

# YOUTH SURVEY SUMMARY



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1,302

Total responses



8

Communities

Ainsworth  
Axtell  
Columbus  
Diller  
McCook  
Norfolk  
Shickley  
Stuart



10

Schools

+ Latino Youth Summit & Norfolk Youth Leadership Summit



9<sup>th</sup> GRADE

356

10<sup>th</sup> GRADE

422

11<sup>th</sup> GRADE

249

12<sup>th</sup> GRADE

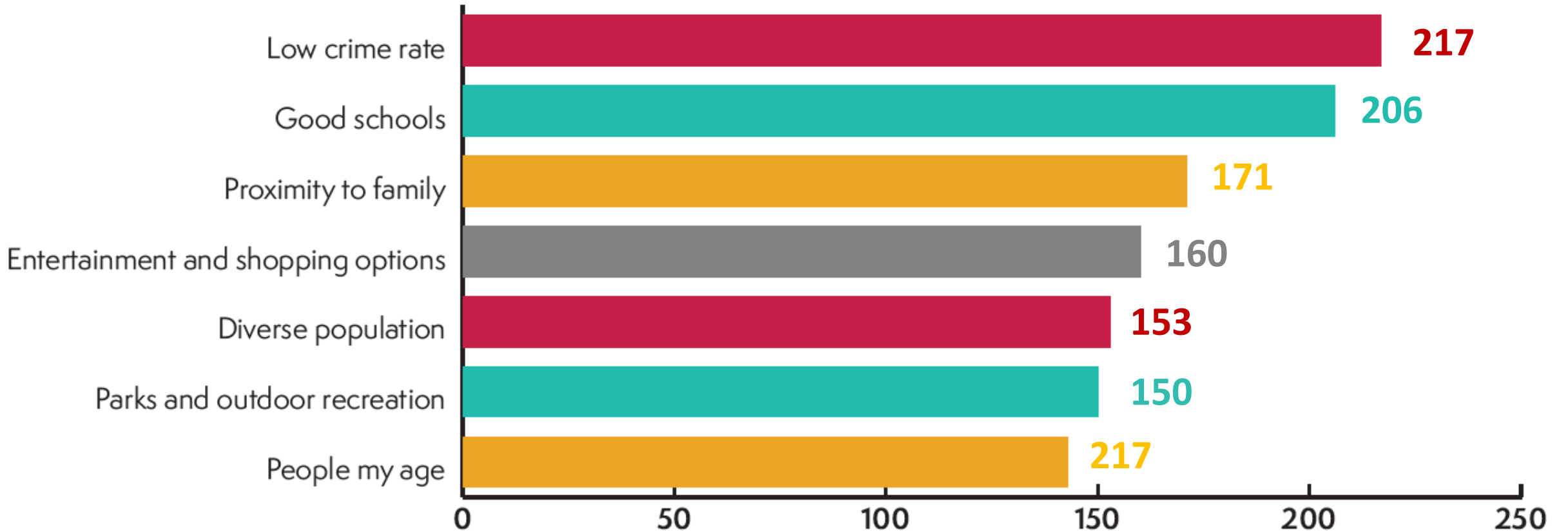
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# Findings

