Family/Community Need Survey

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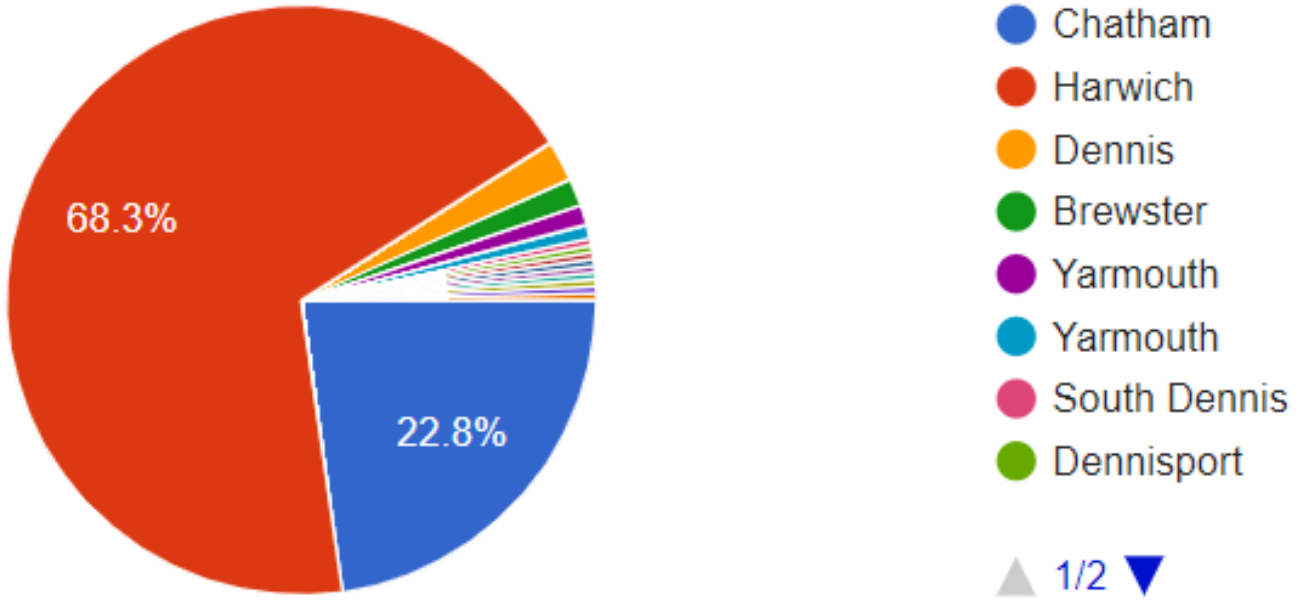
Monomoy Regional School District is exploring how we can best support families in our towns, including expanding preschool options and/or potentially providing infant/toddler supports. For our families with kindergartners through middle school aged children, we are interested in what sorts of wrap-around supports you need before or after school hours, and during school breaks. This survey starts by asking questions of families with infants and toddlers, progresses to preschool, then to elementary and middle school. Families with only high school students need not take this survey.

The survey is anonymous. The responses are not linked to any parent or any child, and the information will be used only in the aggregate to identify community needs. Thank you for taking a few minutes to complete this important survey.

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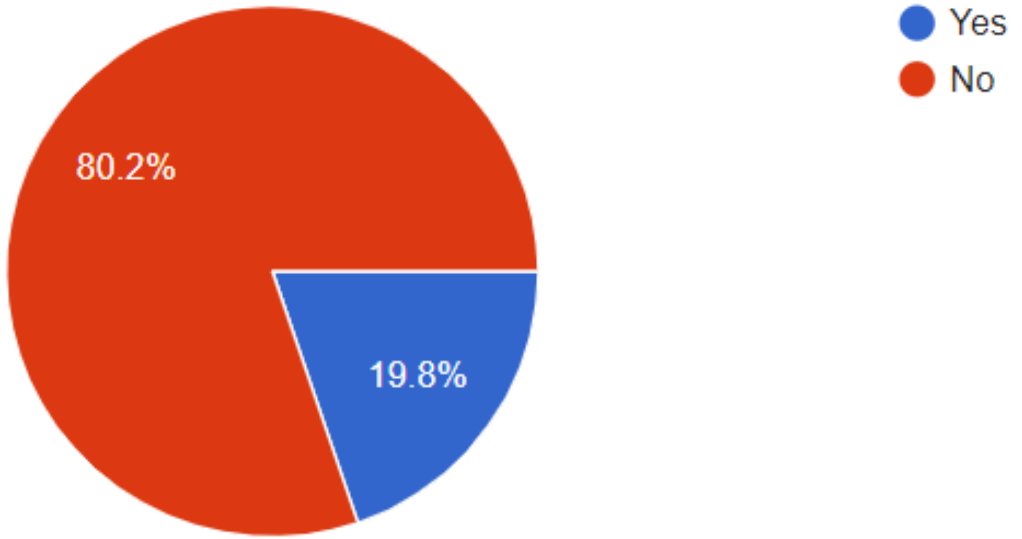
What town do you live in?

268 responses



Does your family get any type of governmental financial assistance (examples: free/reduced lunch for school-aged children, subsidized housing, WIC support, SNAP – supplemental nutrition assistance program, vouchers to fund childcare and/or children's activities, etc.)?

