Last Best Future 2026 State of Montana Survey

Weighted Frequencies and Marginal Percentages

Survey Information

Data collection period:

September 16 - October 23, 2026

Data collected by:

Social Data Collection and Analysis Services, Montana State University Bozeman

Methods:

The 2026 State of Montana Survey was conducted by Social Data Collection and Analysis Services (Social Data) at Montana State University Bozeman between September 16 and October 23, 2026. The population for the survey was all Montana adults. A random sample was drawn from a general population marketing address list, with stratification by county and proportional sampling within counties. Sampled individuals received a questionnaire by mail and were asked to return the questionnaire via a prepaid business reply envelope. Sampled individuals were also given the option of completing an online version of the questionnaire, instead. Authorization codes prevented duplicate responses. Respondents submitted 484 questionnaires, a response rate of 12.3% based on 3,929 deliverable addresses. The overall margin of error for the survey is +/- 4.4% at a 95% confidence level. This figure is an approximation given sampling stratification and different response options and response patterns for specific questions.

The application of post hoc data weights ensures that the sample of respondents reflects the population of adult residents of the state of Montana. Samples were weighted using iterative proportional fitting. Iterative proportional fitting is also known as raking. This procedure forces sample margins to approximate population margins for key demographic traits. These traits included age, gender, education, income, race, and an identifier for a more urban versus a more rural county. Based on these characteristics, a weight was assigned to each respondent. Respondents from under-sampled demographic groups received larger weights to ensure their attitudes and behaviors were fairly represented in the aggregate results. The survey weights were also iteratively trimmed with the restriction that weights be no smaller than 1/6 and no larger than 6. This reduces the influence of large outliers and ensures that over-represented populations still have some influence.

Population data was obtained from the 2024 5-year ACS tables for Age and Gender. Education attainment was collected from the October 2024 supplement from IPUMS as it had categories that more closely aligned with the survey categories. Percent Rural was calculated from the 2020 decennial data.

Citation for IPUMS data:

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Summary of Variables

Variable Name: city

Description: Respondent's city for all cities with 10 or more responses.
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 1: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **city** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Belgrade	20	4.12%
Billings	68	14.02%
Bozeman	34	7.01%
Butte	20	4.12%
Great Falls	42	8.66%
Hamilton	10	2.06%
Helena	28	5.77%
Kalispell	29	5.98%
Missoula	37	7.63%
Other	197	40.62%
TOTAL	485	

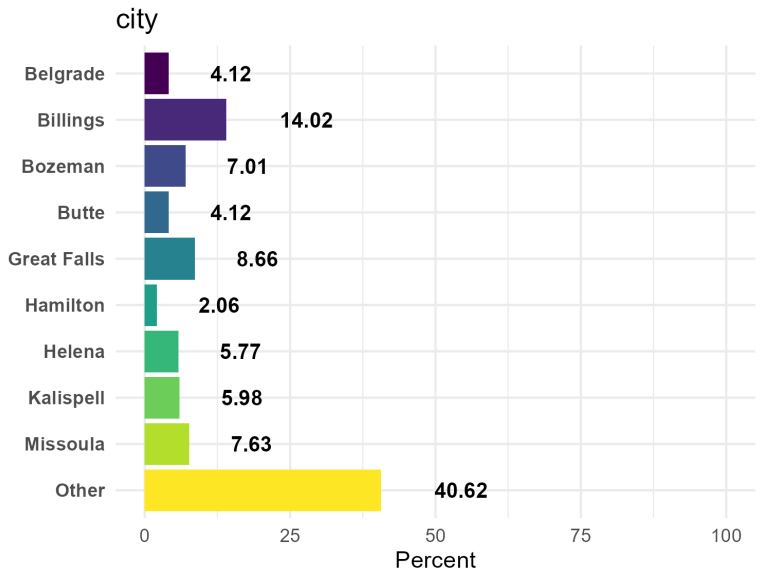


Figure 1: Marginal percentages plot for **city** variable

Variable Name: urban

Description: The population for the county is primarily urban instead of rural. Based on 2020 U.S. Decennial Census population proportions.
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 2: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **urban** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Rural	166	34.30%
Urban	318	65.70%
TOTAL	484	

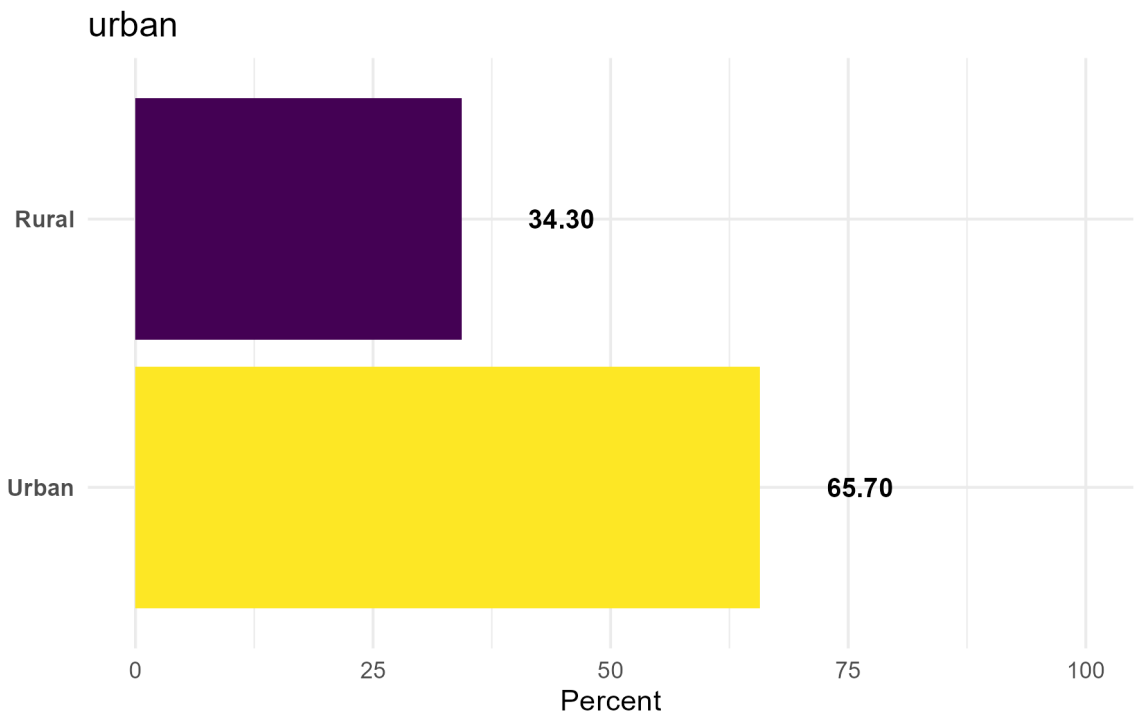


Figure 2: Marginal percentages plot for **urban** variable

Variable Name: perecon

Question Text: Are you generally optimistic or generally pessimistic about each of the following? - My own personal economic future over the next 2 years
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 3: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **perecon** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Generally pessimistic	123	25.57%
Generally optimistic	262	54.47%
Unsure	96	19.96%
TOTAL	481	

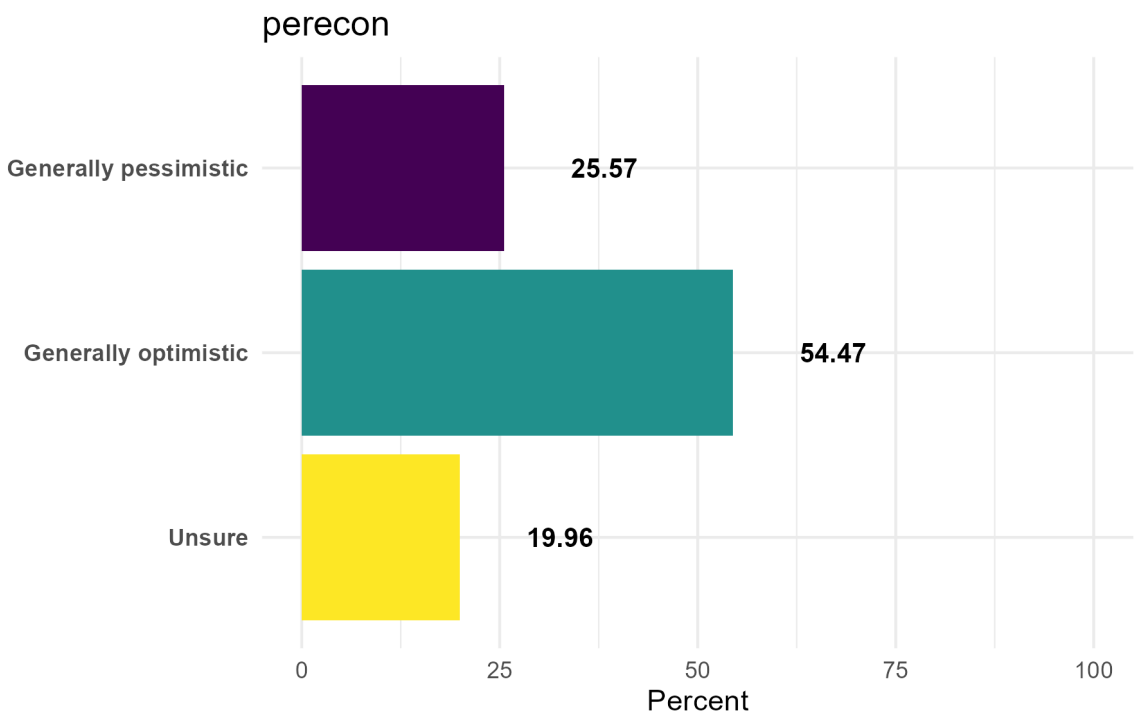


Figure 3: Marginal percentages plot for **perecon** variable

Variable Name: mtfut

Question Text: Are you generally optimistic or generally pessimistic about each of the following? - The future of Montana
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 4: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **mtfut** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Generally pessimistic	178	37.24%
Generally optimistic	225	47.07%
Unsure	75	15.69%
TOTAL	478	

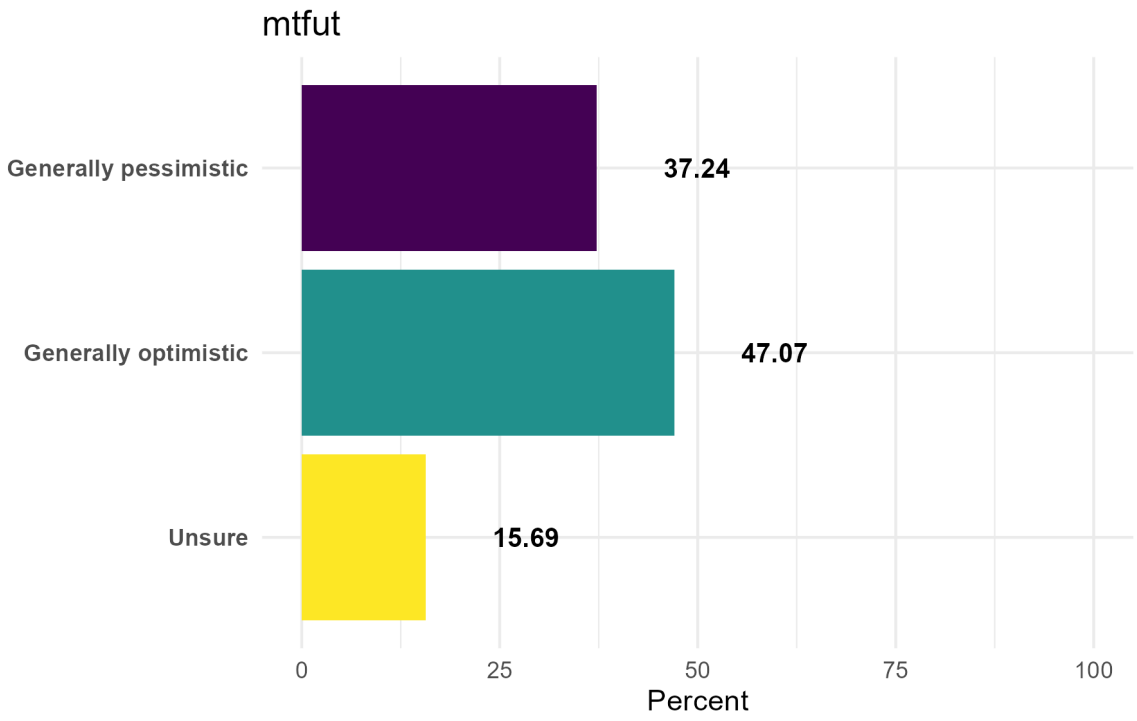


Figure 4: Marginal percentages plot for **mtfut** variable

Variable Name: usafut

Question Text: Are you generally optimistic or generally pessimistic about each of the following? - The future of the United States of America
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 5: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **usafut** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Generally pessimistic	258	54.20%
Generally optimistic	127	26.68%
Unsure	91	19.12%
TOTAL	476	

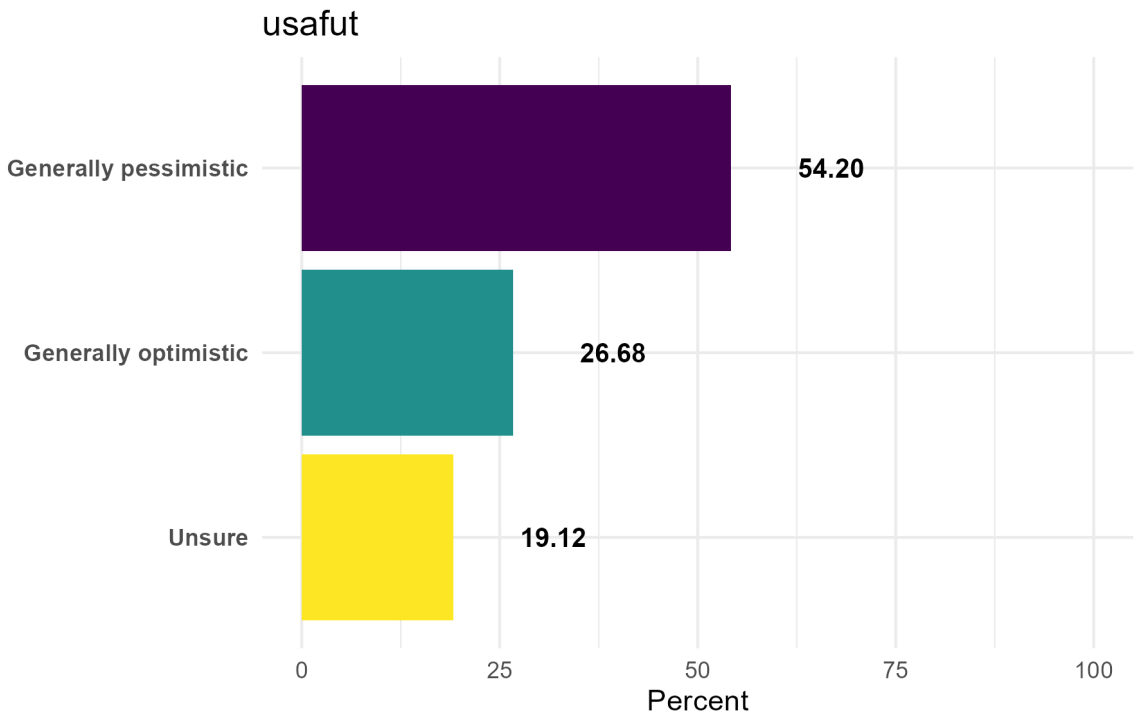


Figure 5: Marginal percentages plot for **usafut** variable

Variable Name: amdream

Question Text: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - The American Dream is still attainable

Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 6: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **amdream** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Strongly disagree	74	15.29%
Disagree	65	13.43%
Somewhat disagree	72	14.88%
Somewhat agree	141	29.13%
Agree	74	15.29%
Strongly agree	46	9.50%
Unsure	12	2.48%
TOTAL	484	

