# 2025 Renville County Comprehensive Plan Appendix

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# Q1 Are you a resident of Renville County?

Answered: 366     Skipped: 0
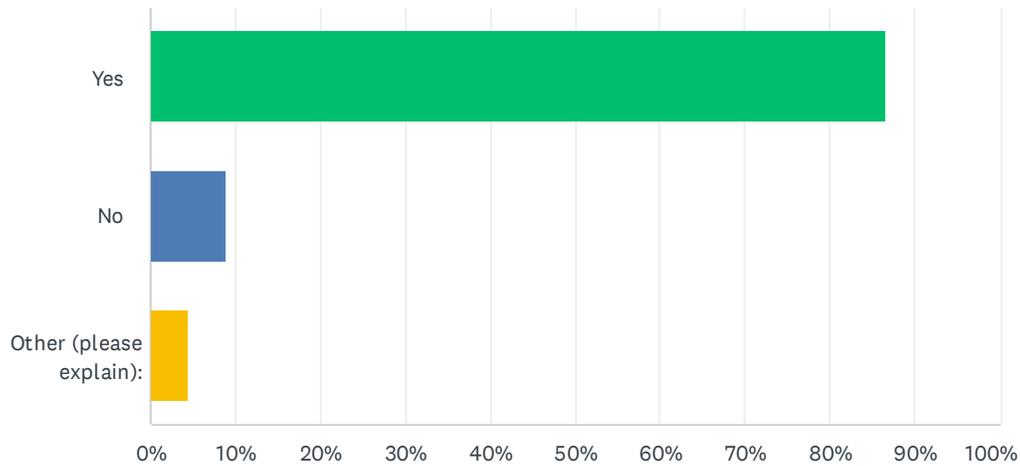


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 86.61% | 317 |
| No | 9.02% | 33 |
| Other (please explain): | 4.37% | 16 |
| TOTAL | | 366 |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE EXPLAIN): | DATE |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | EMPLOYED IN RENVILLE COUNTY | 7/29/2024 8:37 AM |
| 2 | BUSINESS OWNER | 7/29/2024 8:36 AM |
| 3 | We Use your equestrian camps from Scott County | 7/23/2024 3:21 PM |
| 4 | Child Care Director in Renville County | 7/20/2024 10:11 AM |
| 5 | Director that works in Renville County | 7/19/2024 2:29 PM |
| 6 | Reside in AZ, but I still own farmland around the west & south of Fairfax possibly building lots for development. | 7/14/2024 1:30 PM |
| 7 | Work for non profit serving Renville Cty | 7/11/2024 2:03 PM |
| 8 | Live in Hutchinson but represent K&S Millwrights out of Bullalo Lake | 7/11/2024 12:20 PM |
| 9 | Our infrastructure travels through Renville County | 7/11/2024 7:42 AM |
| 10 | Seasonal | 7/9/2024 3:28 PM |
| 11 | Works in Renville | 7/3/2024 9:57 AM |
| 12 | Recently moved out | 7/3/2024 9:10 AM |
| 13 | Farm land owner | 7/2/2024 7:59 PM |
| 14 | Property and business owner in the county | 7/2/2024 5:35 PM |
| 15 | Americorps member serving there | 7/2/2024 1:23 PM |

# Q2 What is your zip code?

Answered: 244    Skipped: 122

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# Q3 In which town do you live?

Answered: 253     Skipped: 113
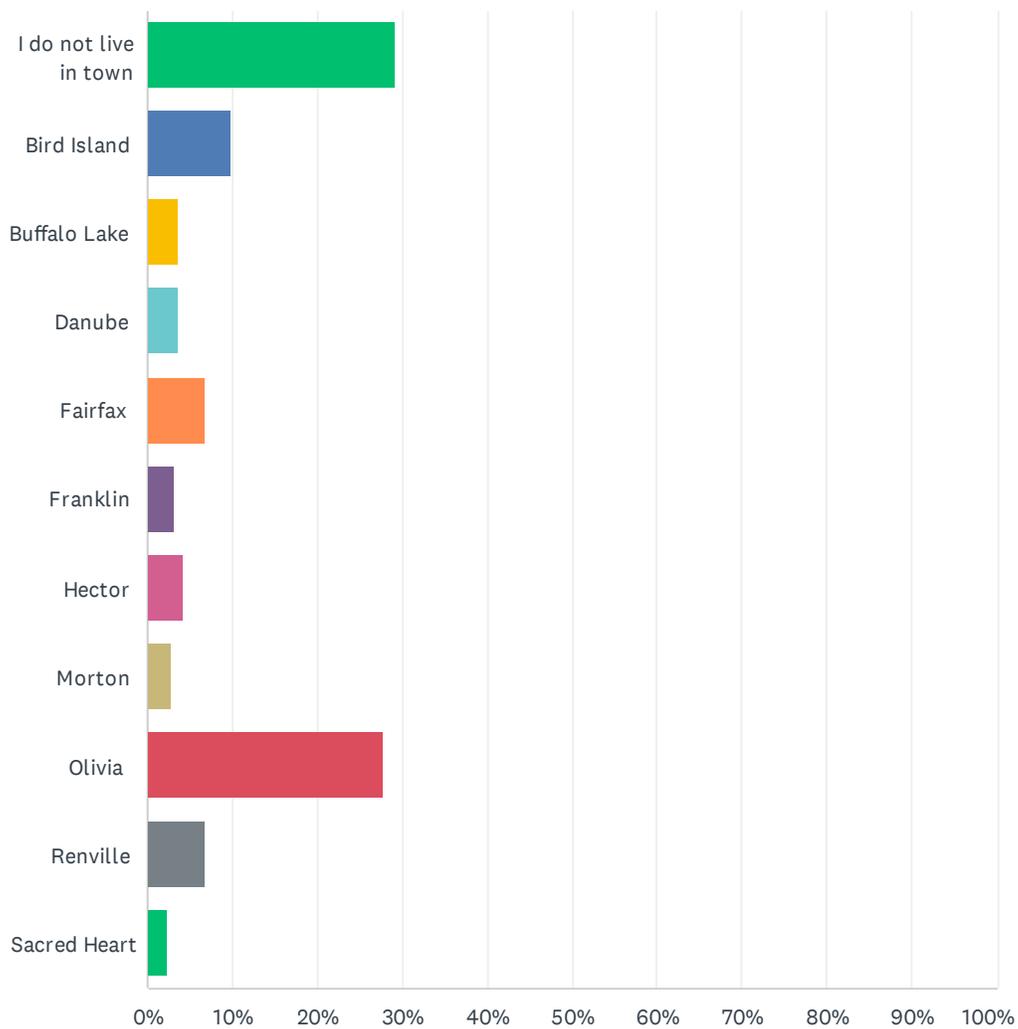
# Renville County Comprehensive Plan Survey

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| I do not live in town | 29.25% | 74 |
| Bird Island | 9.88% | 25 |
| Buffalo Lake | 3.56% | 9 |
| Danube | 3.56% | 9 |
| Fairfax | 6.72% | 17 |
| Franklin | 3.16% | 8 |
| Hector | 4.35% | 11 |
| Morton | 2.77% | 7 |
| Olivia | 27.67% | 70 |
| Renville | 6.72% | 17 |
| Sacred Heart | 2.37% | 6 |
| TOTAL | | 253 |

# Q4 If you live in the country (not in city limits), in which township do you live?

Answered: 225    Skipped: 141
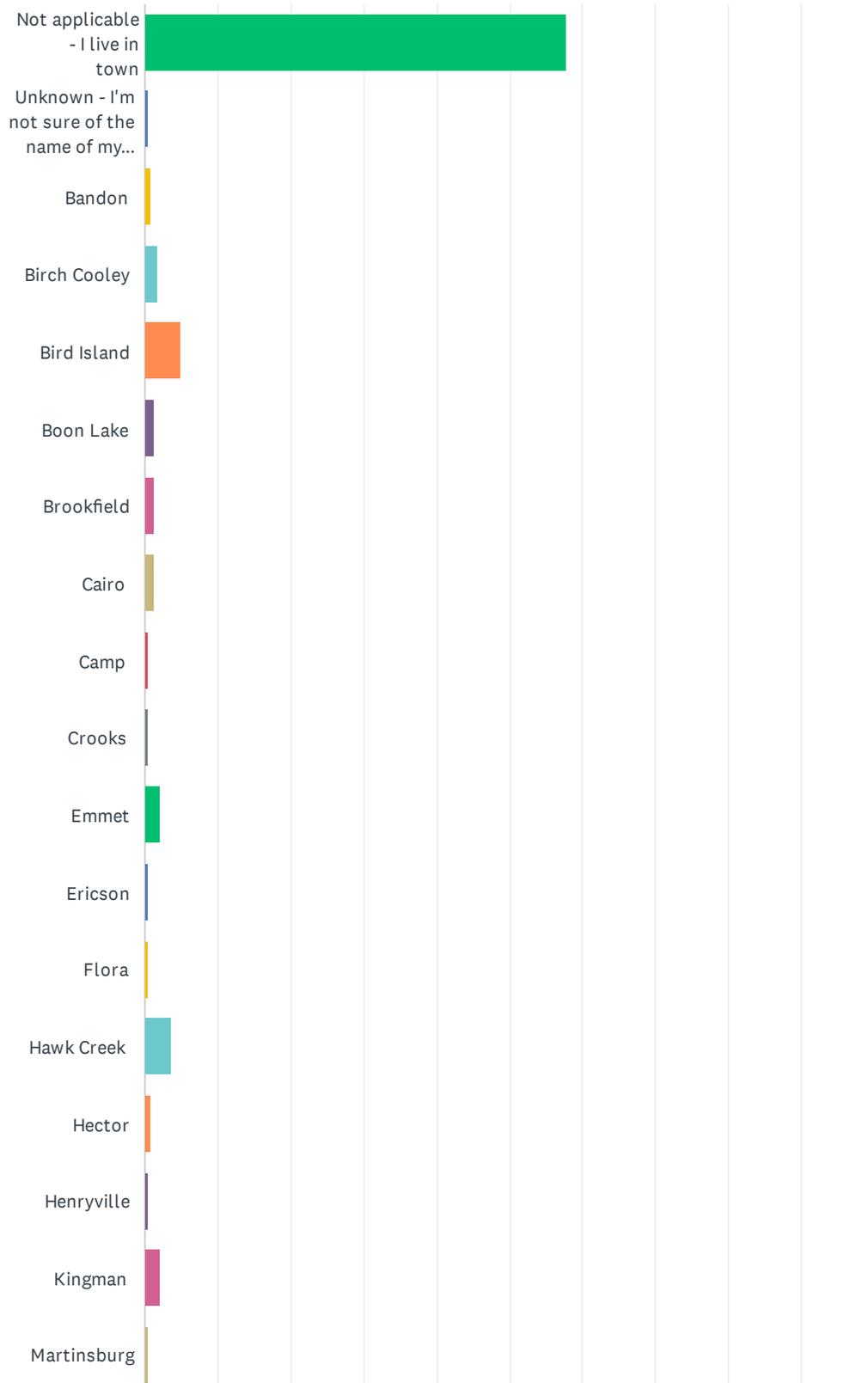
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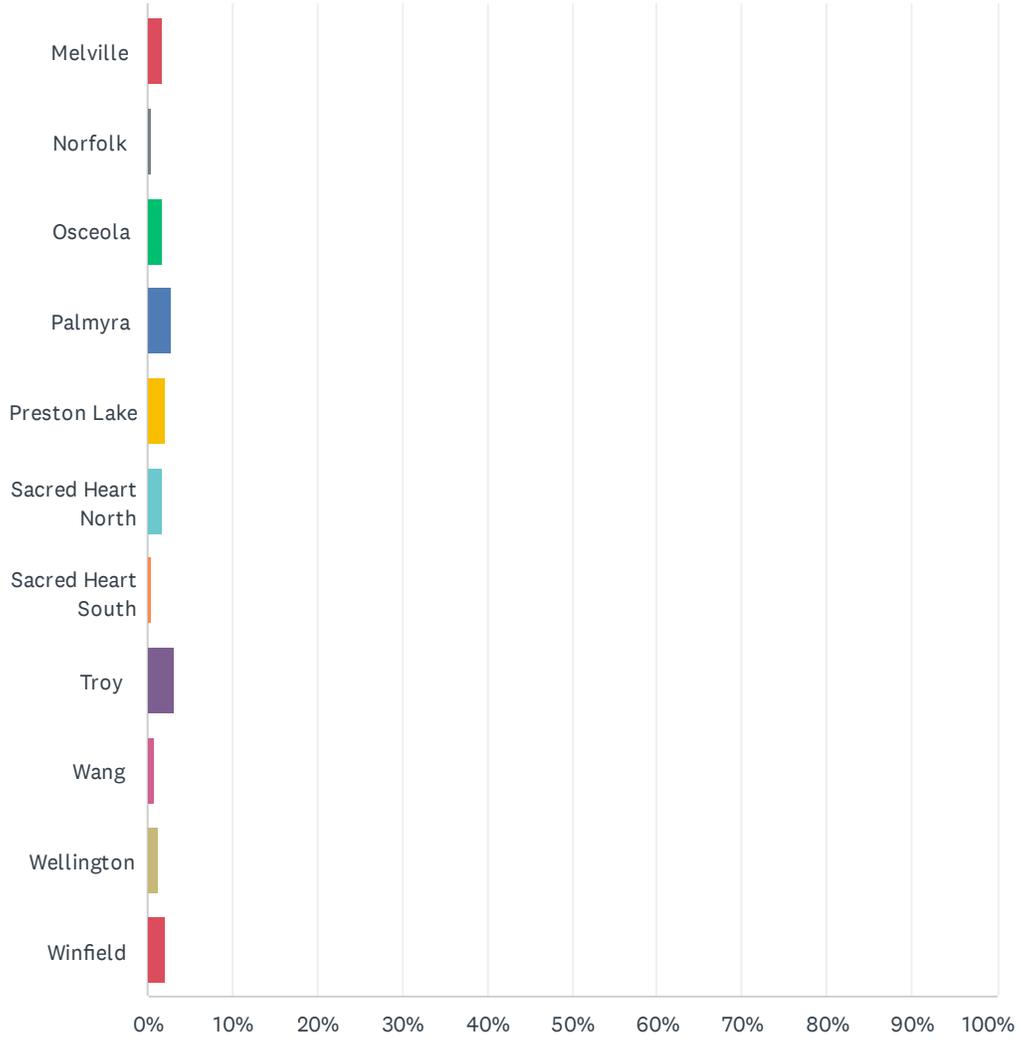
# Renville County Comprehensive Plan Survey

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| Not applicable - I live in town | 57.78% | 130 |
| Unknown - I'm not sure of the name of my township | 0.44% | 1 |
| Bandon | 0.89% | 2 |
| Birch Cooley | 1.78% | 4 |
| Bird Island | 4.89% | 11 |
| Boon Lake | 1.33% | 3 |
| Brookfield | 1.33% | 3 |
| Cairo | 1.33% | 3 |
| Camp | 0.44% | 1 |
| Crooks | 0.44% | 1 |
| Emmet | 2.22% | 5 |
| Ericson | 0.44% | 1 |
| Flora | 0.44% | 1 |
| Hawk Creek | 3.56% | 8 |
| Hector | 0.89% | 2 |
| Henryville | 0.44% | 1 |
| Kingman | 2.22% | 5 |
| Martinsburg | 0.44% | 1 |
| Melville | 1.78% | 4 |
| Norfolk | 0.44% | 1 |
| Osceola | 1.78% | 4 |
| Palmyra | 2.67% | 6 |
| Preston Lake | 2.22% | 5 |
| Sacred Heart North | 1.78% | 4 |
| Sacred Heart South | 0.44% | 1 |
| Troy | 3.11% | 7 |
| Wang | 0.89% | 2 |
| Wellington | 1.33% | 3 |
| Winfield | 2.22% | 5 |
| TOTAL | | 225 |

# Q5 Do you work within the borders of Renville County?

Answered: 254    Skipped: 112
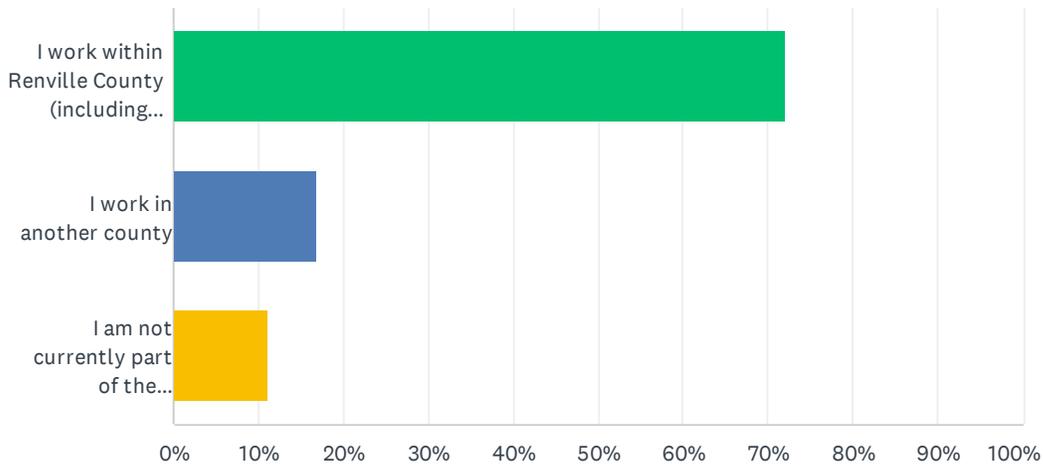


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| I work within Renville County (including self-employment) | 72.05% | 183 |
| I work in another county | 16.93% | 43 |
| I am not currently part of the workforce due to retirement, unemployment, caretaking responsibilities, or any other reason. | 11.02% | 28 |
| TOTAL | | 254 |

| # | COMMENT (OPTIONAL) | DATE |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | I farm in Renville with a small field in Sibley County, and work part-time in Sibley County | 8/12/2024 9:26 AM |
| 2 | I work in St. Paul | 8/9/2024 2:03 PM |
| 3 | I work in carver County | 7/15/2024 6:32 AM |
| 4 | Former teacher and farm operator. My land is currently rented out. | 7/11/2024 4:37 PM |
| 5 | Work from home for a company based elsewhere | 7/7/2024 12:58 PM |
| 6 | I'm a farmer and landowner in several Renville County townships but do have other business interests and employment outside of Renville County. | 7/3/2024 11:48 PM |
| 7 | I work from home 75% of the time | 7/3/2024 7:31 PM |
| 8 | I work for a company outside of the county, however I work from home in renville most of the time | 7/3/2024 12:25 PM |
| 9 | Kandiyohi | 7/2/2024 10:58 AM |

# Q6 If you are employed, how far do you commute to work (each way)?

Answered: 250     Skipped: 116
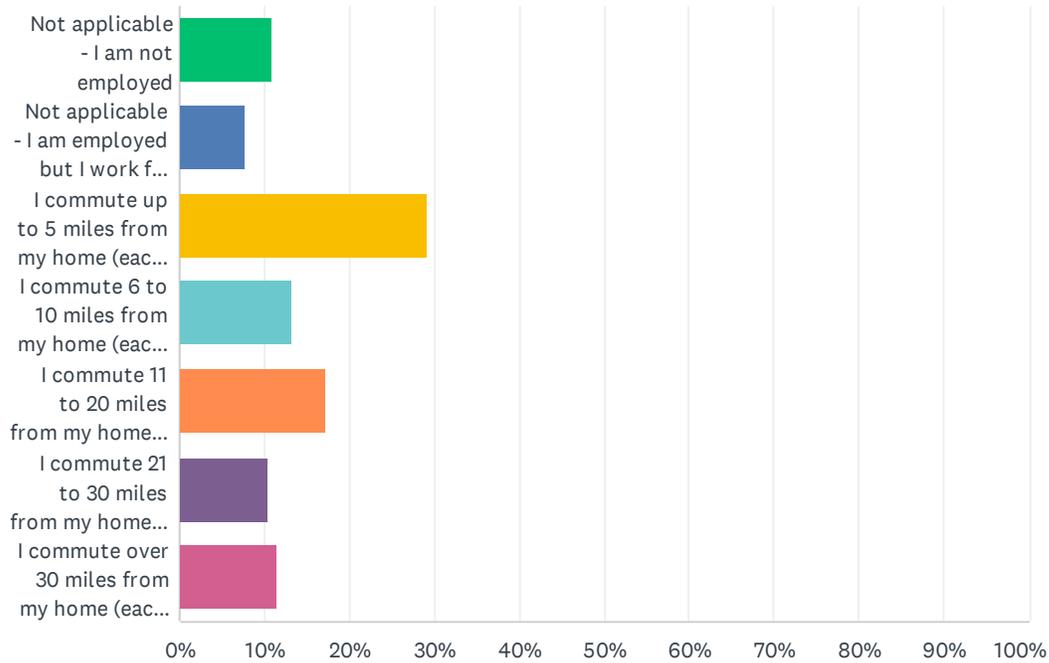


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| Not applicable - I am not employed | 10.80% | 27 |
| Not applicable - I am employed but I work from my home | 7.60% | 19 |
| I commute up to 5 miles from my home (each way) | 29.20% | 73 |
| I commute 6 to 10 miles from my home (each way) | 13.20% | 33 |
| I commute 11 to 20 miles from my home (each way) | 17.20% | 43 |
| I commute 21 to 30 miles from my home (each way) | 10.40% | 26 |
| I commute over 30 miles from my home (each way) | 11.60% | 29 |
| TOTAL | | 250 |

| # | COMMENT (OPTIONAL): | DATE |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | retired | 8/9/2024 2:15 PM |
| 2 | Work from home and travel to other parts of MN as needed | 7/28/2024 10:43 AM |
| 3 | Usually I drive over 30miles to work | 7/18/2024 9:55 AM |
| 4 | Aprox 70 each way | 7/15/2024 6:32 AM |
| 5 | When I was teaching, I commuted 43 miles one-way. | 7/11/2024 4:37 PM |
| 6 | I also work from home as well as travel up to 50 miles from home. | 7/11/2024 9:10 AM |
| 7 | Less than a mile | 7/11/2024 8:20 AM |

| 8 | To redwood | 7/11/2024 7:34 AM |
|---|---|---|
| 9 | I travel to the actual physical location one day per week 20 miles one way | 7/3/2024 12:25 PM |
| 10 | My office is in Olivia, but travel all over the county every day | 7/3/2024 10:37 AM |
| 11 | I can choose to work from home or the office | 7/2/2024 10:25 PM |
| 12 | 1-2 days a week otherwise work from home | 7/2/2024 1:03 PM |
| 13 | Willmar | 7/2/2024 10:58 AM |
| 14 | I work from home and can travel as far as 100 miles from home | 6/28/2024 7:33 PM |

# Q7 Do you or does anyone in your household have difficulty with transportation (e.g. having it, finding it, or using it)?

