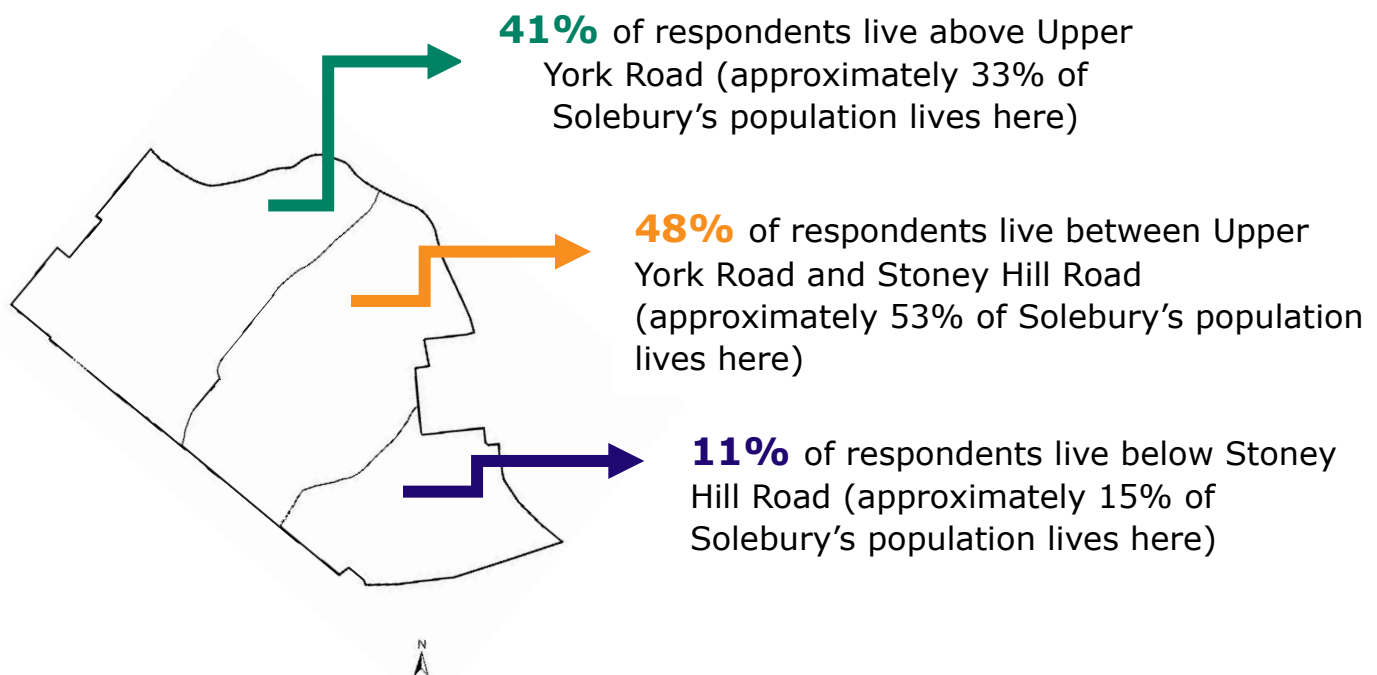


Solebury2035 Comprehensive Plan Resident Survey Results



The resident survey was available to the public in late summer/early fall of 2024 and was taken by **954 participants**.

