



PLAN4Health
An American Planning Association Project

Survey Results on the Status of Health + Planning in Ohio

Plan4Health supports creative partnerships to build sustainable, cross-sector coalitions. These coalitions are made up of APA chapters, APHA affiliates, local non-profits, schools, parks and recreation departments, universities – and more! These coalitions are working to launch and to strengthen strategies for healthy planning. The Planners4Health initiative marks the three-year culmination of APA’s \$9 million Plan4Health program. APA Ohio has received a \$45,000 grant in this last phase. This six month initiative which began in February 2017 will ensure planners and public health professionals have access to information and resources to help their communities more easily support and implement healthy living choices.

APA Ohio is using the grant funding to broadly share knowledge and resources on building coalitions with public health professionals and more strongly integrate public health into local and regional planning practices. The program serves both as an opportunity to disseminate lessons learned from previous coalition work, and a chance to sustain the health agenda within APA.

The purpose of this survey is to get a snapshot of the current status of health and planning in Ohio. Our aim is to understand the organizations and regions engaging in planning and public health efforts, the public health problems that exist across the state of Ohio, and the technical assistance and tools still needed to bring both planning and public health professionals to the same table in efforts to address public health issues. The survey is built for both an audience of both planning and public health professionals. As you complete the survey, we encourage you to think about the extent that the two disciplines of planning and public health are working together, or not, in communities across the state of Ohio.

For questions about this survey and/or the initiative as a whole, please contact Christine Davis at info@ohioplanning.org. For more information on the Plan4Health initiative, visit www.ohioplanning.org/plan4health.

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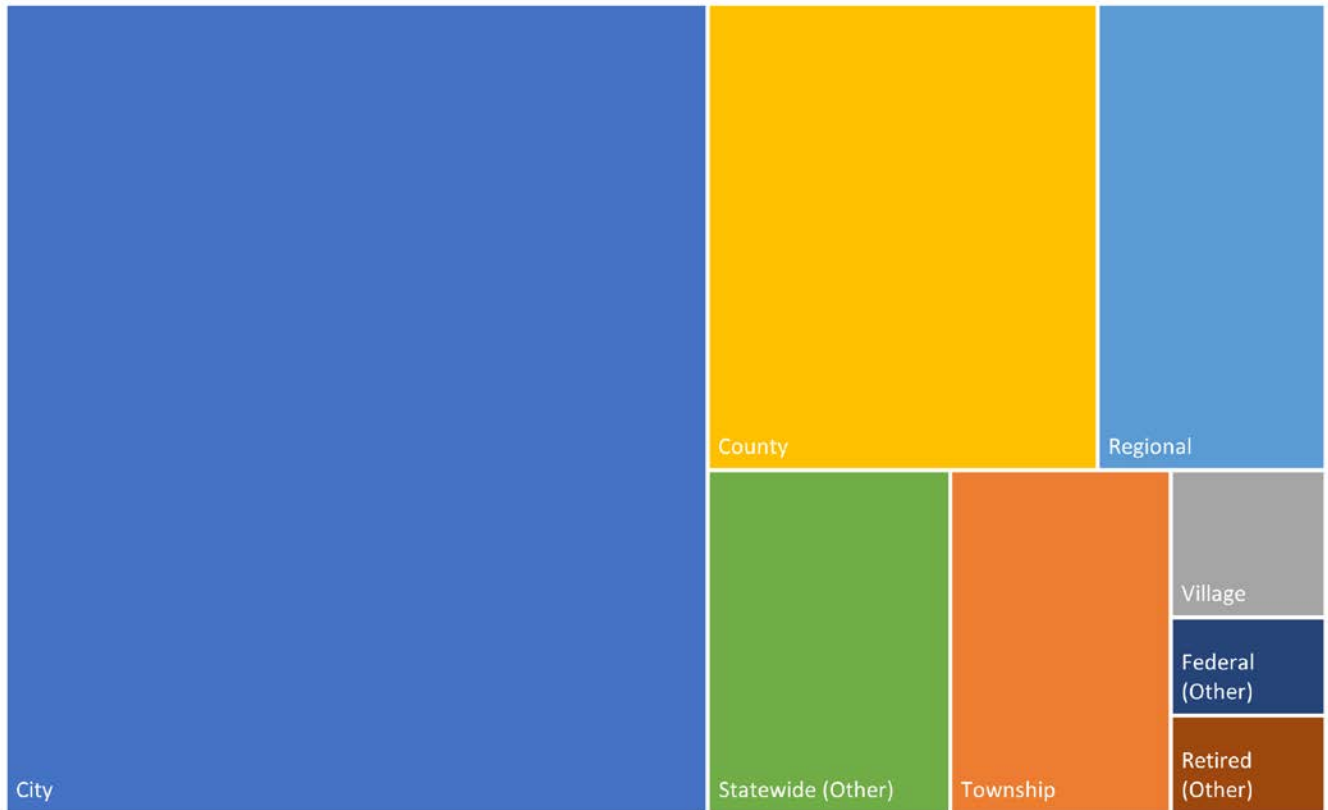
What is the name of the community in which you work?

Community	Responses
Anderson Township	1
Ashtabula County	1
Blanchester	1
Butler County	1
Cambridge	1
Campbell County	1
City of Athens	2
City of Bedford Heights	1
City of Brunswick	1
City of Canton	1
City of Centerville	1
City of Cincinnati	6
City of Cleveland	20
City of Columbus	16
City of Dayton	5
City of Dublin	1
City of Fairfield	1
City of Fairview Park	2
City of Green	1
City of Hudson	5
City of Kettering	1
City of Lakewood	1
City of Mansfield	1
City of Mentor	1

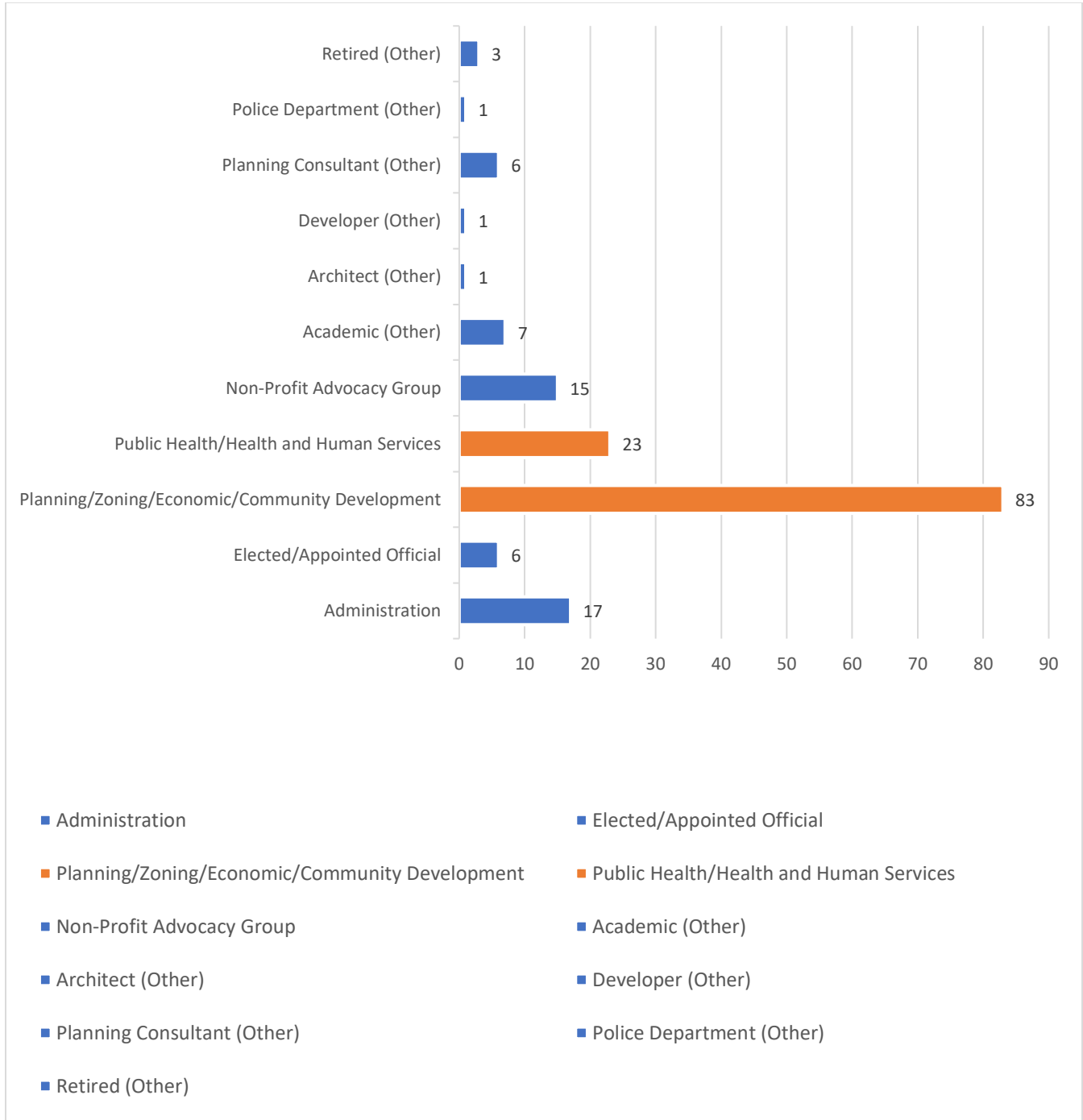
Community	Responses
City of Painesville	1
City of Piqua	2
City of Powell	2
City of Shaker Heights	1
City of Sharonville	1
City of Sidney	1
City of South Euclid	1
City of Springfield	1
City of St. Clairsville	1
City of Toledo	2
City of Twinsburg	1
City of Upper Arlington	3
City of Wadsworth	1
City of Westlake	1
City of Westtown	1
City of Wooster	1
City of Youngstown	1
Clark County	1
Clermont County	1
Colerain Township	2
Concord Township	2
Consulting	2
Delaware County	1
Delhi Township	1

