

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

# SURVEY REPORT

CITY OF RIDGECREST PLANNING DIVISION

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# HOUSING ELEMENT SURVEY



## OUTREACH

THE CITY OF RIDGECREST  
CONDUCTED TWO SURVEYS TO  
SOLICIT COMMUNITY INPUT ON  
HOUSING NEEDS, BARRIERS TO  
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY  
HOUSING GOALS

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY  
OF THE FINDINGS OF THESE  
SURVEYS

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# LIVE OR WORK IN RIDGECREST

*The majority of respondents stated they lived and worked in the City of Ridgecrest.*



**96% Live**

Live within the City of Ridgecrest



**55% Work**

Work in the City of Ridgecrest



**3% Neither**

Did not work or live in Ridgecrest



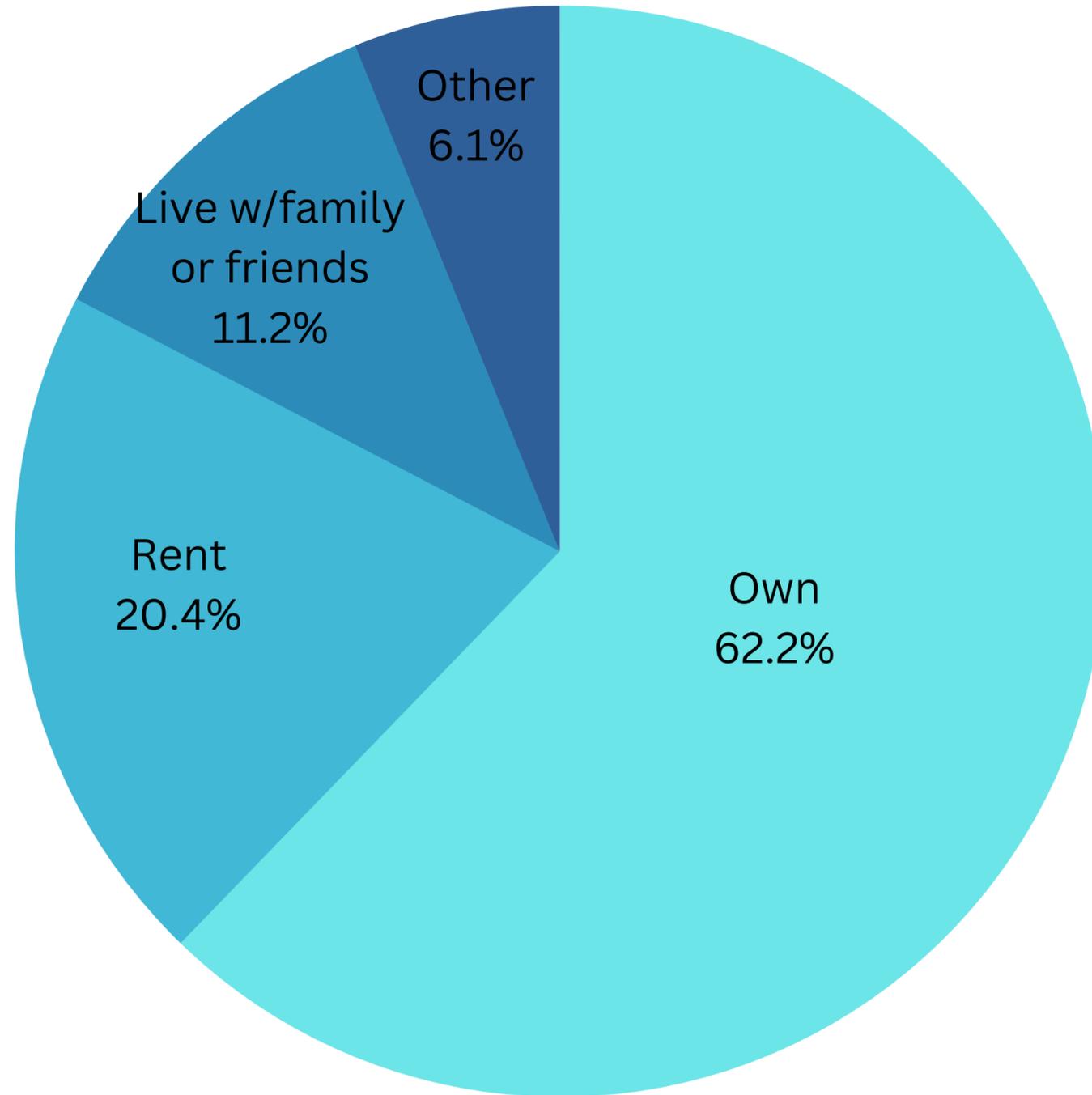
# LENGTH OF TIME LIVED IN RIDGECREST

*64% of respondents to the survey had lived in Ridgecrest for over ten years.*



# LIVING SITUATION

*The majority of respondents owned their own home with and additional 20% rent.*



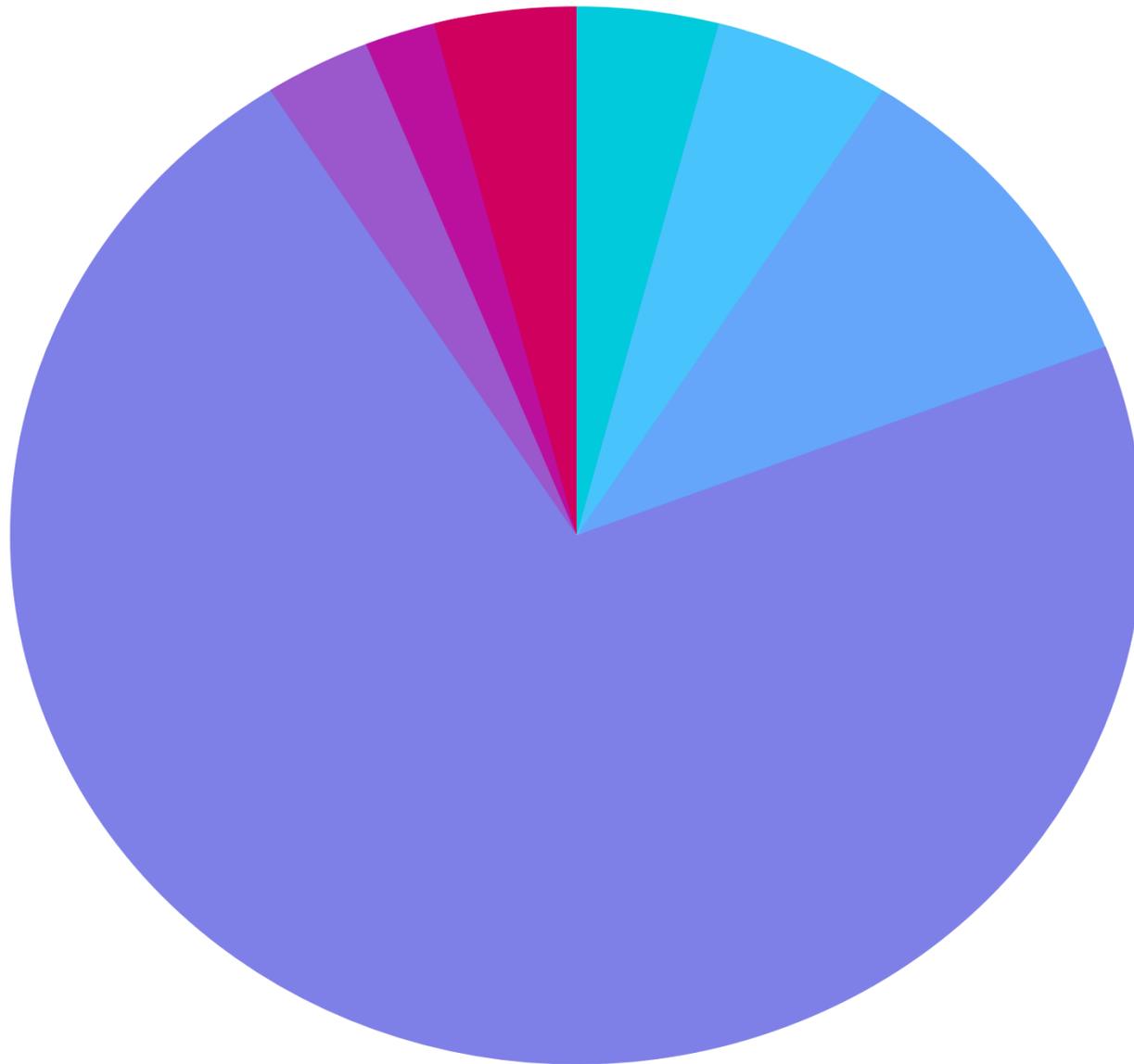
## Summary of additional comments:

- Refuge Men's Recovery Home
- Homeless shelter
- Moving to Ridgecrest
- Owned and then sold and now renting before moving out of state



# RACE & ETHNICITY

*Most survey respondents were white with a total of 71% of the respondents. Hispanic/Latino made up 10% of the respondents.*

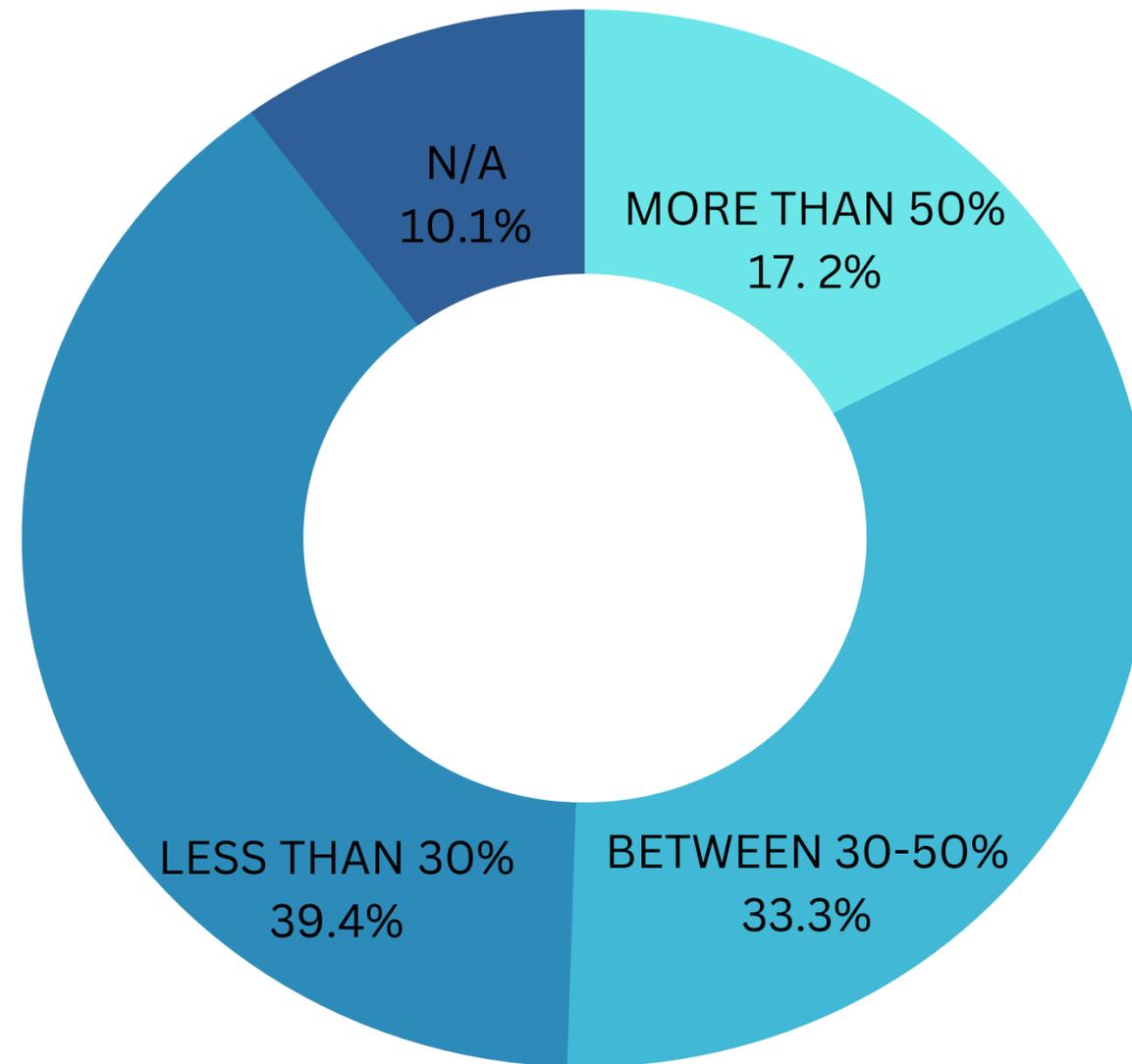


<b>WHITE/CAUCASIAN</b>	<b>71.7%</b>
<b>HISPANIC/LATINO</b>	<b>10.1%</b>
<b>TWO OR MORE RACES</b>	<b>5.1%</b>
<b>BLACK/AFRICAN ANCESTRY</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>ASIAN/ASIAN ANCESTRY</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>NATIVE AMERICAN</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>I PREFER NOT TO SAY</b>	<b>4%</b>