Answered: 254     Skipped: 112
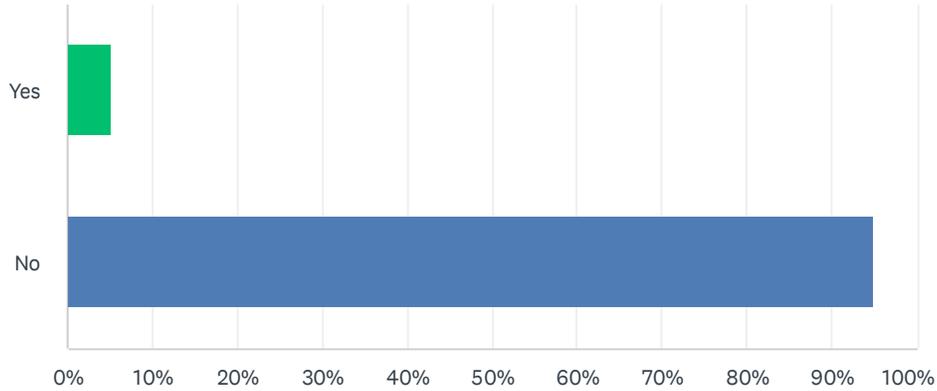


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 5.12% | 13 |
| No | 94.88% | 241 |
| TOTAL | | 254 |

| # | COMMENT (OPTIONAL): | DATE |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | I consider transportation to include entities like Uber & Lyft -- it would add value to this community for elderly / people without cars / people who want to arrange rides if they plan on drinking at our businesses / etc. We support all these small community fun days & give business grants -- but it would build confidence in supporting the businesses as far as entertainment if we know citizens have an option to drink without having to drive | 7/24/2024 5:48 PM |
| 2 | affording gas | 7/18/2024 6:30 AM |
| 3 | We need to maintain, and add more paved roads. | 7/5/2024 11:03 AM |
| 4 | Public transportation would be a plus for small towns. | 7/2/2024 5:47 PM |
| 5 | I do not but I know of a lot of people that have transportation inaccessibility | 7/2/2024 3:03 PM |

# Q8 Do you, or does your family, rent or own your home?

Answered: 255    Skipped: 111
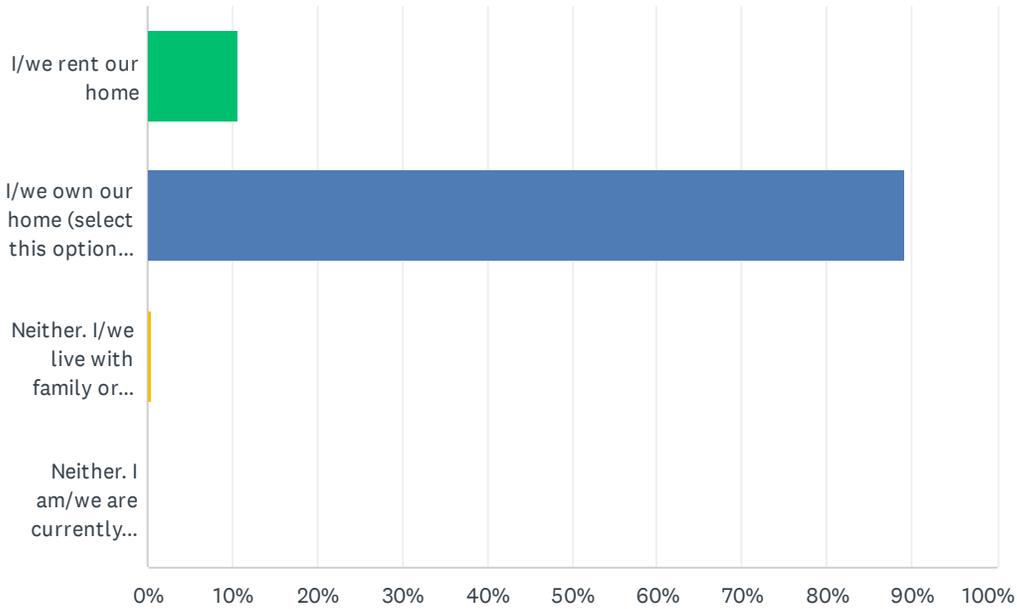


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| I/we rent our home | 10.59% | 27 |
| I/we own our home (select this option even if you have a mortgage) | 89.02% | 227 |
| Neither. I/we live with family or friends | 0.39% | 1 |
| Neither. I am/we are currently unhoused/homeless | 0.00% | 0 |
| TOTAL | | 255 |

| # | COMMENT (OPTIONAL): | DATE |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Homeowner and landowner with no debt. | 7/11/2024 4:37 PM |

# Q9 In what type of home do you currently live/stay?

Answered: 255    Skipped: 111
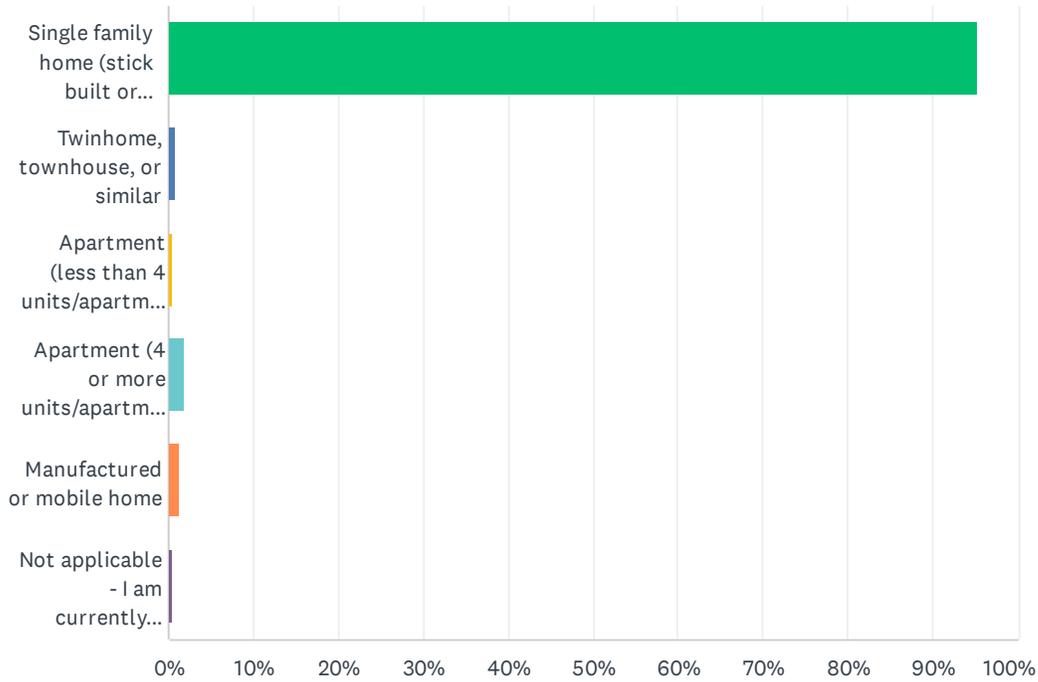


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| Single family home (stick built or modular) | 95.29% | 243 |
| Twinhome, townhouse, or similar | 0.78% | 2 |
| Apartment (less than 4 units/apartments in my building) | 0.39% | 1 |
| Apartment (4 or more units/apartments in my building) | 1.96% | 5 |
| Manufactured or mobile home | 1.18% | 3 |
| Not applicable - I am currently unhoused/homeless | 0.39% | 1 |
| TOTAL | | 255 |

| # | COMMENT (OPTIONAL) | DATE |
|---|---|---|
| | There are no responses. | |

# Q10 Does your household use childcare services (select all that apply)?

Answered: 252    Skipped: 114
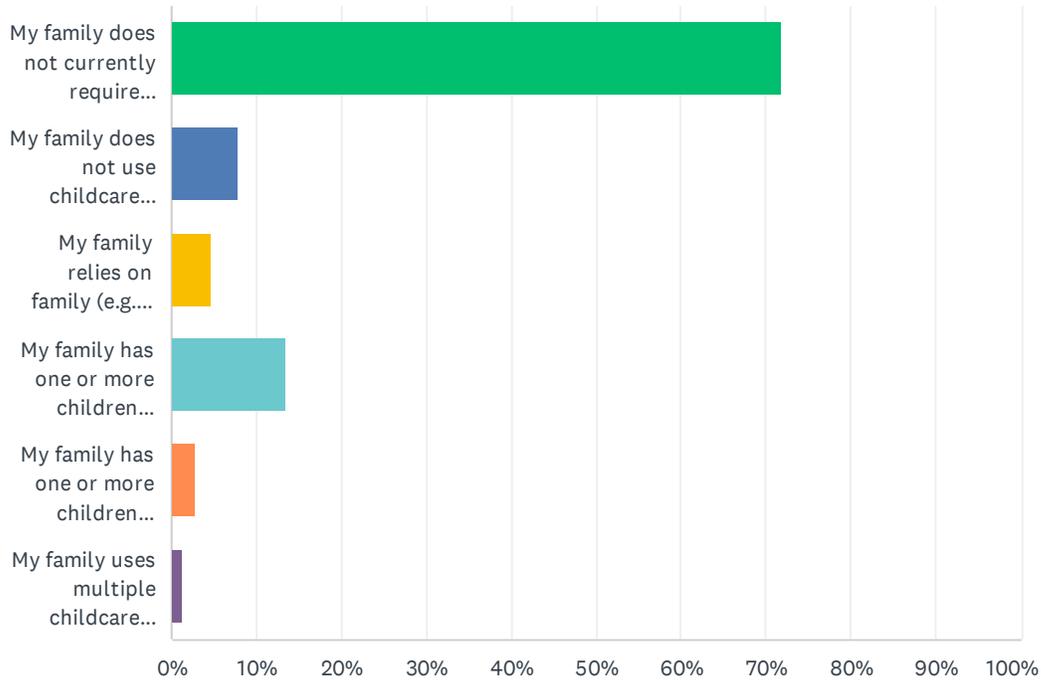


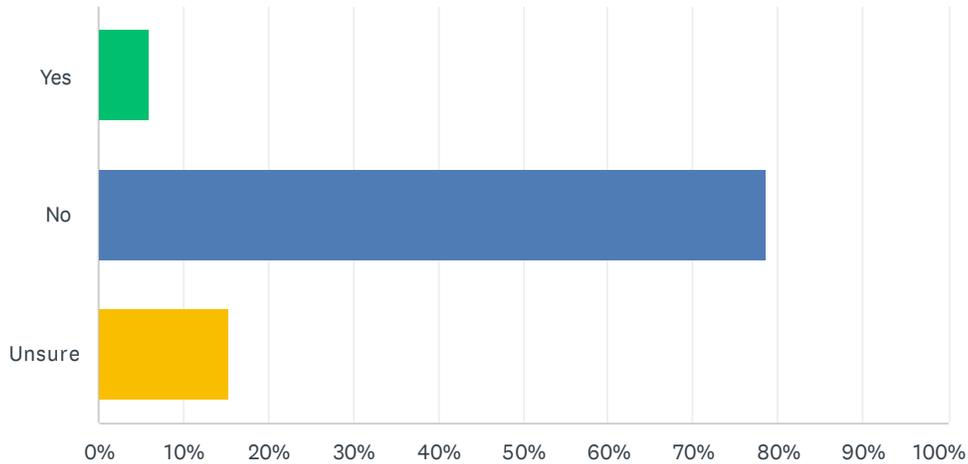| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| My family does not currently require childcare and we don't expect to in the next 3-5 years | 71.83% | 181 |
| My family does not use childcare services now but we will likely need childcare within the next 5 years | 7.94% | 20 |
| My family relies on family (e.g., grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, etc.) or friends for childcare services | 4.76% | 12 |
| My family has one or more children receiving licensed childcare services within 10 miles of my home | 13.49% | 34 |
| My family has one or more children receiving licensed childcare services more than 10 miles from my home | 2.78% | 7 |
| My family uses multiple childcare facilities/providers/options | 1.19% | 3 |
| Total Respondents: 252 | | |

| # | COMMENT (OPTIONAL): | DATE |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | NO Children at home | 8/19/2024 8:45 AM |
| 2 | Daughter and her child are living with us temporarily (1-2 years), daycare in Buffalo Lake. | 8/10/2024 3:58 PM |
| 3 | stay at home mom during the week. work on weekends | 7/4/2024 3:25 PM |

# Q11 Do you think there are enough childcare options for Renville County's families?

Answered: 254    Skipped: 112



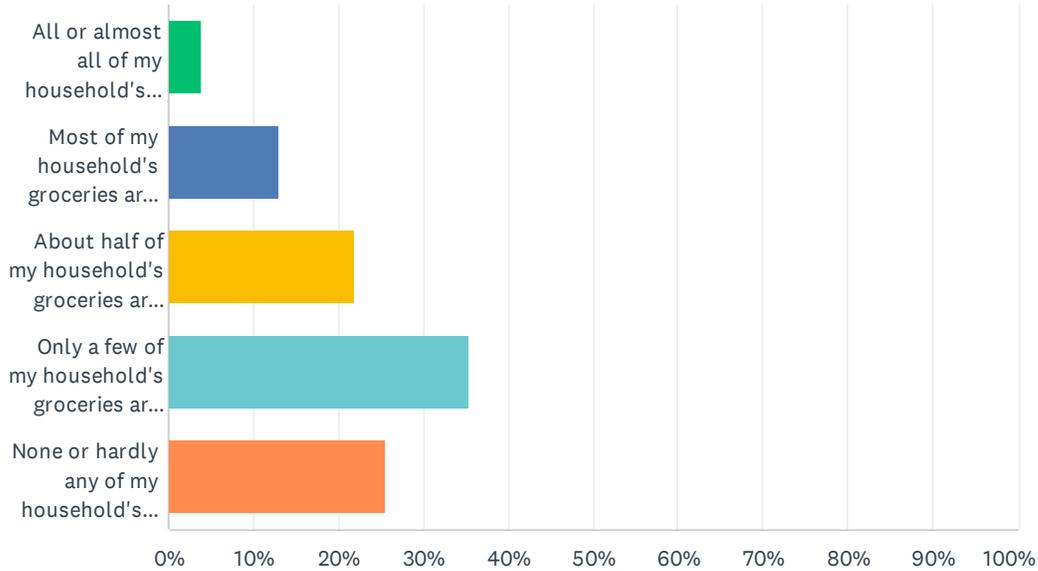| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 5.91% | 15 |
| No | 78.74% | 200 |
| Unsure | 15.35% | 39 |
| TOTAL | | 254 |

| # | COMMENT (OPTIONAL): | DATE |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | We are currently pregnant and called daycares in renville county the day after we found out. Most day cares within a reasonable distance from our home/work were not accepting new children or had an extremely long wait list. Even though we were calling a year in advance to when we would need day care it was still a struggle. Thankfully the individual who is going to be our provider was willing to get a variance. | 8/16/2024 8:50 AM |
| 2 | government regulations have forced too many in home care services out of business | 8/16/2024 7:30 AM |
| 3 | I continuously here my coworkers, friends and customers explain their current childcare situations regarding no childcare options or having to cut work hours to accommodate to family needs. | 7/18/2024 7:49 PM |
| 4 | One was recently constructed in Buffalo Lake. Used to be more private individuals that did child care in their homes in this area. Regrettably, overly-restrictive regulations have made this impossible for most. | 7/11/2024 4:37 PM |
| 5 | As an employer in Renville Co, we experience employees who cannot find adequate, affordable childcare. | 7/11/2024 3:06 PM |
| 6 | It was very difficult to find childcare, when my children were younger. We had to go out of county to Granite Falls for child care. | 7/2/2024 4:27 PM |
| 7 | As a childcare provider in Renville County, I receive maybe one call every few months. The need for under age 5 is not as great as perceived (at least in Olivia). | 6/28/2024 4:16 PM |
| 8 | difficulty in being able to have a back-up daycare when primary provider is needing time off; | 6/25/2024 8:24 AM |

providers needing to apply for variances to take children

# Q12 How many of your household's groceries (food) are purchased within Renville County?

Answered: 254    Skipped: 112



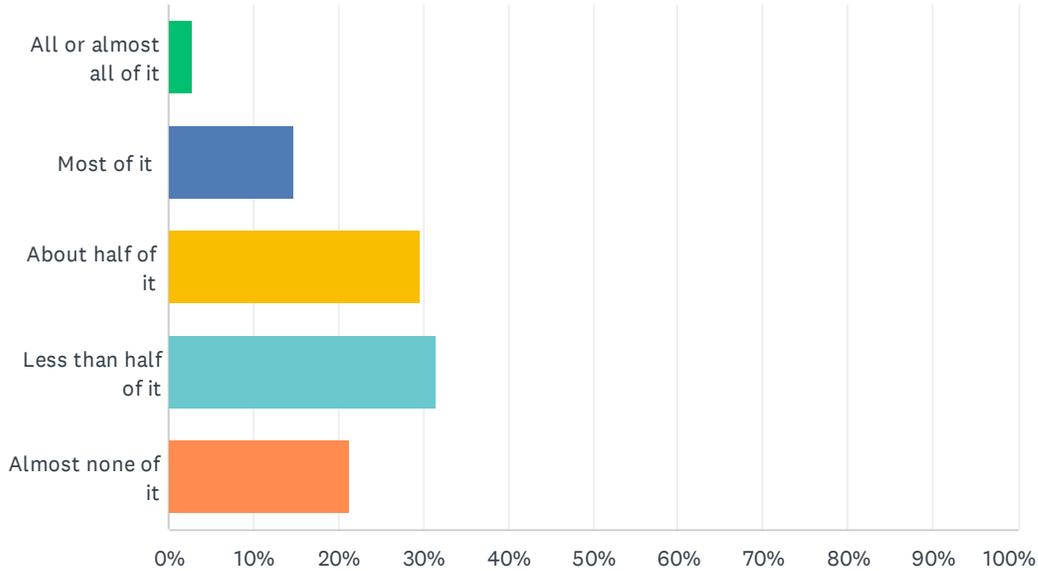| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| All or almost all of my household's groceries are purchased within Renville County | 3.94% | 10 |
| Most of my household's groceries are purchased within Renville County | 12.99% | 33 |
| About half of my household's groceries are purchased within Renville County | 22.05% | 56 |
| Only a few of my household's groceries are purchased within Renville County | 35.43% | 90 |
| None or hardly any of my household's groceries are purchased within Renville County | 25.59% | 65 |
| TOTAL | | 254 |

| # | COMMENT (OPTIONAL): | DATE |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | "Buy Local" when we can, but cost is sometimes 3x's the amount then other stores | 8/16/2024 10:27 AM |
| 2 | Local is too expensive | 8/16/2024 9:30 AM |
| 3 | Groceries are very spendy here and we dont have the income to compare | 8/16/2024 9:30 AM |
| 4 | We go to Hutchinson for our grocery options, we will stop at the grocery stores in Olivia, BI, and Buffalo Lake when we need something small. | 8/16/2024 8:50 AM |
| 5 | Would like more options within Renville cty | 8/15/2024 12:40 PM |
| 6 | No options to purchase close to home | 8/13/2024 3:24 PM |
| 7 | No local grocery stores. If there are, too high of prices or not much fresh produce. | 8/12/2024 4:20 PM |
| 8 | There are no grocery stores, or ones without non GMO food | 7/18/2024 9:55 AM |
| 9 | no grocery stores | 7/18/2024 6:30 AM |

| 10 | Dollar general or I order online services | 7/15/2024 6:32 AM |
| 11 | Only purchase WIC items in Renville county - supporting our small town grocery store (Renville and Olivia) | 7/13/2024 7:16 PM |
| 12 | We have a very good grocery store in Buffalo Lake, where I purchase a majority of my groceries. | 7/11/2024 4:37 PM |
| 13 | Cost and limited selection, produce isn't always fresh. | 7/11/2024 3:06 PM |
| 14 | We drive to hutchinson because groceries are cheaper | 7/11/2024 1:04 PM |
| 15 | This will vary depending on season. Summers are fewer but winters more | 7/11/2024 9:10 AM |
| 16 | I travel to redwood falls for 95% of my grocery needs. I do use the fast food restaurants here, as well as the pizza offered by the gas stations on occasion | 7/8/2024 11:02 AM |
| 17 | Redwood or Willmar | 7/3/2024 11:41 PM |
| 18 | Drive to Redwood Falls | 7/3/2024 7:31 PM |
| 19 | We typically travel to Willmar to get groceries, however we do frequent B&D for random items here and there in between grocery shopping trips | 7/3/2024 10:34 AM |
| 20 | We/others raise or grow much of our food. We buy random things regularly at B&D market in Bird Island. I purchase a lot of our flour, grains, dried beans etc. from an organic/naturally grown bulk food co-op | 7/2/2024 10:55 PM |
| 21 | Need a store that sells produce in Fairfax. | 7/2/2024 10:33 PM |
| 22 | We travel to Willmar due to expensive small town stores here (B&D, Maynard's) | 7/2/2024 3:03 PM |
| 23 | The grocery stores in Renville County are too expensive and very limited option. The grocery store in Bird Island also always has expired food. | 7/2/2024 1:44 PM |
| 24 | Too expensive, b and d needs local competition | 7/2/2024 1:03 PM |
| 25 | Too expensive to shop in town | 6/28/2024 4:16 PM |
| 26 | No grocery stores around | 6/25/2024 9:44 PM |
| 27 | groceries are not as affordable in local grocery stores or Dollar General; often make big shopping trips to Willmar or Hutchinson (Walmart, Aldi, Cash Wise) and then use Dollar General and B&D in Olivia for intermittent groceries | 6/25/2024 8:24 AM |

# Q13 How much of your recreation, leisure, or entertainment time is spent within Renville County?

Answered: 253    Skipped: 113



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| All or almost all of it | 2.77% | 7 |
| Most of it | 14.62% | 37 |
| About half of it | 29.64% | 75 |
| Less than half of it | 31.62% | 80 |
| Almost none of it | 21.34% | 54 |
| TOTAL | | 253 |

| # | COMMENT (OPTIONAL): | DATE |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | We usually go to Willmar or Hutch or the cities | 8/19/2024 11:29 AM |
| 2 | We are home bodies and don't go out of the county for entertainment either. | 8/16/2024 2:15 PM |
| 3 | We travel on our motorcycle and spend our time away from Renville County | 8/16/2024 10:27 AM |
| 4 | Not much to do here. | 8/16/2024 9:30 AM |
| 5 | We enjoy all the town events, and spend time at our city park at the pickle ball court. | 8/16/2024 8:50 AM |
| 6 | Not much to do. | 8/12/2024 4:20 PM |
| 7 | Cabin and twin cities mostly | 7/19/2024 6:58 AM |
| 8 | nothing we can afford to do | 7/18/2024 6:30 AM |
| 9 | county parks | 7/16/2024 12:14 PM |
| 10 | Willmar and Redwood have better, cheaper, and more quality options. | 7/15/2024 10:31 AM |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 11 | Fort Ridgely mainly. Wish there was a nice community center pool here | 7/15/2024 6:32 AM |
| 12 | I attend high-school games at times locally. | 7/11/2024 4:37 PM |
| 13 | Do not enjoy sports or events centered around drinking. Options available are limited, especially in winter. | 7/11/2024 3:06 PM |
| 14 | We have 2 kids under 3. All we do is sit at home. | 7/2/2024 10:33 PM |
| 15 | Less than 1/4. We do like the county parks. | 7/2/2024 4:27 PM |
| 16 | Need more to do | 7/2/2024 1:03 PM |
| 17 | bowling in Hutchinson, movies in Willmar or Hutchinson, camping/boating/fishing at lakes in other counties, eat out in Olivia (Max's) and occasionally other restaurant in Renville Co but mostly outside of Renville Co; do use Renville Co parks for trails, parks in town and playset at home for weekday evenings, arcade & painting in Olivia was nice addition as an occasional option for something to do, attending town events in Summer | 6/25/2024 8:24 AM |

# Q14 What type of leisure, recreation, or entertainment options would you like to see more of within Renville County, if any?

