



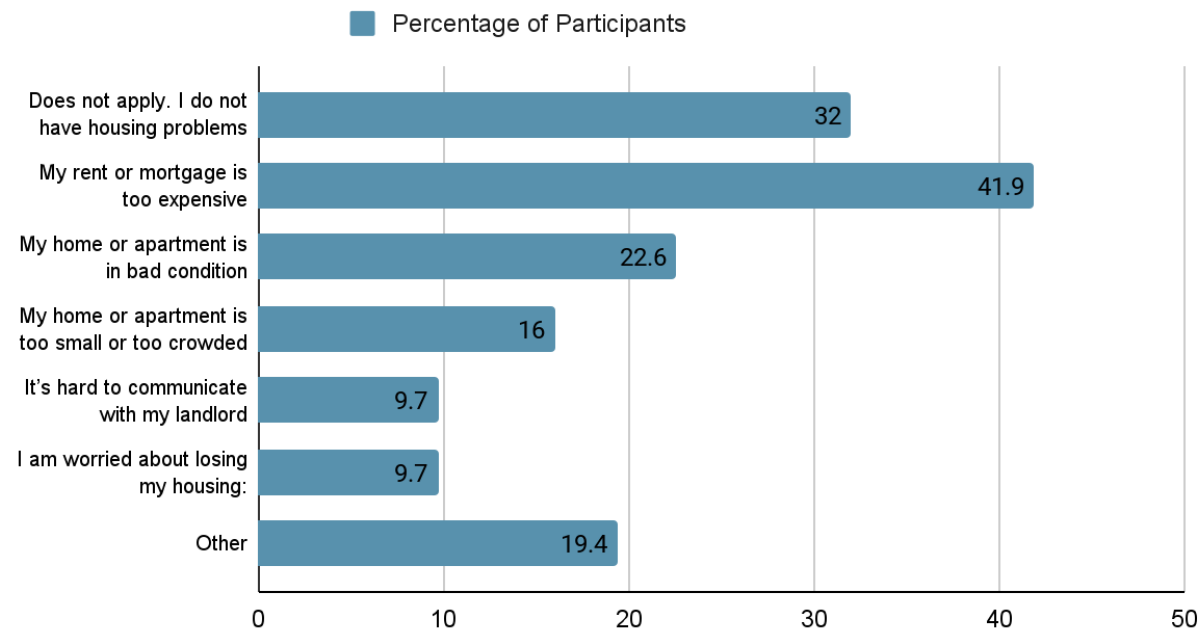
## Alameda County Environmental Justice Element Community Survey Response Summary

Alameda County distributed an online community survey to gather information on the issues that residents care about most and ways to improve health and wellness in the community. The communities of Ashland, Cherryland, Hayward Acres, and parts of San Lorenzo and Castro Valley were the focus of the survey because they experience the greatest impacts of environmental pollution and other health hazards. The questions on the survey related to the six pillars of environmental justice, including access to healthy food, health and physical activity, pollution exposure, safe and sanitary housing, access to public facilities, and civic engagement. Community members were able to access the survey from May 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. The survey responses were used in the development of the Environmental Justice Element and to improve the process of engaging with the community during the planning process. The following presents the results of the community survey.

**Housing:** Do you have any problems with your housing? Please check all that apply:

- Does not apply. I do not have housing problems: 32.3% of the participants marked this answer
- My rent or mortgage is too expensive: 41.9%
- My home or apartment is in bad condition: 22.6%
- My home or apartment is too small or too crowded: 16%
- It's hard to communicate with my landlord: 9.7%
- I am worried about losing my housing: 9.7%
- Other: 19.4%

