



CODE ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCES UPDATING AND PROGRESS





Why Code Enforcement?





Mayor's Racial Justice and Equality Report Recommendation

Housing & Gentrification Recommendation #2:

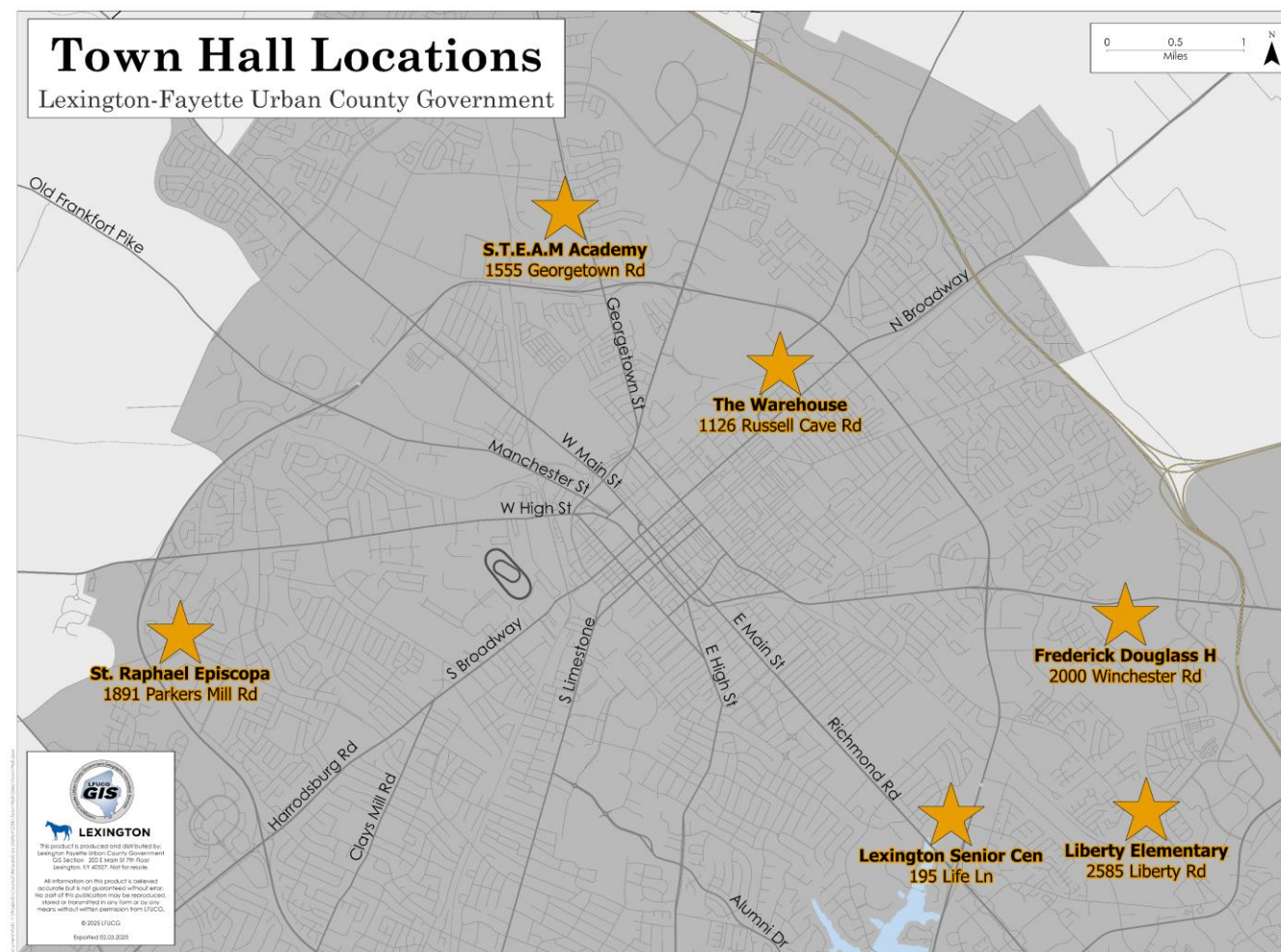
Changes must be implemented in the Division of Code Enforcement. Our recommendation is the Housing Code of the City of Lexington be re-imagined into a Code Agency that places the health, well-being, and protection of residents (especially the most vulnerable) and neighborhoods as its mission.