Answered: 163    Skipped: 203

| # | RESPONSES | DATE |
|---|-----------|------|
| 1 | Bring back pelican lake swimming pool/pond (sand bottom) with walking path around it. Pickle ball courts are good - Need Bird Island's yet. Get Hector pool back. | 8/23/2024 9:40 AM |
| 2 | Few | 8/23/2024 9:34 AM |
| 3 | county campground with water and electric amenities; especially electric preferably on the western end of the county | 8/20/2024 6:04 AM |
| 4 | Wellness Center, Bike Trails (mountain biking trails), bowling, mini golf, anything to get us outside of our homes. | 8/19/2024 3:05 PM |
| 5 | Exercise facility with pool | 8/19/2024 1:56 PM |
| 6 | Places to bring the grandkids. For example, a big indoor place for them to run and play especially during the Winter (thinking of "The Village" in Willmar) ...For summertime, we are looking forward to the splashpad in progress | 8/19/2024 11:29 AM |
| 7 | Movie theater, more food options- fast or sit down | 8/19/2024 7:54 AM |
| 8 | Mountain biking | 8/18/2024 10:39 PM |
| 9 | Top golf | 8/18/2024 12:03 AM |
| 10 | More places to eat, stores with clothes | 8/17/2024 7:13 PM |
| 11 | Better restaurants | 8/17/2024 6:51 PM |
| 12 | More for kids | 8/17/2024 6:51 PM |
| 13 | ATV trails | 8/17/2024 1:46 PM |
| 14 | Walking paths | 8/17/2024 10:17 AM |
| 15 | Bike trail along Hwy 212. | 8/16/2024 9:15 PM |
| 16 | IDK | 8/16/2024 2:15 PM |
| 17 | Variety of places to eat. Some type of entertainment for adults besides eating and drinking. | 8/16/2024 9:30 AM |
| 18 | places to eat all day long restaurants concerts more stores to shop clothes | 8/16/2024 9:21 AM |
| 19 | restaurants (not fast food), shopping options, hard to say as our hobbies are very unpopular in rural America. crafting, painting, gaming | 8/16/2024 9:11 AM |
| 20 | Bowling Alley, Hang out areas for kids | 8/16/2024 8:50 AM |
| 21 | I think there should be more options for children, as well as more places to shop locally. | 8/16/2024 8:42 AM |
| 22 | restaurant, Sports bar, trivia, outdoor/indoor activity (bowling, ax throw, golf) walking path/trail | 8/16/2024 8:39 AM |
| 23 | Community swimming pools, recreation for teens | 8/15/2024 7:50 PM |
| 24 | walking paths, dog parks | 8/15/2024 2:56 PM |
| 25 | ATV Park | 8/15/2024 2:34 PM |
| 26 | ATV park, trails for youth/adults with motorized vehicles | 8/15/2024 12:40 PM |
| 27 | Walking trails, movie theatre, options for kids to do things with friends. | 8/15/2024 9:18 AM |
| 28 | Horse back riding allowed in Vicksburg. I love the horseback trails in Beaver Falls and | 8/13/2024 9:47 AM |

| | Skallebakken. With Losing Upper Sioux it would be nice to have the option for day trail riding at Vicksburg. | |
|---|---|---|
| 29 | movies, concerts, | 8/12/2024 4:20 PM |
| 30 | walk/bike trails. Family indoor activities-pickle ball, golf sim, card games, pool | 8/12/2024 11:01 AM |
| 31 | Movies, card game nights | 8/12/2024 9:26 AM |
| 32 | County Park improvements. Water/Electric | 8/11/2024 10:24 AM |
| 33 | Dog park Archery park | 8/11/2024 9:38 AM |
| 34 | More bike trails, we love what is there just continue it! | 8/11/2024 9:38 AM |
| 35 | Movie theater, more restaurants | 8/11/2024 8:52 AM |
| 36 | biking, walking trails | 8/9/2024 2:15 PM |
| 37 | Biking, walking trails | 8/9/2024 2:03 PM |
| 38 | Parks/boating/camping/outdoor rec | 8/9/2024 12:13 PM |
| 39 | Atv park/ atv trails, camping, hunting, fishing | 8/7/2024 6:15 PM |
| 40 | We live so close to the Chippewa County boarder, it's just easier to go into Chippewa County and then Yellow Medicine County. | 8/7/2024 10:45 AM |
| 41 | More family and child options | 8/7/2024 8:59 AM |
| 42 | You have it on the wrong week need to go back the way it was 2nd week in August | 8/2/2024 7:33 PM |
| 43 | ATV park | 8/1/2024 7:58 PM |
| 44 | Roller skating rink | 7/28/2024 5:01 PM |
| 45 | Pools like that of Willmar public outdoor pool and Redwood Falls public outdoor pool. Highway 212 farmers market where all produce can be purchased in one spot. Set hours, set days, set seasons. | 7/28/2024 10:43 AM |
| 46 | Walking and bike paths | 7/27/2024 1:39 PM |
| 47 | Professional sports | 7/27/2024 11:02 AM |
| 48 | Bike paths in the country. | 7/26/2024 1:30 PM |
| 49 | canoe/kayak landings | 7/25/2024 1:52 PM |
| 50 | -Parks/petting zoo (like Ramsey) | 7/24/2024 3:38 PM |
| 51 | Swimming areas, parks with a larger range of ages that can play safely, youth centers with low-cost fees | 7/22/2024 11:44 PM |
| 52 | Atv trails | 7/22/2024 3:09 PM |
| 53 | Movies, indoor play ground, swimming pool, walking path, petting zoo | 7/19/2024 2:29 PM |
| 54 | biking/walking trails, more parks with trails, more conservation areas that are open to public | 7/19/2024 6:58 AM |
| 55 | Bike and walking trails! How great would it be to have a trail connecting our towns that would allow kids and adults alike to use for exercise and transportation! | 7/18/2024 7:49 PM |
| 56 | camping with hookups | 7/18/2024 1:11 PM |
| 57 | Atv park | 7/18/2024 9:41 AM |
| 58 | current movies, theater, concerts --affordable | 7/18/2024 6:30 AM |
| 59 | Affordable restaurants, thrift store, bowling alley, coffee shop, grocery store...ect. | 7/17/2024 10:56 AM |
| 60 | Dog park, coffee shop downtown, | 7/17/2024 9:55 AM |
| 61 | splash pads- community events | 7/16/2024 12:14 PM |
| 62 | Rec Center with kids and senior programs, ATV Park, More Hiking/walking opportunities, more | 7/15/2024 10:31 AM |

| | nature areas | |
|---|---|---|
| 63 | Pool. Big gym. And a box store shopping center | 7/15/2024 6:32 AM |
| 64 | ATV trails | 7/13/2024 11:34 PM |
| 65 | Pathed walking/walking paths | 7/13/2024 7:16 PM |
| 66 | More options for young kids | 7/13/2024 4:20 PM |
| 67 | Pool, splash pads, larger retail businesses, restaurants, etc. | 7/13/2024 4:00 PM |
| 68 | Hunting | 7/13/2024 5:59 AM |
| 69 | Bike trails, splash pads, walking paths | 7/12/2024 8:10 PM |
| 70 | Boating, swimming ,biking, snowmobiling. | 7/12/2024 7:03 AM |
| 71 | Live theatre. Bicycle trails (currently I have to drive over 15 miles just to get to a trail to ride). | 7/11/2024 4:37 PM |
| 72 | Restaurants and family activities | 7/11/2024 4:11 PM |
| 73 | Anything indoor in the winter. There's quit a bit to do in the summer. | 7/11/2024 3:18 PM |
| 74 | Activities geared towards 40-60 year olds that are not sports related. More walking/nature/biking trails. Would like to see more community ed classes offered. | 7/11/2024 3:06 PM |
| 75 | more children's activities, better parks, pools, etc. | 7/11/2024 1:04 PM |
| 76 | Music concerts, plays and arts. Movies and more dining options. Micro brewery and artisan pizza or specialty food. | 7/11/2024 9:10 AM |
| 77 | walking trails/paths | 7/11/2024 9:00 AM |
| 78 | Bike trails | 7/11/2024 8:20 AM |
| 79 | Yoga, Winery, indoor pool, more walking and biking trails, concerts in the park events | 7/11/2024 6:08 AM |
| 80 | Wellness center | 7/10/2024 4:30 PM |
| 81 | Walking trials, activities, gym facility in Renville, coffee shop | 7/10/2024 11:37 AM |
| 82 | Walking trails | 7/10/2024 10:15 AM |
| 83 | Children activities. Outdoor pools, summer/winter activities… | 7/9/2024 12:35 PM |
| 84 | trails, pickleball courts, pools | 7/9/2024 9:54 AM |
| 85 | I am 73. Very little recreation. | 7/9/2024 7:08 AM |
| 86 | Concerts in the parks, movies outdoors | 7/8/2024 8:26 PM |
| 87 | Bands, vendor sales, summer and fall festivities, more kids orientated events. | 7/8/2024 11:02 AM |
| 88 | concerts or art fairs | 7/8/2024 10:38 AM |
| 89 | Not sure | 7/8/2024 10:01 AM |
| 90 | Improved County Parks | 7/8/2024 6:45 AM |
| 91 | Bike trails, disc golf course, brewery | 7/7/2024 9:51 PM |
| 92 | Library kids programs, biking trails family friendly, family gathering/entertainment events (outdoor movies and food trucks/picnics, street dances, 5k color run, bingo, food truck nights) | 7/7/2024 12:58 PM |
| 93 | Walking and bike trails - kept clear during the winter | 7/6/2024 7:41 AM |
| 94 | Eating establishments | 7/5/2024 7:36 PM |
| 95 | More trails to walk. Any kind of enertainment really. We lack entertainment/recreation. | 7/5/2024 7:12 PM |
| 96 | It's not a county to provide good recreation with all the agriculture. And flooding due to agriculture tillage and the drainage tiles. | 7/5/2024 11:03 AM |
| 97 | more activities for the younger kids east of olivia/bird island. outdoor pool. toddler friendly park | 7/4/2024 3:25 PM |

| 98 | More restaurants and shopping. | 7/4/2024 8:43 AM |
| 99 | Less ATV options because they most often never stay where they're supposed to be at and cause erosion issues on both public and private property. | 7/3/2024 11:48 PM |
| 100 | Swimming | 7/3/2024 11:41 PM |
| 101 | ATV Trails | 7/3/2024 4:23 PM |
| 102 | Walking and biking trails | 7/3/2024 1:44 PM |
| 103 | Walking trails through entire county | 7/3/2024 12:25 PM |
| 104 | Camping | 7/3/2024 11:33 AM |
| 105 | Shooting ranges, golf courses | 7/3/2024 11:10 AM |
| 106 | Bike and hiking paths. Community center with ample gym space and indoor walking for winter. | 7/3/2024 10:47 AM |
| 107 | Children's Museum (indoor park type equipment) to have a place for my child to play in the winter/raining weather would be great. | 7/3/2024 10:34 AM |
| 108 | Franchised eating establishments not fast food | 7/3/2024 10:28 AM |
| 109 | movies, water park/splash pad, winter tubing, cross country skiing, brewery | 7/3/2024 9:27 AM |
| 110 | Gathering spaces such as coffee shops, restaurants, brewery/winery, retail shops. | 7/3/2024 9:24 AM |
| 111 | Volleyball courts | 7/3/2024 9:19 AM |
| 112 | More entertainment for kids besides parks | 7/2/2024 11:03 PM |
| 113 | Would have loved to see Pelican Lake be developed in Bird Island. | 7/2/2024 10:55 PM |
| 114 | Family friendly options, especially for winter months. Indoor play area, arcade, as a few examples. | 7/2/2024 10:33 PM |
| 115 | I live in the country. I enjoy being home. When I'm not home I enjoy traveling domestically. | 7/2/2024 10:25 PM |
| 116 | Bike trails for safer riding | 7/2/2024 9:14 PM |
| 117 | Bowling, movie theatre, waterpark, more lakes, more restaurants, ziplining, horseback riding rentals, malls, hotels. | 7/2/2024 8:47 PM |
| 118 | Movie theater, basketball courts that are actually kept up. | 7/2/2024 5:47 PM |
| 119 | Boating | 7/2/2024 5:40 PM |
| 120 | More ATV trails. More places to fish along the river. | 7/2/2024 4:27 PM |
| 121 | I feel we are limited with the population of the entire county. Movie theatre, more dining. | 7/2/2024 4:17 PM |
| 122 | Bowling theater | 7/2/2024 3:42 PM |
| 123 | More events geared towards adults. More dog friendly spaces (ex dog parks) Better walking areas in town | 7/2/2024 3:16 PM |
| 124 | volleyball league, bean bag league, outdoor movie events, stuff going on at the county parks, fishing contests? | 7/2/2024 1:44 PM |
| 125 | More restaurants, mini-golf, increased biking trails, movie theater. | 7/2/2024 1:38 PM |
| 126 | Breweries, wineries, any type of basic entertainment. | 7/2/2024 1:35 PM |
| 127 | Workout facility, indoor track, basketball courts | 7/2/2024 1:25 PM |
| 128 | More things for older kids to attend - ages 12-18. Events that have some adult supervision but allow the kids to get out of the house and socialize. | 7/2/2024 1:25 PM |
| 129 | Trails - hiking, biking, walking, snowmobiling | 7/2/2024 1:23 PM |
| 130 | More variety in resuraunts and fast food. Better internet service - fiber optic in bird island | 7/2/2024 1:21 PM |
| 131 | More restaurants - shopping - movie theater - bowling. | 7/2/2024 1:15 PM |

| 132 | Bike trails, breweries, exercise classes, restaurants | 7/2/2024 1:03 PM |
|---|---|---|
| 133 | I enjoy the plays that are put on. Would sure be nice too have a movie theatre in our town, this would be wonderful for our young folks and those who enjoy an evening at the movies. | 7/2/2024 11:52 AM |
| 134 | movie theater, bowling alley | 7/2/2024 11:30 AM |
| 135 | More centrally located parks. Walking and biking trails on 212 corridor. | 7/2/2024 11:11 AM |
| 136 | Restaurants, breweries. | 7/2/2024 11:04 AM |
| 137 | County parks, city parks | 7/2/2024 10:58 AM |
| 138 | ATV park | 7/1/2024 9:22 PM |
| 139 | Atv park | 7/1/2024 6:36 PM |
| 140 | Rec center, movies, family fun events. | 7/1/2024 1:16 PM |
| 141 | ATV Park | 7/1/2024 11:28 AM |
| 142 | More activity for senior citizens | 7/1/2024 8:34 AM |
| 143 | Family events | 7/1/2024 8:14 AM |
| 144 | Mountain bike trails, splash pads, sports complex (multiple courts or fields in one location so we can host tournaments), swimming option for those with handicaps, | 7/1/2024 6:31 AM |
| 145 | Splash pad or aquatic center, biking/walking trails | 6/29/2024 2:54 PM |
| 146 | Bowling again, parks, car racing again, bingo, theatre, movies or plays, art galleries, museum upgrades, library enhancements for each library in the county, swimming, courts like tennis, hockey, pickleball, options for kids over summer | 6/29/2024 2:33 PM |
| 147 | concerts, movies, | 6/29/2024 8:04 AM |
| 148 | Plays, movies, concerts, senior center or community center with activities | 6/29/2024 5:40 AM |
| 149 | More activities for kids. | 6/28/2024 9:17 PM |
| 150 | Would like to see the county invest in the local community baseball and softball fields. | 6/28/2024 9:01 PM |
| 151 | Walking trails Dog parks | 6/28/2024 6:40 PM |
| 152 | Paved bike trails | 6/28/2024 6:22 PM |
| 153 | More than is available for all ages, not just small kids. | 6/28/2024 4:16 PM |
| 154 | More biking and walking trails! Would love a large gym, indoor playground | 6/28/2024 4:12 PM |
| 155 | Outdoor Recreation | 6/28/2024 3:49 PM |
| 156 | A nature center or wellness center | 6/28/2024 3:40 PM |
| 157 | family events across the county promoting healthy families. | 6/28/2024 3:02 PM |
| 158 | Utv trails | 6/27/2024 8:38 AM |
| 159 | Bike trails, disc golf course, pickleball courts | 6/26/2024 11:30 AM |
| 160 | Entertainment that includes disabled | 6/25/2024 9:44 PM |
| 161 | Na | 6/25/2024 9:24 PM |
| 162 | Water park, pickleball park, restaurants | 6/25/2024 5:55 PM |
| 163 | brewery/laid back hang-out establishment | 6/25/2024 8:24 AM |

# Q15 How would you rate the overall quality of life in Renville County?

Answered: 253    Skipped: 113
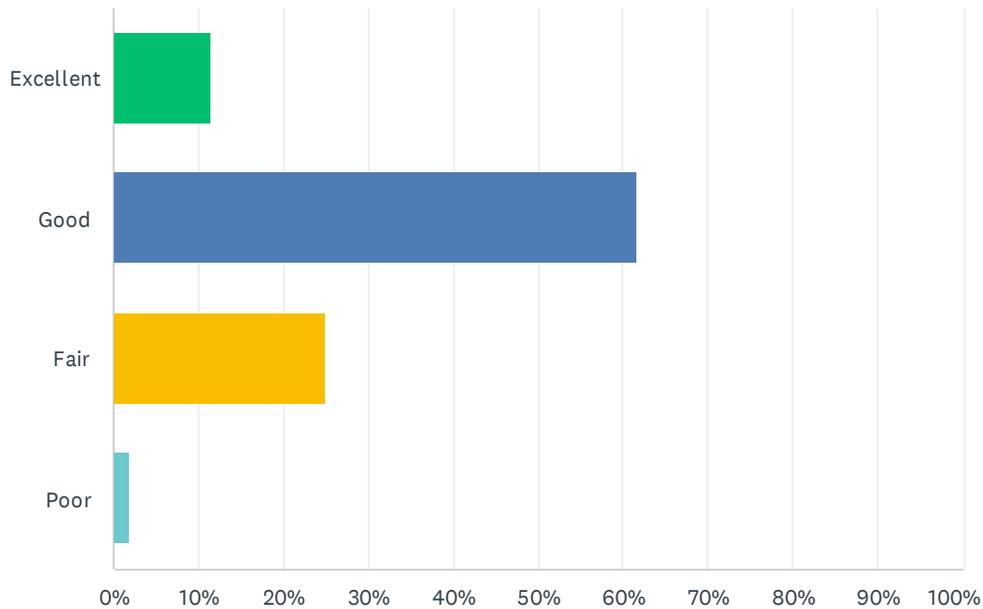


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| Excellent | 11.46% | 29 |
| Good | 61.66% | 156 |
| Fair | 24.90% | 63 |
| Poor | 1.98% | 5 |
| TOTAL | | 253 |

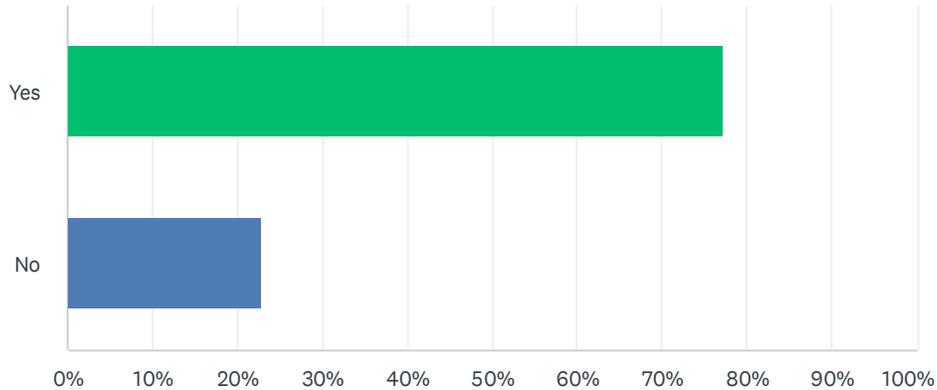| # | COMMENT (OPTIONAL) | DATE |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Crime is going up, but that is everywhere. | 8/16/2024 10:27 AM |
| 2 | Like the smaller community, but they are very clicky. After many years, still dont feel part of community. Dont like the distance need to travel to go to bigger stores with more to offer (clothing, etc) | 8/16/2024 9:30 AM |
| 3 | Cost of living is decent, it's quiet | 8/16/2024 9:11 AM |
| 4 | I moved here four years ago and LOVE The trail options for horseback riding!! | 8/13/2024 9:47 AM |
| 5 | Lack of grocery stores within driving distance in Renville County has lowered my score from Excellent | 8/12/2024 9:26 AM |
| 6 | Need to go back 2nd week | 8/2/2024 7:33 PM |
| 7 | No place to but healthy food, or go out for dinner. | 7/18/2024 9:55 AM |
| 8 | Not many options for kids in the summer time. A community pool/waterpark would be beneficial. Some type or rec center would be good too, this could even be attached to the high school. Many high schools will make a rec center and let the public purchase memberships. | 7/15/2024 10:31 AM |

There needs to be more to do. We need people to want to move to Renville County, not move out of it. Schools are all degraded and need major updates.