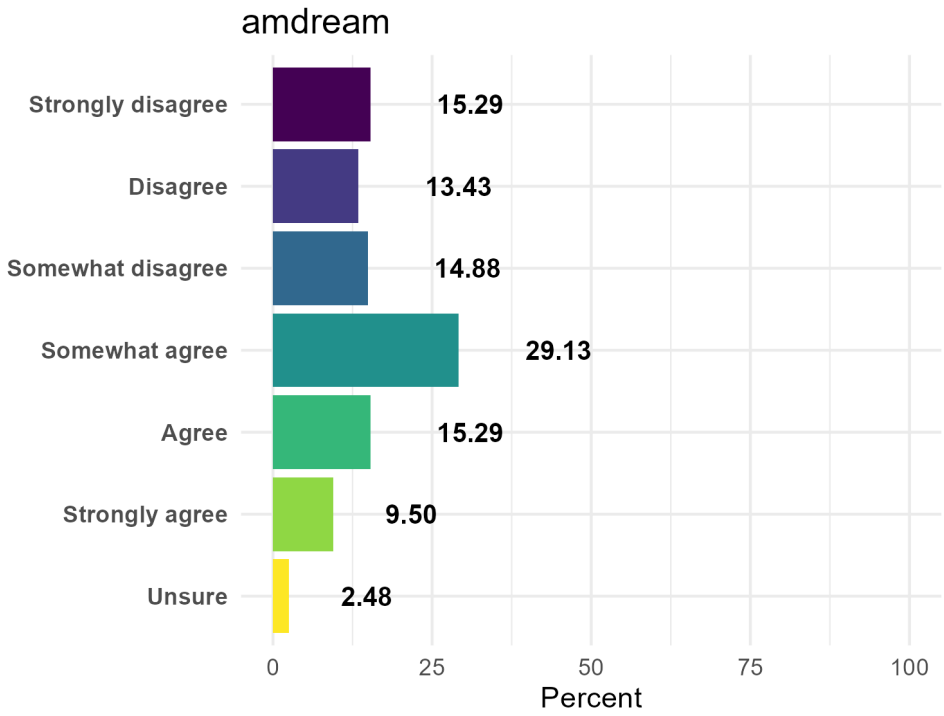


Figure 6: Marginal percentages plot for **amdream** variable

Variable Name: techec

Question Text: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - General advances in technology will positively affect my economic future
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 7: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **techec** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Strongly disagree	59	12.19%
Disagree	50	10.33%
Somewhat disagree	88	18.18%
Somewhat agree	131	27.07%
Agree	91	18.80%
Strongly agree	17	3.51%
Unsure	48	9.92%
TOTAL	484	

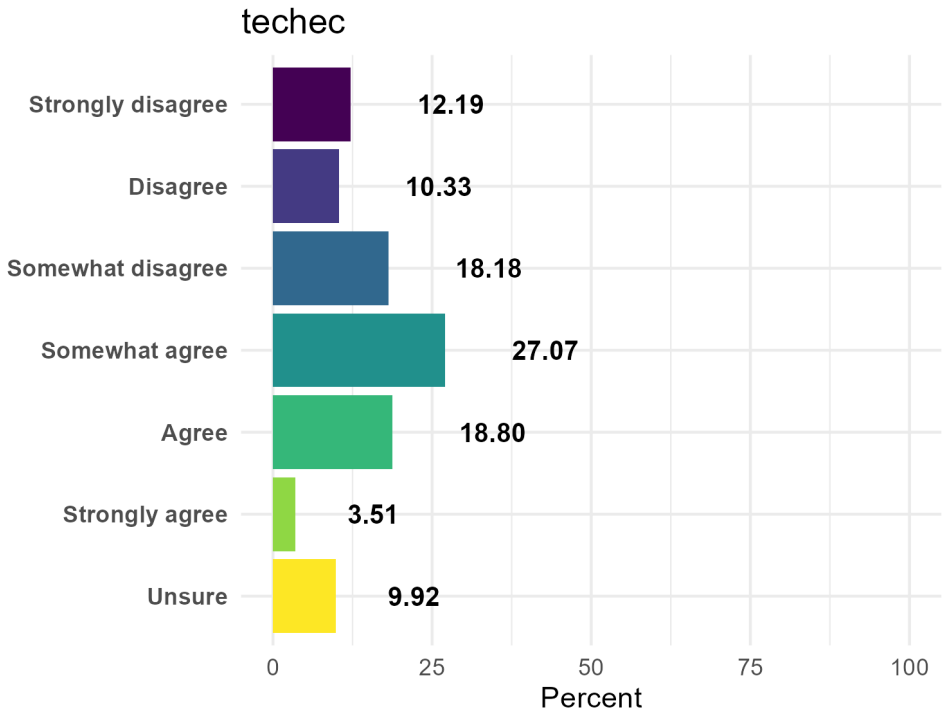


Figure 7: Marginal percentages plot for **techec** variable

Variable Name: aiec

Question Text: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - Advances in artificial intelligence (AI) will positively affect my economic future
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 8: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **aiec** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Strongly disagree	134	27.80%
Disagree	83	17.22%
Somewhat disagree	88	18.26%
Somewhat agree	61	12.66%
Agree	35	7.26%
Strongly agree	25	5.19%
Unsure	56	11.62%
TOTAL	482	

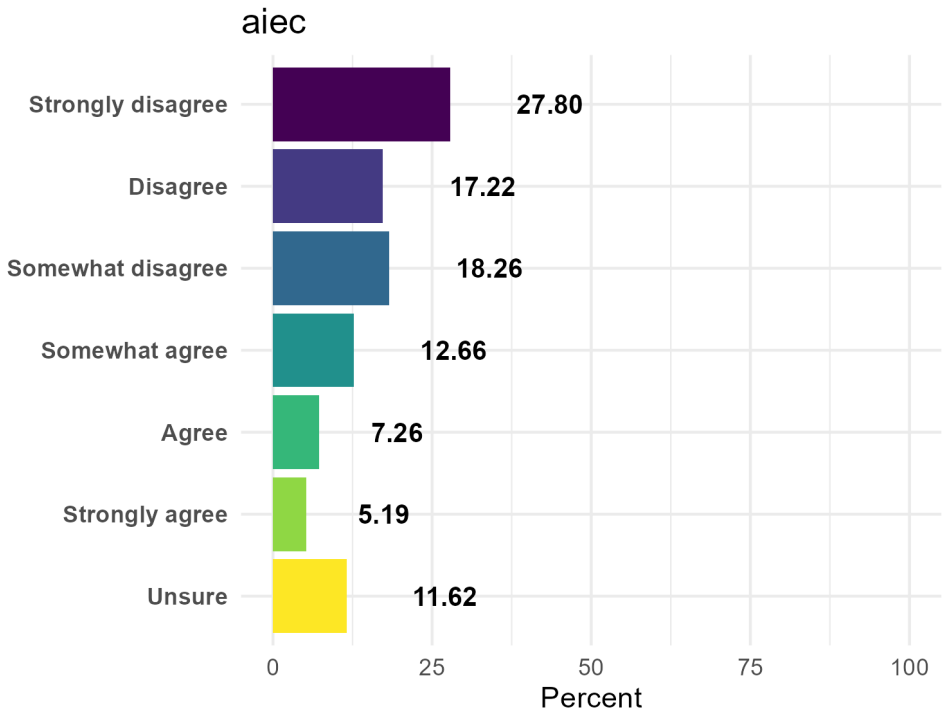


Figure 8: Marginal percentages plot for **aiec** variable

Variable Name: cbelong

Question Text: My Town: Community Ratings - Shared sense of belonging
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 9: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **cbelong** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very bad	14	2.92%
Bad	20	4.17%
Somewhat bad	49	10.21%
Somewhat good	169	35.21%
Good	158	32.92%
Very good	62	12.92%
Unsure	8	1.67%
TOTAL	480	

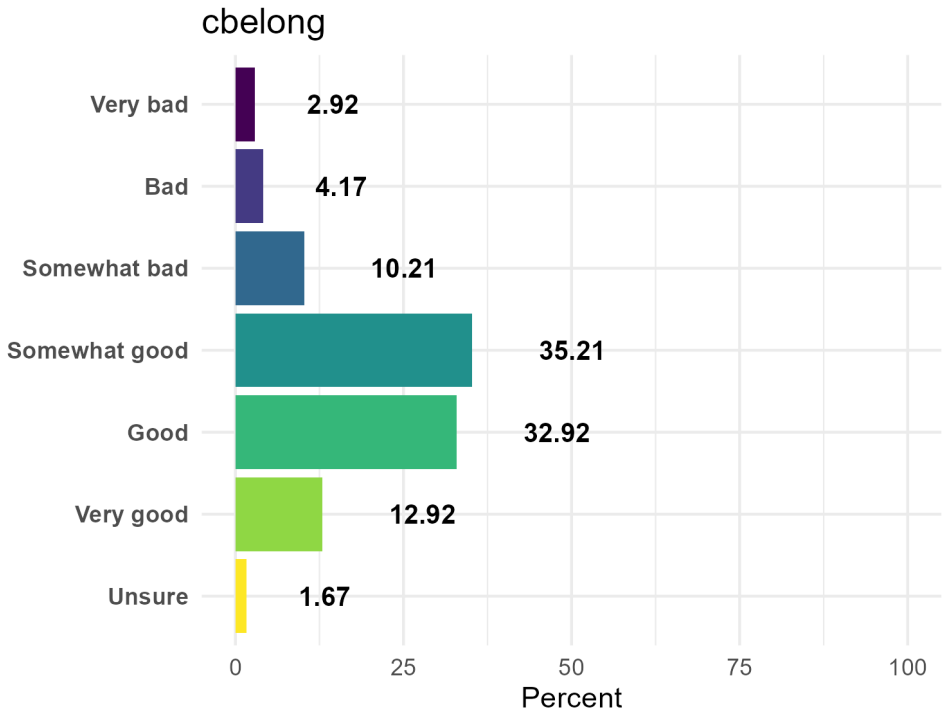


Figure 9: Marginal percentages plot for **cbelong** variable

Variable Name: csharec

Question Text: My Town: Community Ratings - Shared culture
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 10: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **csharec** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very bad	11	2.30%
Bad	35	7.31%
Somewhat bad	53	11.06%
Somewhat good	155	32.36%
Good	156	32.57%
Very good	53	11.06%
Unsure	16	3.34%
TOTAL	479	

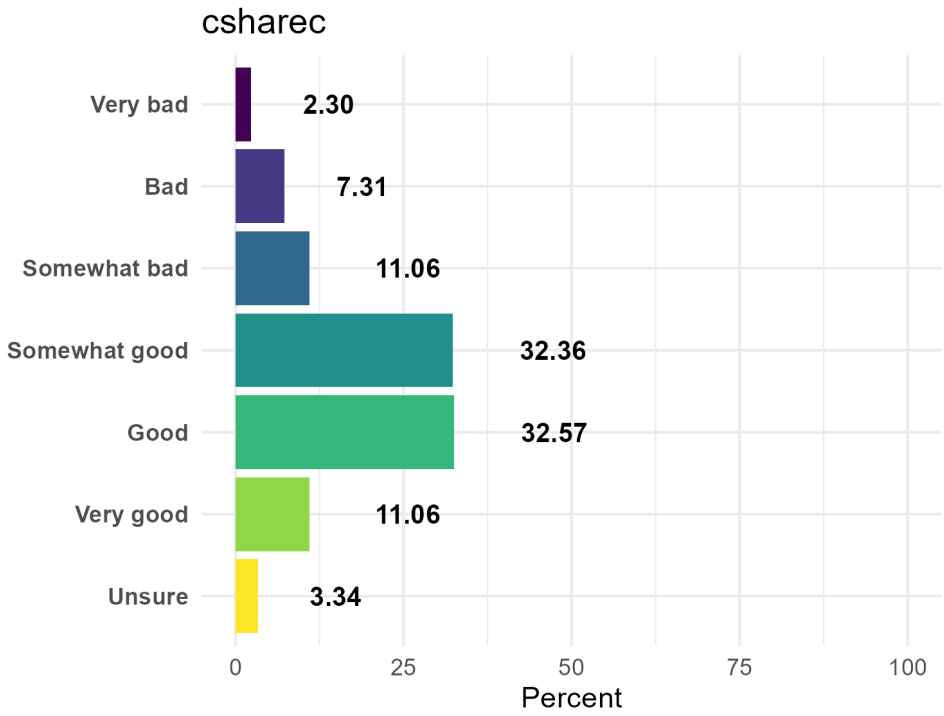


Figure 10: Marginal percentages plot for **csharec** variable

Variable Name: csupp

Question Text: My Town: Community Ratings - Supportiveness and cooperation
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 11: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **csupp** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very bad	20	4.15%
Bad	16	3.32%
Somewhat bad	64	13.28%
Somewhat good	162	33.61%
Good	151	31.33%
Very good	57	11.83%
Unsure	12	2.49%
TOTAL	482	

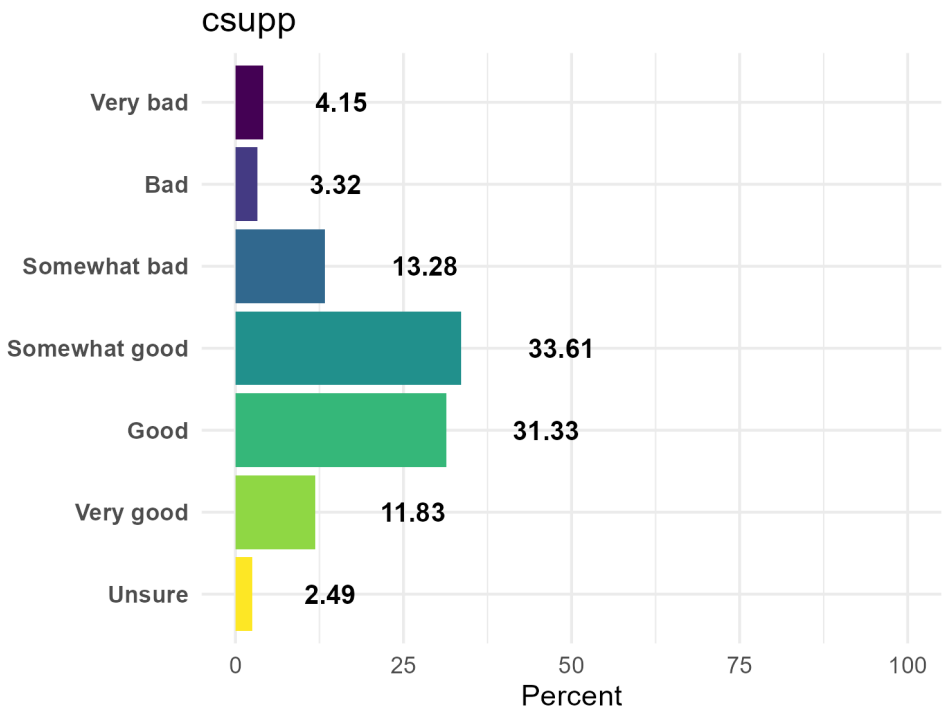


Figure 11: Marginal percentages plot for **csupp** variable

Variable Name: ehealth

Question Text: My Town: Economy Ratings - Health of the economy overall
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 12: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **ehealth** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very bad	46	9.62%
Bad	48	10.04%
Somewhat bad	79	16.53%
Somewhat good	155	32.43%
Good	109	22.80%
Very good	26	5.44%
Unsure	15	3.14%
TOTAL	478	

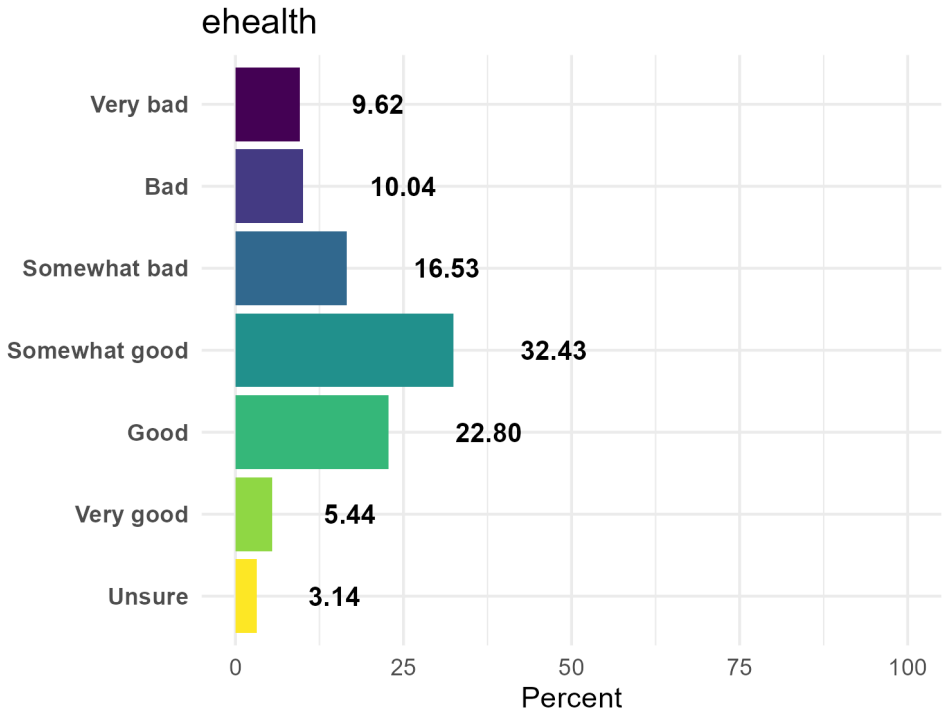


Figure 12: Marginal percentages plot for **ehealth** variable

Variable Name: ejob

Question Text: My Town: Economy Ratings - Ease of finding a job
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 13: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **ejob** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very bad	34	7.16%
Bad	48	10.11%
Somewhat bad	79	16.63%
Somewhat good	110	23.16%
Good	78	16.42%
Very good	49	10.32%
Unsure	77	16.21%
TOTAL	475	

