

Town of Dewey Beach
2027 Comprehensive Plan Update
Community Survey Results Report

October 13, 2026



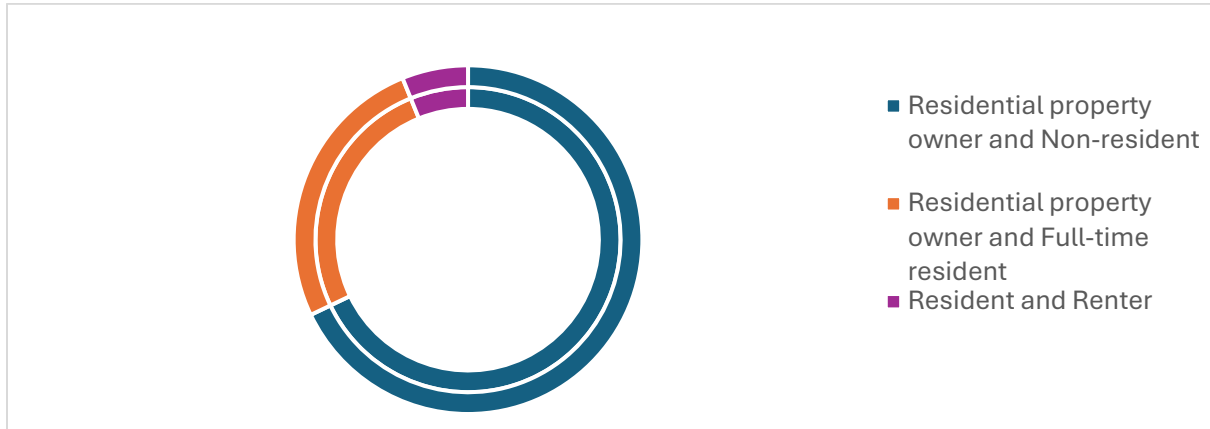
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Resident and Residential Property Owners Survey

Overall Responses

1. Respondents:

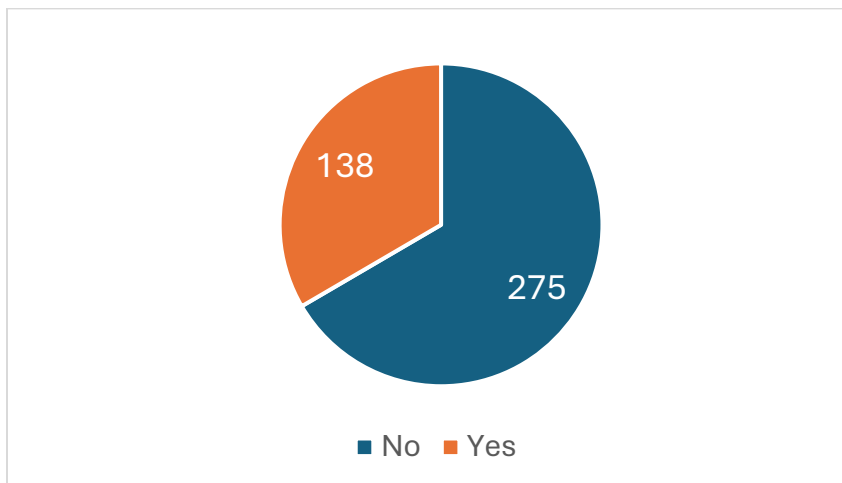


Residential property owner and Non-resident*	421*	67.9%
Residential property owner and Full-time resident	161	26.0%
Resident and Renter**	38	6.1%
Total Responses	620	100.0%

* 17 respondents chose more than 1 answer to this question (i.e., resident and nonresident; renter and nonresident). All 17 of these responses were classified as “nonresidents” for sake of this analysis.

** Based on responses, it is clear that respondents interpreted “renter” in one of two ways: either they rent out their property or they reside in a rental unit. For this reason, these 38 responses were also classified as nonresidents for the remainder of this analysis.

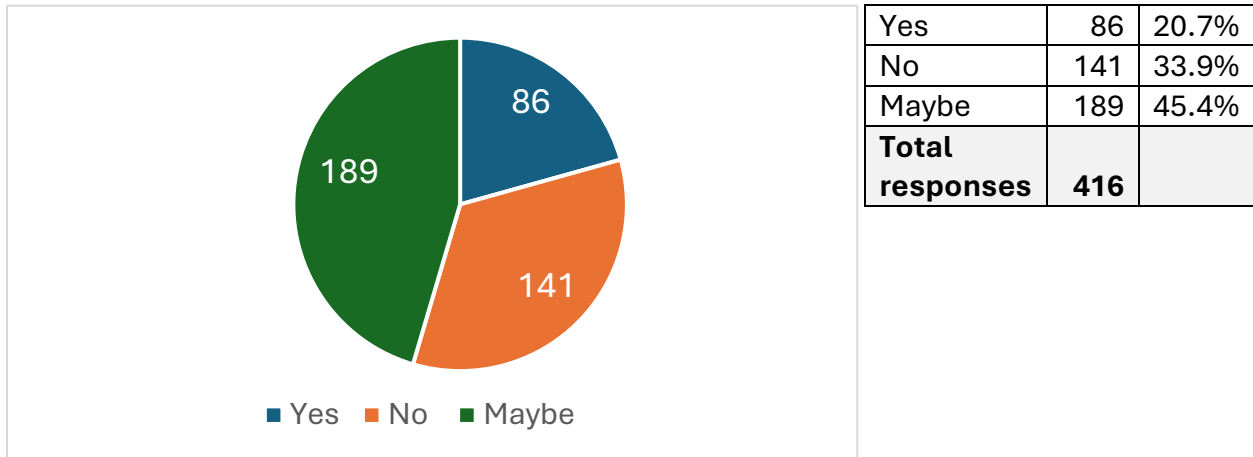
2. Do you use your property as a rental (nonresident respondents only)?



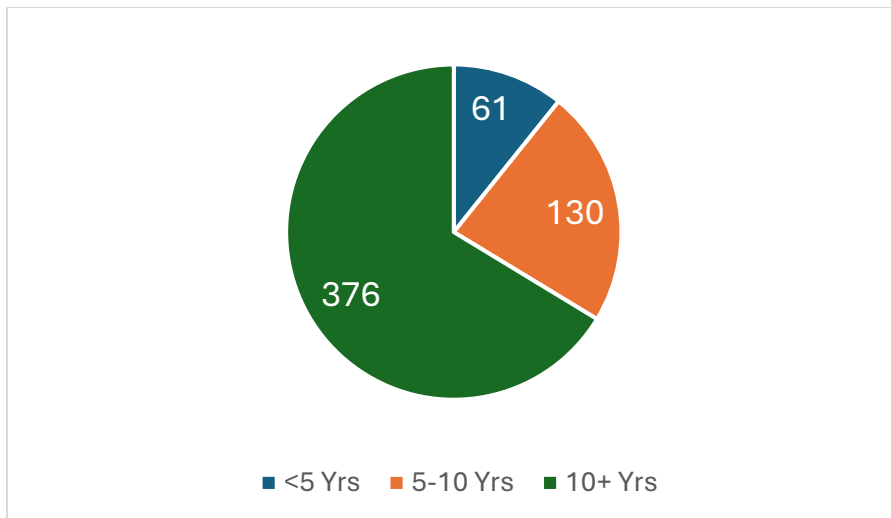
No	275	66.6%
Yes	138	33.4%
Total responses	413	

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3. Do you plan to make your residential property your primary residence in the future?