LEXINGTON LOCATIONS OF ALL TOWN HALLS

- The Warehouse
- St. Raphael Episcopal Church
- Liberty Elementary
- S.T.E.A.M Academy
- Lexington Senior Center
- Frederick Douglass High





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Code Enforcement Survey Results



711 Residents of Lexington Responded



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Response Distribution



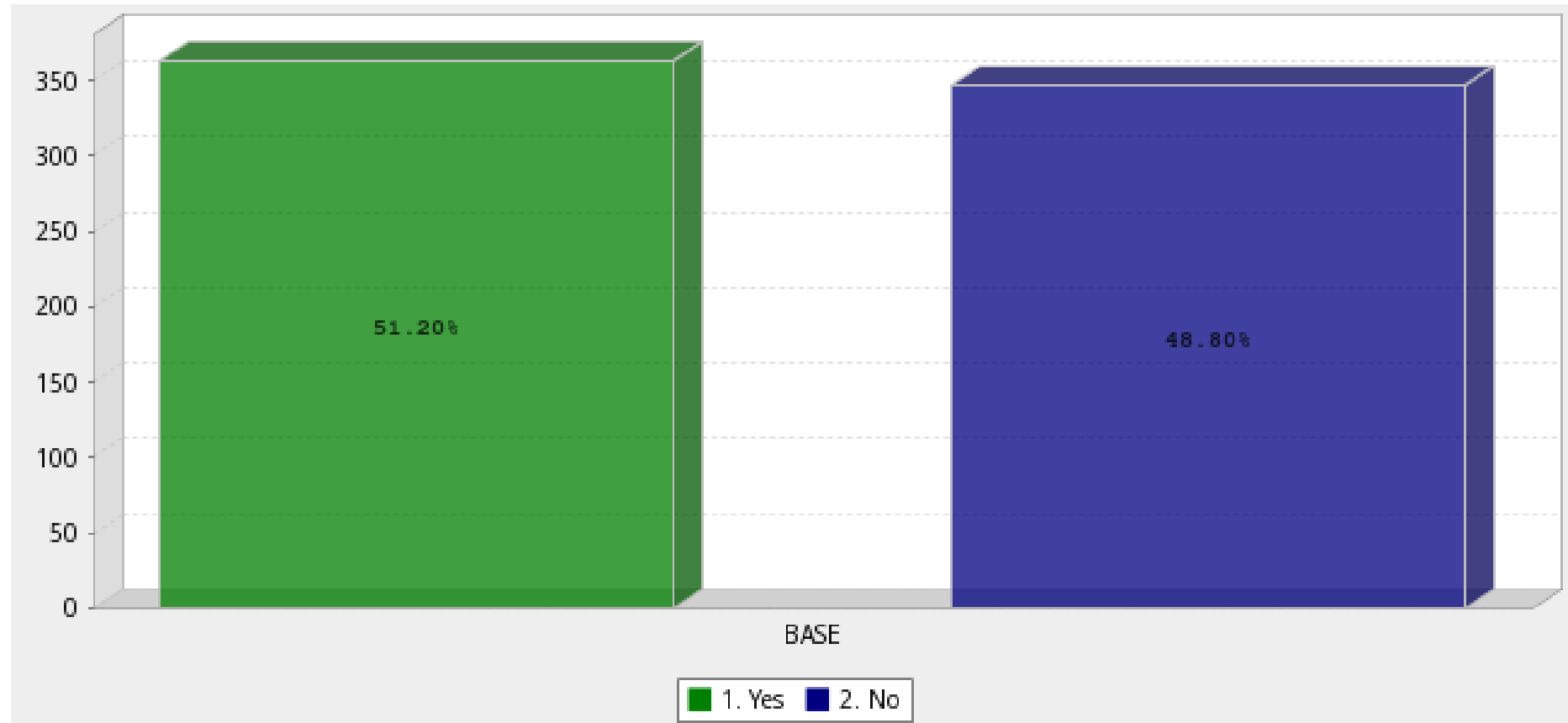
Countries	Responses
US	99.72%
NG	0.14%
PT	0.14%
Total	100.00%





