020 10:29 AM
9	food giveaways like we already have	10/27/2020 8:32 PM
10	Get info on people who need food	10/27/2020 5:51 PM
11	Offer classes teaching people to garden in their yards and create systems to distribute the excess.	10/27/2020 4:07 PM
12	Right now I am not sure.	10/27/2020 3:05 PM
13	Having a buddy who checks in on those who are struggling with getting food or struggling with transportation to go and buy food. This person can help the member by taking them to the store weekly.	10/27/2020 1:52 PM
14	More knowledge on the options available.	10/27/2020 1:04 PM
15	I think the farmers market is great but I know many who have concerns about COVID don't utilize the Farmers Market. Perhaps make some of the Farmers Market products available to order online and be delivered as well.	10/27/2020 11:50 AM
16	I think we have good options.	10/27/2020 11:29 AM
17	Food pantry	10/27/2020 11:26 AM
18	Canned food drive	10/27/2020 11:19 AM
19	????	10/27/2020 11:13 AM
20	Help with transportation.	10/26/2020 12:27 PM
21	I really don't know how to answer that. But I only get $16.00 per month on my SNAP Food Card. And that is not enough to buy a week supply of the cheapest food.	10/26/2020 12:22 PM
22	Better advertising of lesser known resources. Affordability to those on fixed incomes and those living below, at, or just over the poverty level, which is about $1,040.00 per month according to the federal government.	10/26/2020 12:15 PM
23	Maybe some of the food stands or food market have a certain day of free vegetables. Something I'm not old enough for.	10/26/2020 12:08 PM
24	Clean $ for farmers market and fruit stands of South town side.	10/26/2020 11:02 AM
25	Need to have more transportation.	10/26/2020 10:51 AM
26	More pantries, more food stamps.	10/26/2020 10:48 AM
27	Word of mouth availability.	10/26/2020 10:45 AM

28	"Robin Hood Plan" Tax the rich, feed the poor.	10/26/2020 10:27 AM
29	More people give food to the people that can not afford food.	10/26/2020 10:22 AM
30	A closer community garden.	10/26/2020 10:17 AM
31	For York County to keep providing food for everyone. For the homeless the most.	10/26/2020 10:14 AM
32	Increase food distributions soup kitchen	10/24/2020 6:30 PM
33	More info from local radio, maybe? Flyers with helpful info about local community food sources & transportation mailed like all those coupon ads that get mailed	10/22/2020 6:52 PM
34	WORK, not more "assistance". York County has LOW unemployment, LOTS of jobs—almost all above minimum wage—lots of businesses who cannot find enough RELIABLE employees (talk to large business owners!) I know one general manager whose company would hire another 20-25 employees at $12-$16/hour IF they could find ones who'll show up and put in an honest day's work. York County HAS jobs, make able-bodied people get one.	10/22/2020 12:01 PM
35	Keep pride pack program strong	10/22/2020 11:19 AM
36	I do not know if the is something in place already, but when I lived in Denver 1 of 4 churches held food pantries that gave donated food to people in the community.	10/22/2020 9:31 AM
37	Information on where and how to get help.	10/21/2020 3:48 PM
38	community meals and community food drives	10/21/2020 3:10 PM
39	Community Garden in the city of York.	10/21/2020 2:29 PM
40	There needs to be more affordable food and resources to have groceries delivered without charging a ton and that happen more often than once every couple of weeks.	10/21/2020 2:11 PM
41	Neighborhood kitchen. People can leave food and take as they please. Its a big thing in England.	10/21/2020 1:42 PM
42	Community Garden	10/21/2020 1:39 PM
43	I think the key words are "good food." I often go to Hyvee, Fresh Thyme, and Aldis for better quality of food and to buy food specific for me because of food allergies	10/21/2020 1:30 PM
44	more publicity about it	10/21/2020 1:14 PM
45	Variety of food, more stores. More access to food pantry or knowledge of them.	10/21/2020 12:37 PM
46	Food banks. Food giveaways. Looking out for each other in the community.	10/21/2020 12:23 PM
47	Get the faith organizations to work together instead of on their own.	10/21/2020 12:13 PM
48	I don’t know. There is WIC, Blue Valley, Lincoln Food Bank, church help. Not sure what else is practical.	10/21/2020 11:50 AM
49	Food drive	10/21/2020 11:39 AM
50	More education about resources that are available to help people.	10/21/2020 11:30 AM
51	Idk	10/21/2020 11:29 AM
52	I can't think of any new programs other than maybe utilizing chamber checks for those in need. Perhaps they can trade their service for some chamber checks that can be used for food.	10/21/2020 11:04 AM
53	Food drives, maybe. Food pantries.	10/21/2020 10:42 AM
54	Food is significantly more expensive and lower quality in York. We are willing to travel to Omaha and save hundreds every month. Gardens are a great idea. Can we expand the one at the high school and get more kids involved?	10/20/2020 3:39 PM
55	local pantries, a low cost grocery store like ALDI's	10/19/2020 10:05 AM
56	Teach parents how to budget for food. And also teach them how to cook and show them how eating at home saves money.	10/19/2020 8:54 AM
57	When groceries have foods that are needing to be pushed due to close to expiration etc. offer	10/19/2020 8:26 AM

