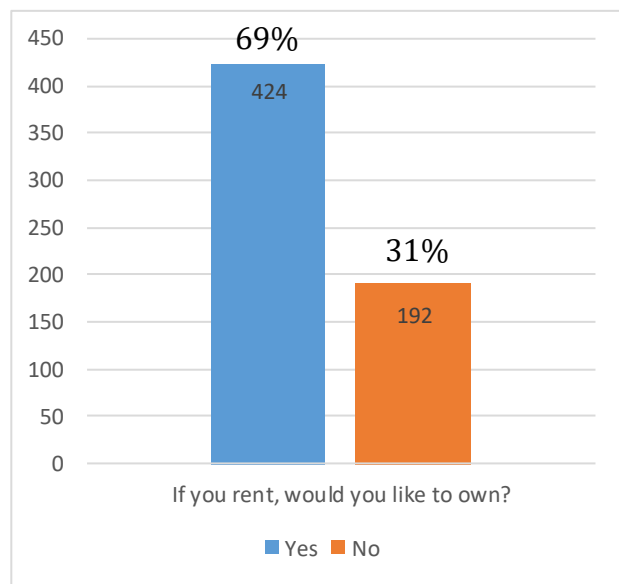
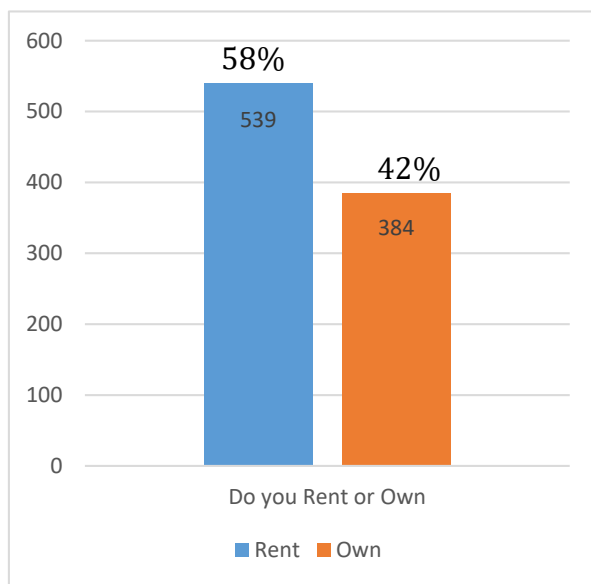
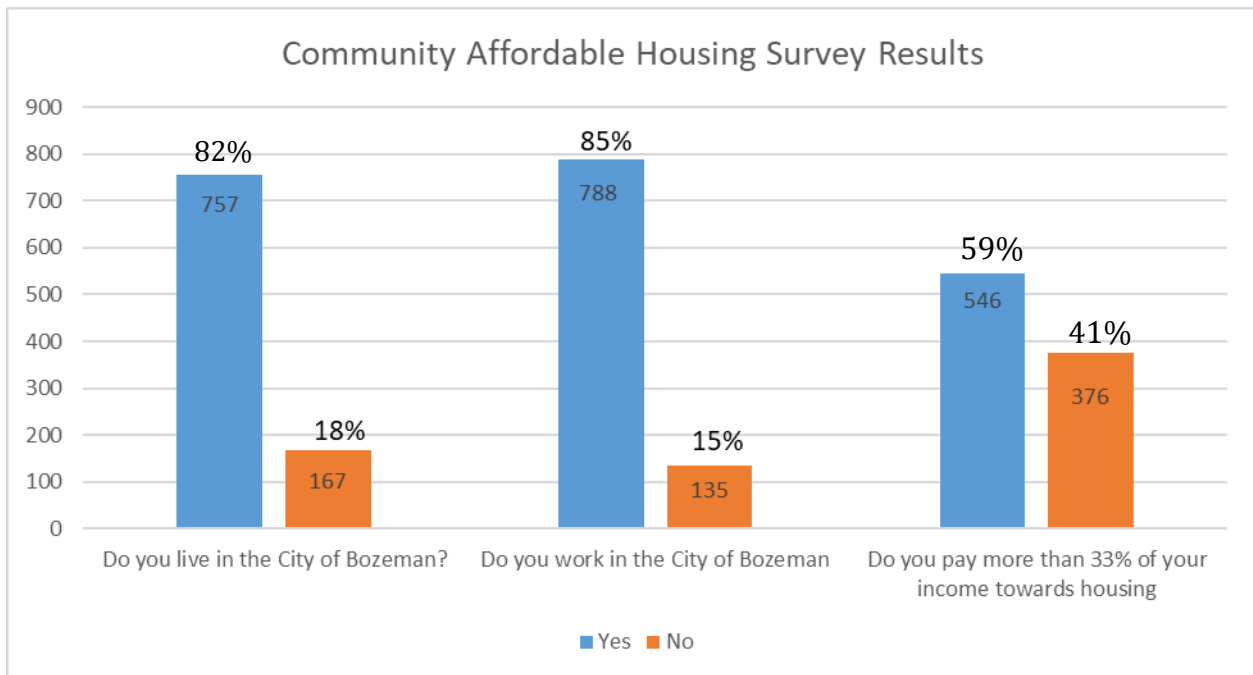