51% of Residents Had Personal Experience with Code Enforcement

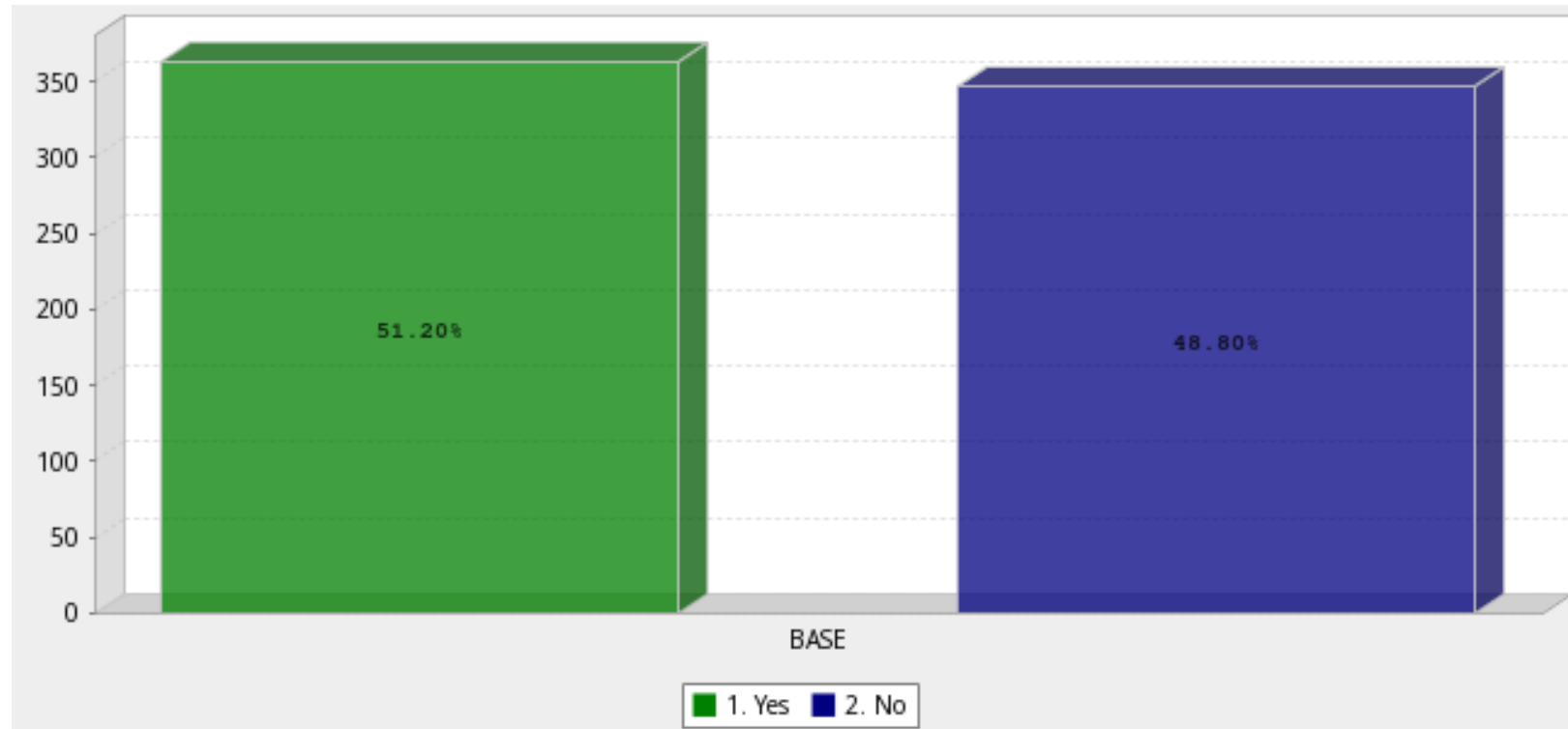
48% of Residents Did Not Have Personal Experience with Code Enforcement





