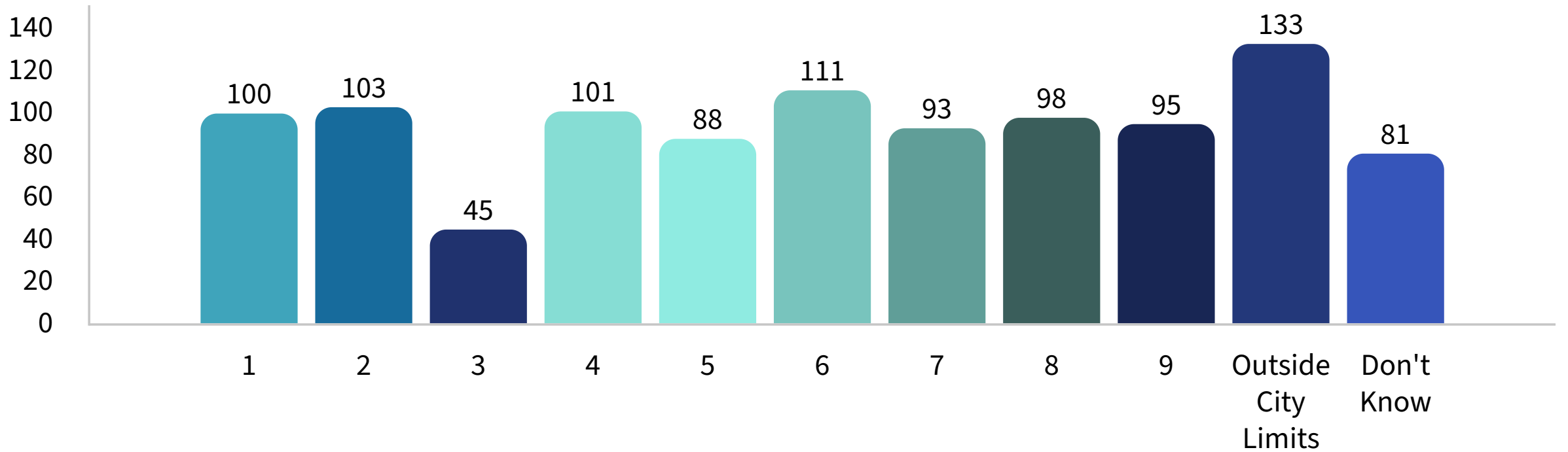


# **2027 BUDGET INPUT SURVEY RESULTS**

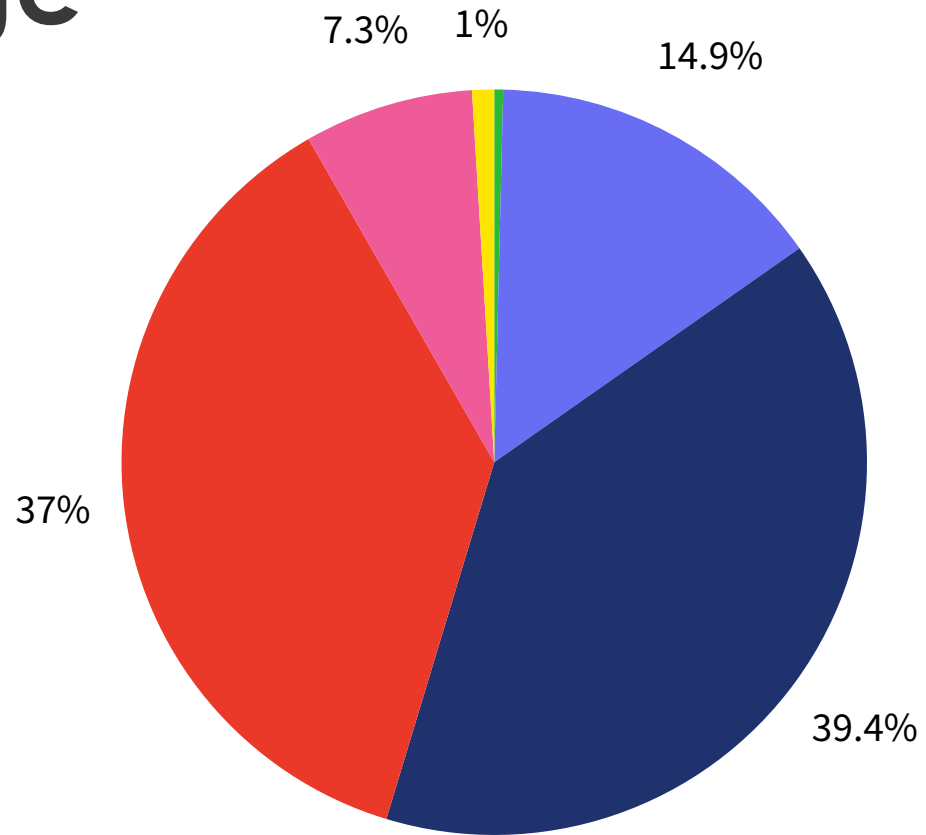
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# 1,048 Responses

