

# FY25 Montpelier Budget Priorities Survey

## Methods

### Platform:

- Zencity. Hosted on the FY25 Budget project tile

### Duration:

- Opened November 13, 2023, 12:00AM
- Closed December 13, 2023, 11:59PM

## Survey Validity Assurances

- Enabled: Discourage participants from providing multiple responses.
- Enabled: Collect Digital Fingerprint (record pieces of information from the participant's device that will identify them uniquely. This will allow admins to filter out duplicates in the recording tools.

## Limitations

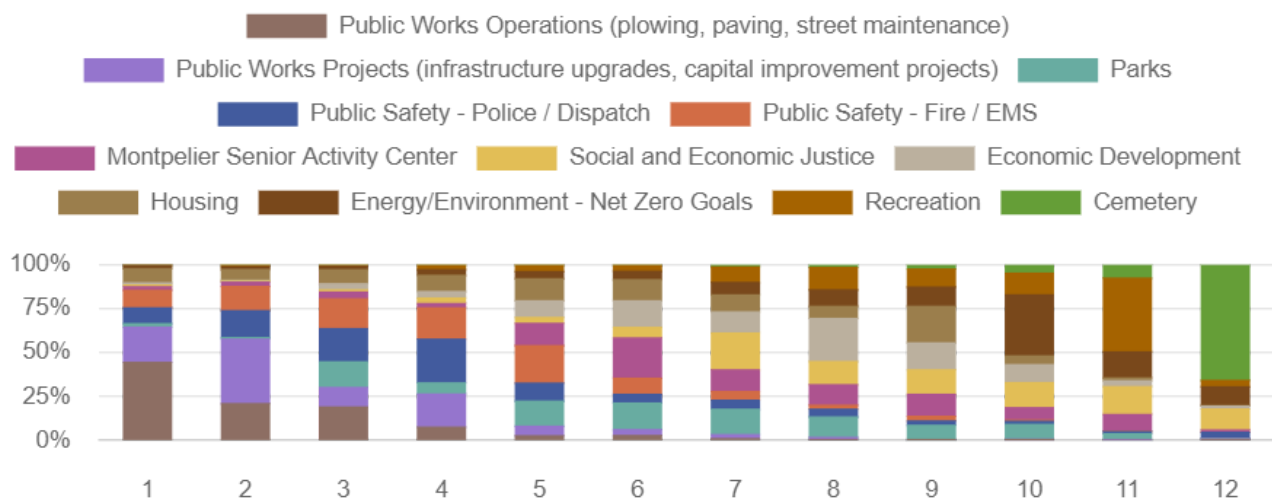
Like all self-administered surveys, several limitations are important to consider when evaluating its results and making inferences from responses.

1. **Proportion of Renters to Homeowners.** The proportion of homeowners to renters is not representative of the actual population in Montpelier. More homeowners (86.01) responded to the survey than renters (11.72%). When drawing conclusions from these results, this important bias should be considered. For instance, rather than saying “Fifty-six percent of *Montpelier residents* support X”, a more accurate interpretation would be “Fifty-six percent of *survey respondents* support X.”
2. **Distribution and Advertisement.** This survey was available both online and on paper. A majority of public bulletin board locations were destroyed during the July flooding. Because of this, we were not able to advertise the survey in as many physical locations as we have for previous surveys. Paper copies were available at City Hall and the Montpelier Senior Activity Center. We advertised the survey on the City's website, on Front Porch Forum, on social media accounts through Facebook and Instagram. Additionally, we posted flyers at Hunger Mountain Co-Op, the Kellogg-Hubbard Library, and on the entrances to City Hall. We also emailed the survey link to all Montpelier committee, commission, and board chairs to circulate with their members and the public.