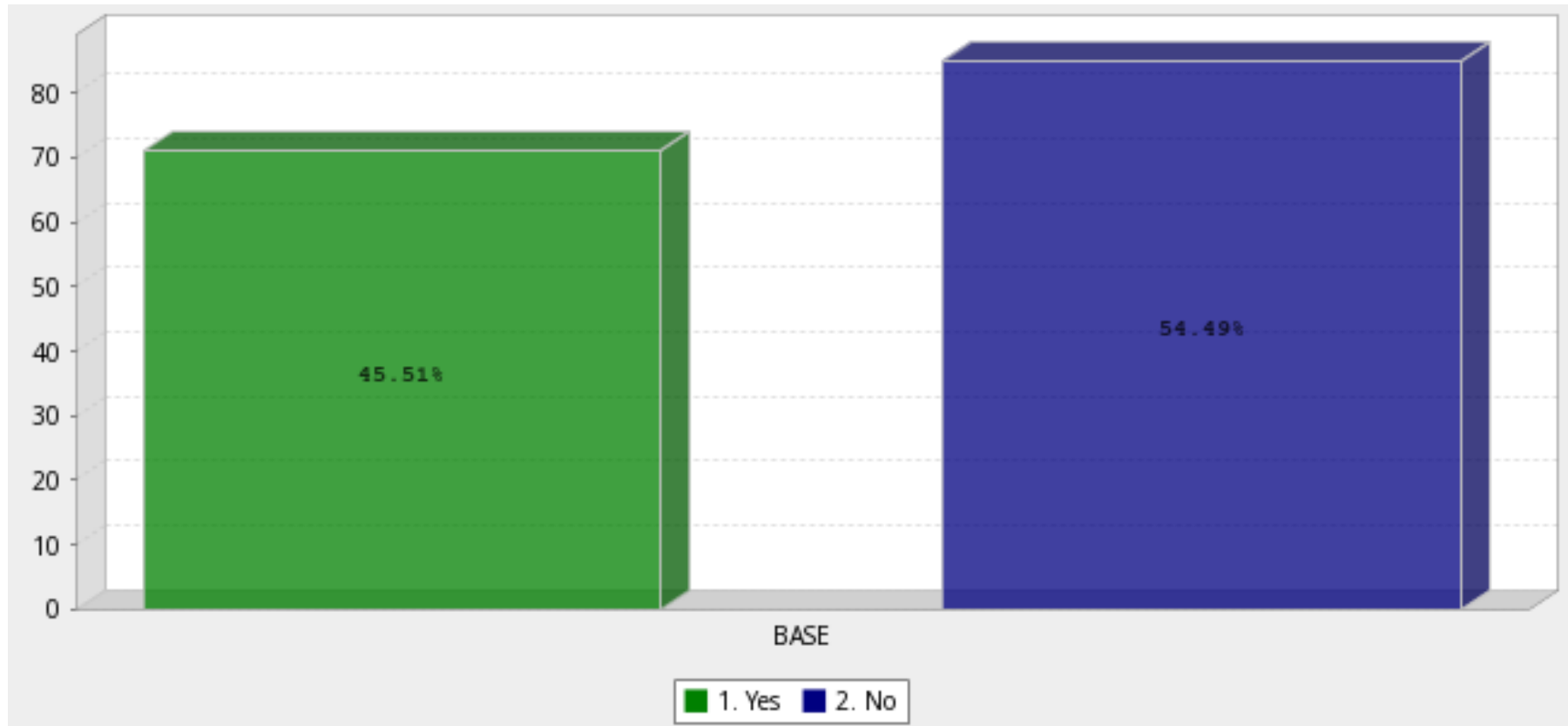
60.2% of Residents Made the Complaint to Code Enforcement

