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**RELIEVING THE EFFECTS
OF
COVID-19 ON
THE RESIDENTS OF
TALENT, OREGON**

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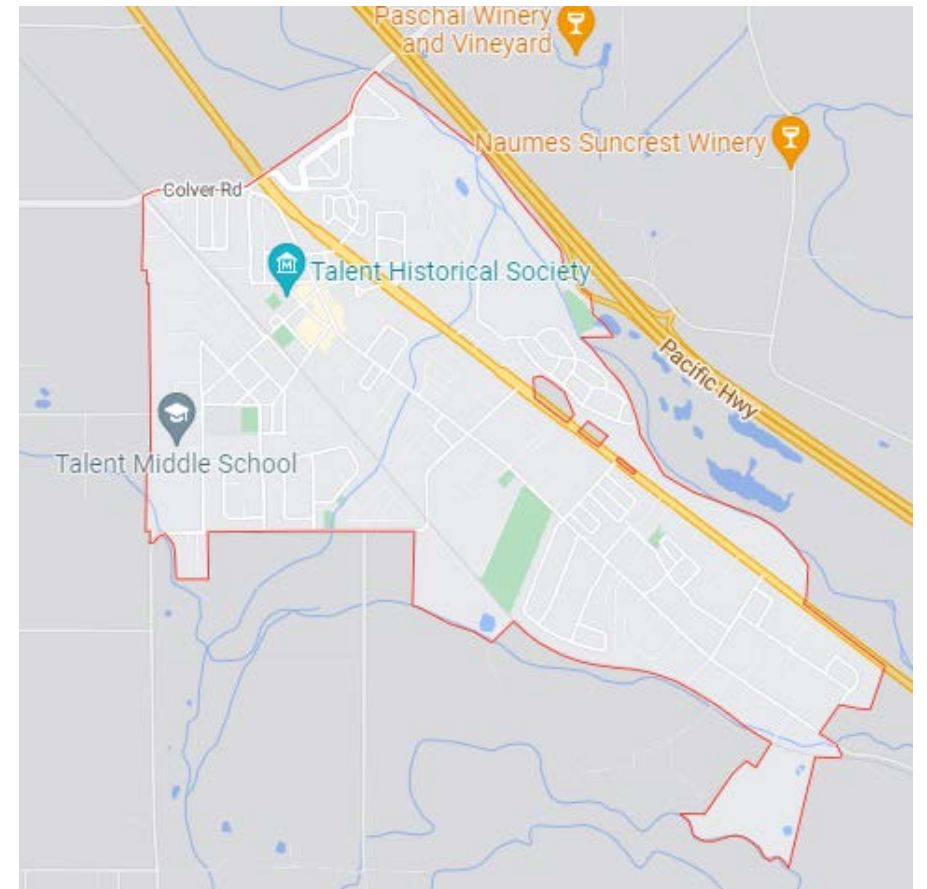
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(Talent Chamber of Commerce, 2022)

BACKGROUND

- Question:
 - How has COVID-19 impacted you the most?
 - How can Talent support you?
- Talent population: 6,764
- Adults age 18 and above: 5,139
- Total available funds: \$1.4 million