Community	Responses
Fairfield County	1
Greene County	1
Hamilton County	1
Hamilton Township	1
Jackson County	1
Lake County	3
Licking County	1
Lorain County	1
Marion County	2
Meigs County	1
Miami County	1
Orange Township	1
Pike County	1
Retired	3
Richland County	1
Shelby County	1
Stark County	1
Statewide	8
Summit County	1
Village of Hebron	1
Warren County	1
Washington County	1
Wilmington County	1

Which option best describes the community you serve?



Which category best describes the nature of your job? Select all that apply.

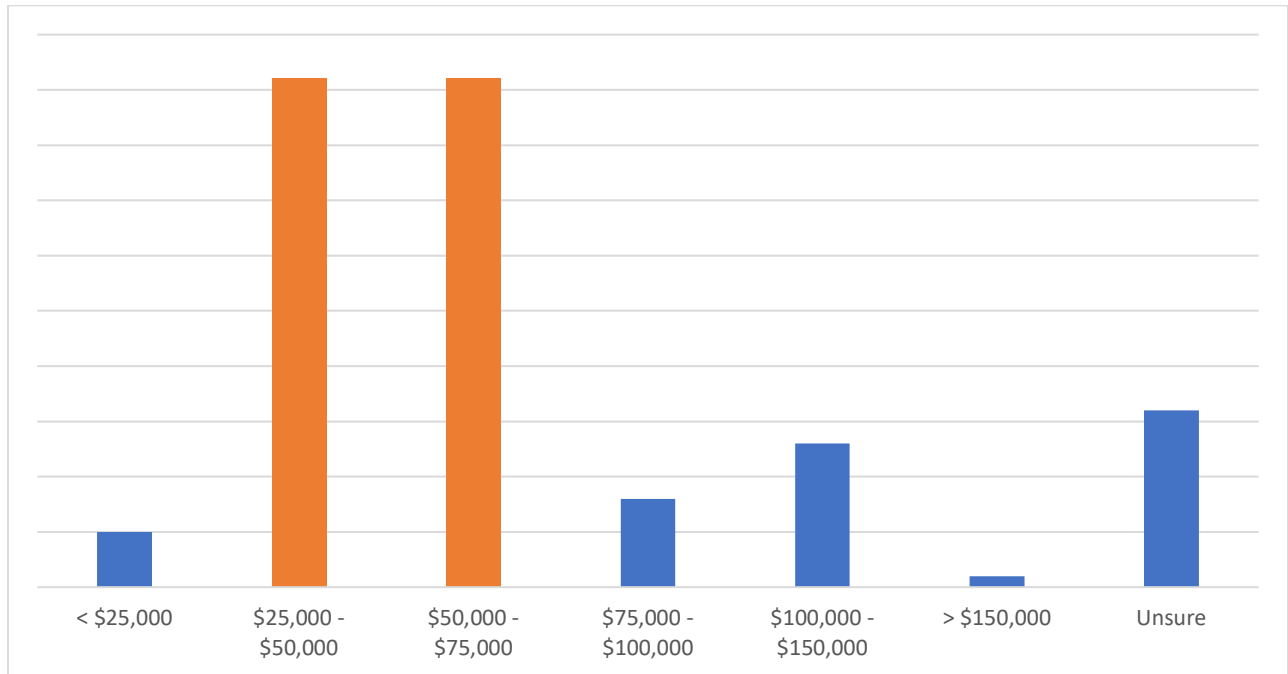


What is your position title?

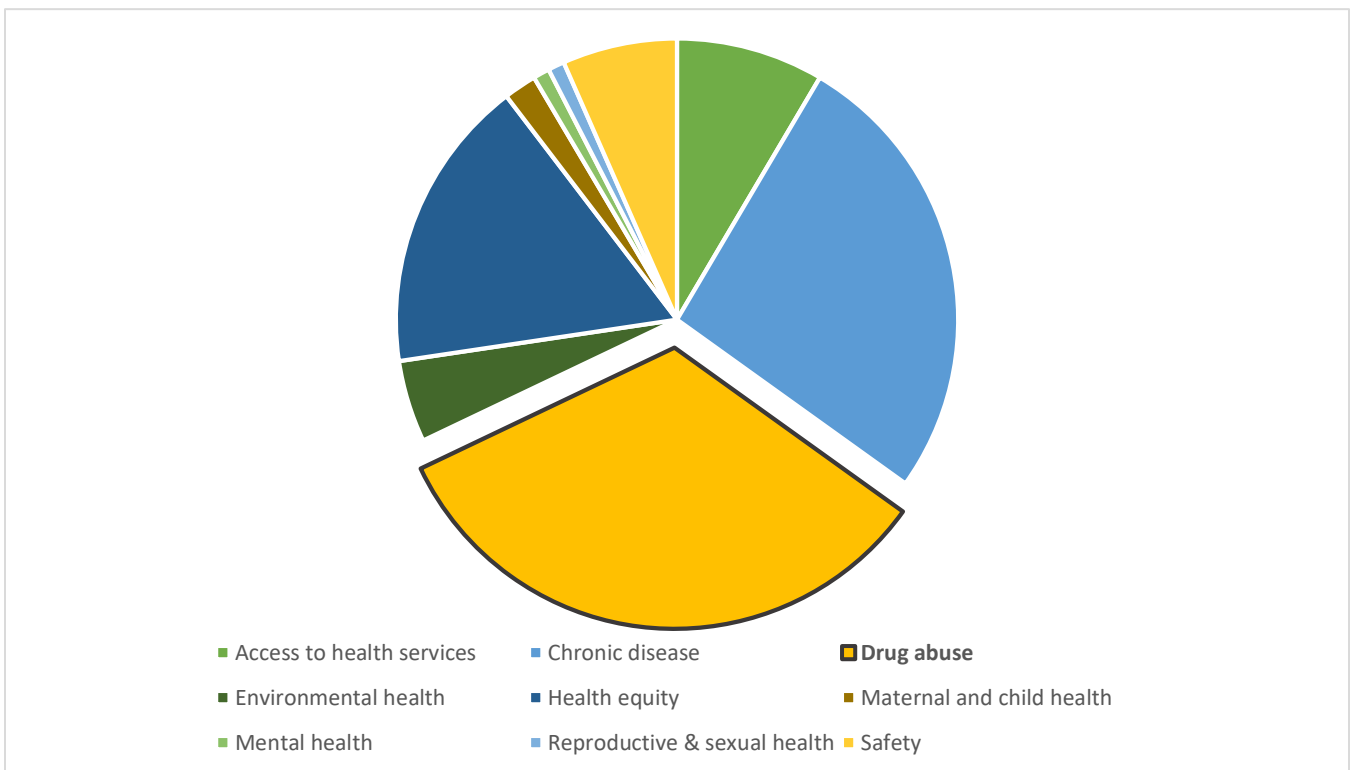
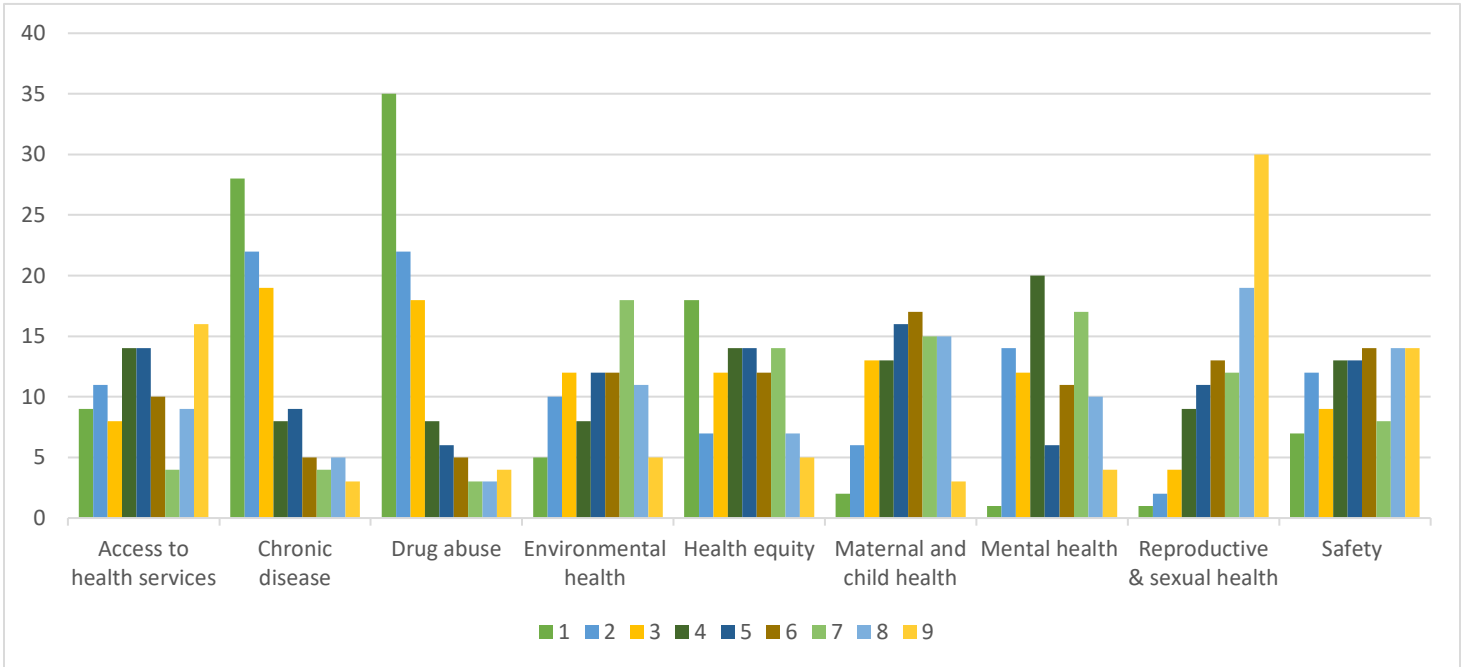
Community	Responses
Accreditation Coordinator	1
Architect	1
Assistant	1
Assistant Planning Director	2
Associate Planner	3
Chairman	1
Chief of Strategic Partnerships	1
Citizen	1
City Planner	12
Community Development Administrator	3
Community Development Director	3
Community Development Planner	1
Community Health Specialist	1
Community Planner	3
Consultant	2
Director	7
Director of Nursing	1
Director of Development	1
Director of Population Health	1
Economic Development Manager	1
Engineer	1
Executive Director	2
Field Services Manager	1
GIS Planner	1
Graduate Research Associate	3
Grants Coordinator	2
Growth and Planning Specialist	1
Health Educator	2
Health Professions Affinity Community	1
Healthy Food Access Program Manager	1
Healthy Places Program Director	2
Housing Stabilization Coordinator	1