37.35% of Residents Received the Complaint from Code Enforcement



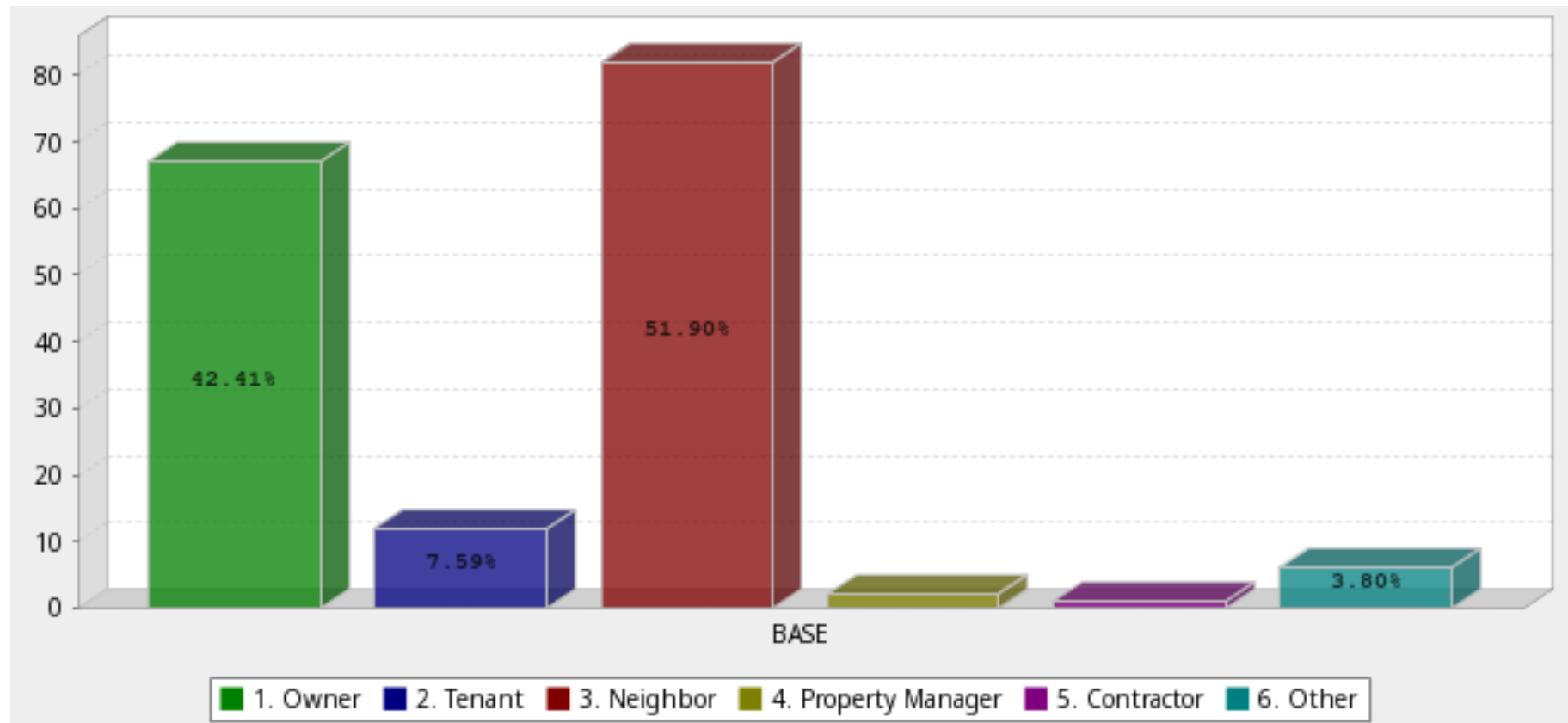


54.49% of Residents Were Not Notified of the Complaint or Request





51.9% of Residents who Received a Complaint or Request Identified as a Neighbor
42.41% Identified as an Owner
7.59% Identified as a Tenant