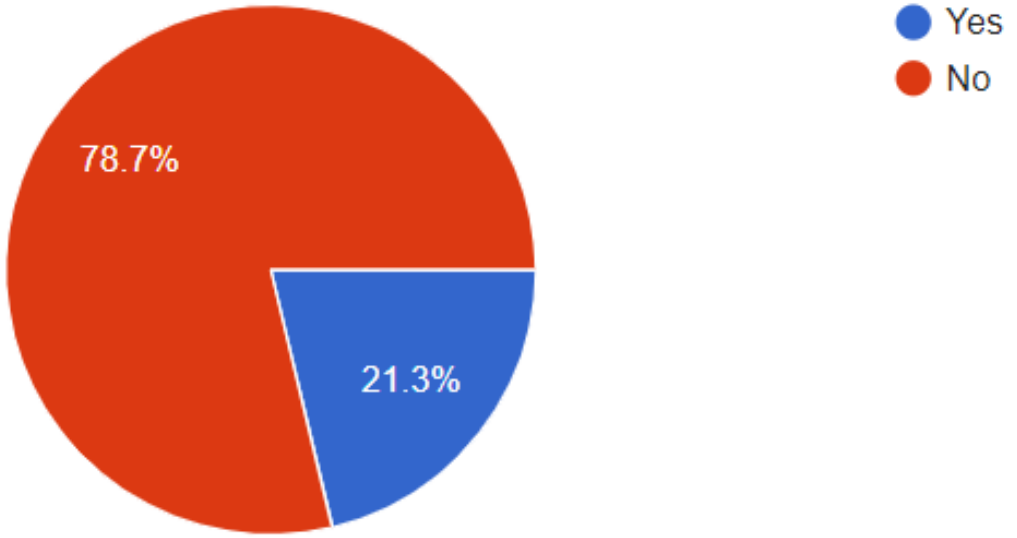
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Infant/Toddler

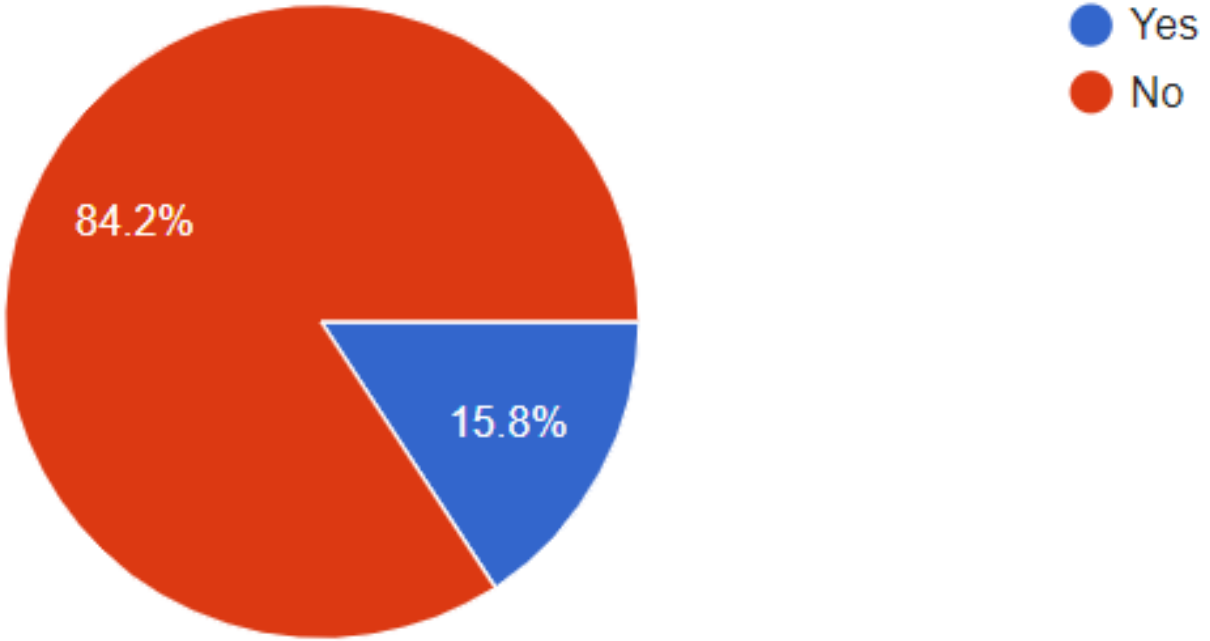
Do you currently have an infant or toddler (newborn through under age 3)?

268 responses



Is there adequate infant/toddler care available in the area?

57 responses



What type of child care do you use for your infant or toddler? (select all that may apply)

57 responses

Response	Frequency
I do not use any sort of child care	19.3% (11)
Child care from a relative or friend in my own home	26.3% (15)
Child care from a relative or friend in another home	29.8% (17)
Child care provided by a daycare center	36.8% (21)
Home child care, not from a friend or relative	10.5% (5)
Other responses: • Nanny	1.8% (1)

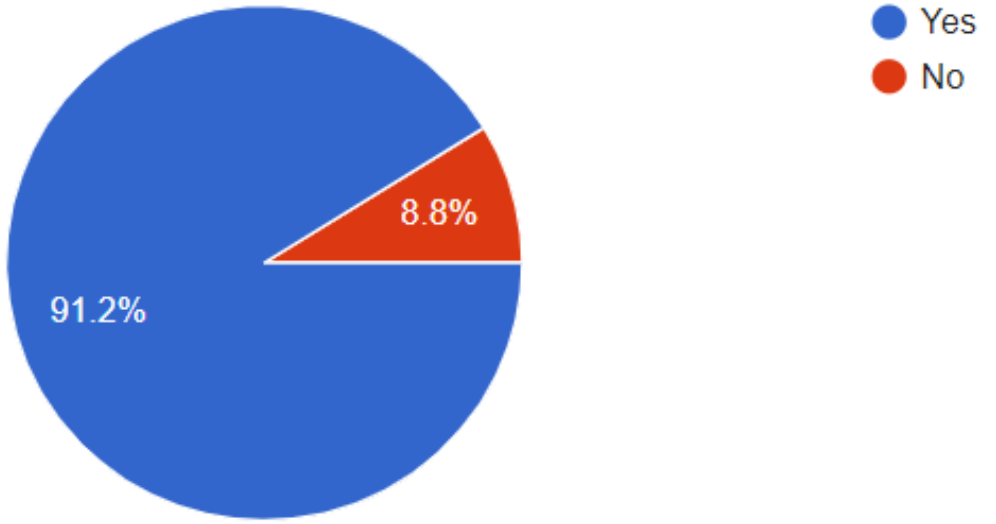
What are the biggest challenges you have with infant/toddler care? (select all that apply)

57 responses

Response	Frequency
I do not use any sort of child care	5.3% (3)
I would use some type of child care but do not because I cannot afford it	19.3% (11)
The high cost of infant/toddler care strains our household budget	71.9% (41)
Child care providers' hours generally do not coincide with my work schedule	33.3% (19)
Child care providers are generally closed during the summer, and I need childcare during the summer	21.1% (12)
Child care providers are generally closed during school vacation weeks and holidays, and I need childcare during these vacation weeks and holidays	21.1% (12)
Other responses: • No licensed providers in town • Transportation • Child with severe allergies • Hard to find good provider	 1.8% (1) 1.8% (1) 1.8% (1) 1.8% (1)

If available in the area, would your family use or be interested in infant/toddler care open year-round from roughly 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and only closed for major holidays?

