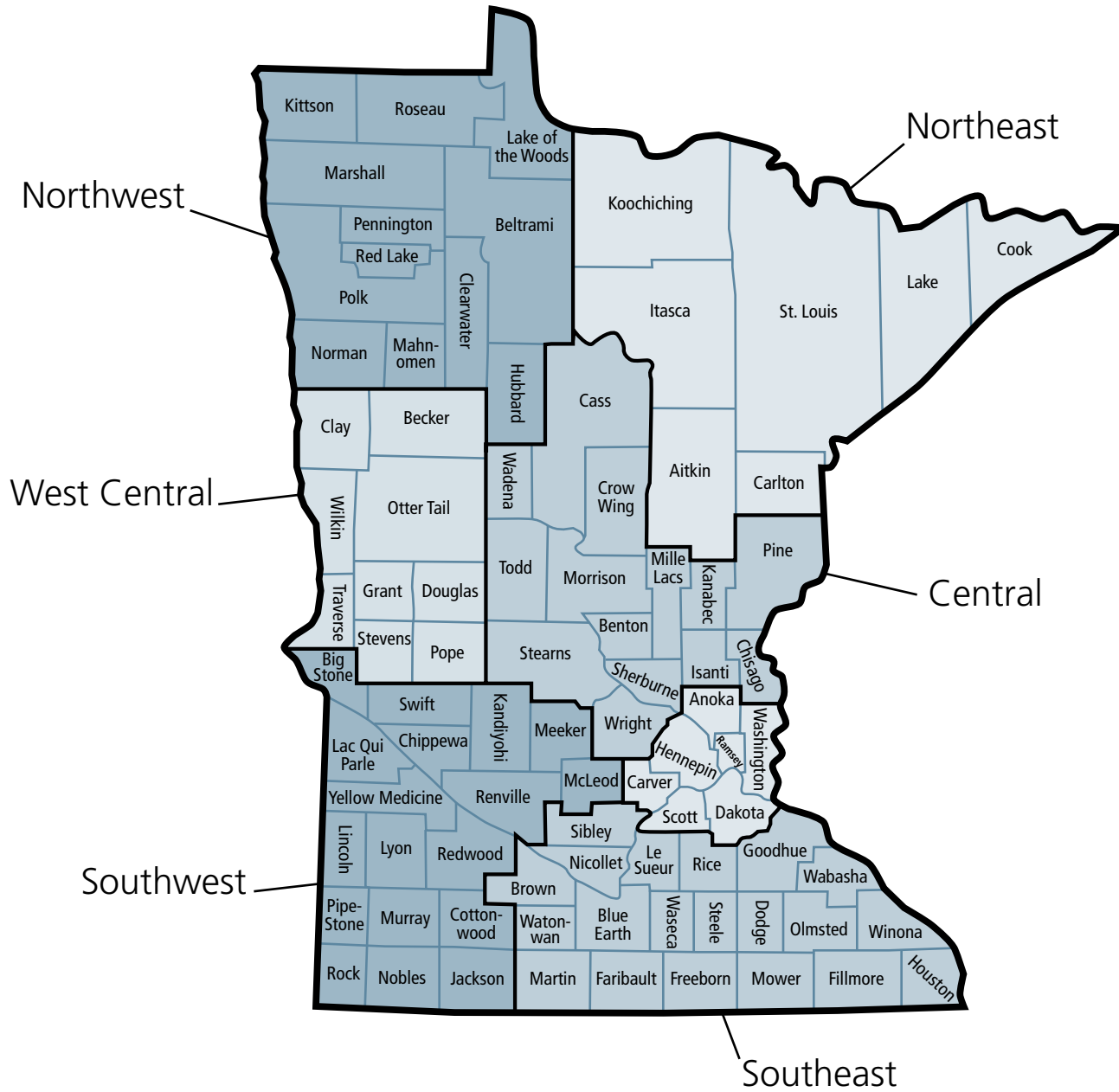
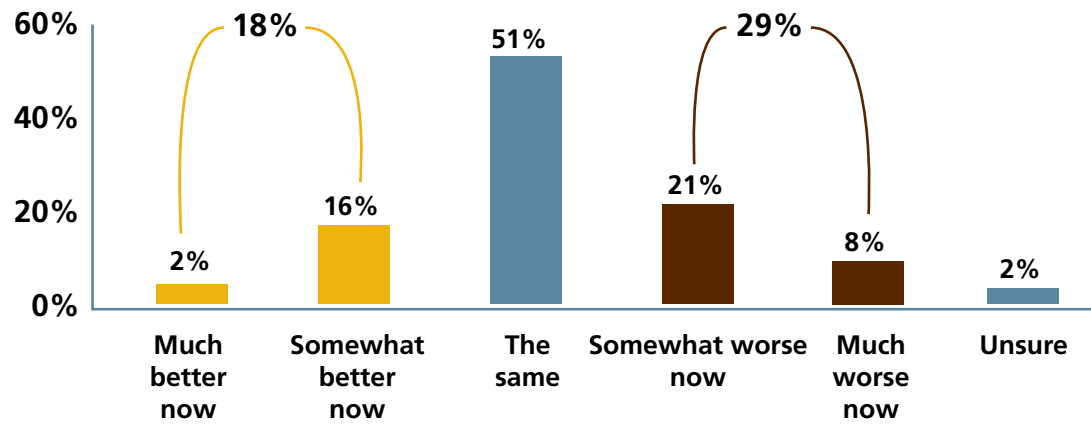