	free pick up bags versus discounted prices. Deliver those bags to elderly who can't travel or individuals who are unable to leave their homes for medical reasons.	
58	We need an Aldi store - great produce at reasonable prices for our community.	10/19/2020 7:33 AM
59	More & better public transportation, where I can actually bring stuff onboard more, like my granny cart.	10/18/2020 2:19 PM
60	Make the programs we do have here more well known and make it more obvious who they are available to.	10/17/2020 3:38 PM
61	More frequent Lincoln food pantry drops	10/17/2020 11:43 AM
62	Summer food service through school, community garden	10/17/2020 10:43 AM
63	With all the present resources available, I don't see any problem. Students can receive free breakfasts and lunches (and during the summers, they don't even need to qualify). Seniors have several choices available with Meals on Wheels, the Senior Center, etc. People with less money can get food stamps, WIC, etc. We have a well-stocked food pantry. We also have volunteers who will take disabled people to the grocery store. The Ministerial Alliance and the Rescue Mission will feed people who have absolutely no other source for food. It would seem that if someone doesn't have enough food, there are plenty of resources available if they want to use them. I really don't see a need in York County for anything more.	10/17/2020 9:14 AM
64	Cooking classes	10/16/2020 4:11 PM
65	Have food available for low income in our small towns. Vehicles & gas are now always available for these people!!!!	10/16/2020 3:10 PM
66	We need more places to eat. Sit down restaurants like Texas Roadhouse, Canes, Papa Johns, ect.	10/16/2020 2:55 PM
67	I feel York County has many wonderful resources available to the people of York. Sometimes it is hard to get the word to the people who need it the most, flyers in Pride Packs. I wonder if it would be beneficial to have cooking classes using items that you find in the Pride Packs or food pantry.	10/16/2020 2:25 PM
68	We need to support our local grocery store so it continues to prosper. Since delivery is possible, everyone should be able to access food. Encouraging those on limited budgets to purchase healthful foods is very important.	10/16/2020 1:56 PM
69	Providing meals	10/16/2020 1:44 PM
70	A pantry at a more convenient location-so people could walk to get food. Maybe a way to give vouchers to get fresh food at grocery stores or farmers market	10/16/2020 1:25 PM
71	None	10/16/2020 9:20 AM
72	This is a tough question. :(I know our church and other community locations share information, but sometimes it's tough to search out help. Thank you for all you do, YCDC!	10/14/2020 9:18 AM
73	get rid of money hungry Walmart. they give nothing back to the area. all they do is take our money.	10/14/2020 9:05 AM
74	Good jobs, lower taxes, and people having the willingness to work for a living. Most importantly, re-elect President Donald J. Trump!	10/14/2020 8:52 AM
75	there are jobs available for these people, they need to go get one instead of relying on handouts	10/14/2020 7:33 AM
76	Donations to organizations helping those in need	10/13/2020 11:12 PM
77	Knowledge of available programs available Help for some to apply if needed Steps within a program of some sort to help families budget income in order to make sure there is money for things like food	10/13/2020 10:56 PM
78	A place people can take their extra garden produce.	10/13/2020 7:24 PM
79	Better transportation services	10/13/2020 2:24 PM
80	most could get a job & a lot are not fit for a job because of they're way of life	10/13/2020 1:45 PM