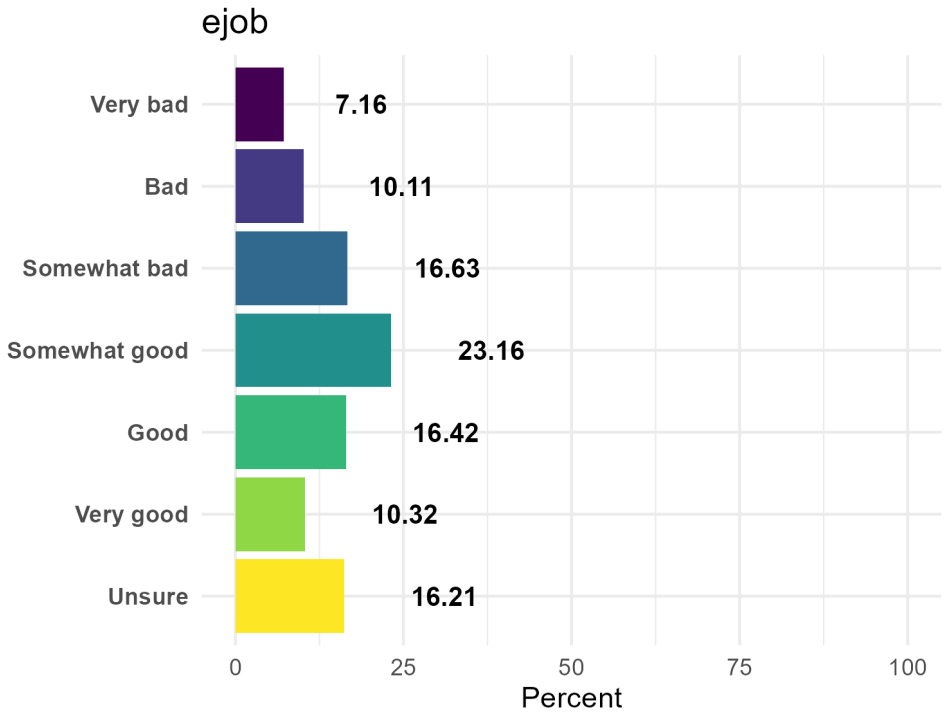


Figure 13: Marginal percentages plot for **ejob** variable

Variable Name: ebuss

Question Text: My Town: Economy Ratings - As a place to build a business
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 14: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **ebuss** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very bad	38	7.93%
Bad	54	11.27%
Somewhat bad	64	13.36%
Somewhat good	138	28.81%
Good	89	18.58%
Very good	30	6.26%
Unsure	66	13.78%
TOTAL	479	

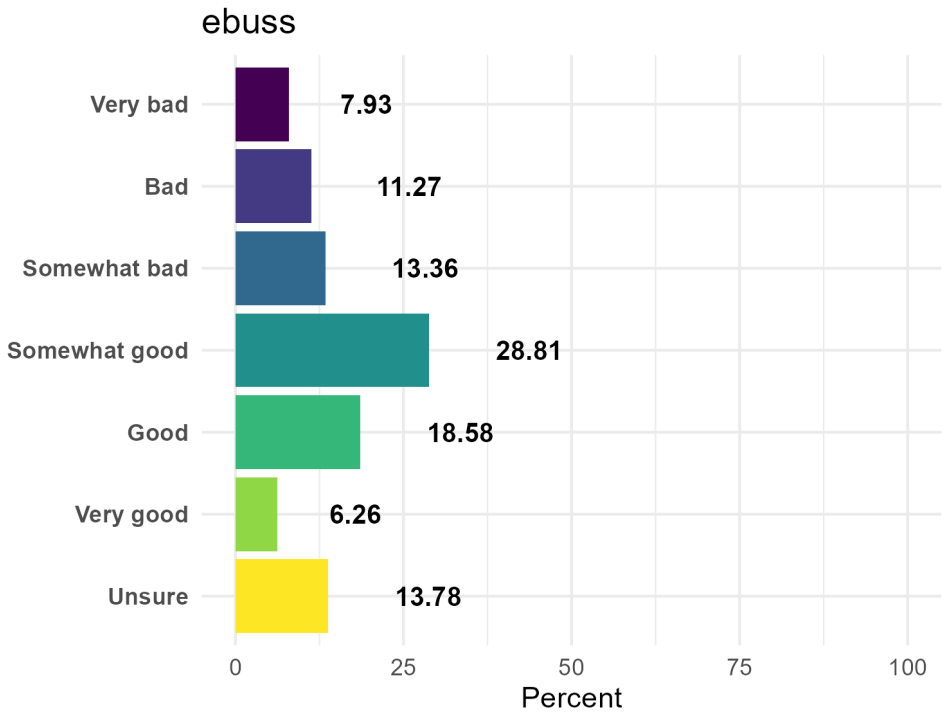


Figure 14: Marginal percentages plot for **ebuss** variable

Variable Name: fsafe

Question Text: My Town: Family Ratings - General safety
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 15: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **fsafe** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very bad	6	1.24%
Bad	16	3.31%
Somewhat bad	20	4.14%
Somewhat good	113	23.40%
Good	223	46.17%
Very good	102	21.12%
Unsure	3	0.62%
TOTAL	483	

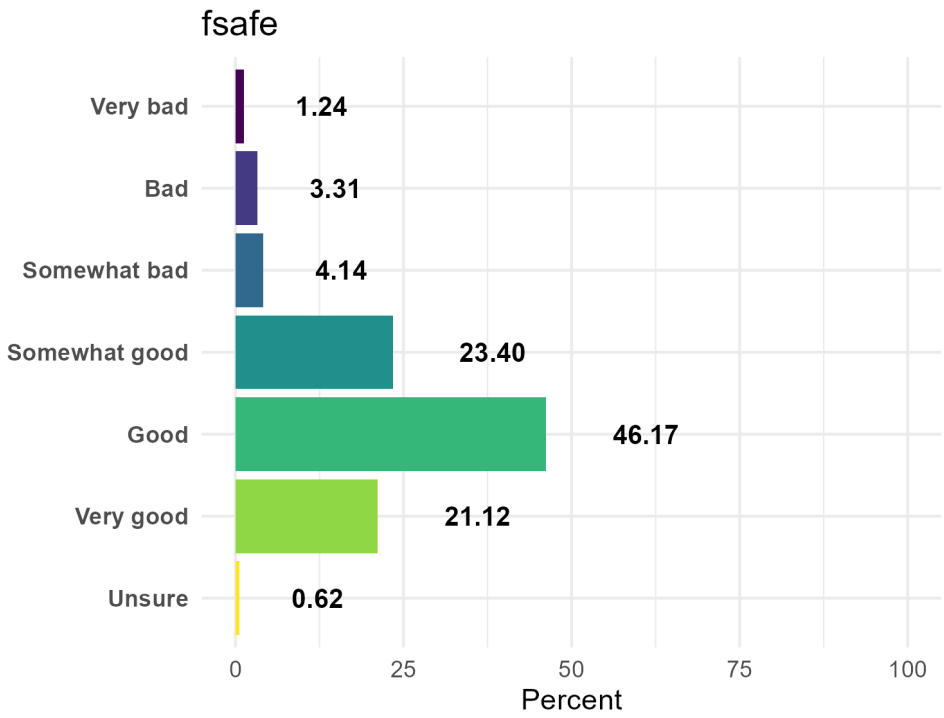


Figure 15: Marginal percentages plot for **fsafe** variable

Variable Name: fschool

Question Text: My Town: Family Ratings - Quality of schools
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 16: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **fschool** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very bad	8	1.66%
Bad	26	5.39%
Somewhat bad	43	8.92%
Somewhat good	111	23.03%
Good	190	39.42%
Very good	60	12.45%
Unsure	44	9.13%
TOTAL	482	

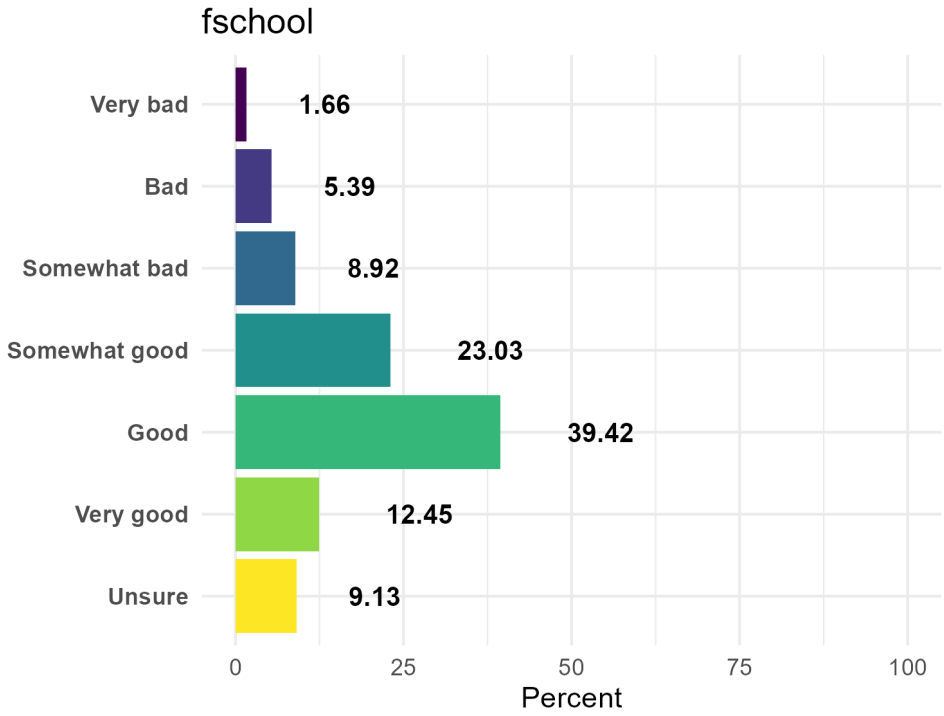


Figure 16: Marginal percentages plot for **fschool** variable

Variable Name: fhaccess

Question Text: My Town: Family Ratings - Access to quality healthcare
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 17: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **fhaccess** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very bad	40	8.32%
Bad	35	7.28%
Somewhat bad	48	9.98%
Somewhat good	123	25.57%
Good	154	32.02%
Very good	75	15.59%
Unsure	6	1.25%
TOTAL	481	

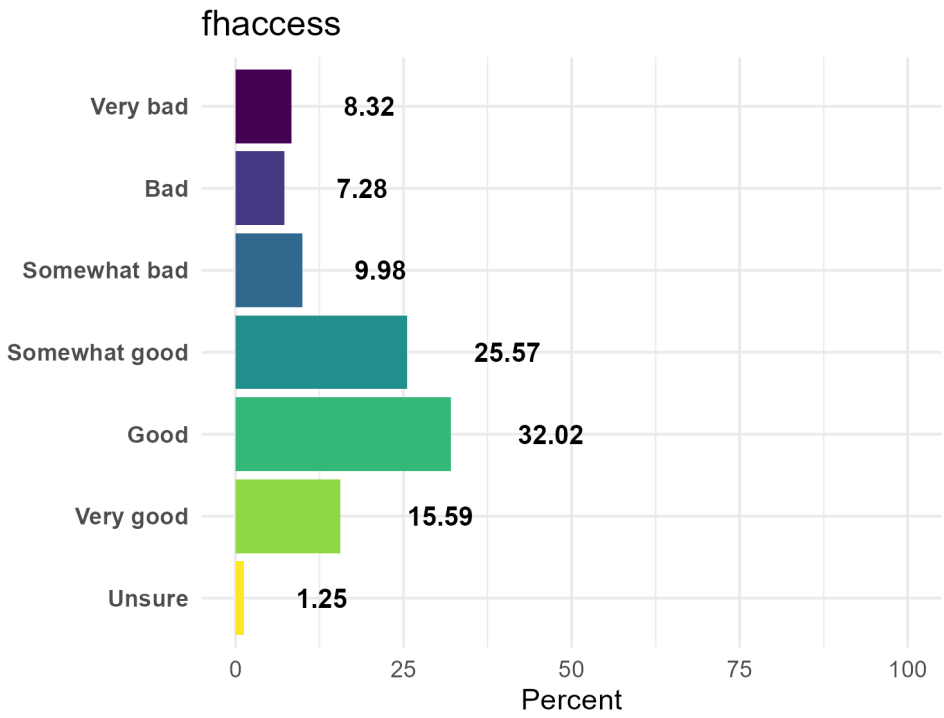


Figure 17: Marginal percentages plot for **fhaccess** variable

Variable Name: fccare

Question Text: My Town: Family Ratings - Access to quality childcare
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 18: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **fccare** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very bad	23	4.88%
Bad	48	10.19%
Somewhat bad	45	9.55%
Somewhat good	97	20.59%
Good	56	11.89%
Very good	7	1.49%
Unsure	195	41.40%
TOTAL	471	

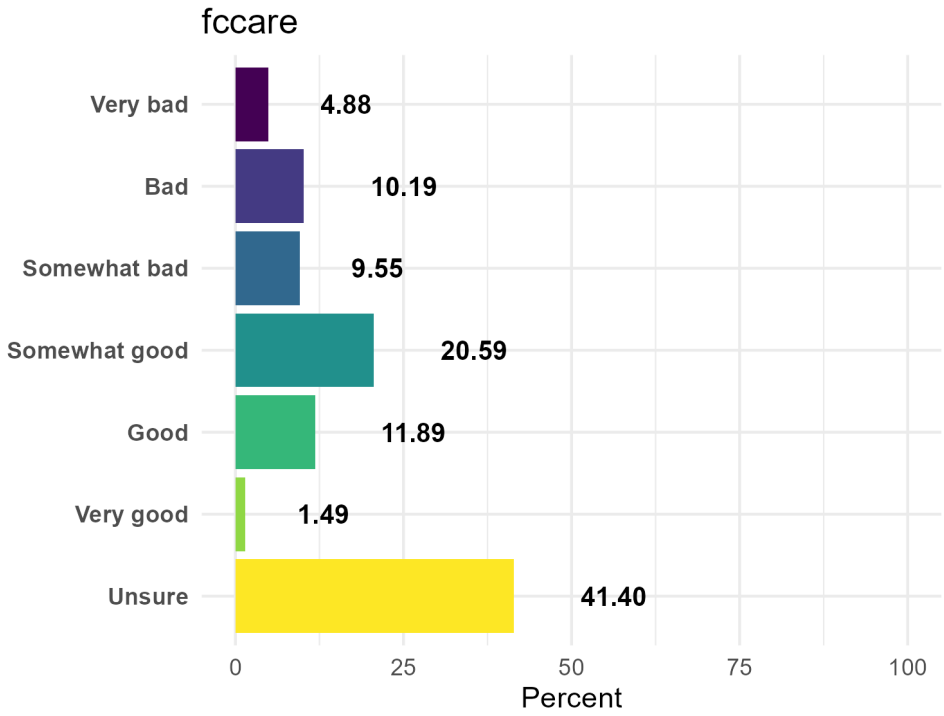


Figure 18: Marginal percentages plot for **fccare** variable

Variable Name: aafford

Question Text: My Town: Affordability Ratings - General affordability
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 19: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **aafford** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very bad	97	20.08%
Bad	105	21.74%
Somewhat bad	108	22.36%
Somewhat good	109	22.57%
Good	57	11.80%
Very good	5	1.04%
Unsure	2	0.41%
TOTAL	483	