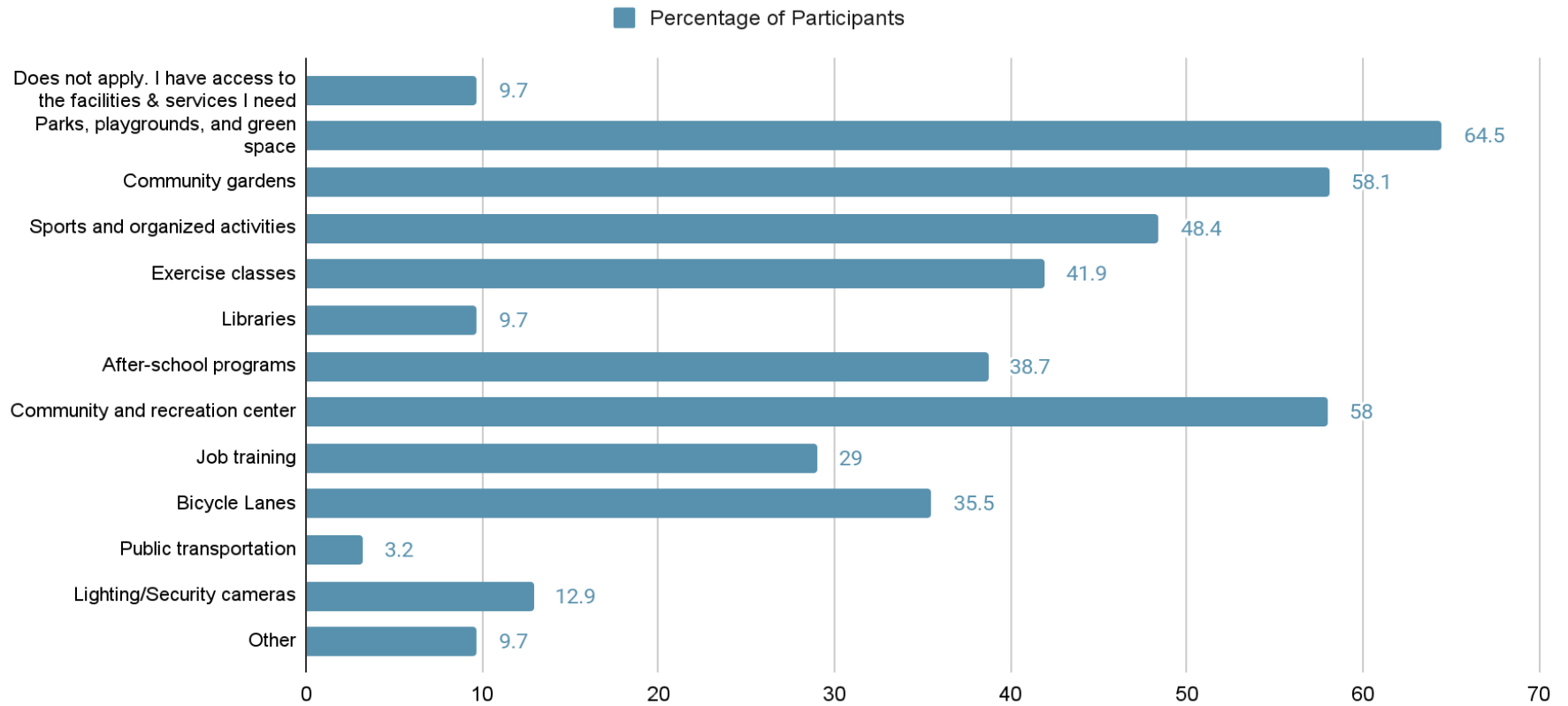
### Do you have any problems with your housing?