Community	Responses
Intern	3
Manager	2
Mayor	1
Mitigation Supervisor	1
Mobility Manager	1
Owner	1
Physician	1
Planner I	2
Planning Administrator	2
Planning and Zoning Director	7
Planning and Zoning Manager	5
Planning Commissioner	1
Policy Specialist	1
President	1
Principal	1
Principal Planner	2
Professor	4
Program Assistant	1
Project Coordinator	2
Project Manager	7
Regional Planner	1
Research Associate	3
Retired	3
Senior Planner	6
Special Projects Administrator	3
Statewide Mobility Coordinator	1
Transportation Planner	4
Treasurer	1
Tree Commissioner	1
Walking Programs Manager	1
Zoning Plans Examiner	1
Zoning Specialist	1

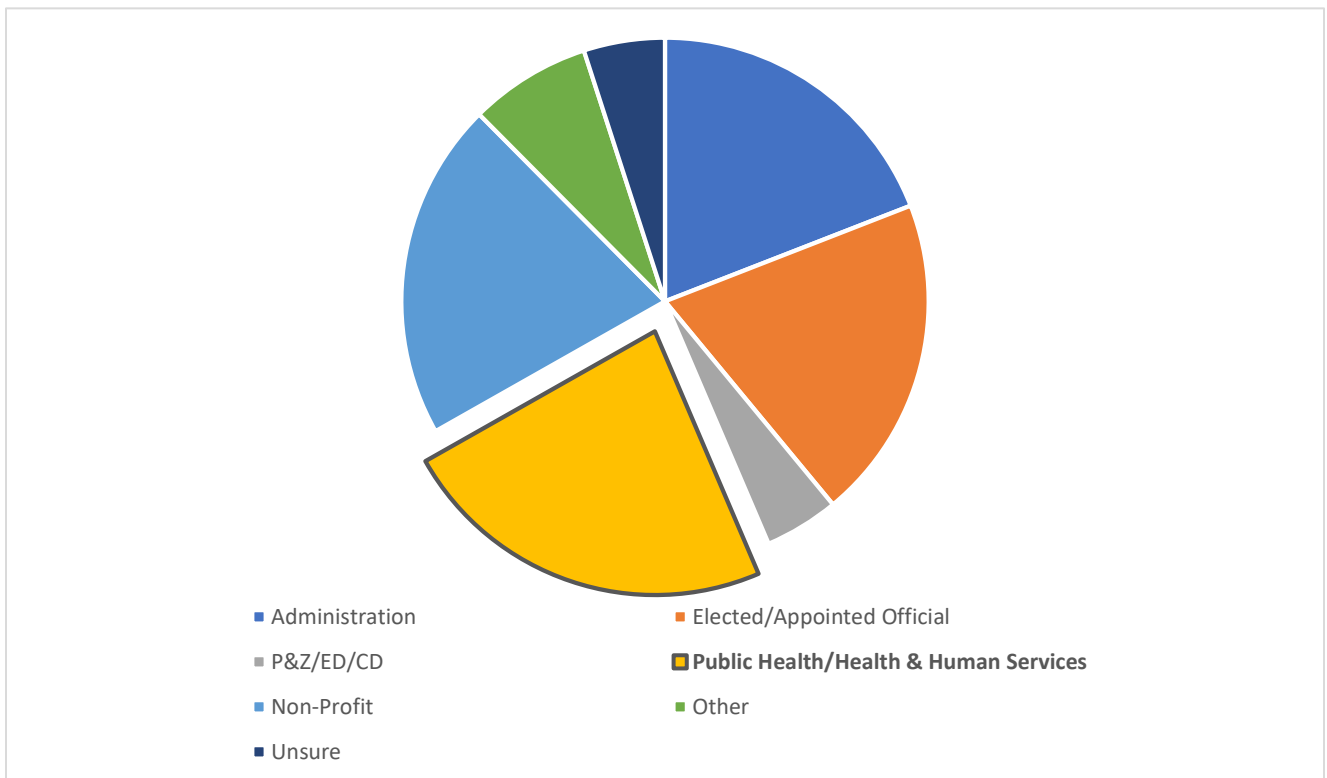
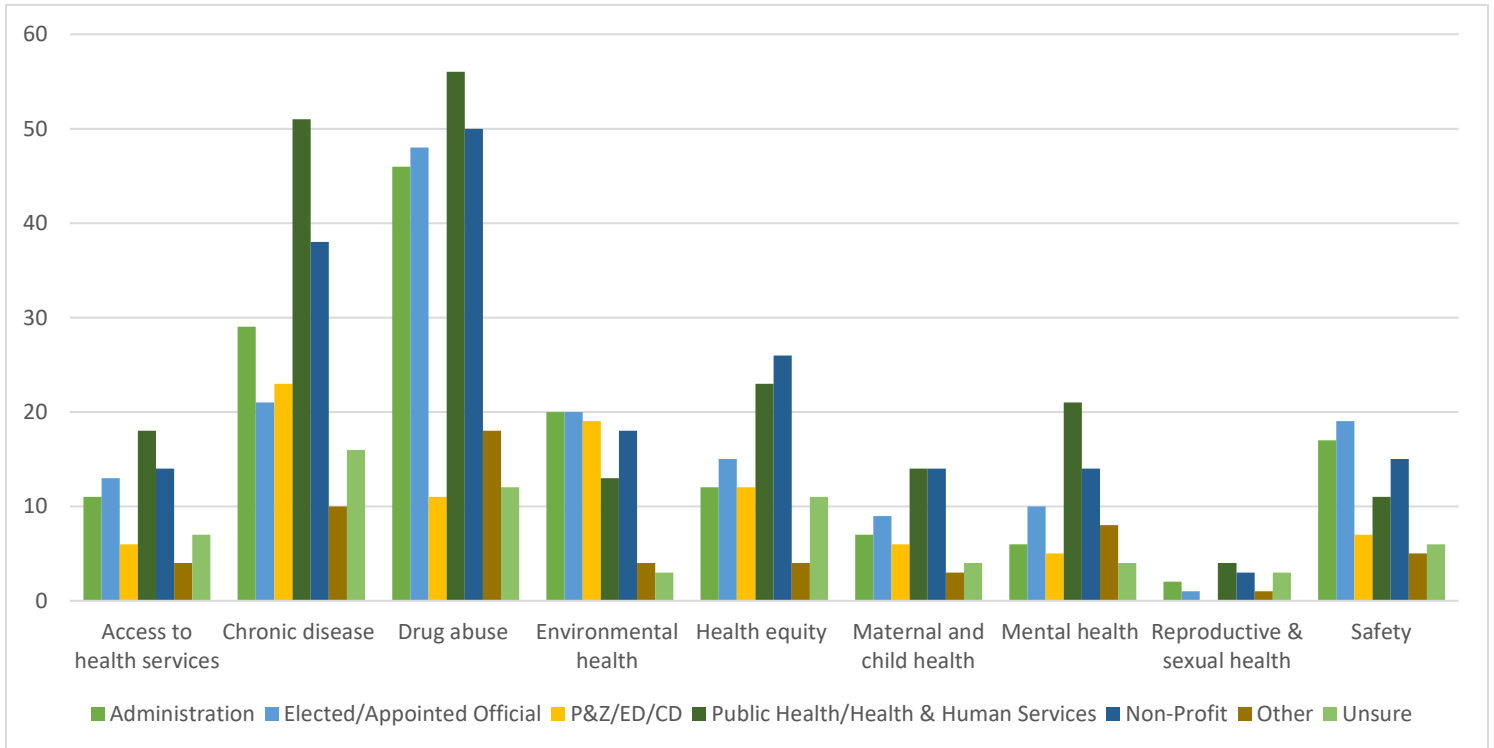
What is the average annual household income of your community?