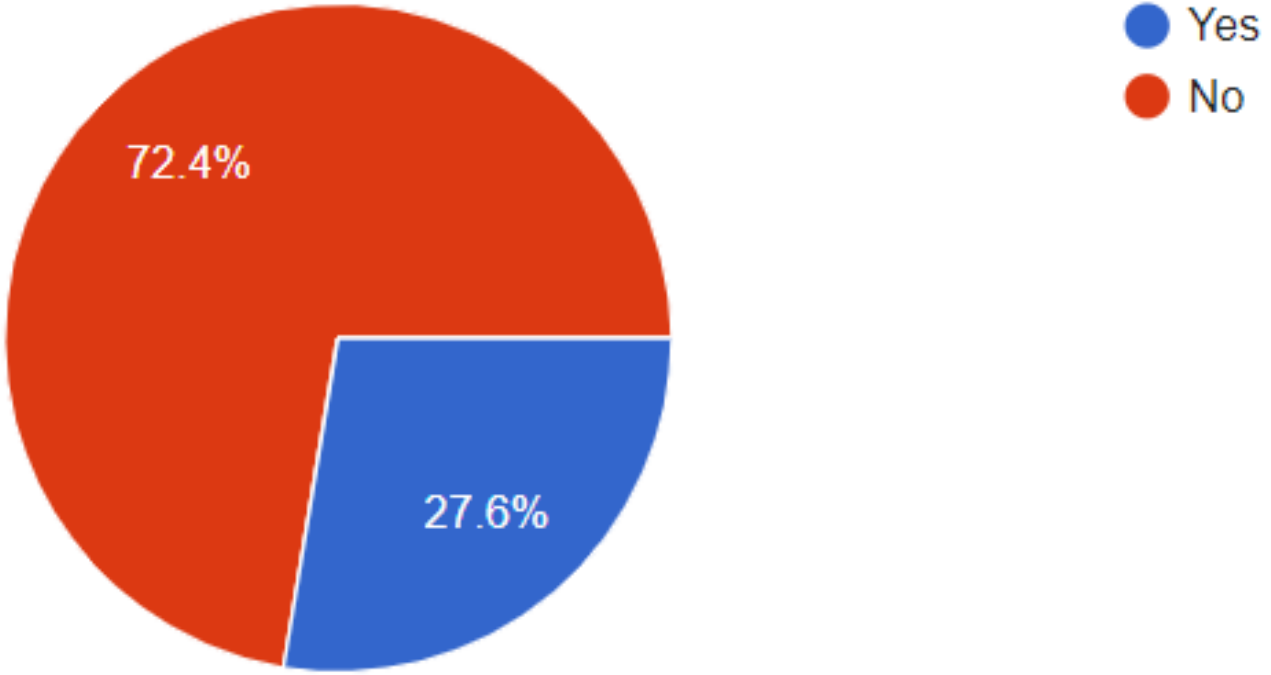
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Preschool

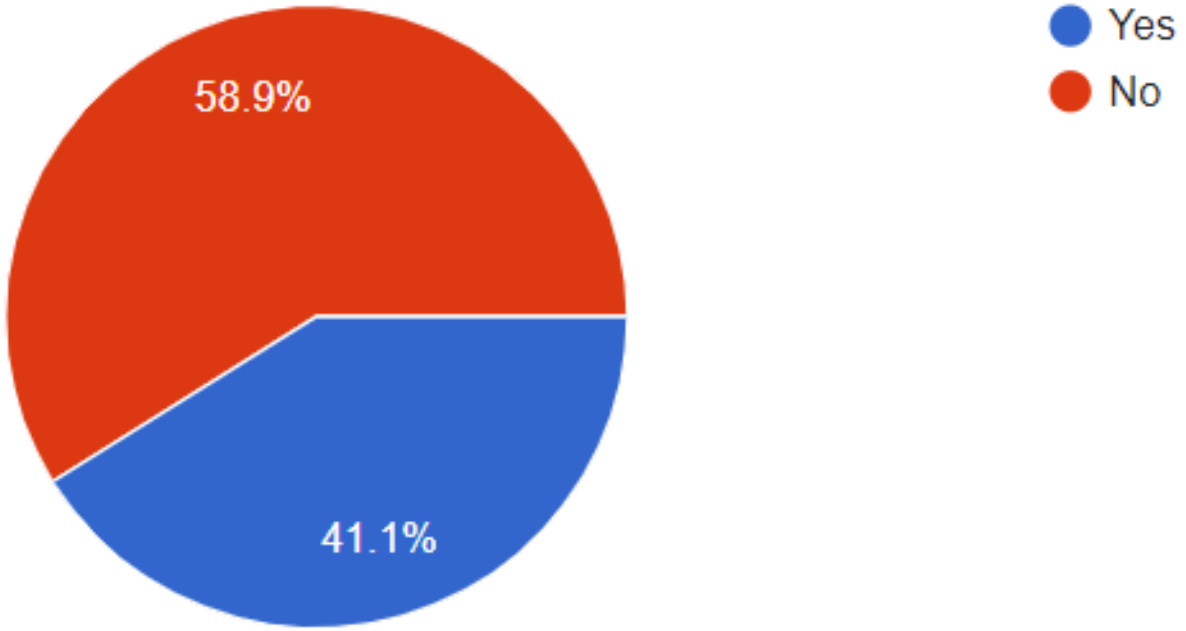
Do you currently have a preschooler (age 3 through 5)?

268 responses



Are there adequate preschool options available in the area?

