

# 2007 Sisseton Community Needs Assessment Survey Results

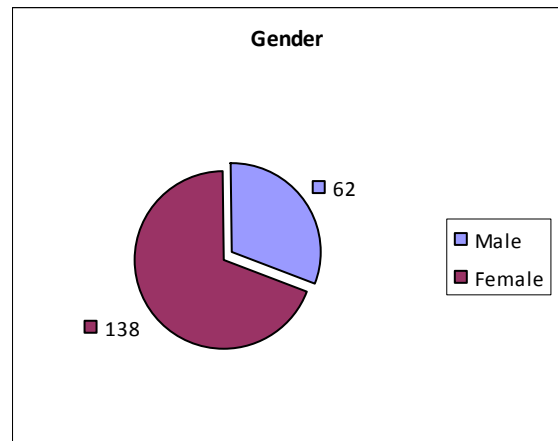
The Horizons LeadershipPlenty group created adult and youth surveys that were distributed during the Horse & Buggy Days weekend at a booth in the park.

- 200 Adult Surveys Collected
- 68 Youth Surveys Collected

## Adult Survey Results

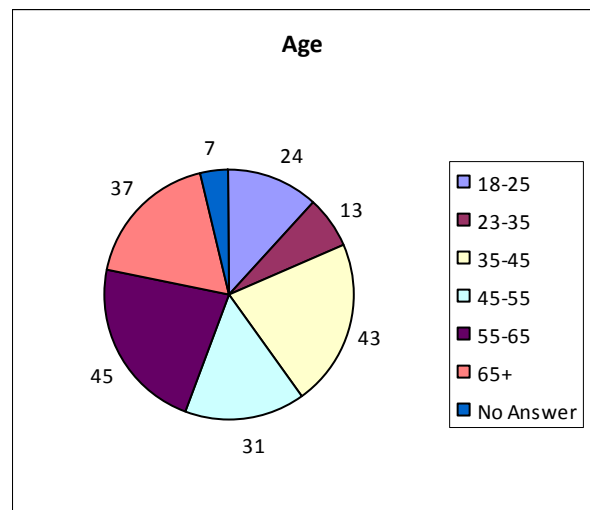
**Question 1: What is your gender?**

Male	62
Female	138



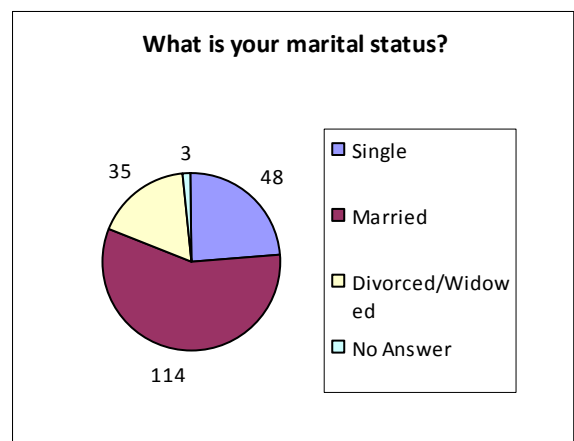
**Question 2: What age group do you belong to?**

18-25	24
23-35	13
35-45	43
45-55	31
55-65	45
65+	37
No Answer	7



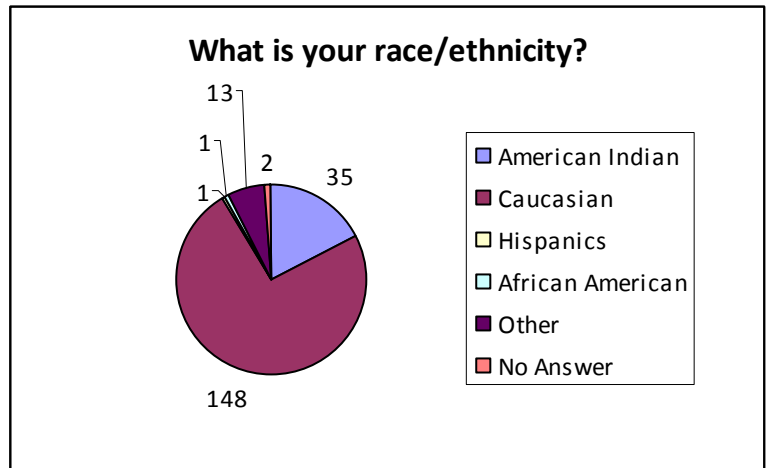
**Question 3: What is Your Marital Status?**