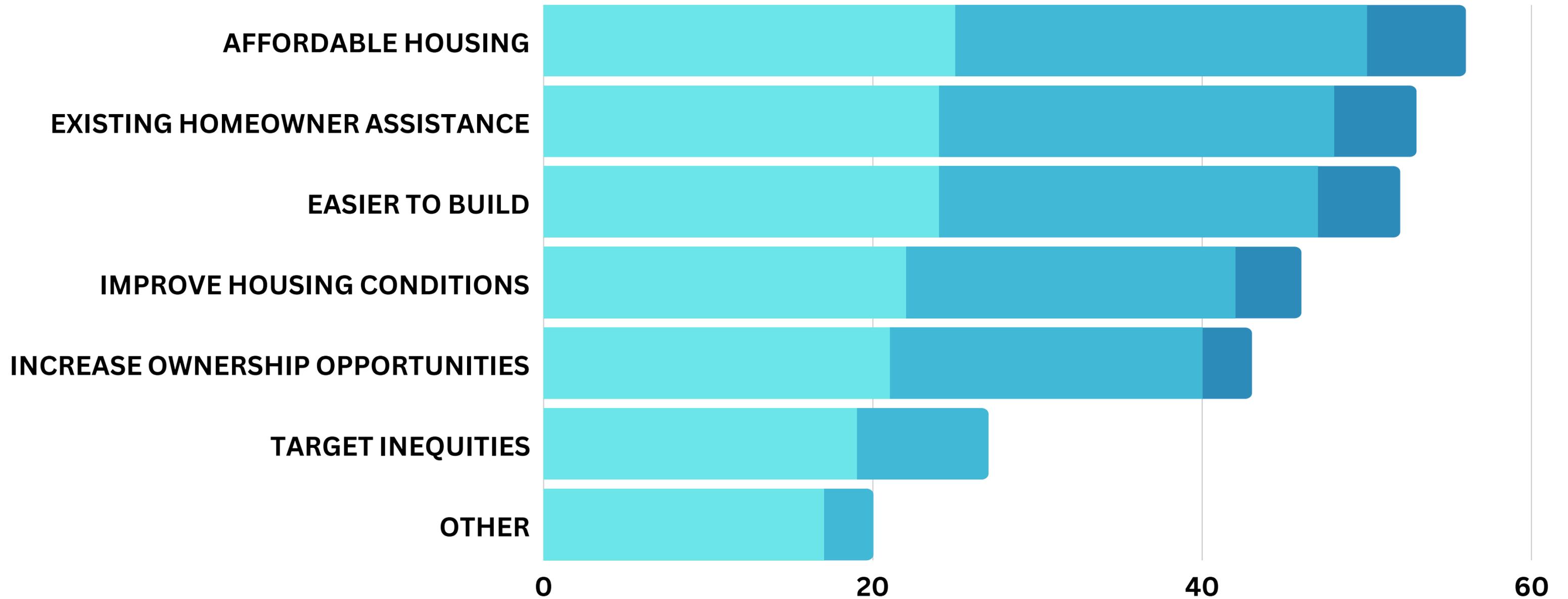
# PERCENTAGE OF INCOME SPENT ON HOUSING COSTS

*39% of respondents are spending less than 30% of their monthly income on housing and 33% are spending between 30-50%*