What are the greatest public health issues facing your community today? In general order of priority, with one (1) being of greatest concern.



Of the three (3) greatest public health issues you suggested are facing your community today, who is at the table to discuss them? Select all that apply.



You answered "other" in the question above. Who else is at the table?

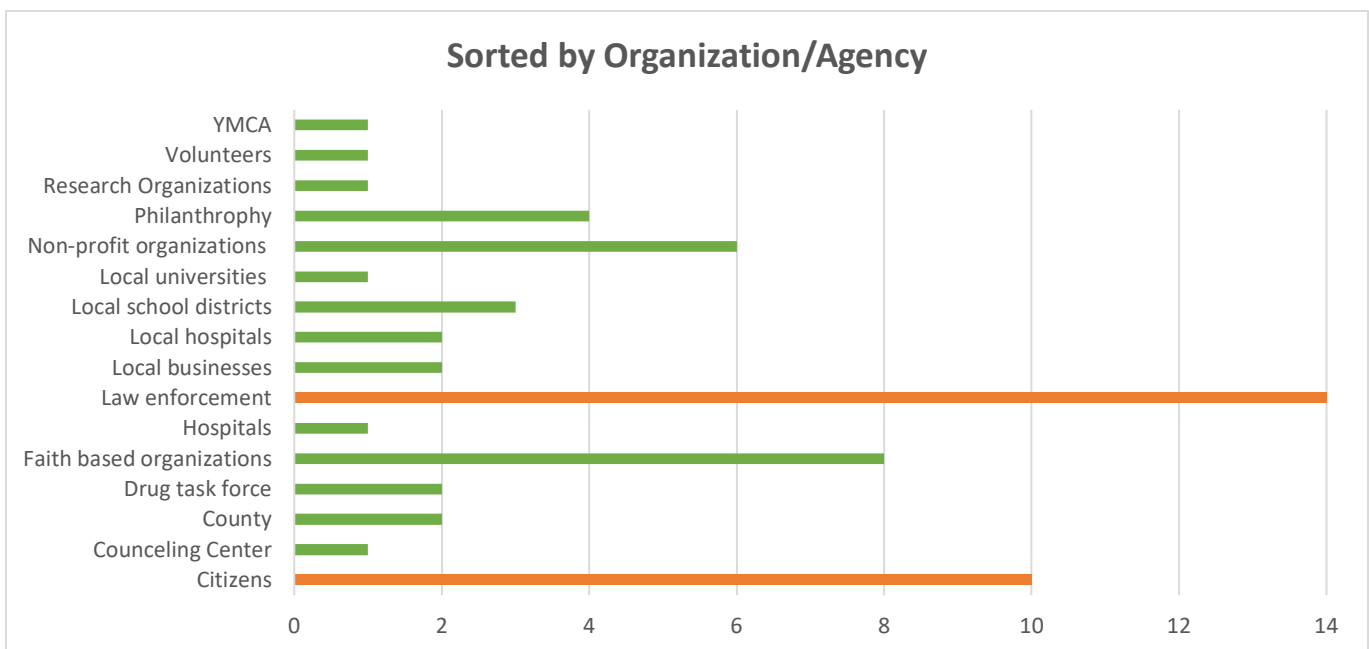
Sorted by Public Health Issue

Public Health Issues	Responses
<i>Access to health services</i>	
Citizens	1
Hospitals	1
Non-profit organizations	1
Philanthropy	2
<i>Chronic disease</i>	
Citizens	1
Faith based organizations	1
Local businesses	2
Local hospitals	1
Local school districts	1
Philanthropy	1
Law enforcement	1
Research Organizations	1
Volunteers	1
YMCA	1

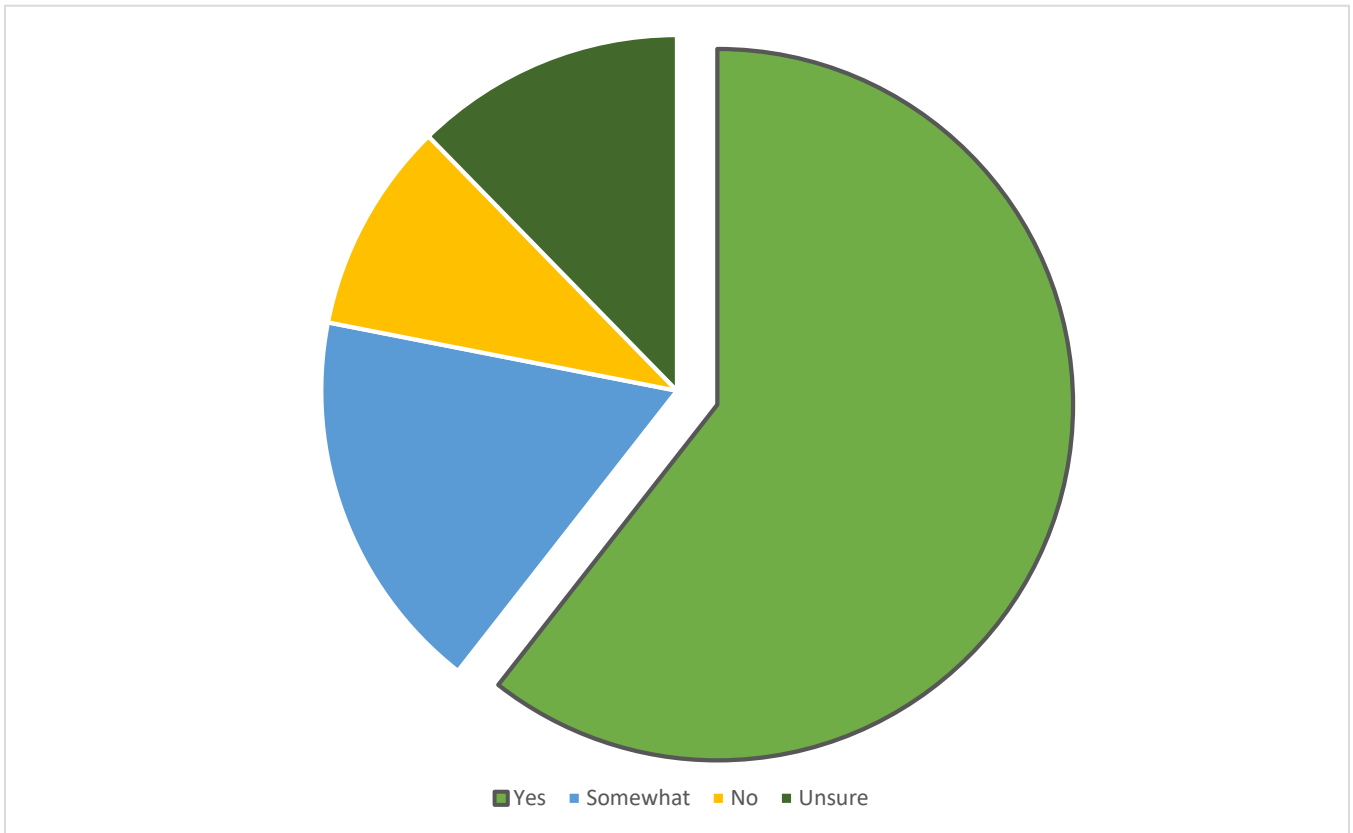
Public Health Issues	Responses
<i>Drug abuse</i>	
Citizens	3
County	1
Drug task force	2
Faith based organizations	2
Law enforcement	7
Local hospitals	1
Local school districts	2
<i>Environmental health</i>	
Citizens	1
Faith based organizations	1
Local universities	1
Non-profit organizations	2
<i>Health equity</i>	
Citizens	1
Faith based organizations	1