73 responses



What type of preschool and/or child care do you use for your preschooler? (select all that apply)

74 responses

Response	Frequency
I do not use any sort of child care or preschool	6.8% (5)
Child care from a relative or friend in my own home	10.8% (8)
Child care from a relative or friend in another home	14.9% (11)
Monomoy Regional's integrated preschool program at either Harwich or Chatham Elementary	24.3% (18)
Monomoy's Make Way for Kids program	10.8% (8)
Preschool provided by another area school	40.5% (30)
Child care provided by a daycare center	21.6% (16)
Home child care, not from a friend or relative	1.8% (1)

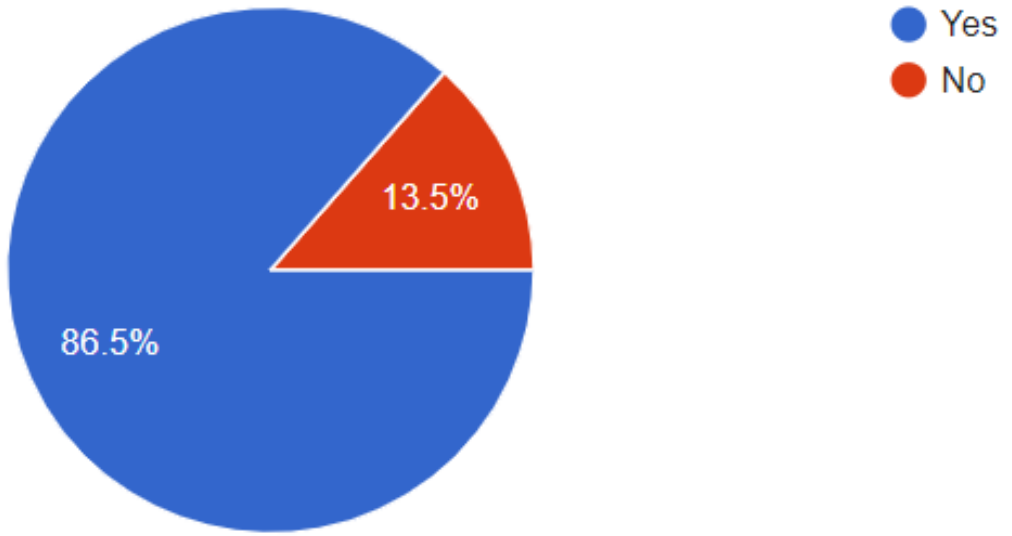
What are the biggest challenges you have in finding adequate preschool/childcare? (select all that apply)

70 responses

Response	Frequency
I do not use any sort of child care or preschool	1.4% (1)
I would use some type of child care or preschool, but do not because I cannot afford it	10.0% (7)
The high cost of child care or preschool strains our household budget	75.7% (53)
Appropriate preschool or childcare is not located where I live	11.4% (8)
Preschool or child care providers' hours generally do not coincide with my work schedule	42.8% (30)
Preschool or child care providers are generally closed during the summer, and I need childcare during the summer	37.1% (26)
Preschool or child care providers are generally closed during school vacation weeks and holidays, and I need childcare during these vacation weeks and holidays	34.3% (24)
One response each for: • There needs to be more options for affordable year-round care	1.4% (1)

If available in the area, would your family use or be interested in a preschool open year-round from roughly 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and only closed for major holidays?

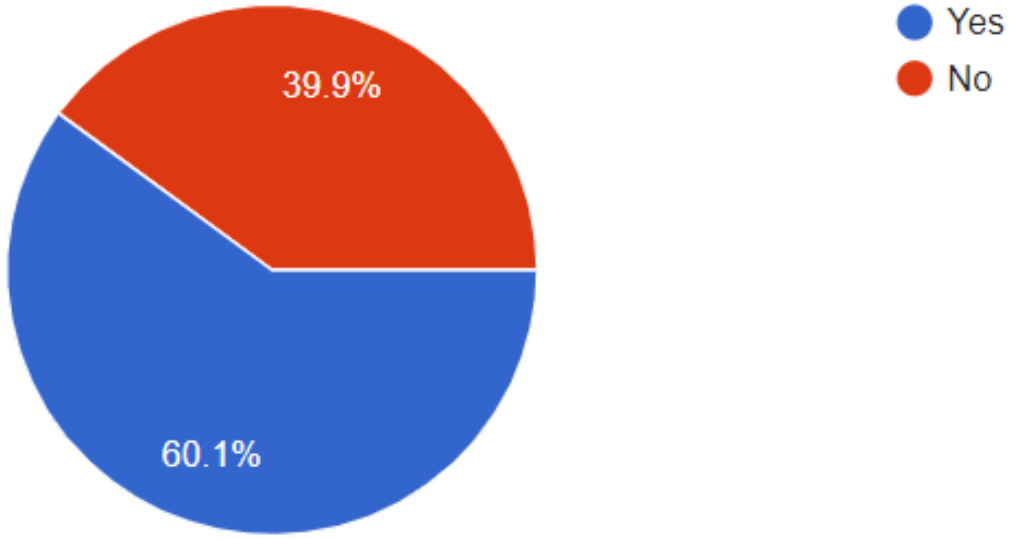
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Elementary School

Do you currently have an elementary aged child in Kindergarten through Grade 4?

268 responses



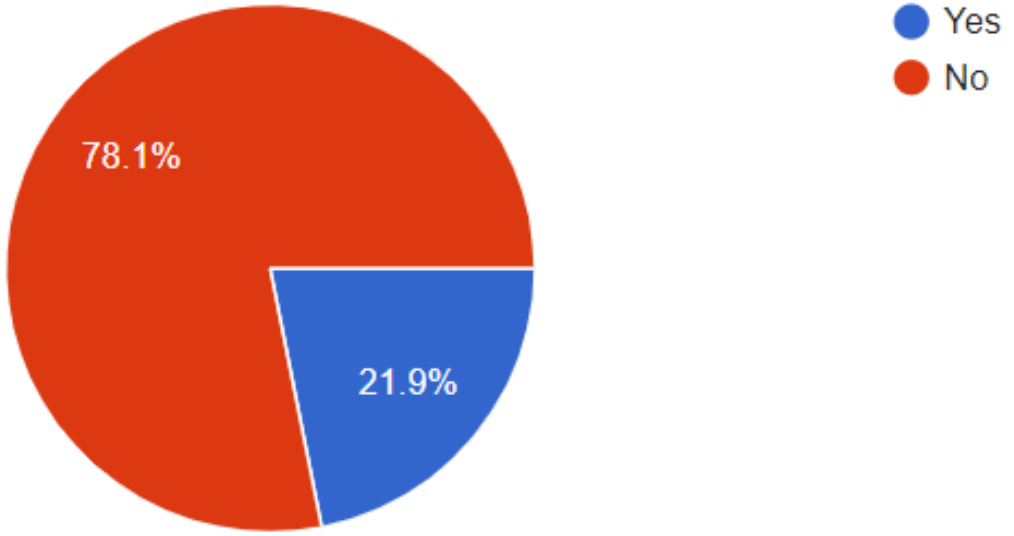
Which elementary school does your child or children attend? (select all that apply)

