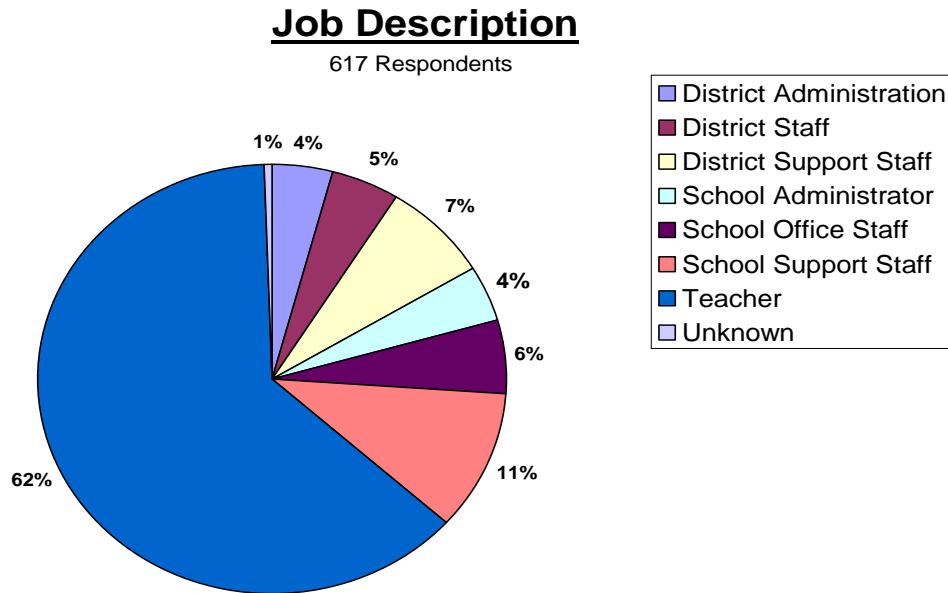


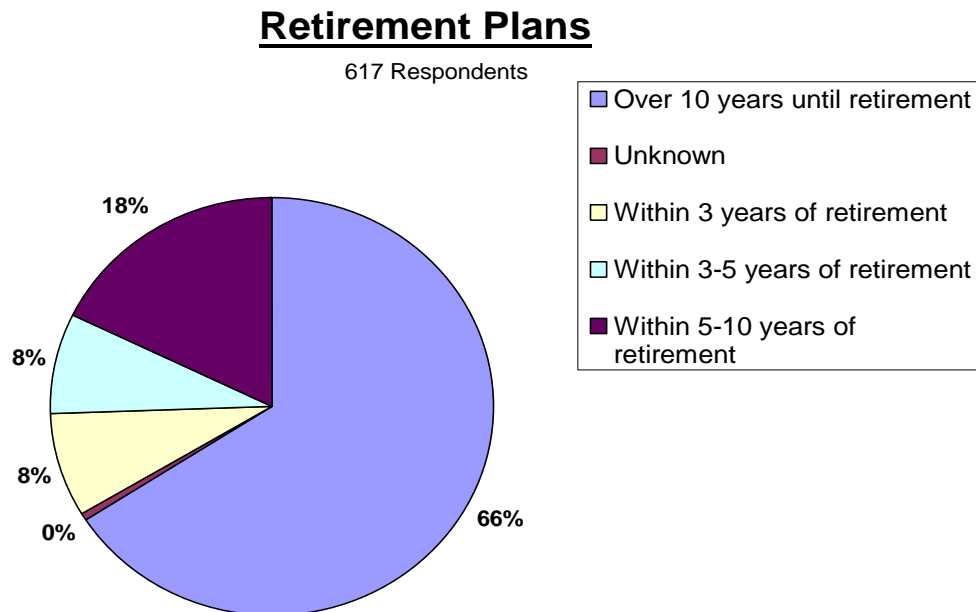
**Survey Conducted by Monroe County School District
February, 2007**

The Monroe County School District School Board requested a survey of district personnel to provide information to support discussions and decision making concerning future affordable housing plans for staff. The questions were selected and revised by the School Board members. The results are represented below in graphical format. If you wish to analyze the data further, an Excel file is attached labeled *Housing Survey Feb 2007.xls*

Question: Select the job description that best describes your work for Monroe County Schools.