Demographics of Survey Participants

81.4% - Identified as White

6.98% - Identified as African-American/Black

6.98% - Identified as Two or More

4.65% - Other

.93% - Middle Eastern

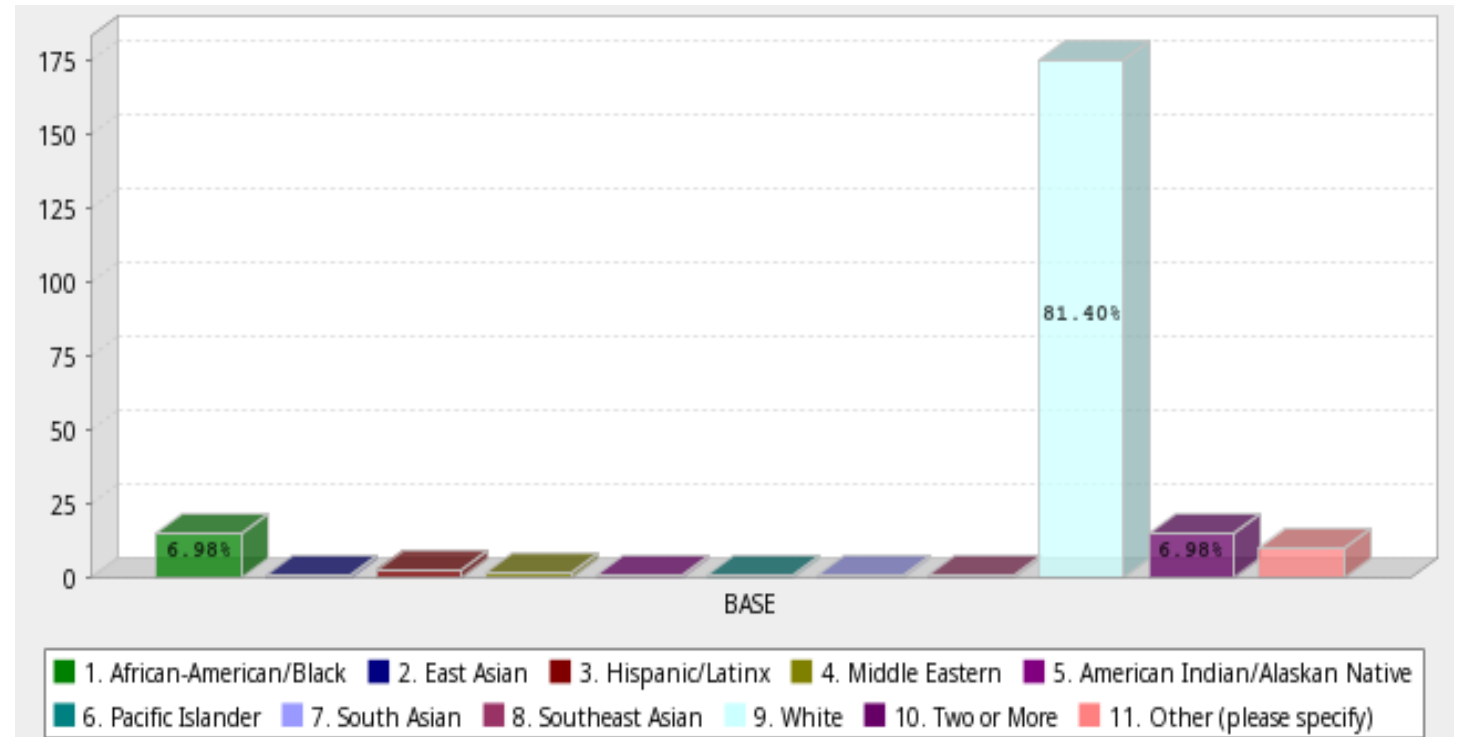