- They value safety
- They are community-oriented
- They favor small communities

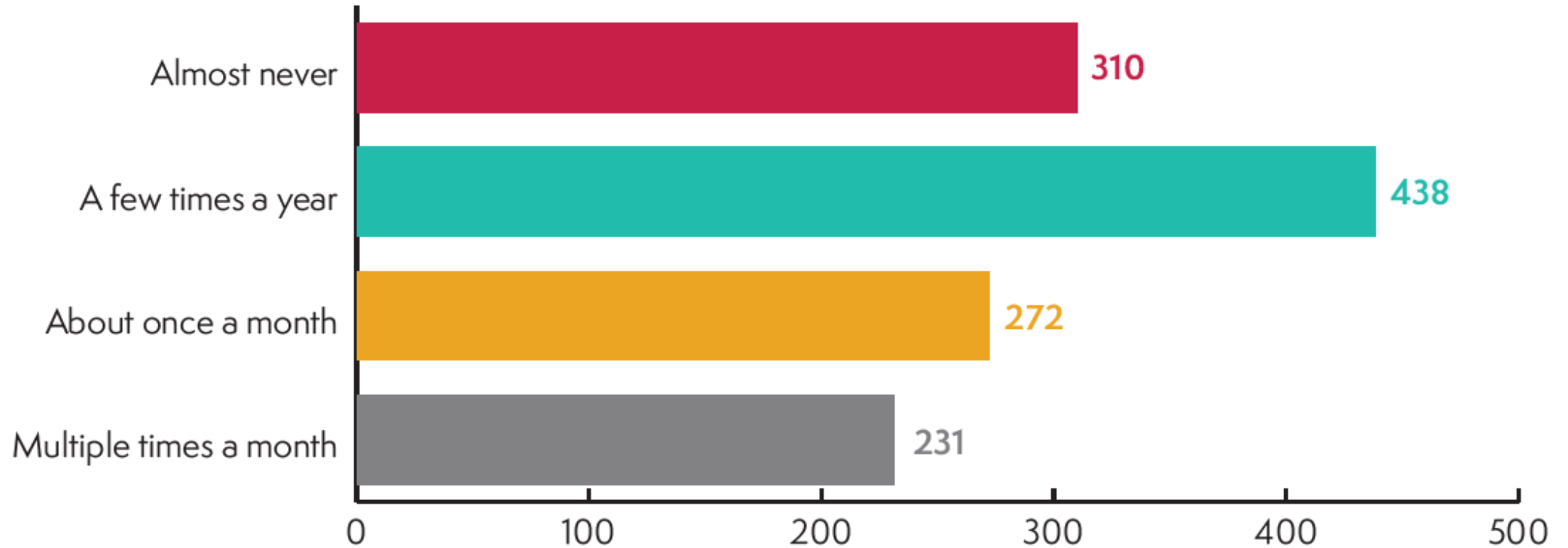
# VALUE SAFETY

*What is the most important/least important when you think of your ideal community?*



# COMMUNITY-ORIENTED

*How often do you get together with other people from your town to do something positive for your community (ex. volunteering, donating, activism etc.)?*



*I feel connected to my hometown.*

TRUE **822**

FALSE **315**

? UNSURE **80**

*My peers and I are invited to share our opinion or get involved in town projects or happenings.*

TRUE **659**

FALSE **509**

? UNSURE **42**

*I play a role in this community.*  
(Ex. You are involved in community events, programs, or projects and play a role in their success.)

TRUE **591**

FALSE **528**

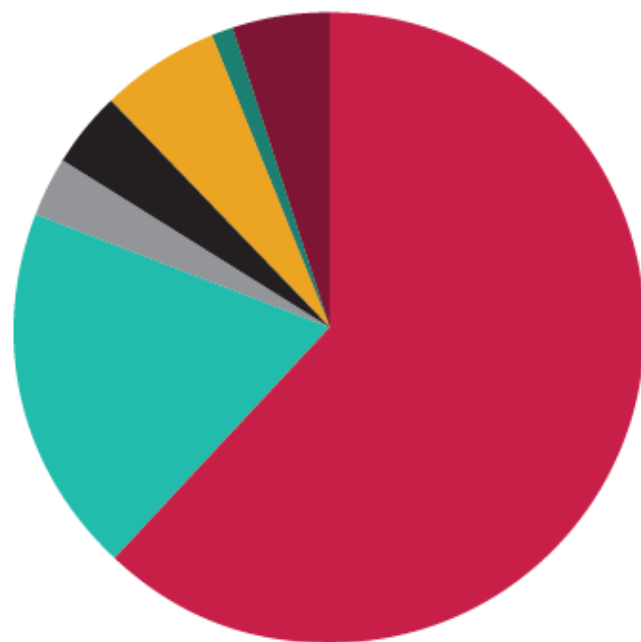
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*When you are an adult, how likely are you to live in the area you live in now?*