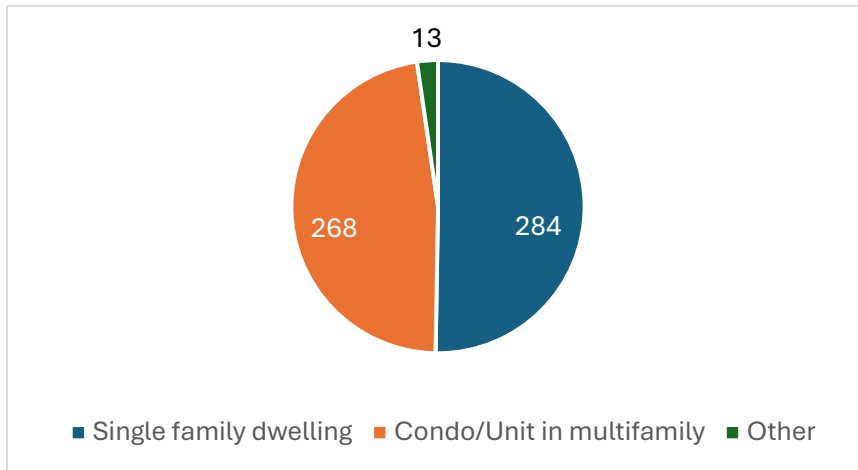


4. I have owned property in Dewey Beach for:

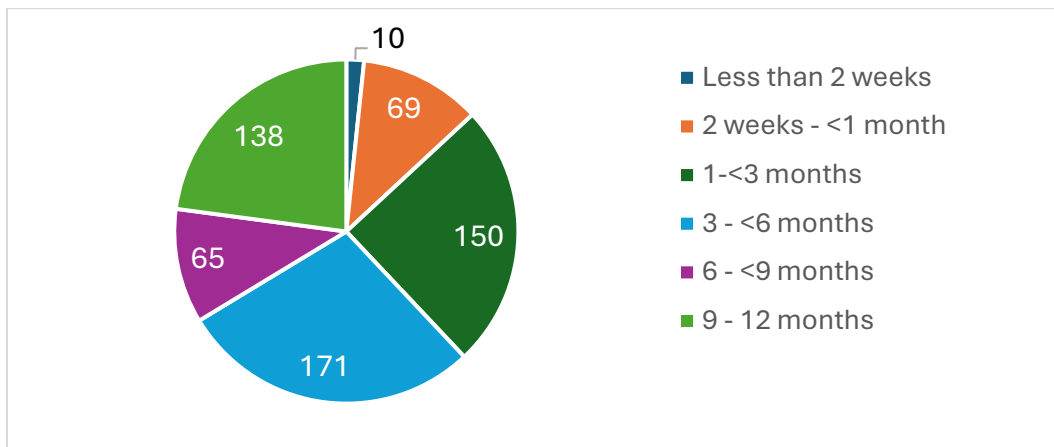


<5 Yrs	61	10.8%
5-10 Yrs	130	22.9%
10+ Yrs	376	66.3%
Total Responses	567	

5. My property is a:

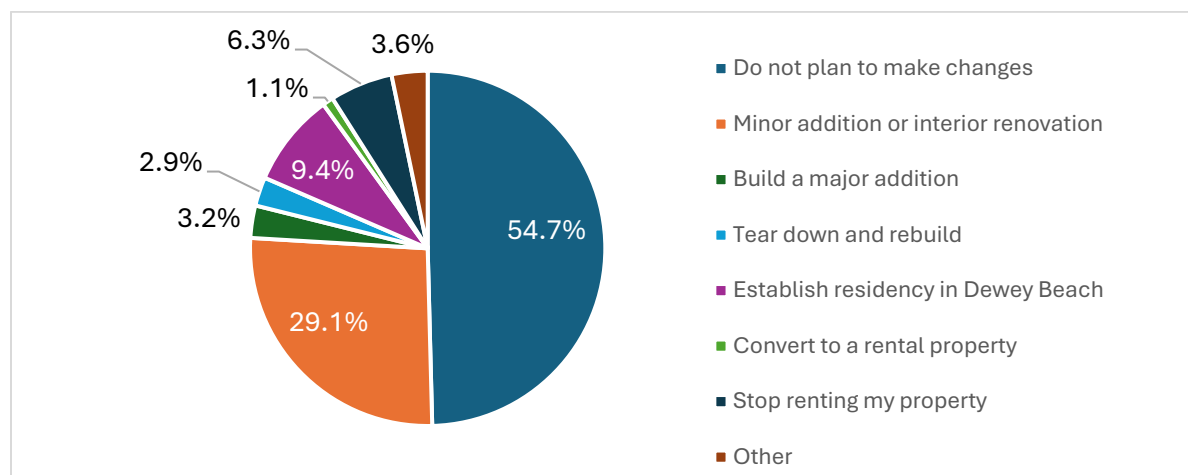


6. How much time do you spend in Dewey Beach on average in a year?



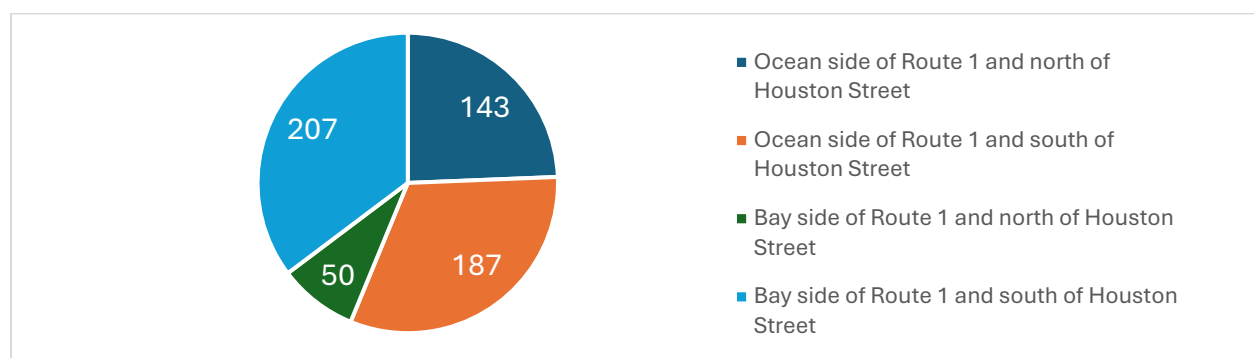
Less than 2 weeks	10	1.7%
2 weeks - <1 month	69	11.4%
1-<3 months	150	24.9%
3 - <6 months	171	28.4%
6 - <9 months	65	10.8%
9 - 12 months	138	22.9%
Total responses	603	

7. Do you plan to make any changes to your property or the way you use it within the next five years?



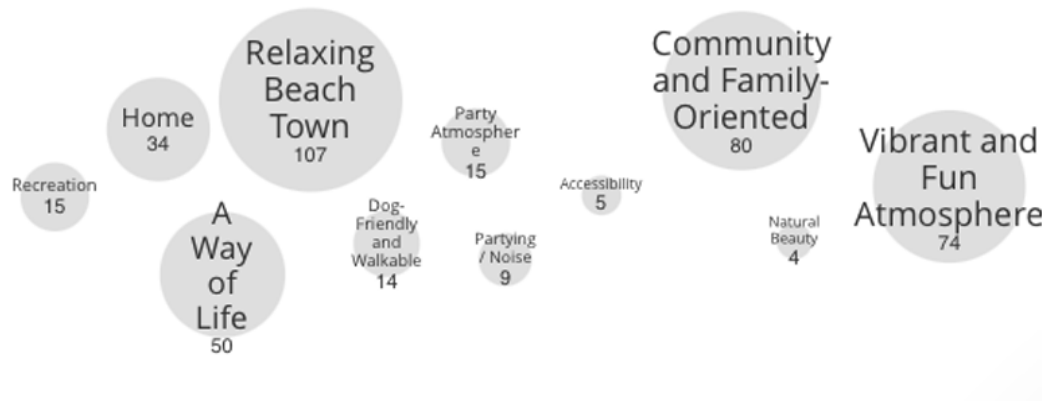
Do not plan to make changes	303	54.7%
Minor addition or interior renovation	161	29.1%
Build a major addition	18	3.2%
Tear down and rebuild	16	2.9%
Establish residency in Dewey Beach	52	9.4%
Convert to a rental property	6	1.1%
Stop renting my property	35	6.3%
Other	20	3.6%
Total Responses	554	

8. My property is located:



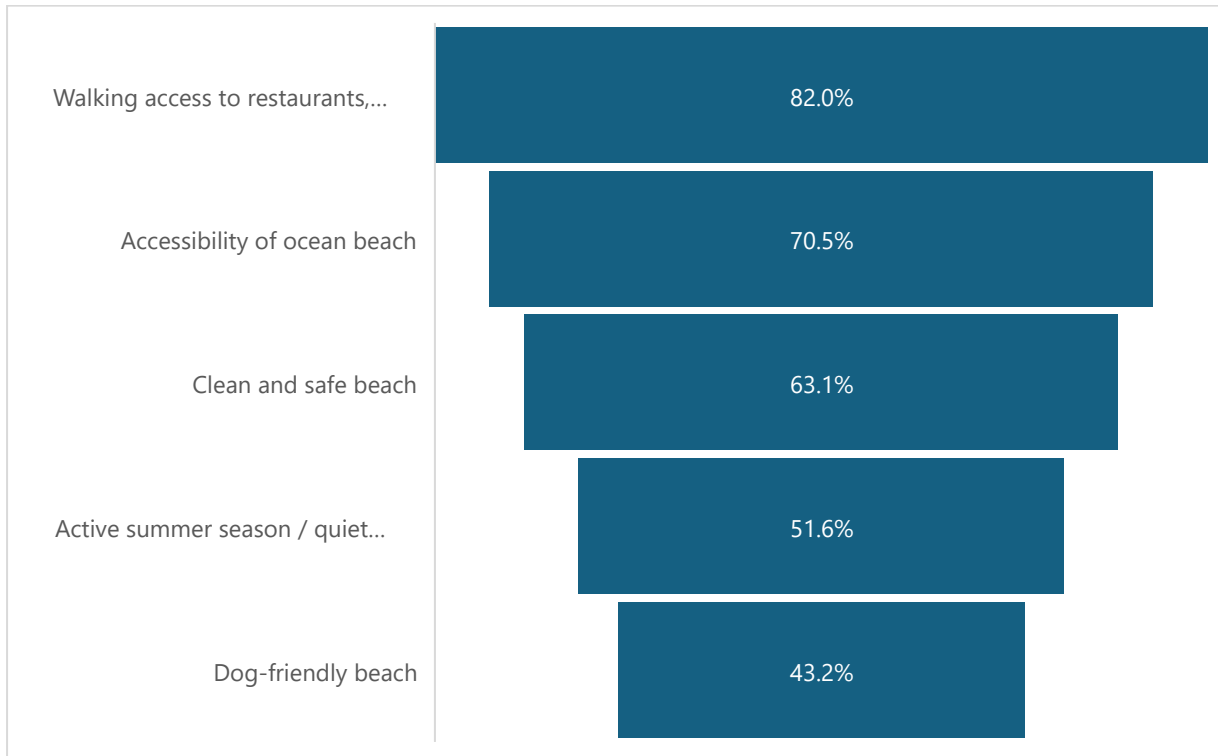
Ocean side of Route 1 and north of Houston Street	143	24.4%
Ocean side of Route 1 and south of Houston Street	187	31.9%
Bay side of Route 1 and north of Houston Street	50	8.5%
Bay side of Route 1 and south of Houston Street	207	35.3%
Total Responses	587	100.0%

