

# Barnesville

## Community Input Survey 2025

**855**

### Total respondents

Answering at least 1 question  
22 completed via paper

**77%**

of respondents **visit Focus Area multiple days a week**

The majority of respondents indicated **convenience & liking to shop locally** keeps them shopping, dining, and doing business in Barnesville

### Top 5 Issues that Should Be Addressed in Focus Area:

Creating a stronger commercial/retail environment

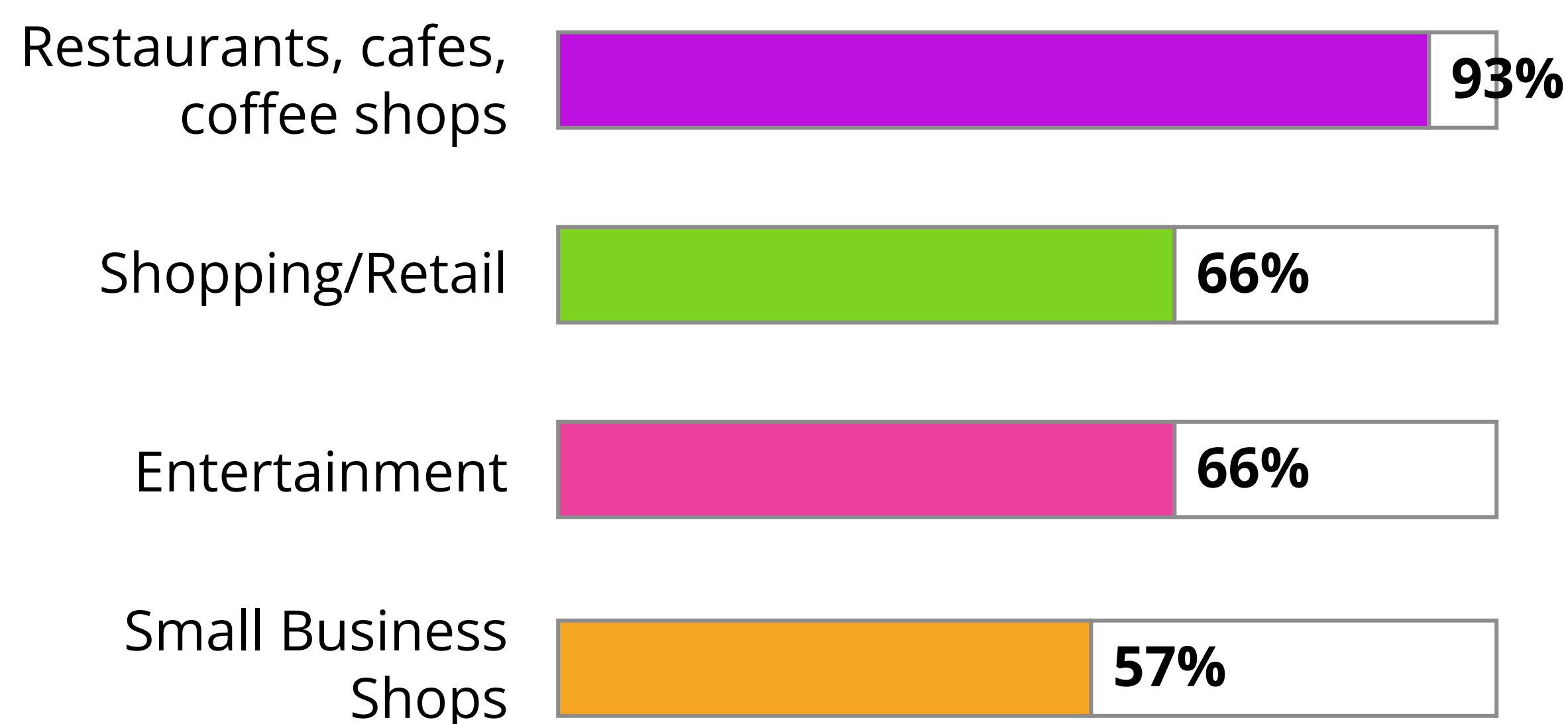
Increasing safety and security

Other (Improved road conditions)