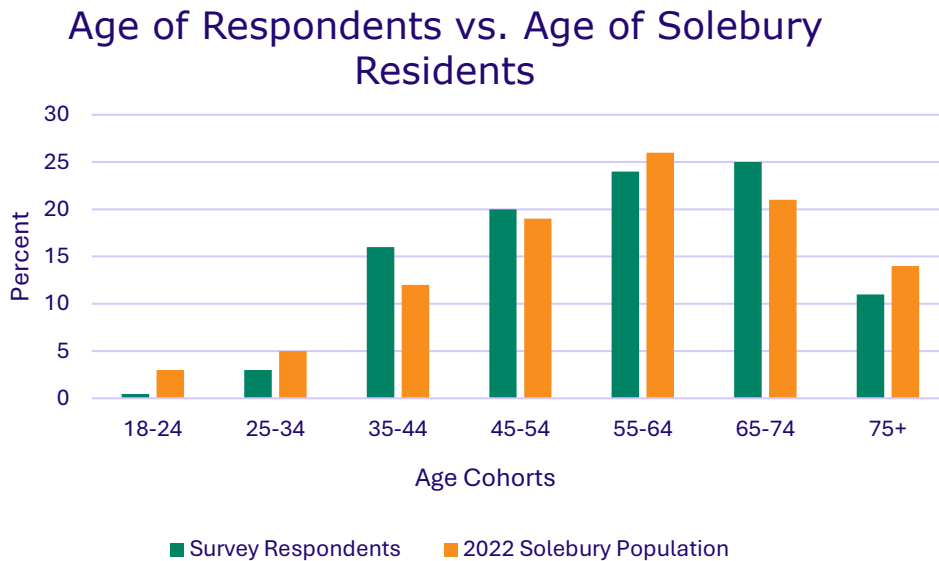
Who took the survey?



40% of respondents have lived in Solebury for **over 20 years**.

96% of respondents **own their home** in Solebury.

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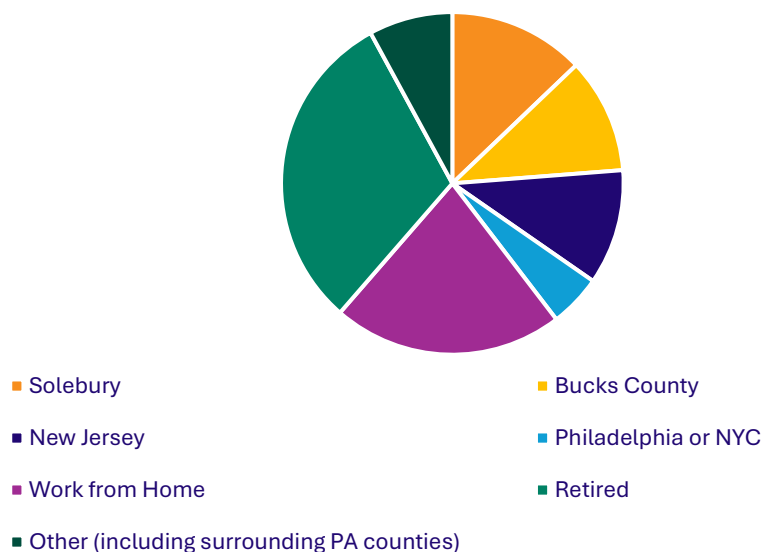


A majority (60 percent) of survey respondents were over the age of 55 years old, and less than five percent of respondents were under the age of 35.

Work Plans

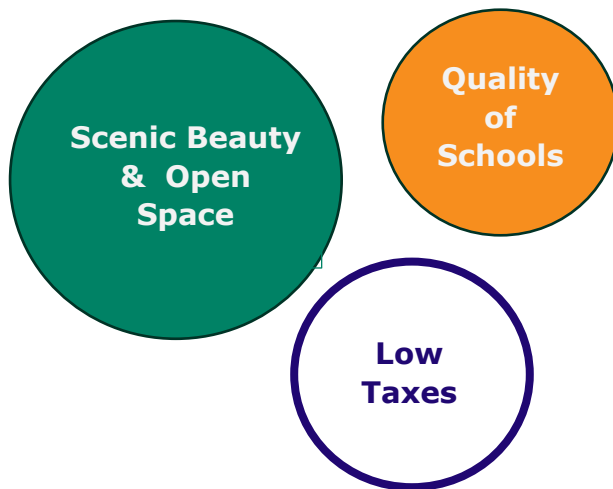
31% of respondents are retired and 22% work from home. 23% work in Solebury or Bucks County, about 11% travel to NJ, and 13% of respondents travel elsewhere to work, including to Philadelphia or NYC.