## Responses by District



# Responses by Age



Under 18

18-34

35-54

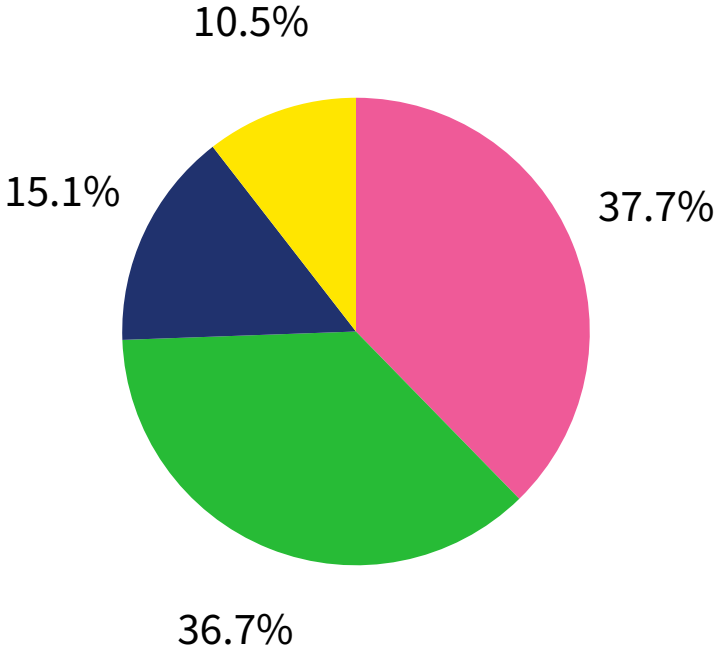
55-74

75+

Prefer to not share



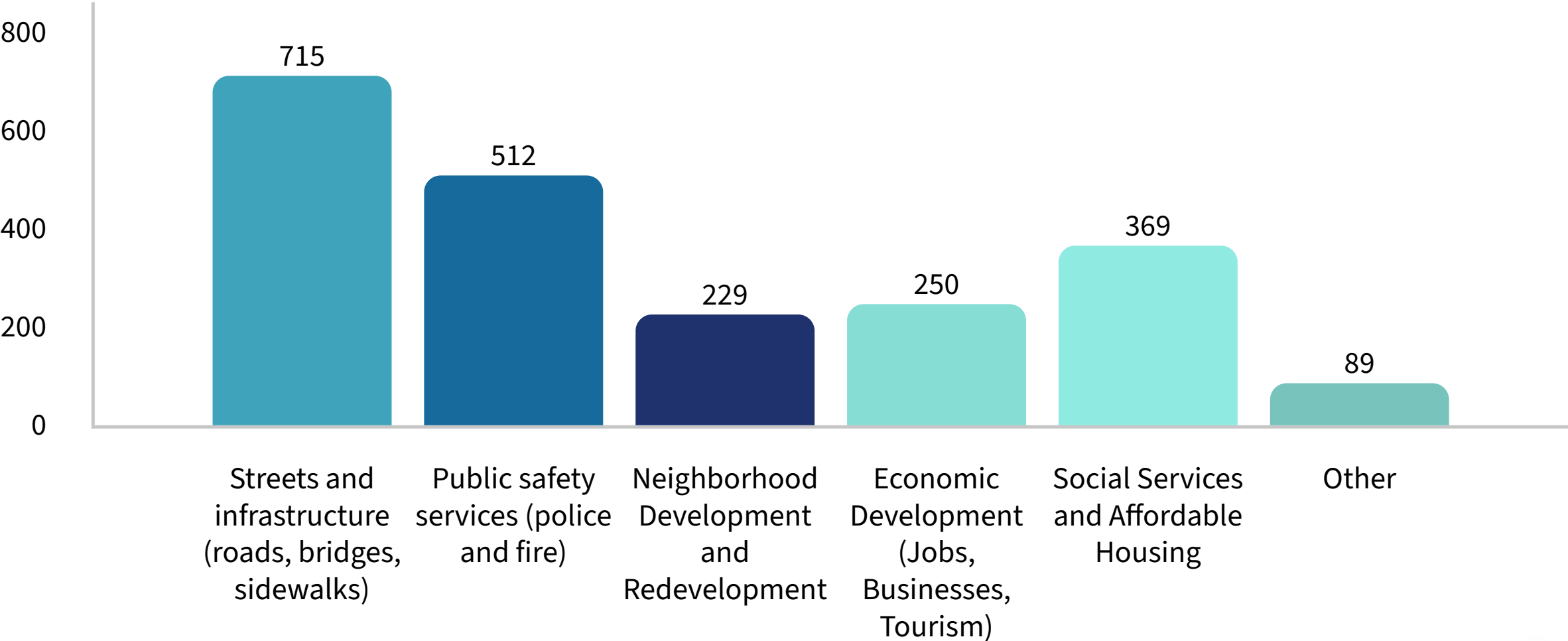
# When thinking about city taxes and services, which statement best reflects your view?



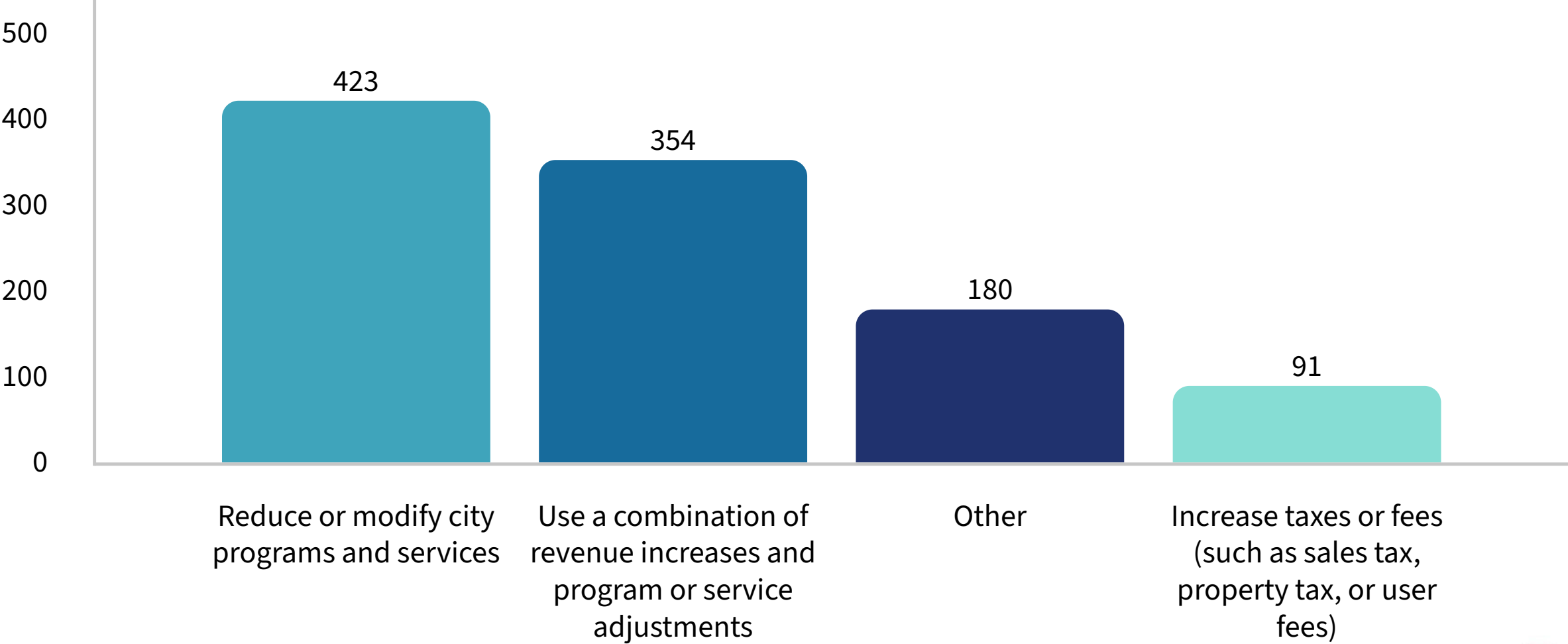
- I prefer maintaining current tax levels (that are adjusted with inflation) and adjusting spending within the existing budget
- I prefer lower taxes or fees, even if it results in fewer city services
- I prefer higher taxes or fees, if it allows for more city services
- Other