9. One word or phrase to describe Dewey Beach:



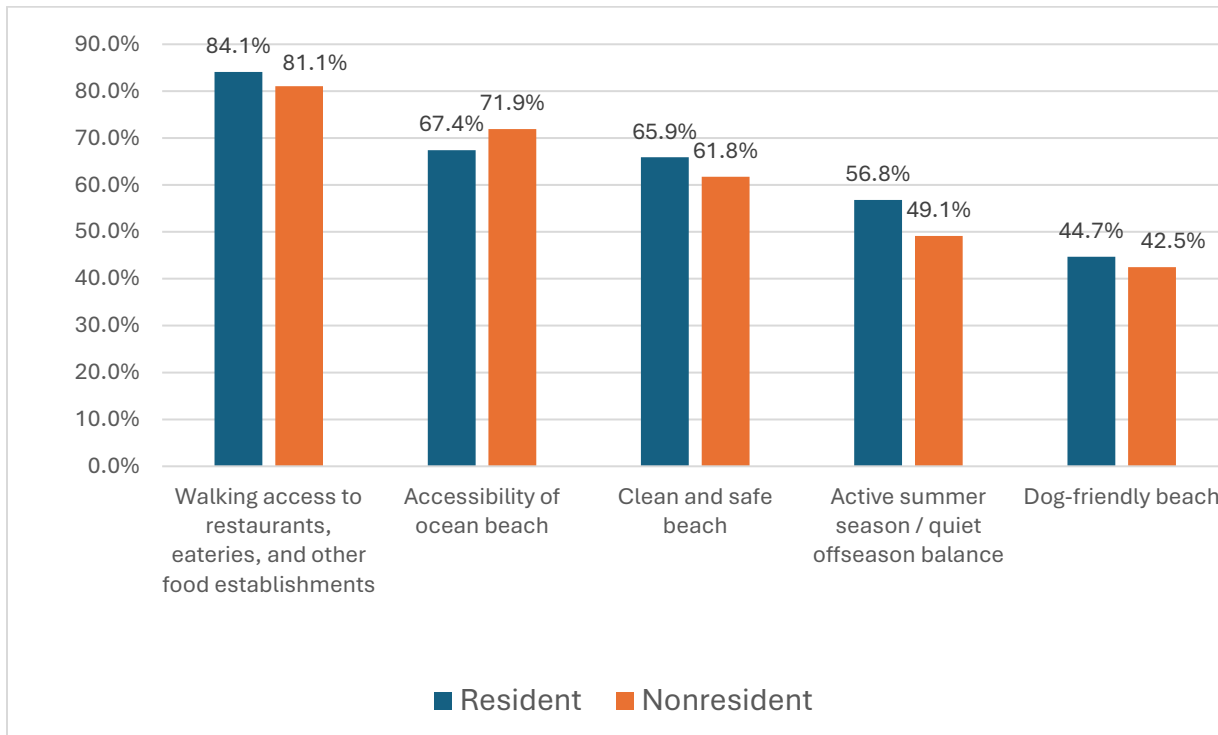
1	Relaxing, laid-back and peaceful	105	25.6%
2	Fun, lively and energetic	88	21.5%
3	Home and “my happy place”	68	16.6%
4	Small-town beach character and charm	43	10.5%
5	Community and friendly people	39	9.5%
6	“A way of life” (the town slogan)	37	9.0%
7	General praise (“great”, “the best”)	33	8.0%
8	Crowded, noisy or changing (concerns)	26	6.3%
9	Party, nightlife and bars	25	6.1%
10	Family-friendly	25	6.1%
11	Beach, ocean and natural beauty	22	5.4%
12	Live music, food and entertainment	18	4.4%

10. Top 5 Most Positive Characteristics of Dewey Beach (All Respondents)

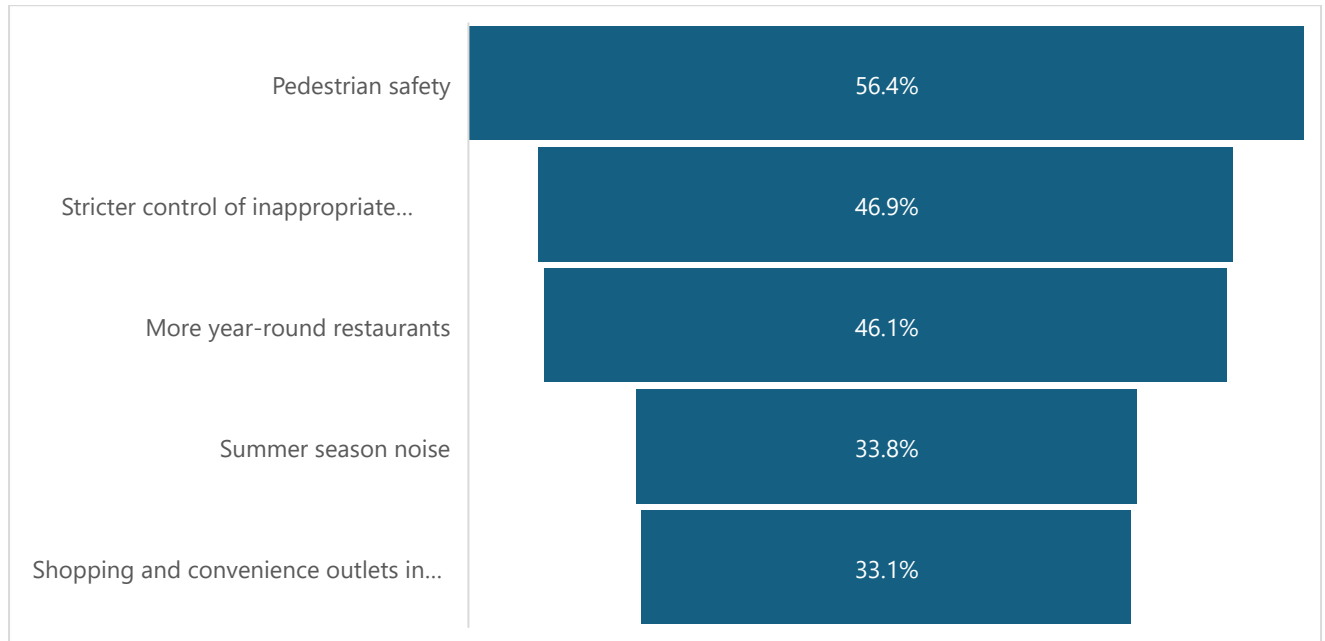


Percentages represent the percent of all respondents who chose each option in their Top 5.