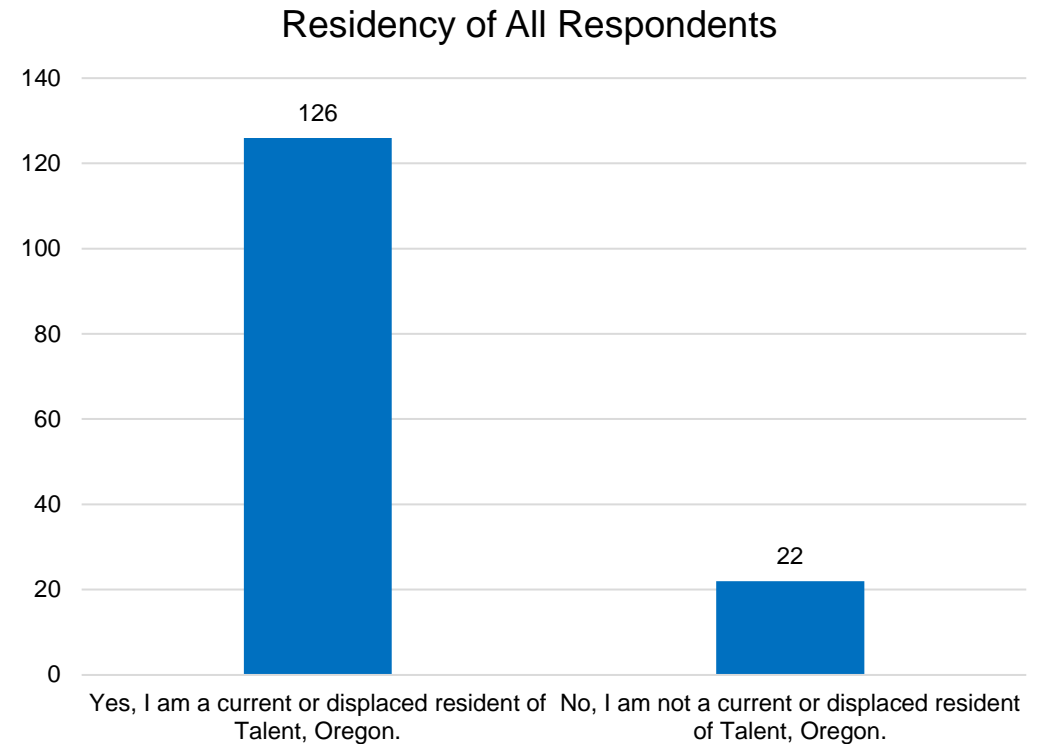


(Google Maps, 2022)

RESPONSE RATE

- Total responses: 148
- Current or displaced residents of Talent: 126
- Not a current or displaced resident of Talent: 22
- Response rate of all residents: 2.19%
- Response rate of all adults: 2.87%

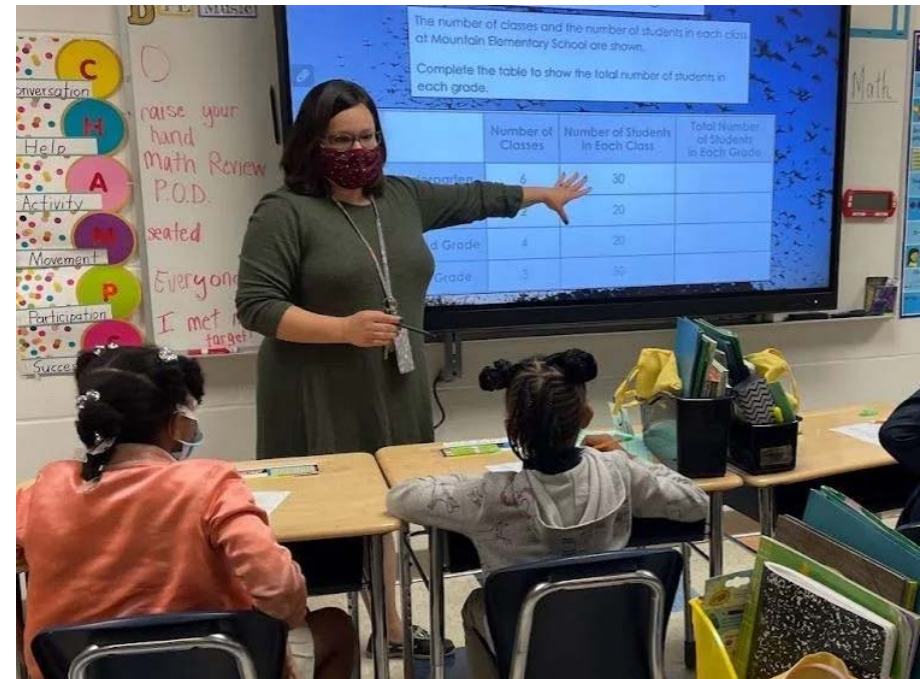
N = 148



LITERATURE REVIEW – Dayton, Ohio

Received \$138 Million

- Proposed spending funds to tear down derelict homes, creating space for affordable housing
- Proposed improving playgrounds and parks
- Allocated funds to increase the number of teachers in first-third grades (Keith, 2021)



(NPR, 2021)

LITERATURE REVIEW – Mental Health

Mental Health America provides mental health counseling online.