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|---|---|---|
| 9 | Low crime low pollution but not much to do | 7/15/2024 6:32 AM |
| 10 | Very low crime, peaceful, common-sense and civility of most residents. | 7/11/2024 4:37 PM |
| 11 | Having very few close options for fresh produce and competent medical care keep it from being excellent. | 7/11/2024 2:36 PM |
| 12 | Lower than average pay, high utilities within towns, poorly up-kept homes, too many rental properties and not enforcing blight ordinances | 7/9/2024 12:35 PM |
| 13 | Most of it is what you make of it! | 7/9/2024 9:54 AM |
| 14 | I drove to Anoka for healthcare, and Redwood Falls for affordable prescription(s). | 7/8/2024 8:26 PM |
| 15 | Lots of chemicals used. | 7/5/2024 11:03 AM |
| 16 | The lack of growth and opportunities limits the quality of life. | 7/3/2024 9:24 AM |
| 17 | Need more/better options for groceries and produce. | 7/2/2024 10:33 PM |
| 18 | While we must travel far to do/buy things we enjoy the peaceful culture. | 7/2/2024 8:47 PM |
| 19 | The property crime is so bad in Morton we could use a full-time cop. | 7/2/2024 5:47 PM |
| 20 | High rate of cancer is a primary factor, likely due to proximity and frequency of agricultural chemicals, radon, and other aspects. | 7/2/2024 1:23 PM |
| 21 | Not enough to do. Need to be able to bike to other towns safely | 7/2/2024 1:03 PM |
| 22 | Limited opportunities for career growth Limited shopping and entertainment Poor and low housing inventory | 7/2/2024 11:11 AM |

# Q16 Is Renville County, in your opinion, a good place to age/grow old?

Answered: 249     Skipped: 117



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 77.11% | 192 |
| No | 22.89% | 57 |
| TOTAL | | 249 |

| # | COMMENT (OPTIONAL): | DATE |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | There are not a lot of activities for older persons to do here to keep from being lonely. | 8/16/2024 9:15 PM |
| 2 | Safe and friendly | 8/16/2024 2:15 PM |
| 3 | Declining population, schools have limited advanced education opportunities. | 8/16/2024 9:30 AM |
| 4 | its ok just needs more stores and food places | 8/16/2024 9:21 AM |
| 5 | I don't feel there are good health care or assisted living options for the elderly | 8/16/2024 9:11 AM |
| 6 | Need more options with Medicare | 8/15/2024 7:50 PM |
| 7 | The first time I drove through Morton I said to myself I wanted to live in this quaint little town and I did! I plan to retire here!! | 8/13/2024 9:47 AM |
| 8 | taxes are too high, hard to budget money with high cost of living, transportation, medication, insurance, etc. can't afford to do anything else | 8/12/2024 4:20 PM |
| 9 | Would like to see a ranking on this one. My friends are all here, but my retirement plans may force me to a place where I can easily get groceries within an easy commute or walking distance. | 8/12/2024 9:26 AM |
| 10 | Health care services need to improve & more in home health care. | 8/11/2024 9:13 AM |
| 11 | Not enough health care options | 8/1/2024 7:58 PM |
| 12 | Unsafe due to drugs, crime, and lack of enforcement of laws by officers. | 7/22/2024 11:44 PM |
| 13 | Olivia utilities are to high | 7/22/2024 3:09 PM |
| 14 | little health care options, no convenient transportation system, few choices for senior/assisted living | 7/19/2024 6:58 AM |
| 15 | Can't wait to sell my house and move next year | 7/18/2024 9:55 AM |

| 16 | if taxes and life expenses were lower | 7/18/2024 6:30 AM |
|----|---|---|
| 17 | Not much retirement activities. Golf courses are below average, no pickleball courts, or rec center with senior activities. Many People have to travel to Willmar or Redwood for this. | 7/15/2024 10:31 AM |
| 18 | The proximity to the Twin Cities is a blessing and a curse - it's an easier transition to rural life (still close enough for big events and activities) but it's also easy for families to move away from the area but still feel close to it. | 7/11/2024 3:18 PM |
| 19 | It is important to maintain access to medical care to keep the aging in the area. Being referred to metro providers poses travel issues and potential danger for those who do not/cannot drive in larger metropolitan areas. This can also create stress and anxiety of those affected (patient, caregiver). | 7/11/2024 3:06 PM |
| 20 | Too few nursing/care facilities and limited access to fresh, healthy foods | 7/11/2024 2:36 PM |
| 21 | Lack of local home health, groceries, public transportation | 7/11/2024 6:08 AM |
| 22 | so long as we are able to keep a solid medical hospital and area ambulance services to aid in accessing emergency medical care | 7/9/2024 9:54 AM |
| 23 | My adult offspring and grandchildren are not living here. | 7/8/2024 8:26 PM |
| 24 | need more assisted living facilities. but taxes are cheaper than other counties. | 7/8/2024 11:02 AM |
| 25 | Although, I may be fun to live elsewhere in the winters. | 7/5/2024 7:12 PM |
| 26 | Hospital sends patients to different facilities for many visits | 7/5/2024 11:56 AM |
| 27 | No place for diversity | 7/3/2024 11:41 PM |
| 28 | Real estate taxes for retirees on a very limited income are far too high. I'm being taxed out of my home. | 7/3/2024 1:44 PM |
| 29 | I'm wavering between yes and no. I feel we aren't providing the facilities and opportunities that we can find elsewhere for our children. | 7/3/2024 10:47 AM |
| 30 | If you like the small town living and don't mind driving to get groceries, entertainment etc than it is great! I like to proximity to the Cities, Saint Cloud, Mankato to be able to do more shopping but I also like living in a small community where I feel safe and can raise my family. | 7/3/2024 10:34 AM |
| 31 | Yes, if we continue to have local grocery stores/services to the community. | 7/2/2024 10:55 PM |
| 32 | Lack of services to help keep elderly people in their homes. | 7/2/2024 5:47 PM |
| 33 | Lack of things to do for leisure, and lack of eating establishments. Only one grocery store, and it's isolated from different services compared to Willmar or Redwood Falls. | 7/2/2024 1:38 PM |
| 34 | Limited healthcare, senior living, and proximity of recreation options are primary reasons for my selection. | 7/2/2024 1:23 PM |
| 35 | If you don't ever go out and like small towns. But Taxes are getting higher. I would like to move away when I retire to have more to do | 7/2/2024 1:03 PM |
| 36 | If youre lucky enough to grow old cancer will get you from all the ag chemicals | 7/2/2024 11:11 AM |
| 37 | I don't know | 7/2/2024 10:22 AM |
| 38 | Have to drive a distance for doctors, dentist, medicine, any type of shopping or something to do. | 7/2/2024 10:18 AM |
| 39 | affordable one level homes needed to better age in place, continued hospital services as well as doctors and ambulance service | 6/29/2024 2:33 PM |
| 40 | Not sure | 6/29/2024 12:53 PM |
| 41 | Need a senior center in Olivia | 6/29/2024 5:40 AM |
| 42 | But it is decreasing housing is expensive, daycare options are minimal, affordable food is difficult | 6/28/2024 9:17 PM |
| 43 | Not enough health care resources | 6/26/2024 11:30 AM |

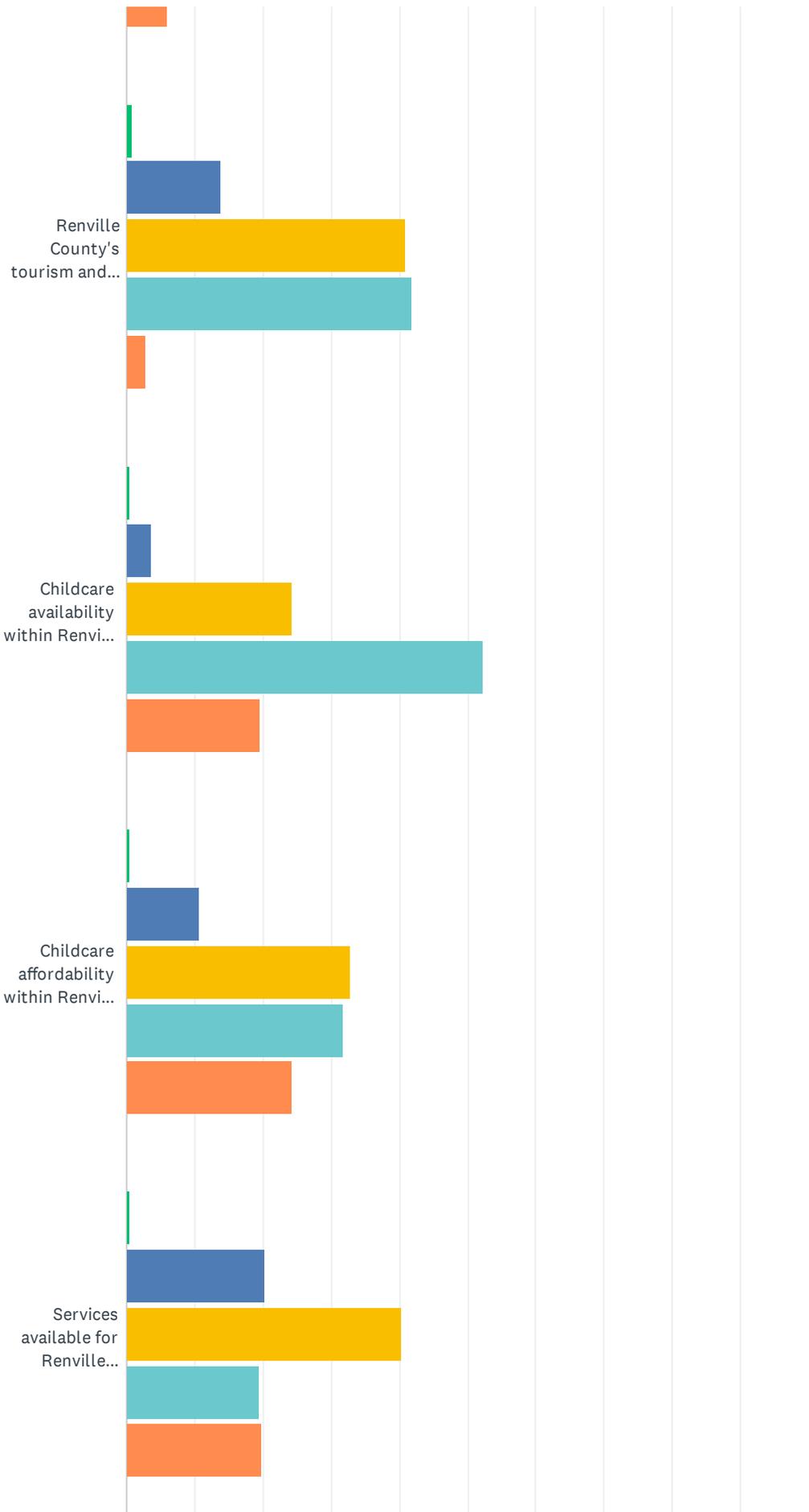# Q17 Please rank Renville County in the following areas:
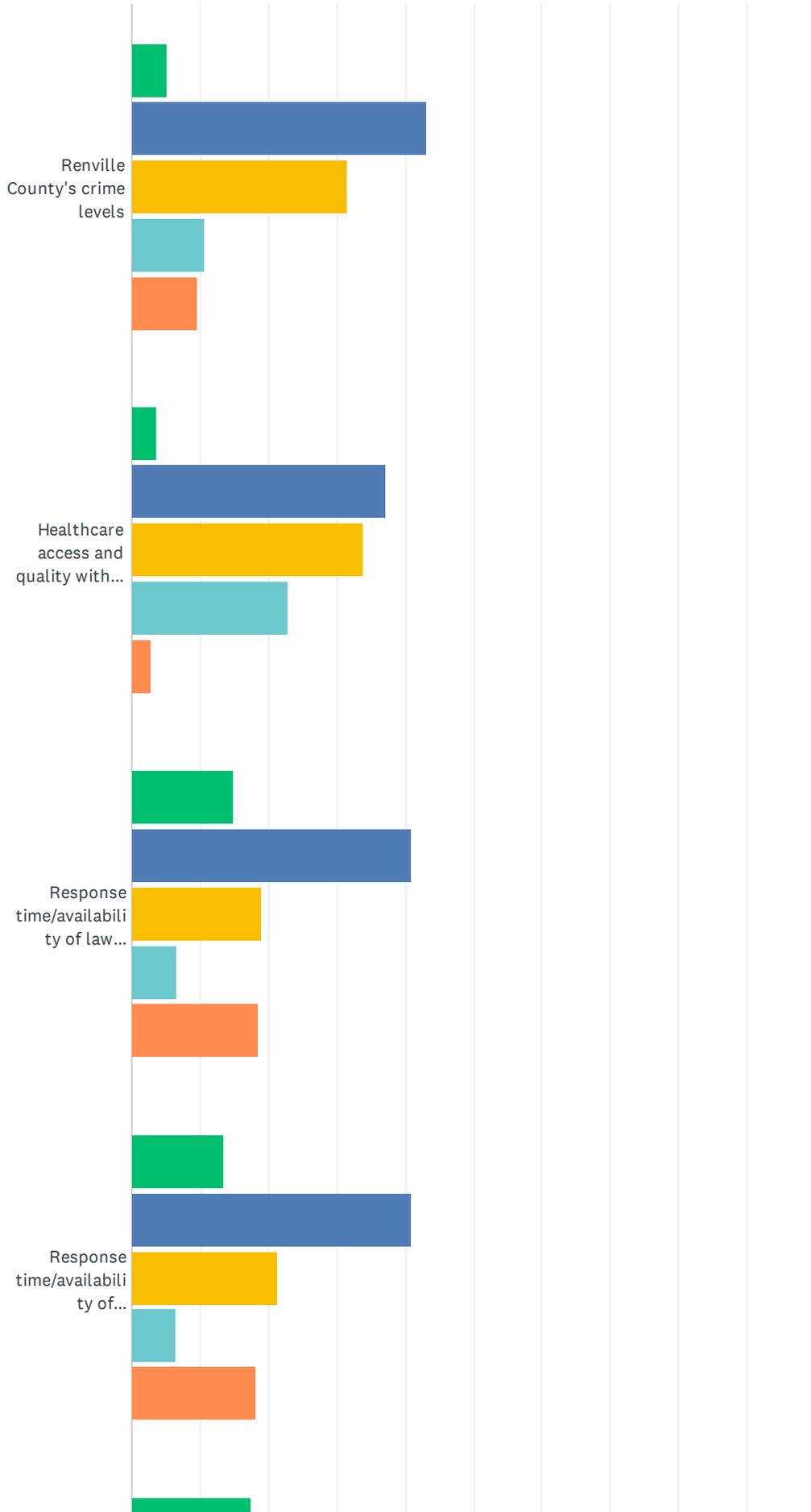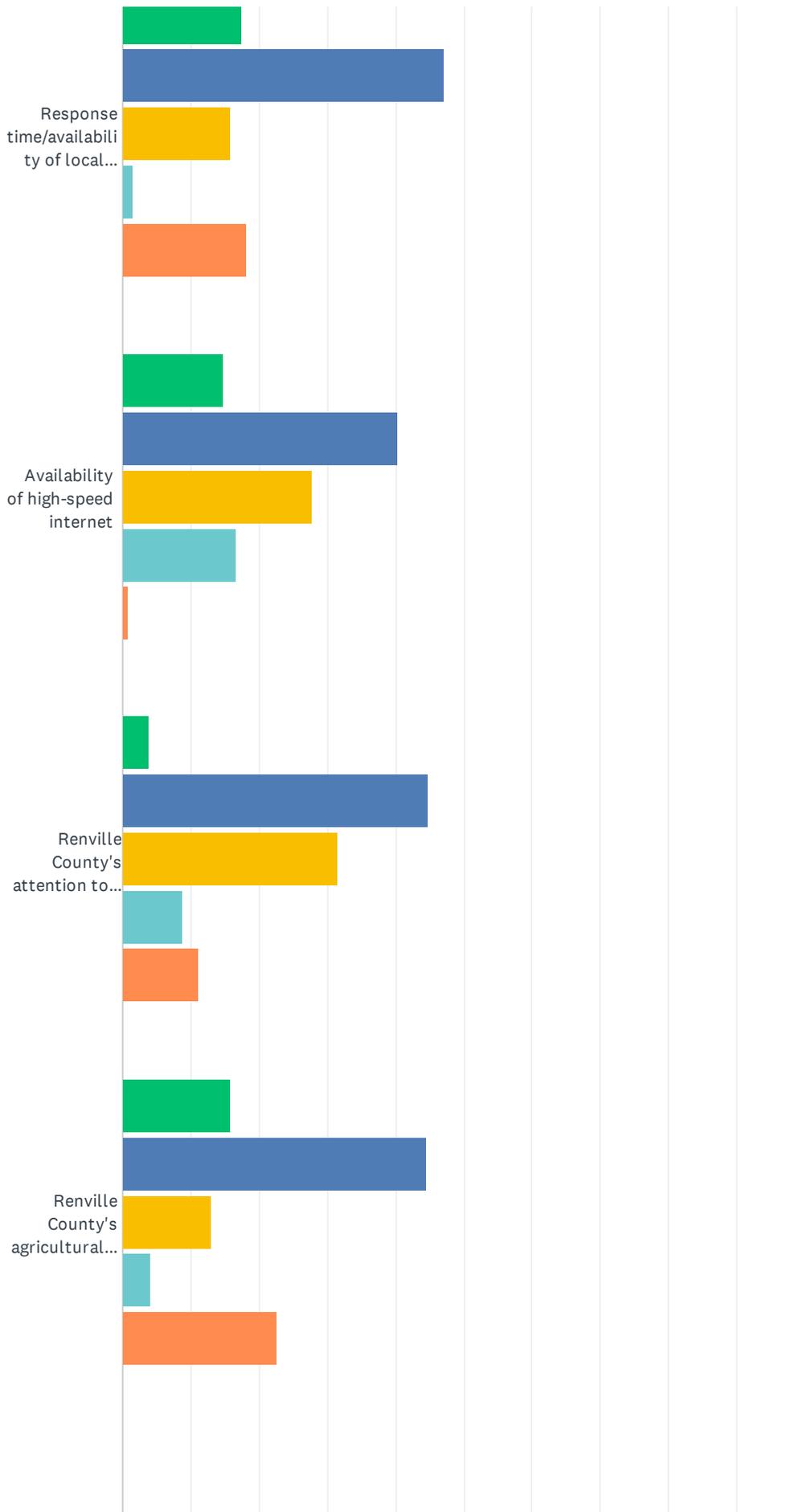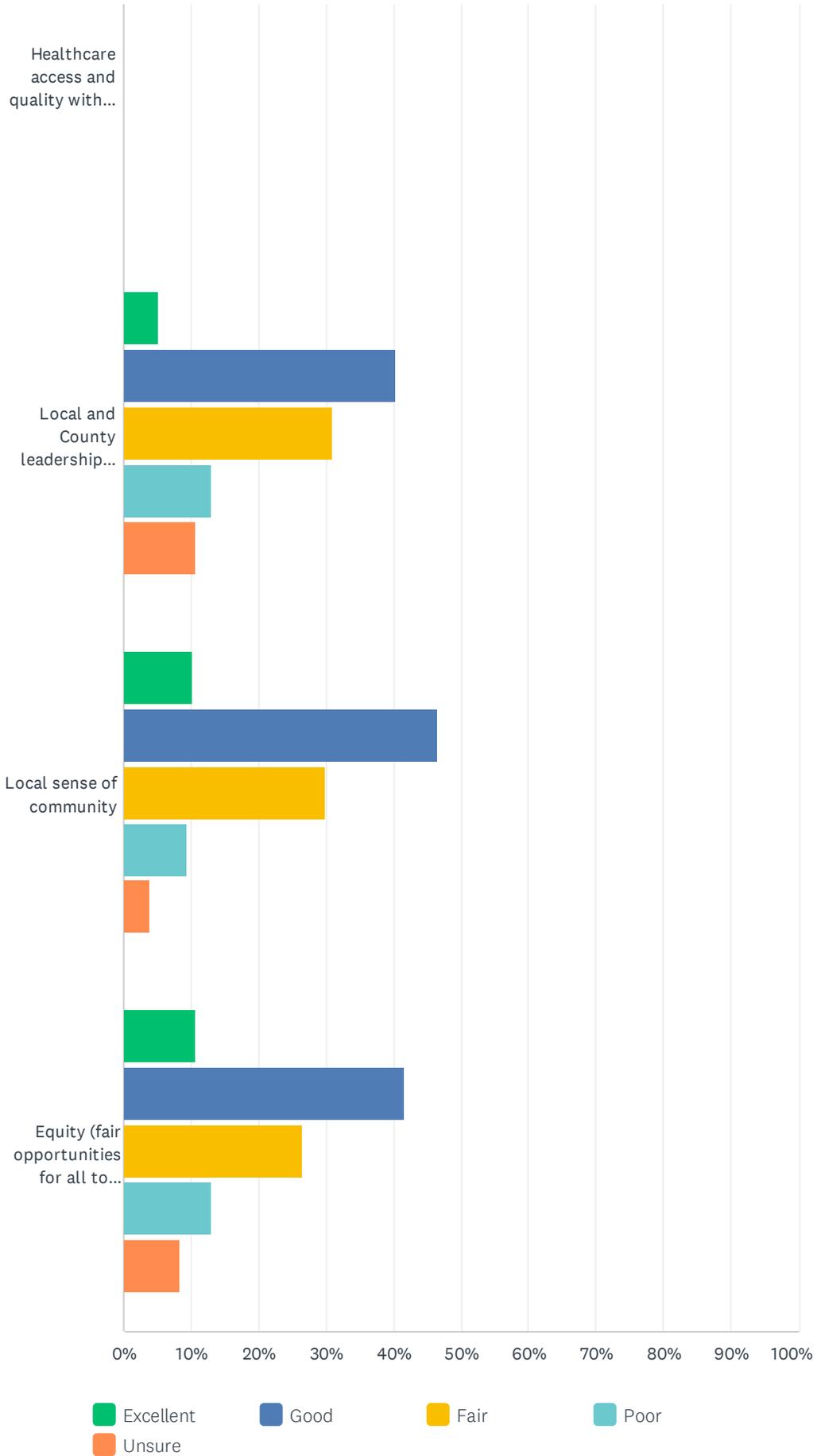
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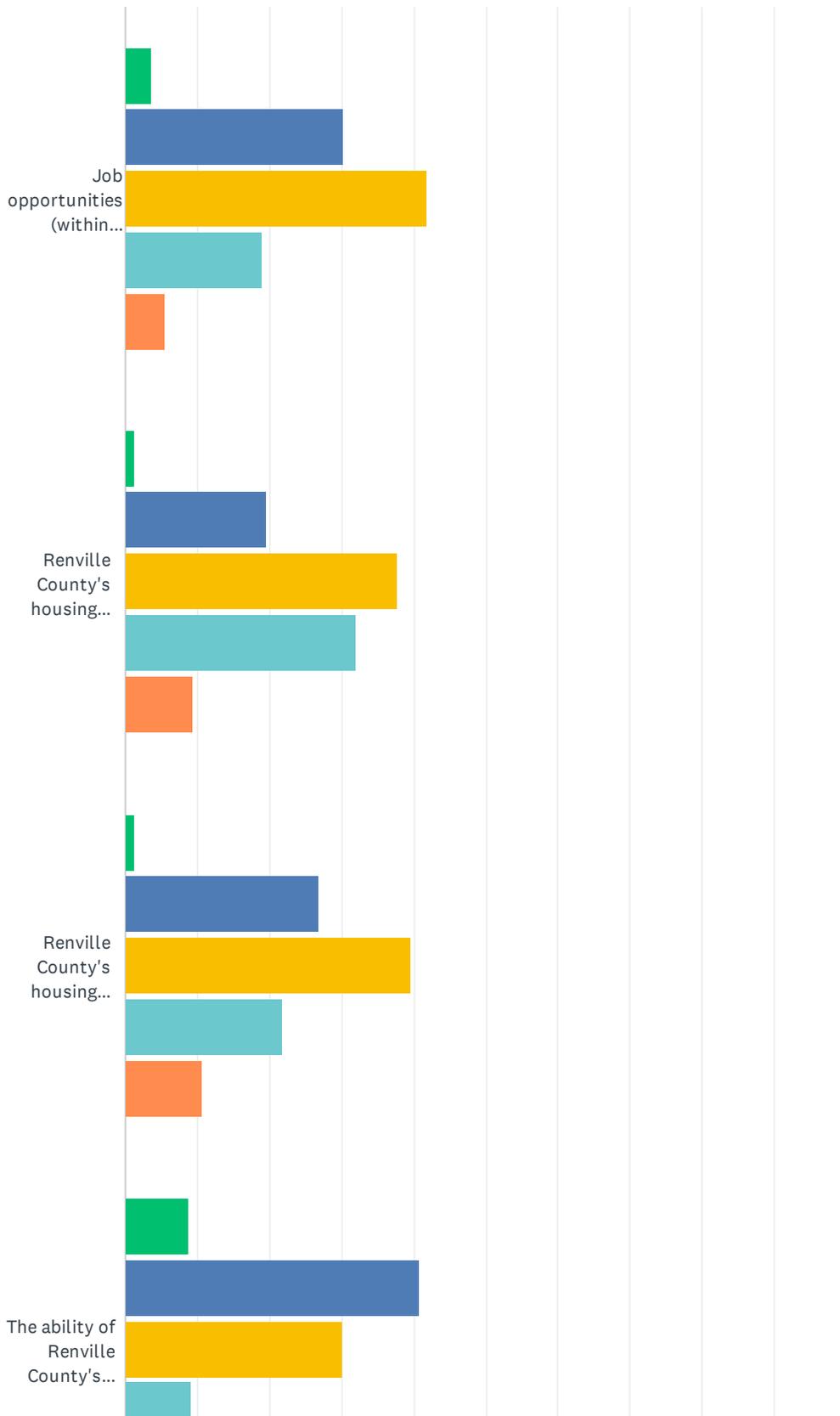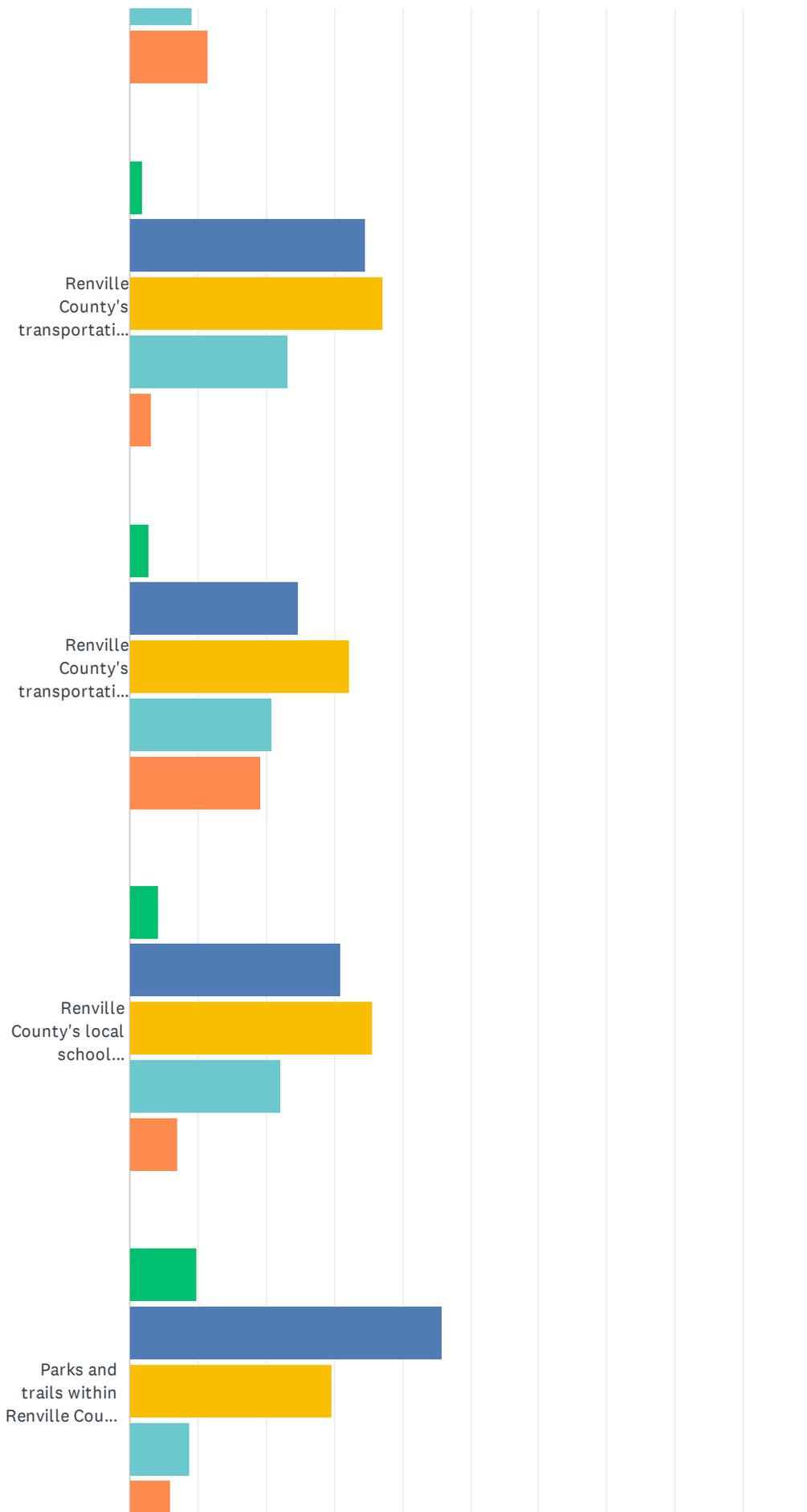
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Legend:
- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Unsure

