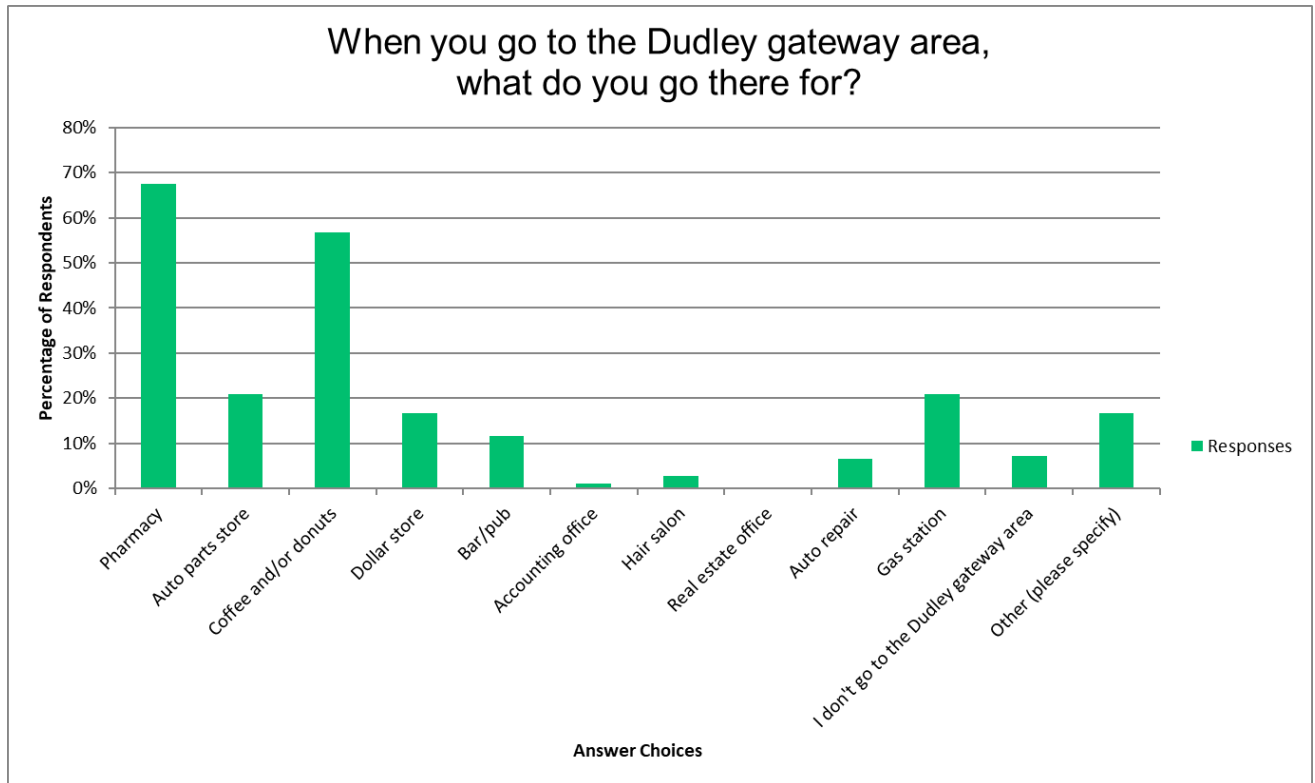


APPENDIX | DUDLEY GATEWAY – SURVEY RESPONSES

1. When you go to the Dudley gateway area, what do you go there for?



When you go to the Dudley gateway area, what do you go there for?		
Answer Choices	Responses	
Pharmacy	67.58%	198
Coffee and/or donuts	56.66%	166
Auto parts store	20.82%	61
Gas station	20.82%	61
Dollar store	16.72%	49
Bar/pub	11.60%	34
I don't go to the Dudley gateway area	7.17%	21
Auto repair	6.48%	19
Hair salon	2.73%	8
Accounting office	1.02%	3
Real estate office	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	16.72%	49
	Answered	293
	Skipped	11

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When you go to the Dudley gateway area, what do you go there for?

Other (please specify):

Dog grooming - Woofy's

I live there

Woofys Grooming

Biking

Live there

Use it as a shortcut to speed to the highway

On the way to my home.

Pass through to get to Webster

Home

Dollar General

On my way to the dentist in Webster

groomer

I live in this area

Clean up trash

Pass Through

I live here survey confusing. Bottom line I would like to see pastry shop, cheese shop - anything g tasteful and please forget about another motorcycle repair shop and tattoo shops

Dispensary

Fix the Hill St bridge to reduce traffic on Main st

I drive through the area to get to Webster

Travel through to get to highway

dispensary

I drive through there frequently to get to home on Charlton Rd.

Woofys dog groomer

To get to Rt 395

To get to Webster

What is gateway place?

Woofies

Passing through

Meet up with my running club

home

Most often passing through

Live there

I live here

I live here

to get to southbridge

my house is here

To get to the highway, Oxford, or Webster

Visiting

Going to Webster

library

On my way to the dump or mason rd school

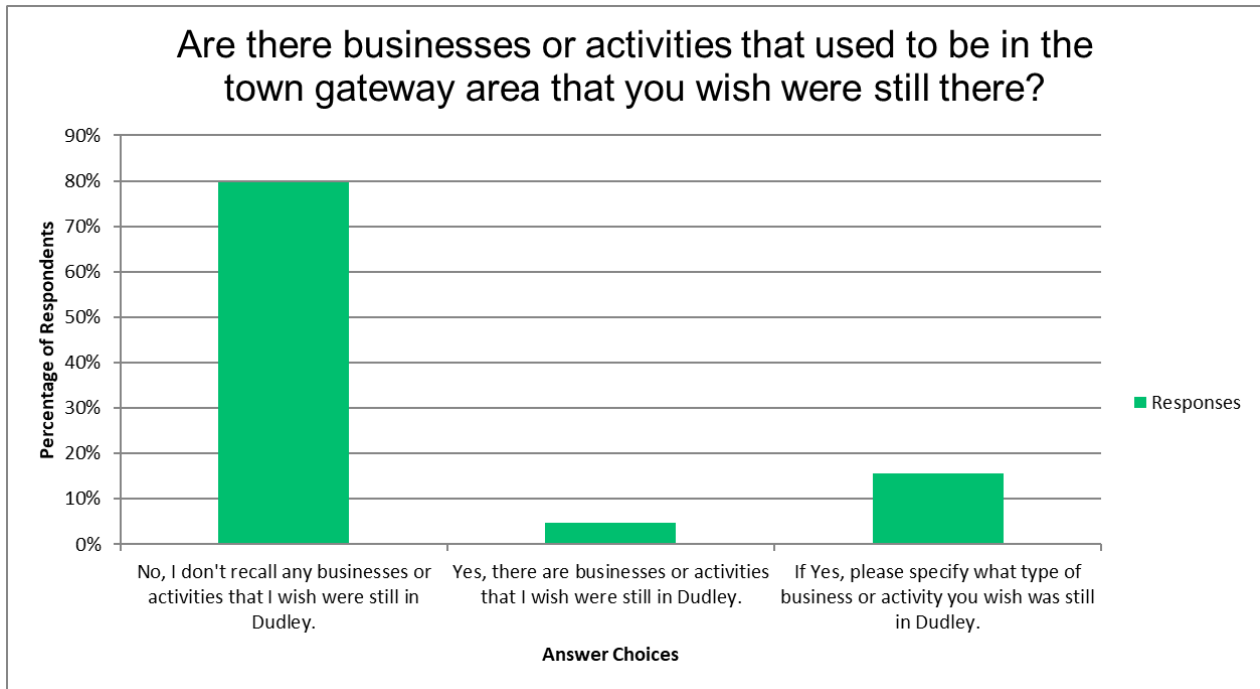
Work

Library

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To get to 395 or Webster stores.
Dog groomer
School pickup
I live there
Library

2. Are there businesses or activities that used to be in the town gateway area that you wish were still there?



If Yes, please specify what type of business or activity you wish was still in Dudley.

Place shop for everything. Use to have k mart but would also like to a cultural center. Would be great on Schofield ave. Great abandoned mill building. We need something for all ages and to bring people to Dudley.

retail stores/boutique shops / breakfast place

Jeans store

Variety store. (Gadoury's)

I did like the antique shop.