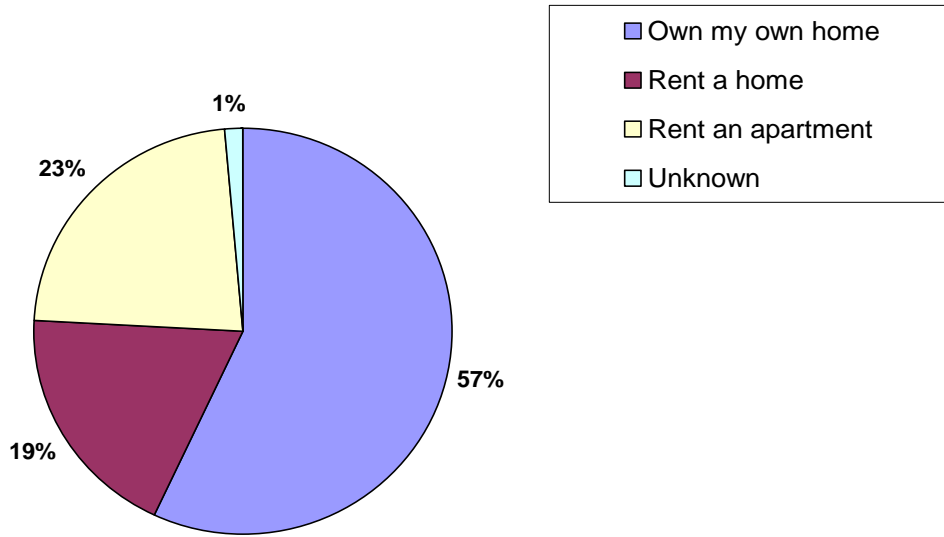
Question: Which best describes your retirement status with the Monroe County School District?



Question: Which best describes your living status?

Living Status

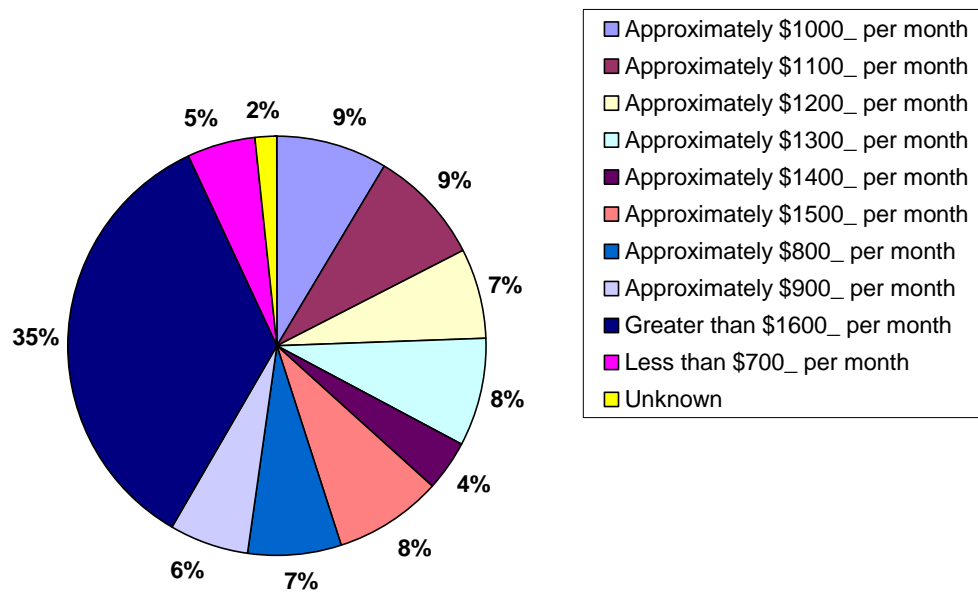
617 Respondents



Question: Please answer only if you rent. Including utilities, which best describes your rent and utility costs per month?