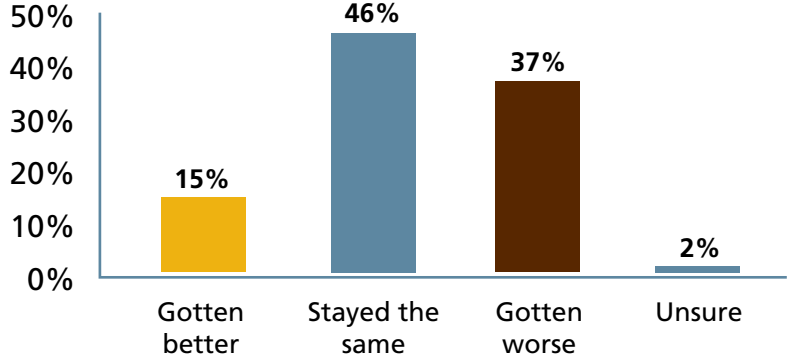
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How would you compare the condition of your community's economy right now, compared with its condition one year ago?



Over the past five years, do you think the quality of life in your community has . . .

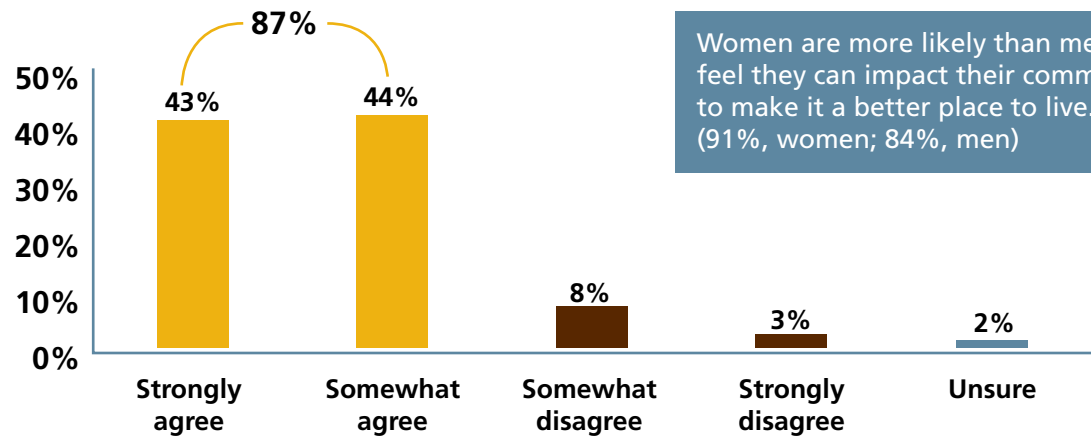


Change in Condition of Economy		
	2010 Rural Pulse™	2000 Rural Pulse™
Better	18%	38%
Same	51%	44%
Worse	29%	17%