**Public Facilities:** What do you need better access to or what needs improvement? Please check all that apply

- Does not apply. I have access to the facilities and services I need: 9.7%
- Parks, playgrounds, and green space: 64.5%
- Community gardens: 58.1%
- Sports and organized activities: 48.4%
- Exercise classes: 41.9%
- Libraries: 9.7%
- After-school programs: 38.7%
- Community and recreation center: 58.0%
- Job training: 29.0%
- Bicycle Lanes: 35.5%
- Public transportation: 3.2%
- Lighting/Security cameras: 12.9
- Other (please specify): 9.7%
  - Speed bumps to reduce vehicle speed

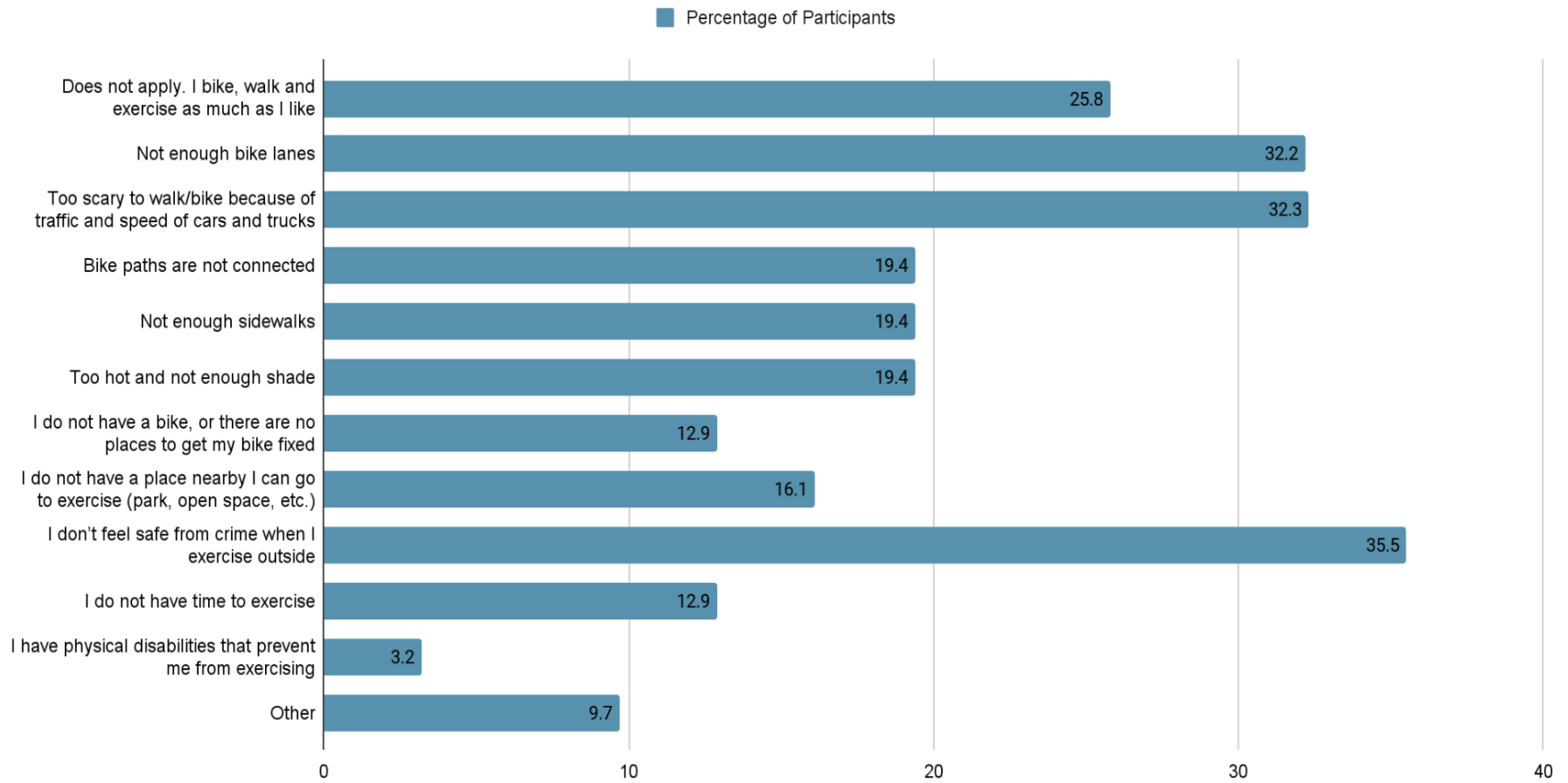
## What do you need better access to or what needs improvement?