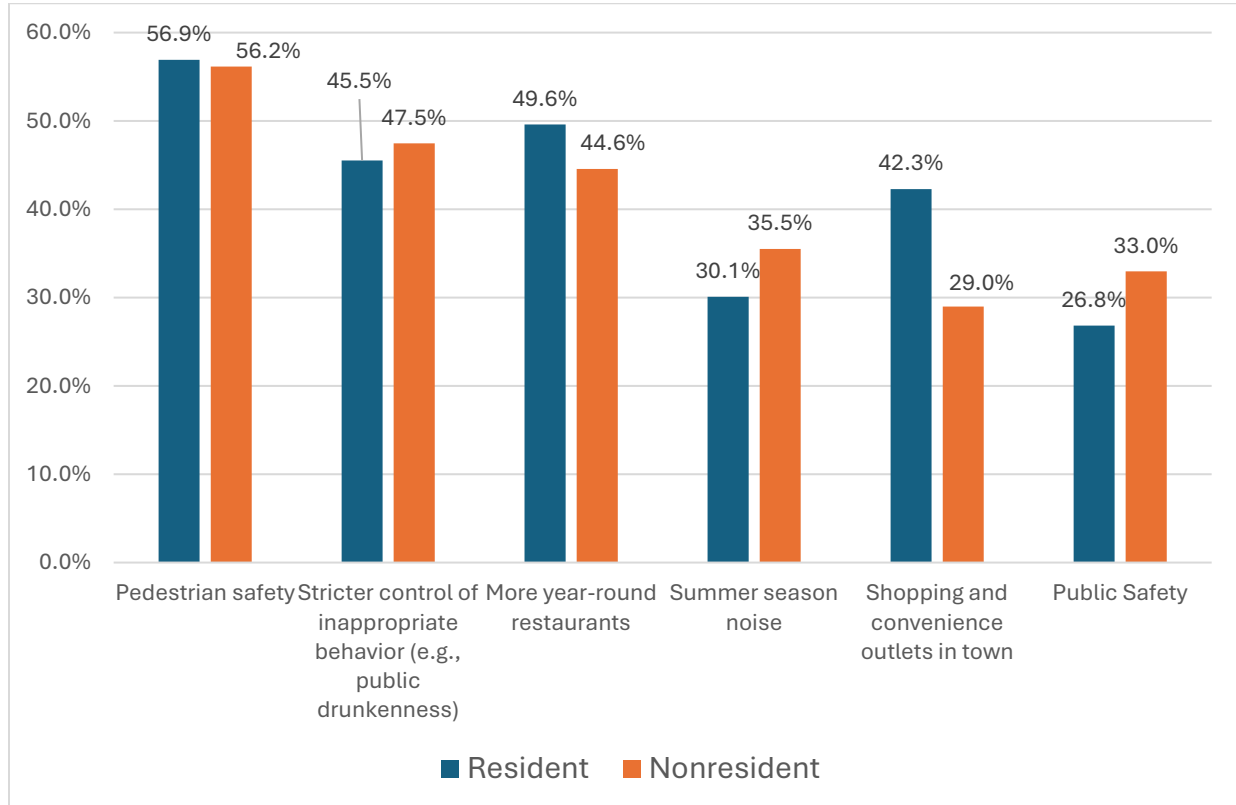
Resident vs Nonresident



11. Top 5 Areas Most in Need of Improvement (All Respondents)



Residents vs Nonresidents



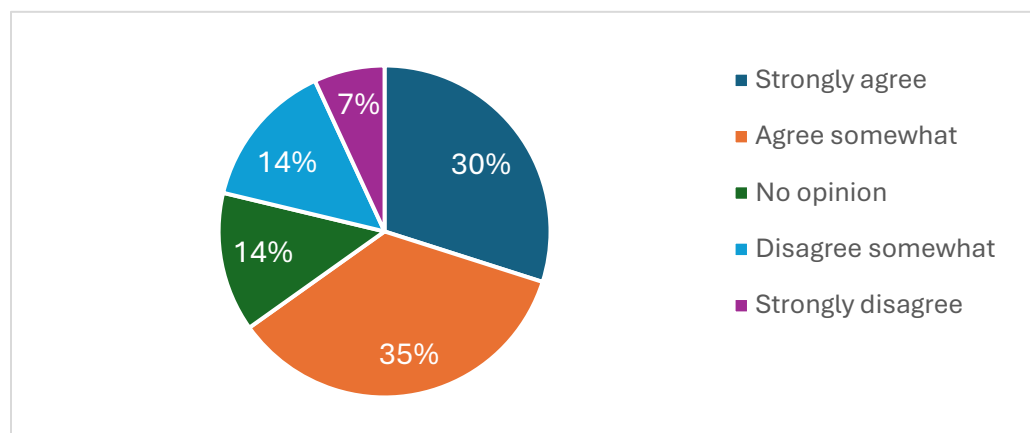
12. For the top five issues you ranked, what specific actions would have the biggest impact over the next five years?

1. Police presence, public safety and enforcement: 109 (34%)
2. Pedestrian crossings and street safety: 80 (25%)
3. Public drunkenness, bars and party culture: 75 (24%)
4. Traffic and speeding: 67 (21%)
5. Restaurants, grocery and retail: 61 (19%)
6. Infrastructure, flooding, cleanliness and appearance: 41 (13%)
7. Noise control: 40 (13%)
8. Events, family activities and programming: 38 (12%)
9. Parking and transportation: 30 (9%)
10. Beach management and amenities: 29 (9%)
11. Development, zoning and property regulation: 22 (7%)
12. Satisfied, keep Dewey as is: 18 (6%)

13. Over the next five to ten years, what amenities and improvements could make Dewey Beach a better place to live?

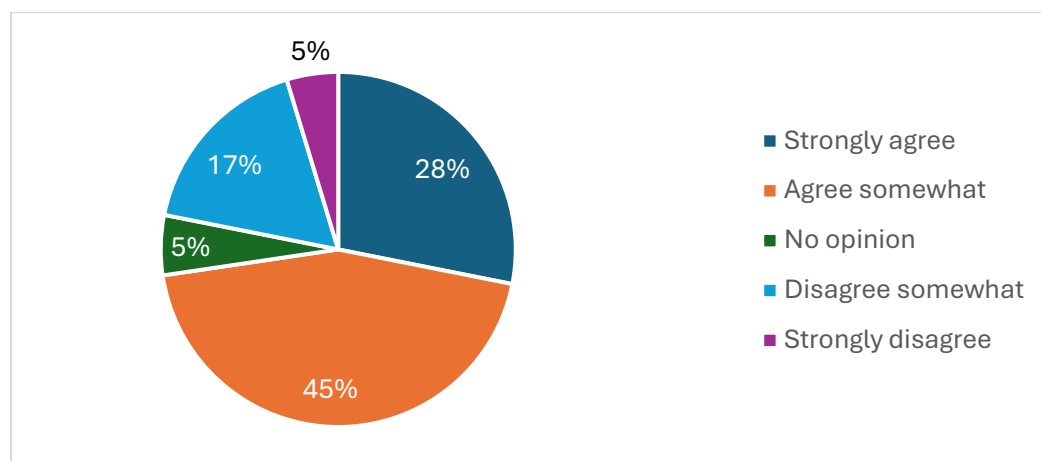
1. Pedestrian safety, crosswalks and traffic: 71 (24%)
2. Town appearance, cleanliness and green space: 53 (18%)
3. Public restrooms, showers and beach/bay amenities: 52 (17%)
4. Restaurants and dining: 50 (17%)
5. Family activities, recreation and events: 43 (14%)
6. Grocery, convenience and retail/services: 38 (13%)
7. Controlling development, building size and density: 38 (13%)
8. Parking and transportation: 35 (12%)
9. Nightlife, drinking, noise and policing: 34 (11%)
10. Flooding, drainage and coastal resilience: 26 (9%)
11. Fewer building rules, permits and fees: 17 (6%)
12. Satisfied, keep Dewey as is: 14 (5%)

14. Dewey Beach should strive to become a more year-round town, including expanding efforts to offer more "shoulder season" (spring and fall) activities.



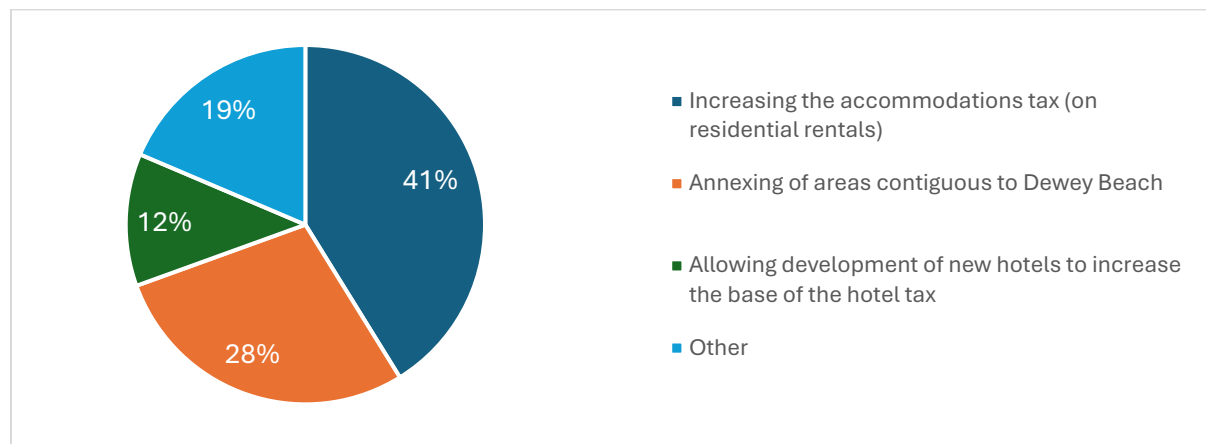
Strongly agree	152	29.9%
Agree somewhat	179	35.2%
No opinion	69	13.6%
Disagree somewhat	73	14.4%
Strongly disagree	35	6.9%
Total Responses	508	100.0%

15. I feel safe when walking or biking at night in Dewey Beach.



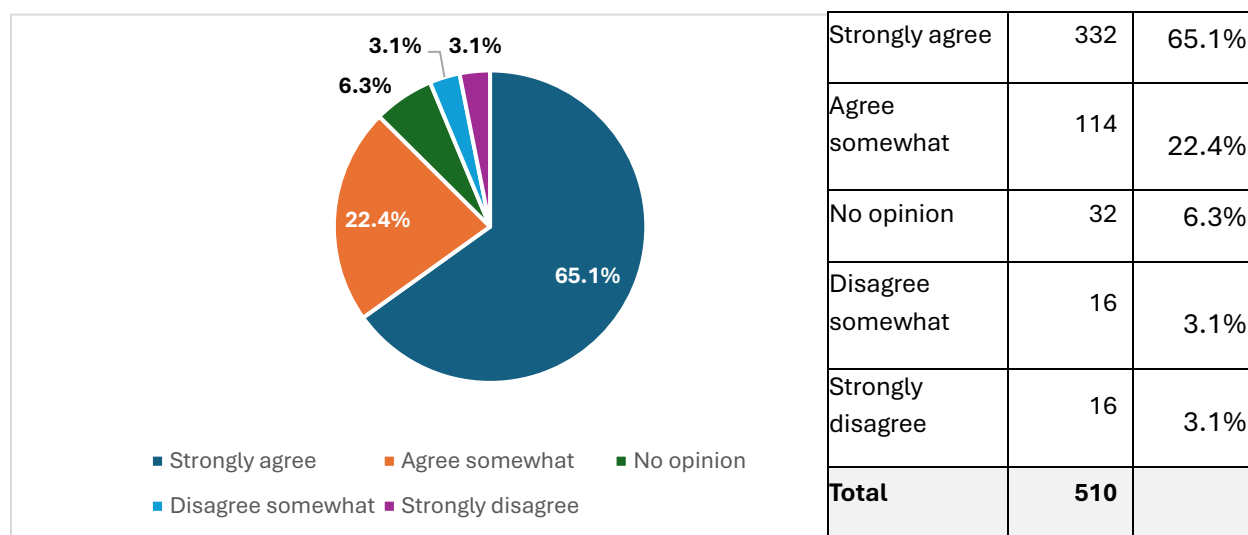
Strongly agree	144	28.1%
Agree somewhat	228	44.5%
No opinion	28	5.5%
Disagree somewhat	88	17.2%
Strongly disagree	24	4.7%
Total Responses	512	100.0%