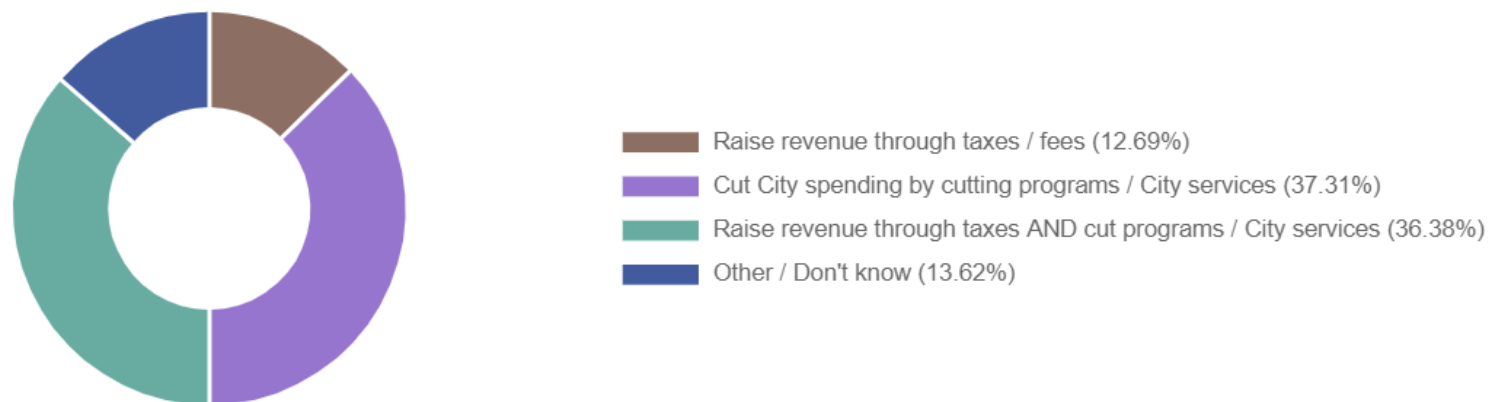
# Survey Questions

## Priorities & Values

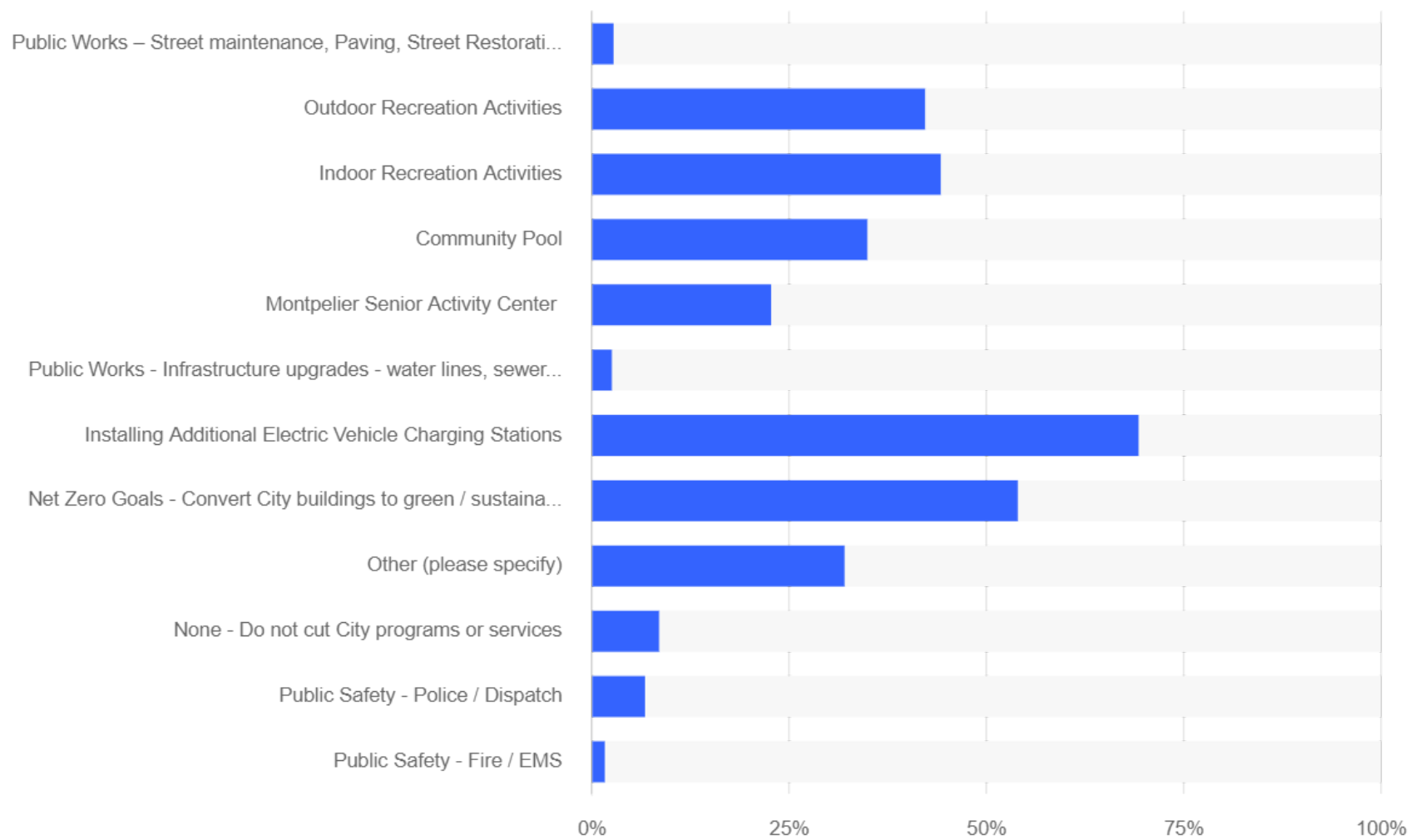
Please rank the following public services in order of your personal priority. Please click and drag each category to your preferred corresponding rank.