Single	48
Married	114
Divorced/Widowed	35
No Answer	3



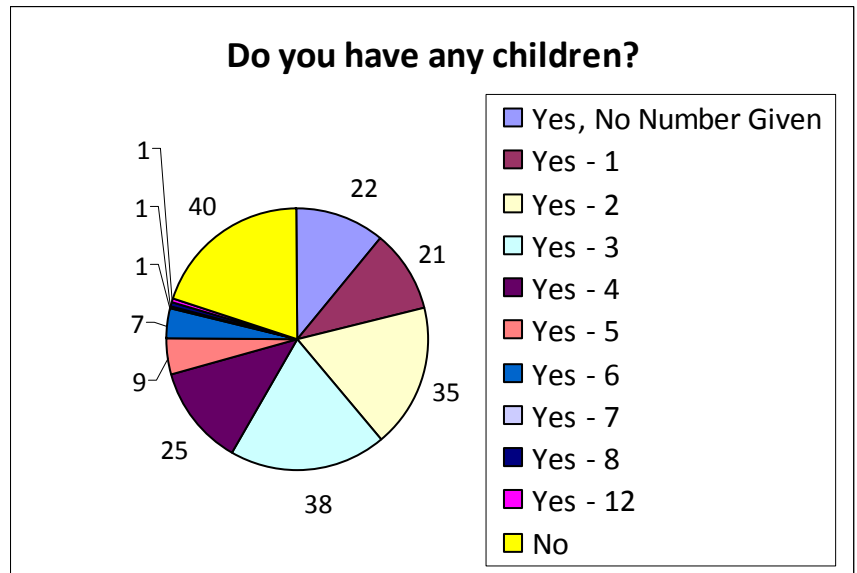
**Question 4: What is your race/ethnicity?**

American Indian	35
Caucasian	148
Hispanics	1
African American	1
Other	13
No Answer	2



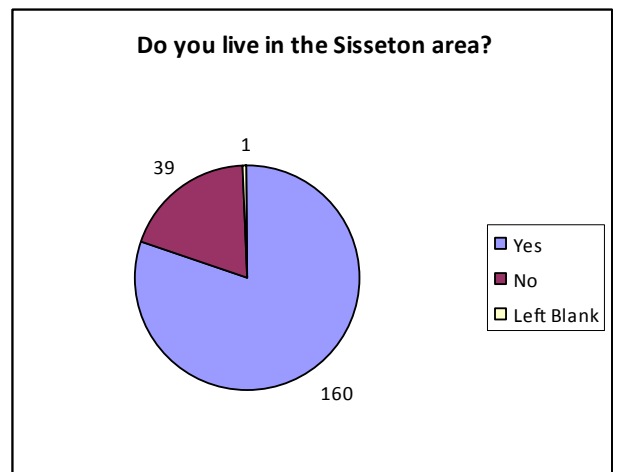
**Question 5: Do you have any children?**

Yes, No Number Given	22
Yes - 1	21
Yes - 2	35
Yes - 3	38
Yes - 4	25
Yes - 5	9
Yes - 6	7
Yes - 7	1
Yes - 8	1
Yes - 12	1
No	40