# Which of the following areas should receive additional funding in the next City of Topeka budget?

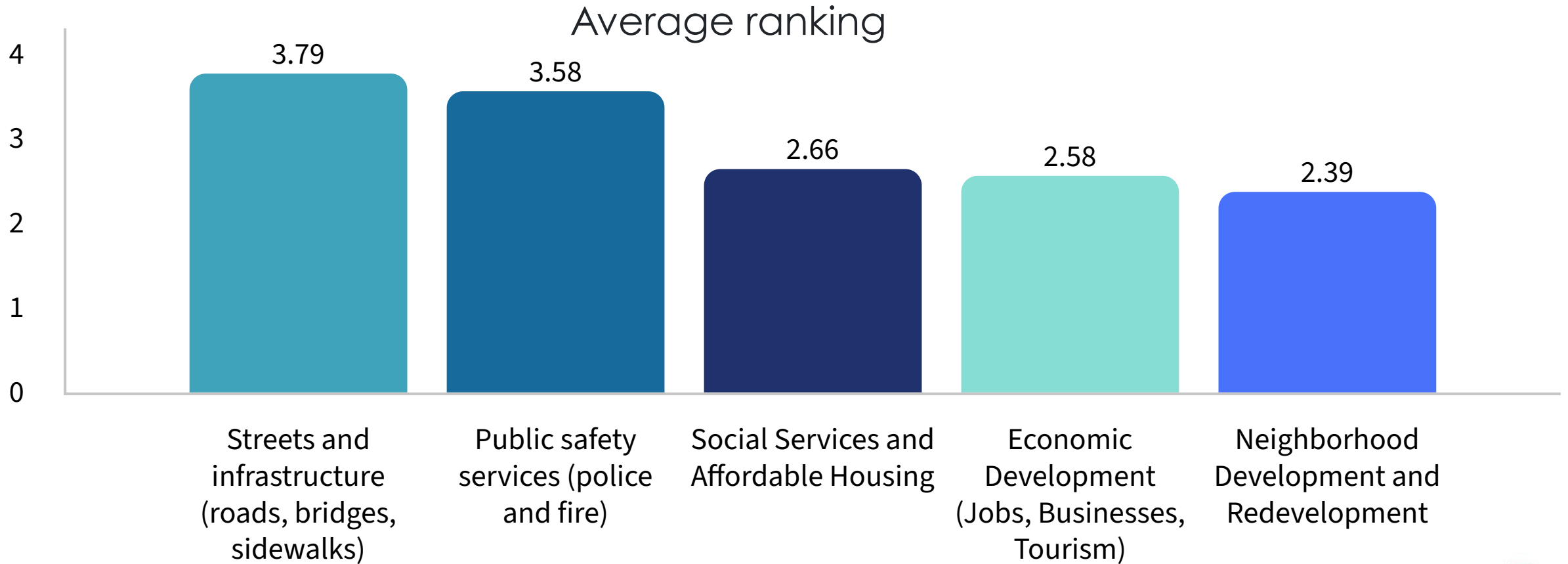


The City of Topeka has identified a significant projected budget shortfall for the upcoming fiscal year. Which approach do you think the City should take to balance the budget?