How should the City address the current budget challenge?

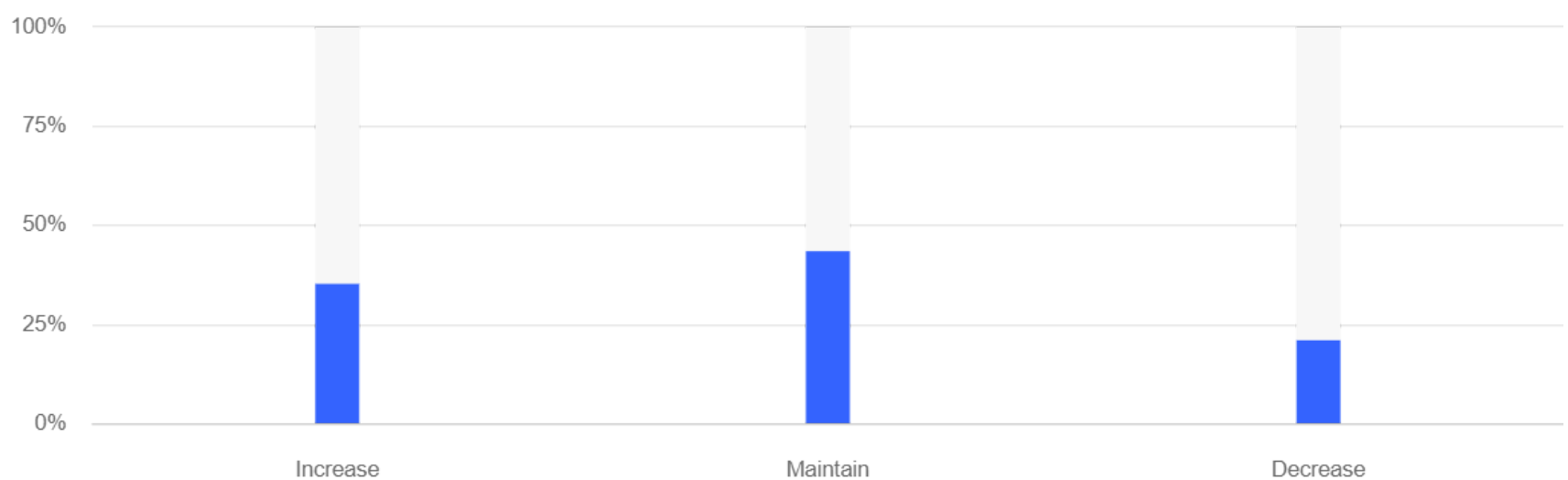


If you selected "Cut City Spending by cutting programs / City services", which programs and/or services do you think should be cut? Select as many answers as apply.