Decent restaurants

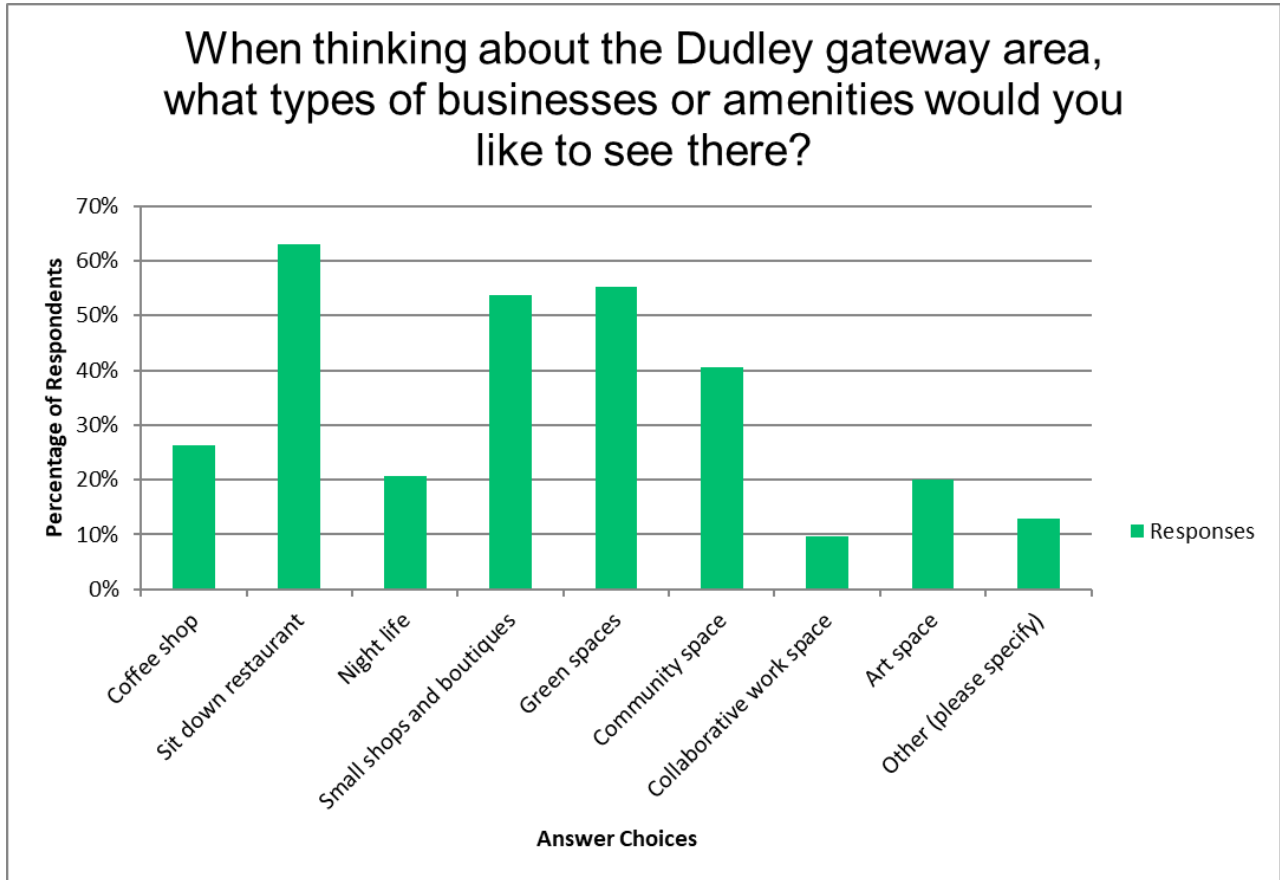
Places like the old variety store that used to be where part of the driveway is to Walgreen's and Zyggi's.

American car dealerships

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Ames,
I miss the old store right on the Webster side that got tore down
A nice restaurant like Saloon 6 or Black Dog on the main st. or Schofield Ave toward CT.
Jeans warehouse
The Coffee Cup
Restaurants
There used to be a linen factory
Second hand Clothing & Accessories Shop (favorite!), Breakfast Shop, Cobbler, Antique Shop
No idea what used to be there - relieved the tornado came through. Of course any harm to citizens is not ideal.
Indoor go karts
Fix the bridge at Hill St
Rub and tug
As
Sign shop
Antique store, shoe repair & a breakfast cafe
Big lots
The flea market was a fun spot to check out.
Antique shop
There used to be a shoe repair person there. No longer and I miss that
Jeans Warehouse
The linen outlet store
Textile manufacturing
Unsure, I moved to Dudley 13 yrs ago
Family entertainmemt, good restaurants,
Restaurants
Parks for kids
A nicer coffee shop! Something similar to the Rose Cafe in Webster.
Not sure what used to be there but would love to see a grocery store and more upscale shopping and dining
Coffee and breakfast place
shoe cobbler
Jean watehouse
Family Dining
A pharmacy other than Walgreens, a thrift store, a department store, an antique store, and a manufacturing/factory business
Playgrounds accessible by foot
another pharmacy

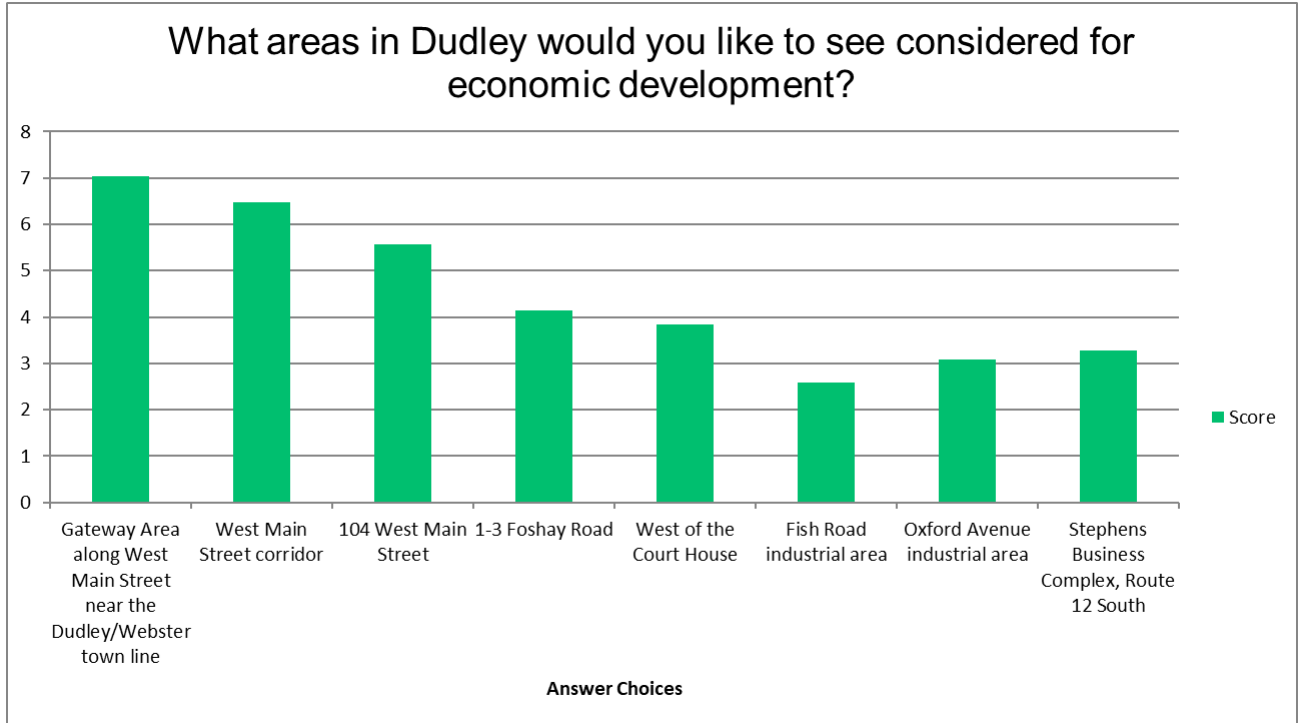
3. When thinking about the Dudley gateway area, what types of businesses or amenities would you like to see there?
(Select all that apply.)