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| | EXCELLENT | GOOD | FAIR | POOR | UNSURE | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Job opportunities (within Renville County - not just county jobs) | 3.54%<br>9 | 30.31%<br>77 | 41.73%<br>106 | 18.90%<br>48 | 5.51%<br>14 | 254 |
| Renville County's housing availability | 1.18%<br>3 | 19.69%<br>50 | 37.80%<br>96 | 31.89%<br>81 | 9.45%<br>24 | 254 |
| Renville County's housing affordability | 1.18%<br>3 | 26.77%<br>68 | 39.76%<br>101 | 21.65%<br>55 | 10.63%<br>27 | 254 |
| The ability of Renville County's communities and people to bounce back after emergencies/hardships | 8.70%<br>22 | 40.71%<br>103 | 30.04%<br>76 | 9.09%<br>23 | 11.46%<br>29 | 253 |
| Renville County's transportation infrastructure (e.g. roads) | 1.97%<br>5 | 34.65%<br>88 | 37.01%<br>94 | 23.23%<br>59 | 3.15%<br>8 | 254 |
| Renville County's transportation services (public or private) | 2.76%<br>7 | 24.80%<br>63 | 32.28%<br>82 | 20.87%<br>53 | 19.29%<br>49 | 254 |
| Renville County's local school districts/education systems | 4.35%<br>11 | 30.83%<br>78 | 35.57%<br>90 | 22.13%<br>56 | 7.11%<br>18 | 253 |
| Parks and trails within Renville County (including city and/or county parks and trails) | 9.88%<br>25 | 45.85%<br>116 | 29.64%<br>75 | 8.70%<br>22 | 5.93%<br>15 | 253 |
| Renville County's tourism and hospitality industry (restaurants, entertainment venues, etc.) | 0.79%<br>2 | 13.78%<br>35 | 40.94%<br>104 | 41.73%<br>106 | 2.76%<br>7 | 254 |
| Childcare availability within Renville County | 0.40%<br>1 | 3.59%<br>9 | 24.30%<br>61 | 52.19%<br>131 | 19.52%<br>49 | 251 |
| Childcare affordability within Renville County | 0.40%<br>1 | 10.71%<br>27 | 32.94%<br>83 | 31.75%<br>80 | 24.21%<br>61 | 252 |
| Services available for Renville County's aging residents (e.g. healthcare, housekeeping, maintenance) | 0.40%<br>1 | 20.16%<br>51 | 40.32%<br>102 | 19.37%<br>49 | 19.76%<br>50 | 253 |
| Renville County's crime levels | 5.18%<br>13 | 43.03%<br>108 | 31.47%<br>79 | 10.76%<br>27 | 9.56%<br>24 | 251 |
| Healthcare access and quality within Renville County | 3.54%<br>9 | 37.01%<br>94 | 33.86%<br>86 | 22.83%<br>58 | 2.76%<br>7 | 254 |
| Response time/availability of law enforcement (local police or sheriff's department) within Renville County | 14.96%<br>38 | 40.94%<br>104 | 18.90%<br>48 | 6.69%<br>17 | 18.50%<br>47 | 254 |
| Response time/availability of EMS/Paramedics within Renville County | 13.39%<br>34 | 40.94%<br>104 | 21.26%<br>54 | 6.30%<br>16 | 18.11%<br>46 | 254 |
| Response time/availability of local fire department within Renville County | 17.39%<br>44 | 47.04%<br>119 | 15.81%<br>40 | 1.58%<br>4 | 18.18%<br>46 | 253 |
| Availability of high-speed internet | 14.62%<br>37 | 40.32%<br>102 | 27.67%<br>70 | 16.60%<br>42 | 0.79%<br>2 | 253 |
| Renville County's attention to environmental issues (e.g. climate, water quality, renewable energy, waste management/recycling) | 3.94%<br>10 | 44.88%<br>114 | 31.50%<br>80 | 8.66%<br>22 | 11.02%<br>28 | 254 |
| Renville County's agricultural competitiveness/advantage | 15.81%<br>40 | 44.66%<br>113 | 13.04%<br>33 | 3.95%<br>10 | 22.53%<br>57 | 253 |
| Healthcare access and quality within Renville County | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0 | 0 |
| Local and County leadership (formal and informal) | 5.14%<br>13 | 40.32%<br>102 | 30.83%<br>78 | 13.04%<br>33 | 10.67%<br>27 | 253 |
| Local sense of community | 10.24%<br>26 | 46.46%<br>118 | 29.92%<br>76 | 9.45%<br>24 | 3.94%<br>10 | 254 |

| Equity (fair opportunities for all to access the resources they need to be successful, regardless of race, gender, age, ability, etc.) | 10.67% 27 | 41.50% 105 | 26.48% 67 | 13.04% 33 | 8.30% 21 | 253 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

| # | COMMENT (OPTIONAL) | DATE |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Feel like after in 50's it is hard to get a job in the field have been in for many years and am qualified for. Only reason seems to be not getting is age. | 8/16/2024 9:30 AM |
| 2 | Less soil erosion from farming practices. Drainage issue causing flooding from farmland that has tile and water erosion. Less chem and fertilizer into waterways and drainage with the use of cover crops, more residue and installation of bio control structures placed on tile outlets. | 8/13/2024 9:47 AM |
| 3 | Equity is an interesting question as we do not have wide diversity within our county or our communities. I do not feel it is a question of affordability, but possible lack of a variety of jobs that bring different races of people to our area | 8/12/2024 9:26 AM |
| 4 | Is there a hospital in this county that can do labor/delivery or OBGYN services? | 8/7/2024 10:45 AM |
| 5 | There are areas that have high speed Internet and others that don't | 8/1/2024 7:58 PM |
| 6 | The Minnesota Department of Education is a mess and that has a trickle effect into our local schools. The MN Department of Education needs to focus more on education and less on social justice. | 7/29/2024 9:05 AM |
| 7 | make beet farmers pay for the roads they damage each year. They have been the "sacred cow" in Renville Co as long as I have lived here | 7/23/2024 3:19 PM |
| 8 | Renville County government is stuck in the 50/60's mentality: Do nothing, spend nothing. Government is should not be run like a commercial business. It is not the place of government to make or save money. Our leaders need to provide reasonable services in an efficient and effective manner. Our leaders need to spend money, but wisely. We need to pay employees well, and give them meaningful benefits. Folks in Reveille County should expect responsive actions and wise spending choices by our leaders. Money needs to be spent in order to maintain what we have, and encourage others to come and build their lives here. Rural living (even in town) is sometimes wonderful. Having to drive everywhere to get routine things, however, gets old. | 7/19/2024 6:58 AM |
| 9 | Housing is cheap, but who wants to live here. | 7/18/2024 9:55 AM |
| 10 | Renville County needs to pay attention to more climate issues. Places like the beet plant get away with many environmental issues all the time. More and more drainage tile is being put it in which is causing major issues to our cropland. Something has to change fast. | 7/15/2024 10:31 AM |
| 11 | MA recipients ability to access dental care (with openings) in Renville county is terrible | 7/13/2024 7:16 PM |
| 12 | Changing demographics, fewer but larger farms, limited business opportunities with the decreased population over the past 50 years is a definite challenge. Hopefully more businesses can relocate to this county so that more career opportunities are possible, and thus, increase the population. | 7/11/2024 4:37 PM |
| 13 | I think outsiders, or even kids that grew up here but moved away, really underestimate the job/career opportunities in the area. Especially if they have an entrepreneurial spirit. | 7/11/2024 3:18 PM |
| 14 | Need more ESL classes | 7/11/2024 6:08 AM |
| 15 | I'm not a republican. That makes feeling a art of the community a bit more dificult. | 7/5/2024 7:12 PM |
| 16 | There is no diversity and way to judgmental | 7/3/2024 11:41 PM |
| 17 | I've lived in several larger metros, and this is the best Internet situation I've ever been in. | 7/3/2024 10:37 AM |
| 18 | I think that the number one thing the county could do to improve as a whole would be to build each community up in the areas it excels at instead of always competing against each other. Some of our leadership is fine and some is a shit show (pardon my language). I've met with leaders official and unofficial over the years for different things we were trying to get going and it always falls apart because people aren't willing to work together. It has a deep impact in the environment our youth is being raised in and not for the better. | 7/2/2024 10:55 PM |

| 19 | Seems like Olivia gets all the EDA funding while all the other towns are forgotten about. | 7/2/2024 10:33 PM |
| 20 | Nepotism keeps lots of workplaces bad beings they prefer friends and family over other well-qualified people. | 7/2/2024 5:47 PM |
| 21 | Renville County has undoubtedly become a safe haven for criminals, especially drug users. Too many people get a slap on the wrist over and over again with no real change happening. | 7/2/2024 3:03 PM |
| 22 | As a transplant to Renville county, I see a strong sense of community pride among life-long residents. However, inclusion of recently relocated residents is sometimes lacking. Also, that strong sense of community pride is often reserved for one's hometown and not necessarily the County, School District, or other community groupings. | 7/2/2024 1:23 PM |
| 23 | Have a lot of people in this country living off the county. | 7/2/2024 10:18 AM |
| 24 | Local sense of community during tragedies is excellent but otherwise people tend to stay home uninvolved --volunteers are hard to get. Could use more hotels in some of the other towns | 6/29/2024 2:33 PM |
| 25 | Equity is a waste of time and resources. Merit is what matters. | 6/28/2024 9:50 PM |