16. If the Town needed to generate more revenue to ensure financial sustainability, would you prefer: [multi-select]



Increasing the accommodations tax (on residential rentals)	259	54.6%
Annexing of areas contiguous to Dewey Beach	178	37.6%
Allowing development of new hotels to increase the base of the hotel tax	75	15.8%
Other	117	24.7%
Total responses	474	

17. Adaptation to sea level rise and flooding should remain a high priority for the town.



Survey Comparison: 2018 - 2026

Overview: This summary compares the results from the 2018 and 2026 Resident/Property Owner and Visitor Surveys. In 2018, business owners were included in the resident/property owner survey, while in 2026 business owners were surveyed separately.

The comparison can be summarized as follows:

- **Characteristics of respondents:**
 - The majority of respondents in both surveys are long-term property owners with tenure in Dewey Beach for over a decade.
 - Single-family dwelling owners made up a larger share of respondents in 2026 than in 2018, shifting the sample from a condo majority (60.3%) in 2018 to a more even 50/48 split.
 - Property owners south of Houston Street remained the majority of respondents in both surveys.
- **Planned renovations:** Owner investment plans have remained steady over the eight-year period, defined by a strong preference for maintaining existing structures alongside minor interior updates.
- **Time spent in Dewey Beach:** Respondents reported longer average stays in 2026, with a notable increase in those residing in town for 9 to 12 months a year (from 10.43% to 23%).

Top 5 positive characteristics:

Dewey Beach's top five assets remained the same over the decade, but their order changed as restaurant walkability rose to number one.

- Walking Access to Restaurants and Eateries: Top overall asset for residents/property owners (81.5%) and visitors (71%), and #2 for business owners (64%).
- Ocean beach access: Remained stable as a core pillar of the town's appeal. Its relative ranking held position as the 2nd highest ranked characteristic.
- Clean and Safe Beach: Beach cleanliness slipped from #1 down to #3 among residents as walkability overtook it. Conversely, it rose significantly among visitors (moving from #4 up to #2), reflecting tourist appreciation for the clean beach environment.

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- Active Summer / Quiet Offseason Balance: Rose from 5th priority amongst residents to fourth. Consensus for expanding shoulder season activities with property owners still valuing the quiet offseason.
- Dog Friendly Beach: Dog-friendly beach access solidified its status in the top 5 as a distinct permanent brand asset for Dewey Beach across every constituency.

Top 5 in need of improvement:

While the top five areas needing improvement remained the same over the decade, the priorities shifted as pedestrian safety rose to become the #1 concern across all groups.

- Pedestrian Safety: #1 concern across all three survey groups in 2026 rising from 2nd in 2018.
- Stricter Control of Inappropriate Behavior: Public drunkenness remains a major issue (demanded by nearly half of residents), but it dropped behind pedestrian safety as the number one issue,
- More Year-Round Restaurants & Amenities: As majority support for expanding shoulder season activities grew (66%–91% agreement across groups), calls for more year-round dining and amenities have increased.
- General Public Safety & Feeling of Security: Public safety remains a top community concern with respondents noting isolated late night incidents and calls for establishing a consistent year-round baseline for police visibility, street lighting, and overall neighborhood safety.
- Summer Season / Nighttime Noise: While noise remains a friction point between residents and commercial venues, it lost relative standing compared to 2018 as other issues have taken higher priority.
- Shoulder season: Respondent support held steadily in favor of expanding the shoulder season.
- Nighttime safety: Respondents' perception of nighttime pedestrian/bike safety improved substantially, with those who either agreed or strongly agreed increasing by over 15 percentage points between 2018 and 2026.
- Flooding adaptation: Respondents who strongly favor prioritizing adaptation efforts rose by 7% in the eight-year period.

Cross Tabulation of Select Questions

Q14. Dewey Beach should strive to become a more year round town.

Resident v. Nonresident responses:

Response	Resident	Non-resident
Strongly agree	35.3%	27.6%
Agree somewhat	35.9%	34.9%
No opinion	13.1%	13.8%
Disagree somewhat	12.4%	15.2%
Strongly disagree	3.3%	8.5%
Total responses: 508	153	323

Rental v. Nonrental responses:

Responses:	Rental	Not rental
Strongly agree	35.3%	28.6%
Agree somewhat	34.5%	33.9%
No opinion	10.9%	17.0%
Disagree somewhat	12.6%	15.2%
Strongly disagree	6.7%	5.4%
Total responses: 314	119	224

Years Owned Property in Town:

Response	Less than 5 years	5 to 10 years	More than 10 years
Strongly agree	44.0%	29.6%	27.9%
Agree somewhat	34.0%	37.0%	34.7%
No opinion	14.0%	14.8%	13.3%
Disagree somewhat	6.0%	12.0%	16.4%
Strongly disagree	2.0%	6.5%	7.7%
Total responses: 481	50	108	323

Time spent in town:

Response	Less than 1 month	1 to <6 months	6 to 12 months
Strongly agree	36.5%	30.3%	27.4%
Agree somewhat	36.5%	35.4%	34.5%
No opinion	14.3%	15.0%	11.3%
Disagree somewhat	9.5%	13.9%	16.7%
Strongly disagree	3.2%	5.5%	10.1%
Total responses: 505	63	274	168

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Q15. I feel safe walking and biking in Dewey Beach at night.

Resident v. Nonresident responses:

Response	Resident	Non-resident
Strongly agree	21.3%	31.1%
Agree somewhat	51.0%	41.7%
No opinion	3.9%	6.2%
Disagree somewhat	17.4%	17.1%
Strongly disagree	6.5%	3.9%
Total responses: 512	155	357

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Q16. Preferred Way to Generate More Revenue

Resident v. Nonresident responses:

Option	Resident %	Non-resident %
Increasing the accommodations tax	63.7%	50.6%
Annexing of areas contiguous to Dewey Beach	44.5%	34.5%
Allowing development of new hotels to increase the base of the hotel tax	11.0%	18.0%
Other	23.3%	25.3%
Total responses: 474	146	328

Rental v. Nonrental responses:

Option	Rental %	Not rental %
Increasing the accommodations tax	18.7%	72.0%
Annexing of areas contiguous to Dewey Beach	52.3%	31.3%
Allowing development of new hotels to increase the base of the hotel tax	20.6%	13.6%
Other	35.5%	17.8%
Total responses: 321	107	214

Years owned property in town:

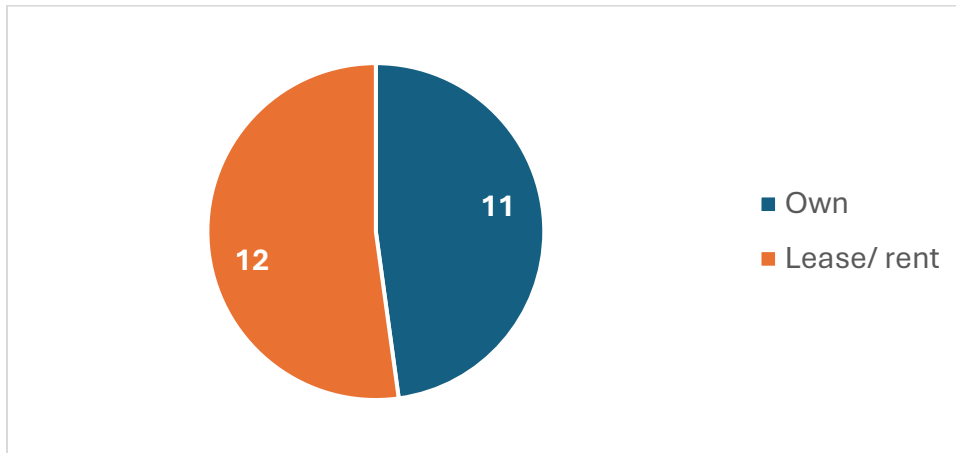
Option	Less than 5 years %	5 to 10 years %	More than 10 years %
Increasing the accommodations tax	44.4%	60.4%	56.1%
Annexing of areas contiguous to Dewey	48.9%	39.6%	34.6%
Allowing development of new hotels to increase the base of the hotel tax	24.4%	24.8%	12.6%
Other	17.8%	17.8%	27.6%
Total responses: 447	45	101	301