Rent-Utilities Cost

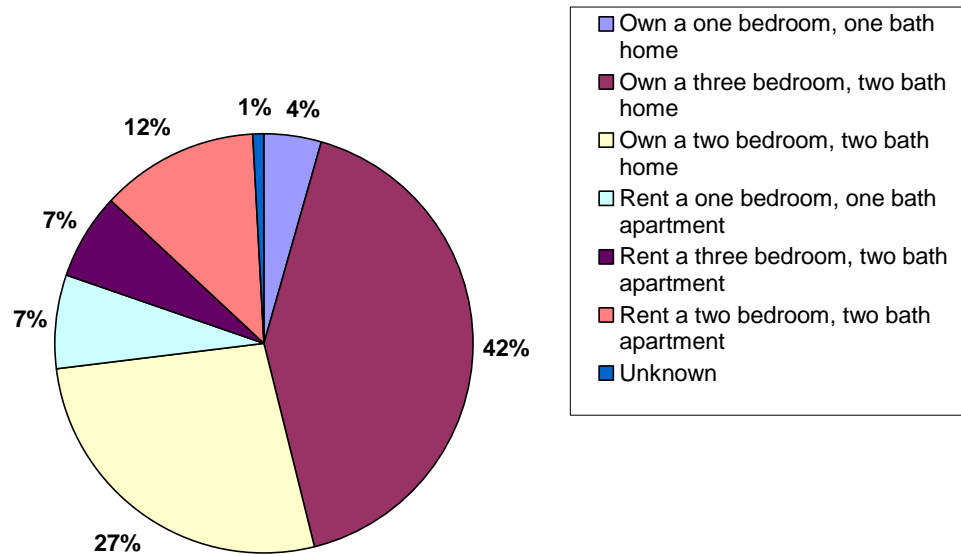
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Question: If you were looking at housing offered through Monroe County School District, which best describes your interest in the future?

Housing Interest

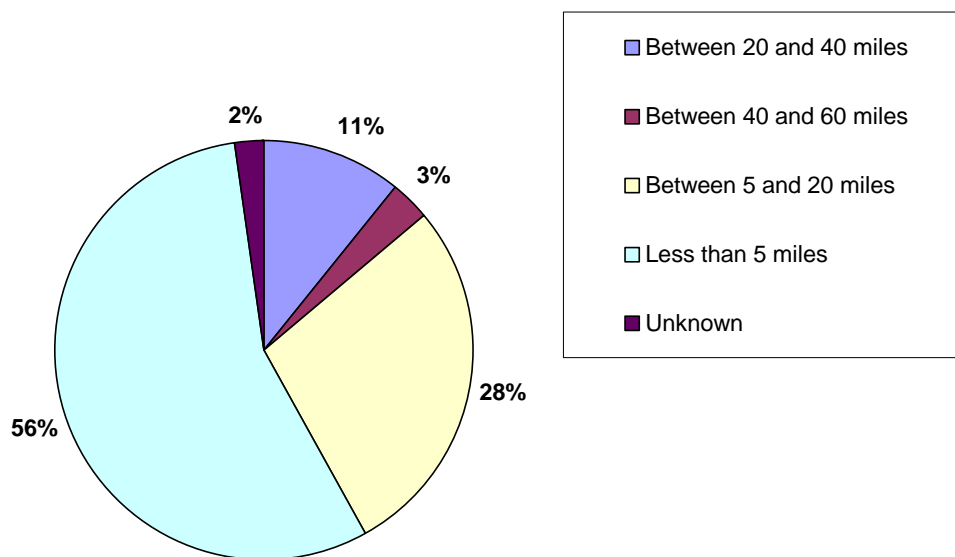
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Question: How far do you currently travel to your work location?

Current Travel Distance

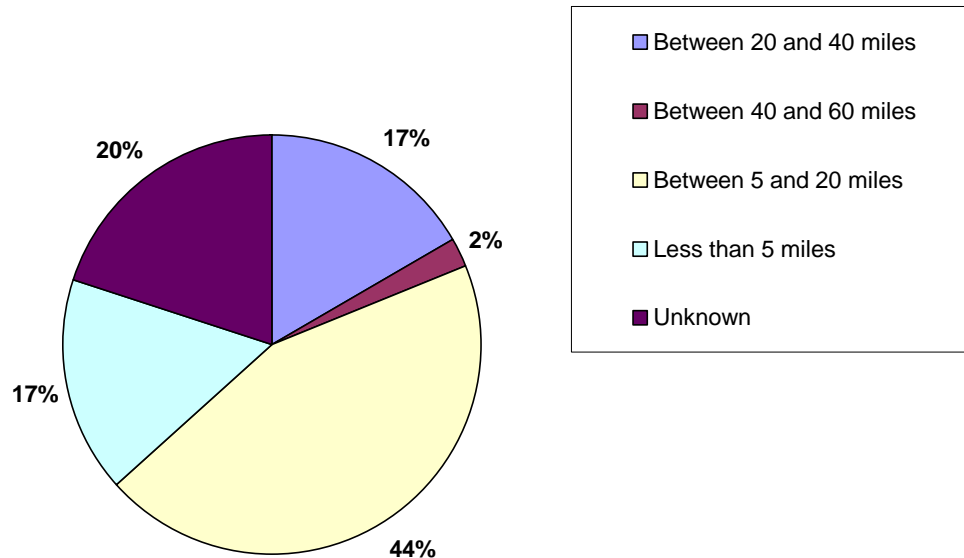
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Question: How far would you be willing to travel for more affordable housing?