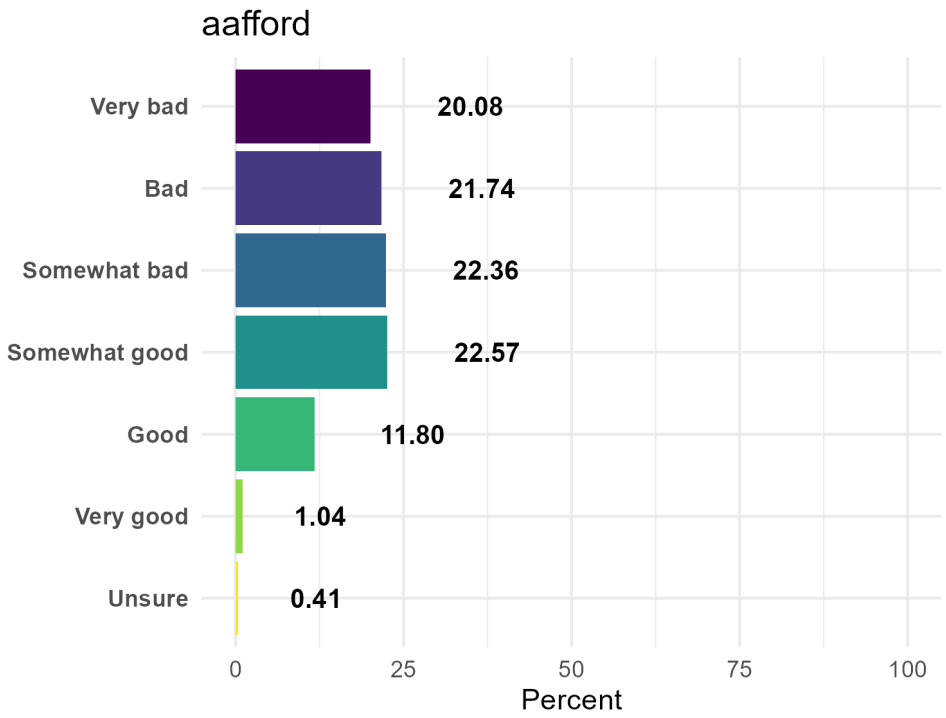


Figure 19: Marginal percentages plot for **aafford** variable

Variable Name: ahouse

Question Text: My Town: Affordability Ratings - Affordability of available housing
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 20: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **ahouse** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very bad	177	36.80%
Bad	107	22.25%
Somewhat bad	88	18.30%
Somewhat good	64	13.31%
Good	23	4.78%
Very good	3	0.62%
Unsure	19	3.95%
TOTAL	481	

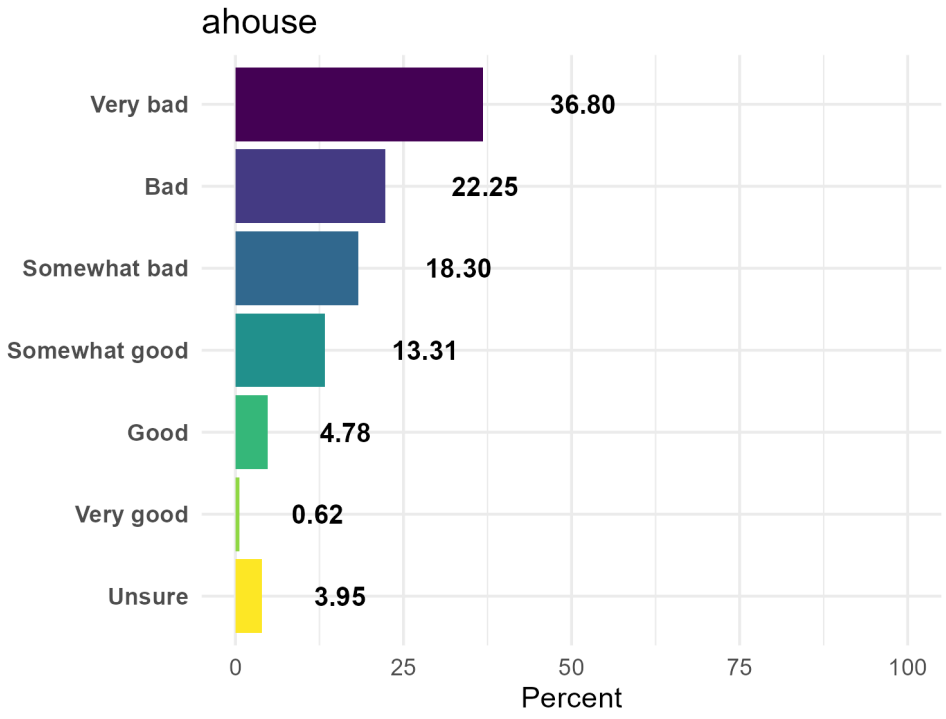


Figure 20: Marginal percentages plot for **ahouse** variable

Variable Name: walkgen

Question Text: My Town: Walkability Ratings - General walkability
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 21: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **walkgen** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very bad	25	5.19%
Bad	30	6.22%
Somewhat bad	48	9.96%
Somewhat good	139	28.84%
Good	120	24.90%
Very good	99	20.54%
Unsure	21	4.36%
TOTAL	482	

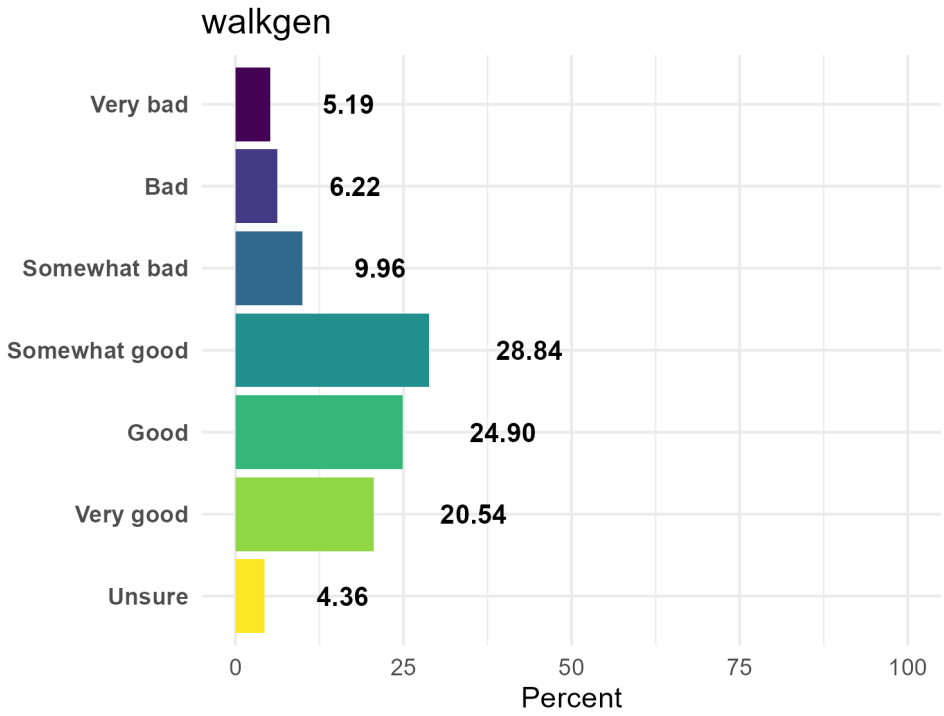


Figure 21: Marginal percentages plot for **walkgen** variable

Variable Name: walkact

Question Text: My Town: Walkability Ratings - Ease of doing daily activities (groceries, work, school, coffee) by walking or biking
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 22: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **walkact** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very bad	35	7.25%
Bad	37	7.66%
Somewhat bad	57	11.80%
Somewhat good	119	24.64%
Good	123	25.47%
Very good	91	18.84%
Unsure	21	4.35%
TOTAL	483	

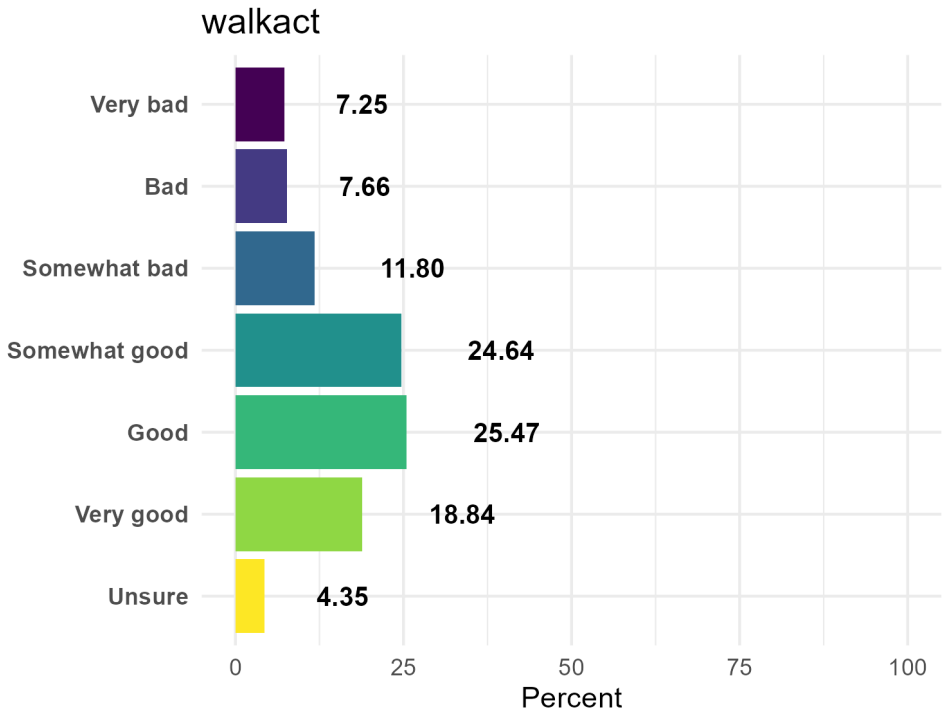


Figure 22: Marginal percentages plot for **walkact** variable

Variable Name: saletax

Question Text: To what extent do you support of oppose each of the following in Montana? - Allowing communities the option of applying a sales tax to tourist spending to support locals
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 23: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **saletax** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Strongly oppose	61	12.66%
Oppose	48	9.96%
Somewhat oppose	46	9.54%
Somewhat support	91	18.88%
Support	110	22.82%
Strongly support	99	20.54%
Unsure	27	5.60%
TOTAL	482	

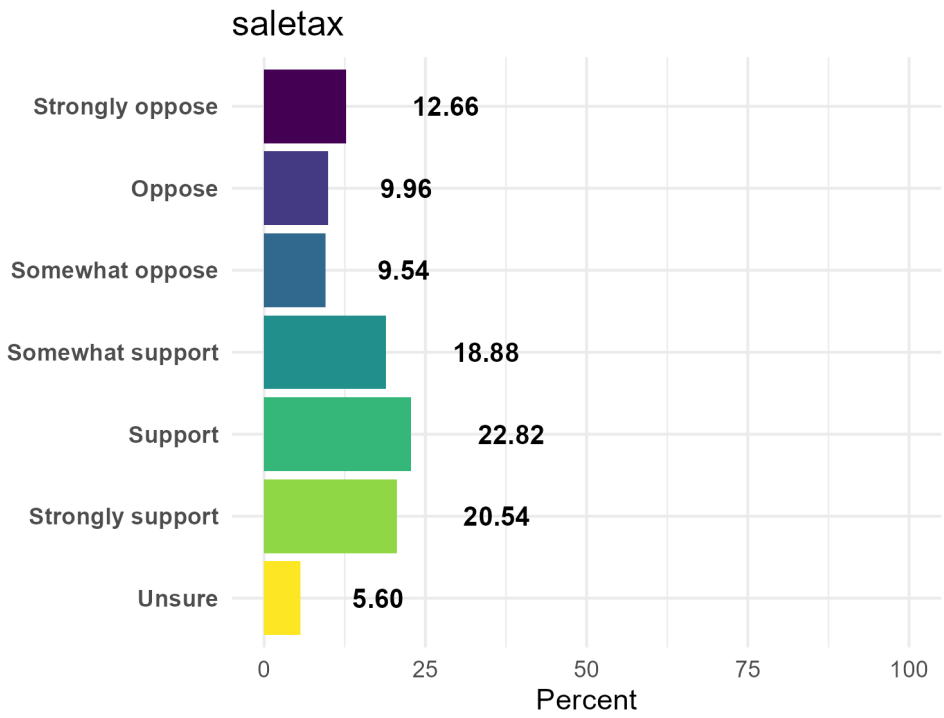


Figure 23: Marginal percentages plot for **saletax** variable

Variable Name: proptax

Question Text: To what extent do you support of oppose each of the following in Montana? - Increased property taxes on second homes to fund more affordable housing for others
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 24: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **proptax** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Strongly oppose	74	15.38%
Oppose	47	9.77%
Somewhat oppose	47	9.77%
Somewhat support	87	18.09%
Support	109	22.66%
Strongly support	109	22.66%
Unsure	8	1.66%
TOTAL	481	

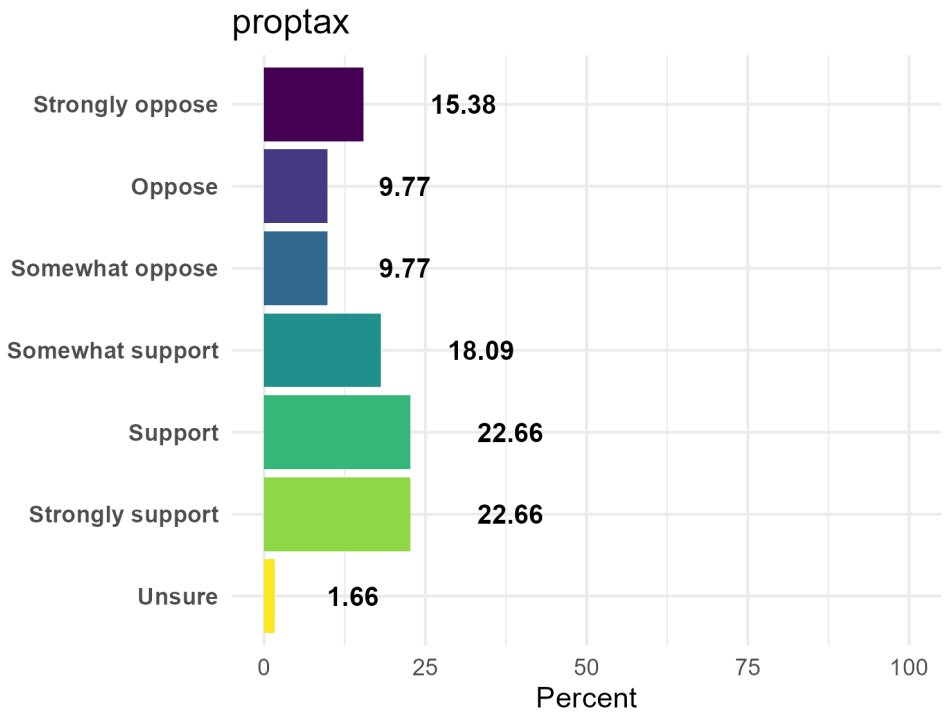


Figure 24: Marginal percentages plot for **proptax** variable

Variable Name: density

Question Text: To what extent do you support of oppose each of the following in Montana? - Community planning that prioritizes density over sprawl
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 25: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **density** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Strongly oppose	36	7.52%
Oppose	52	10.86%
Somewhat oppose	57	11.90%
Somewhat support	86	17.95%
Support	78	16.28%
Strongly support	64	13.36%
Unsure	106	22.13%
TOTAL	479	

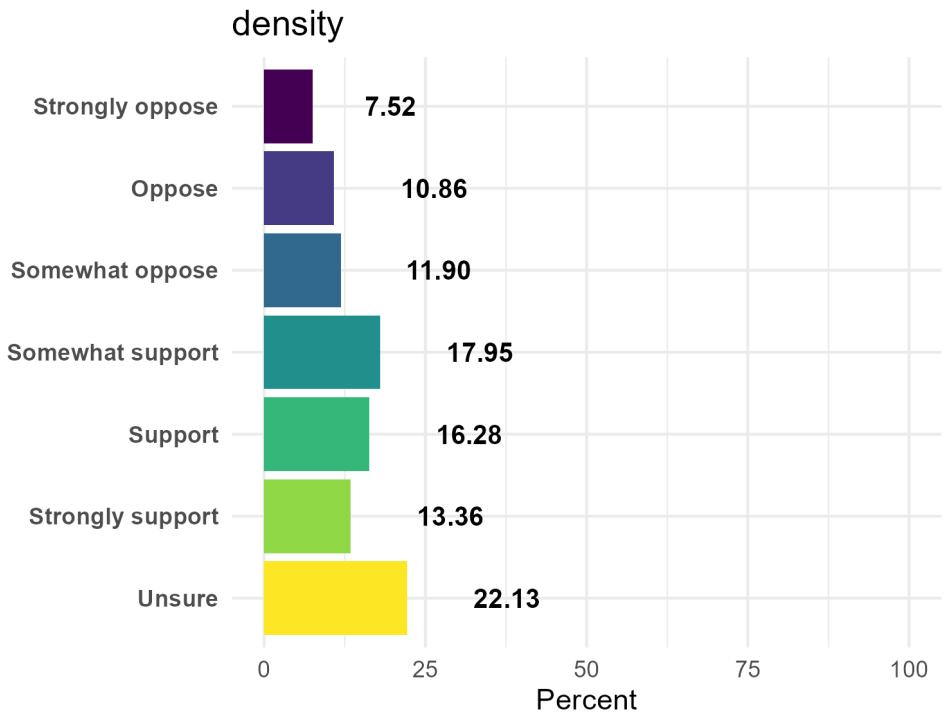


Figure 25: Marginal percentages plot for **density** variable

Variable Name: childst

Question Text: To what extent do you support of oppose each of the following in Montana? - A childcare stipend for working parents for every child aged 0-5
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 26: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **childst** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Strongly oppose	39	8.12%
Oppose	37	7.71%
Somewhat oppose	35	7.29%
Somewhat support	118	24.58%
Support	97	20.21%
Strongly support	96	20.00%
Unsure	58	12.08%
TOTAL	480	