The company reported the following trends related to the pandemic and mental health counseling:

- The number of people screened for depression increased by 457%
- Screening for anxiety increased by 406%
- The need for mental health counseling increased (Mental Health, 2020)



(Aclimed, 2021)

DEMOGRAPHICS

- Gender Identity:

68% female 28% male

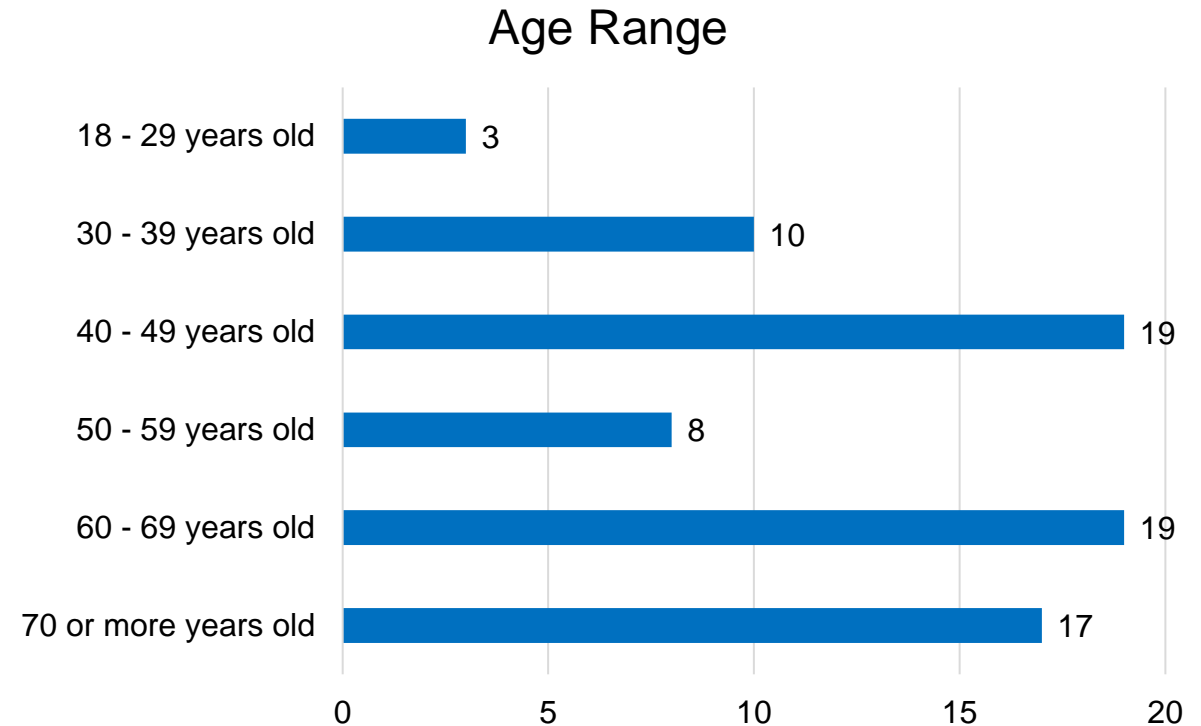
- Primary Language:

87% English 10% Spanish

- Home Ownership:

76% own 29% rent

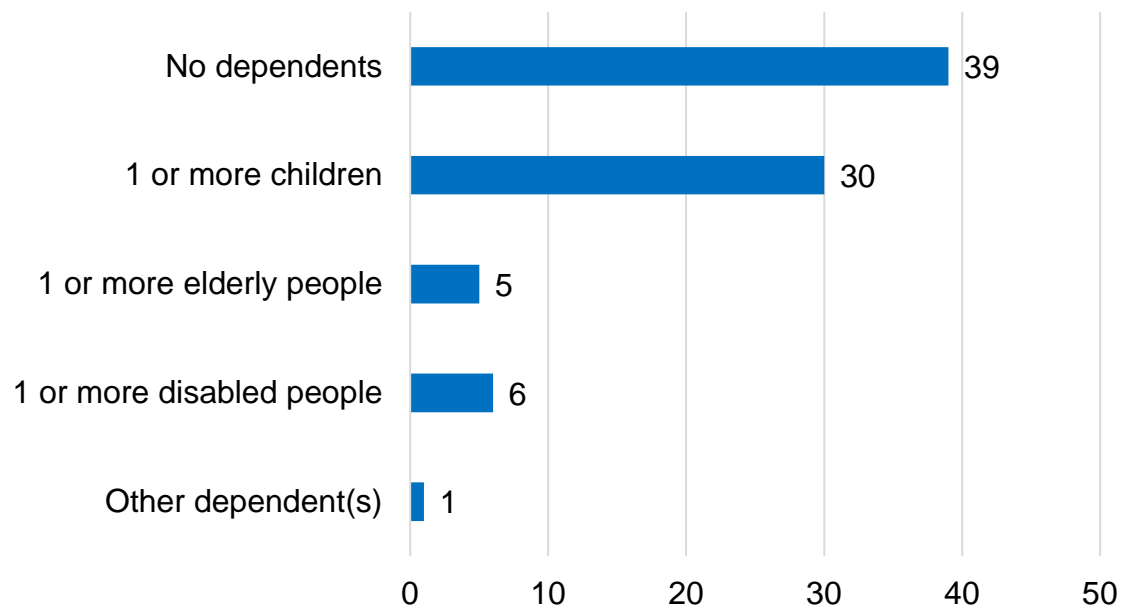
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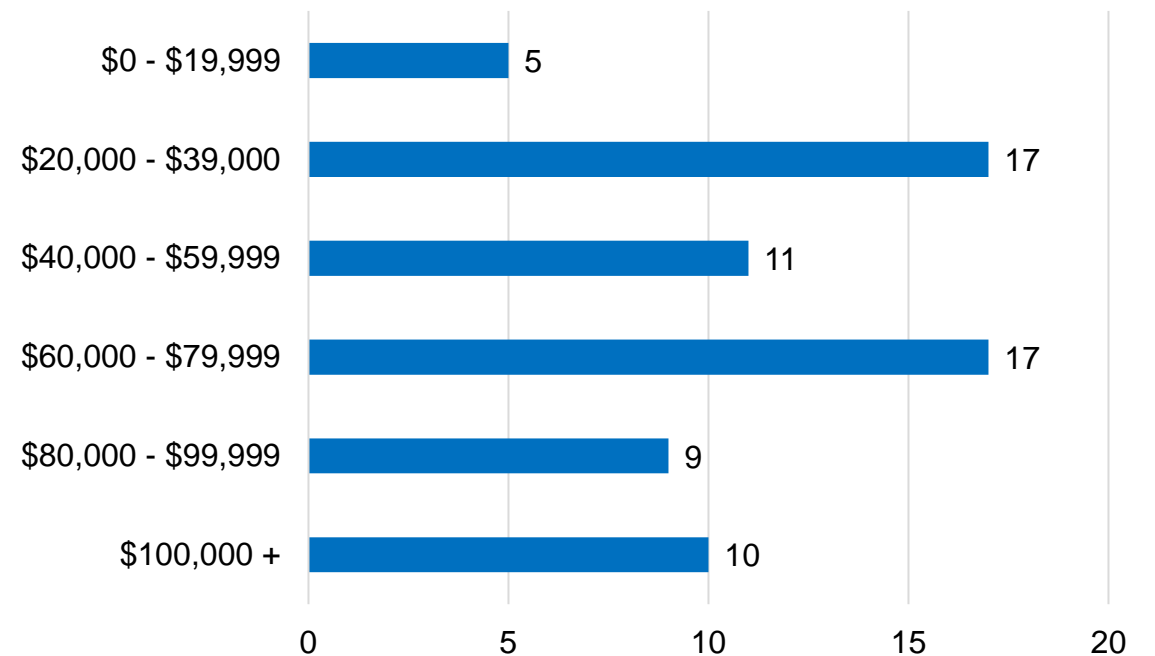
N = 81

Dependents Living in the Home (check all that apply)



N = 69

Household Income



How have the following areas of your life been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic?