.47% - Identified as Hispanic/Latinx

.47% - American Indian/Alaskan Native

.47% - Pacific Islander

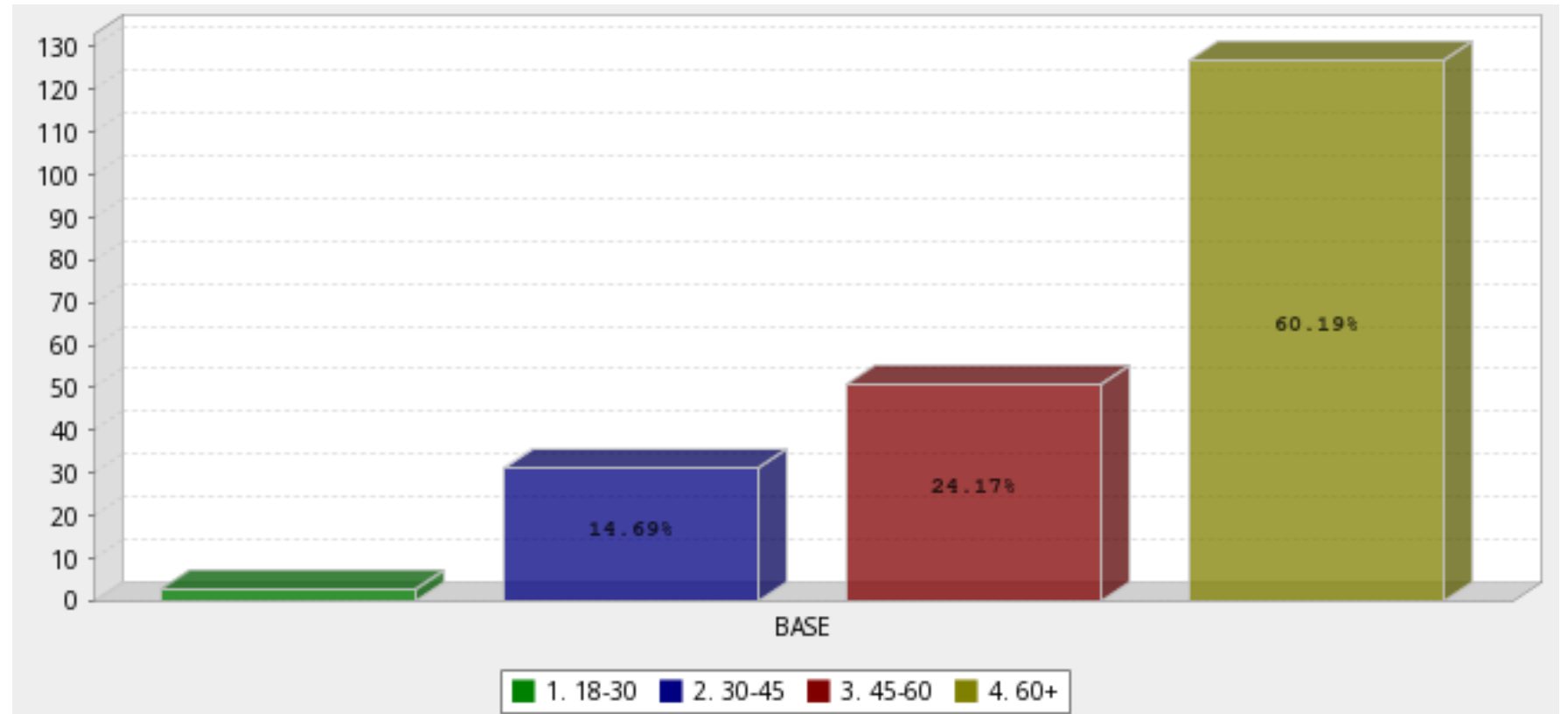
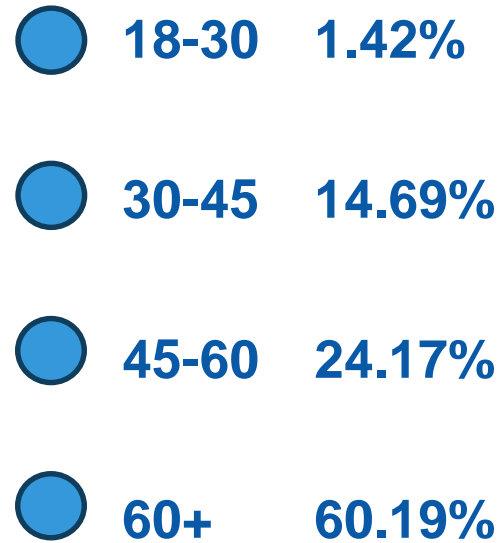
.47% - South Asian