Work Location



Why live in Solebury?

Respondents were asked to choose the top three reasons they chose live in Solebury. The top responses were:



77% of respondents chose **Scenic Beauty/Open Space**

52% chose **Quality of Schools**

33% chose **Low Taxes**

Other reasons respondents chose to live in Solebury include: Rural Life, Low Crime and Family and Friends are near by.

What's important?

Respondents were asked to choose the top five things that are most important to consider when planning for the future of Solebury. The top responses were:



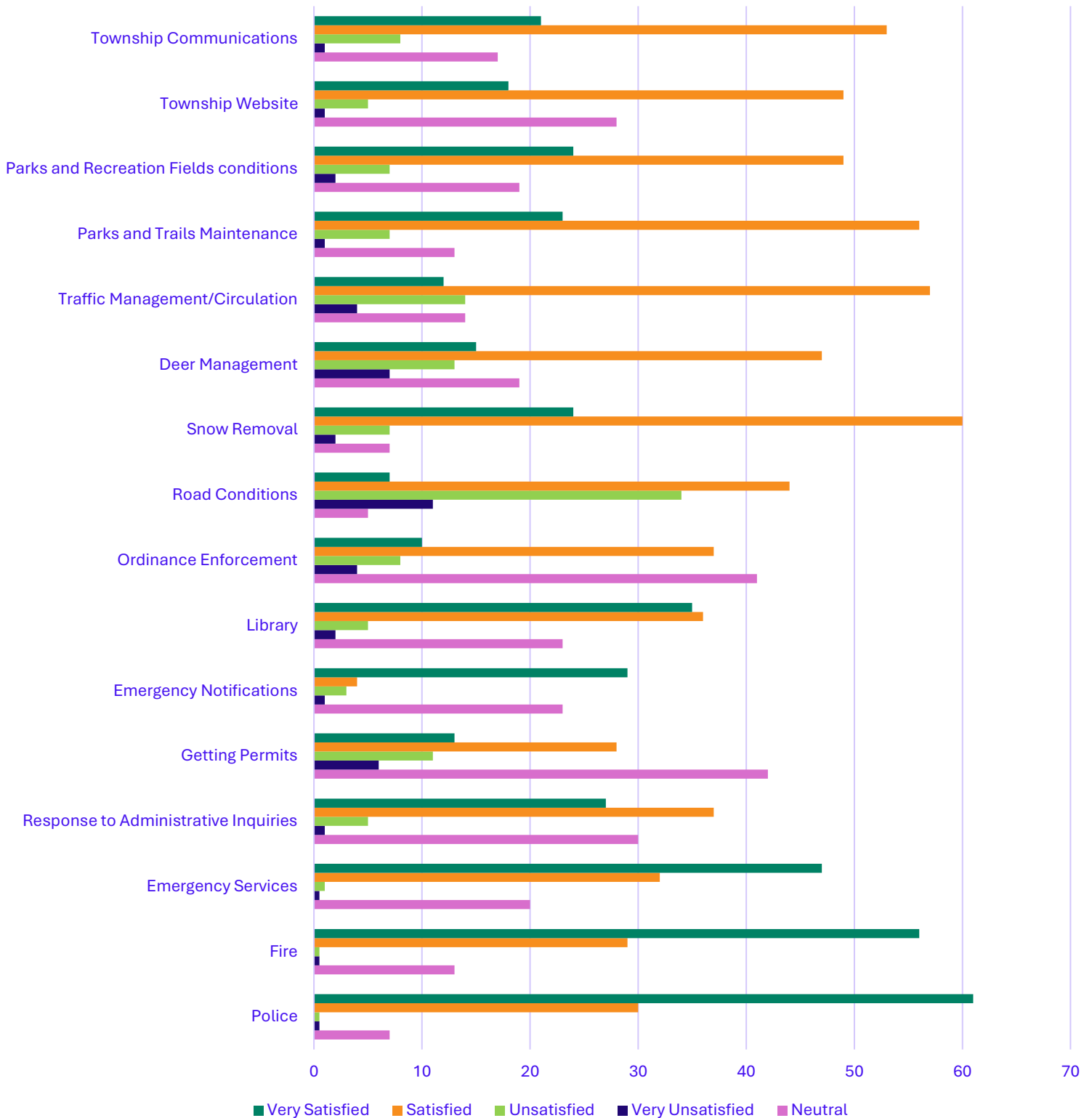
Retention of Rural Character was selected by **73%** of respondents as being one of the top five things to consider while planning for the future of Solebury.