160 responses

Response	Frequency
Chatham Elementary	28.8% (46)
Harwich Elementary	69.4% (111)
St. Pius X	1.9% (3)

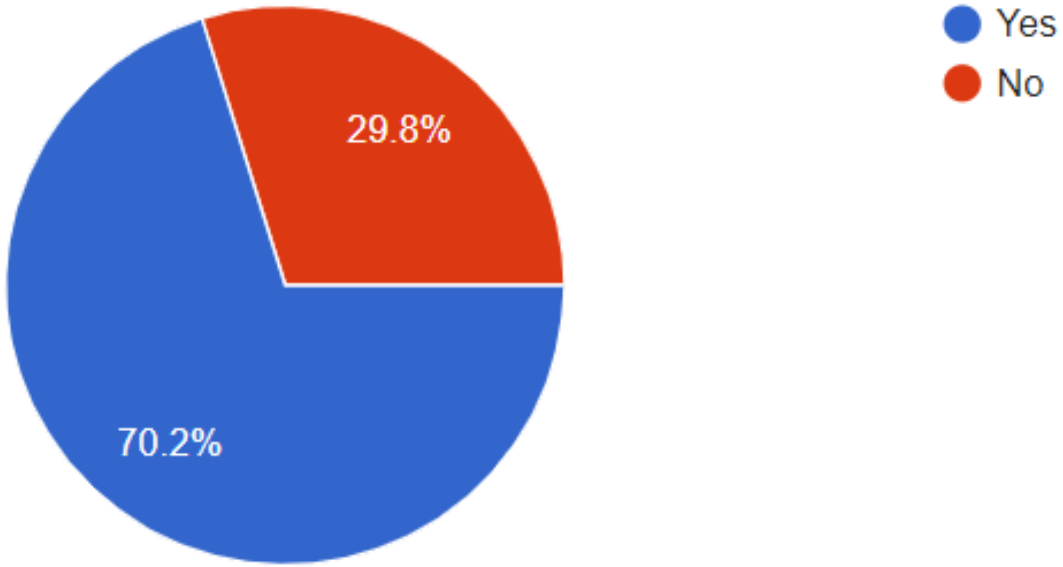
If child care were available from 7:00-7:45 a.m., before the start of Monomoy's elementary school days, would your family use this before-school child care?

160 responses



Do you need/use after-school care for your elementary student(s)?

161 responses



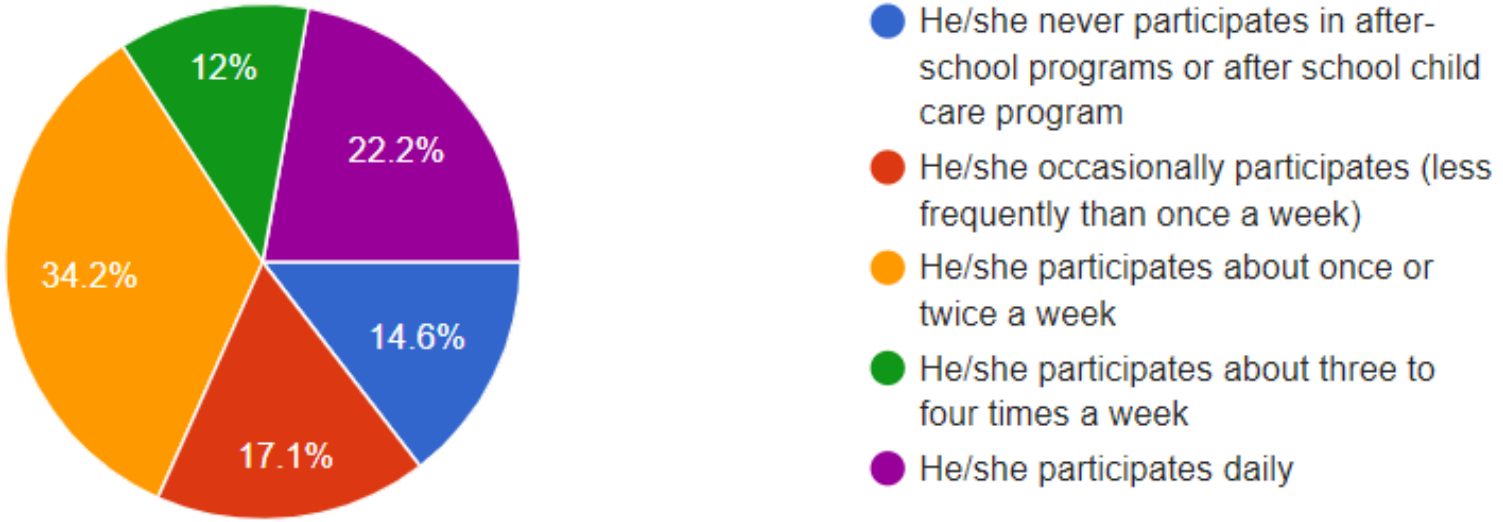
What type of after-school care do you use for your elementary student(s)? (select all that apply)