Public Health Issues	Responses
Non-profit organizations	2
Philanthropy	1
<i>Maternal and child health</i>	
Citizens	1
Faith based organizations	1
Law enforcement	1
Non-profit organizations	1
<i>Mental health</i>	
Citizens	1
Counseling Center	1
County	1
Faith Based Organizations	2
Law enforcement	2
<i>Safety</i>	
Citizens	1
Law enforcement	3

Sorted by Organization/Agency



In the last five (5) years, has your organization actively collaborated with other department(s) or agencies on ways to improve public health?

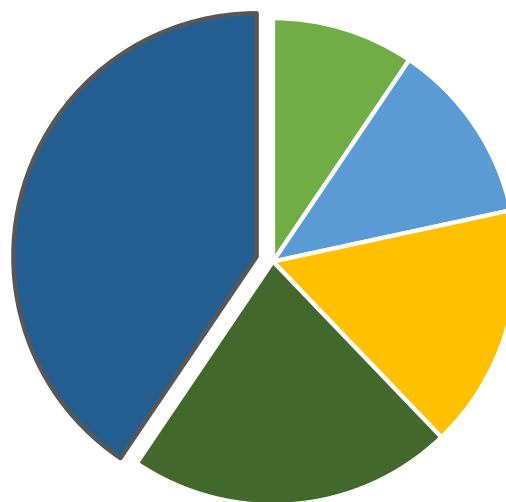


You answered "yes" or "somewhat" in the previous question. Please list the other department(s) and/or agencies with which there has been collaboration and a summary of the collaborative effort.

Department(s)/Agencies	Responses
Administration	12
Chamber of commerce	2
Citizens	3
County collaboration	2
County park district	1
Elected officials	4
Engineering department	3
Faith based organizations	2
Government task force	3
Law enforcement	9
Local hospitals	3
Local housing authority	2
Local land conservancy	1
Local landbank	1
Non-profit organizations	16
Local school districts	7
Local senior center	1

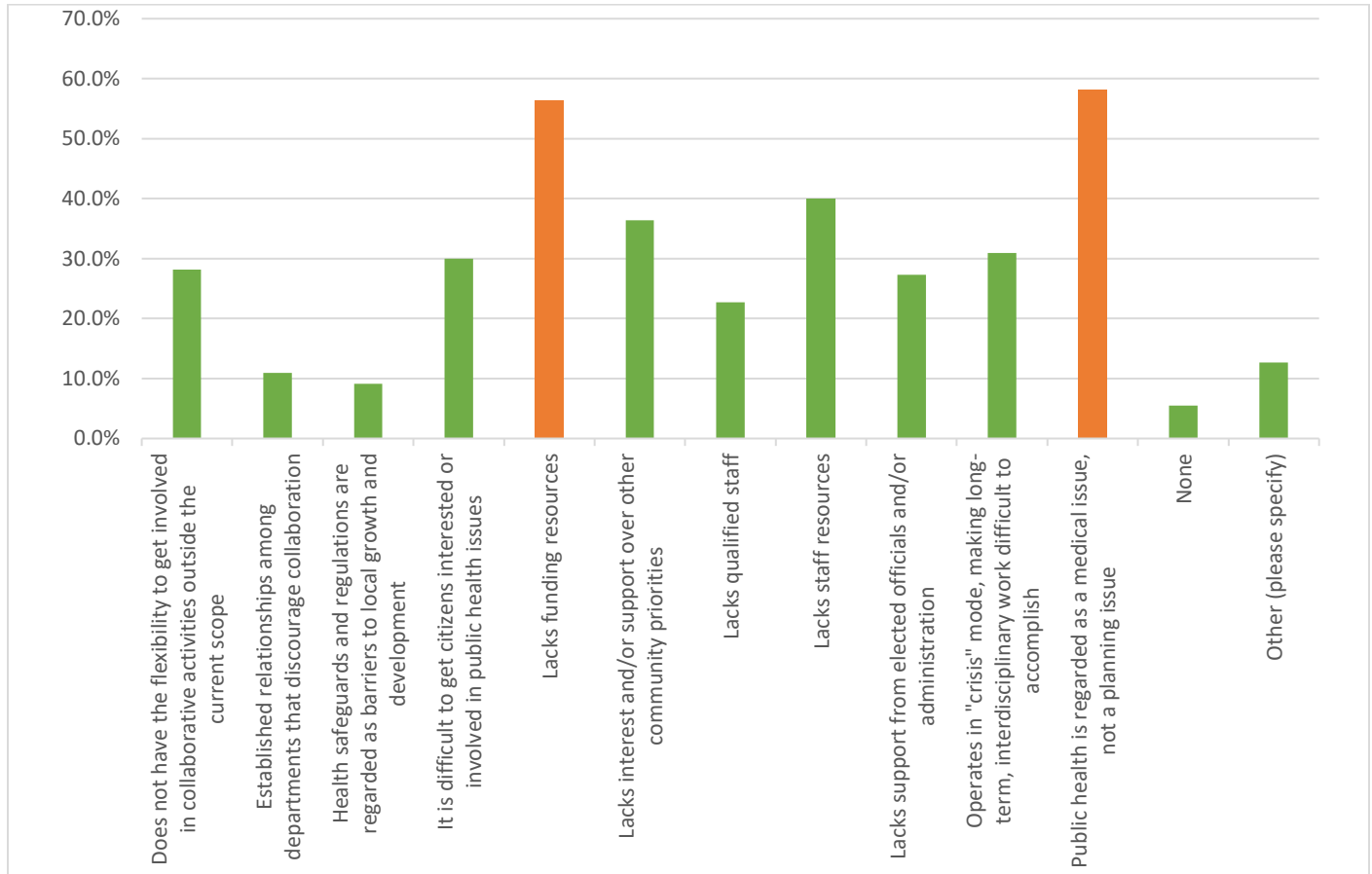
Department(s)/Agencies	Responses
Local universities	4
Metro parks	1
MPOs	4
ODOT	6
Ohio Board of Health	1
Ohio Department of Aging	1
Ohio Department of Education	2
Ohio EMA	1
Ohio Farm Bureau	1
Parks and recreation department	5
Philanthropy	4
Public health department	30
Social service agencies	3
United Way	2
VA	1
YMCA	4

Top Five Departments/Agencies



■ Local school districts ■ Law enforcement ■ Administration ■ Non-profit organizations ■ Public health department