81	?	10/13/2020 1:38 PM
82	Transportation is a barrier for many. Not being able to drive to the pantry or even to the store.	10/13/2020 1:35 PM
83	Maybe gardening classes to show those who don’t know how to garden; possible indoor growing options and seasonal outdoor foods	10/13/2020 12:28 PM
84	More days to get the food they need from blue valley. As I understand it, there are only certain days and you can only visit so many times per month.	10/13/2020 12:25 PM
85	Offering quality variety of healthy food options, including how to use them in recipes, at an affordable price. Having access to the farmer's market year-round, even if it's only 1x per week. More would be better, as not everyone can afford to buy a weeks worth of groceries at a time, and keep them fresh.	10/13/2020 10:36 AM
86	I wish there were more resources for a variety of fresh produce other than Walmart.	10/13/2020 9:18 AM
87	For families that have children in school, share information on how to access assistance programs through flyers, newsletters, etc. at the beginning of the year, before the holiday's and then before school lets out for the summer. For the elderly work through the churches and ask them if volunteers could reach out to the seniors in the congregation, especially the singles.	10/13/2020 8:26 AM
88	A community garden in each town or village in the county would be a great way for people who garden to share their skills and to help others learn about gardening and the bounty that could be shared by the entire community. It would also be a great way for people of all ages to learn and work with each other.	10/12/2020 10:59 PM
89	Another grocery store with better prices and selection.	10/12/2020 9:54 PM
90	Have food available within walking distance. I have seen "food libraries", but not sure how they are stocked, used or how often they are accessed.	10/12/2020 9:17 PM
91	Unsure	10/12/2020 8:44 PM
92	Close walmart, when i go there only 2 times a year I can’t decide if I’m in pergatory or hell	10/12/2020 8:39 PM
93	N/A	10/12/2020 8:11 PM
94	I don't have anything to contribute	10/12/2020 7:10 PM
95	transportation for people to get to food source, learn how to cook, preserve, meal planning and shopping education	10/12/2020 5:52 PM
96	It appears that there are many resources for those who are food insecure. I wonder if they are not aware of the resources that are available.	10/8/2020 1:53 PM
97	We take our extra garden produce to Blue Valley.	10/8/2020 1:53 PM
98	More food shopping options, to provide some price competition and other brand choices.	10/8/2020 11:05 AM
99	Instead of throwing food out, hosting a night/day of very cheap food options.	10/1/2020 1:08 PM

Q18 Is there anything else you'd like to share with us?

Answered: 54 Skipped: 247

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Thank you!	11/4/2020 12:21 AM
2	Requiring greenhouses to Apartment and Condo Buildings.	11/3/2020 10:23 AM
3	I think providing recipes budget friendly or even cooking demonstrations on simple meals- might b.c e a need. Some people lack basic cooking skills so they rely on fast food, deli food that is pricier and not as nutricious.	11/1/2020 6:26 PM
4	Bluevalley gets alot of money doanted to them but there food pantry is not the best most of it is out of date	10/31/2020 10:31 AM
5	No	10/28/2020 12:11 PM
6	No	10/27/2020 5:51 PM
7	Nope	10/27/2020 1:04 PM
8	I'm a college student. The schools meal's suck. I wish there was an option to get free food from or through the school to cook for myself. If I'm not utilizing the caf due to time availability. I don't think it's fair that I have to pay for it.	10/27/2020 12:11 PM
9	N/A	10/27/2020 11:26 AM
10	????	10/27/2020 11:13 AM
11	Thank you for the food that is provided down stairs.	10/26/2020 12:27 PM
12	Yes, I hope the Nebraska SNAP Food Card Benefits would raise our Food Benefit for us senior citizens like me and others, because Social Security alone is not enough to live on month after month. We do need help.	10/26/2020 12:22 PM
13	I am very thankful that my Father God in Heaven provides my needs and leads me to the help that I need when I need it for me. He is my Provider and supplies all of my needs. Thank you.	10/26/2020 12:15 PM
14	Why did Governor Ricketts drop the extra help on the Food Stamps during this Covid-19 crisis?	10/26/2020 11:00 AM
15	I would like to get an application for Blue Valley food.	10/26/2020 10:51 AM
16	I may run short on food sometimes, but I remain eternally grateful for what I have.	10/26/2020 10:48 AM
17	There are two kinds of great, Trump's kind covers up a silver.	10/26/2020 10:27 AM
18	Take a look at the food stamp program. I can see what they buy with the program. Like no energy drinks, etc.	10/26/2020 10:22 AM
19	Just keep the food coming for everyone.	10/26/2020 10:14 AM
20	Overall I believe York County has some good things in place. This year has just been exceptionally hard for some people.	10/24/2020 6:30 PM
21	The problem is NOT that York County taxes are too low!! The Country will NEVER offer enough programs/services for children, the "needy", etc. Implement measures that motivate people to ween themselves off public assistance and into the dignity and self-respect that comes from earning a living. I know MANY who do not want to earn more, get a better/another job because they'll lose services. It's all or none. Eligibility should be graduated to allow people to keep some of every extra dollar they earn while gradually receiving less assistance as they earn more.	10/22/2020 12:01 PM
22	n/a	10/21/2020 3:10 PM
23	Nope	10/21/2020 2:11 PM
24	No	10/21/2020 1:42 PM
25	N/A	10/21/2020 1:39 PM
26	Another option of a place to buy food in York would be great. Like Hyvee, Fresh Thyme or Aldis	10/21/2020 1:30 PM
27	We need fresher food options in York. Walmart doesn't provide the best options, Grand Central	10/21/2020 12:37 PM