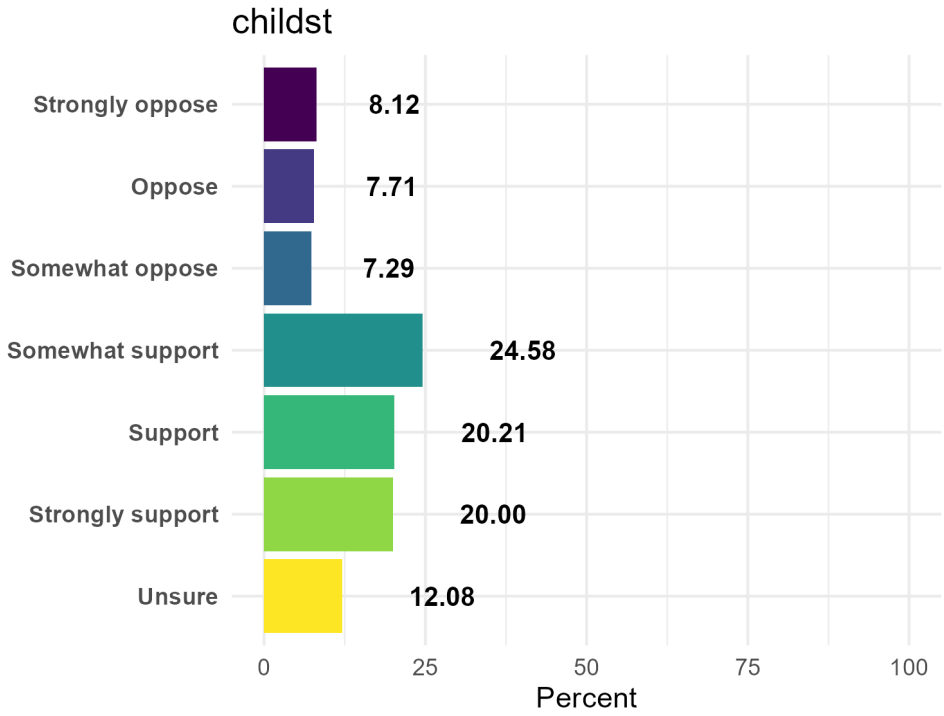


Figure 26: Marginal percentages plot for **childst** variable

Variable Name: teachpay

Question Text: To what extent do you support of oppose each of the following in Montana? - Increased funding to pay public school teachers with increased performance standards
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 27: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **teachpay** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Strongly oppose	25	5.24%
Oppose	31	6.50%
Somewhat oppose	19	3.98%
Somewhat support	111	23.27%
Support	138	28.93%
Strongly support	140	29.35%
Unsure	13	2.73%
TOTAL	477	

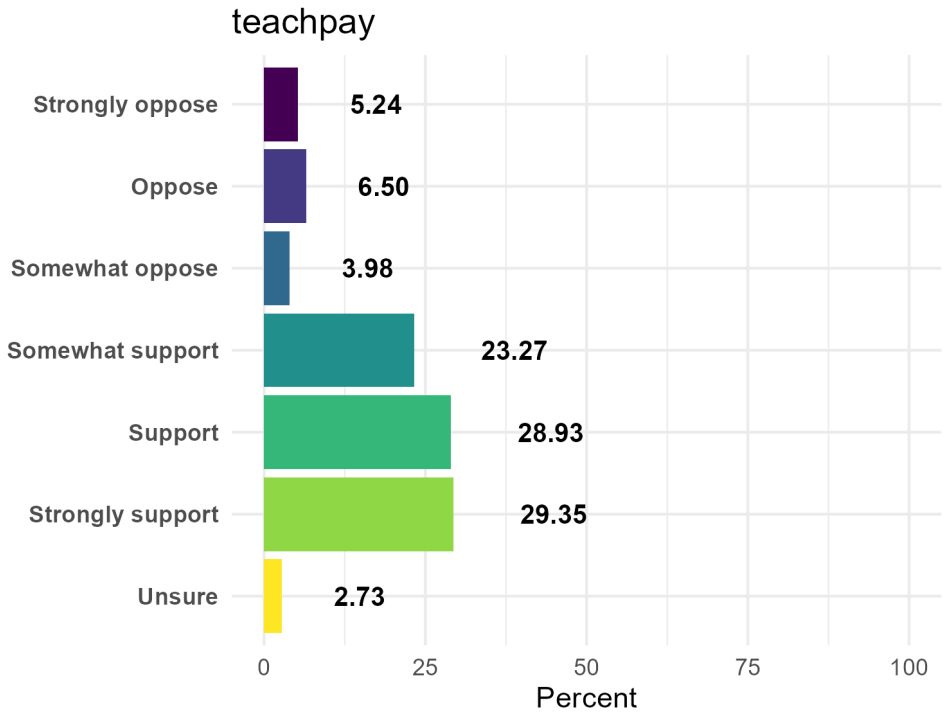


Figure 27: Marginal percentages plot for **teachpay** variable

Variable Name: polmon

Question Text: To what extent do you support of oppose each of the following in Montana? - Limiting the influence of money in politics
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 28: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **polmon** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Strongly oppose	3	0.62%
Oppose	9	1.87%
Somewhat oppose	6	1.25%
Somewhat support	22	4.57%
Support	90	18.71%
Strongly support	346	71.93%
Unsure	5	1.04%
TOTAL	481	

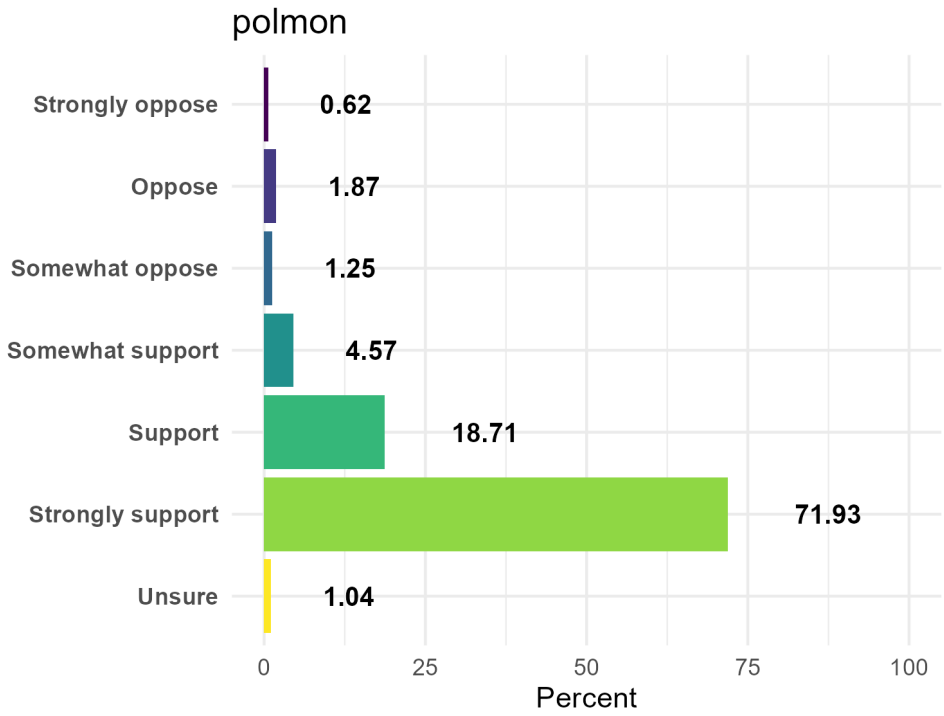


Figure 28: Marginal percentages plot for **polmon** variable

Variable Name: polpart

Question Text: To what extent do you support of oppose each of the following in Montana? - Limiting the role of political parties in our elections and institutions
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 29: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **polpart** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Strongly oppose	11	2.29%
Oppose	10	2.08%
Somewhat oppose	23	4.78%
Somewhat support	64	13.31%
Support	104	21.62%
Strongly support	241	50.10%
Unsure	28	5.82%
TOTAL	481	

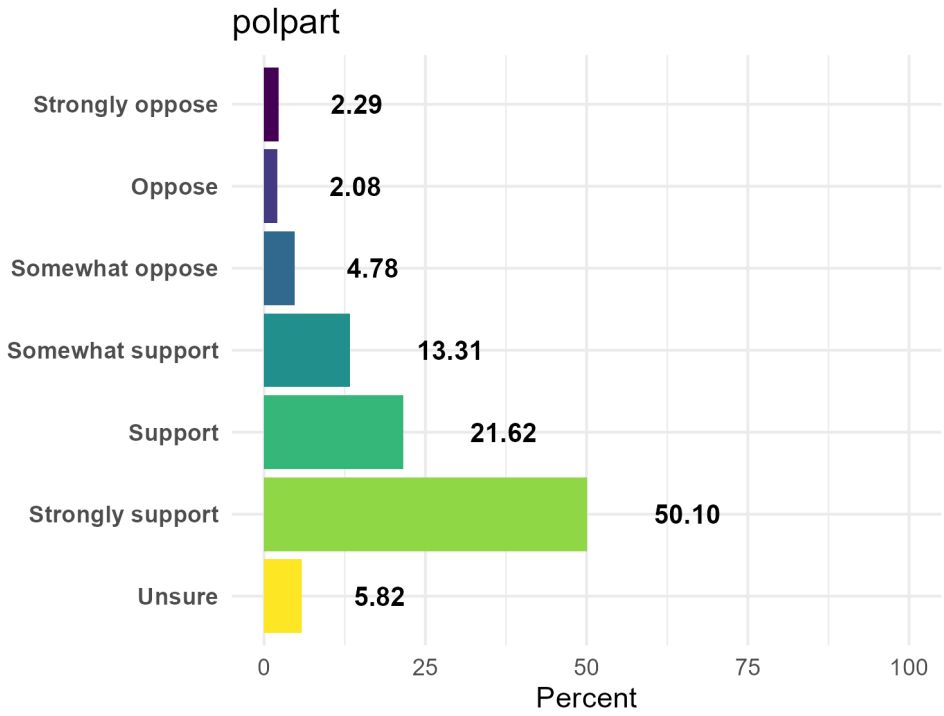


Figure 29: Marginal percentages plot for **polpart** variable

Variable Name: datacen

Question Text: To what extent do you support of oppose each of the following in Montana? - Constructing artificial intelligence (AI) data centers
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 30: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **datacen** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Strongly oppose	240	49.90%
Oppose	71	14.76%
Somewhat oppose	49	10.19%
Somewhat support	54	11.23%
Support	15	3.12%
Strongly support	17	3.53%
Unsure	35	7.28%
TOTAL	481	

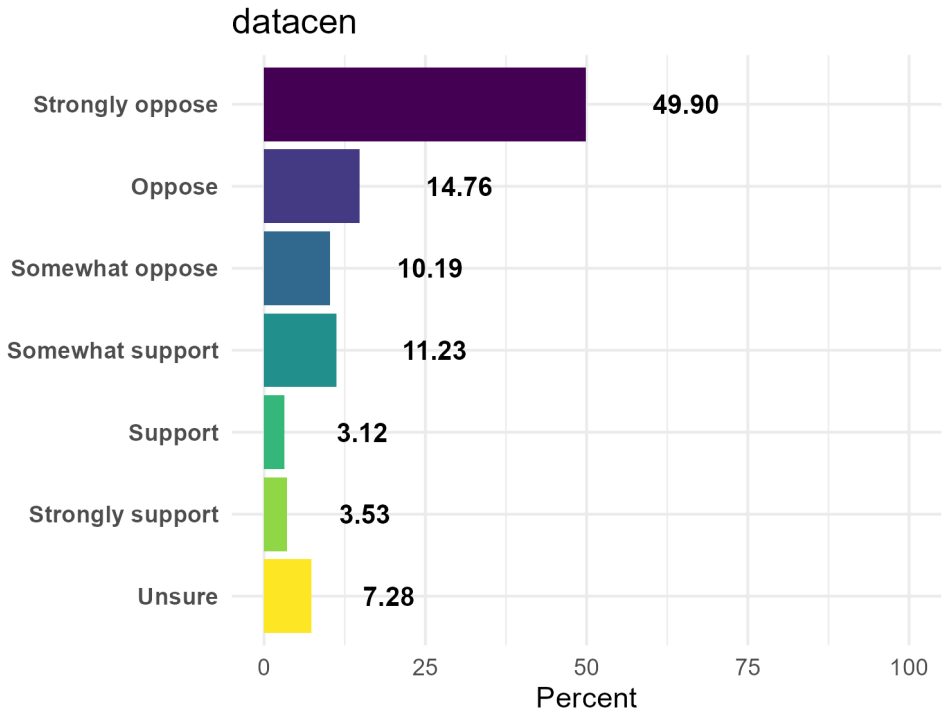


Figure 30: Marginal percentages plot for **datacen** variable

Variable Name: pland

Question Text: To what extent do you support of oppose each of the following in Montana? - Ensuring public lands remain under public management
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 31: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **pland** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Strongly oppose	1	0.21%
Oppose	2	0.42%
Somewhat oppose	6	1.25%
Somewhat support	28	5.83%
Support	87	18.12%
Strongly support	353	73.54%
Unsure	3	0.62%
TOTAL	480	

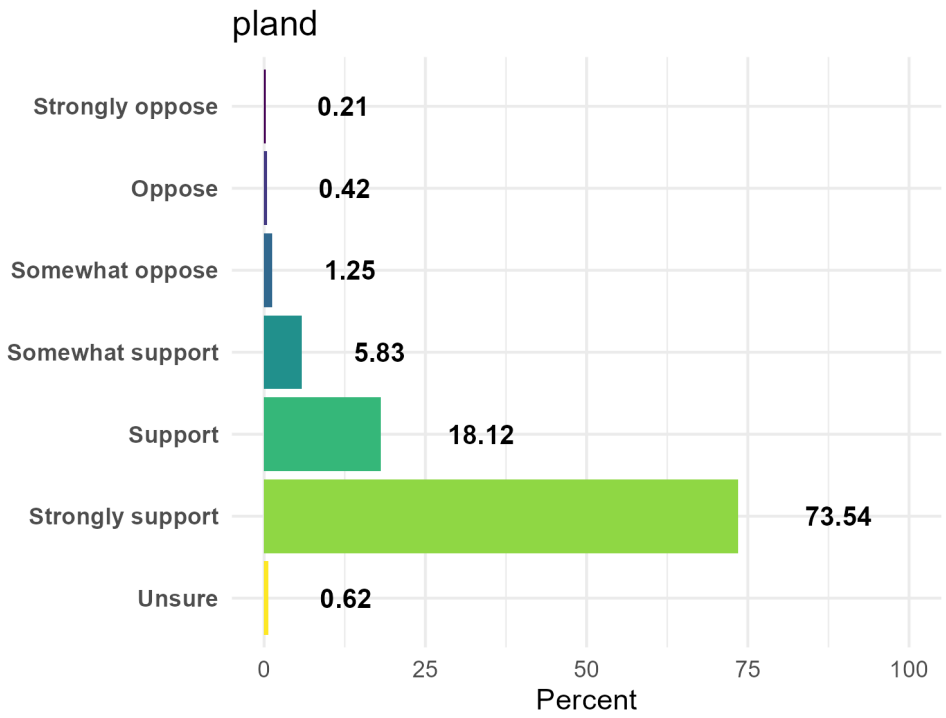


Figure 31: Marginal percentages plot for **pland** variable

Variable Name: defdem

Question Text: To what extent do you support of oppose each of the following? - American defense of democracy abroad

Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 32: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **defdem** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Strongly oppose	28	5.92%
Oppose	22	4.65%
Somewhat oppose	41	8.67%
Somewhat support	113	23.89%
Support	143	30.23%
Strongly support	63	13.32%
Unsure	63	13.32%
TOTAL	473	