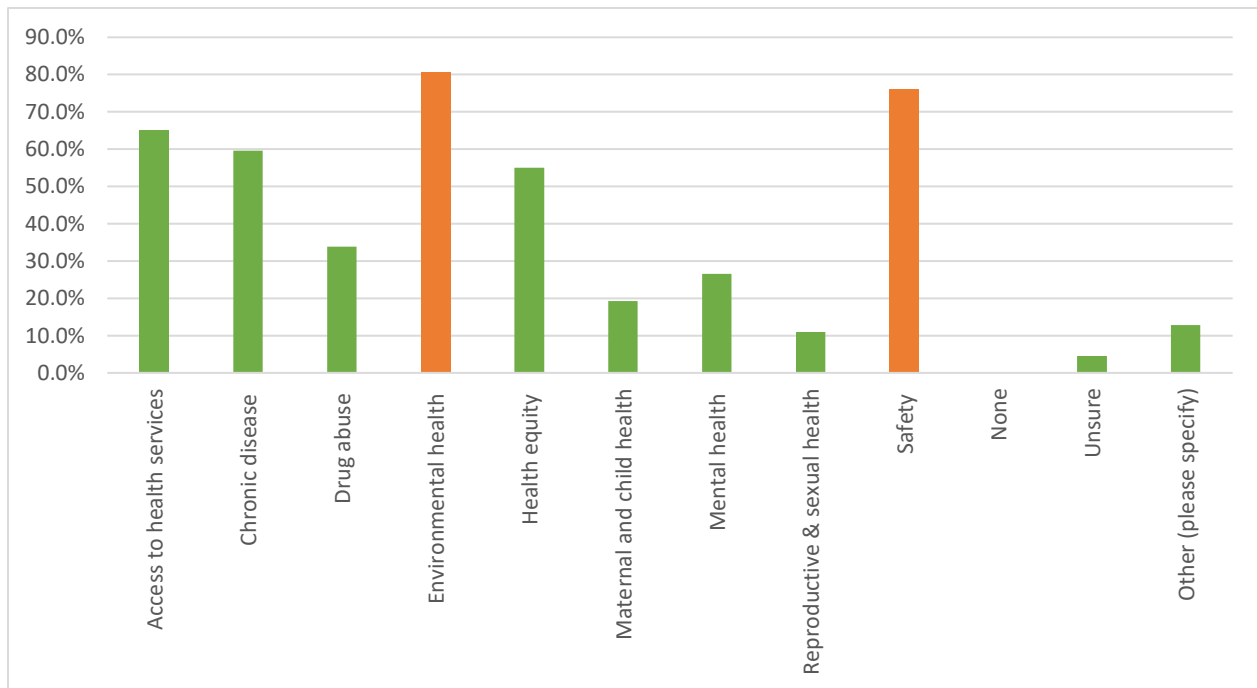
What do you feel are the barriers to increased collaboration of planning and public health? Select all that apply.



Other:

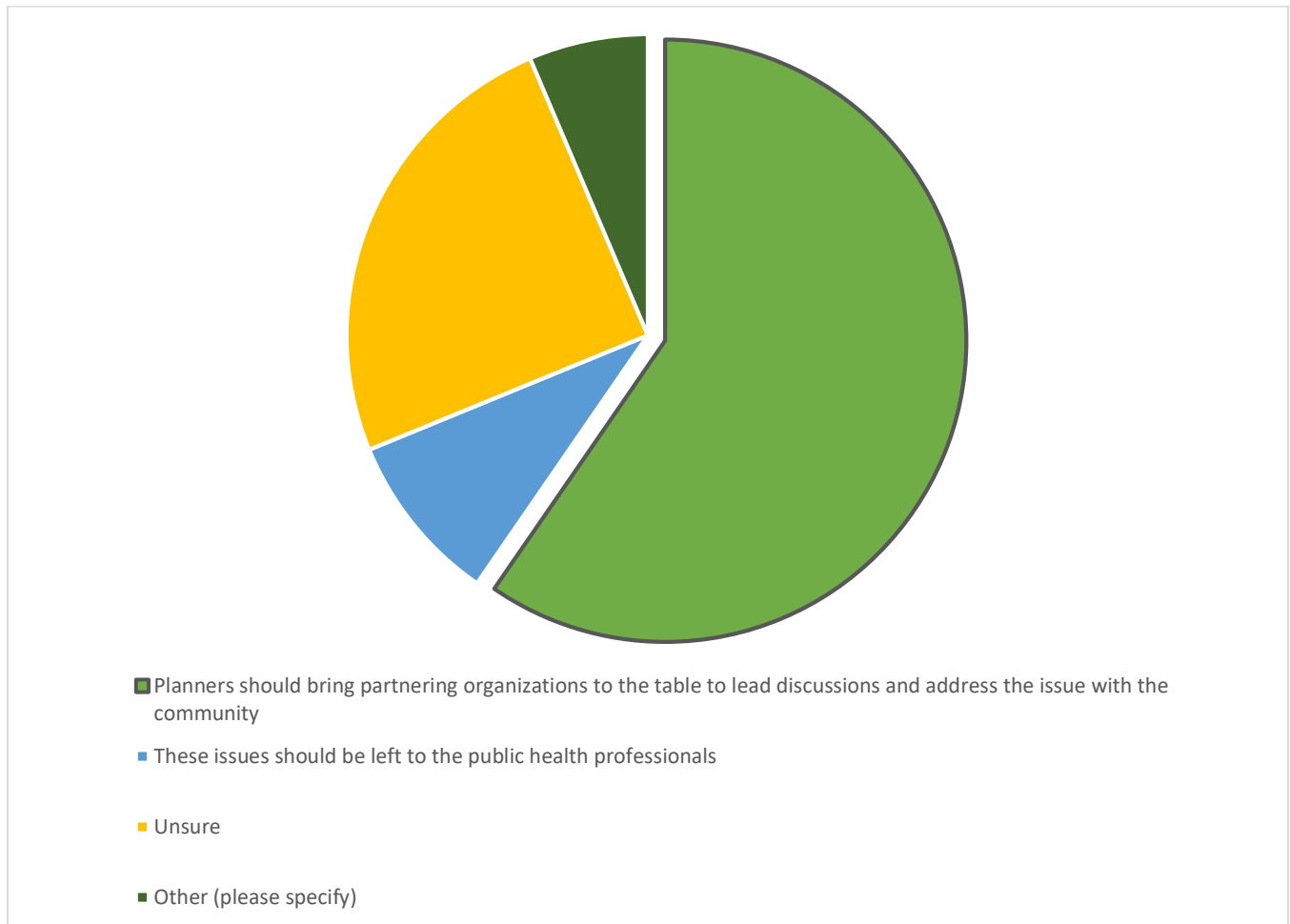
- This type of change takes time so it's difficult to get support without short term wins.
- Lack of understanding the need for collaboration or the extent of the work. Not being invited to the table in the first place.
- Resistance to changing established ways of planning and new policies. Lack of education and understanding of creative ways to engage in cross sector work. Lack of understanding of others' work.
- There are never enough resources - financial or human - to fully engage in collaborative efforts.
- Not relating health outcomes to economic development.
- Lack of interest from planners.
- Some planners don't want to get into real street level community interaction. They like focusing on high profile development projects, working with CDC staff. They have no interest in the complexities of real neighborhoods.
- It can be difficult to establish new relationships and there is uncertainty about who to reach out to for what. Would be great to understand what opportunities exist through better understanding the roles of the various players and strong case studies of what can be achieved with partnership.
- Staff time to coordinate.
- Time. Lack of staff to be able to give time to the projects.

What areas can you see an opportunity for planners and health professionals to collaborate? Select all that apply.



Other:	Responses:
Access to nature	3
Active recreation	3
Active transportation	4
Food system planning	2
Infrastructure improvements	1
Land use	1
Non-profit support	1
Public safety	2
Reduce government	1

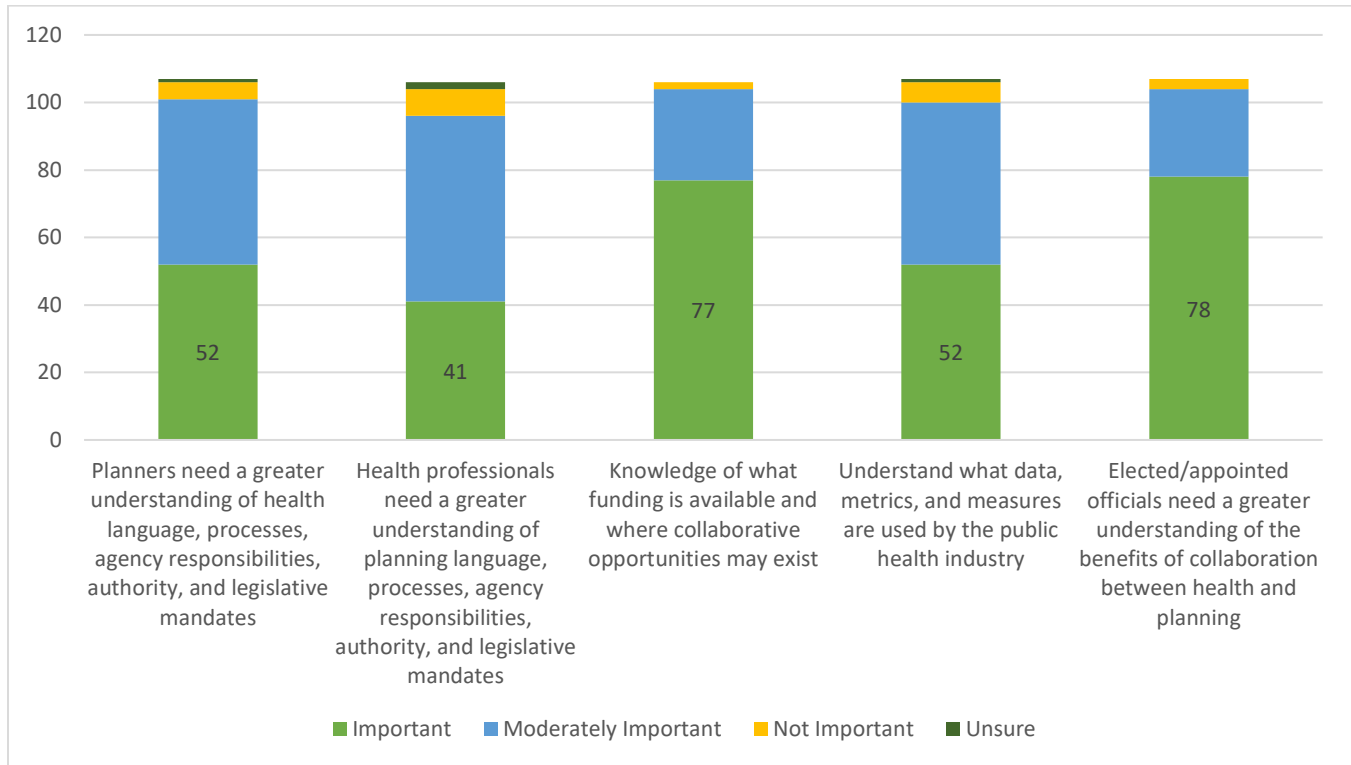
How do you feel about planners engaging in non-traditional planning issues such as drug abuse or human trafficking?