158 responses

Response	Frequency
I do not use any sort of child care	25.3% (40)
Monomoy Community Services (at Chatham Elementary School)	10.8% (17)
MCLP (at Harwich Elementary School)	38.0% (60)
Pilgrim Church after-school program	3.8% (6)
Harwich Recreation Department programs	18.4% (29)
Child care from a relative or friend in my home	20.3% (32)
Child Care from a relative or friend in another home	17.1% (27)
Other responses: • After school clubs • Babysitter/Nanny • Pay someone else when Monomoy Community Services or school clubs are full • Home alone	 3.2% (5) 1.9% (3) 1.3% (2) 0.6% (1)

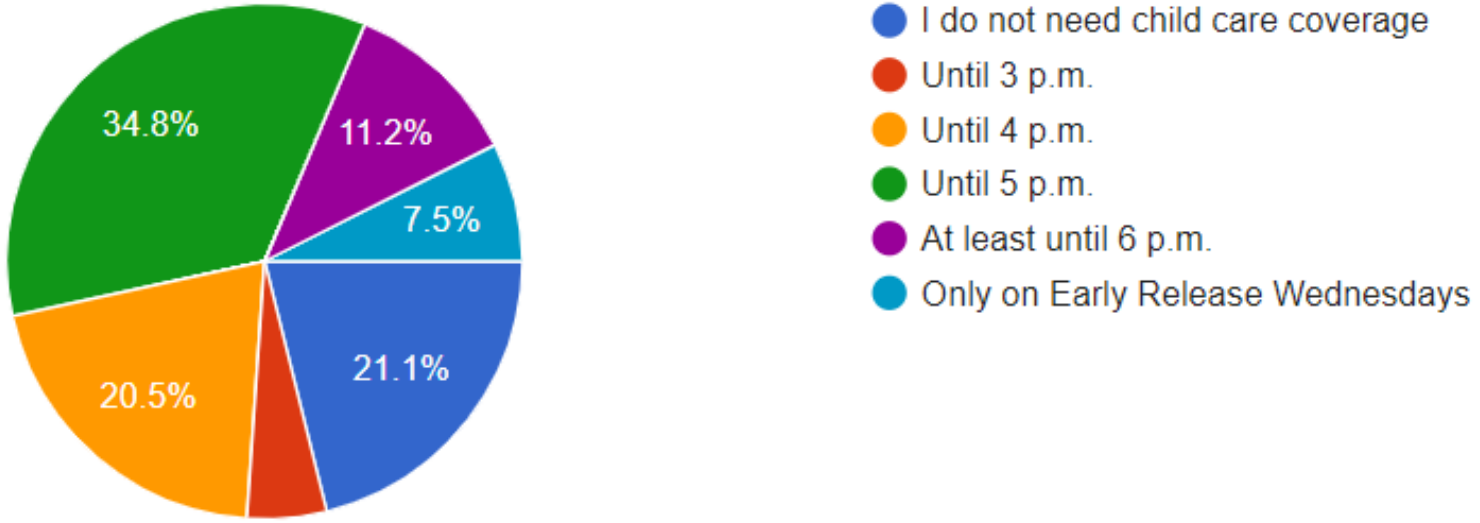
How frequently does your child participate in elementary after-school programs and/or after-school child care?

158 responses



How long after school does your family need child care coverage for your elementary student(s)?

161 responses



What improvements would you most want to see in either the after-school programming or after-school child care supports offered at your elementary school?

78 responses

Major Themes within the Responses

- More affordability/lower costs
- Homework supports
- More availability - programs fill up too quickly, aren't offered enough, hours aren't sufficient, need programs on Early Release Wednesdays and holidays
- Flexibility/ability for drop-in care
- Increased consistency and clarity among various programs
- Professional staffing/improved ratios

What type of summer programming and/or enrichment do you need for your elementary school student(s)? (select all that apply)

158 responses

Response	Frequency
None	17.7% (28)
Full-day, full-week child care	38.0% (60)
Part-day or part-week child care	32.3% (51)
Occasional enrichment activities	25.3% (40)
Other responses: • Coverage from when school gets out at the end of the year until it starts again • Full day coverage, several times a week • *"If there were more options that I could afford, I would be able to work more which would improve our standard of living greatly. I have to stay at home full time because we can't afford for me to work."*	 0.6% (1) 1.3% (2) 0.6% (1)

Is there anything that limits your elementary school child's access to after-school programs or summer programs? (select all that apply)

122 responses

Response	Frequency
I do not to have my child involved in after-school or summer programs	9.8% (12)
The cost of after-school or summer programs limits the ability of my child to attend	54.1% (66)
There are no after-school programs that interest my child	6.5% (8)
There are no summer programs that interest my child	9.8% (12)
My child cannot participate in after school programs because he/she will not have transportation home afterwards	13.9% (17)
My child cannot participate in summer programs because he/she will not have transportation to and from the program	8.2% (10)
My child is already scheduled into other after-school programs/activities, unaffiliated with the schools, and has no time to attend	9.8% (12)
My child cannot participate in programs after school because there is too much homework	3.3% (4)
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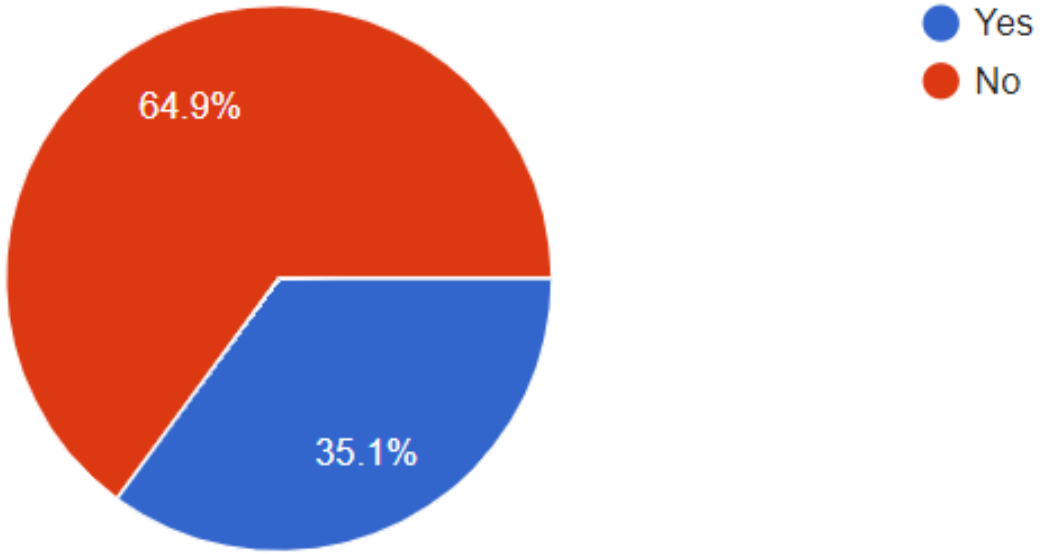
122 responses