.47% - Southeast Asian





Age of Survey Participants





Council District of Survey Participants

District 1 – 9.33%

District 2 – 6.74%

District 3 – 6.22%

District 4 – 6.22%

District 5 – 8.81%

District 6 – 16.06%

District 7 – 5.70%

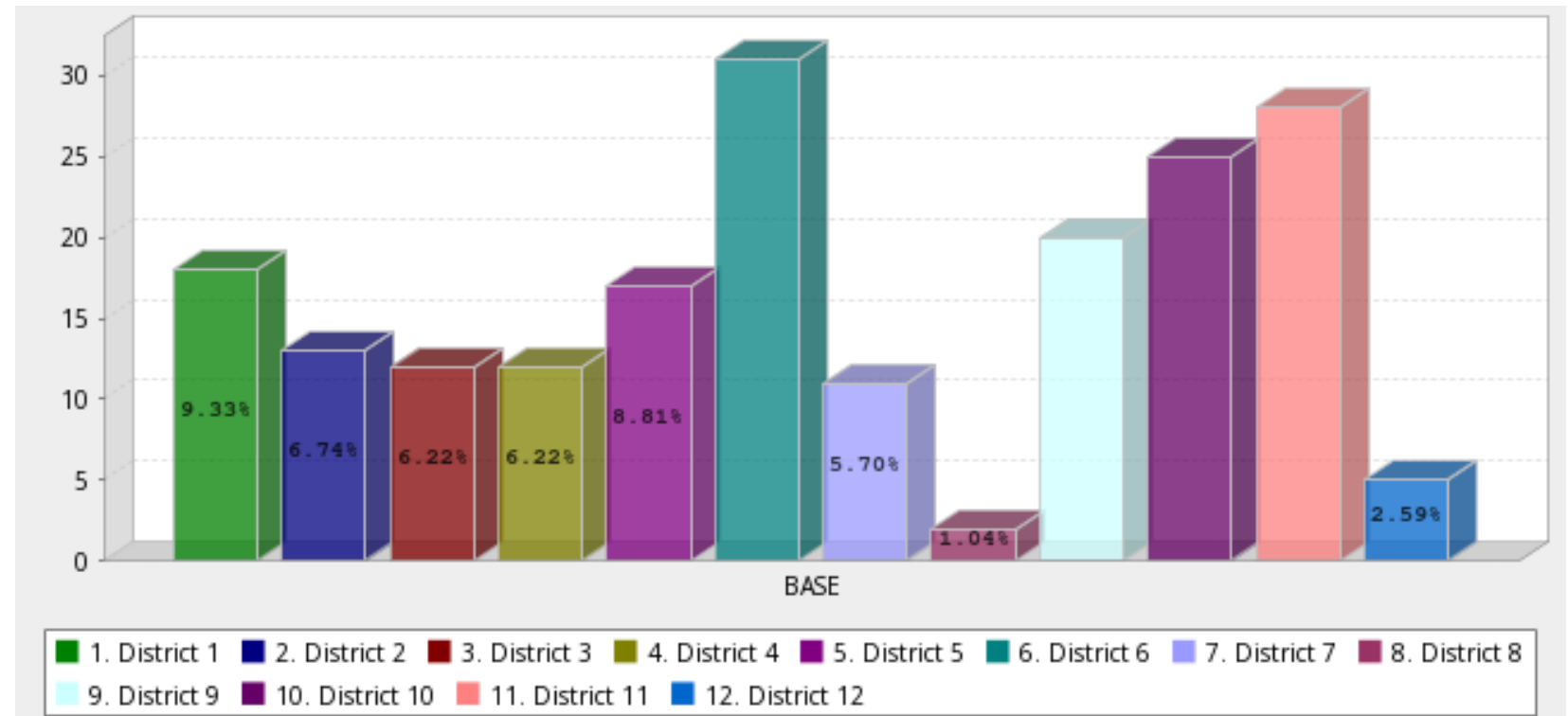
District 8 – 1.04%

District 9 – 10.36%

District 10 – 12.95%

District 11 – 14.51%

District 12 – 2.59%





Some Top Issues Reported in Survey

- No Follow Up from Code Enforcement
- Reports Missing
- Sidewalks
- Overgrowth, Trash/Debris in Yards, Cars Parked in Yards
- Code Enforcement Interactions





CODE ENFORCEMENT IMPROVEMENTS AND UPDATES





Improvements to Code Enforcement – Ordinance Changes





Division of Code Enforcement 2024 Annual Achievements Presented by Director Oliver Lee Steele





Division of Code Enforcement 2024 Annual Achievements

■ Certification

- Accreditation by the International Accreditation Service.
- All Permanent housing officer are licensed by the State of Kentucky and certified as at least a Residential Building Inspector Trainee.
- Encouraging staff to obtain further certifications.

■ Training

- Developed and implemented the first formal staff exam preparation and training program.
- Conducted in-house training for new HACD staff and Council aids.
- Cross training with LexCall and Code Enforcement staff.
- Holding monthly training for field staff on codes and standard operating procedures.
- Participated in the first and continuing LFUCG mentorship program.





Division of Code Enforcement 2024 Annual Achievements

■ Staff

- Recruited and hired our first bilingual Spanish-speaking female Housing Officer.
- Converted field staff to working 100% in the field.
- Reduced our office footprint by converting 3 office to computer hubs.
- Converted from iPads to laptops.
- First time the division is fully staffed since 2019.

■ Programs

- Housing Repair Assistance Program (HRAP). (ARPA to General fund)
- Sidewalk Program. (Increased funding & implemented sidewalk abatement program.)
- Increased abatement of nuisances and sidewalks to reduce fines against property owners while gaining compliance.
- Increased community outreach and attended town hall meetings.





Division of Code Enforcement 2024 Annual Achievements

- **Ongoing Efforts**
 - Continued to develop in-house training for certification testing
 - Reviewing code and software updates
 - Reviewing International Accreditation Service standards and goals
 - Reviewing and updating the divisions standard operating procedures.
- **2025 Goals**
 - Increase our staff's certification levels to a KY Residential Building Inspector or above.
 - Implement internal training for KY required experience to become a RBI trainee.
 - Increase promotional opportunities & employee retention by reclassifying positions.
 - Providing certification continuing education in-house to reduce costs.





LONG TERM GOALS



Questions?



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