OTHER:

- Planners can be a partner in such non-traditional roles, and contribute data and resources.
- Seems to be far beyond the traditional realm of planning; not sure how these issues relate to planning.
- Planner should be at the table.
- Awareness is crucial, but expertise is probably better left with health and safety experts.
- Planners should be somewhat involved, but not perhaps the lead organization.
- I've never heard of those particular issues of being related to planners but with education on how it is involved I would absolutely support it since I believe that it hampers us all when issues are left only to the obvious departments.
- Community lives are far too complex to be separated in individual departments.
- Stay out! Leave to churches and community.

What knowledge, skills, or other support do planners and health professionals need to collaborate on public health issues?



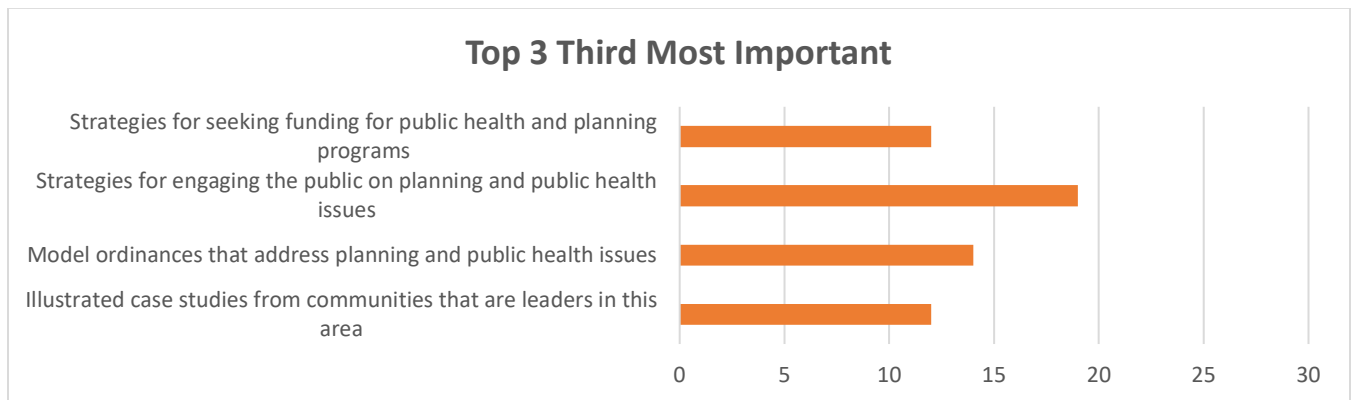
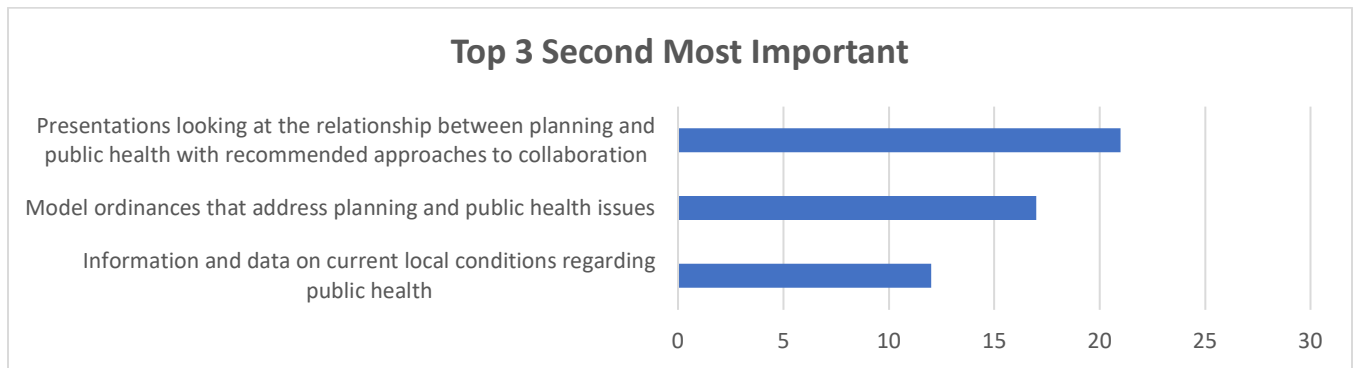
OTHER:

Health needs to know how they can effectively impact planning & planning needs to know how they can effectively impact health. This needs to be supported by elected officials/administration.

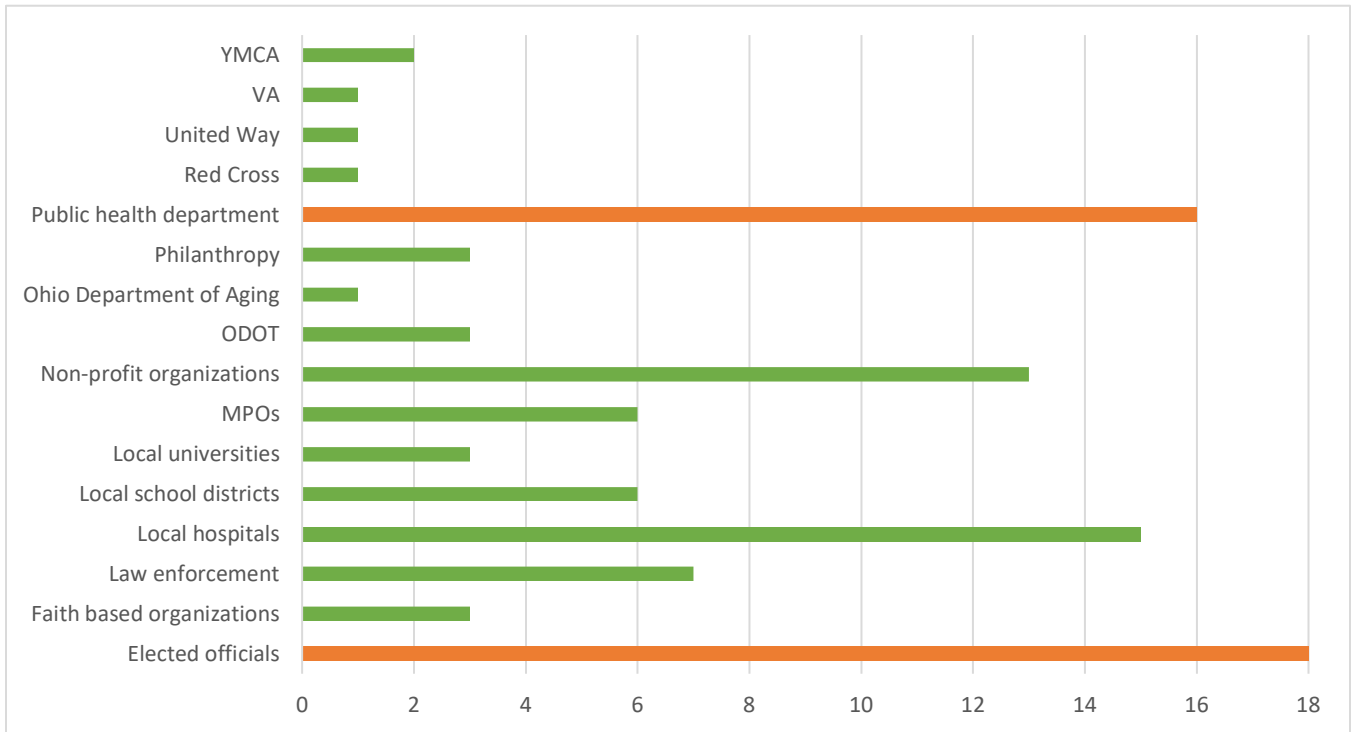
I am less concerned about planners and public health professionals speaking the same language and more interested in the collaborative, supportive relationships needed to help the work together.