Community Affordable Housing Survey Results

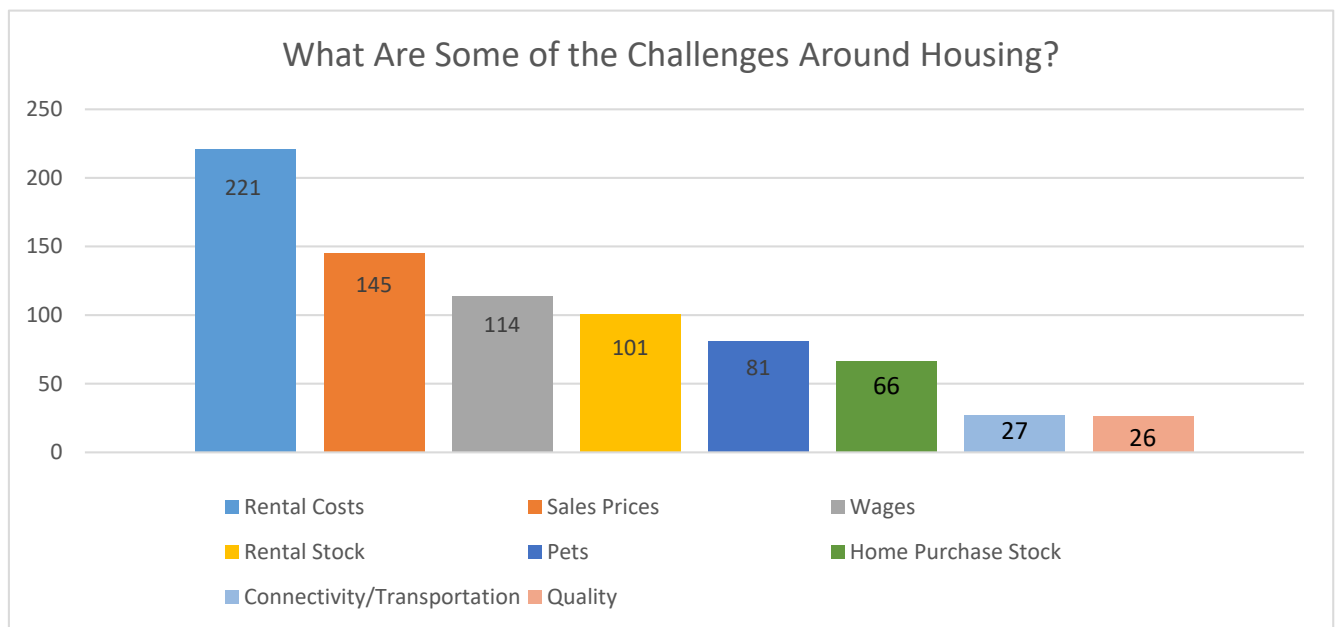
The City of Bozeman conducted an online Community Affordable Housing Survey that was accessible to the public via the Affordable Housing webpage of the City of Bozeman’s website. The survey was open during the time of June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 until July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The following report is an explanation of the results. The survey results will be shared with the community as well as used to compliment the Affordable Housing Needs Assessment. The first 5 questions specifically asked yes and no questions around where people live, work and where they currently live or want to live for housing.