**Question 6: Do you live in the Sisseton area?**

Yes	160
No	39
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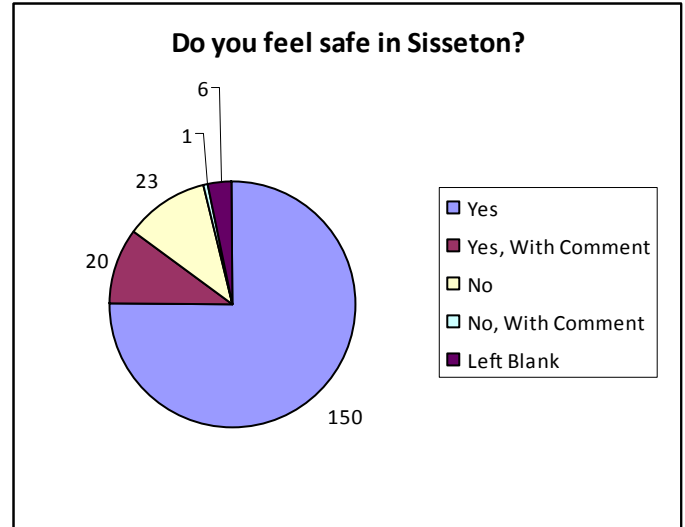


**Question 7: Do you feel safe in Sisseton?**

Yes	150
Yes, With Comment	20
No	23
No, With Comment	1
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Do You Feel Safe in Sisseton: "Yes" with Comment:

- At home
- But not like I used to
- Most of the time (4)
- Sometimes (3)
- I live in the country
- Yes and No (4)
- Kinda
- So-so
- Not after 11 PM
- At times
- But I wouldn't walk around at night
- In my neighborhood



Do you feel safe in Sisseton: "No" with comment:

- Because I haven't been here before.

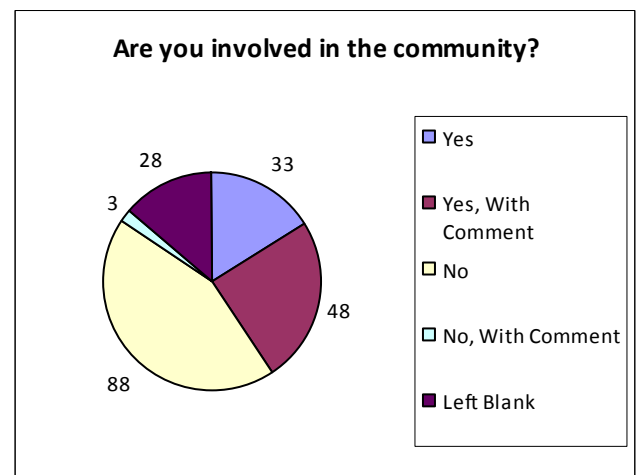
**Question 8: Do you feel proud to live in Sisseton?**

Yes	117
No	32
Left Blank/Not From Sisseton	47
Yes and No, Maybe, Kinda	4



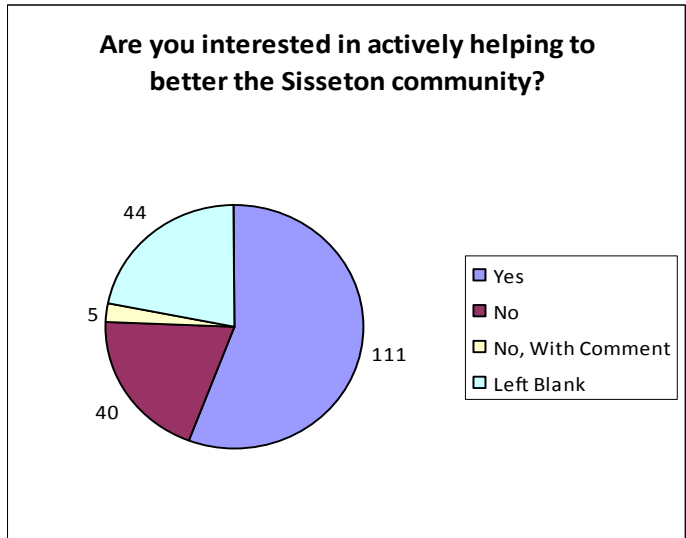
**Question 9: Are you involved in the community?**