# Q18 If you could wave a magic wand and do just one thing to improve Renville County, what would it be?

Answered: 167     Skipped: 199

| # | RESPONSES | DATE |
|---|-----------|------|
| 1 | More restaurant options | 8/23/2024 9:40 AM |
| 2 | Fix roads | 8/23/2024 9:34 AM |
| 3 | Create more recreational opportunities for all age groups that are affordable | 8/20/2024 6:04 AM |
| 4 | For all entities (business and communities) to work better together. | 8/19/2024 3:05 PM |
| 5 | Better, affordable grocery stores and community fitness facility. | 8/19/2024 1:56 PM |
| 6 | We would love to see sturdier county gravel roads. When there is a lot of snow or rain, they become mucky and we are sliding around on them and it has been scarry to drive on them during those times. However, we definitely appreciate all the time and effort Public Works put forth to maintain the roads! We just feel there should be a better, tougher base/foundation. | 8/19/2024 11:29 AM |
| 7 | More jobs | 8/19/2024 8:45 AM |
| 8 | Find more ways to help homeowners improve their homes, for example: town wide option for windows, siding and doors at a lower cost because more people are purchasing. | 8/19/2024 7:54 AM |
| 9 | Mountain bike trail, bike path btwn olivia and bird island | 8/18/2024 10:39 PM |
| 10 | Roads an affordable living | 8/18/2024 12:03 AM |
| 11 | Better restaurants | 8/17/2024 6:51 PM |
| 12 | More affordable healthcare | 8/17/2024 6:51 PM |
| 13 | Keep the young people here. | 8/17/2024 1:46 PM |
| 14 | More support in the school districts | 8/17/2024 10:17 AM |
| 15 | Have more unique shopping options. | 8/16/2024 9:15 PM |
| 16 | Stop giving tax dollars to able bodied, working age, residents who sit at home and contribute nothing to this county. Those of us who work non-stop are sick of paying those people's way. | 8/16/2024 4:52 PM |
| 17 | Have each city set. Up a revolving fund to fix up the houses in each community before they fall down… sorry, Non-more housing in our community. | 8/16/2024 2:15 PM |
| 18 | day care, transportation, and housing | 8/16/2024 11:29 AM |
| 19 | Childcare, Autism resources, activities to keep the kids/young adults out of trouble | 8/16/2024 10:27 AM |
| 20 | More apartments that are not income based. Know cant as not enough residents, but have a larger store (eg. Walmart, Target, etc.) | 8/16/2024 9:30 AM |
| 21 | more stores | 8/16/2024 9:21 AM |
| 22 | Healthcare other than traditional medicine, ie; functional medicine resources. | 8/16/2024 8:42 AM |
| 23 | better pay scale to keep up with COLA | 8/16/2024 8:39 AM |
| 24 | lower property tax levels | 8/16/2024 7:30 AM |
| 25 | Revitalize towns with businesses and restaurants | 8/15/2024 7:50 PM |
| 26 | Update/Improve roads and bridges. | 8/15/2024 2:34 PM |
| 27 | Activities for youth outside of your generalized sports. ATV, horseback, shooting sports, community gardens, greater involvement in 4-H, wood working activities. | 8/15/2024 12:40 PM |

| 28 | Add more affordable housing and childcare options. | 8/15/2024 9:18 AM |
|---|---|---|
| 29 | Equity to all towns | 8/13/2024 3:24 PM |
| 30 | More cover crops, less tillage, diversity of crops and more conservation practices to control runoff and wind erosion from farmland. More daycare services and help to keep local grocery stores a float. Electric hook ups at Beaver Falls Horse camp would be Awesome too!! | 8/13/2024 9:47 AM |
| 31 | Grocery store in Fairfax | 8/12/2024 7:13 PM |
| 32 | create a peaceful community with affordable taxes, activities, insurance, health care, etc. | 8/12/2024 4:20 PM |
| 33 | A large faculty for family entertainment in eastern Renville County. Seems like most county resources are always in Olivia. | 8/12/2024 11:01 AM |
| 34 | Wider range of variety of jobs | 8/12/2024 9:26 AM |
| 35 | Improve the roads. | 8/11/2024 9:38 AM |
| 36 | Daycare & jobs for youth coming back to live in Renville county after they finish college/school. I have kids that hope to plan come back if jobs & daycare is available. I do think is this does not happen - then at some point older parents may move closer to their adult children. So - I think that is a double loss for Renville county. | 8/11/2024 9:13 AM |
| 37 | More restaurants | 8/11/2024 8:52 AM |
| 38 | Better quality, higher paying jobs. | 8/10/2024 3:58 PM |
| 39 | lower taxes | 8/9/2024 4:49 PM |
| 40 | Better parks and food dining/stores and community events | 8/9/2024 12:13 PM |
| 41 | Give people a place to go to do the things that make them happy and bring some joy | 8/7/2024 6:15 PM |
| 42 | Roads | 8/7/2024 6:00 PM |
| 43 | One big county school | 8/7/2024 8:59 AM |
| 44 | More and better jobs | 8/1/2024 7:58 PM |
| 45 | Move us out of Minnesota into South Dakota that matches our personal values more. | 7/29/2024 9:05 AM |
| 46 | Childcare access for all that need it. | 7/28/2024 5:01 PM |
| 47 | Put A LOT more pressure on blighted property owners. Penalties for homeowners that have junk cars, junk boats, junk ATV's, junk snowmobiles, trailers heaped with junk, old non-running snow blowers and lawn mowers in their yards. Use those fees collected to subsidize some of the things I mention below. Renville county looks like a junkyard when you drive through its communities. If I were a person looking to live in Renville County as a new property owner within the county, I would not choose to buy a house in Renville County because for every one house that is decent to dwell in, there are 3 house around it that should be ripped down. Offer a program where people can get rid of these items for free one time per year. If they do not, they are fined. Offer a dead or down tree removal service for people where they can submit an application to assist with yard clean up. Tie this to a program for people who are obligated to do community service. | 7/28/2024 10:43 AM |
| 48 | Lower taxes for retirees of a certain income. | 7/28/2024 1:37 AM |
| 49 | Community awareness, participation, kindness and helpfulness to all | 7/27/2024 1:39 PM |
| 50 | Better tourism marketing, link to the twin cities more, sports events | 7/27/2024 11:02 AM |
| 51 | More local job opportunities with competitive wage. | 7/26/2024 1:30 PM |
| 52 | Encourage water control structures - (grant funded) on pattern tiling systems.... slow the water down. | 7/25/2024 1:52 PM |
| 53 | I read about so many drunk driving issues but I think people should be able to support the street dance beer gardens / bars / restaurants / golf courses / wineries which serve alcohol & food -- can we develop some type of transportation with a grant to reduce costs to an affordable level for an easy way to request rides? | 7/24/2024 5:48 PM |

| 54 | Keep in home childcare the way they are. All the new rules they want to establish are completely unrealistic! | 7/24/2024 3:38 PM |
| 55 | get more industry | 7/23/2024 3:19 PM |
| 56 | End the crime/drug problems being allowed by police or have a completely new precedent set for how law enforcement handles repeat offenders. | 7/22/2024 11:44 PM |
| 57 | Our human services is a joke, to easy for people to be on welfare, easier not to work, our system is flawed, not only the local government but state and federal also | 7/22/2024 3:09 PM |
| 58 | More for a kids to do like ages 10 to 18 | 7/19/2024 2:29 PM |
| 59 | Make it more affordable for new businesses to come in and create more jobs | 7/18/2024 8:26 PM |
| 60 | Eliminate unsafe, dilapidated and unlivable houses. | 7/18/2024 7:49 PM |
| 61 | Attract more young people | 7/18/2024 4:31 PM |
| 62 | remove derelict homes and buildings in the communities | 7/18/2024 1:11 PM |
| 63 | Educate the people, the importance of healthy food for a healthy lifestyle. | 7/18/2024 9:55 AM |
| 64 | Build longer lasting roads. | 7/18/2024 9:41 AM |
| 65 | lower taxes and cost of living | 7/18/2024 6:30 AM |
| 66 | We desperately need an affordable grocery store where the items are not hugely upcharged due to "small town convenience" that also carries ready to cook meats so that we are able to grab things to make for dinner on short notice while still supporting local. Plus having to drive 30 minutes or more in the winter to buy groceries when roads are completely iced over is dangerous. | 7/17/2024 10:56 AM |
| 67 | Make people be able differentiate between fact and fiction with news and life events. | 7/17/2024 9:55 AM |
| 68 | Crime DV/Victim Services and connection with law enforcement | 7/16/2024 12:14 PM |
| 69 | Renville County would figure out a way to curb the widespread environmental impacts of excessive spraying, fertilizer, and drain tile usage. The BOLD referendum would pass and part of that would be a community rec center that would have good paying jobs for adults and students and offer lots of programs for kids, students, and seniors. Renville county figures out a way to have destination food places where people would come for 30 plus minutes away to come eat and bring boosts to the local community. I think a Kwik trip would help the economy more than the Casey's. | 7/15/2024 10:31 AM |
| 70 | Box store shopping center target walmart Aldi. Clothing stores etc | 7/15/2024 6:32 AM |
| 71 | Better paying jobs. | 7/13/2024 11:34 PM |
| 72 | Not have to rely on other counties for entertainment or stores | 7/13/2024 9:03 PM |
| 73 | Affordability of groceries in Renville county | 7/13/2024 7:16 PM |
| 74 | Affordable activities for younger children | 7/13/2024 4:20 PM |
| 75 | Improve the school both building amd academics | 7/13/2024 4:00 PM |
| 76 | See more lakes and limit amount of tiling. | 7/13/2024 5:59 AM |
| 77 | ? | 7/12/2024 8:47 PM |
| 78 | Bike trail | 7/12/2024 8:10 PM |
| 79 | Make sure that our children stayed in Renville County. | 7/12/2024 7:03 AM |
| 80 | Return to the family farms of 50 to 100 years ago, of 80 to 240 acres or so. This would increase rural and town population. Large machinery and widespread chemical use has enabled a few to farm most of the land; with consequent negative effects such as population and local business loss. Also declining school enrollments. | 7/11/2024 4:37 PM |
| 81 | A new restaurant | 7/11/2024 4:11 PM |
| 82 | Fairly impossible but basically consolidate from many small towns into more of a hub that can | 7/11/2024 3:18 PM |

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| | pool resources. Municipalities, schools, churches, charitable organizations, etc are dwindling in member numbers. Mergers and consolidation are inevitable but take too long to play out in the natural state where emotions are attached to the past. | |
| 83 | Build housing for those seeking a modern and attractive option for middle-class individuals and families that include a two-car attached garage (one and two story townhomes). | 7/11/2024 3:06 PM |
| 84 | Better access to affordable healthy foods for the smaller communities within Renville County would bring up the general health of the entire county | 7/11/2024 2:36 PM |
| 85 | Create building opportunities for new housing. Infrastructure needs to be addressed so that housing developers can build spec and model homes. Renville county is missing an opportunity to be the bedroom communities to Redwood, Willmar and even Hutchinson. | 7/11/2024 9:10 AM |
| 86 | promote family structure, the importance of it and hopefully in return crime/drug use would decrease when people feel valued/loved | 7/11/2024 9:00 AM |
| 87 | Add more retail shops | 7/11/2024 8:20 AM |
| 88 | Help the WORKING families with childcare affordability and groceries. If we have children under a certain age, no matter our income, we should be able to qualify for WIC. It is so irritating that we are the ones working and giving back to state/federal/medicare/SS taxes and contributing to society. Yet we are the ones struggling to pay bills and not qualify for ANY help from the county! | 7/11/2024 7:34 AM |
| 89 | More vibrant downtowns to provide services and draw tourists to our communities. | 7/11/2024 6:08 AM |
| 90 | Child care and housing | 7/10/2024 4:30 PM |
| 91 | Offer more housing for older people and younger families - townhomes. Put in a new pool. Provide walking trials to give people something to do outside. | 7/10/2024 11:37 AM |
| 92 | Better road conditions and walking trails | 7/10/2024 10:15 AM |
| 93 | Joining of school districts and doing more to get young people to stay/come back to Renville County. | 7/9/2024 10:40 AM |
| 94 | industry within the county | 7/9/2024 9:54 AM |
| 95 | Repair CSAH18 within Morton city limits. | 7/9/2024 7:08 AM |
| 96 | Increase investment in public schools, affordable housing, and addiction treatment programs. | 7/8/2024 8:26 PM |
| 97 | Find ways to bring more tourist and business industry here. Would help to increase population growth and ability to increase revenue for new schools, restaurants, hotel industry, etc. | 7/8/2024 11:02 AM |
| 98 | more outdoor activities and entertainment events | 7/8/2024 10:38 AM |
| 99 | Less taxes | 7/8/2024 10:01 AM |
| 100 | Lakes | 7/8/2024 9:40 AM |
| 101 | More restaurants and entertainment | 7/8/2024 6:45 AM |
| 102 | More family friendly activities and ease of finding them. A welcome packet when you move to the community with what offerings are in the area and where/what to sign up for for communication/visibility to county activities. | 7/7/2024 12:58 PM |
| 103 | Opportunity for everyone in agriculture | 7/5/2024 8:57 PM |
| 104 | Bring in more enterainment, restaraunts, things to do. And higher wage jobs. | 7/5/2024 7:12 PM |
| 105 | Go back to a county hospital | 7/5/2024 11:56 AM |
| 106 | Paving every road and no dust. | 7/5/2024 11:03 AM |
| 107 | more housing | 7/5/2024 9:52 AM |
| 108 | add an indoor rec center, outdoor pool east of olivia. more informative 4h groups. little league tball, baseball ect. | 7/4/2024 3:25 PM |
| 109 | Available funding for small business startups and bring more businesses to our communities. | 7/4/2024 8:43 AM |

| 110 | True community like cops who take an interest in those they serve or people in the offices at the government center who look to deny or refuse instead of saying yes even when they are wrong | 7/3/2024 11:41 PM |
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| 111 | Find a way to consistently keep good education a priority | 7/3/2024 1:44 PM |
| 112 | Better wages for middle class | 7/3/2024 12:25 PM |
| 113 | Secede from Minnesota and its tyrannical government in St Paul. Outstate MN should not be ruled by metro policies. | 7/3/2024 11:10 AM |
| 114 | Open peoples minds to growth and opportunity. | 7/3/2024 10:47 AM |
| 115 | Leadership is stuck in the past. I find it ironic that the Memorial installation in the park in Olivia was so quickly funded, but anything future-looking is met with skepticism and closed wallets. Everyone with real power and generational money has a 'can't do' attitude. | 7/3/2024 10:37 AM |
| 116 | Better housing opportunities or getting rid of the old abandoned homes that make the towns look less desirable. Getting more small businesses is always a plus! | 7/3/2024 10:34 AM |
| 117 | Change elected positions to hired positions with performance evaluations and accountability - voting people into office are nothing more than a popularity contest | 7/3/2024 10:28 AM |
| 118 | More childcare | 7/3/2024 9:50 AM |
| 119 | more varied food options | 7/3/2024 9:27 AM |
| 120 | More housing, more residents leading to larger tax base to create better economic opportunities. | 7/3/2024 9:24 AM |
| 121 | Develop Pelican Lake | 7/2/2024 10:55 PM |
| 122 | Grocery store | 7/2/2024 10:33 PM |
| 123 | More restaurants. I'd like to have transportation to the airports. (FSD and MSP). | 7/2/2024 10:25 PM |
| 124 | More hotels, restaurants, shopping | 7/2/2024 8:47 PM |
| 125 | Get crime under control. Right now it feels like every other house in Morton is either a drug dealer, housing convicts and child molester hideouts. One reports it to law enforcement and they don't se to care. | 7/2/2024 5:47 PM |
| 126 | Get fiber internet in Bird Island. If you have a wand let's shoot for the sky and put a lake in | 7/2/2024 5:06 PM |
| 127 | Improve the schools. Higher pay for teachers. More opportunities for students, drama, fine arts, hands on learning, more sports options. | 7/2/2024 4:27 PM |
| 128 | Have the hospital accept my insurance, out of Network currently and that makes me uneasy if I had an emergency | 7/2/2024 4:17 PM |
| 129 | More progressive and welcoming to outsiders | 7/2/2024 3:16 PM |
| 130 | I'd make our county judges take charges seriously and stop letting felons serve little to no time for their crimes. How does a person charged with criminal sexual conduct of 1st degree not see a prison cell? Or a person who literally killed someone only goes away for a couple years? It's disgusting. | 7/2/2024 3:03 PM |
| 131 | Bike trails | 7/2/2024 2:21 PM |
| 132 | Remove excessive number of employees employed by Renville County that have been added over the past decade. | 7/2/2024 2:13 PM |
| 133 | Better schooling - higher academic expectations | 7/2/2024 1:25 PM |
| 134 | Trails throughout each community and connecting as many communities as possible as a solid recreational activity for anyone looking to walk, run, or bike for exercise and well-being. | 7/2/2024 1:23 PM |
| 135 | Better jobs with wages to reflect inflation to reflect all taxes that are inflating. (Income & RE- ridiculous in 2024) | 7/2/2024 1:21 PM |
| 136 | More trails for walking and bikes | 7/2/2024 1:03 PM |
| 137 | Lower cost home options | 7/2/2024 1:00 PM |

| 138 | More things for our youth to do. I am thinking about A movie theatre. We have plenty of sports, but need tings for those who are not interested in sports. SA theater would be great to have for everyone, young and old. | 7/2/2024 11:52 AM |
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| 139 | Increase the population which in turn would increase businesses and job opportunities | 7/2/2024 11:14 AM |
| 140 | Eliminate half of agriculture and bring in manufacturing and tech. | 7/2/2024 11:11 AM |
| 141 | Add Manufacturing opportunities | 7/2/2024 10:58 AM |
| 142 | Crack down on the drugs. | 7/2/2024 10:18 AM |
| 143 | higher paying jobs | 7/2/2024 9:48 AM |
| 144 | More available affordable childcare. It has me putting off starting a family. | 7/1/2024 9:22 PM |
| 145 | More better paying jobs | 7/1/2024 7:58 PM |
| 146 | Increase wages to keep Renville County residents working within our county. | 7/1/2024 1:16 PM |
| 147 | Infrastructure, roads, bridges, ditches, small town water, sewer and storm sewer. | 7/1/2024 11:28 AM |
| 148 | More daycares and childcare options for school age children | 7/1/2024 8:34 AM |
| 149 | Zero cancer rate! Department store, none of this Dollar General stuff! | 7/1/2024 8:14 AM |
| 150 | We have a small population, we need to work together more to provide services (ex: could CCT also deliver groceries to each town from the food shelf so folks don't need to come to olivia? Could a clinic or pharmacy be attached to a nursing home so the residents don't need special transportation for every dr visit?) | 7/1/2024 6:31 AM |
| 151 | Bike trails | 6/29/2024 2:54 PM |
| 152 | Bring more people to the whole county through jobs and transportation options--new businesses and county road improvements. High speed internet in all rural areas, cities might be adequate but the farther out you go is more limited. | 6/29/2024 2:33 PM |
| 153 | Have more emergency personnel such as EMT's, Paramedics, firemen, police officers/deputies. | 6/29/2024 12:53 PM |
| 154 | Fix the gravel roads especially county road 20. Highly traveled but not maintained very well needs to be turn into a blacktop/cement. | 6/29/2024 9:44 AM |
| 155 | See more wind breaks/line fences to prevent topsoil from blowing into ditches and ending up in our waterways. | 6/29/2024 8:31 AM |
| 156 | make taxes and cost of living affordable, combine schools | 6/29/2024 8:04 AM |
| 157 | Renville County should financially support the Renville county food shelf | 6/29/2024 5:40 AM |
| 158 | Make more things affordable and accessible. | 6/28/2024 9:17 PM |
| 159 | Housing developments. Sponsored by cou ty EDA | 6/28/2024 9:01 PM |
| 160 | Access to funding and skilled people to support Fire Department and Ambulance. Access to funding to support infrastructure upgrades that was not dependent on tax payers. Some of the county has fiber internet service, but not all. More investment to see all served. More candidates to serve in elected positions. We need to grow the next generation of leaders. Continue to support and grow child care programs in the county. Continue to invest in the EDA/HRA and supporting all businesses. | 6/28/2024 7:33 PM |
| 161 | Pay more attention to maintaining the quality of roads. | 6/28/2024 6:22 PM |
| 162 | Make more biking/walking trails within city limits. | 6/28/2024 4:16 PM |
| 163 | More trails between and through the towns | 6/28/2024 4:12 PM |
| 164 | aroundabout at the intersection of hwy 212 and 71 in Olivia by hometown bank. You can sit on 71 for the longest time during morning and evening (3-5pm) | 6/28/2024 3:02 PM |
| 165 | More housing & child care to attract young families | 6/26/2024 11:30 AM |
| 166 | More affordable housing rural | 6/25/2024 9:24 PM |

| 167 | Be known for something special that attracts people. | 6/25/2024 5:55 PM |

# Q19 What is your age group?

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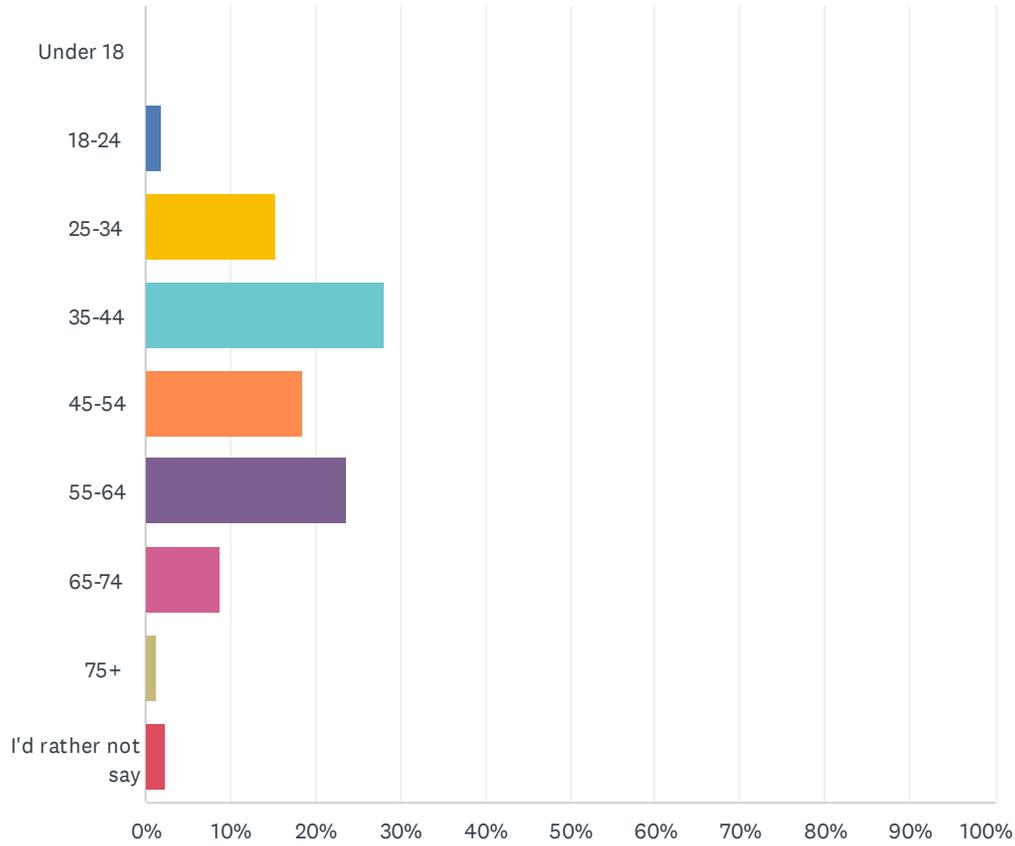