**Health and Physical Activity:** Are you able to walk, bike and exercise as much as you would like? If not, what are some of the reasons? Please check all that apply

- Does not apply. I bike, walk and exercise as much as I like: 25.8%
- Not enough bike lanes: 32.2%
- Too scary to walk/bike because of traffic and speed of cars and trucks: 32.3%
- Bike paths are not connected: 19.4%
- Not enough sidewalks: 19.4%
- Too hot and not enough shade: 19.4%
- I do not have a bike, or there are no places to get my bike fixed: 12.9%
- I do not have a place nearby I can go to exercise (park, open space, etc.): 16.1%
- I don't feel safe from crime when I exercise outside: 35.5%
- I do not have time to exercise: 12.9%
- I have physical disabilities that prevent me from exercising: 3.2%
- Other: 9.7%
  - Not enough benches and restrooms

### Are you able to walk, bike and exercise as much as you would like? If not, what are some of the reasons?

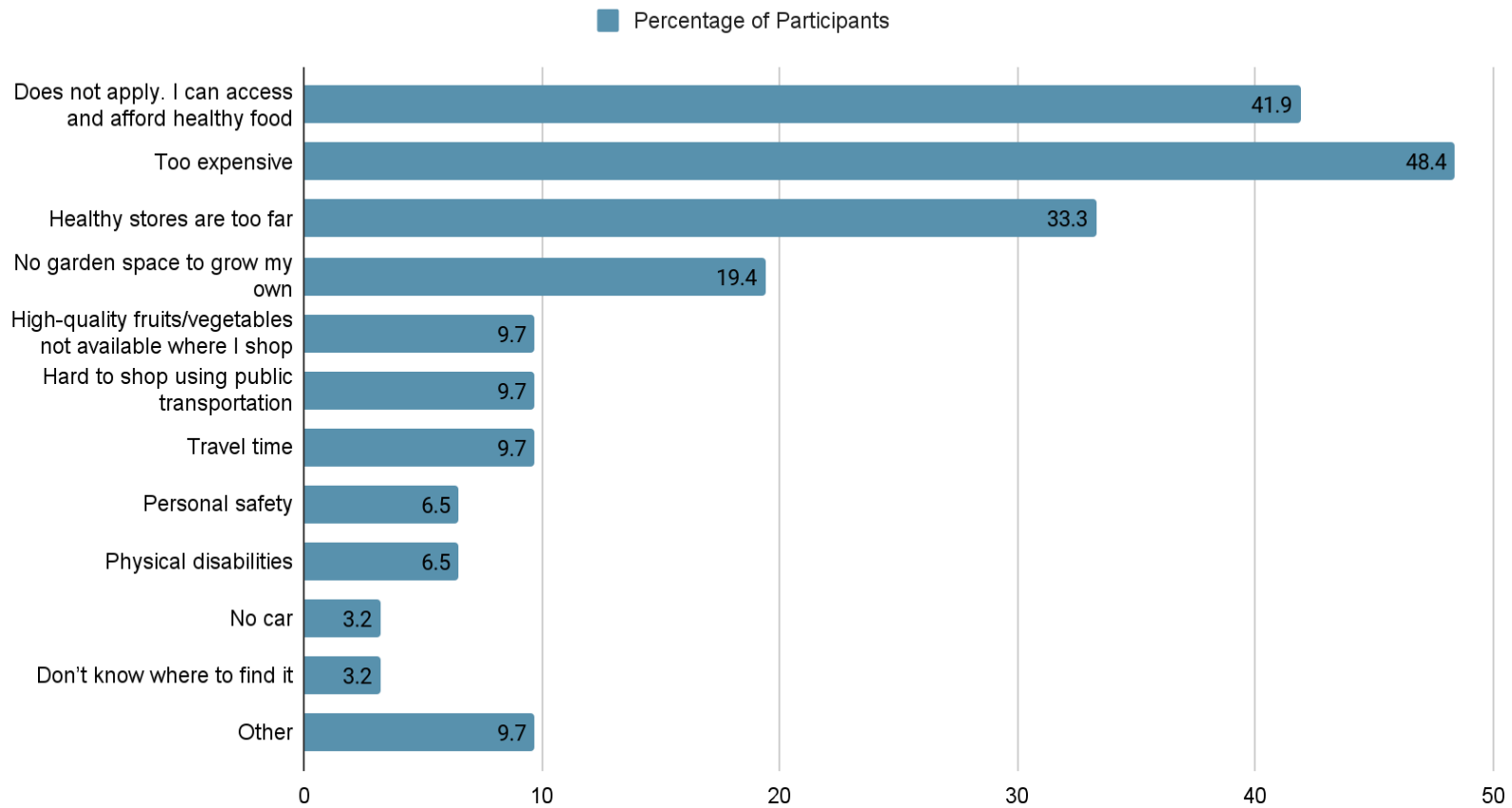


**Healthy Foods:** Is it hard for you to get fresh fruits and vegetables and other healthy food? What are some of the reasons?

The following statements were marked as a reason as to why it is hard to obtain fresh fruits/vegetables/other healthy food:

- Does not apply. I can access and afford healthy food: 41.9%
- Too expensive: 48.4% of the participants
- Healthy stores are too far: 33.3%
- No garden space to grow my own: 19.4%
- High-quality fruits/vegetables not available where I shop: 9.7%
- Hard to shop using public transportation: 9.7%
- Travel time: 9.7%
- Other: 9.7%
- Personal safety: 6.5%
- Physical disabilities: 6.5%
- No car: 3.2%
- Don't know where to find it: 3.2%