My hobbies or socializing: Worse – 93%

My mental health: Worse – 77%

No overall changes in:

My ability to pay bills

My ability to feed my family

“Other” responses:

Getting to know Talent – much worse

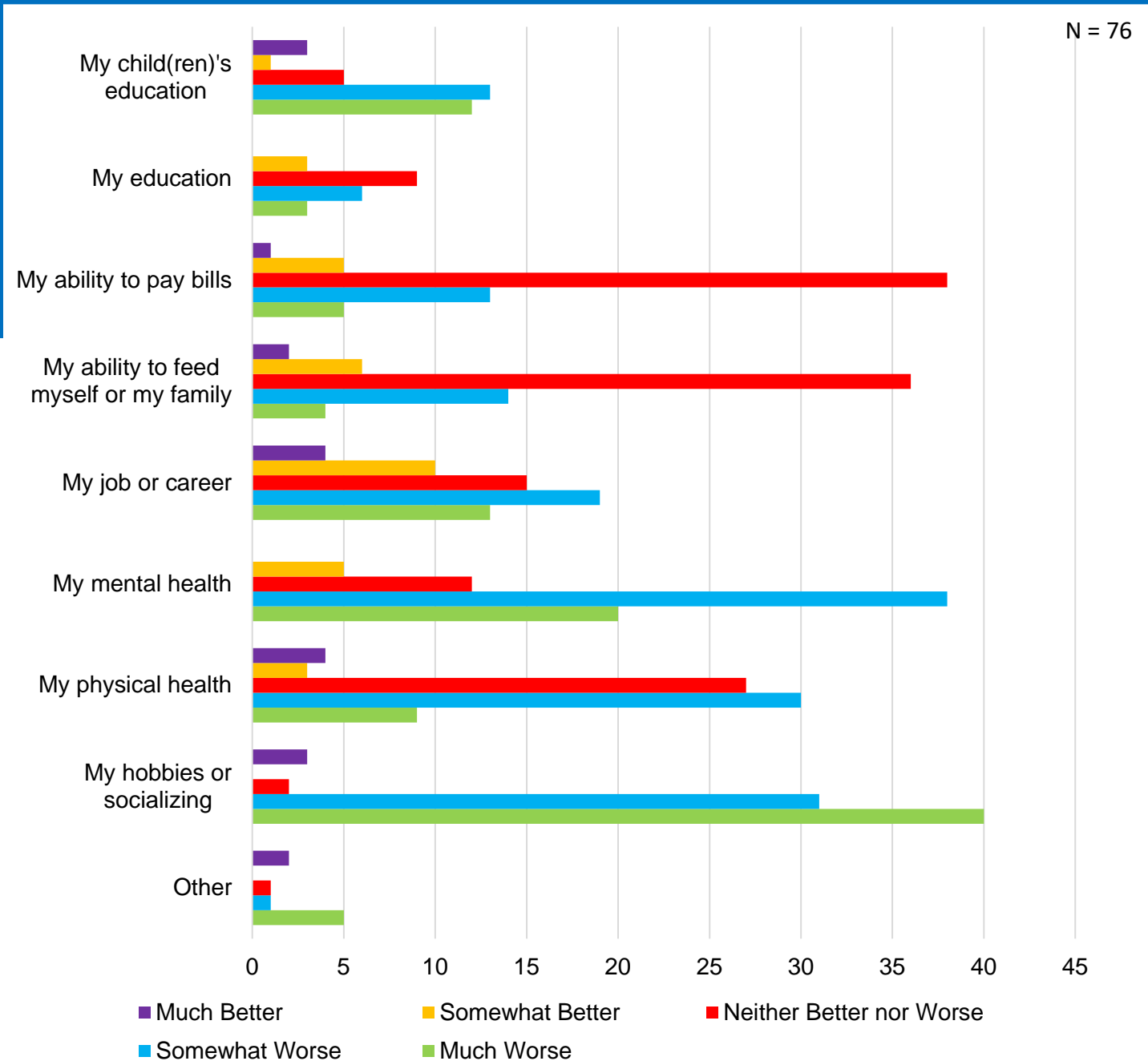
Faith in humanity – much worse