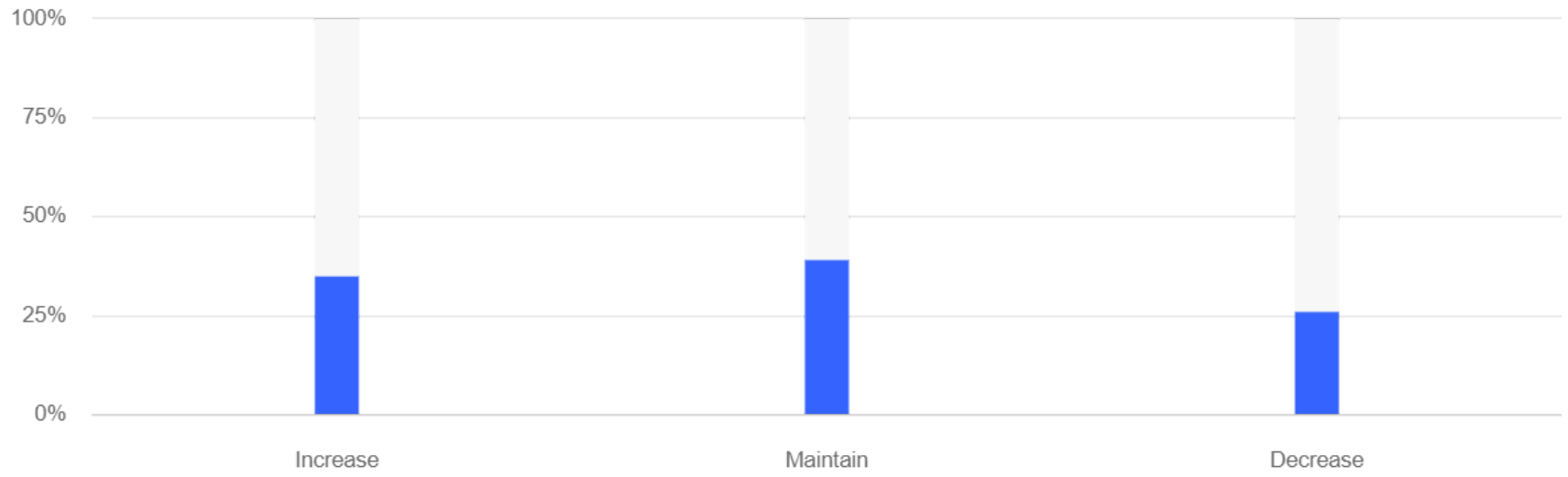


For the following questions, please indicate whether you think the City should increase, decrease, or maintain the current funding for each project or department.