Time spent in town:

Option	Less than 1 month %	1 to <6 months %	6 to 12 months %
Increasing the accommodations tax	27.6%	56.6%	61.8%
Annexing of areas contiguous to Dewey Beach	58.6%	36.3%	32.5%
Allowing development of new hotels to increase the base of the hotel tax	15.5%	16.0%	15.3%
Other	10.3%	25.0%	28.7%
Total responses: 471	58	256	157

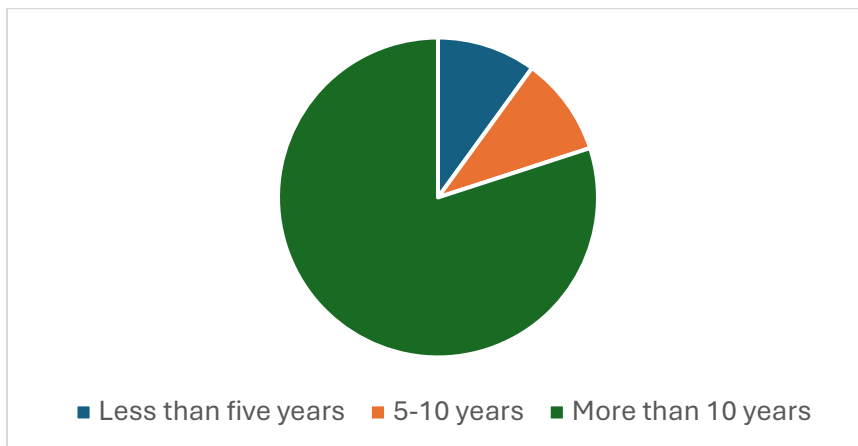
Business Owners Survey

1. Do you own or lease/rent your business space?



Response	Number	% of those answering
Own	11	47.8%
Lease/ rent	12	52.2%
Total responses	23	100.0%

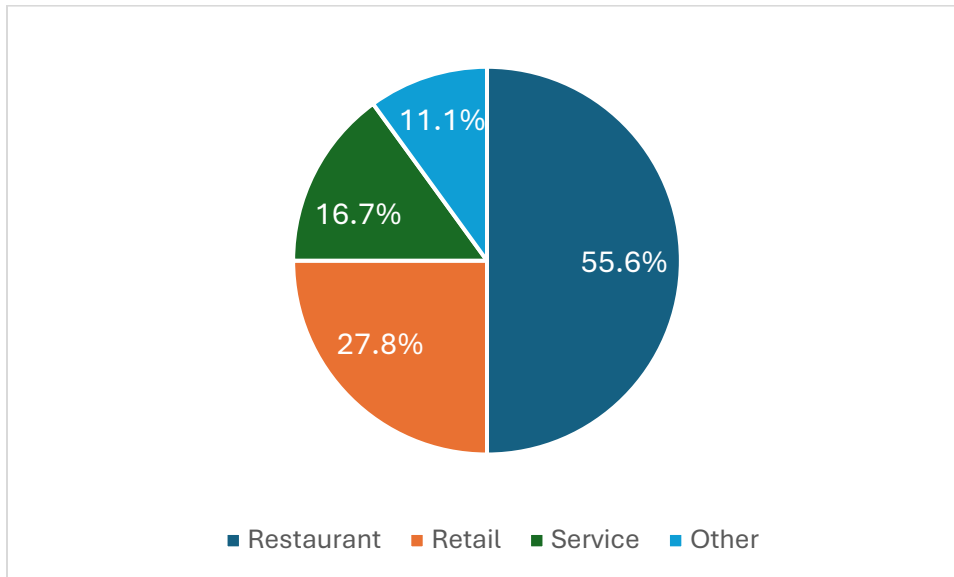
2. I have been in business in Dewey Beach for:



Response	Number	% of those answering
Less than five years	2	10.0%
5-10 years	2	10.0%
More than 10 years	16	80.0%
Total responses	20	100.0%

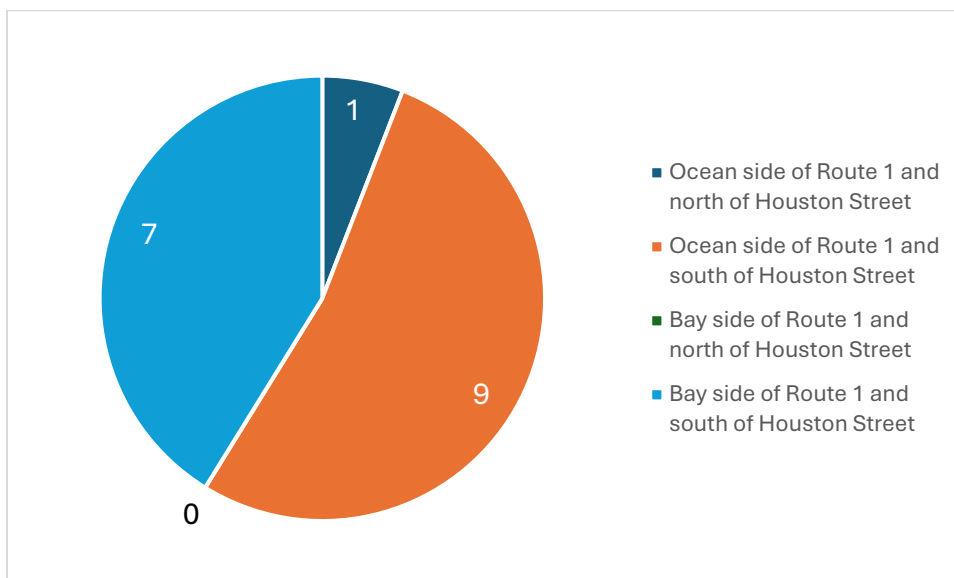
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3. What type of business do you own?



Response	Number	%
Restaurant	10	55.6%
Retail	5	27.8%
Service	3	16.7%
Other	2	11.1%
Total respondents	18	

4. My property is located at: (Total respondents: 17)

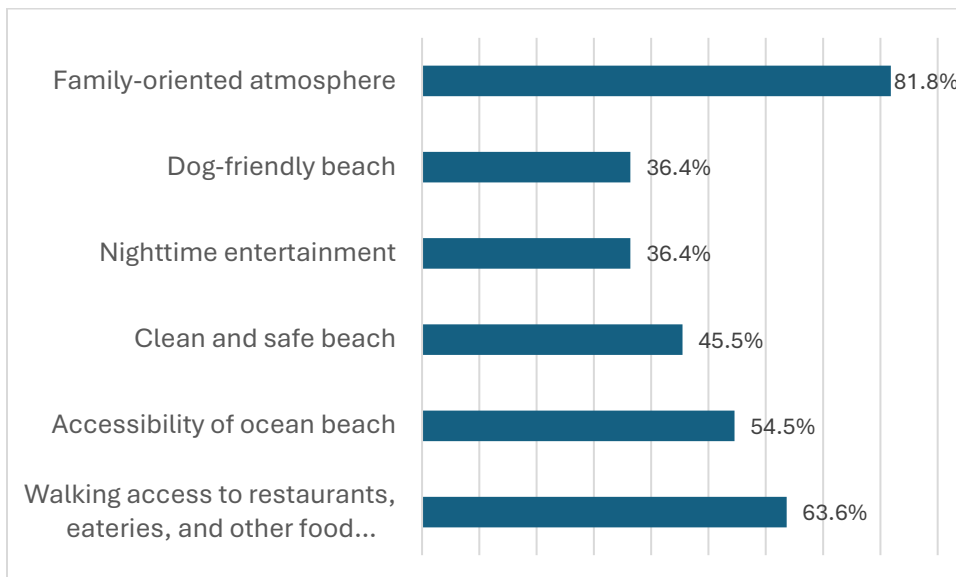


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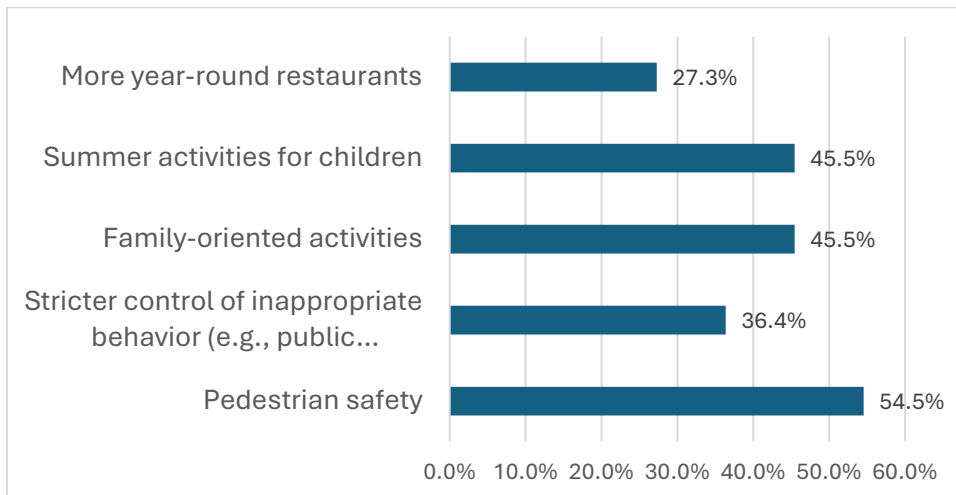
5. What word or phrase best describes Dewey Beach to you:

- The Wild West
- Uneven fees & taxes
- Spectacular
- A small town that once was a quiet place that has been taken over by commercial clients that has brought with it crowd control issues and noise.
- way of life ; relax, enjoy and make memories
- Love the vibe. I save several weeks each year to use the rental property for personal use. Love to be near the ocean and amenities offered in Dewey!
- The greatest little beach town on the East Coast

6. Top 5 Most Positive Characteristics of Dewey Beach



7. Top 5 Areas most in need of improvement (total responses: 11)



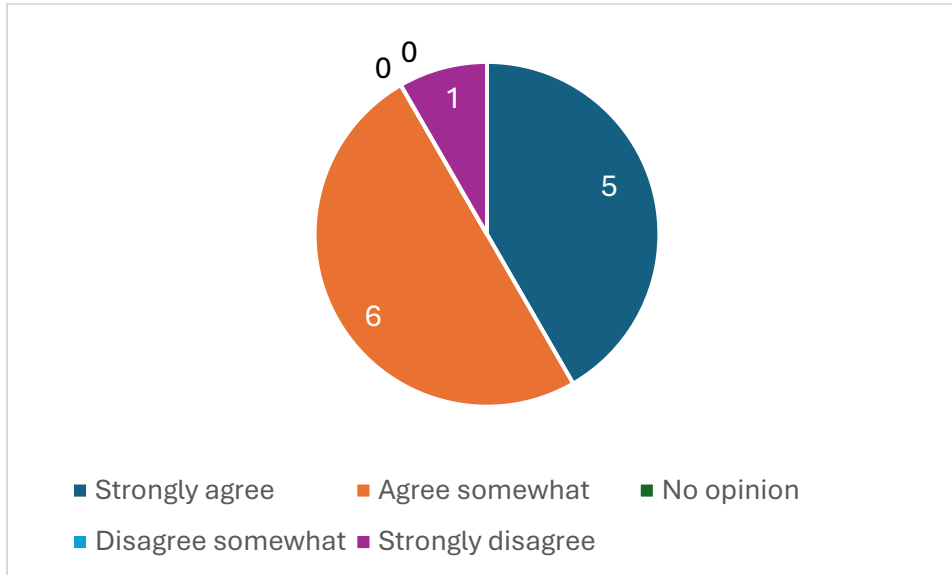
7. Other:

- Restructuring all of the crosswalks and enforcing the speed limits
- Crowd control

8. For the top five issues you ranked, what specific actions would have the biggest impact over the next five years? (7 responses)

- Removing the crosswalks every 50 feet and having pedestrians actually walk to the intersections and cross with the lights. They can do it! They walk to the bars!
- Enforce the rules you have. Speeding cars. People jay walking. Ban people presetting chairs at 7 am and returning at noon!
- Dewey has been becoming a more year-round place to be, and to visit. Having more businesses open surely helps. Places like Ocean City Maryland spend big bucks advertising their town, would be nice to see Dewey Beach spend money promoting our town, as the business community gives back alot, and is a big part of what brings people to this town. Promoting the offseasons, events, and continued work with the business community to grow shoulder season events that help all would be great.
- Crowd control. Noise at night. People on the beach making noise well in the morning hours.
- ENFORCE THE Delaware State Occupancy allowed in every establishment before a catastrophe! Certain business seem to own the police department and town looking the other Way. It's time to reign in the drunken fiasco in the town. You want families? control the drunken nonsense; Add bathrooms and a changing stations on the bay and on the ocean side
- Having police monitor intersections where there are yellow flashing lights to police cars that don't stop and watch for pedestrians that don't activate the cross walk lights,
- Lighting over crosswalks so they are brightly lit at nights. Even consider removing 2-3 crosswalks that are not at a traffic light. But lighting in general as the yellow flashing lights confuse everyone. Promotion of our town state-wide to gain more tourism in the shoulder seasons, smaller...but similar to what OC does to bring folks in on weekends.

9. Dewey Beach should strive to become a more year-round town.



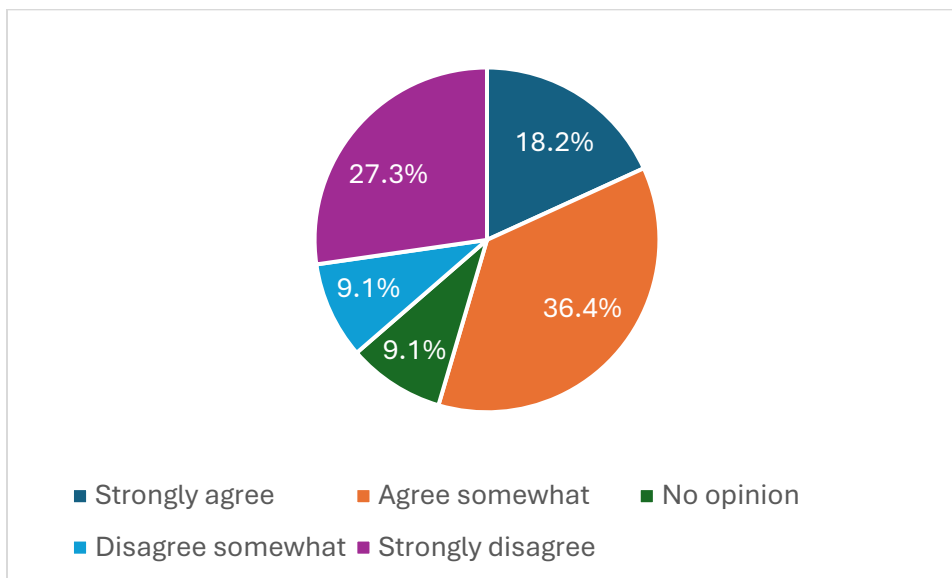
10. Over the next five to ten years, what specific amenities and improvements could make Dewey Beach a better place to live? (8 responses)

- Cleanly marked Uber zones. Dewey is a town that so many want to visit, making a couple of safe, bright areas for ubers to wait and for pedestrians to know where to pick up their uber.
- Crosswalks, more simple signage for those, and much brighter lighting on highway and side streets
- Parking, more movies on beach, designated pick up areas
- Work with the state and count officials to explore ways to ease traffic. On Friday evenings, Saturdays and Sundays traffic is so consistently bad it's taking 45-60 minutes just to get between Dewey and Route 9 - very frustrating Better promotion of how accessibly Dewey is in the shoulder seasons.

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- More events on the water, as in the bay area...not many have a Bay so close to a town, its underutilized, we could be having events on the bay to show off this town.
- Enforce beach etiquette. No huge tents and rows of chairs with no one there!
- Add a tax so that things are equitable It's filthy dirty. Trash and throw up in the streets in the mornings. It's embarrassing. Maybe a change in bar hours and better enforcement along with street cleaning.
- Parking
- Build public bathrooms and change facilities at the entrances to beaches at least two in each side of rt 1

11. I feel safe when walking or biking at night in Dewey Beach. (Total responses: 11)



12. If the Town needed to generate more revenue to ensure financial sustainability, would you prefer: (check all that apply)

Response	Number	% of those answering
Increasing the accommodations tax (on residential rentals)	3	30.0%
Annexing of areas contiguous to Dewey Beach	3	30.0%
Allowing development of new hotels to increase the base of the hotel tax	3	30.0%
Other	4	40.0%
Total responses	10	

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Other:

Property Tax
Spend less
A Public Safety Fee to help ensure our lifeguards and police are highly paid, and everyone shares in their cost

13. Adaptation to sea level rise and flooding should remain a high priority for the town.

Response	Number	% of those answering
Strongly agree	5	50.0%
Agree somewhat	4	40.0%
No opinion	0	0.0%
Disagree somewhat	1	10.0%
Strongly disagree	0	0.0%
Total responses	10	100.0%

18. Additional comments (2 responses)

- We live Dewey but the town officials need to get on board with reality before something major happens with the alcohol problem. Id you want families to come then enforce occupancy in bare and stop the blatant abuse of the bars servicing people who are overly intoxicated. Add bathrooms and changing areas NOT in local businesses ; We have a great staff from the manager on down and we should recognize them monthly ; thank you. I hope you appreciate an honest review; I have added everything
- I love Dewey Beach. I am just concerned that the traffic problems, dining availability without long waits and increasingly smaller beach areas could make visitors thing twice about summer vacations at Dewey.