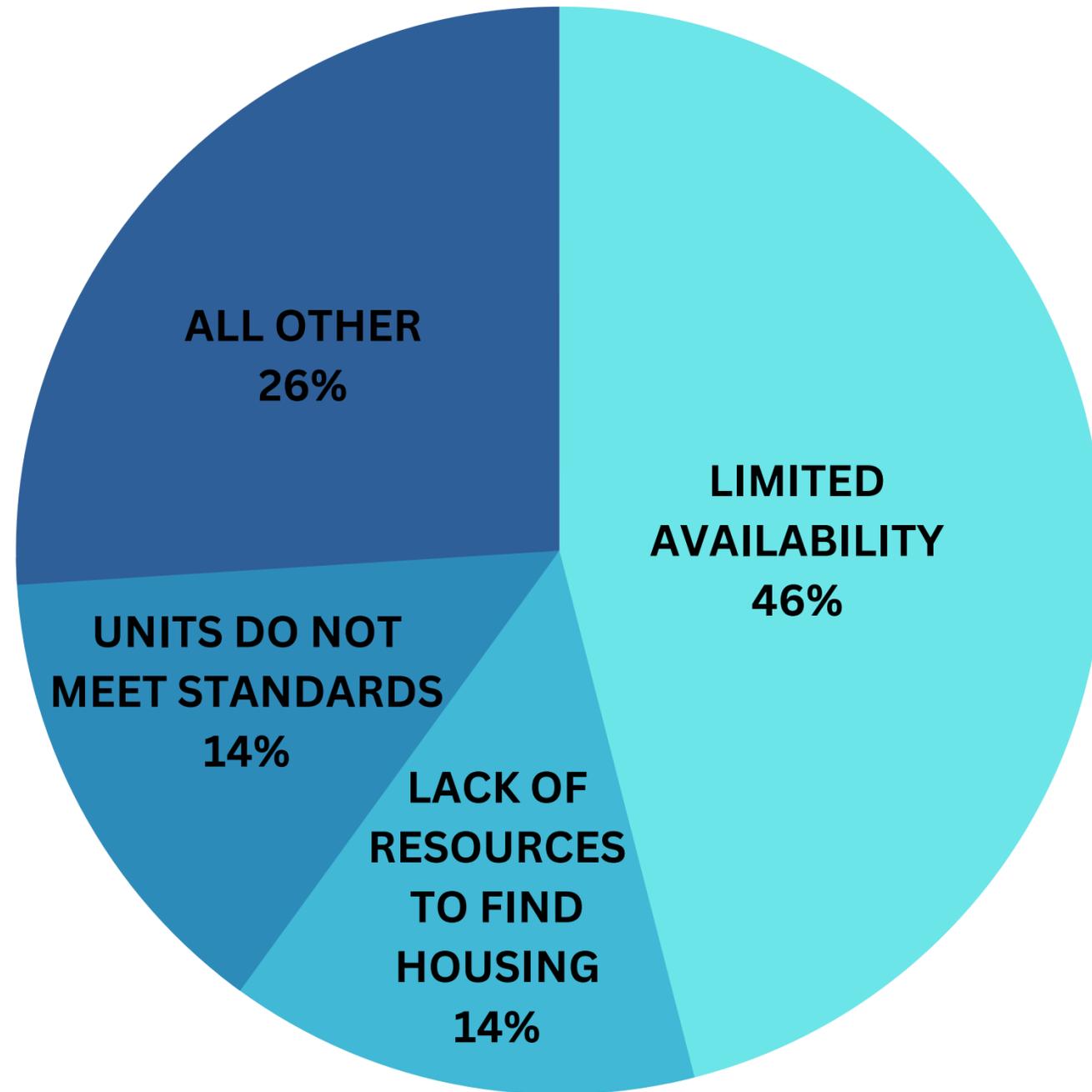
# RESPONDENTS IDENTIFIED HOUSING PRIORITIES

## TOP THREE HOUSING PRIORITIES



# BARRIERS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING

TOP BARRIER TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING (OUT OF FIVE CHOICES)



Summary of additional comments:

- Costs of buying (transactions fees- real estate, title, etc.)
- Income limits on affordable housing
- Senior living both assisted and independent
- Sentiment that there is already sufficient low income/rental housing



# INSUFFICIENT HOUSING IN COMMUNITY FOR

TOP FOUR CHOICES  
(RESPONDENTS COULD MAKE MULTIPLE  
SELECTIONS)



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The full survey report is available online at <https://www.ridgecrest-ca.gov/537/Housing-Element-Update-2023>.

Thank you to:

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Ridgecrest Area Association of Realtors

Ridgecrest Vineyard Church & The Refuge

Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce

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