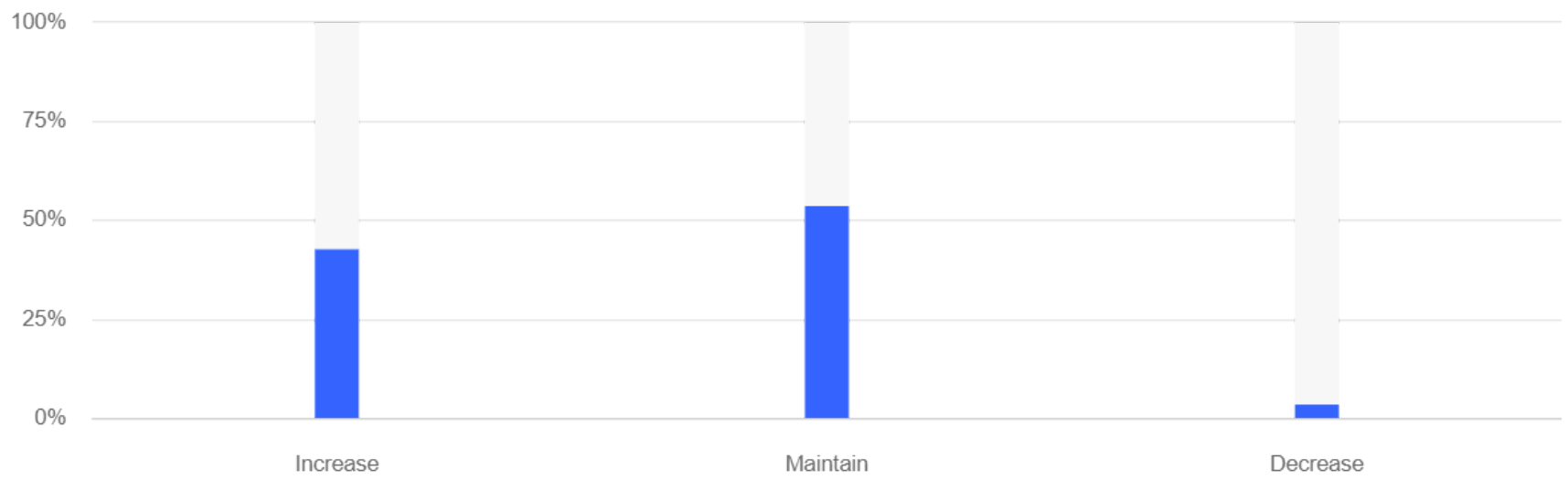
### Public Restroom



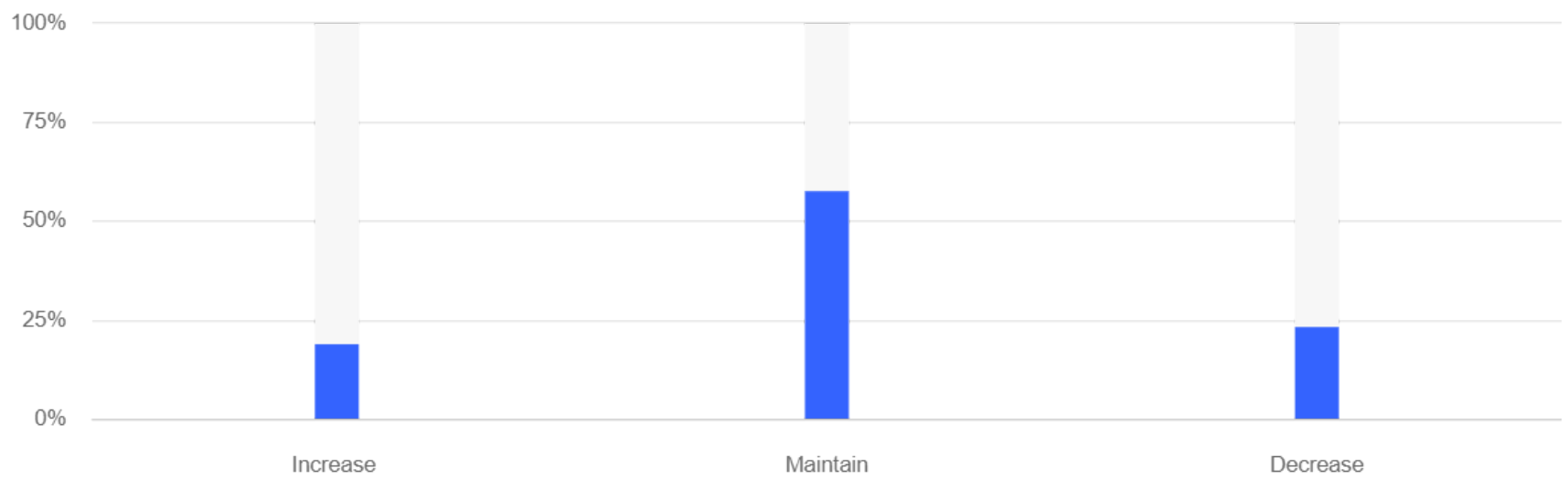
### Homelessness Facility



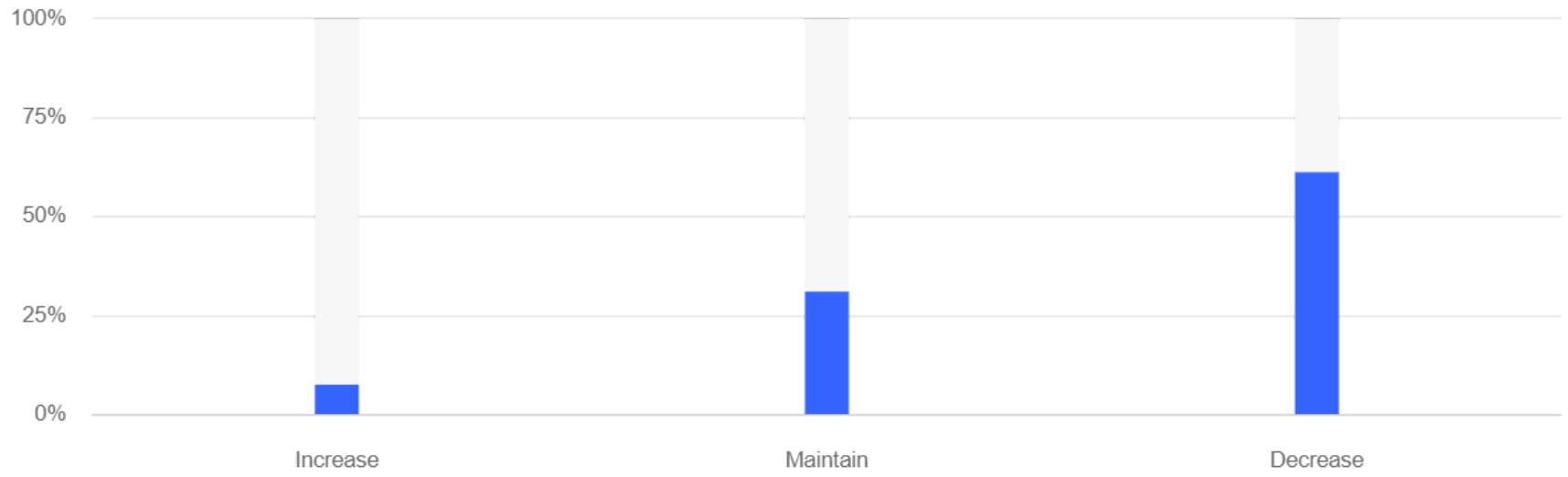
### Street maintenance (plowing, paving, restoration, etc.)