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| Under 18 | 0.00% | 0 |
| 18-24 | 1.98% | 5 |
| 25-34 | 15.42% | 39 |
| 35-44 | 28.06% | 71 |
| 45-54 | 18.58% | 47 |
| 55-64 | 23.72% | 60 |
| 65-74 | 8.70% | 22 |
| 75+ | 1.19% | 3 |
| I'd rather not say | 2.37% | 6 |
| TOTAL | | 253 |

# Q20 What is your gender?

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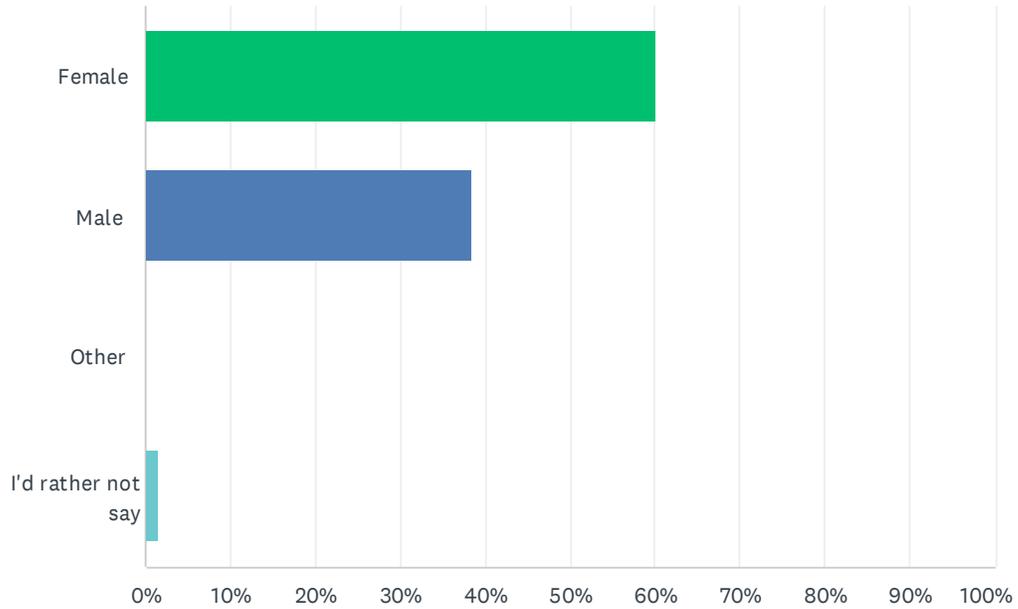


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| Female | 60.08% | 152 |
| Male | 38.34% | 97 |
| Other | 0.00% | 0 |
| I'd rather not say | 1.58% | 4 |
| TOTAL | | 253 |

# Q21 With what race or enthnicity do you identify the most?

Answered: 254   Skipped: 112
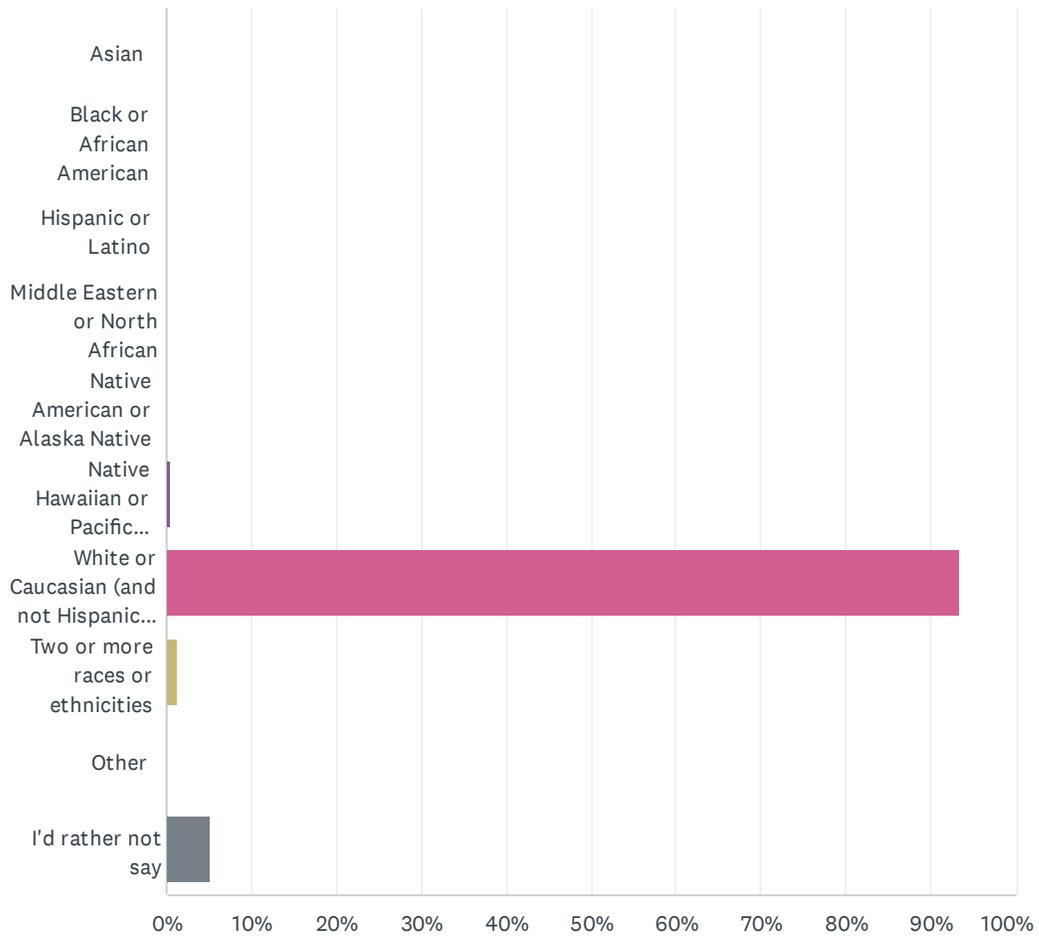
# Renville County Comprehensive Plan Survey

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| Asian | 0.00% | 0 |
| Black or African American | 0.00% | 0 |
| Hispanic or Latino | 0.00% | 0 |
| Middle Eastern or North African | 0.00% | 0 |
| Native American or Alaska Native | 0.00% | 0 |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | 0.39% | 1 |
| White or Caucasian (and not Hispanic or Latino) | 93.31% | 237 |
| Two or more races or ethnicities | 1.18% | 3 |
| Other | 0.00% | 0 |
| I'd rather not say | 5.12% | 13 |
| TOTAL | | 254 |

# Q22 How many people live within your household?

Answered: 254   Skipped: 112
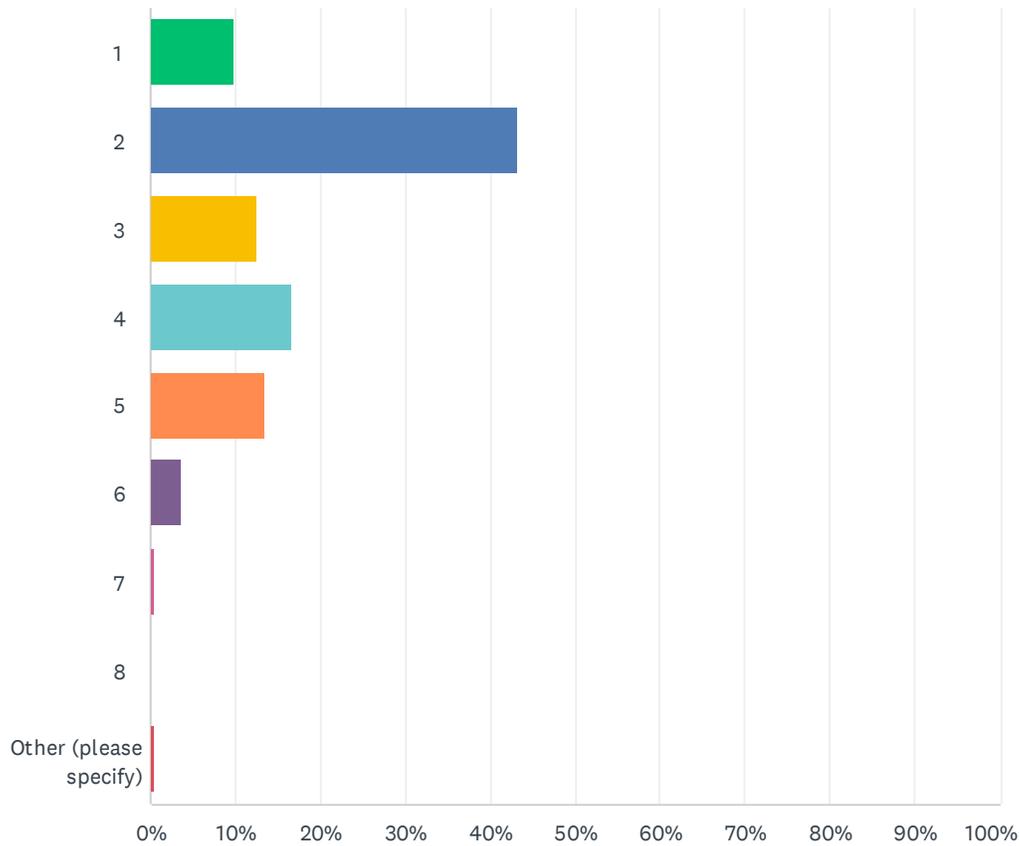


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 9.84% | 25 |
| 2 | 43.31% | 110 |
| 3 | 12.60% | 32 |
| 4 | 16.54% | 42 |
| 5 | 13.39% | 34 |
| 6 | 3.54% | 9 |
| 7 | 0.39% | 1 |
| 8 | 0.00% | 0 |
| Other (please specify) | 0.39% | 1 |
| TOTAL | | 254 |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
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| 1 | Rather not say | 6/28/2024 4:16 PM |

# Q23 What is your household's total income?

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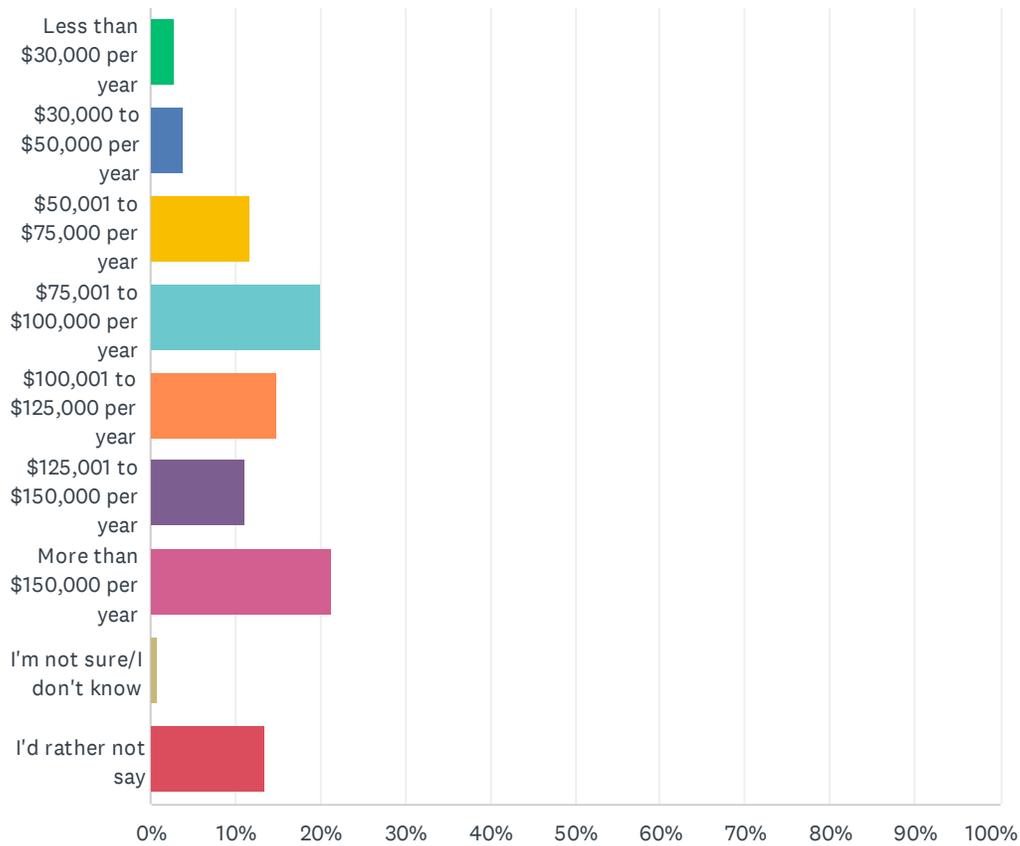


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| Less than $30,000 per year | 2.76% | 7 |
| $30,000 to $50,000 per year | 3.94% | 10 |
| $50,001 to $75,000 per year | 11.81% | 30 |
| $75,001 to $100,000 per year | 20.08% | 51 |
| $100,001 to $125,000 per year | 14.96% | 38 |
| $125,001 to $150,000 per year | 11.02% | 28 |
| More than $150,000 per year | 21.26% | 54 |
| I'm not sure/I don't know | 0.79% | 2 |
| I'd rather not say | 13.39% | 34 |
| TOTAL | | 254 |

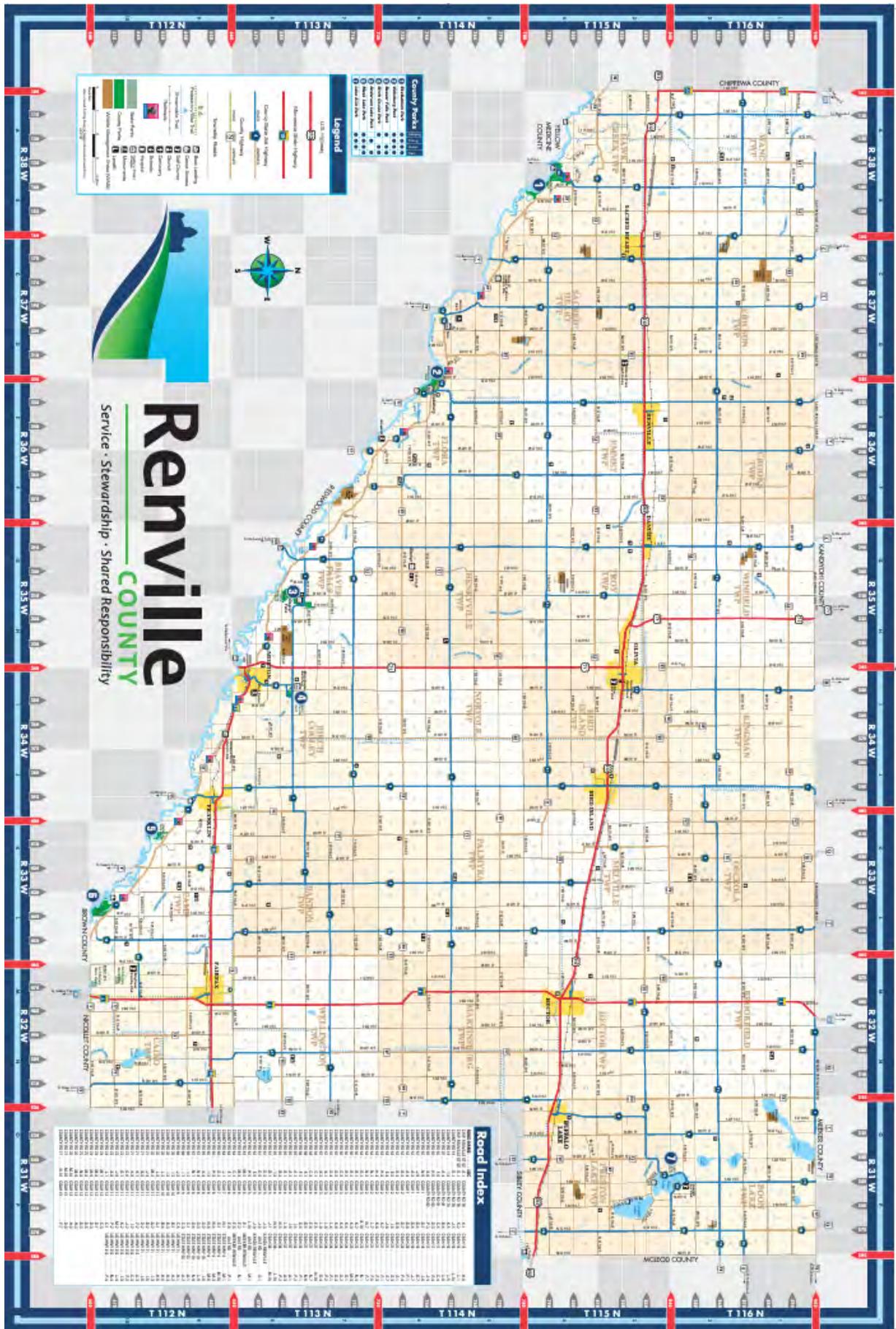Renville County Township Map
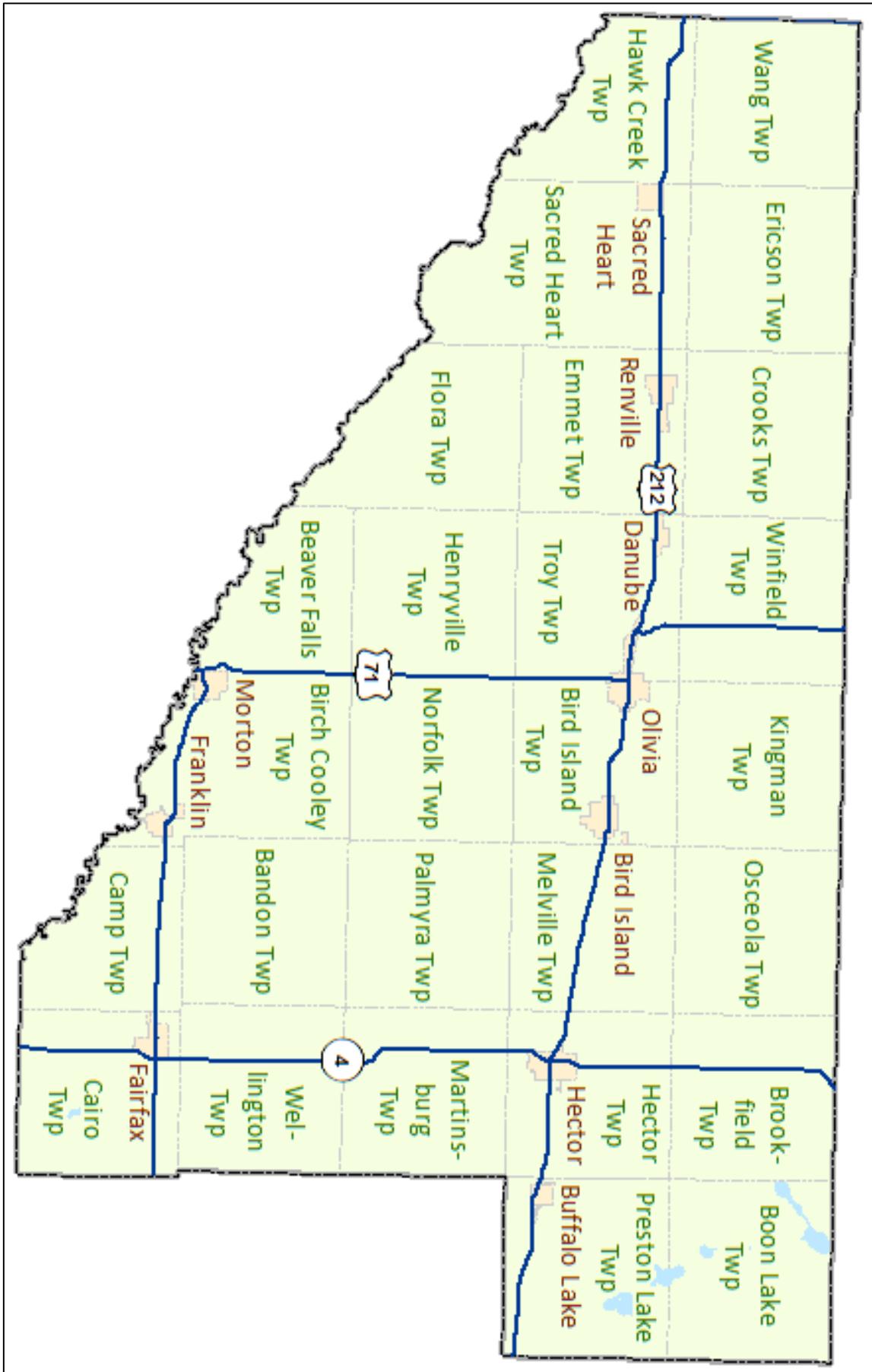
Renville County Zoning Map