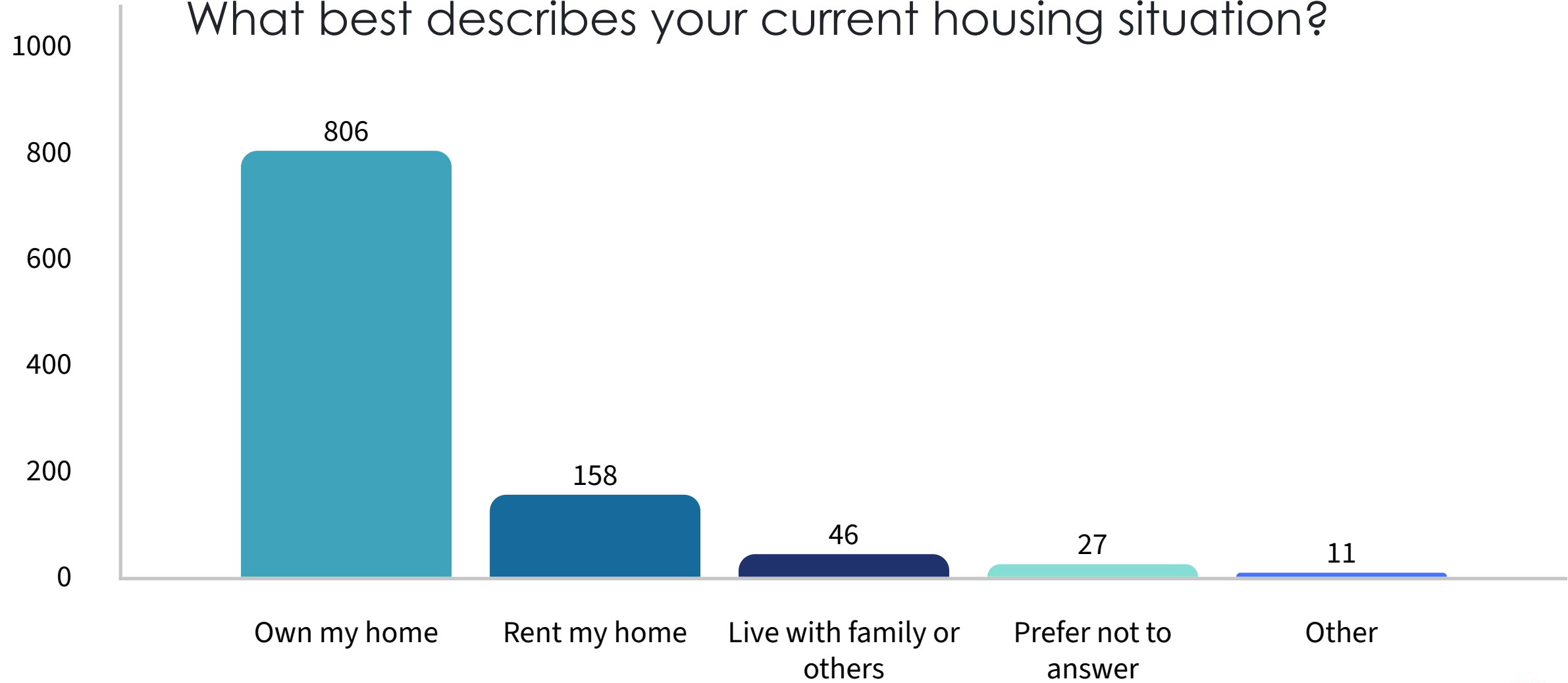
Please rank the following areas in order of importance for the City of Topeka's budget.