All of the above-- and engage the public safety officials in conversations

Which three (3) technical assistance/educational tools would be of most use to you in collaborating with other agencies on planning and public health?



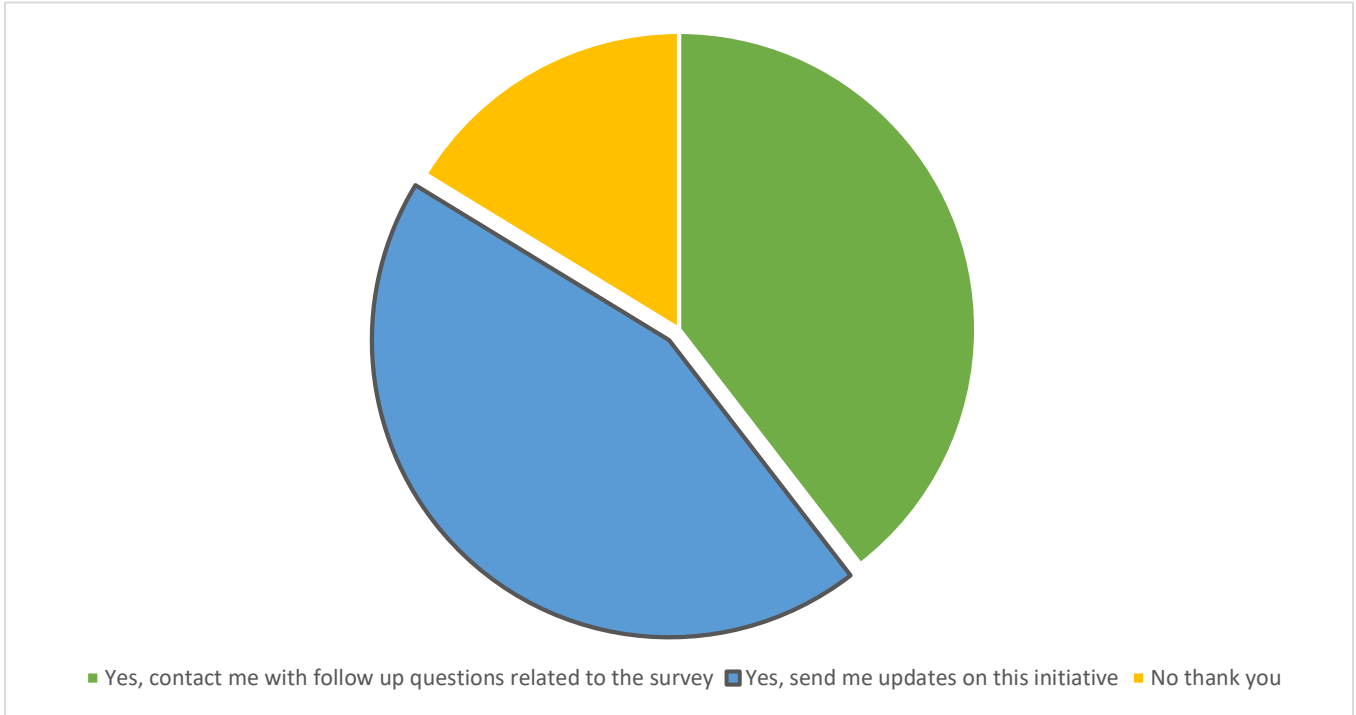
What key stakeholder groups/organizations should we be in contact with for the Planners4Health program to be successful?



Response Text
Public health personnel need respect the knowledge and expertise planners possess.
Very Important topic!
Hiking, biking and walking trails should continue to be developed and marketed.
I support the initiatives and efforts, but struggle to see how these collaborations fit into my current focus and workload as a planner.
Lack of comprehensive planning enforcement limits ability for holistic approach.
There is a definite need for a stronger relationship between the health and planning departments.
The combination of urban and healthcare planning will show that they can work hand-in-hand to create livable communities that attract development, create jobs, and become places where people want to live and work.
I was unaware that this planning association project existed. I have been working in local public health for 3 years and this is my first-time hearing about it. Visibility by offering resources to public health professionals would be a great place to start in building a relationship.
I believe that this is a part of planning that has been overlooked for years in most communities.
More funding to make plans.
As planning evolves, it is important space for nontraditional partnerships between planners and other professions.
I think it is great that the Planning Association is being proactive. I just hope better team collaborations can be formed instead of so many individual entities.
Stick with the basics.
The needs vary in every community. I think it is important to look at public health issues on a regional level.
I think investing time in developing this relationship and finding ways to plan for public health will be very beneficial.
Planning for pedestrians, cyclists have improved but more work/resources are needed.
Please bring out the cost of safety services to rescue individuals having heart attacks, strokes, etc.
The Feds and the State need to raise taxes on the very rich so the resources to work on these problems are available.
Create an interest by officials.
Important topic as the population ages.
Planning has a deep connection to public health, and a much deeper connection than much of the work focuses on.
Planners have research capabilities, public engagement techniques, and contacts that could be helpful.
Very difficult to do because of the changing healthcare landscape and how many other groups are involved with health care advocacy and programming. A planner's role is uncertain.
A collaboration between public health and planning in Ohio will initiate a proactive move for healing and sustaining healthier communities long term.
You have to expand the breadth and depth of understanding of southern Ohio politicians. They need intensive exposure to urban areas and daily living conditions of those areas. Perhaps a yearlong internship teaming southern reps with an urban counterpart and their area including going to community meetings and walking their streets, talking with residents, agencies, health and safety officials might help.
Pay attention to aging population - safe housing, access to basic needs (food), lack of technical skills for older populations, and need for transportation are in my opinion are critical --- at the other end of the spectrum is the need to connect people with jobs -sometime sad, desperate folks turn to drugs and then crime.
Public health and planning (as well as social work) are an inherent policy, systems and environment approach to achieving high quality of life!
Please get a Mayor or State Rep talking about this in a way that others can easily get on board.
Nothing additional to share. Looking forward to seeing the results of this effort.
I feel like there could be new academic collaborations on public health - between environmental health, environmental studies, community-based health centers, medical professionals, public health officials, planners, urban studies (probably more, but this covers a gamut).
Include topic sessions at this year's planning conference in Athens.
It's all about getting capitalism out of the health care industry.

Response Text
Given the general projected future data on health and aging, educating funders on the importance of flexibility in how dollars are used to support health/ community planning projects.
The link between active transportation modes and public health is very important and should be emphasized.
I look forward to future discussions.
Promoting greater walkability and mixed-income communities will go the furthest to help some of the health disparities we currently face.
Need to communicate the direct links and impacts the built environment has on physical AND mental health.
Having health and planning separate makes no sense!
Keep promoting the joint responsibilities of planning and public health. Both are important for a healthy in society.
Local jurisdictions and health providers need to define and commit to their roles in public health.
Conversation needs to illustrate to elected officials the connection between quality of life in their community and planning for healthy outcomes.
Better communication would lead to better collaboration. Let the experts of the respective bodies be the experts and not try to duplicate efforts.
Engaging the public is a challenge, fresh ideas are needed.
Take account that poverty is public health problem.
As a current public health professional with both an MPH and MCRP I can't say enough about how important this work is! I am excited to see how the fields continue to grow together and create new opportunities for collaboration to benefit the communities we serve.
I think this topic is hard for planners to get excited about, because it is seen as outside the realm of planners' work, but of course there are many overlaps.
Groups need to keep communicating.
Planning to facilitate active lifestyles is key; no more reliance on automobiles.
This is so greatly needed.
There is not enough discussion regarding public health and planning in many of our communities.
Stop socializing everything. A socialization is like a being "a little bit pregnant". Either you are or you aren't. However, disgustedly, we now live in the world where you have a male anatomy, we think it is OK for that person to use the women's restroom.
Awareness and understanding of the linkages between planning and health. More education on what it is planners do and the wide range of disciplines within planning.
It is important that the two sides understand each and work together. We are working on the same problems, only from different directions.
I think this is a great first step. Our environment has a big impact on our health and this seems like a logical avenue of exploration.
It is essential to consider the intersection of health and planning in order to advance a better future for all communities in Ohio.
It's moving in the right direction.

May we contact you further?



Are you a member of the American Planning Association (APA) and/or the American Public Health Association (APHA)?