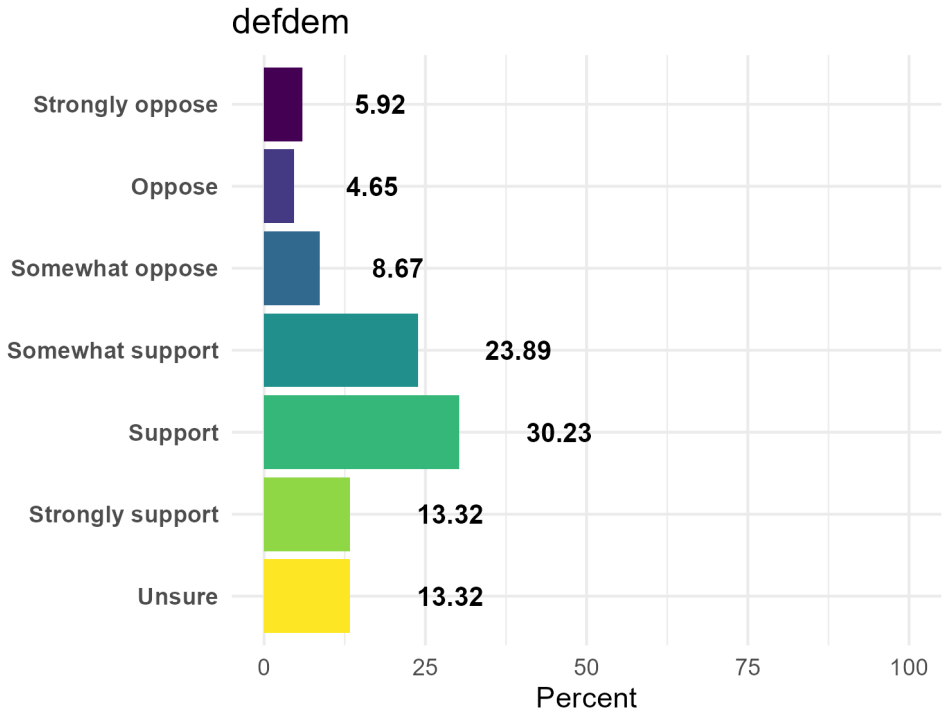


Figure 32: Marginal percentages plot for **defdem** variable

Variable Name: immpath

Question Text: To what extent do you support of oppose each of the following? - A legal pathway to citizenship for immigrants who already live here and can meet certain conditions
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 33: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **immpath** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Strongly oppose	31	6.44%
Oppose	29	6.03%
Somewhat oppose	35	7.28%
Somewhat support	70	14.55%
Support	147	30.56%
Strongly support	159	33.06%
Unsure	10	2.08%
TOTAL	481	

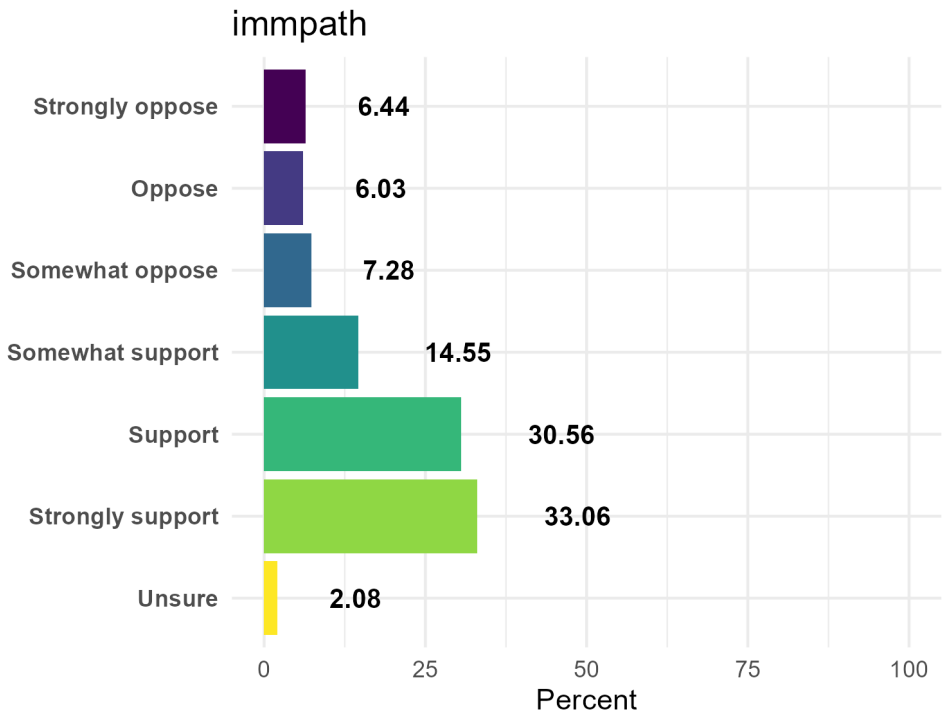


Figure 33: Marginal percentages plot for **immpath** variable

Variable Name: equalt

Question Text: To what extent do you support of oppose each of the following? - Government treating everyone equally regardless of their identity
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 34: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **equalt** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Strongly oppose	29	6.11%
Oppose	18	3.79%
Somewhat oppose	10	2.11%
Somewhat support	29	6.11%
Support	108	22.74%
Strongly support	246	51.79%
Unsure	35	7.37%
TOTAL	475	

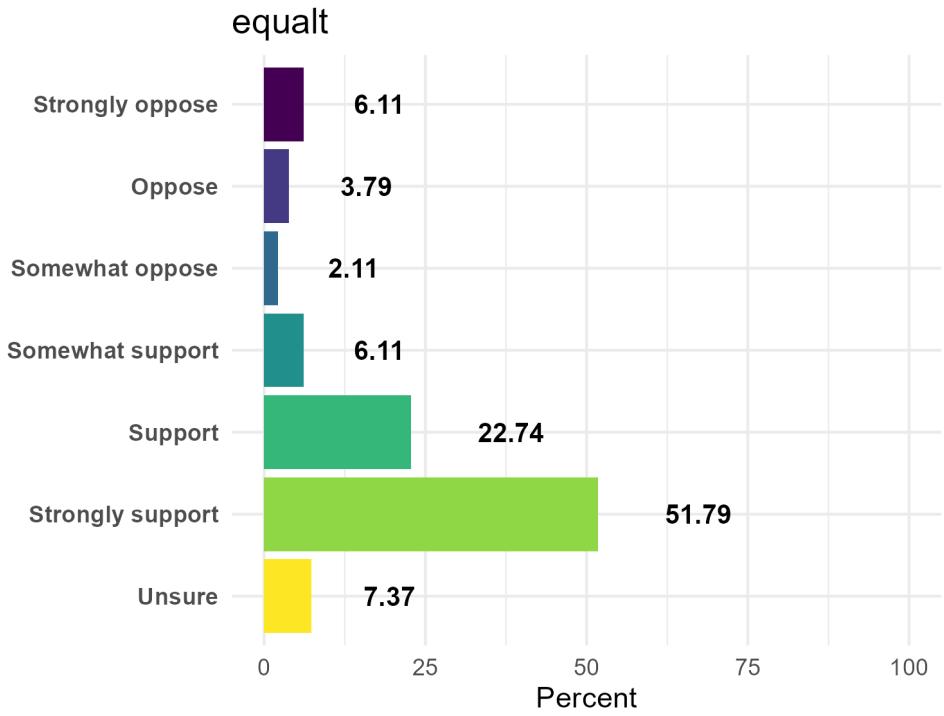


Figure 34: Marginal percentages plot for **equalt** variable

Variable Name: bidebt

Question Text: To what extent do you support of oppose each of the following? - Addressing the federal debt with a bipartisan solution that must include spending cuts to core programs
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 35: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **bidebt** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Strongly oppose	17	3.61%
Oppose	26	5.52%
Somewhat oppose	27	5.73%
Somewhat support	75	15.92%
Support	121	25.69%
Strongly support	142	30.15%
Unsure	63	13.38%
TOTAL	471	

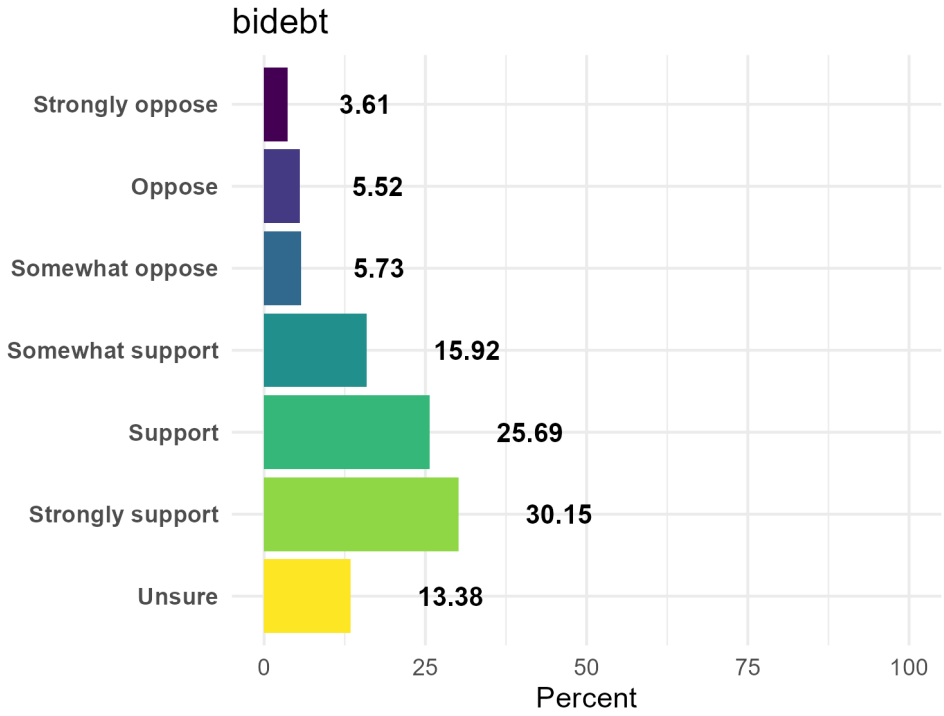


Figure 35: Marginal percentages plot for **bidebt** variable

Variable Name: mtborn

Question Text: Were you born in Montana?
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 36: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **mtborn** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
No	252	52.17%
Yes	230	47.62%
Unsure	1	0.21%
TOTAL	483	

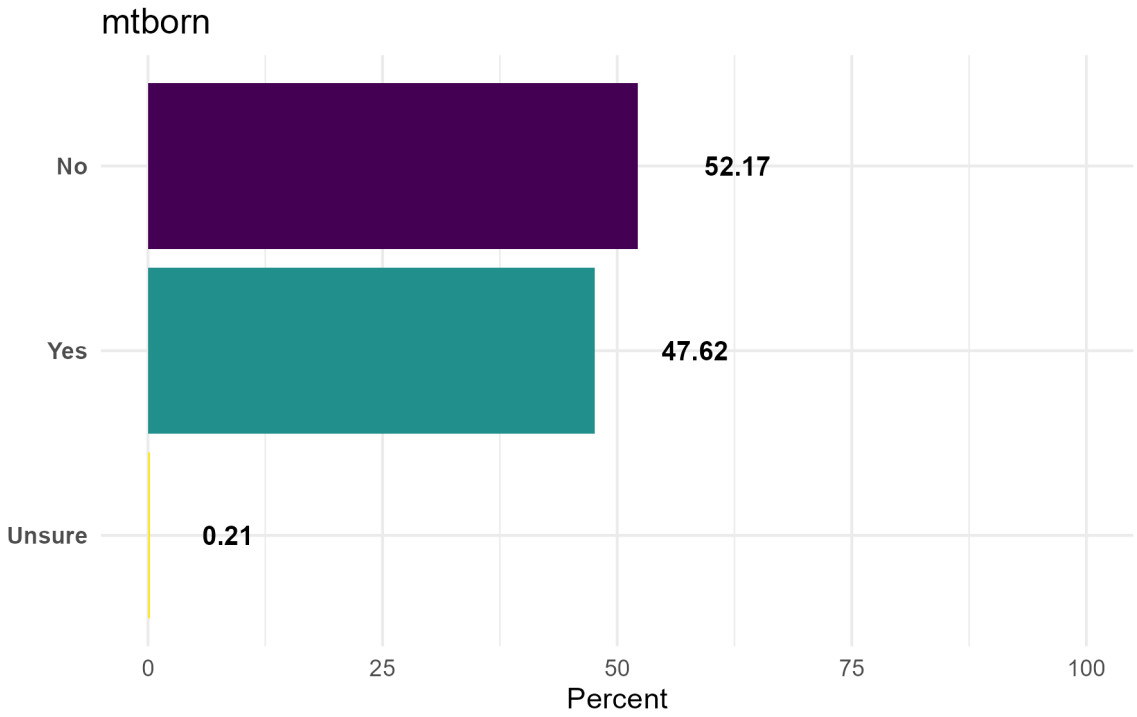


Figure 36: Marginal percentages plot for **mtborn** variable

Variable Name: gender

Question Text: What is your gender?
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 37: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **gender** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Male	230	47.62%
Female	250	51.76%
Other / prefer not to say	3	0.62%
TOTAL	483	

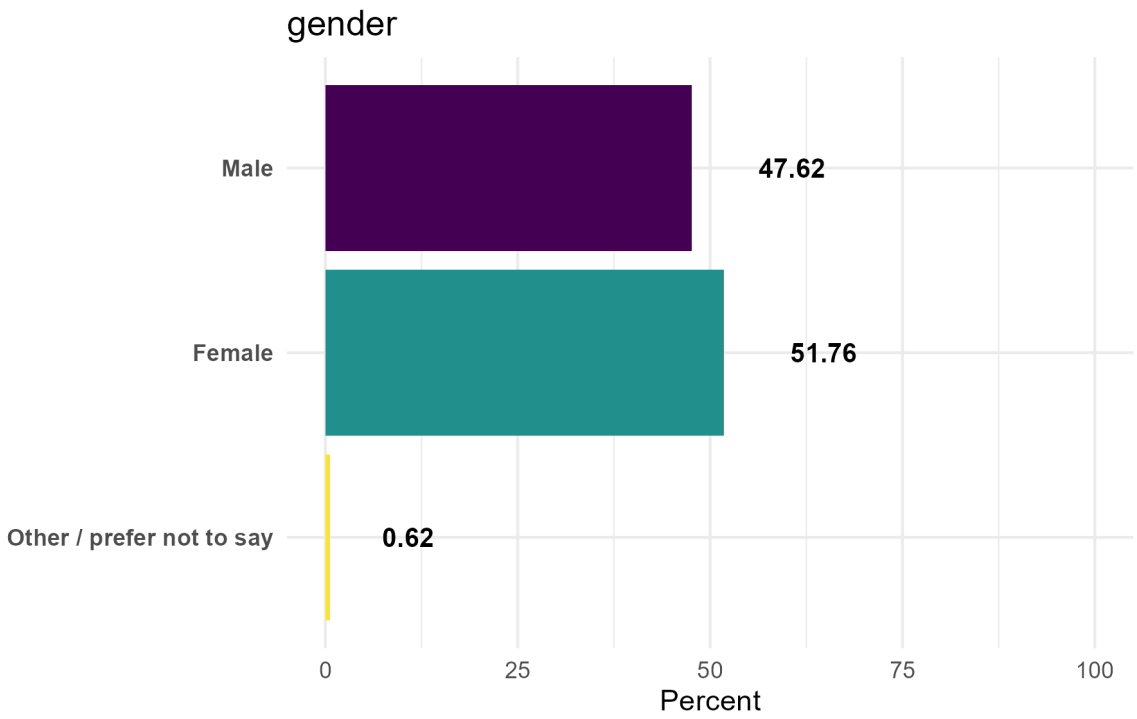


Figure 37: Marginal percentages plot for **gender** variable

Variable Name: rentown

Question Text: Do you own or rent your residence?
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 38: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **rentown** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Own	385	79.88%
Rent	86	17.84%
Other	11	2.28%
TOTAL	482	