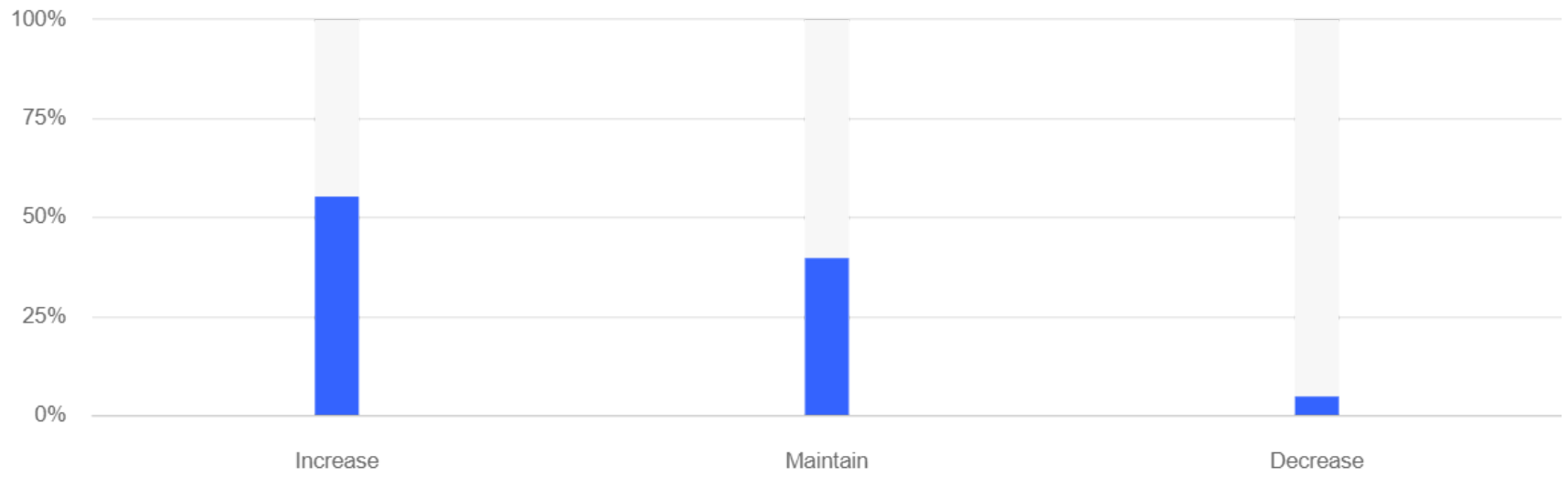
### Montpelier Senior Activity Center



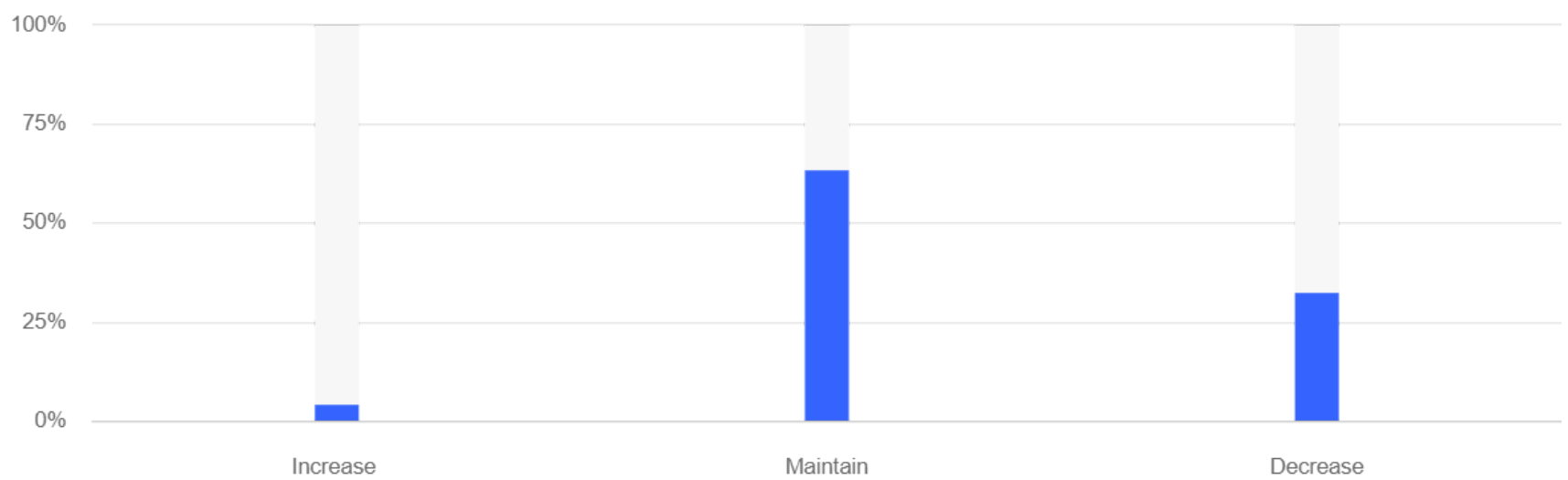
### Recreation & New Community Center