Change in Quality of Life		
	2010 Rural Pulse™	2000 Rural Pulse™
Better	15%	26%
Same	46%	65%
Worse	37%	9%

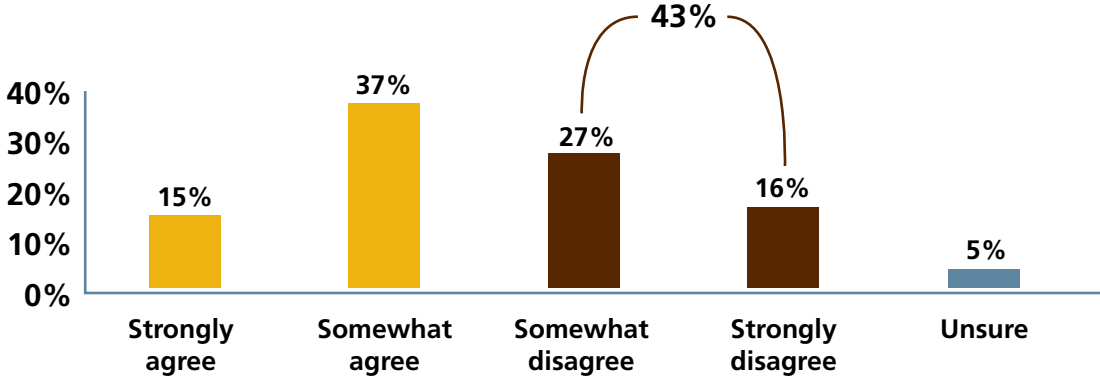
AGREE OR DISAGREE?

People like me are able to make an impact and make our community a better place to live.

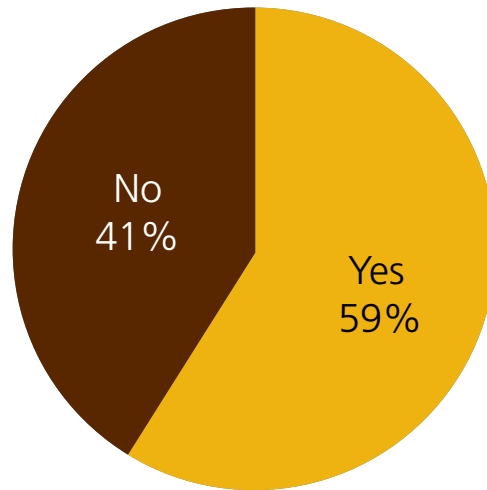


AGREE OR DISAGREE?

People from different backgrounds fill leadership roles within my community.

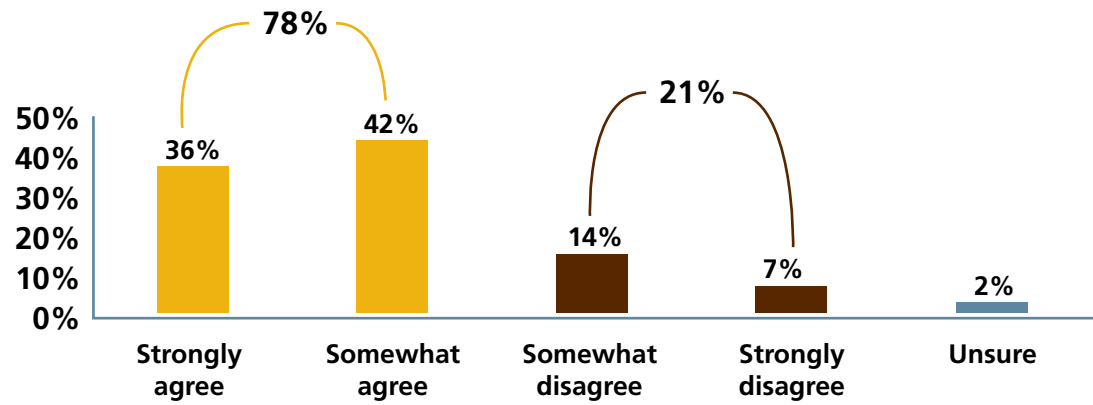


Have you ever been invited to serve in a leadership role (e.g. for church, local nonprofit organization, youth sports, city government, etc.) in your community?