The first question that was asked in an open answer format was “What do you think of when you hear the term Affordable Housing?” The goal of this question was to work towards creating a common community definition of affordable housing in the City of Bozeman.

Common responses that came out of the survey were:

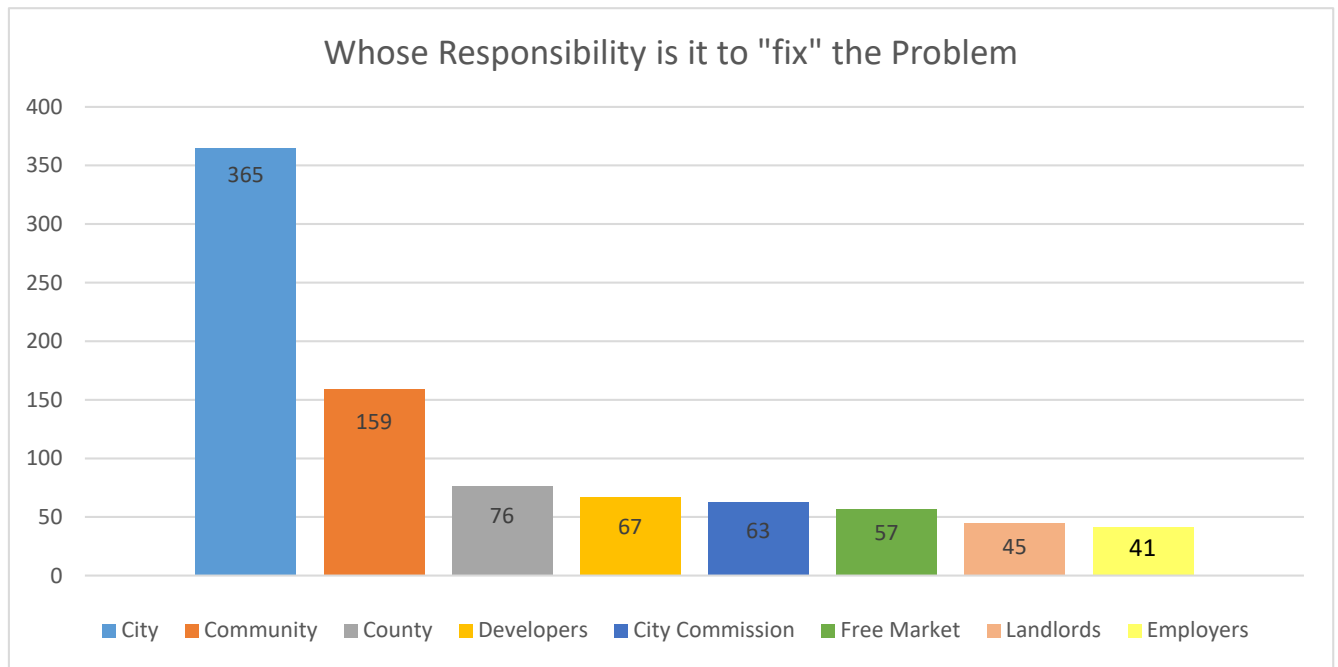
1. Spending less than 1/3 or 33% of your monthly income on housing
2. Being able to afford the place you live while also being able to afford to pay for things like food, health care and other monthly expenses
3. It currently does not exist nor will it ever exist here in Bozeman
4. Cheap, low income housing that is not safe or healthy to live in
5. Government Subsidized Housing
6. All types of housing – manufactured homes, condos, apartments
7. Higher density housing
8. Smaller homes on smaller lots with zoning that allows for that type of construction