Yes	33
Yes, With Comment	48
No	88
No, With Comment	3
Left Blank	28



**Question 10: Are you interested in actively helping to better the Sisseton community?**

Yes	111
No	40
No, With Comment	5
Left Blank	44



**Question 11: In what ways would you be willing to help?**

General Comments/No Name Given

- What time allows
- Help with fundraising
- VFW, American Legion, RSVP, GLC
- Working with children
- Behind the scenes
- By getting the younger generation involved in community activities, sports, etc.
- Maybe something
- Volunteering
- Anything
- Get rid of the gangs
- Volunteer for committees/local government
- Communication, understanding between Native Americans and Whites
- Help, have more things for the children
- Don't know
- Gang violence
- Any way possible
- Have been involved with the youth and getting more physical activity
- Get the younger children involved in better activities like basketball or anything like that
- Yes, but no time right now
- I have to think about this one
- Organizing events, volunteer labor and financial
- Make a better positive place for kids
- Small time commitments
- Work with the kids, they need to learn manners, respect, pride, etc.

Comments with Name Included

- Artist, face painting (Pam Sanchez)
- Volunteer at nursing home, mentor to children (Rhonda Palin)
- Any (Sherri Skjonsberg)
- I will consider whatever is asked of me (Gloria Young)
- Any leadership or community activity (Vern Donnell)
- Whatever I can do (Gloria Hutchins)
- Just call me (Cheryl Mussetter)
- More youth/children events to keep kids off the street (Meranda Richards)

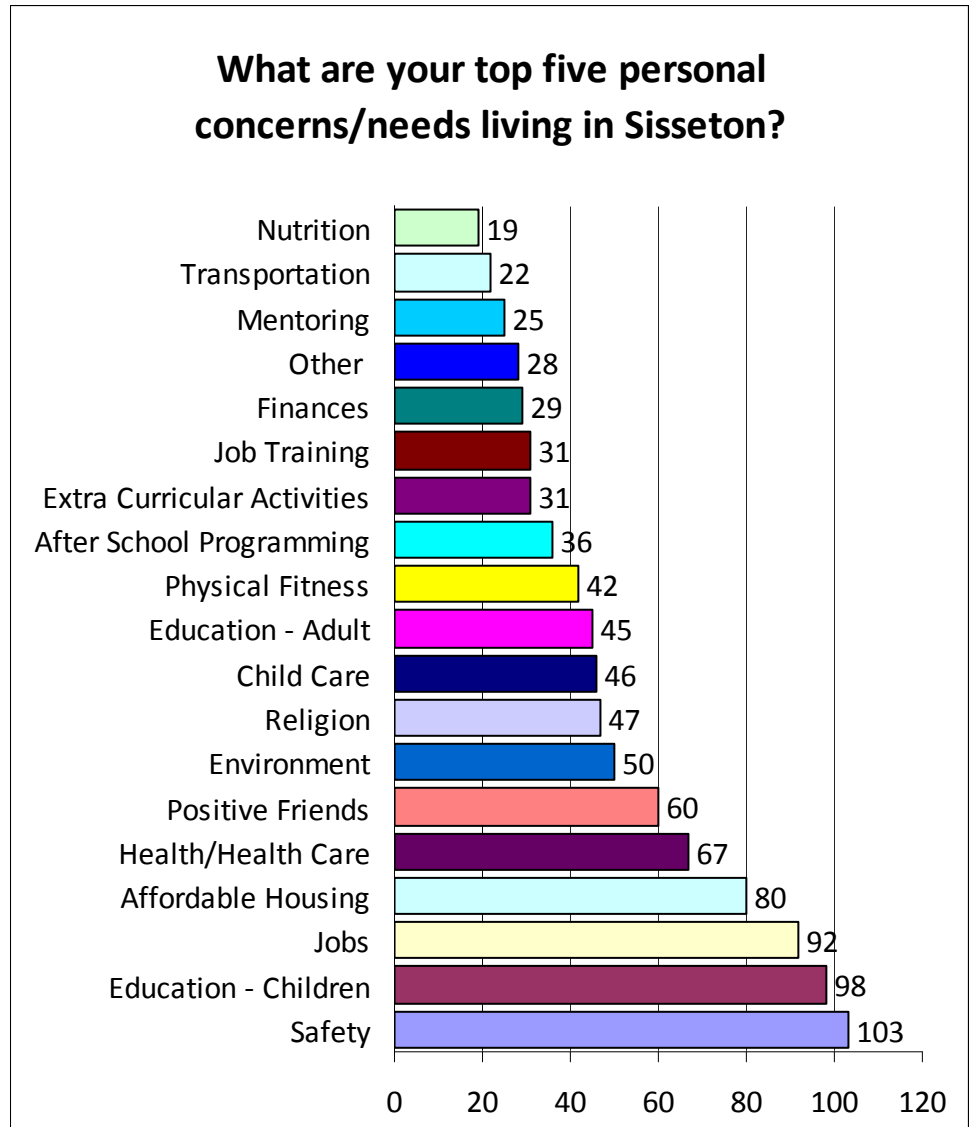
Any way that I can (Crystal Obeslo)  
 Cleaning the streets (Vanessa Obeslo)  
 With children's outreach (Jamie Donnell)  
 Anything that deals with elderly (Jennifer Bellew)  
 Clean up the town (Dawn Hrnrcir)  
 Help with organizing (Julie Stapleton)  
 When I have time (Sid Bubak)  
 Summer activities (Francis Neilan)  
 Any way possible, physical activity limited, well educated,  
 experience in larger community (Ronald R. Brooks)  
 Spread the word (Judy Symens)  
 Promote Horizons project (Helen Jacobs)  
 Cultural education of both native and non native children (Tom Flute)  
 Physical, spiritual and ideals (Clarence Sartwell)  
 Different ways (Virgil George)  
 Time, running activities, organization skills (Cindy Bergman)