Response	Frequency
Other responses:	
• Programs are full and/or have waitlists	6.6% (8)
• Programs cannot feasibly support child with disabilities	2.5% (3)
• School clubs are not always available to use each day	1.6% (2)
• There needs to be more offerings on early release Wednesdays	0.8% (1)
• Limited affordable options (after school or in the summer)	2.5% (3)
• Limited partial-day and/or partial week options	0.8% (1)
• Lack of appropriate summer programs for younger children	0.8% (1)
• Lack of options for swim lessons	0.8% (1)

Middle School

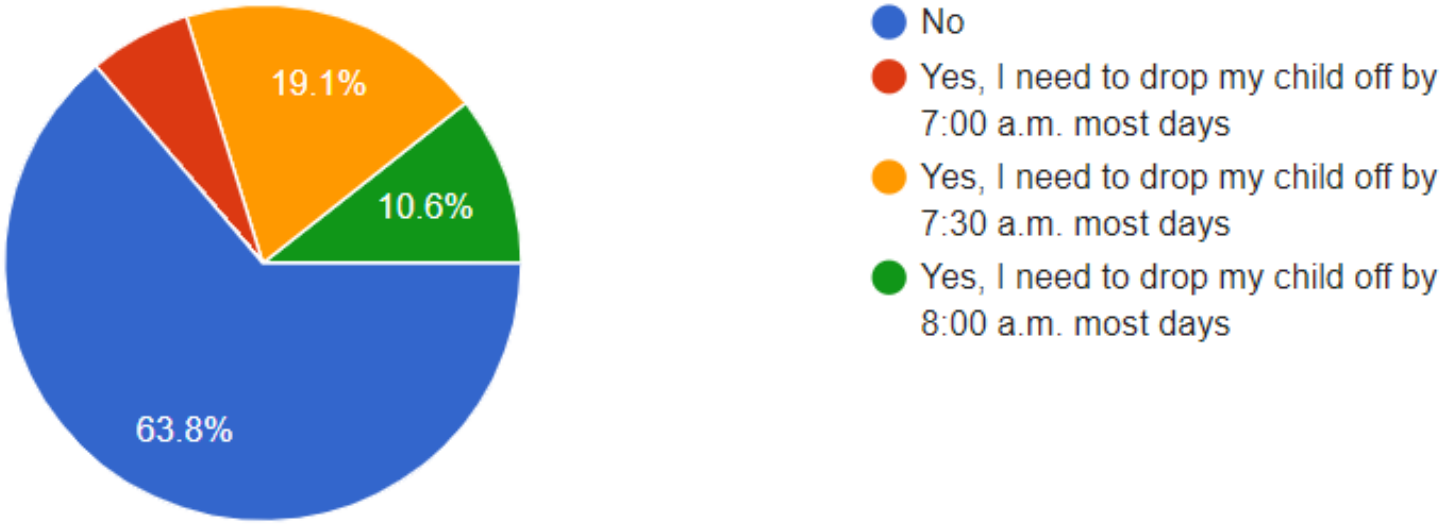
Do you currently have a middle school aged child in Grades 5 through Grade 7?

268 responses



Does your family need before-school support for your middle school student prior to the start of the Monomoy Regional Middle School day?

94 responses



What type of before-school offerings would be most useful to your middle school student? (select all that apply)

74 responses

Response	Frequency
Supervised time in the cafeteria (with breakfast available)	45.9% (34)
Academic tutoring	60.8% (45)
Clubs	60.8% (45)
Physical Activity in the gyms/outside	62.2% (46)
Music and/or arts	37.8% (28)
Other responses: • Having no cell phones allowed	1.4% (1)

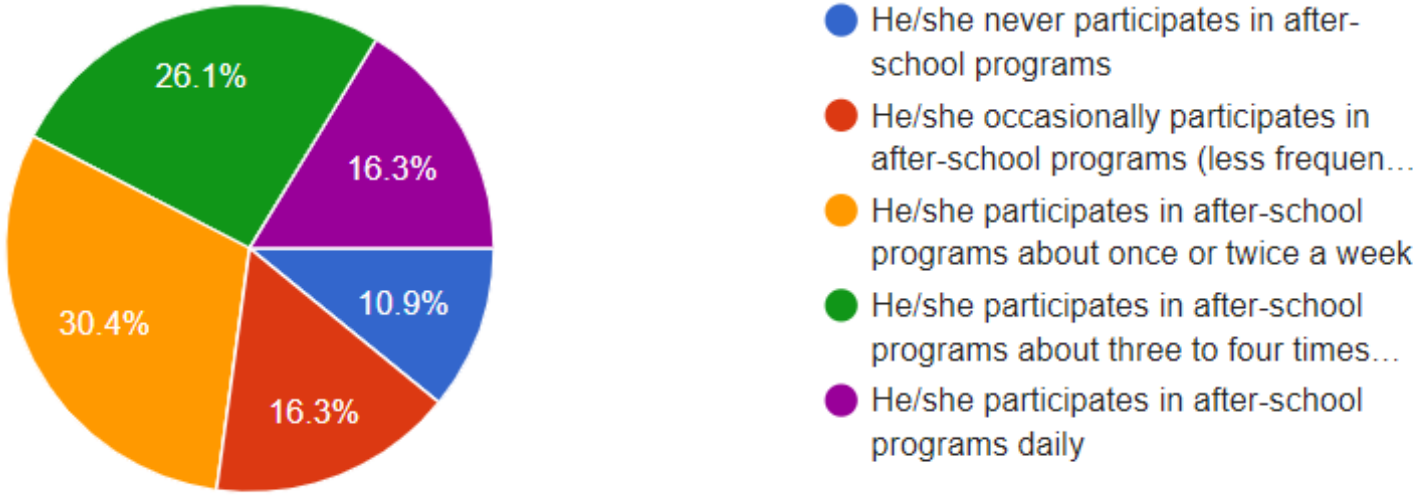
Which after-school programs available for Monomoy Regional Middle School students does your child use? (select all that apply)