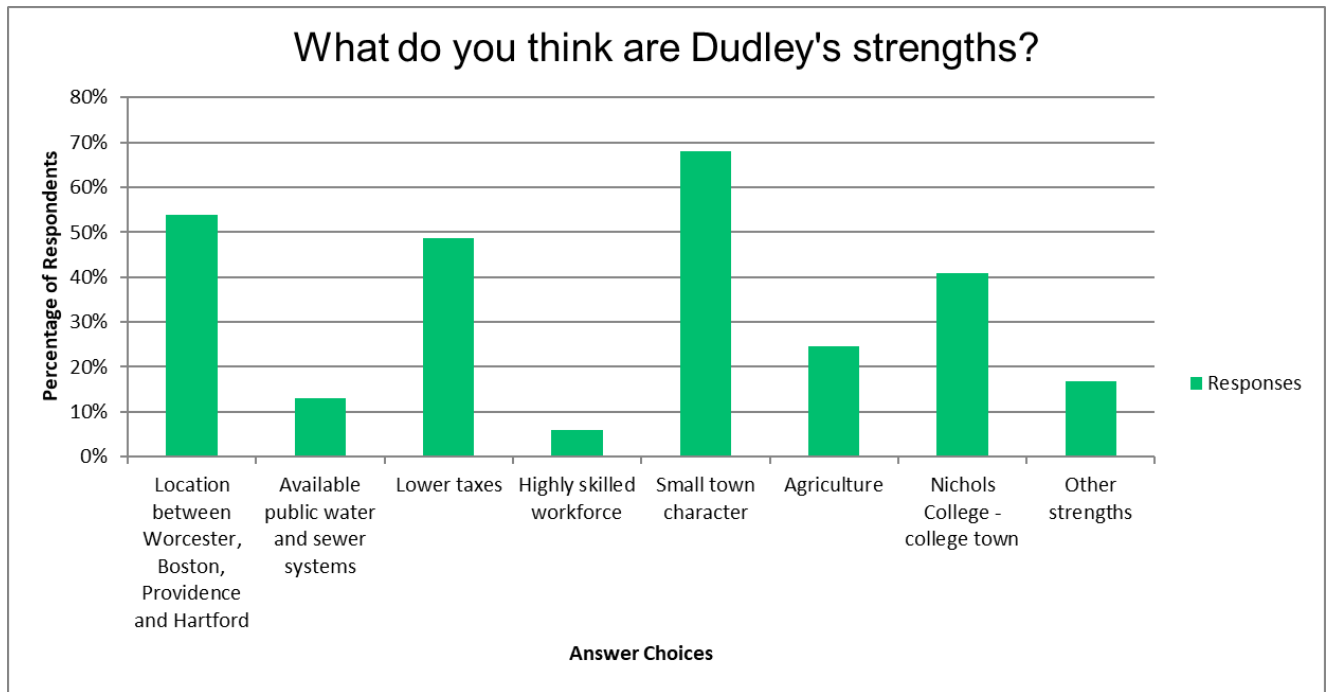
When thinking about the Dudley gateway area, what types of businesses or amenities would you like to see there?		
Answer Choices	Responses	
Sit down restaurant	62.99%	177
Green spaces	55.16%	155
Small shops and boutiques	53.74%	151
Community space	40.57%	114
Coffee shop	26.33%	74
Night life	20.64%	58
Art space	19.93%	56
Collaborative work space	9.61%	27
Other (please specify)	12.81%	36
	Answered	281
	Skipped	23

4. What areas in Dudley would you like to see considered for economic development?

For the purpose of this survey, economic development means encouraging new businesses and attracting residents to the area. Please use the locations on the map below to rank these locations in order of priority for economic development.

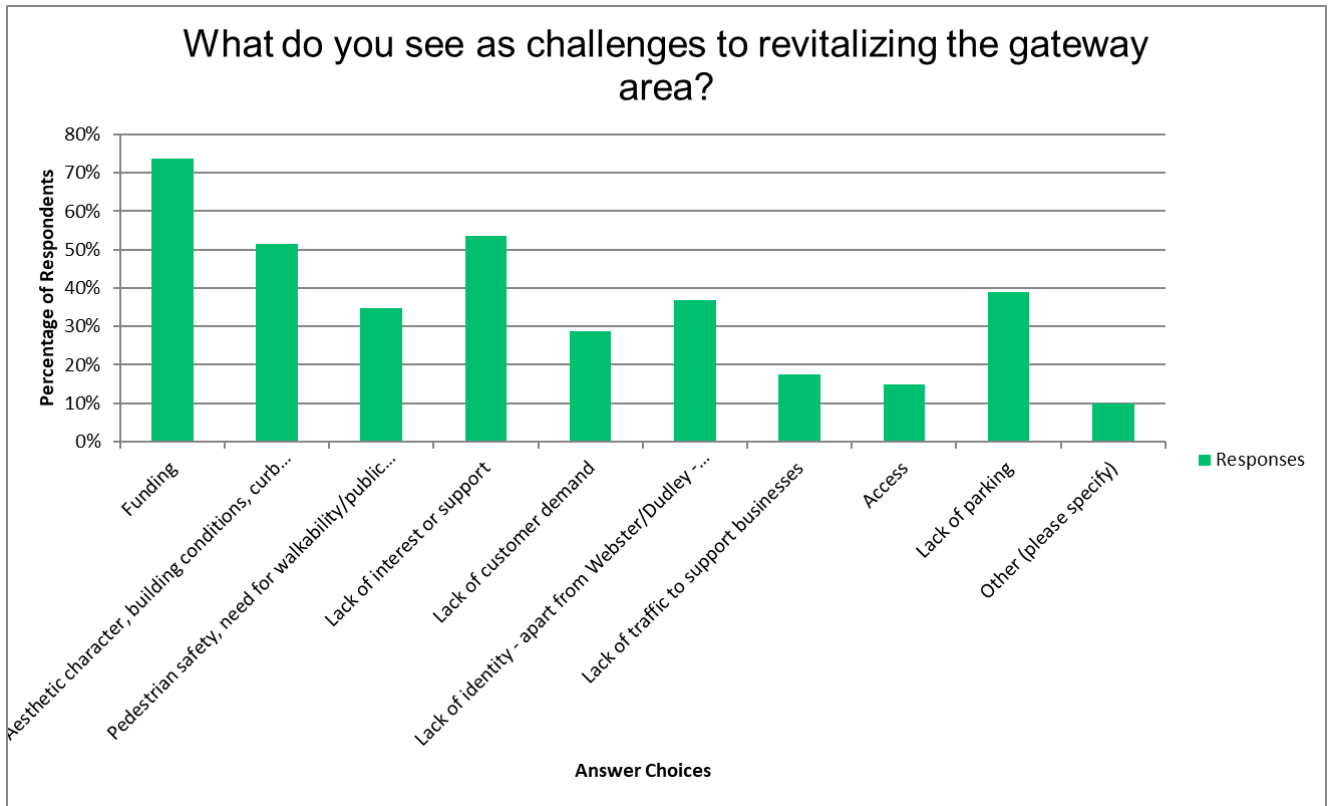


5. What do you think are Dudley's strengths?



What do you think are Dudley's strengths?		
Answer Choices	Responses	
Small town character	68.03%	183
Location between Worcester, Boston, Providence and Hartford	53.90%	145
Lower taxes	48.70%	131
Nichols College - college town	40.89%	110
Agriculture	24.54%	66
Available public water and sewer systems	13.01%	35
Highly skilled workforce	5.95%	16
Other strengths	16.73%	45
	Answered	269
	Skipped	35

6. What do you see as challenges to revitalizing the gateway area?



What do you see as challenges to revitalizing the gateway area?		
Answer Choices	Responses	
Funding	73.72%	202
Lack of interest or support	53.65%	147
Aesthetic character, building conditions, curb appeal	51.46%	141
Lack of parking	39.05%	107
Lack of identity - apart from Webster/Dudley - just Dudley	36.86%	101
Pedestrian safety, need for walkability/public access	34.67%	95
Lack of customer demand	28.83%	79
Lack of traffic to support businesses	17.52%	48
Access	14.96%	41
Other (please specify)	9.85%	27
	Answered	274
	Skipped	30

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Other (please specify)

Things to intise people to come here like Putnam. Nichols taking over everything in town and that has to stop . They pay no taxes and it takes away from the town

Not well maintained. Need more trees. Better code enforcement.

I would like to now where the water is coming from my water pressure is horrible already but keep raising my water bill

The town itself is so single minded. They do no think towards the future only wish that prices and taxes and even mentalities remain the same as 1970.

Sidewalks! Park, benches

Family homes do not need to be disturbed by more traffic especially on town roads that do not support traffic going both ways or at Dead End roads.

Constan water/sewer hikes, bogus elections regarding school fundinand poor dpw maintenance and pitiful, disregard for taxpayer concerns. Keep it up!

John Gumpert

Leave it alone

Projects taking too long

Hill st being closed

Negative politics

Lack of Main Street common

Stop asking us for money

West Main is too narrow for any additional development. This is not Oxford with a wide main street Traffic is crazy at certail times of the day.

Lack of road infrastructure needed to handle increased traffic flow along West Main Street that would follow with an increase in residential/commercial locations in the area.

We don't want our taxes increased for it

Location. It's a landlocked town. No highway access. No really "main St feel".