**Question 12: What are your top five personal concerns/needs living in Sisseton?**

Safety	103
Education - Children	98
Jobs	92
Affordable Housing	80
Health/Health Care	67
Positive Friends	60
Environment	50
Religion	47
Child Care	46
Education - Adult	45
Physical Fitness	42
After School Programming	36
Extra Curricular Activities	31
Job Training	31
Finances	29
Other	28
Mentoring	25
Transportation	22
Nutrition	19

What are your top five personal concerns/needs living in Sisseton? Other:

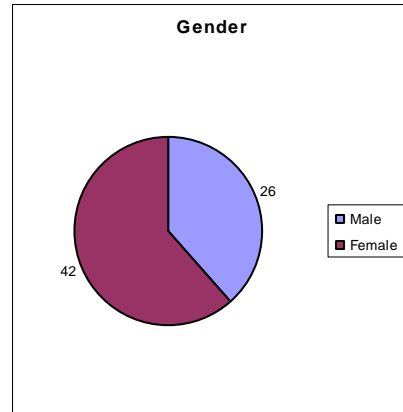
- Working together, tribe and city
- Drugs and alcohol
- Race relations
- Beautification
- Responsible parenting
- Elderly housing
- Extra curricular activities for youth
- More businesses
- Teaching children morals
- Accountability/not passing the buck
- Community to be proud of
- Better movie theater
- Bus or cab/all hours
- More restaurants/coffee house
- Use of community places
- Rentable houses
- Arts and music
- Community involvement
- Perceptions of area/town
- Loss of downtown businesses/building usage
- Attitudes
- Native American means everyone born in America
- Keeping our city clean
- More recycling
- Cultural relations
- Out of school and summer child care/activities
- Community center
- Update and expand fairgrounds