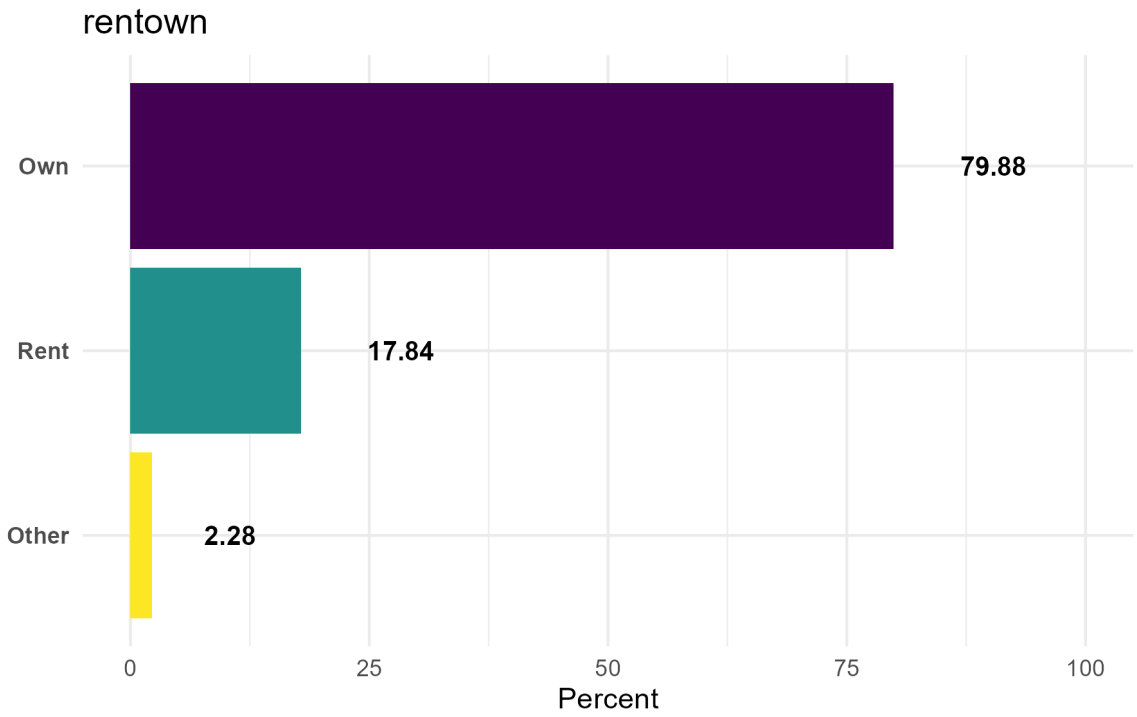


Figure 38: Marginal percentages plot for **rentown** variable

Variable Name: longlive

Question Text: How long have you lived in Montana?
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 39: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **longlive** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Less than 2 years	5	1.04%
2-5 years	35	7.29%
6-10 years	42	8.75%
11-20 years	34	7.08%
20+ years	359	74.79%
Don't know	5	1.04%
TOTAL	480	

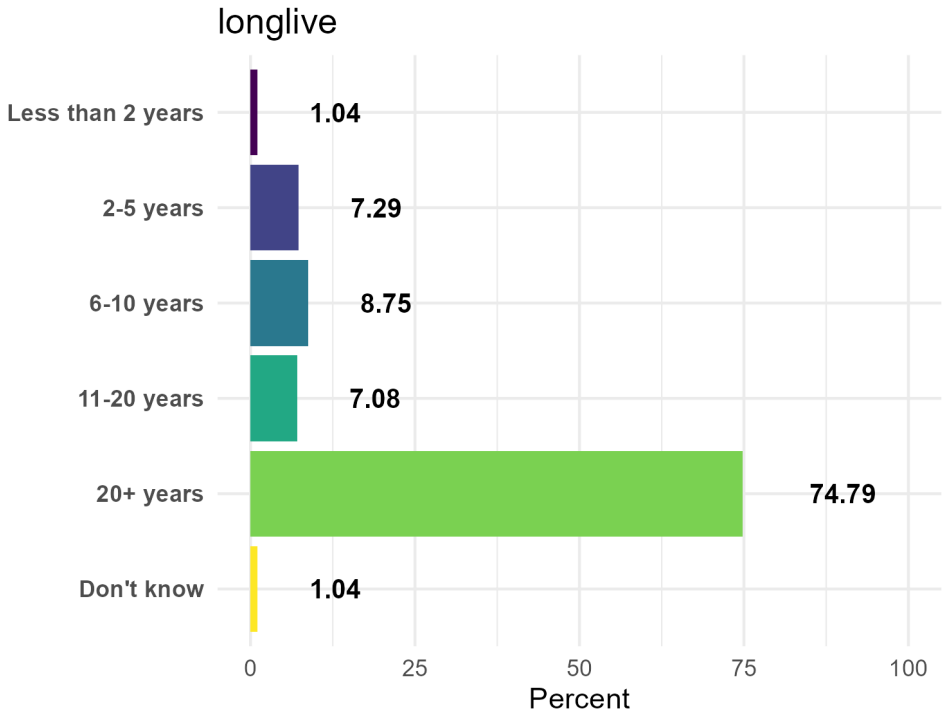


Figure 39: Marginal percentages plot for **longlive** variable

Variable Name: age2

Question Text: Which of the following age categories applies to you?
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 40: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **age2** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
18-34	88	18.37%
35-44	84	17.54%
45-54	72	15.03%
55-64	89	18.58%
65-74	88	18.37%
75-84	44	9.19%
85+	14	2.92%
TOTAL	479	

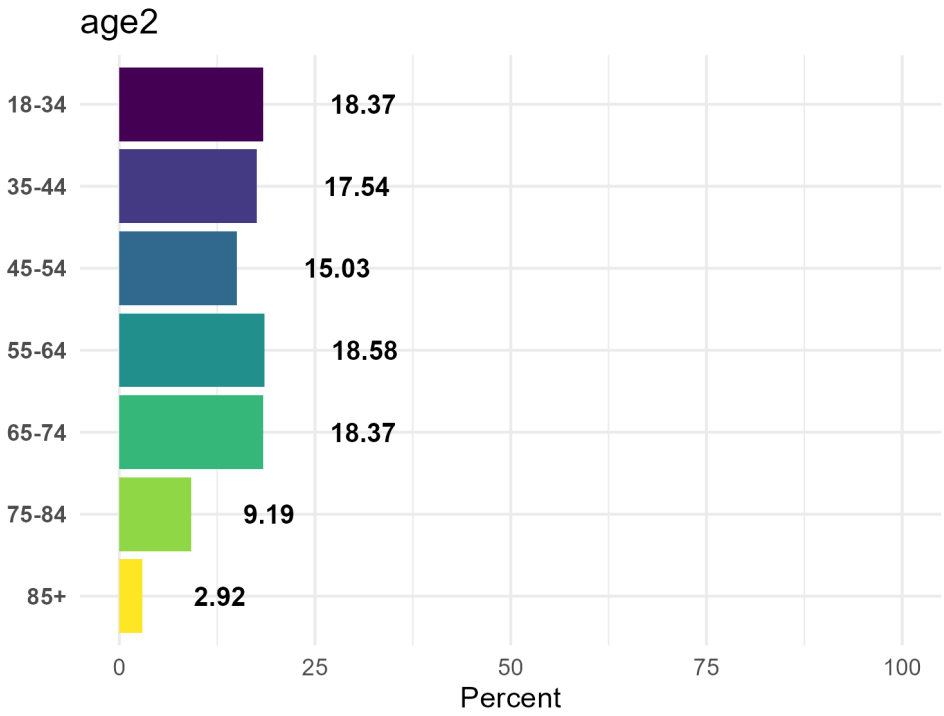


Figure 40: Marginal percentages plot for **age2** variable

Variable Name: phouse

Question Text: About what percent of your household income goes to housing each month?
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 41: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **phouse** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Less than 20%	135	28.85%
20-29%	93	19.87%
30-39%	83	17.74%
40-49%	77	16.45%
50% or more	59	12.61%
Unsure	21	4.49%
TOTAL	468	

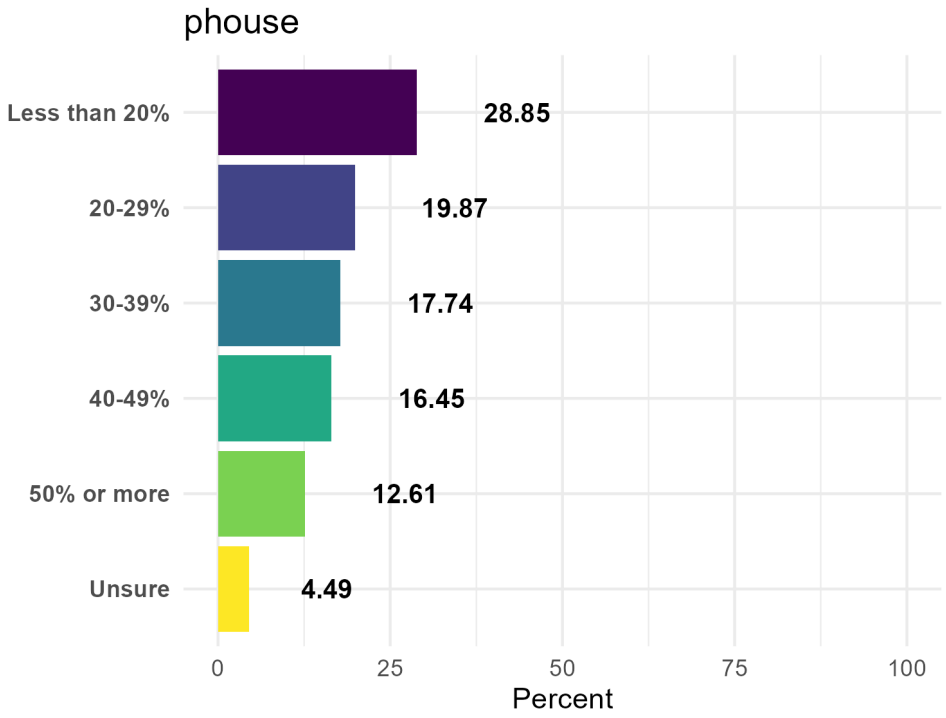


Figure 41: Marginal percentages plot for **phouse** variable

Variable Name: educ

Question Text: What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 42: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **educ** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Less than high school	18	3.78%
High school diploma/GED	209	43.91%
Associate/junior college degree	60	12.61%
Bachelor's degree	127	26.68%
Graduate degree	62	13.03%
TOTAL	476	

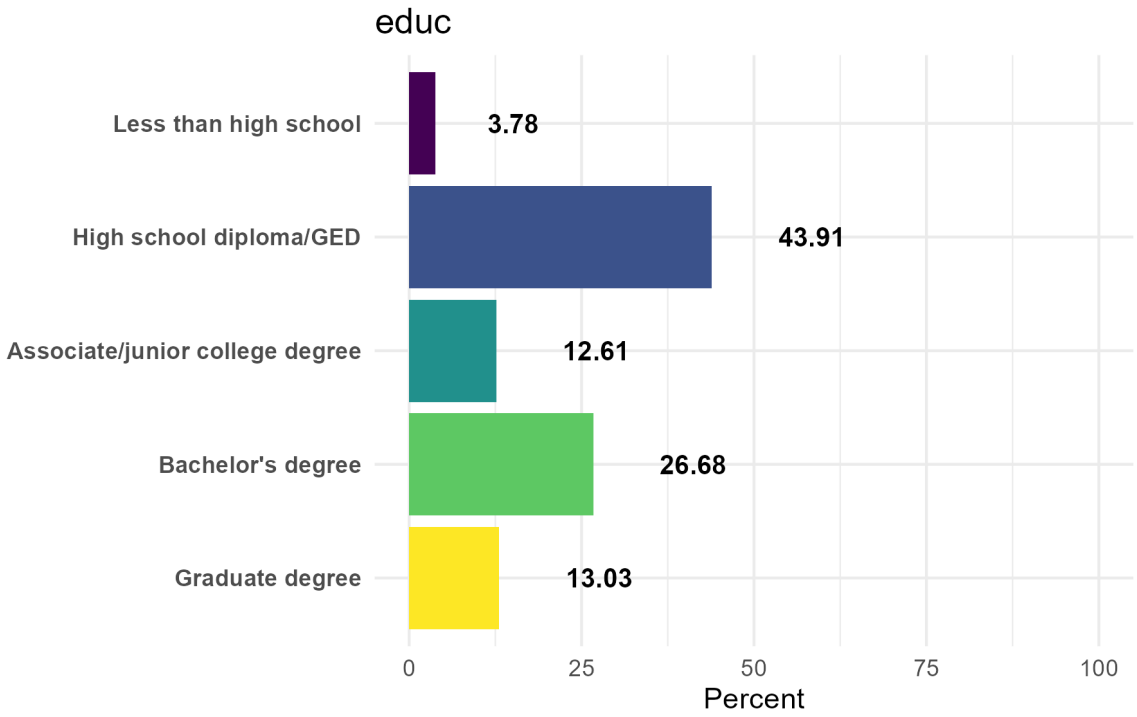


Figure 42: Marginal percentages plot for **educ** variable

Variable Name: employ

Question Text: Which of the following best describes your current work situation?
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 43: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **employ** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Work locally for a Montana employer	189	42.09%
Work remotely for an out-of-state employer	23	5.12%
Self-employed	87	19.38%
Retired	123	27.39%
Primarily a student	1	0.22%
Doing uncompensated work	8	1.78%
Not currently employed	18	4.01%
TOTAL	449	

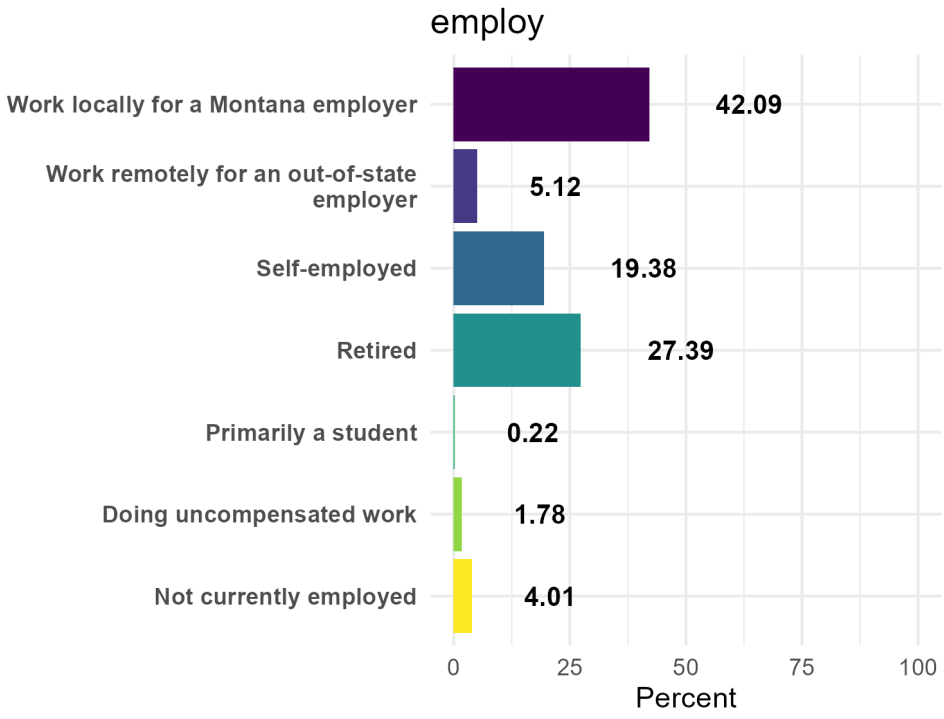


Figure 43: Marginal percentages plot for **employ** variable

Variable Name: gmayor

Question Text: What grade would you give each of the following elected officials for their job performance? - Your local town mayor or equivalent
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 44: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **gmayor** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
F	46	9.83%
D	48	10.26%
C	112	23.93%
B	151	32.26%
A	41	8.76%
Unsure	70	14.96%
TOTAL	468	

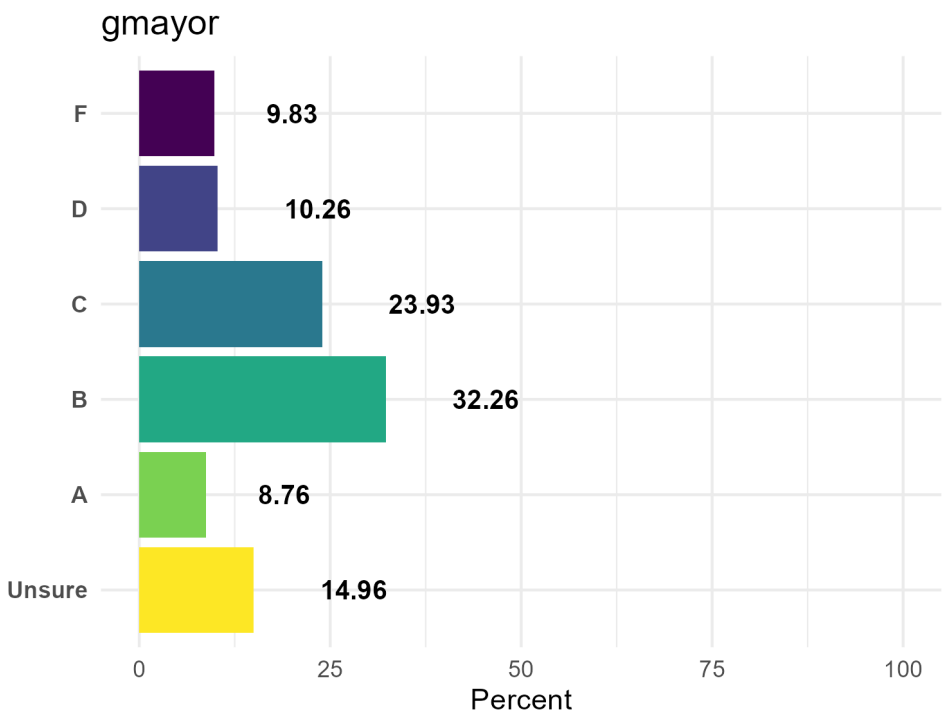


Figure 44: Marginal percentages plot for **gmayor** variable

Variable Name: ggian

Question Text: What grade would you give each of the following elected officials for their job performance? - Montana Governor Greg Gianforte
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 45: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **ggian** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
F	106	22.13%
D	83	17.33%
C	95	19.83%
B	88	18.37%
A	91	19.00%
Unsure	16	3.34%
TOTAL	479	