	isn’t always able to keep up. Whole Foods, Thyme, healthier fast food (Panera Bread, Zoe, Chick Fil A, Chipotle, Qdoba)	
28	Nope. :)	10/21/2020 12:23 PM
29	No	10/21/2020 11:29 AM
30	Access to cheap/free processed foods are NOT helping people. Nutrition literacy that promotes FOOD AS MEDICINE to avoid obesity, Vit D deficiency, etc. should be the focus.	10/21/2020 11:06 AM
31	I believe question 8 is supposed to refer to question 7 not 5, maybe not just thought I would advise. Thanks	10/21/2020 11:04 AM
32	No	10/21/2020 10:42 AM
33	thank you for the opportunity to share!	10/19/2020 10:05 AM
34	Yes, in the winter, it would help immensely if everyone would shovel their walks, or that there were walks to shovel. I dont feel safe walking here with my granny cart.	10/18/2020 2:19 PM
35	Thank you for doing this survey	10/17/2020 11:43 AM
36	Maybe offer a great loan for another homemade restaurant. Invite a few more bigger stores and eateries to help expand York.	10/16/2020 2:55 PM
37	More people everyday are going with out food and other necessities-so glad this survey is being completed.	10/16/2020 1:25 PM
38	NA	10/16/2020 9:20 AM
39	Local grocers will support and give back to the community.	10/14/2020 9:05 AM
40	we do help some others & and a monthly check to Living Water Rescue Mission	10/13/2020 1:45 PM
41	no	10/13/2020 1:38 PM
42	The backpack programs through the schools are a great resource. Maybe more senior and adult food resource options for those who have no connection to a school.	10/13/2020 12:25 PM
43	It would be nice to have a grocery store that is focused on fresh and healthy food.	10/13/2020 9:18 AM
44	Local merchants need access to website to have items they would shop for be delivered the same day	10/13/2020 8:35 AM
45	For the most part I feel like York does a good job of trying to assist those in need. We just need to begin to diversify to make sure we reach everyone in our community and break the language barrier, the English language is not always easy to understand for those who don't speak it.	10/13/2020 8:26 AM
46	A hyvee would be wonderful	10/12/2020 9:59 PM
47	Happy the Food Bank of Lincoln comes to York. Another store would be great for competition and lower prices.	10/12/2020 9:54 PM
48	None	10/12/2020 8:44 PM
49	N/A	10/12/2020 8:11 PM
50	There are times that specialty food items would be nice to be able to get, but most all necessary items are available	10/12/2020 7:10 PM
51	there are issues with low income persons understanding how to cook healthy meals	10/12/2020 5:52 PM
52	I am going to express an opinion about Governor Ricketts refusal to accept food from the SNAP program for those who are struggling to feed themselves and or their families. It is a cold, unconscinable act by our Governor. Speaks volumes about who he is....	10/8/2020 1:53 PM
53	The summer meals at the school is a blessing. My husband and I help deliver meals on wheels. Both great programs.	10/8/2020 1:53 PM
54	I would like to see a Super Saver in the York area. Also something other than a convenience store in north York so residents with limited mobility and funds could shop closer to their home.	10/8/2020 11:05 AM