The dollar general

Certain town officials who shut down existing businesses before setting up conditional operations to allow for meeting requirements but remaining open until confirmed are met

committees usually cant get out of their own way so these things often end with something short sighted amd mediocre

It's mind-blowing to me that we are a college town without ANY businesses adjacent to campus. This is the nicest part of town but the town's people only poo-poo on the college. I wish the rest of Dudley looked like campus! Most college towns are great places to live precisely because of the students and the businesses they support but Dudley is only one dollar store and smoke shop after the next. Trash everywhere, poor roads, it's disgusting.

Please don't.

waste of tax payer \$

We all know with our recent tax issues that people will not want to use tax dollars to revitalize the area. It needs to be through grants and/or donations to get the people behind it.

Drug users, litter, poor property conditions

Giving to much to nichols where they don't pay town tax

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7. When you think about communities that you like to go to, what communities come to mind?

Responses	Answered	198
	Skipped	106
Marlborough...Clinton....Sturbridge.....		
Putnam		
Auburn, Putnam CT		
Worcester		
Worcester, Springfield. Metro Boston area		
Putnam		
Uxbridge		
Putnam, Grafton, Milbury, Westboro & Northboro		
Sturbridge Ma		
Worcester		
northampton		
A unique experience, Putnam, Sturbridge		
Putnam!! We should that town as a good model for some ideas		
Putnam!		
Places were police are allowed to enforce the kaw		
Sturbridge		
In our immediate area - Southbridge - Oxford		
Putnam		
Putnam CT, Oxford		
Small WELCOMING and charming		
Putnam. Nice places to visit and walk around.		
quiet		
Woodstock Ct		
PUTNAM CT, OXFORD MA		
Cape Cod		
Sturbridge		
Putnam, CT		
Northampton, MA		
Hudson, MA		
Cape Cod towns		
Progress and investment in their community and services.		
Putnam ct		
Worcester, Sutton, Southbridge, Woodstock, Putnam		
Putnam CT		
Plymouth, Lexington, Concord, Salem, Sturbridge, Princeton		
Putnam		
Any town with a competent town government & departments.		

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Auburn, Millbury, Worcester and Providence
Putnam CT, Newport, RI
Franklin, Plymouth, Hudson
Putnam CT
Putnam, Pomfret, Woodstock, Thompson
Sturbridge, Millbury
Agricultural, not densely populated, good police & fire services.
Oxford, Auburn
Woodstock, Ct.
Putnam, CT
Putnam, killingly
Sturbridge, MA
Worcester for restaurants. Putnam for restaurants. Milbury blackstone for shopping and movie theater.
Putnam, CT, Southbridge, Sturbridge
Putnam Ct
Millbury
Grafton
Uxbridge
Whitinsville,
Putnam, CT
Woodstock, VT
Great Barrington, MA
Worcester, Northampton
Oxford, Southbridge, Ogunquit, ME (favorite)
Putnum CT.
Putnam, Ct
Wolfboro, NH
Newport, RI
Northampton, Millbury, Charlton, Auburn
I like to go to the Bradley Theater in Putnam but parking is nearly non-existent. I would not want that in Dudley.
Sturbridge, Putnam, Auburn
Quiet woodsy areas with limited traffic. Areas where you can walk and not worry about being run over by some dipwad driver
Putnam, CT
New Hampshire
Putnam CT, Mystic CT, Sutton MA, Sturbridge MA
Daytona Beach
Putnam, Sturbridge
Putnam CT
Auburn
Putnam

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Putnam, Sturbridge
Community green spaces
Sturbridge
Community area park, picnic tables, trails
Putnam, Woodstock
Putnam
Putnam and Worcester
Putnam, Ct., Sturbridge, Cohasset, Hingham, Wellesley
Putnam down town areas, walking and parking
West Hartford ct
Manchester ct
Towns towards Boston, towns with a common, towns with a public park with a playground. Dudley doesn't feel like it has a center or a core, it feels like a pass-through, a hallway
Dudley. Home.
Charlton, Oxford
Green spaces, with near by restaurants, bars and shops to occupy a day with out spending loads but with options to do fun activities
Worcester
Putnam CT
Milford NH
Shrewsbury, Marlborough, Northborough, Westborough
Putnam
Western Massachusetts
Lee, Lenox, Sherburne Falls
Sutton
Auburn, Putnam
Vibrant downtown with a variety of attractions (Putnam, CT)
Sturbridge
Sturbridge
Putnam Webster
Walkability, charm, welcoming, good Main Street and commons,
Concord,ma
Fix the problems we already have
Sturbridge, Putnam CT, (we go to Boston often as we have no restaurants aside from reheat frozen foods, Back Bay, Seaport, North End)
Freeport,ME; White River Jct, VT; Milford, CT
Putnam, CT and Westerly, RI. Basically, any town with thriving local commerce and great shops. Lean into your college town vibe - it's completely unexplored territory. The millennial-set are leaving the cities, so give them something to do.
Provincetown to get some ass.
Putnam, Providence, Worcester

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Westboro Northboro
Community
Shopping, restaurants, parks for kids and adults
Oxford, Auburn
Putnam, CT
Auburn, Millbury, Shrewsbury, West Boylston, Northboro
Putnam. CT
West Hartford, Georgetown (DC) , natick, shrewsbury
Charlton and Oxford
Putnam CT historical area
They have a beautiful down town.
Dudley Oxford Sturbridge Portsmouth nh kittery me Jefferson nh Brattleboro vT
Keene N H ,
Shrewsbury, lots of bike trails to go on
Communities that have a town center with little shops to go to. Not chains or 5 pizza places in a 2 mile radius. Putnam, Oxford, Dayville, Sturbridge, Woodstock. Sturbridge, Hudson, Athol (for a low income town, lots of shops with community support)
Putnam, CT, Auburn, MA
Putnam...Webster should be better than Putnam
Boston, Worcester, Westborough, Northborough, Millbury, Auburn
Putnam, Woodstock, Worcester, Sturbridge
Sturbridge
They have a visible real downtown area and a Town Common. Dudley has neither. Unless the Town Common is on Center Road. Also sidewalks are needed on Dresser Hill Road. It is dangerous to walk on the street because cars speed up and down it like crazy.
Uxbridge is great. It looks and feels like a nice town, not just a crappy extension of another crappy town. There's also a sense of community as a result of the activities. I like communities with shops and restaurants like Sturbridge.
Walkable communities, kid and dog friendly, safe, different options for things to do
Business, restaurants, and charm
Putnam
Woodstock
Cape cod, Natick, south shore
Putnam, Sturbridge, Worcester
I think Putnam Main St is a great community. They have plenty of shops, community events, restaurants, small businesses.
communities that offer outdoor activities for the whole family
Iniquity ME area
Newburyport MA
Gloucester MA and RI