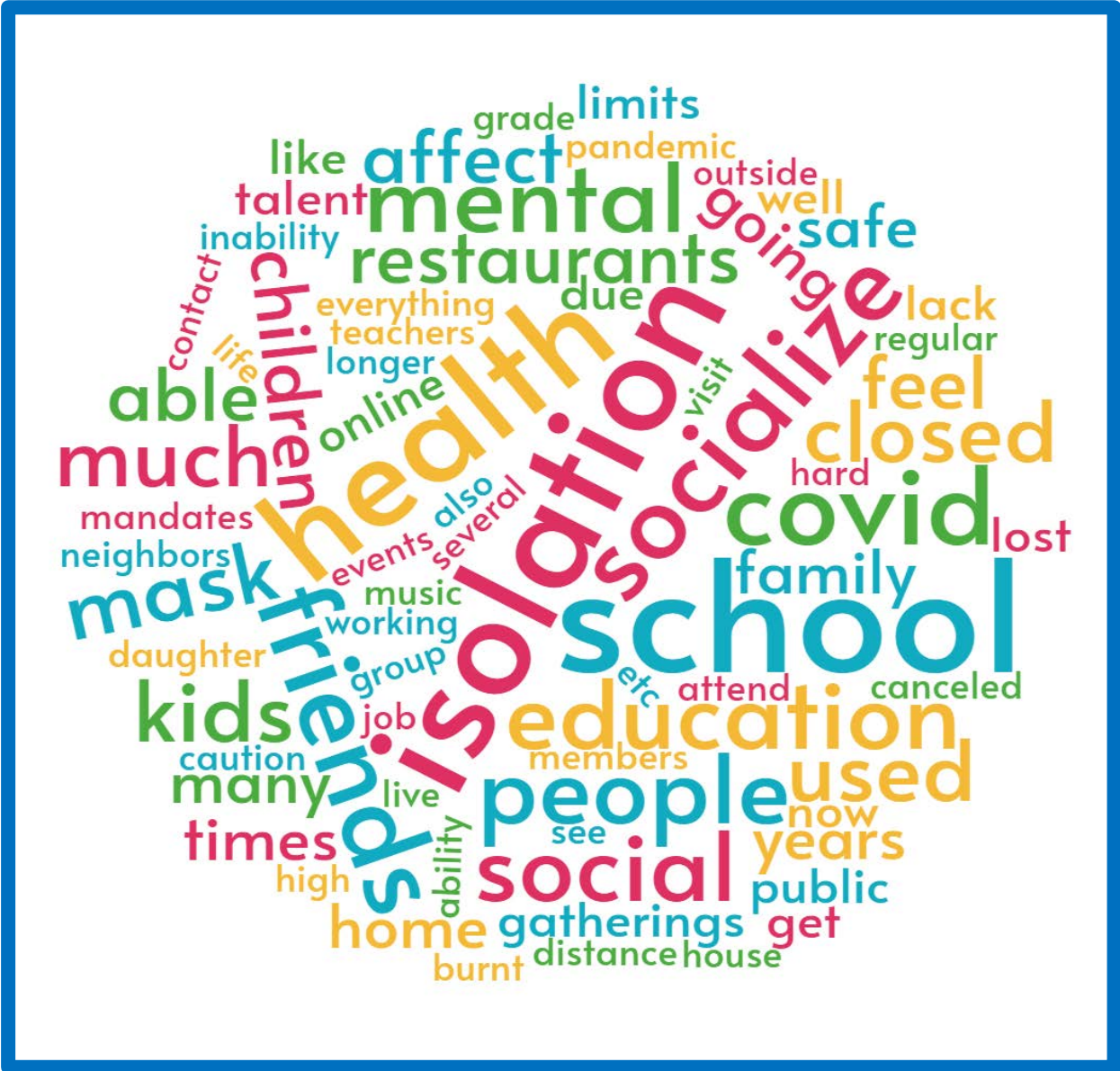
Respect for government – much worse

Husband’s health – somewhat worse

Creativity – much better

House burnt down - unspecified





Question:

Please explain how COVID-19 impacted the categories you marked “**much worse.**”