\*Disclaimer: residents struggled with ranking system, results may be impacted



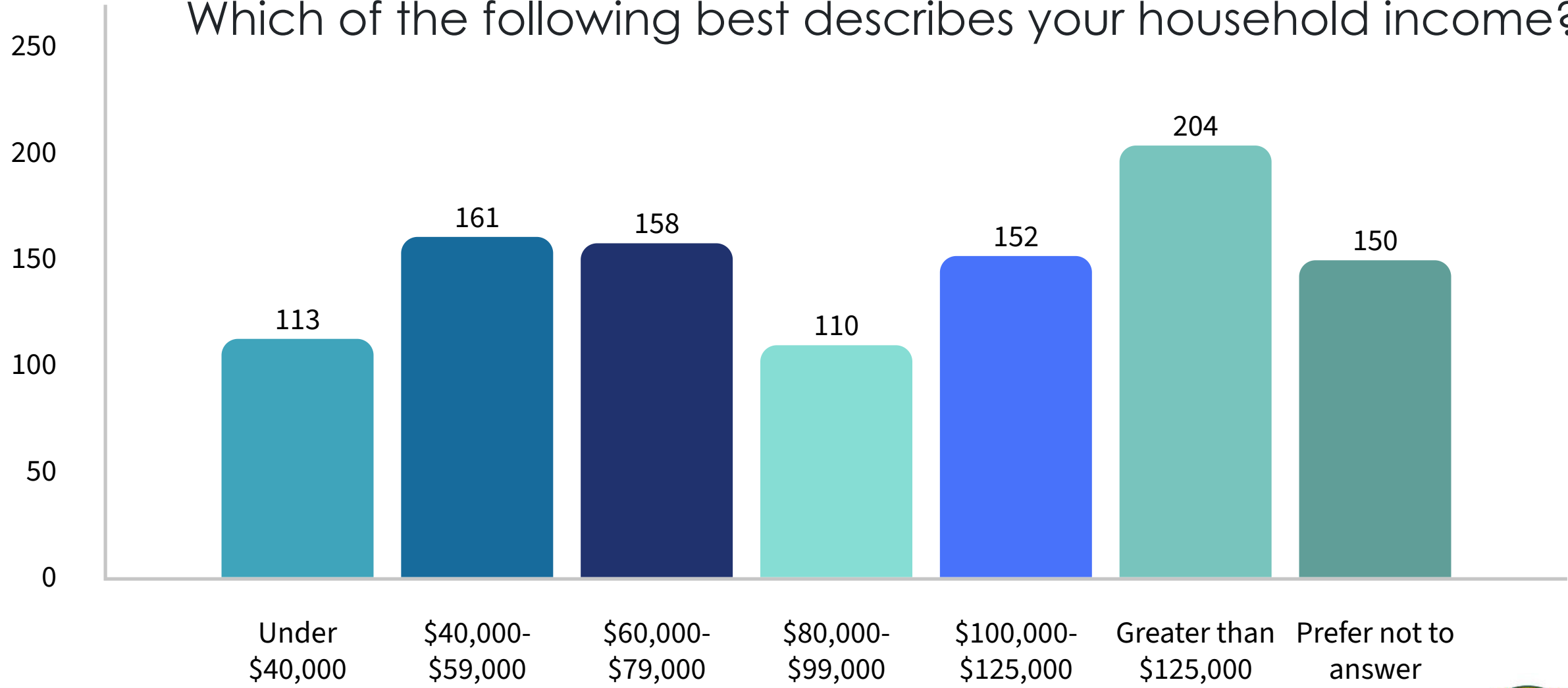
# Demographics

What best describes your current housing situation?




# Demographics

Which of the following best describes your household income?



# Open-ended Responses:

570 residents answered the optional question to share any other thoughts. Below is AI generated groupings of the common responses.



**Streets, roads, and basic infrastructure:** Residents consistently asked for pothole repair, better resurfacing, stronger maintenance, better water/utility infrastructure, and less “patchwork” work that does not last. Many framed roads as the city’s most visible problem.

**Public safety and crime enforcement:** A large set of comments calls for stronger police presence, faster response times, more traffic enforcement, and better support for fire/EMS.

**Taxes and budget discipline:** Many residents say the city should live within its means, reduce waste, and stop raising property or sales taxes without a clear justification. At the same time, there is a split: some people oppose any tax increase, while others say they would support one only if it is tightly dedicated to specific needs such as roads, public safety, or affordable housing/homeless services.

## How responses were gathered:

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- The Survey was conducted through "Survey123" part of the ArcGIS program
- The survey was shared with local media and posted to social media
- Physical banners were displayed in city buildings
- The Communications team allowed people to fill out the survey in-person during the community resource expo

## Responses from Outside City Limits

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When removing the responses from people who live outside the city limits, residents' top priorities did not change.