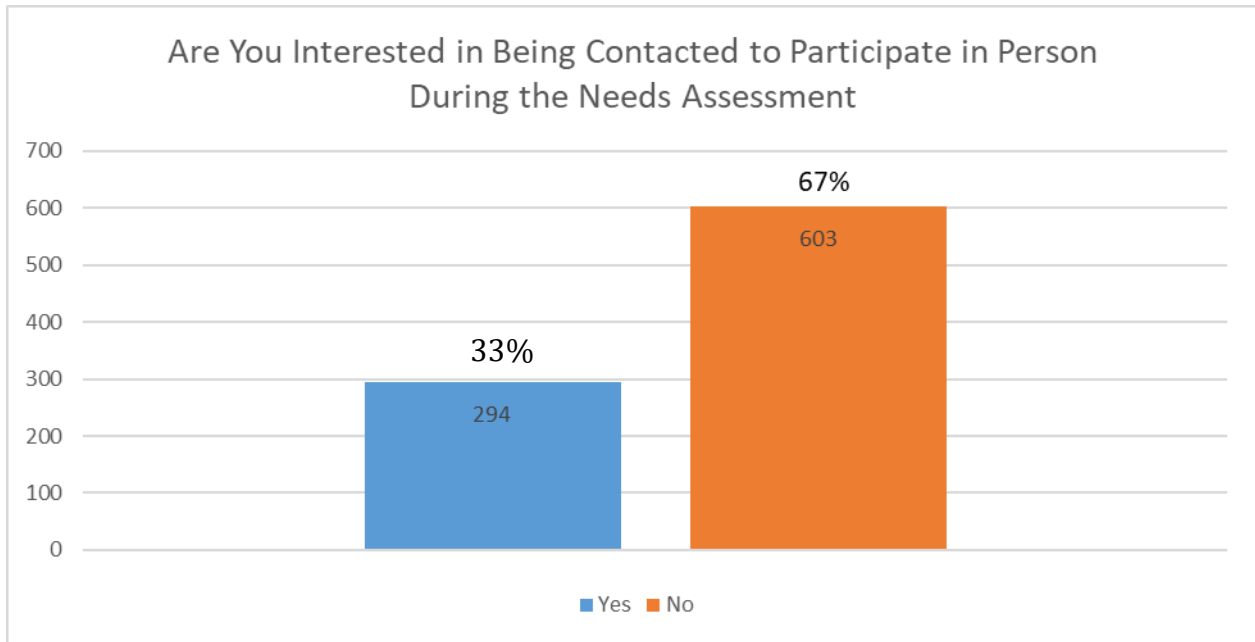
This question was asked as an open ended question. Based off of the survey results, the 3 biggest issues that the community reports facing in regards to housing are:

1. Rental Costs
2. Home Sales Prices
3. Wages

Other challenges that did not make the graph include: Property Taxes, Land-Use Regulations, Rental Practices, Students and Land Costs



This question was also asked as an open ended question. Based off of the survey results, the entity with the largest responsibility to “fix” the problem of affordable housing is the City. There was not further definition solicited by this question. 159 respondents also stated that the problem of Affordable Housing was a community issue that needs a community fix. Other responsible parties that were listed that did not make the chart include: Montana State University, the State, the builders, a personal issue and non-profits.



The final question was whether or not participants were interested in being contacted to participate in Housing Needs Assessment. If respondents answered yes to the question, they were asked to leave contact information. 294 of the respondents to the survey said yes and left their contact information. They will be contacted during the needs assessment process for more information.

As the City moves into its Community Housing Needs Assessment process, the results from this survey will be shared with the consultants to use this data as part of that's needs assessment. Additional community survey questions may be developed and made public to help garner more targeted information. A big thank you to all the people who took time to complete this survey.