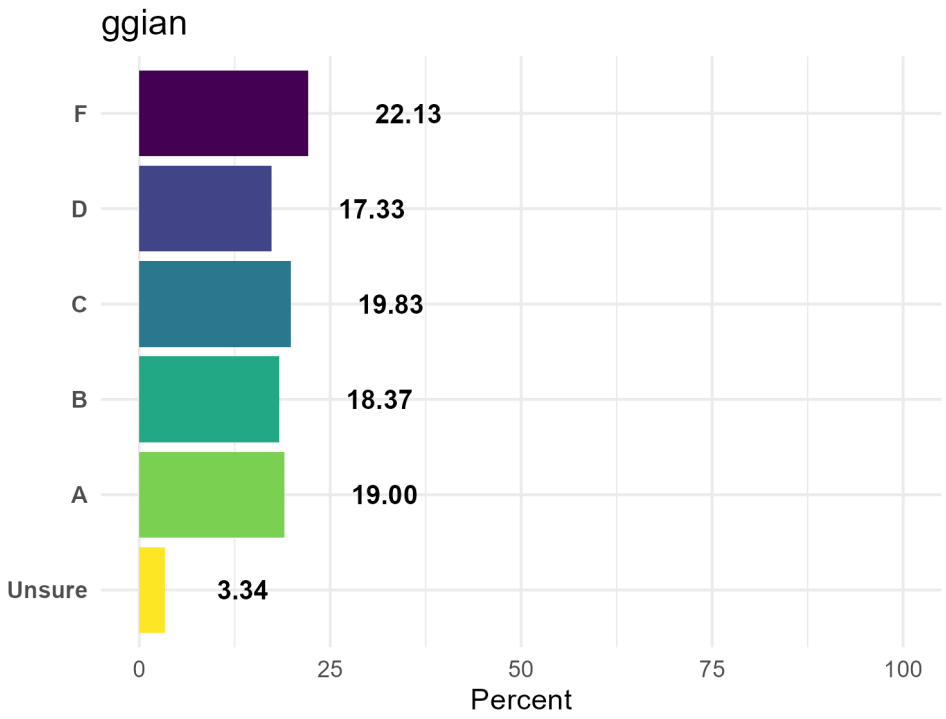


Figure 45: Marginal percentages plot for **ggian** variable

Variable Name: gdaines

Question Text: What grade would you give each of the following elected officials for their job performance? - U.S. Senator Steve Daines
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 46: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **gdaines** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
F	152	32.00%
D	70	14.74%
C	86	18.11%
B	64	13.47%
A	69	14.53%
Unsure	34	7.16%
TOTAL	475	

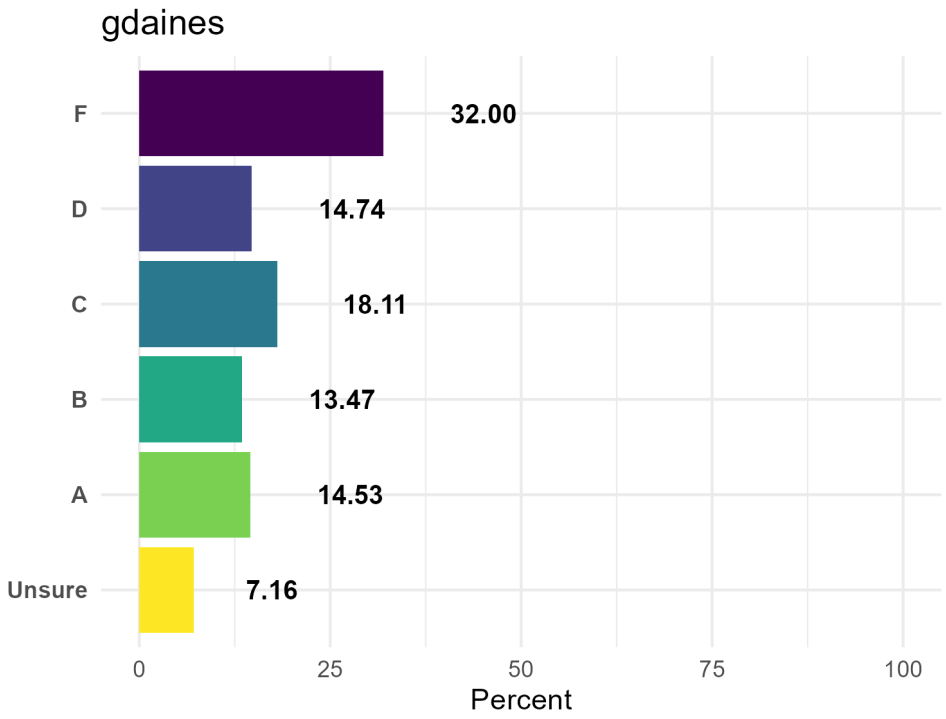


Figure 46: Marginal percentages plot for **gdaines** variable

Variable Name: gsheehy

Question Text: What grade would you give each of the following elected officials for their job performance? - U.S. Senator Tim Sheehy
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 47: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **gsheehy** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
F	168	35.22%
D	61	12.79%
C	69	14.47%
B	71	14.88%
A	87	18.24%
Unsure	21	4.40%
TOTAL	477	

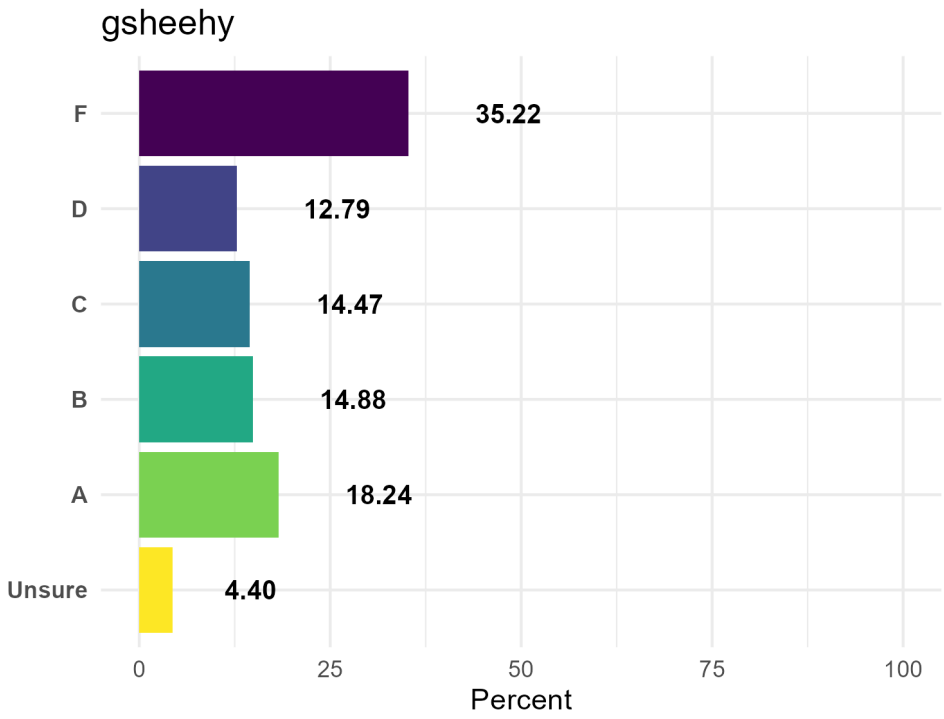


Figure 47: Marginal percentages plot for **gsheehy** variable

Variable Name: gtrump

Question Text: What grade would you give each of the following elected officials for their job performance? - U.S. President Donald Trump
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 48: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **gtrump** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
F	249	51.98%
D	40	8.35%
C	42	8.77%
B	53	11.06%
A	91	19.00%
Unsure	4	0.84%
TOTAL	479	

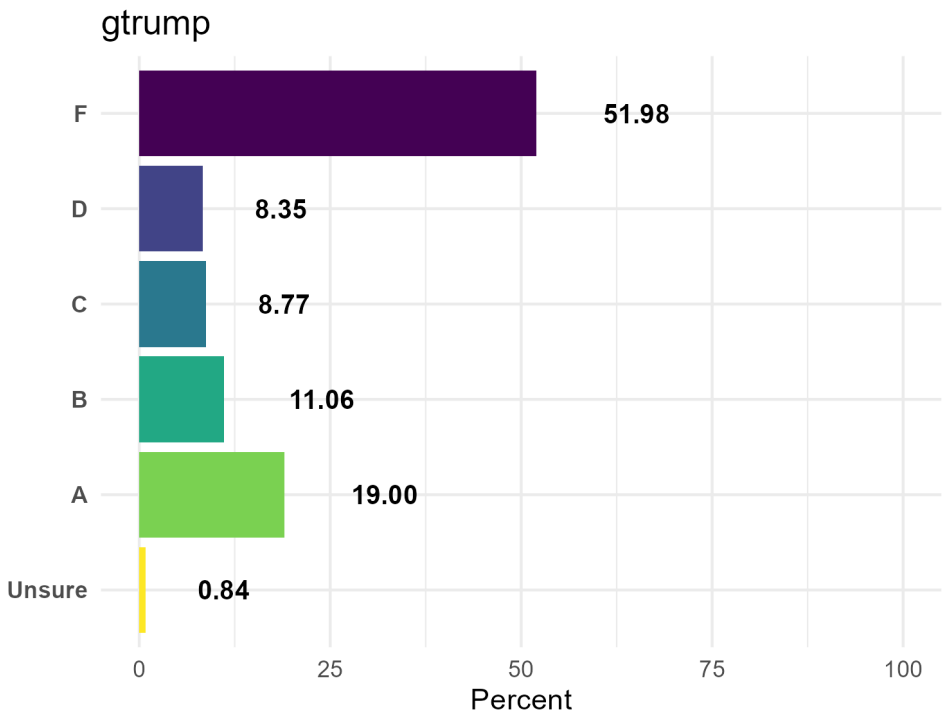


Figure 48: Marginal percentages plot for **gtrump** variable

Variable Name: party

Question Text: Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 49: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **party** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Republican	170	36.56%
Democrat	94	20.22%
Independent	148	31.83%
Something else	53	11.40%
TOTAL	465	

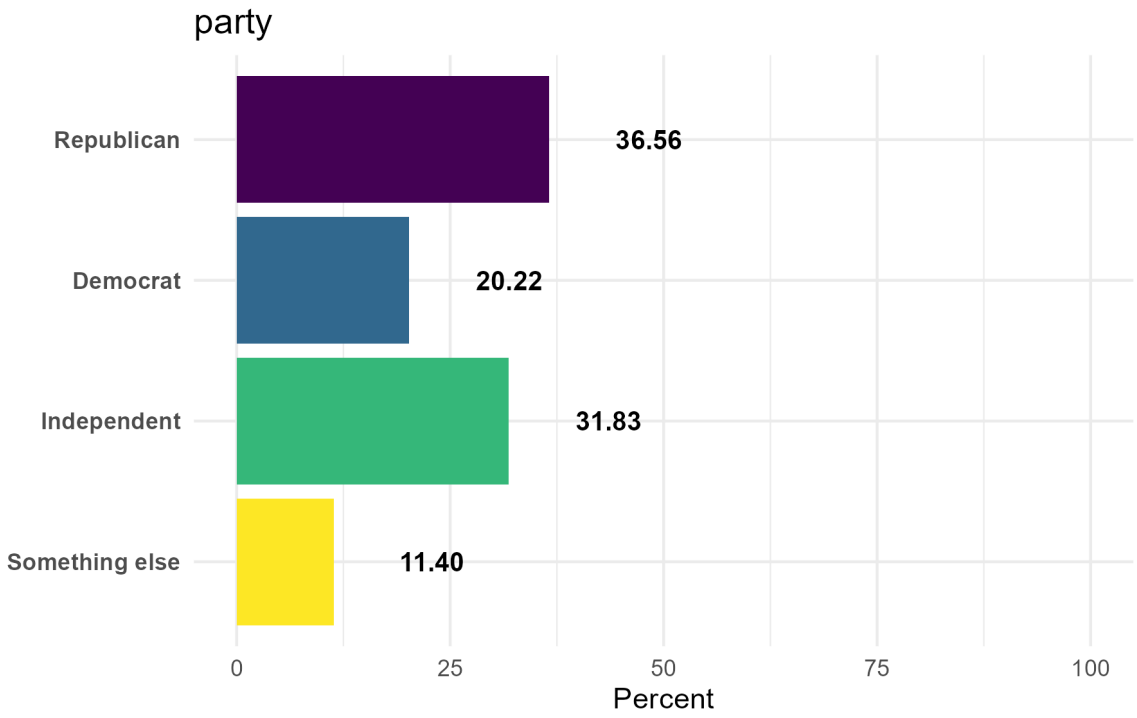


Figure 49: Marginal percentages plot for **party** variable

Variable Name: ideology

Question Text: Where do you place yourself on the political ideology scale below?
Frequencies and Marginal Percentages:

*Table 50: Frequencies and marginal percentages table for **ideology** variable*

RESPONSE OPTION	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Extremely conservative	33	7.11%
Conservative	122	26.29%
Slightly conservative	45	9.70%
Moderate / middle of the road	139	29.96%
Slightly liberal	65	14.01%
Liberal	48	10.34%
Extremely liberal	12	2.59%
TOTAL	464	

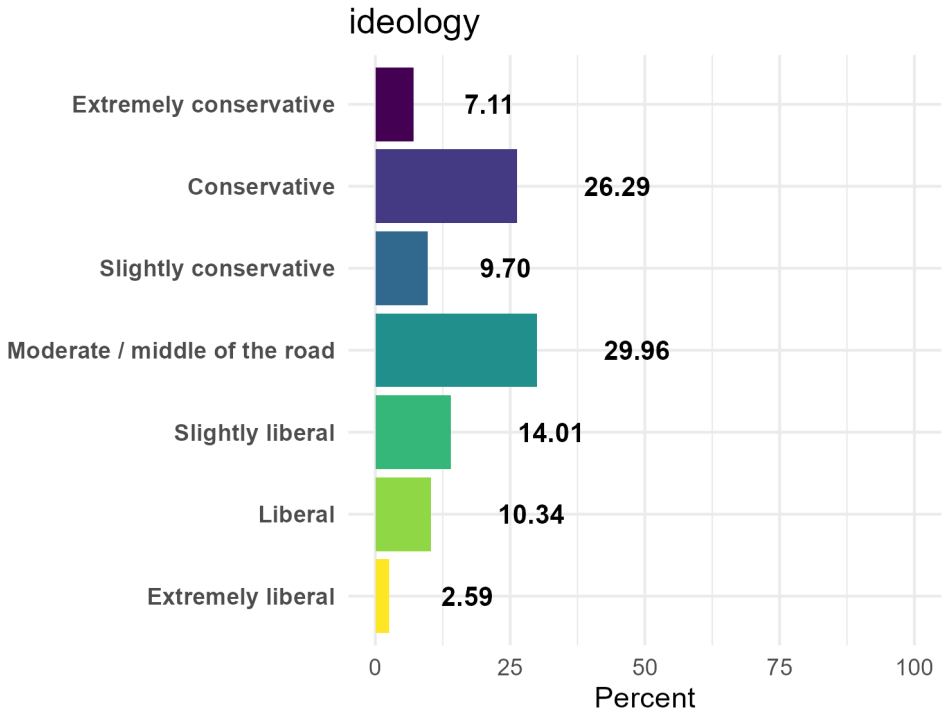


Figure 50: Marginal percentages plot for **ideology** variable