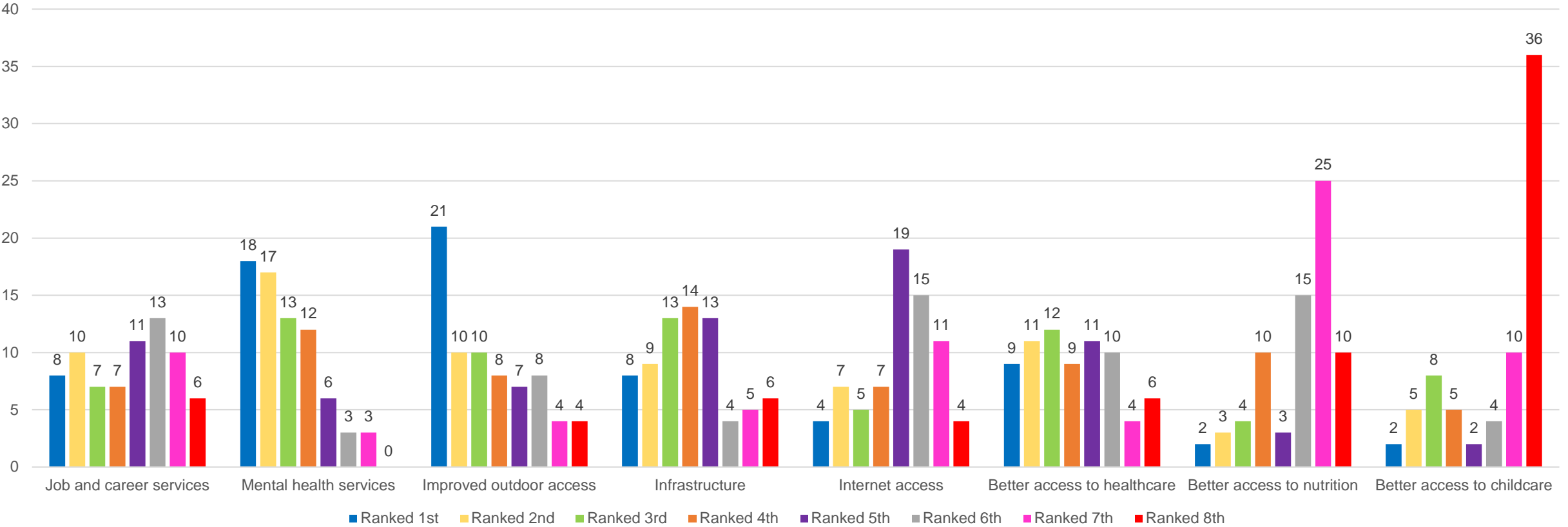
31 responses

Rank these services on how useful they would be to you and your family.

Ranked highest: Mental Health Services - 49% Outdoor Access - 43%

Ranked lowest: Childcare - 34% Nutrition - 49%

N = 72



Question:



Please describe what specific support would be most helpful within your highest ranked categories.

56 responses

Please provide any additional information about how COVID-19 impacted you and your family.

28 responses

- Social Isolation:
 - “My family has had Covid...we are not infectious and want to rejoin the community socially.”
 - “The sense of isolation was horrible...we were experience some symptoms of depression.”
 - “Mental mente.” (In English: mental health)
- Family:
 - “My daughter who lives in Europe was unable to visit”
 - “Several of our family members had Covid...All survived but several have long Covid symptoms.”
 - “It made us closer...we had more time together.”
- Trust or distrust of information:
 - “New county commissioner who believes in science is what we desperately need.”
 - It made us less likely to trust government officials.”

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- The participants ranked **mental health services** as the most important
- The participants rated **hobbies and socializing** as the most negatively affected by the pandemic
- Representation of demographics compared to Talent population:
 - Language responses - correctly represented (roughly 80% English speakers)
 - Household income responses - correctly represented (average \$49,000)
 - People 60 years and older – overrepresented (47% over 60 in survey, avg. age 36 in Talent)
 - People who identify as female – overrepresented (68% in survey, 54% in Talent)
 - Homeowners – overrepresented (76% in survey, 53% in Talent)

DATA ANALYSIS

- People whose mental health was negatively impacted more commonly ranked mental health services high
- Women's hobbies and socialization were impacted worse than men's
 - Women are overrepresented in the survey demographics as compared to the Talent population
 - Survey results may not accurately reflect the Talent population
- Older respondents' education was less impacted
 - People over 60 were overrepresented in the survey demographics as compared to the Talent population
 - Survey results may not accurately reflect the Talent population

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Distributing money directly to residents would be ineffective
- Increase mental health services
 - Concerns existed prior to COVID-19
 - Counseling in schools
 - Support groups
 - Free crisis hotlines already existing
- Increase outdoor services
 - Trails & walking paths
 - Parks
 - Community events
 - Improving current sidewalks



(City of Talent, 2013)

THANK YOU!

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