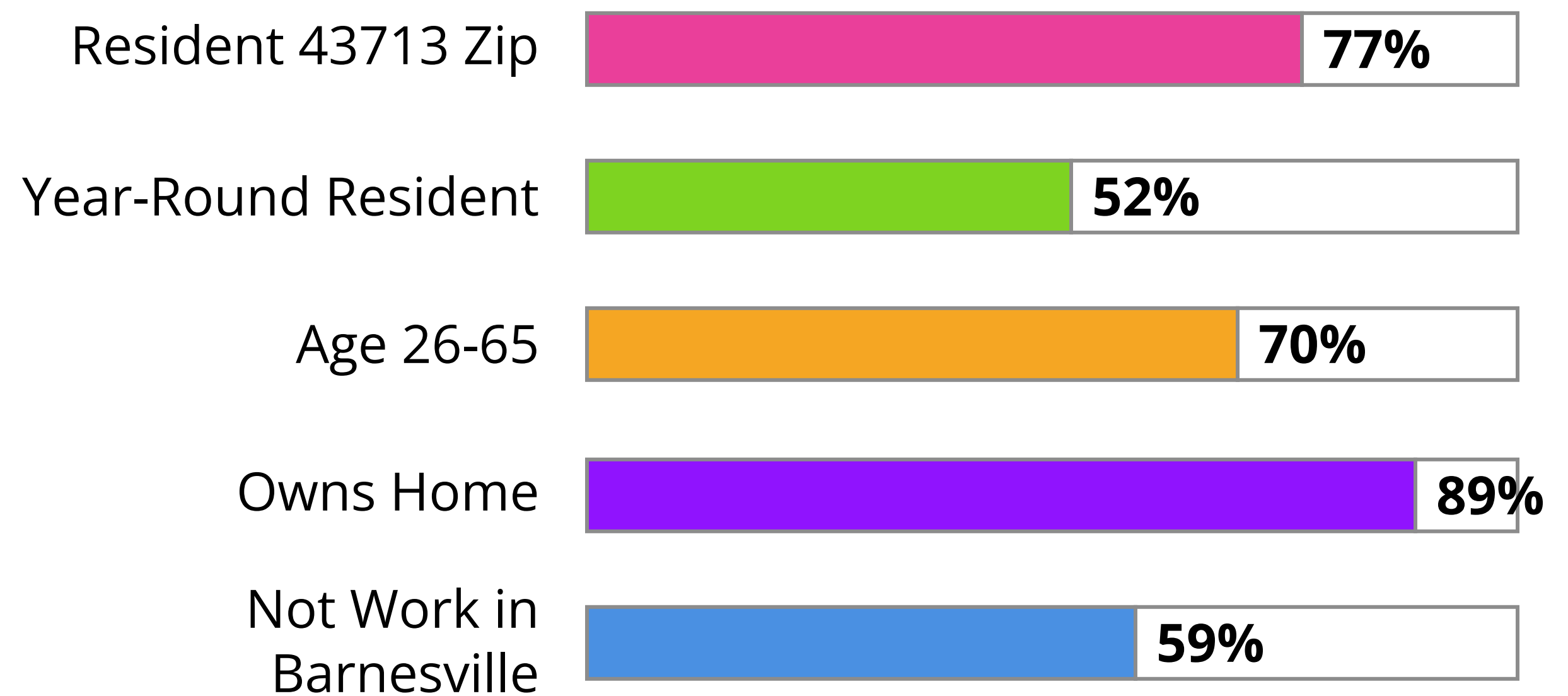
Creating a family-friendly environment

Increasing cleanliness and aesthetics

### Types of Businesses Like to See in Focus Area



### Respondent Demographics

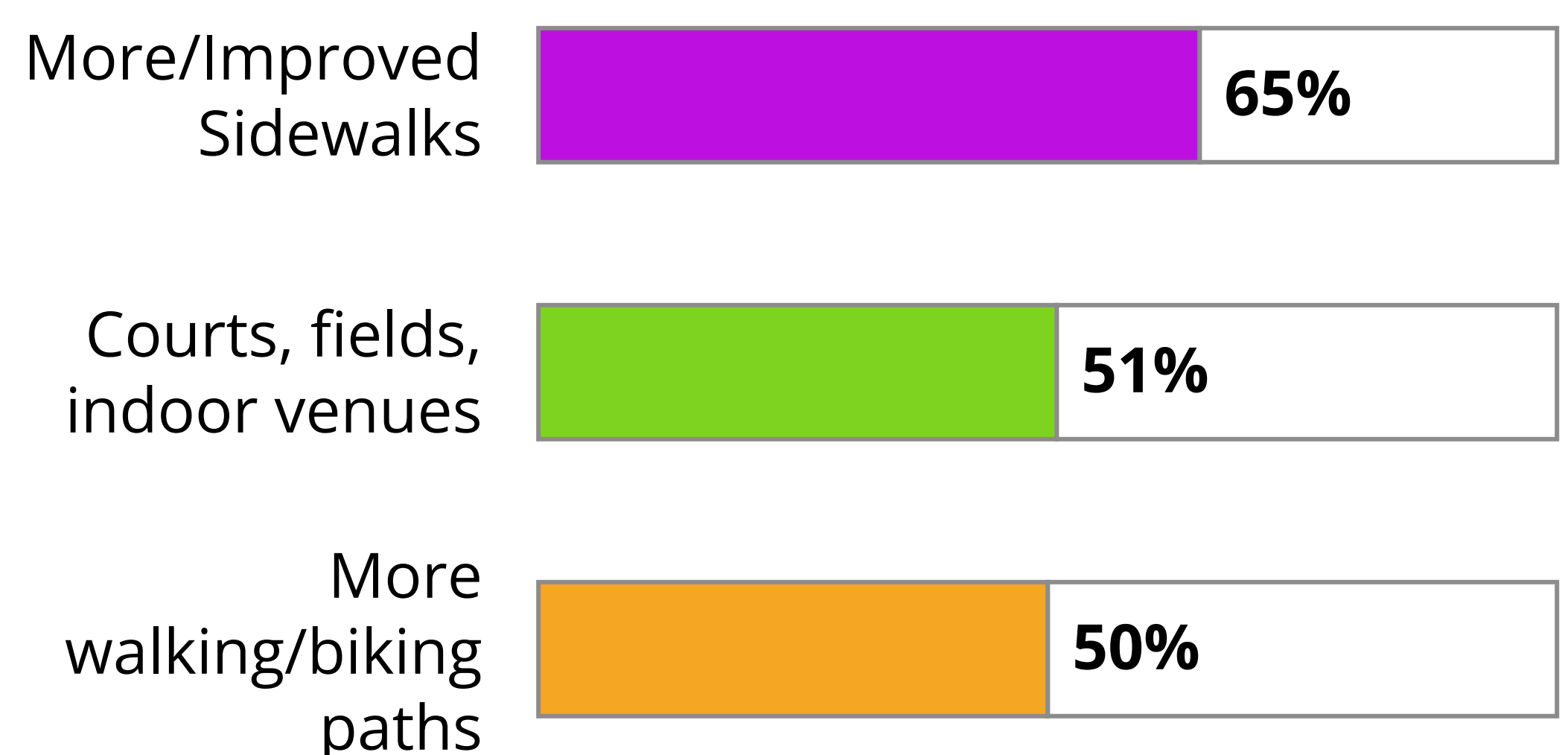


### Local businesses visited most often:

- Riesbecks
- Dollar General
- Hissom's
- Save-A-Lot
- Walgreens
- McDonalds
- Cheffy's
- Village Hardware

The majority of respondents use their **personal vehicle** most frequently, feel like the availability of public parking in the Focus Area **is about right**, and would **drive and walk** if all travel modes felt safe and comfortable

### Types of Recreational Improvements Like to See in Focus Area



## Eyesores/Blight or Unsafe Properties

There were a lot of responses, but **vacant buildings/houses/lots** and **sidewalks & streets** were mentioned most commonly

## Ranked in Order of Importance

1. Memorial Park
2. Library
3. State Theater
4. Depot Grounds
5. Watt Center
6. Other

**55%**

of respondents indicate the **downtown sidewalks need work**

**66%**

of respondents indicate the **downtown building facades need work**

## Vision for Focus Area - Images

The majority of respondents loved the **community pavilion**, a **mixed-use development**, the **street dining bump-out**, and a **year-round covered facility**



## Biggest Challenges Facing Local Businesses

- Competition from online retailers
- Lack of foot traffic
- Limited customer base

## State Theater

The majority of respondents would support **live musical performance, special event movies, live theatrical performances, and nostalgic movies** at a price point of **\$15 or less**.

## Like to See in Depot Grounds and/or Watt Center

There were many responses, most frequent ideas included farmer's/flea market, restaurant, event space, park or green space, kid & family-friendly activity or rec center, museum/historical site

## Makes Barnesville a Great Place to Live and Work

- Small-town charm
- Safe and friendly community
- Strong schools

## Beneficial Businesses, Events, Programs

The most common responses included the **pumpkin festival**, the **library** and its programs for kids, **Fun in the Ville**, the **park, local businesses**, and the **school system**