# Is it hard for you to get fresh fruits and vegetables and other healthy food?

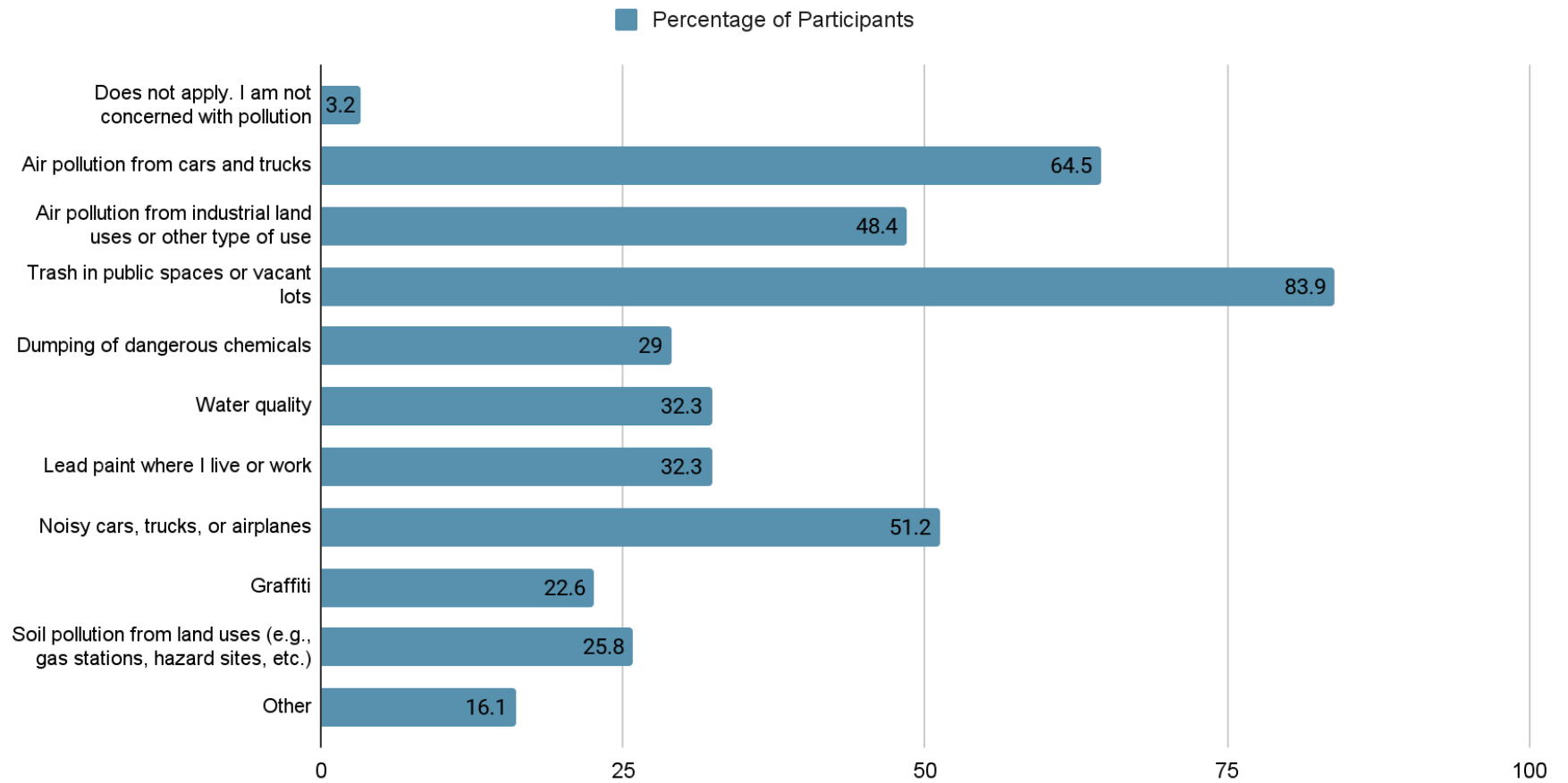




**Pollution.** Which pollution problems are you most concerned about in your community? Please check all that apply.

- Does not apply. I am not concerned with pollution: 3.2%
- Air pollution from cars and trucks: 64.5%
- Air pollution from industrial land uses or other type of use: 48.4%
- Trash in public spaces or vacant lots: 83.9%
- Dumping of dangerous chemicals: 29.0%
- Water quality: 32.3%
- Lead paint where I live or work: 32.3%
- Noisy cars, trucks, or airplanes: 51.2%
- Graffiti: 22.6%
- Soil pollution from land uses (e.g., gas stations, hazard sites, etc.): 25.8%
- Other: 16.1%