88 responses

Response	Frequency
I do not use any sort of after-school program for my middle school student(s)	12.5% (11)
Monomoy Regional Middle School after-school programs (clubs, sports, tutoring, etc.)	76.1% (67)
Chatham Recreation Department/PARK Program	15.9% (14)
Harwich Recreation Department	5.7% (5)
Eldredge Library - Chatham	5.7% (5)
Brooks Free Library - Harwich	18.2% (16)
Other responses: • *"Anything that's closer than Monomoy Regional Middle School"*	1.1% (1)

How frequently does your child participate in after-school programs (clubs, sports, tutoring, etc.) at Monomoy Regional Middle School ?

92 responses



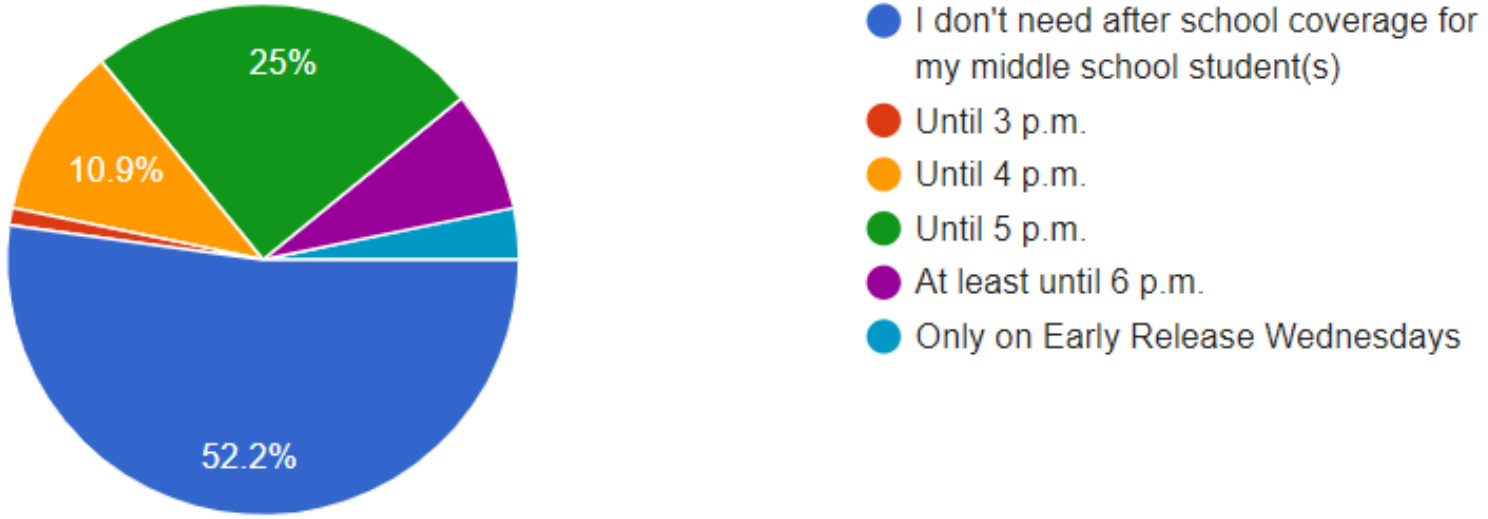
What type of after-school offerings are most useful to your middle school student? (select all that apply)

87 responses

Response	Frequency
Supervised time in the cafeteria	13.8% (12)
Academic tutoring	50.6% (44)
Clubs	62.1% (54)
Physical activity in the gyms/outside	47.1% (41)
Music and/or arts	31.0% (27)
School sports teams	58.6% (51)
Other responses: • Library time	1.1% (1)

How long after school does your family need child care coverage for your middle school student(s)?

92 responses



What improvements would you most want to see in either the after-school programming or after-school child care supports offered at your elementary school?

78 responses

Major Themes within the Responses

- More academic support/one-on-one tutoring
- More club sports
- Later hours/another late bus closer to 5-6 p.m./late bus on Fridays
- More clubs that aren't focused on sports
- Avoid overlapping sports and clubs/activities like theater
- Better communication from coaches re: schedules

What type of summer programming and/or enrichment do you need for your middle school student(s)? (select all that apply)

93 responses

Response	Frequency
None	29.0% (27)
Full-day, full-week child care	26.9% (25)
Part-day or part-week child care	24.7% (23)
Occasional enrichment activities	35.5% (33)
Other responses: • Sports camps • Great to have a Counselor in Training program	 1.1% (1) 1.1% (1)

Is there anything that limits your middle school child's access to after-school programs or summer programs? (select all that apply)

62 responses

Response	Frequency
I choose not to have my child involved in after-school or summer programs	19.4% (12)
The cost of after-school or summer programs limits the ability of my child to attend	32.3% (20)
There are no after-school programs that interest my child	17.7% (11)
There are no summer programs that interest my child	27.4% (17)
My child cannot participate in after-school programs because he/she will not have transportation home afterwards	14.5% (9)
My child cannot participate in summer programs because he/she will not have transportation to and from the program	19.4% (12)
My child is already scheduled into other after-school programs/activities, unaffiliated with the schools, and has no time to attend	6.5% (4)
My child cannot participate in programs after school because there is too much homework	9.7% (6)
Other responses continue on the next slide…	

Is there anything that limits your middle school child's access to after-school programs or summer programs? (select all that apply)

62 responses

Response	Frequency
Other responses: • Distance from the middle school to home or work • Wished town Recreation Department programs spanned the duration of the summer • There are not enough sports after school. Additional soccer, lacrosse, flag football…or anything	 3.2% (2) 1.6% (1) 1.6% (1)

Questions?