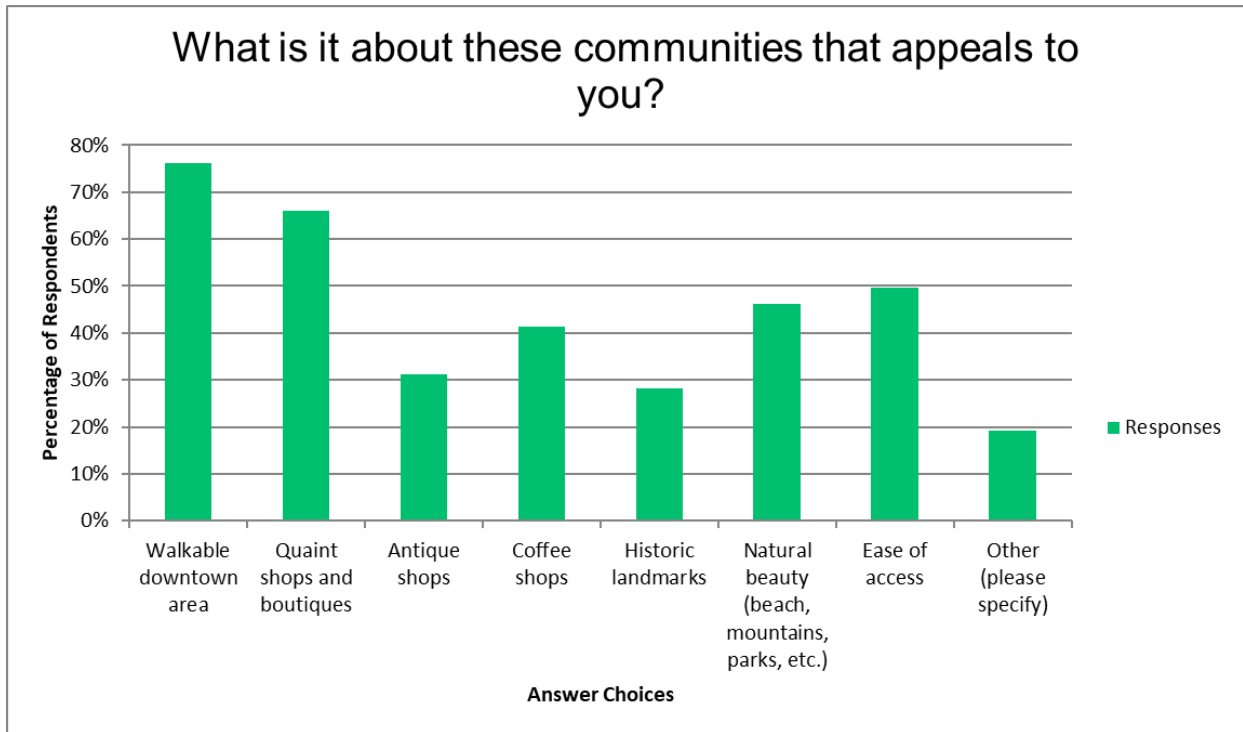
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Natick, Foxboro, anywhere with things for children to do
Auburn, Putnam
Uxbridge, Millbury, Sutton, Douglas, all of Rhode Island, Putnam, West Brookfield, Charlton Boylston Lancaster, Ashby, Townsend, New Hampshire.
Northbridge, Natick, Hopkinton, Shrewsbury
Putnam CT
Sturbridge, Charlton, Worcester, Hudson, Marlboro
Hudson
Putnam, Killingly, Oxford, Sturbridge
Woods and space.
Nothing is in Dudley.
Webster, Putnam, Worcester
Sturbridge, Putnam
Chepachet RI
Franklin - beautiful small town feel but incredible community and amenities as well as school system
Sturbridge, Webster
Walkable downtown with variety of restaurants, cafes, and shops. Frequent events/activities like farmer's markets, festivals (Putnam has done a great job with this! Love how they also display art outside vacant buildings) green spaces
Hudson
OXFORD
Mystic, CT
Sturbridge and Putnam, CT
Why compare to another, make it our own.. be us not them
Putnam antique district
Aesthetically pleasing ones downtown Putnam
All Dudley has is liquor stores, pizza and super markets.
We need nice restaurants and stores like a Target to fill some of these empty buildings
Putnam's center with the restaurants, theater, and shops.
quiet, low crime, a place to go riding in the woods and be legal
Oxford parades and functions held on their town common
Downtown Putnam is obviously great for restaurants. Quaint scattered shops/farm stores in Woodstock.
Small town charm, parks, playgrounds, trails to walk or hike
Safe, clean, family friendly, attractive, shops and food.
Shrewsbury
Locally Downtown Putnam. Not as local Kennebunkport, Newport
Salem,
Nearby Putnam!
Sturbridge, Auburn

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Putnam, Worcester, Sturbridge
Lots of things to do, interesting dining
Putnam
Putnam, Sturbridge
Putnam
Worcester
Putnam, Sturbridge
Putnam, CT
Putnam
Suburban Boston
Places that host free events for the community
Cape Cod
Barre
Sturbridge MA, Putnam Ct.
Sturbridge
Woodstock CT
Worcester, Millbury, Putnam, Oxford, Sturbridge
Auburn, Oxford, Putnam, Millbury, Worcester, Sturbridge, Woodstock
Putnam, killingly/dayville, Webster
Killingly/Dayville, Webster
Communities with better shopping than dollar stores.
Portsmouth, NH
Burlington, VT
Oxford, MA, Putnam CT.
Communities with town commons, community centers and town centers that have a sense of cohesiveness and networking between the entities. If they can't be in physical proximity to each other then at least having signage or branding that indicates this is a public space for use by the residents of Dudley.
Southboro, shrewsbury, Pembroke
Sturbridge, Brookfields
Millbury, Westborough, shrewsbury, Oxford
Putnam CT
Woodstock and Pomfret CT.
I enjoy walking to shops and exploring the town. It would be great to have access to antique shops, coffee shops, small stores, etc.
Oxford, pascoag ri, putnam
Putnam, CT
Sturbridge, MA
Oxford has an amazing community presence. They do town wide events frequently that are great success. They make sure to promote these events widely and frequently and to out of town people as well. Their downtown area is easily accessible, kept up nicely and usable for the public all the time.
Oxford, Charlton, Brookfield

8. What is it about these communities that appeals to you?



What is it about these communities that appeals to you?		
Answer Choices	Responses	
Walkable downtown area	76.17%	195
Quaint shops and boutiques	66.02%	169
Ease of access	49.61%	127
Natural beauty (beach, mountains, parks, etc.)	46.09%	118
Coffee shops	41.41%	106
Antique shops	31.25%	80
Historic landmarks	28.13%	72
Other (please specify)	19.14%	49
	Answered	256
	Skipped	48

Other (please specify)

Parking

a variety of stores

Restaurants Brewery

Affordable, quaint restaurants, theater.

Respect for residents and police allowed to do there jobs

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Restaurants and OSV
Pomfret, Thompson, and Woodstock in particular have done a great job maintaining their old New England character. We have some of this with the hill and the Black Tavern. Putnam has become a destination due to its concentrated area with the revitalized K-mart plaza that started in the 1990's, and the downtown now has lots of great eateries, shops, and music & theater venues.
Ample parking
Restaurants
Bars and restaurants
Less corruption and less taxes
The rusted bridge
Energy in downtown, good restaurants, pretty natural setting
Anything g tasteful - PLEASE no more tattoo and motorcycle shops.
Sense of community- Dudley has no sense of community or town spirit compared to Southbridge, Charlton, or Oxford
Restaurants
Restaurant/ Bars
Clean
Leave the town alone
Fine Dining, Casual Dining, Farm to Table Restaurants
Strip clubs.
Diverse restaurants and bars
A theater
Access to new housing developments, stores, restaurants, forward-thinking local government
They're playgrounds and family-friendly areas aren't neglected pieces of scrap. Oxford has a splash-pad. The playground at the police station and the public beach at Merino Pond are an embarassment.
Restaurants
Pickle ball courts
Parking
Restaurants, other amenities
Things for children to do
Walkability is the single most important factor if you want people to frequent an area. That and parking.
Variety of things to do
Nothing
Shopping, dining, medical services
Farmers market
Restaurants and stores within minutes and clean!!!
Shopping, walking trails
Restaurants
Nothing to say
a place with alot of woods and trails to ride on
Clean and safe

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Restaurants

restaurants

Yankee Spirits

Walking/bike trails, shopping, quality restaurants

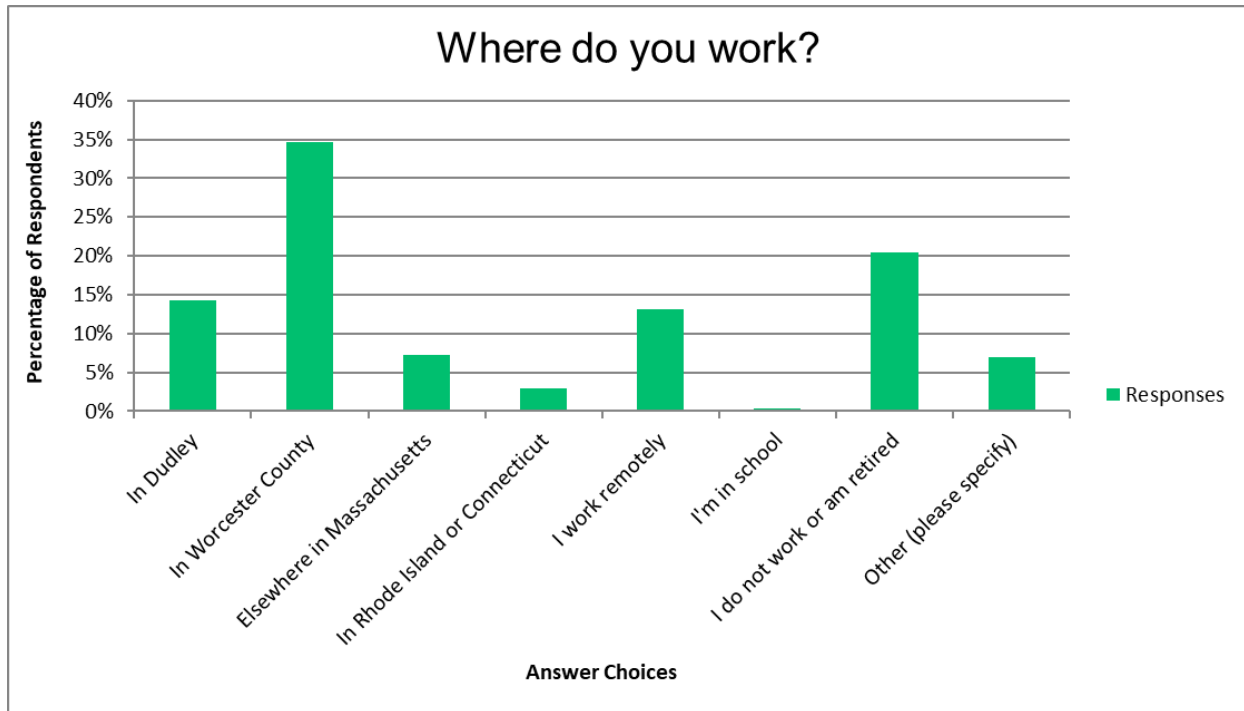
Walking and bike trails, good restaurants