Willing Travel Options

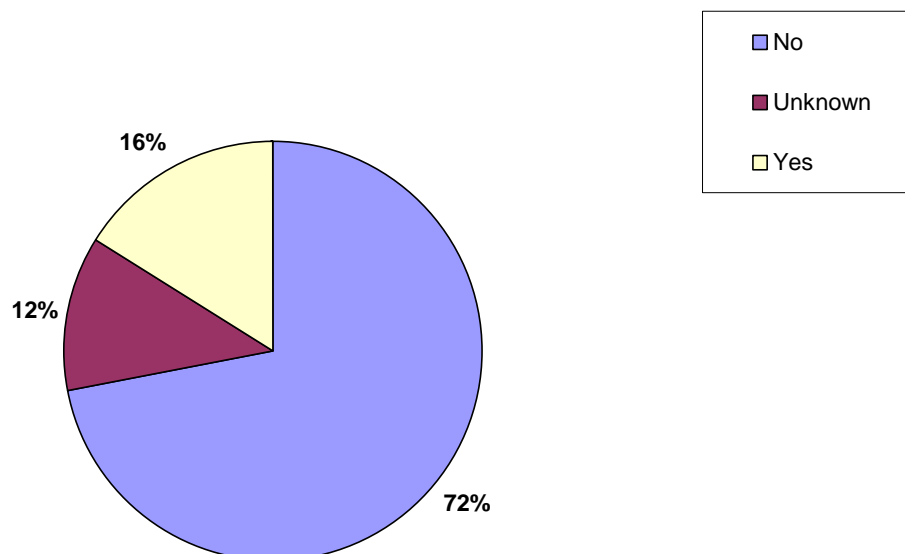
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Question: Would the availability of better transport, such as ride sharing, change your decision about staying/working in Keys schools?

Better Travel Options

617 Respondents



Comments sent to Superintendent Randy Acevedo after the survey:

Is there an appropriate way for a staff member to let other teachers know about an apartment for rent? I don't feel comfortable using the district e-mail for this. An on-line bulletin board might be helpful.

The medical insurance and the housing issues are the two huge issues for me. I have never really been sick before and yet in the last couple years I have had to dip into my savings (what was my nest egg from my house in Broward) to pay my medical expenses because of the horrible insurance we have here. I have spent more than half the money I saved to buy a house, now I doubt we can ever get one. It is very discouraging, to say the least.

The housing survey did not address the problem that I (and many other teachers) currently have. I own my own home. I was fortunate enough to purchase it before the housing market went insane. However, the insurance rates are going insane now. I received notification that my mortgage is DOUBLING next month. This is a result of the insurance and tax changes in the last two years. I have a \$10,000+ shortfall in my escrow and (obviously) increased payments from now until forever.

My insurance and taxes are *more than* my principal and interest. My parents paid to put me through college so that I could get a job and support myself. I have never asked them for a dime since. I had to call my father and borrow money to pay the back escrow. The other options were to forfeit my house or sell it and leave the Keys.

I realize that we have gotten significant increases in salary in the past few years. I appreciate it! I really do. But even those increases are not keeping up with the cost of living increases. This is my ninth year teaching at Coral Shores High School. I love my job. I love teaching in this school. I love the Keys. I would like to raise my son here. I would like to retire from this position. But I will not be able to if my mortgage keeps going up faster than my salary.

I live on a boat. I own my boat but pay slip rental. Where does that put me as far as the survey questions go? If affordable housing was available I would be interested. What about affordable slip rentals!!