Agricultural and Open Space Preservation was chosen by **64%** of respondents and **Keeping Taxes Low** was chosen by **58%** of respondents.

46% of respondents chose **Natural Resource Protection**, and **43%** chose **Preservation of Historic Buildings and Sites** as being in the top five things to consider while planning for the future of Solebury.

Satisfaction with Township Services

Respondents were asked to determine how satisfied they are with various Township services. The following chart breaks down the responses:



Mitigating Climate Change

62% of respondents indicated **Solebury should take actions towards mitigating climate change.**

- **71%** support **alternative energy systems on commercial properties.**
- **68%** support **small scale alternative energy systems on residences.**
- **63%** support **using hybrids or EVs for township vehicles.**
- **60%** support **providing EV charging stations.**
- **42%** support **allowing for large scale solar** (e.g., solar farms).

Environmental Sustainability

83% of respondents support the township's **vision rooted in sustainability.**

- **92%** support **providing electronics recycling options.**
- **91%** support **continuing to preserve land.**
- **83%** support **encouraging composting and food waste reduction.**
- **76%** support **reducing single-use plastics.**
- **75%** support **naturalizing township owned properties.**
- **49%** support **encouraging zero/low mow lawns for private property owners.**

Recreational Opportunities

When asked what could be added to Solebury's present recreational opportunities, the top responses were:



Hiking Trails



Bike Paths



Additional access to the canal towpath

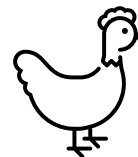
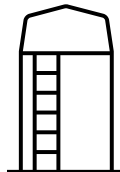
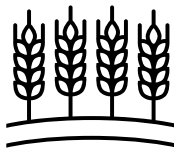
Other suggestions included: River access for boating/fishing, a Community Center, Adult Recreation Programs, and Pickleball/Tennis Courts.

Municipally owned lands

When asked what types of land uses are most important for municipally owned open space properties, the top responses were:

1. Areas to hike on trails in natural areas and observe nature
2. Historic Sites and landscapes
3. Farmland
4. Natural areas that protect environmental resources and wildlife but are not accessible to the public
5. Scenic Views

Farm Preservation



When asked how supportive respondents are of encouraging and preserving farming in Solebury, **96%** of respondents were **supportive or very supportive.**

Route 202 Corridor

When asked how often respondents travel on Route 202 in Solebury:

71% of respondents said they travel on Route 202 **Daily**

27% said they travel on Route 202 **Weekly**

2% said they travel on Route 202 **Monthly**

Less than 1% said they travel on Route 202 **less than once per month**

77% of respondents said they are **satisfied** with **travel time along Route 202 in Solebury**

Route 202 Safety

Respondents were asked to rank on a scale of 1-10 how safe they feel traveling along Route 202 in Solebury. **The average response was 6.4 out of 10.**

According to the survey results, the following were the top concerns while traveling along Route 202 in Solebury:

- 1. Truck Traffic**
- 2. Lack of bicycle/pedestrian safeguards**
- 3. Distracted Drivers**

68% of respondents indicated they **support** the **township expending resources**, such as hiring a consultant to develop a traffic study, to pursue state and federal funds to make improvements along Route 202 in Solebury.