Community parks, playgrounds, and lakes

Community centers

Restaraunts

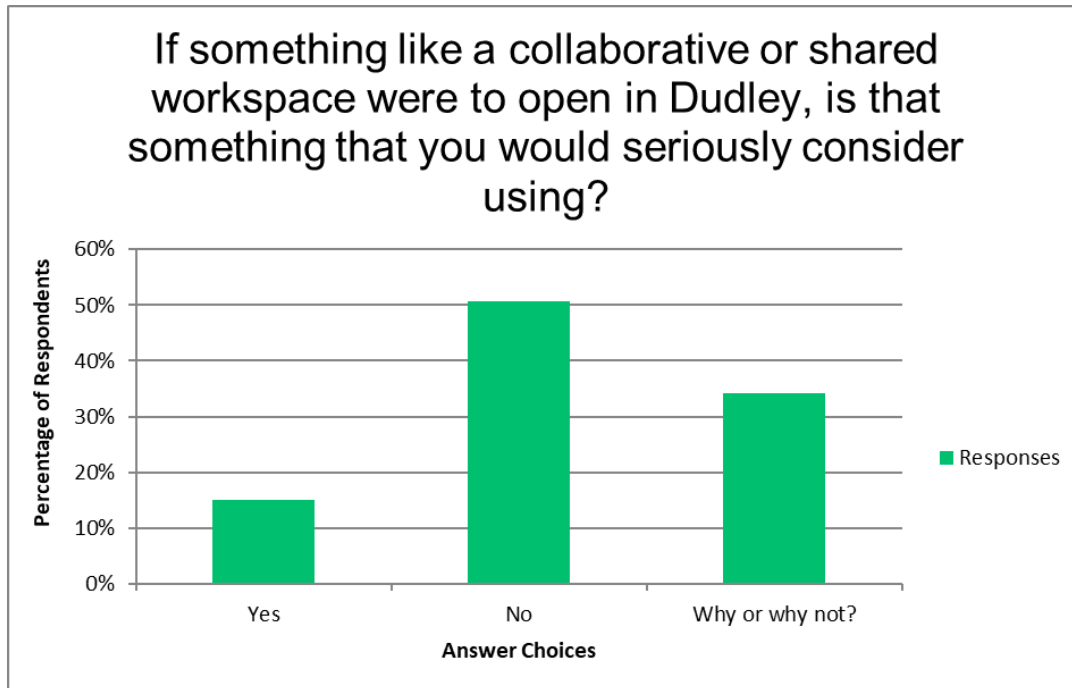
9. Where do you work?



Where do you work?		
Answer Choices	Responses	
In Worcester County	34.67%	95
I do not work or am retired	20.44%	56
In Dudley	14.23%	39
I work remotely	13.14%	36
Elsewhere in Massachusetts	7.30%	20
In Rhode Island or Connecticut	2.92%	8
I'm in school	0.36%	1
Other (please specify)	6.93%	19
	Answered	274
	Skipped	30

10. If something like a collaborative or shared workspace were to open in Dudley, is that something that you would seriously consider using?

(Note: A collaborative work space is a shared work space that allows people to rent a small office where many amenities are shared with other people renting there.)



Why or why not?

Not needed for my family

I have a nice office at home and would not be reimbursed from work
not in my job field but i'm sure others would.

Retired

Not something I need

not a business owner

Like where I work now

How would this be appealing to the general public, especially on weekends?

We have spaces in town that are empty fill those first

I can work remote from my home

My career does not need a work space

Great idea, but it's not for me with my line of work.

Idk

I prefer privacy

Doesn't apply to my job

Not applicable to my career

Not indicative of my job

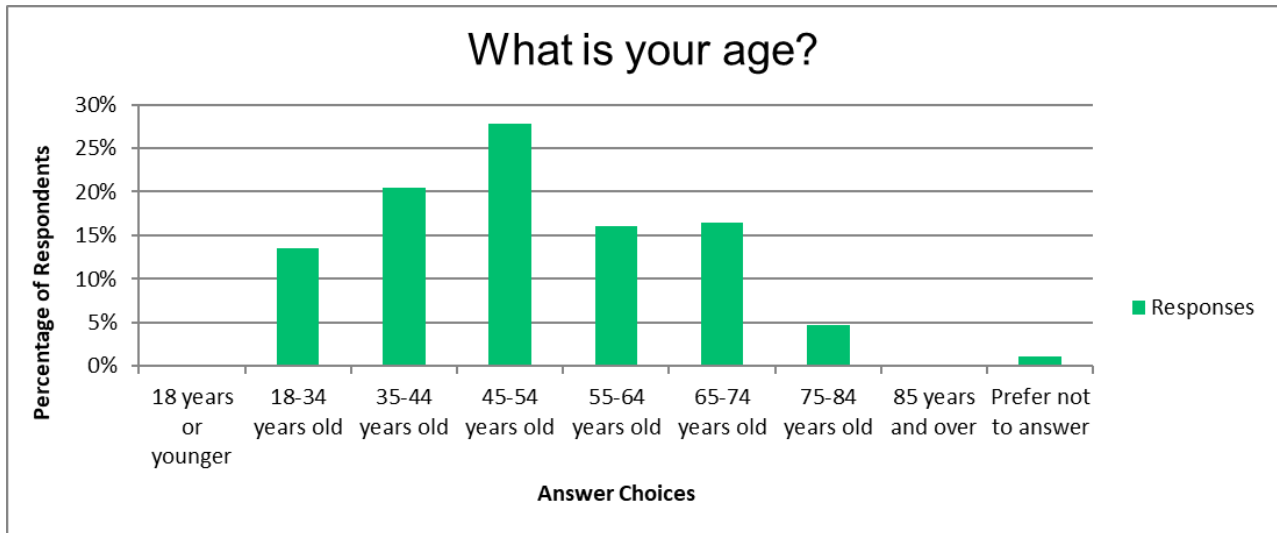
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Retired but agree with the idea
I can't do my job remotely; otherwise, I might consider a WeWork style location.
to many current vacant properties
It's a good idea since many people work from home and that may get them out of the house and into the community
Retired
Not needed
Because I have a home office, and am no longer actively working
Retiring
Retired
retired - previously worked from home and have the equipment I need
I don't need this, but others might.
I'm retired. I wouldn't use it.
Sometimes finkel odor can be overwhelming
My office is in auburn
No personal need
N/A
Could attract trashy shops
No need
My career doesn't apply to this
I have no need.
As a service provider or user?
I don't have a business
I work in a privately owned office.
Fix the problems we already have
No need!!
Work not conducive to this type of space; might consider for creative space if (pottery, baking, etc)
Home is better.
When I do work from home, I have a great home office setup already
Don't have that type of business
Work in school
Community hall area for events
I would use it but I don't see the demand for that in town
No need for a workspace - retired.
Retired
I work remotely
I work for construction company
I work from home - I don't need shared workspace.
N/A
I have an office space. I will work there. If not I will work at home.