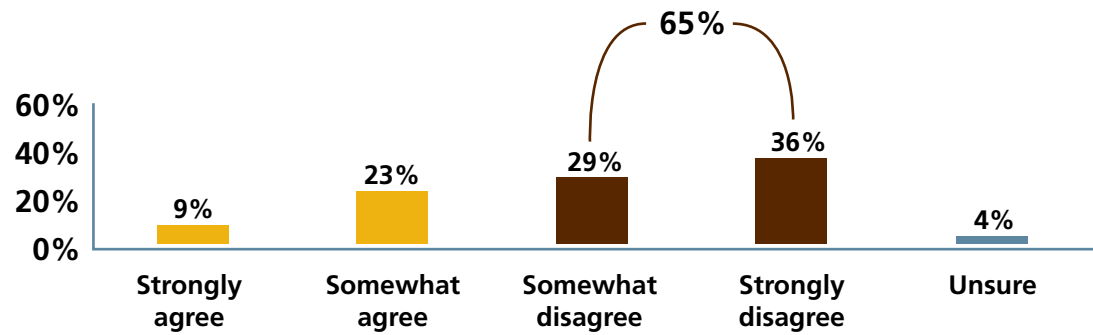
AGREE OR DISAGREE?

My community is a welcoming place for people of all backgrounds and perspectives.

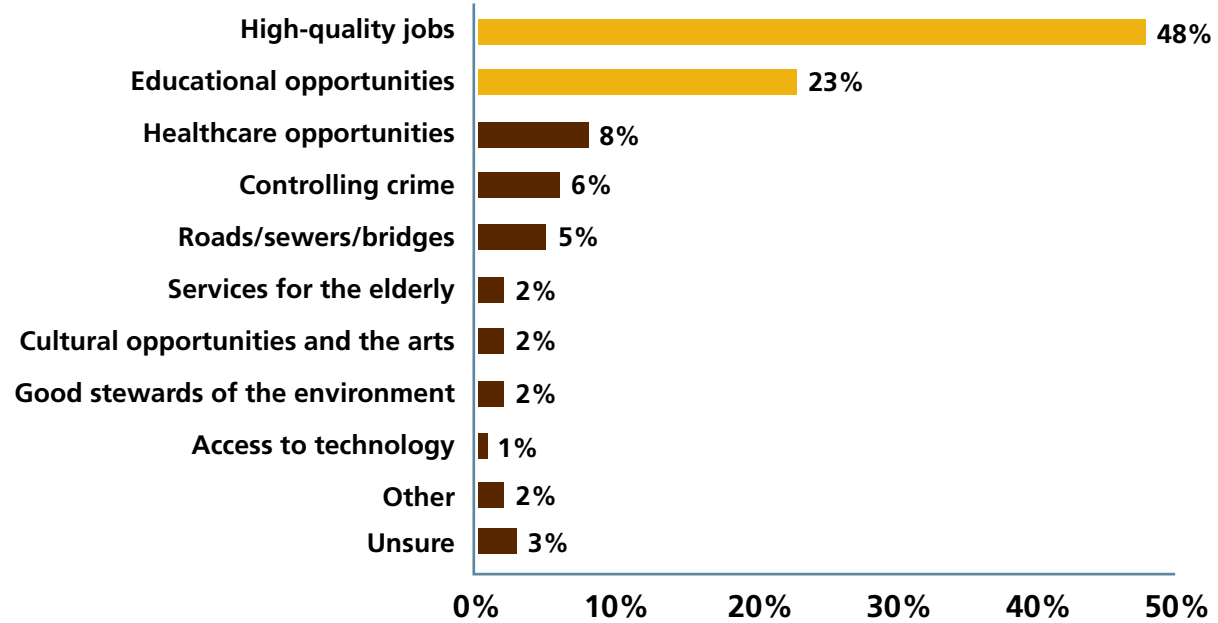


AGREE OR DISAGREE?