Renville County, MN Zoning

Agricultural (A)
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HealthCare / Mixed Use (HCMU)
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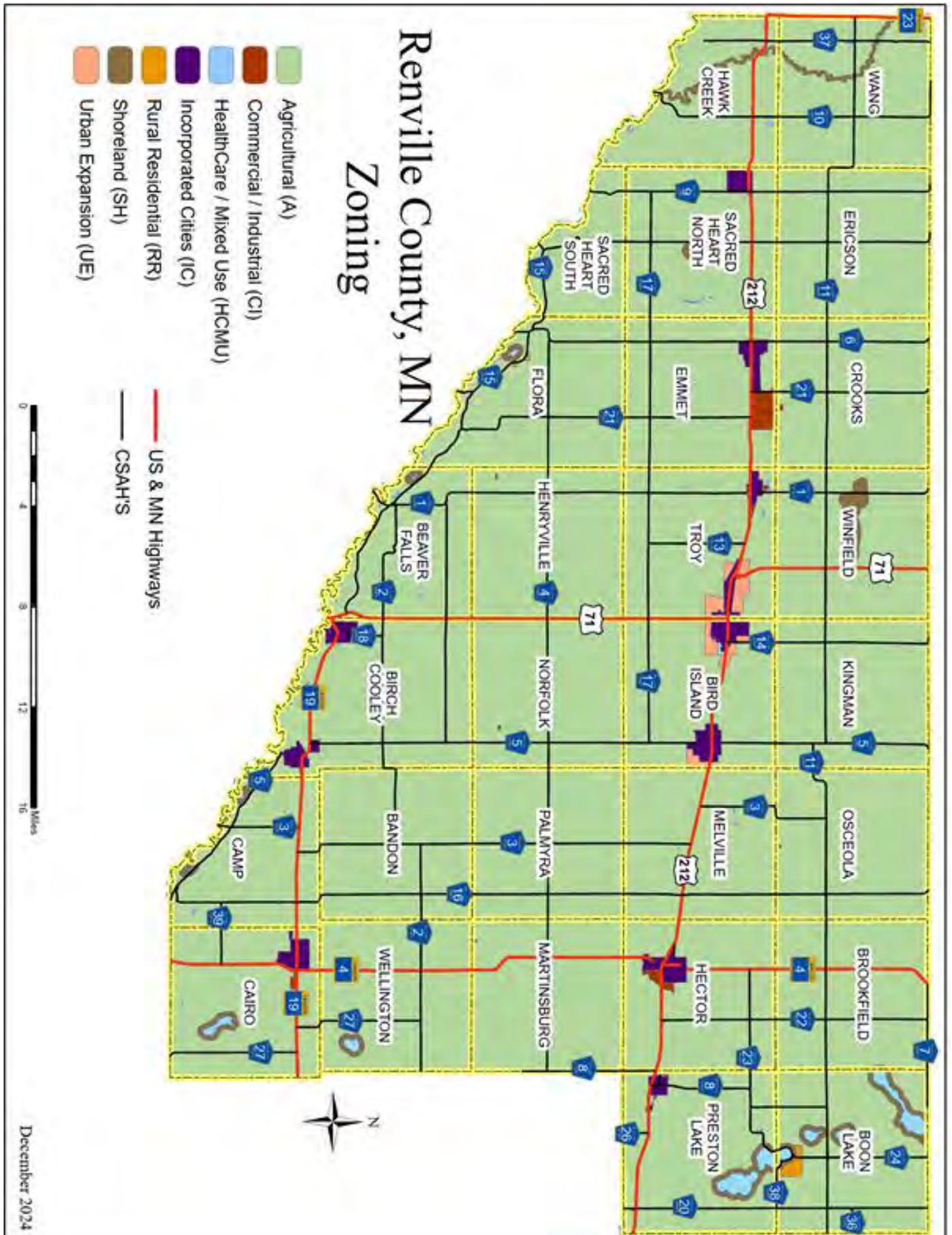
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Unemployment Rates

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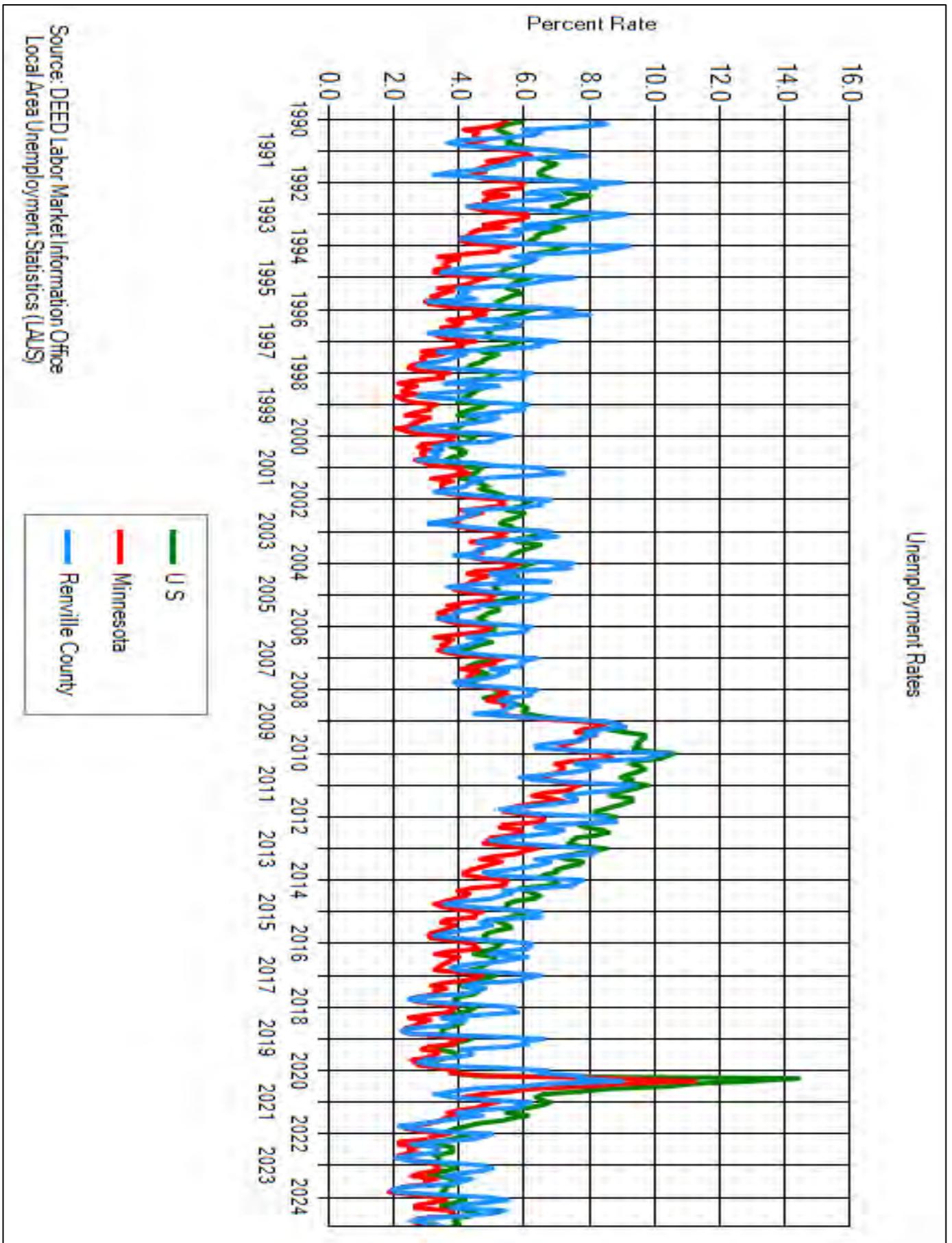
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Laborforce Estimates

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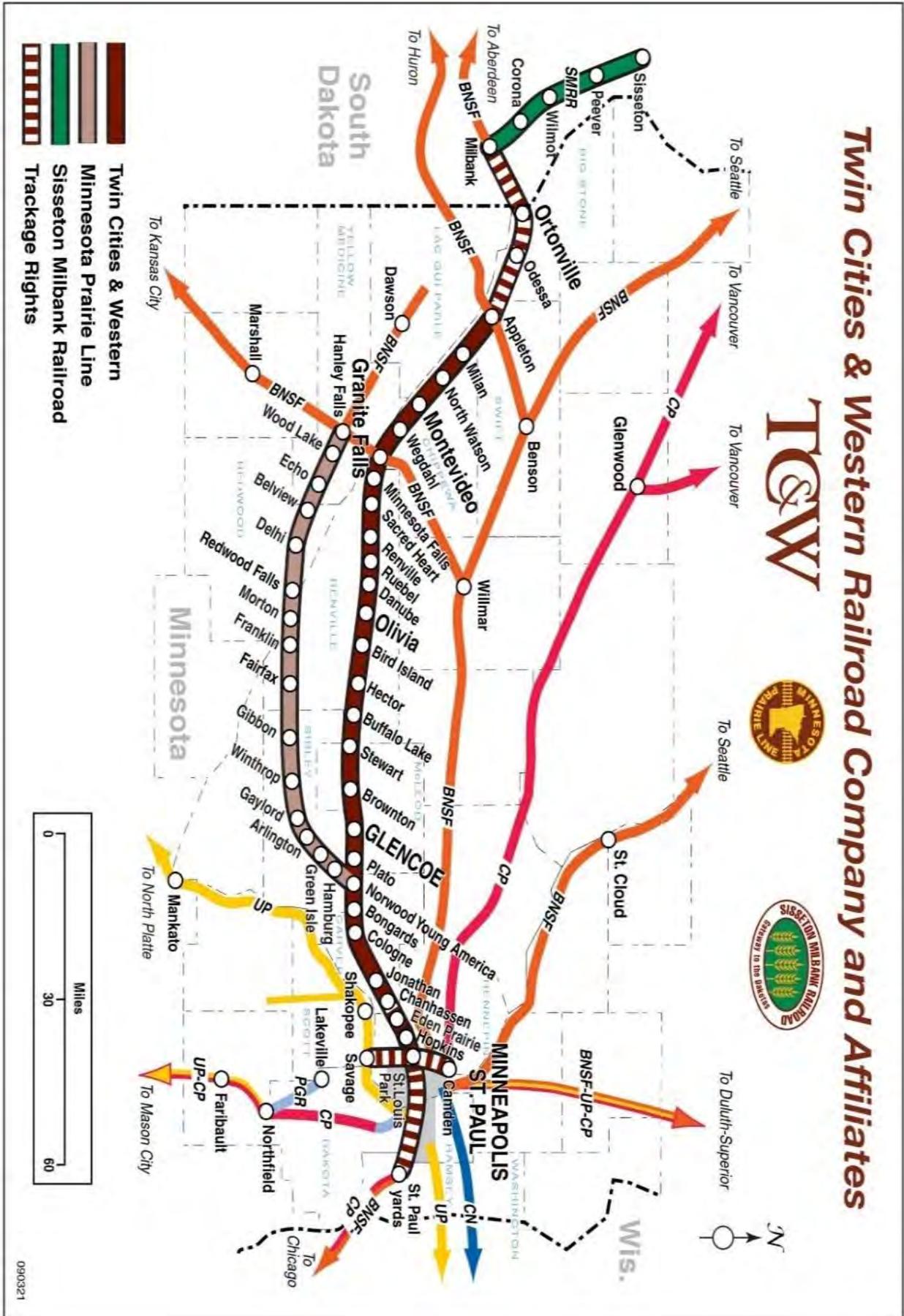Legend:
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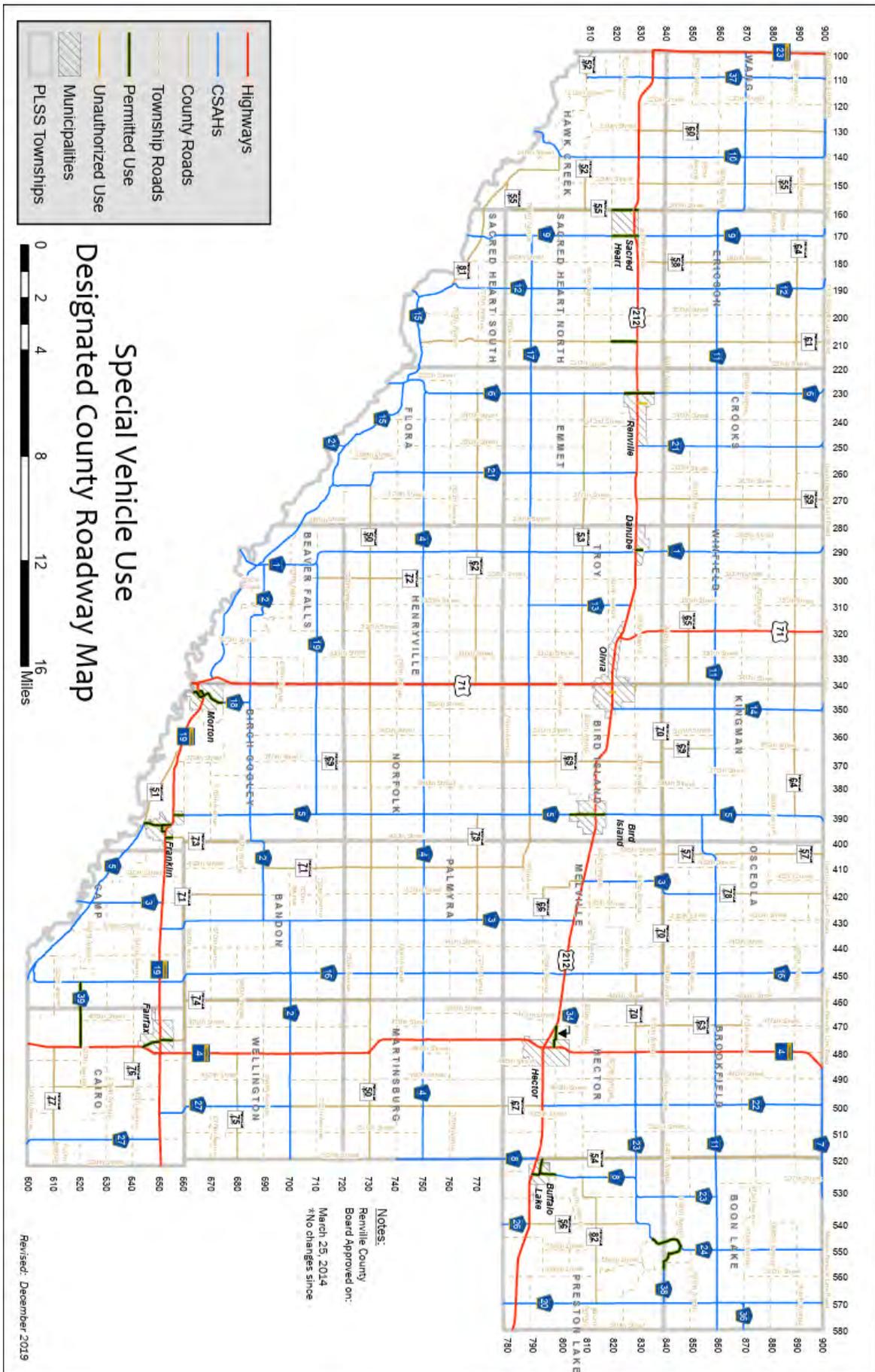- Renville County (blue)
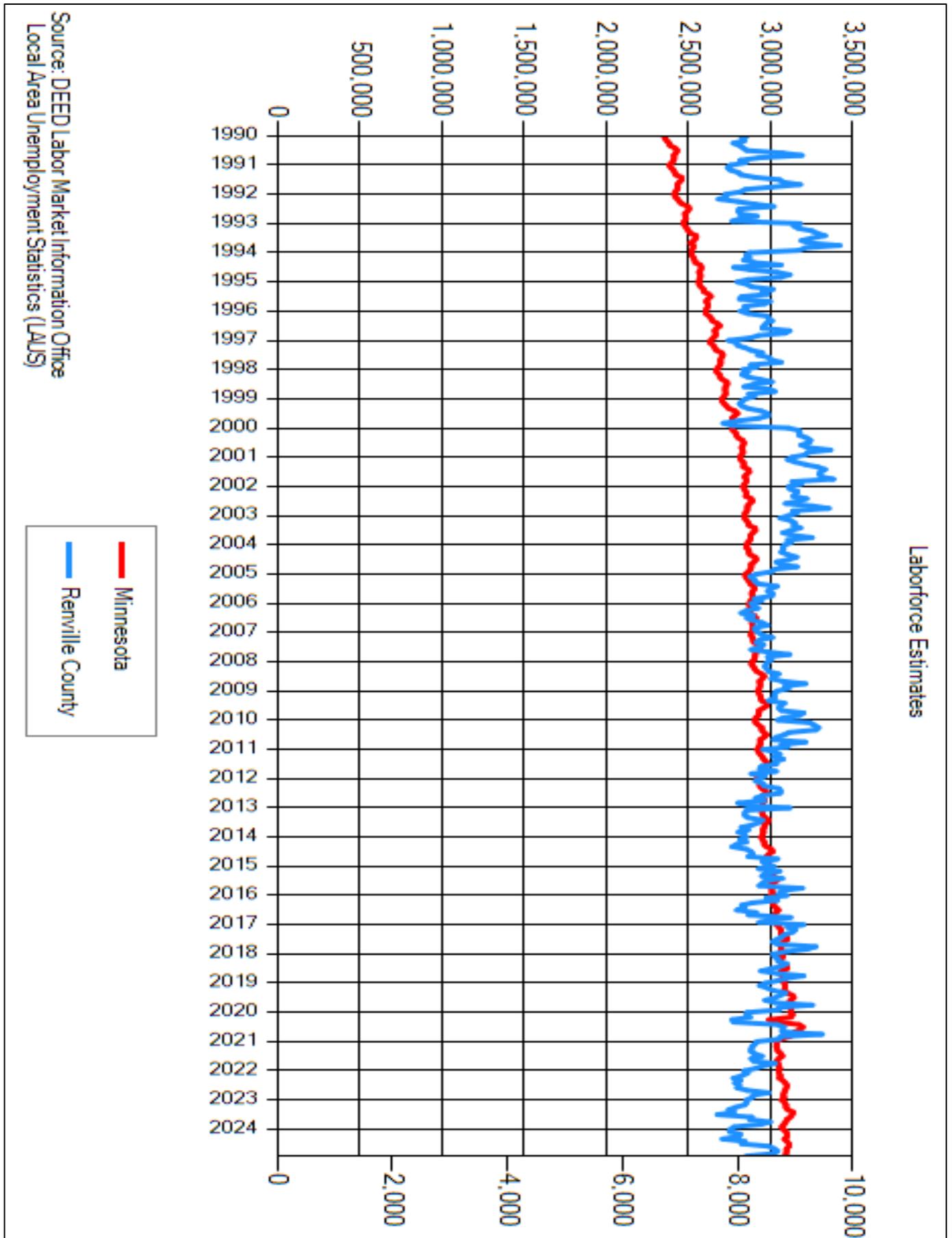
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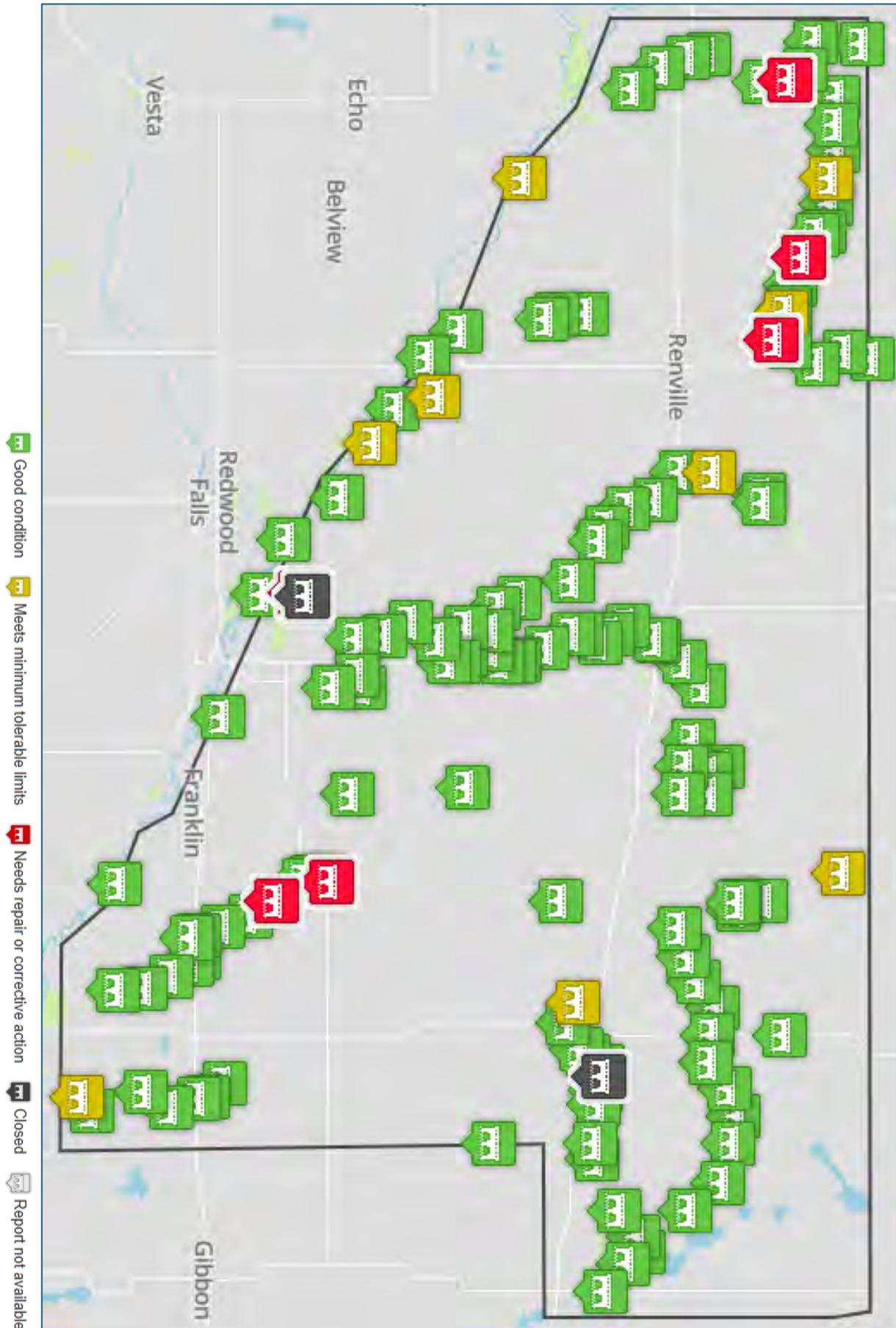
Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company and Affiliates Map

Special Vehicle Use Designated County Roadway Map

Renville County One Watershed, One Plan Boundaries



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