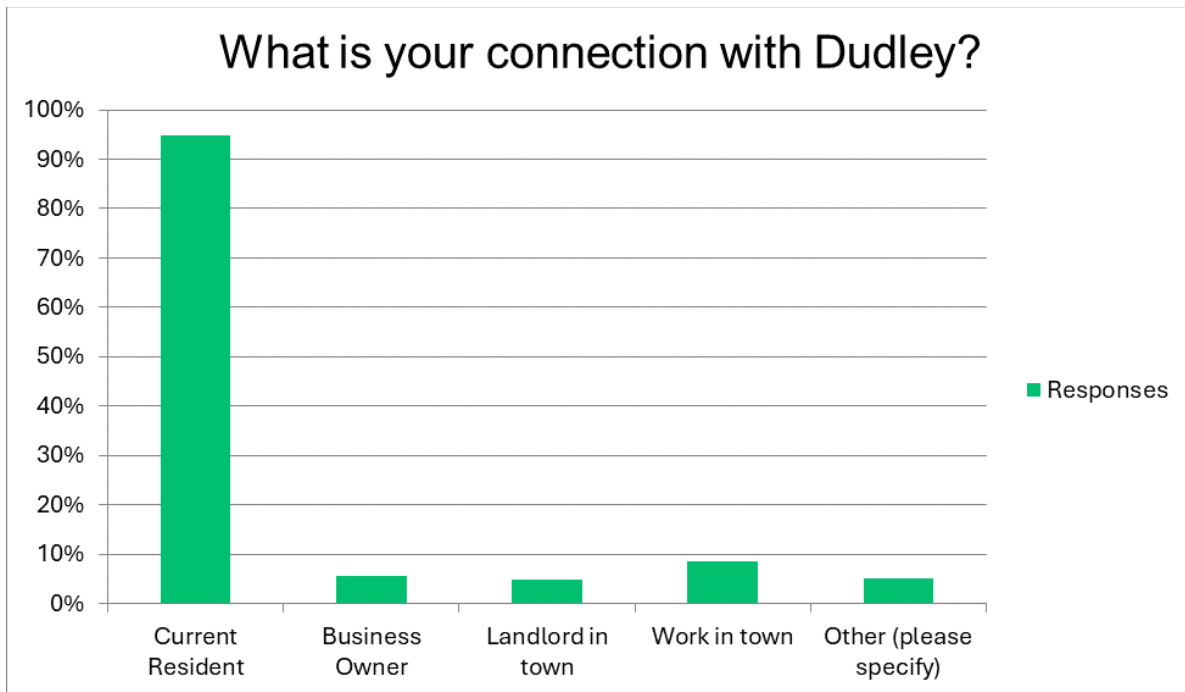
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I have a home office.
Not needed.
I don't need an office space, but I would go to it to do visit the businesses if they offered services or sold goods
No interest
Retired
I am not working any more. Collaborative artist space I might use
I own a home daycare. But if I could find a way to use it I will
no need
Retired
I would have no need
I work from home
I WFH two days a week and I don't want to pay for something I can do at the comfort of my home. It's an idiotic idea.
Irrelevant to my needs
It would depend on who or what the workspace was used for
No need for my job
Happily retired
Not needed
Not needed for me personally
Too remote
Job not conducive to a shared workspace
RETIRED
Not feasible
I work in a Dental office
Retiree, but I think it sounds like a decent idea.
Tight budget, but my husband works remotely, so may consider for the future
N/A
Have a home office
no longer work
I work from home, with a set up provided by my employer
I am retired
Makers Space for Woodworking, Welding would be great
Don't need it
It would not benefit me for my work, but if it could be open for very short term rentals like a conference room for club meetings I would be interested.
don't have the need for it.
No. Look at what is happening in Boston with commercial office space losing tenants and loss of tax revenue. Collab spaces are a trend and by the time Dudley gets this project underway, we'll be on the tail end of said trend.

11. What is your age?



12. What is your connection with Dudley? (Select all that apply)



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What is your connection with Dudley?		
Answer Choices	Responses	
Current Resident	94.87%	259
Work in town	8.42%	23
Business Owner	5.49%	15
Landlord in town	4.76%	13
Other (please specify)	5.13%	14
	Answered	273
	Skipped	31

Other (please specify)

Former redidrnt

Lived here since birth, taught in regional school system for 40 years

I have lived in Dudley most of my life. Hate to see the town grow into something it is not. I like my quiet area. Fish Road

Volunteer

All of the above

Life long resident

Lived here all my life

Family owns business and rental property

Family there and returning to live there within the year

Former resident

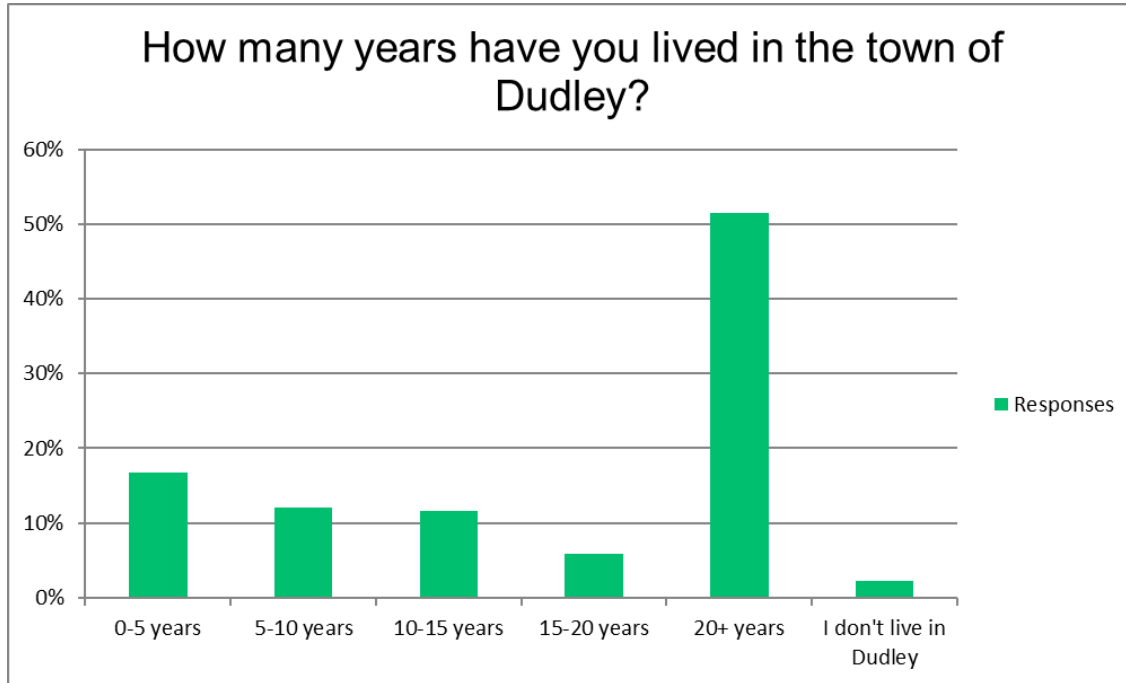
Grew up in dudley

Lived in Dudley for 50 years. Webster now.

Nichols Student, introduced to community

Resident of Webster

13. How many years have you lived in the town of Dudley?



14. Please tell us about anything we did not cover in this survey or any additional comments you have. (Optional)

Responses	Answered	81
	Skipped	223
Need some things that just don't exist in southern Worcester county....a sonic restaurant...chick fil a....outside seating restaurants...retro arcade		
Community theater with art studios and get little places to eat and conversation. Something to attract people		
The last few years our small town keeps upping the tax rate and is going to price out the citizens if it keeps doing this. People on a fixed income can not accommodate this large increase in taxes easily.		
Fish Road should NOT be considered a suitable area to put a business. It is a narrow windy road and it's mostly residential. There are no sidewalks and no places to park.		
Development of town beach, its hidden but should be promoted as a communitrt asset that requires a big refresh. Lack if youth programs like swimming lessons, no camp or summer rec program		
The process needs to realize that Dudley is a destination. We are not Off a major interstate. Often mentioned people would like to see franchised businesses in Dudley. That is a longshot. Because franchised businesses want to be located in highly visible areas off of major interstates. Anything new needs to accommodate the community itself and surrounding communities.		
Are residents invited and willing to serve on the revitalization committee?		

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Take care of residents and stop letting the college run the part of town next to the college how many times do people have to call for a officer be out around hall rd are it's a racetrack

It would be great to have more green areas and parks. Clean up and maintain the beach behind Mason road. A coworking space would also be great! And if space allows, revitalizing the gateway area and down by cumbies/fire station.

It is not government's job, either by law, intent or mandate to put a finger on the scale of commercial economics. Businesses should thrive or fail because they do so naturally. I would not support any tax dollars, local, state or federal to support this.

I would love to see an updated Senior Center. Other towns have great programs that I use all the time. Dudley is so limited. Our library could be used more. I wonder if citizens know it's there. No sign on West Main that indicates a library is close by. Also something could be done with the old Library. However, that intersection is a mess with the donut shop traffic.

Looking forward to what might come out of this interest.

fix the bridge on hill street PLEASE

Crime

Completing the rail trail connections together would be a welcomed experience

Dudley does need to encourage more businesses to come to town in order to increase tax revenue and attract more residents to move here. We also need to have a more central town square or town common on West Main Street somewhere where town events can be held all year to create a sense of community. (The grange events are difficult to get to and access since they are so close to Nichols College- in terms of parking, and convenience to main roads. Another option for green open spaces could be a community garden.