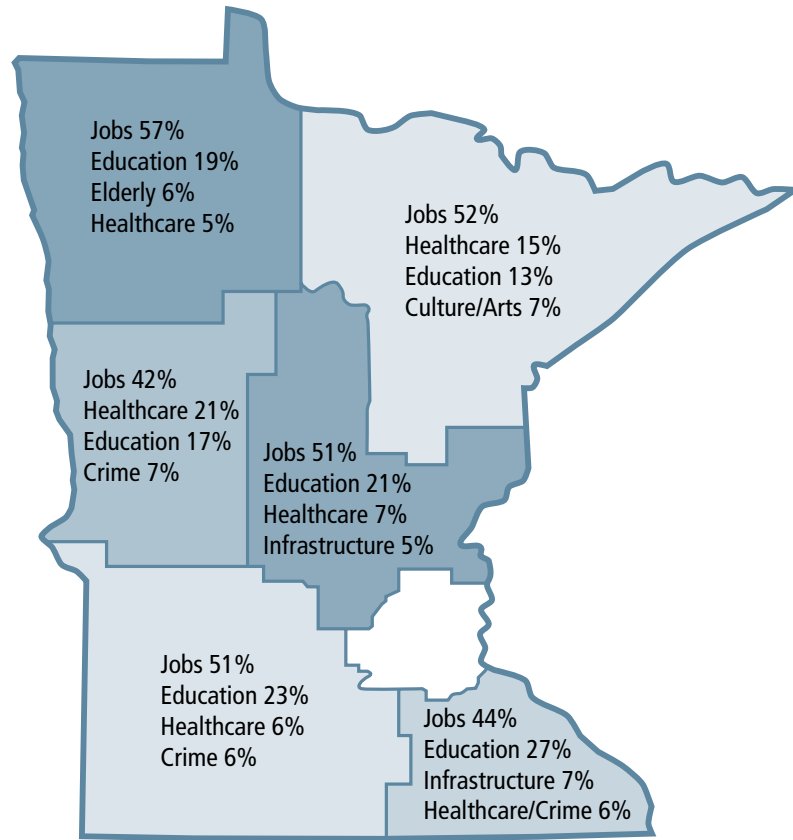
There are an adequate number of job opportunities in my community that pay household-supporting wages.



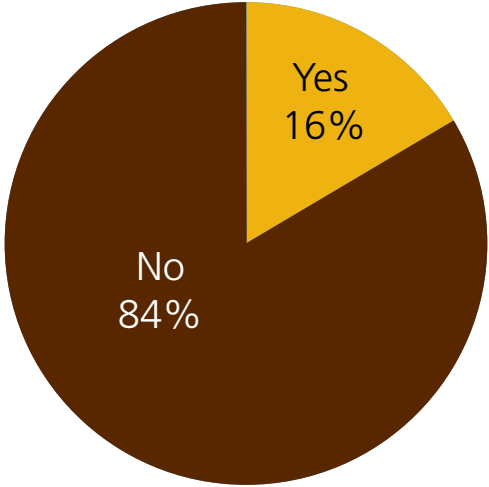
**Which one of these issues would you say
is the most critical to your community?**



Top Four Concerns of Rural Minnesotans

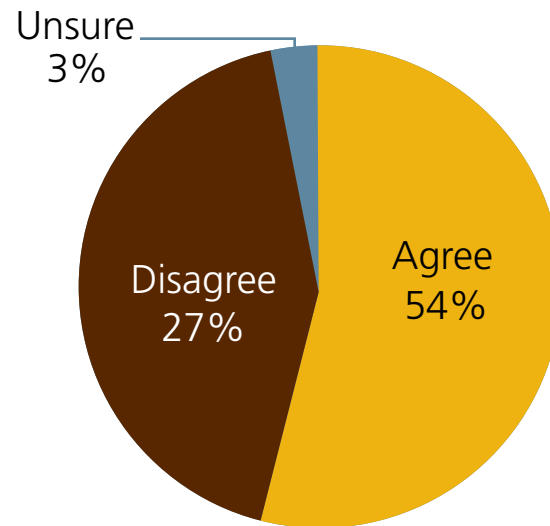


Rural Minnesotans who have considered moving to a larger city or metropolitan area in past two years



AGREE OR DISAGREE?

The needs and well being of rural Minnesota communities are as important to legislators and policymakers as the needs of communities in metropolitan areas.



How important do you believe it is to support political candidates who actively address rural issues?