# Youth Survey Results

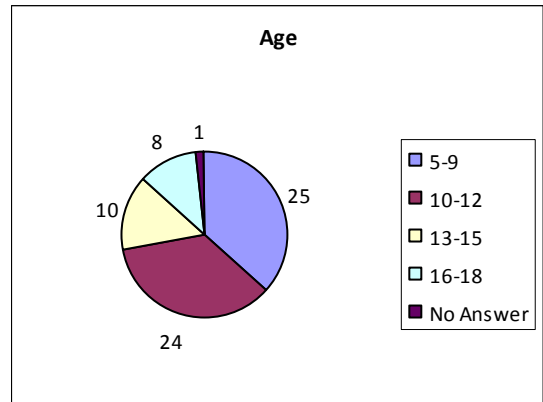
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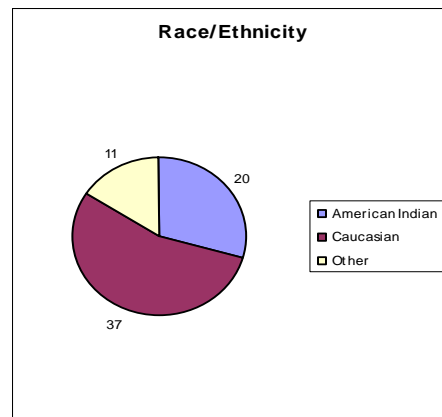
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5-9	25
10-12	24
13-15	10
16-18	8
No Answer	1



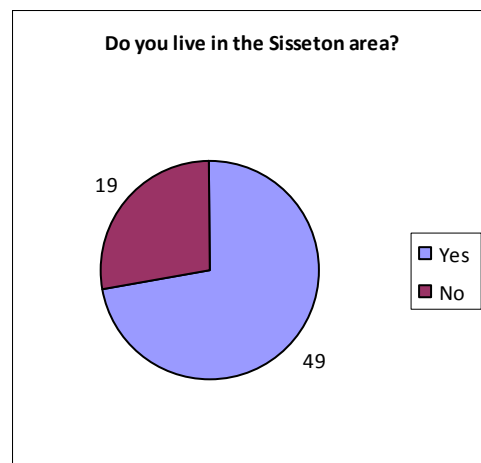
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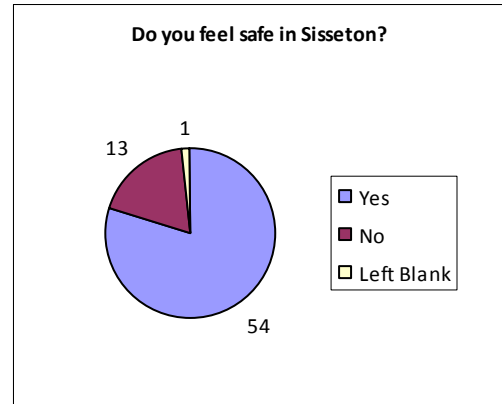
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Yes	49
No	19