We need a playground for children and a safe place for teens. We need more parks and walking trails or rail trails that connect.

I am a women and a mom of teenagers

I am extremely concerned about any economic development that threatens the rural and agricultural nature of Dudley. I would much rather deal with a reduction in town services and/or an increase in taxes than have our town ending up looking like Webster with endless strip malls and the 1:5 ratio of auto parts stores to residents they have there.

I would recommend leveraging our natural resources to attract visitors and residents to town, especially making our ponds more accessible for recreation like kayaking/boating and fishing. It would also be great to increase the number and type of recreational trails; the current revitalization of the rail trail that crosses Mill Road is a step in the right direction.

It would also be great if we could make it easier for farms and homesteads to sell their products as this would be a great step forward in making Dudley's existing agriculture more of a centerpiece. Consider the small farm stores in neighboring towns that seem to do well: there's one in Charlton (just off Dresser Hill) where they sell their own beef & other farm products; Woodstock Dairy on Child Hill Road is fantastic; Morning Glory farm on Rt 97 in Pomfret not only does CSA-style produce but also makes small-batch pizzas at different times of the year right on the premises; and New Boston Beef in the Fayban section of Woodstock is sells their own beef and is about to open a small restaurant as well. I see no reason why something similar couldn't work for Dudley.

Thanks for taking the time to read this.

Feel like folks just drive through town and don't really feel inspired to stop.

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Better management of funding/finances.

Subsidized Housing

Clean the waterway in the Gateway area.

I'd love to see a joint effort with Webster to rejuvenate that entire Main St (Webster) corridor leading into the Dudley Gateway. All of Main Street in Webster is very depressed- looking and restaurants and small businesses don't seem to thrive there at all. It would benefit everyone if the two towns could work together on this.

We need a solution for the traffic around Dippin Donuts. So many people trying to go to the drive thru that it clogs traffic in the area

The donut shop near dollar general is a dangerous area. (Traffic)

This will impact traffic on schofield ave, drivers already drive on that street as if it was a speed way, something should be done about the excessive speeding on this street rather than worrying about curb appeal

Adamantly opposed to anything that works against the rural character of the town.

Driving on West Main St is a mess. Improve the flow. Make it safer for those entering the donut shop to get in/out without obstructing traffic. I dislike the bar(s) and dollar store(s) in the area.

Not notifying the towns people about this survey. I just found out from my neighbor. Not good people pleasing.

Manage your budgets and stop over spending. You're killing us taxpayers.

Cleaning up nip bottles, and opening the playground

Do something with the Dudley beach

Too much building, destroying woods and the character of this small town.

We don't need any more dollar stores. If we do not attract new businesses, it would be nice to improve the aesthetics of those we have and add green space.

Leave town as a quiet town! That's what makes it good! Town does not need more apartments!!!

Leave us alone

If apartments are coming we need far more restaurants, activities, and grocery stores to support the apartments. Also more programs to help with drug addiction or more accessible.

Walking trails appeal to young children, adults and elderly.

Fix the Hill St bridge to reduce traffic on Main Street

I find Dudley to be a good town, but not a welcoming town for its residents. There is no incentive to open a business, build a home, create a better space. The restrictions and hoops are insane. We have amazing residents, the police, emt's, fire dept are top notch. Taxes and cost of living are making it impossible to thrive or grow in Dudley.

Too many empty buildings. Either knock them down or lower rent so businesses can go in. Make dudley money. Give dudley residents somewhere to go.

Fix the problems we already have rather than proposing new ones.

Bring in better restaurants!!

I think the area could grow, however there needs to be a reason for other businesses to want to grow around it. You need a centralized starting point that will attract other businesses and expand out from there.

Our infrastructure has been underserved for decades, and now we are suffering the problems that has led to as our population increases

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What can be done to develop the property across from Marty's Cheap Booze? Could we get him to change the sign? Is Cheap Booze what we want people to associate with Dudley????

We seriously need to focus on long term economic development and budgeting. The school system comes in every year begging for more money & often times that includes key staff reductions and hiring more admin bloat. We need to focus on where our tax payer dollars are going to before we just go blowing any more money. Let me make myself clear. The town of Dudley needs to seriously re think its position on school of choice / low income housing etc. the old Dudley I grew up in is no longer. It's clear the decay has begun and the only cause we can point to is the low income not contributing population. We must reverse course immediately before we think about expansion projects

There's no recreational places (playgrounds, splash pads, etc.) to take my kids in Dudley so I have to go to surrounding towns.

College disturbing the residents with a PA system that radiates through most of Dudley Center. No noise ordinance in this town.

It's no longer a quaint peaceful quiet town. You're welcome to come listen to the game calls and music in my backyard on weekends most of the time college is in session.

I will say I lived in Webster for almost 15 years before moving to Dudley and have never been updated and notified about things in town or community as I am since moving to Dudley great small town community

I feel this is not the first time this subject has been approached.... need to follow through

Dudley is a very friendly, family community. Lots of potential to make it a destination for food, shopping & farm to table businesses.

Would love to see space for all walks of life, kids, middle age and older folks can gather and spend time. Shops, ice cream, coffee, diner

It would be great to get more sidewalks on west main st, and adding a grant for the homeowners on West main to add curb appeal (the city should approve every piece so money isn't being spent irrationally), dead tree removal (there are so many on west main and in residents yards), the memorial day parade should go as far as dudley town hall, work with local companies to do these services so everyone wins, the town spends less money/ local economy grows, big town hall yard sale throughout the summer weekends at a fee to raise money for these projects and community events. Help set up people to volunteer a yard cleanup raffle. Our yard was a hoarders house flip but they didn't fix the yard, it's taken two years and thousands of dollars and we're only halfway through. The street could look much better.

More emphasis on nature, hiking, outdoorsmanship. I think we have a lot to offer, and this could become one of our identities

Unsure why this is an issue

I believe there are a large group of elderly and then youngsters. There should be help in all forms for elderly and something for all age groups of k through 12 to do. Business wise

Please bring commerce into town.

Improve what we already have, don't add more and leave the rest to rot.

Clean up downtown. Too many Empty businesses.

There is a lot of resistance/divisiveness in town which limits collaboration and financial support.

Dudley needs things we don't have to leave town for or nearby ct residence who have no options would use. Hardware store, pub style restaurant. Bakery, deli.

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What to do to bring more traffic to West Main Street

Fix the bridge on Hill Street

i think this a waste of tax payer \$. more places like a legal spot where kids can ride dirtbikes and atvs would keep kids out of trouble these days

One thing I have ALWAYS thought Dudley was lacking was a "center". I know we have the area by the Black tavern, but every other local town has a discernible center with a common and/or bandstand. This is part of a town's identity. When I first moved to town I spent weeks searching for the center only to realize that there wasn't one. Are geographical center is somewhere around the intersection of Dudley Southbridge Road and Center Road/Dudley Oxford Road. I've always wished the college would donate the land where the President's House used to be to become Dudley's center.

Nothing in Dudley is a Destination to draw folks in. This will likely always be the case, therefore energy should be focused on serving those who live here/ pass through here.

So happy to learn about this worthwhile endeavor!

Thank you for seriously considering ways to improve Dudley's future. It is a shame that we currently need to go elsewhere for most of our shopping, dining options, entertainment, and activities. It would be wonderful to have some of those things available within Dudley, and to start to bring in some revenue for the town so we don't have to worry about cutting essential services. I think this project and others like it would make Dudley a much more desirable place to live long-term.

Need to charge the collage taxes

A functioning playground for school age children

Would love to see new housing with the old mills.

I want the Dudley Gateway Area to have character and small town charm. I don't like that it now it just feels like a wide spot along the state road between Webster and Southbridge

Would love to see the walking trails given some upkeep (ie) rake leaves and sticks, cut back brush, remove broken bits of asphalt.

Have concerns about funding for this ambitious plan since residents of the town don't want to seem to fund anything including essential services.

I like the premise but the concern is getting the right combination of public and private funding with the current interest rate environment, ie Stephens Mill. Additionally, would love to see the rail trails better maintained.

Working families and the elderly are the people of our town who could most benefit from a revitalized and connected downtown. Walking paths, sidewalks and trails are vital to creating connections

The town lacks a "downtown" area - just sort of sprawls along the main street.

Accessible Options for children and family recreation within town would be wonderful

We have bigger fish to fry at the moment. We need to make sure the town can afford what it already has.

Traffic in the Gateway Area is awful with two coffee shops whose drivethrus are too small and have connections to multiple streets. Dippins exits into a blindspot, and Dunkin had people trying to squeeze in from both West Main and the side street by the mill.