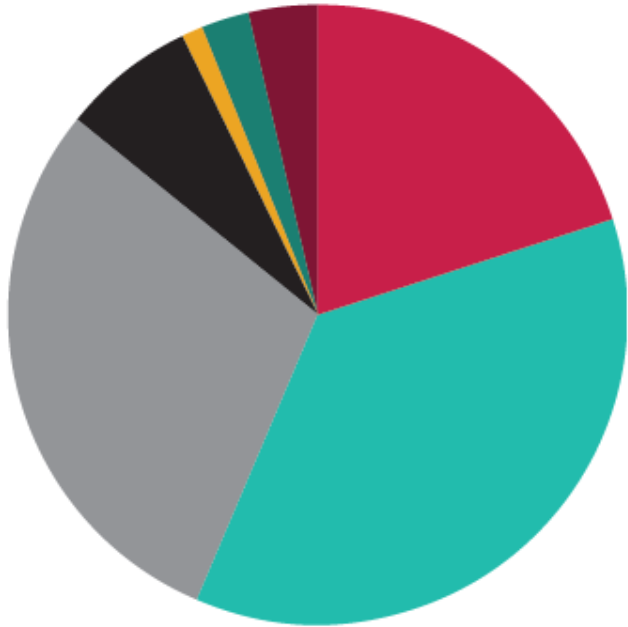
- Extremely likely = 163
- Somewhat likely = 407
- Neither likely nor unlikely = 298
- Somewhat unlikely = 202
- Extremely unlikely = 167

*What are your plans after high school?*



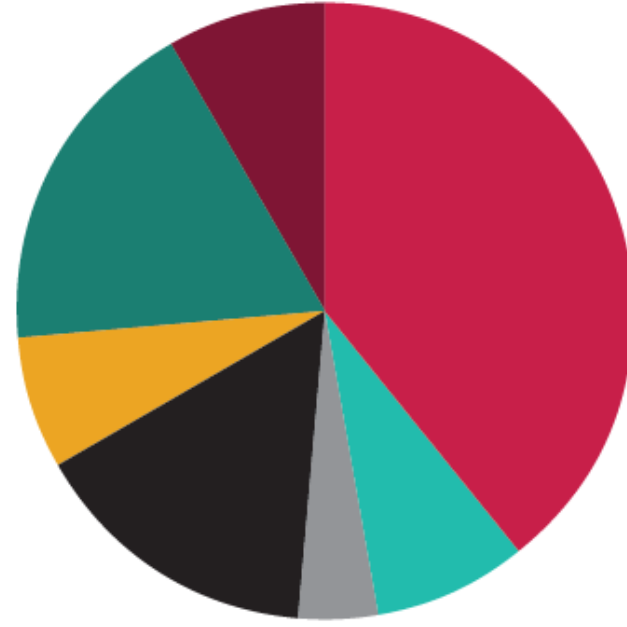
- 4-year college = **797**
- Community College = **239**
- Technology School = 38
- Military = **49**
- Work = **79**
- Self-employment = **12**
- Other = **65**

*If you were to live in this area as an adult, what do you think the main reason would be?*



- Job or business opportunity = 167
- Good place to raise a family = 308
- Family ties = 249
- Cost of living = 57
- Good recreation facilities = 7
- Quality schools/health care = 23
- Other = 29

*If you do not plan to live here as an adult, what is the main reason you would not live in this area?*



- Career opportunity elsewhere = 522
- Community too small = 89
- Encouraged to leave = 43
- Make more money elsewhere = 176
- Too few shopping options = 58
- Lack of entertainment = 209
- Other = 84

# FAVOR SMALL COMMUNITIES

What size community is your ideal to live in?



**SMALL,**  
like my hometown  
**579**



**MEDIUM,**  
like Grand Island  
**408**



**LARGE,**  
like Omaha  
**183**



**VERY LARGE,**  
like Chicago, IL  
**62**

Do you think there is a negative stigma  
with returning/staying in your hometown?

**YES**  
332

**NO**  
855

# Questions?

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