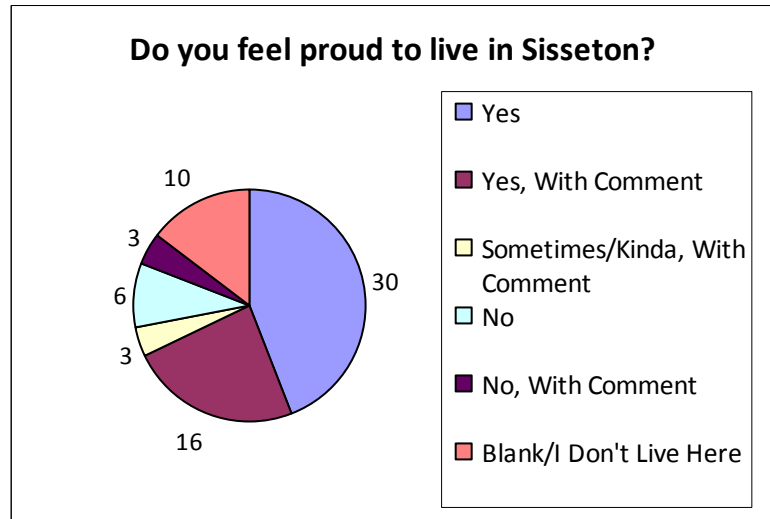
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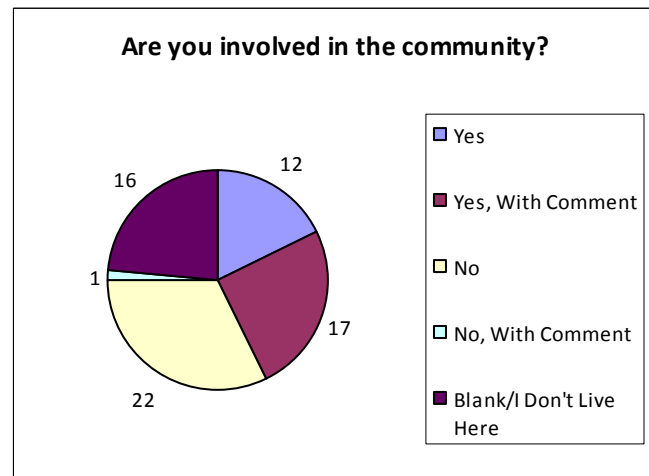
**Question 6: Do you feel proud to live in Sisseton?**

Yes	30
Yes, With Comment	16
Sometimes/Kinda, With Comment	3
No	6
No, With Comment	3
Blank/I Don't Live Here	10



**Question 7: Are you involved in the community?**

Yes	12
Yes, With Comment	17
No	22
No, With Comment	1
Blank/I Don't Live Here	16



Are you involved in the community? Yes, With Comment:

- Help people
- I pick up trash on the ground
- The Relay for Life
- Pow-wow
- Boys & Girls Club
- Make it feel safe for kids and others
- Church/School
- School/School Sports (7)
- Community service/4-H
- Town activities

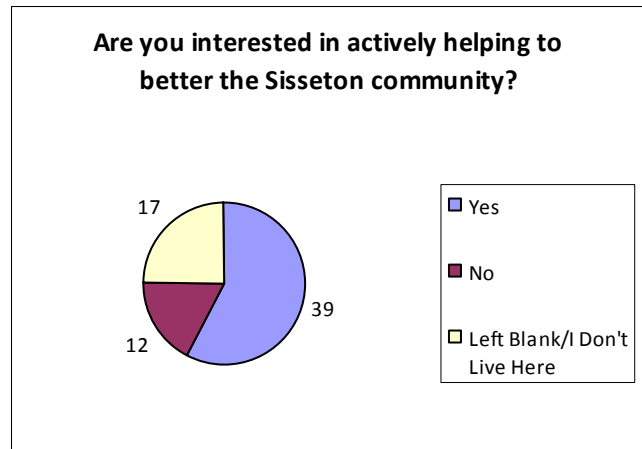
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No, With Comment:

- Moving

**Question 8: Are you interested in actively helping to better the Sisseton community?**

Yes	39
No	12
Left Blank/I Don't Live Here	17



**Question 9: In what ways would you be willing to help?**

- Picking up/Cleaning up garbage (10)
- Do chores
- Any way (2)
- Help sick people and pick up park
- Cleaning up the area
- Painting over graffiti and fix up the town and try to stop the fighting
- Clean up around town
- Picking up litter
- Leadership
- Work
- Don't know (2)
- Cleaning up parks, making sure no one write
- I want to help pick up trash in the community
- I pick up garbage around the hotel and other places
- Help clean things like graffiti
- Fix things, clean stuff up
- Cleaning the community
- Make Sisseton a better place for our community
- Clean up and pick up trash and mowing
- Earning money for renewing the courts
- In any way, help teach, clean and other

**Question 10: What are your top three personal concerns/needs living in Sisseton?**

What are your top three personal concerns/needs living in Sisseton? Other:

- Gang problems
- Indoor pool
- Family
- Animal care
- Curfew