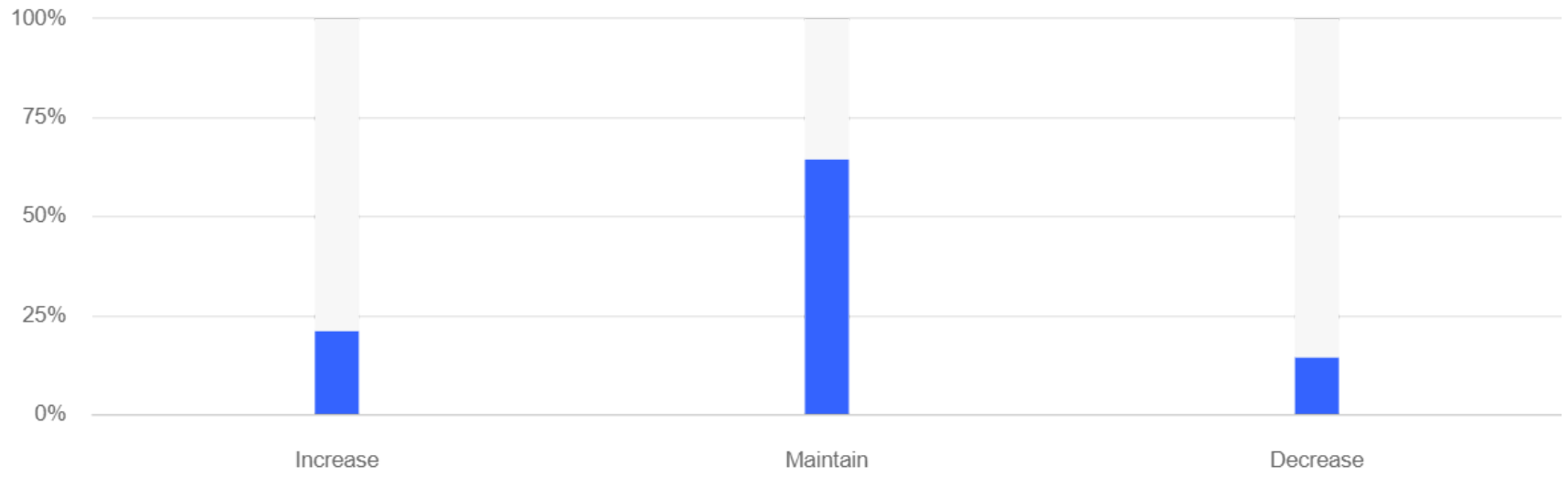
### Capital Improvement Projects (Storm water infrastructure upgrades, water line upgrades, Barre Street Scoping Study improvements)