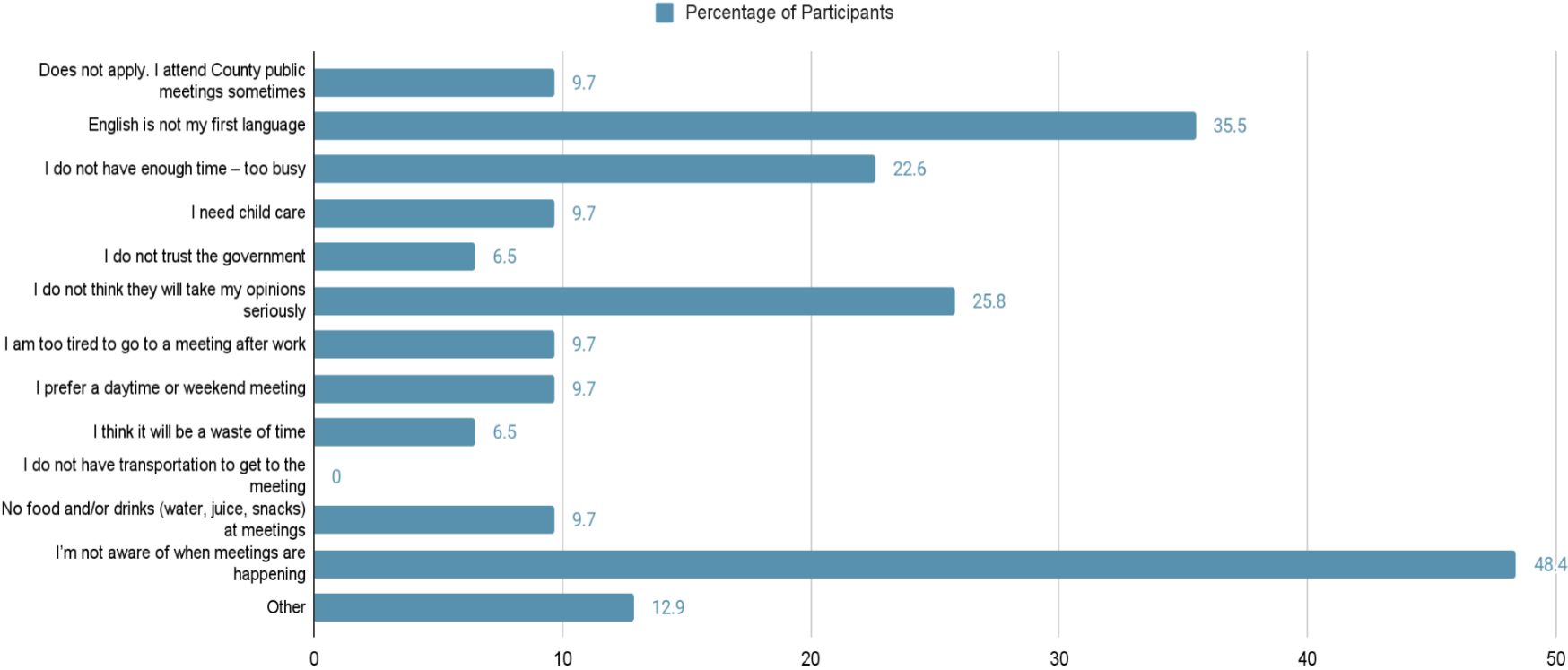
## Which pollution problems are you most concerned about in your community?



**Public meetings:** The County hosts public meetings where you can share ideas about how to improve your community. If you do not attend County-run public meetings, why not? Please check all that apply.

- Does not apply. I attend County public meetings sometimes: 9.7%
- English is not my first language: 35.5%
- I do not have enough time – too busy: 22.6%
- I need child care: 9.7%
- I do not trust the government: 6.5%
- I do not think they will take my opinions seriously: 25.8%
- I am too tired to go to a meeting after work: 9.7%
- I prefer a daytime or weekend meeting: 9.7%
- I think it will be a waste of time: 6.5%
- I do not have transportation to get to the meeting: 0%
- No food and/or drinks (water, juice, snacks) at meetings: 9.7%
- I'm not aware of when meetings are happening: 48.4%
- Other: 12.9%
  - I did it for years
  - I have voiced my concerns but nothing has changed

# If you do not attend County-run public meetings, why not?



**Engagement:** How would you prefer to engage in community and public processes? Please check all that apply.

- Answering surveys or giving written feedback: 80.6%
- Meeting with my neighbors: 29.0%
- Connecting through my child's school: 32.3%
- Connecting through my church or place of worship: 6.5%
- Participating in County-run meetings: 32.3%
- Attending community-run meetings: 48.4%
- Going to cultural and community events: 32.3%
- Volunteering: 16.1%
- Through art or music: 29.0%
- Through cooking, gardening or farming: 29.0%
- Political campaigning: 9.7%
- Voting: 19.4%
- Talking to people in my language (please specify language): 29.0%
  - Spanish
  - English

## How would you prefer to engage in community and public processes?