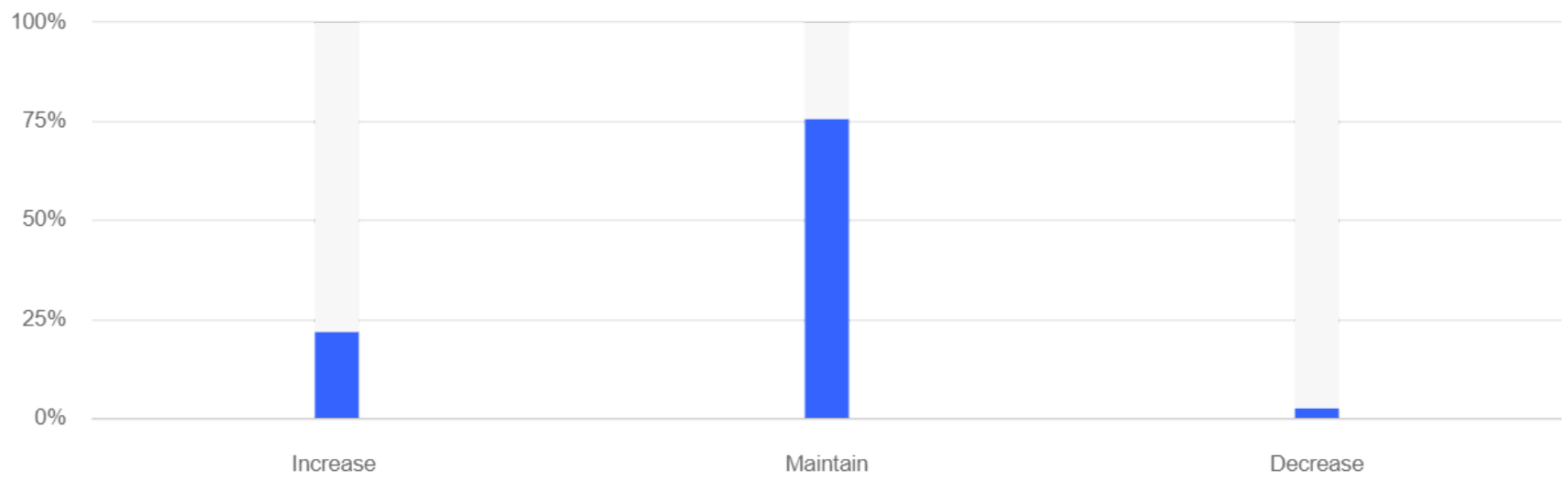
### Parks



### Public Safety - Police / Dispatch



### Public Safety - Fire / EMS

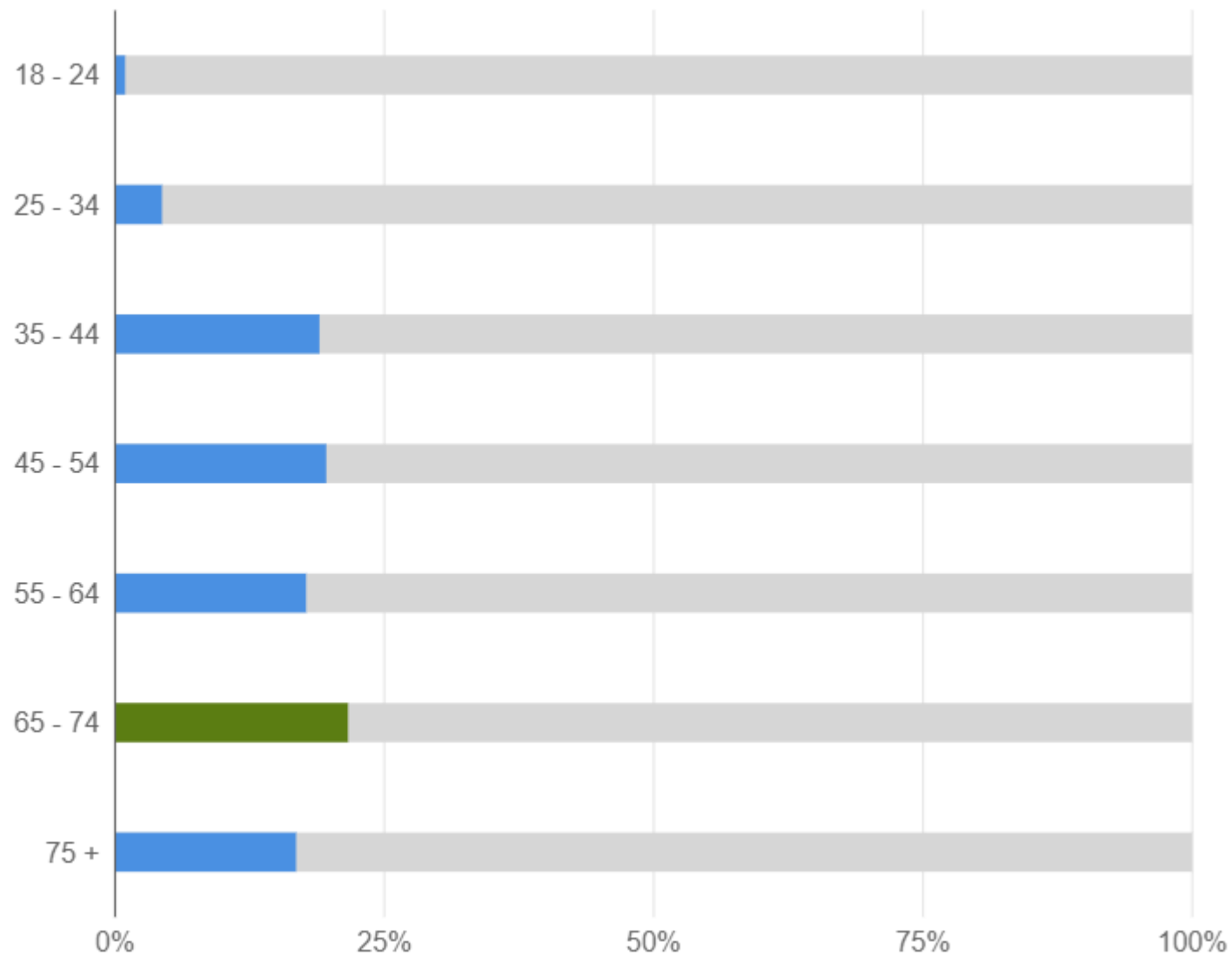


## A Bit About You

### Do you own or rent your home?



## What age bracket best represents you?



# Appendix

**Current housing demographic data in Montpelier:** Approximately 55% Own, 45% Rent