Visitors Survey

1. Do you or someone in your family own property in Dewey Beach?

Response	Number	% of those answering
Yes	54	21.3%
No	198	78.3%
Yes; No	1	0.4%
Total responses	253	100.0%

2. How long is your current or most recent stay in Dewey Beach?

Response	Number	% of those answering
One day/evening	31	15.6%
Weekend	37	18.6%
One week	88	44.2%
Two weeks	13	6.5%
More than two weeks	30	15.1%
Total responses	199	100.0%

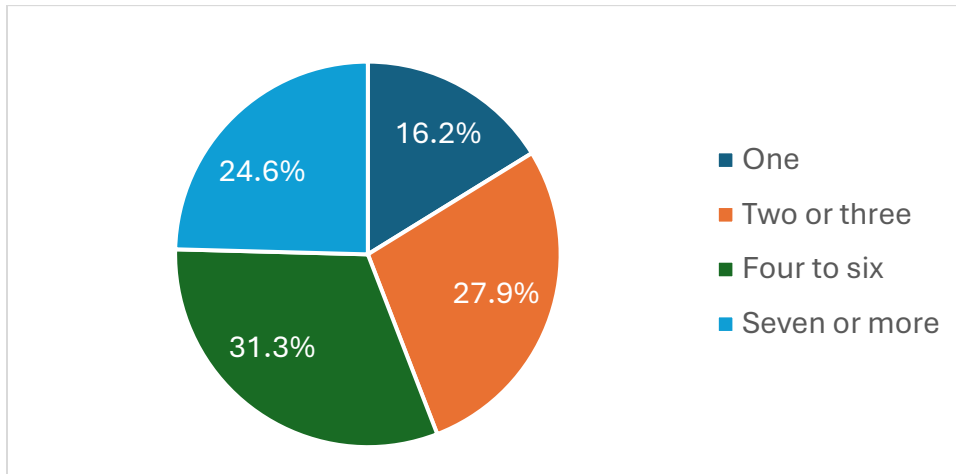
3. Did you stay or are you staying in a:

Response	Number	% of those answering
House	91	54.8%
Condominium	37	22.3%
Hotel or motel	27	16.3%
Other	11	6.6%
Total responses	166	100.0%

Other:

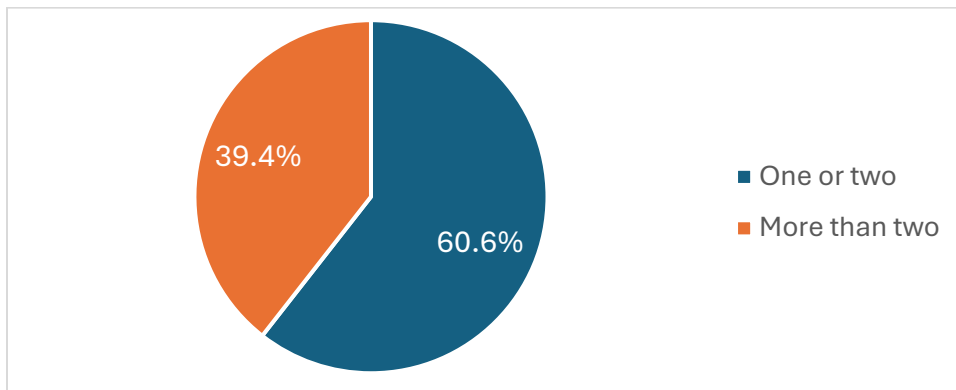
- Air BnB
- Villa
- RV at DE Seashore
- House in Bethany
- live outside of town
- Resort
- Duplex

4. How many people stayed with you in the same accommodation?



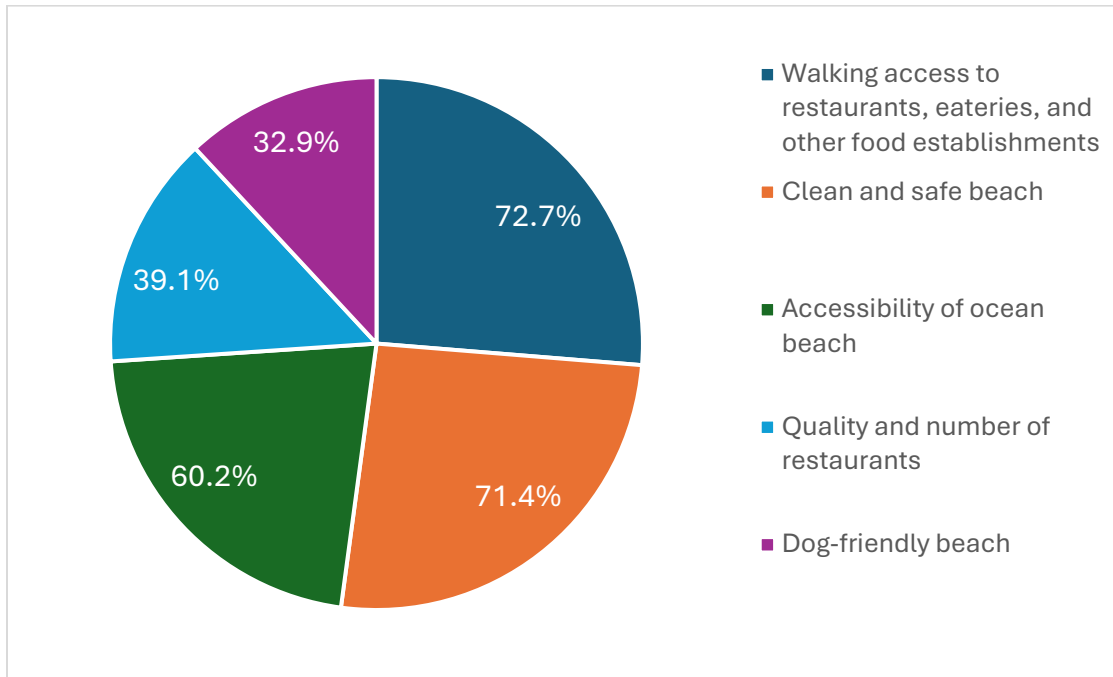
Response	Number	% of those answering
One	29	16.2%
Two or three	50	27.9%
Four to six	56	31.3%
Seven or more	44	24.6%
Total responses	179	100.0%

5. How many children were in your party? (age 17 or younger)



Response	Number	% of those answering
One or two	43	60.6%
More than two	28	39.4%
Total responses	71	100.0%

6. Top 5 Positive Characteristics of Dewey Beach (161 responses)

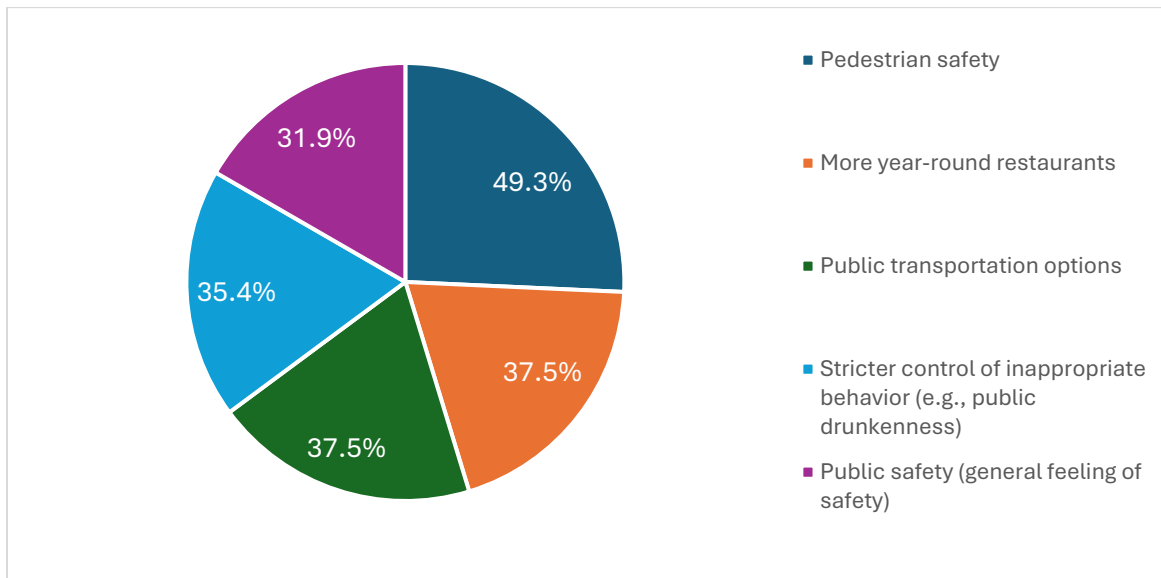


Item	Times in top 5 (n)	% of respondents
Walking access to restaurants, eateries, and other food establishments	117	72.7%
Clean and safe beach	115	71.4%
Accessibility of ocean beach	97	60.2%
Quality and number of restaurants	63	39.1%
Dog-friendly beach	53	32.9%

Other:

We have been staying in Dewey for decades. We love it! Currently we stay for a week, we love the cottages and the beach access.
Better budget-friendly options than Rehoboth.
History; Family connection / history
visiting with dewey friends
Family Tradition. We have home in Rehoboth but have been coming to St Louis street for 60+ years

7. Top 5 Areas Most in Need of Improvement (144 responses)



Item	Times in top 5 (n)	% of respondents
Pedestrian safety	71	49.3%
More year-round restaurants	54	37.5%
Public transportation options	54	37.5%
Stricter control of inappropriate behavior (e.g., public drunkenness)	51	35.4%
Public safety (general feeling of safety)	46	31.9%

Other:

- As a Dewey Beach vacation family who visits with multiple generations. We like the rental homes with multiple bedrooms and options for families. We appreciate lifeguards and first aid availability on the beach.
- Affordability. Keep Dewey Down to Earth; not like bethany
- Allowing large canvas tents with long guy lines that are not only dangerous but take up too much real estate on the beach
- Take it easy on the parking tickets already.
- Public bathrooms near beach
- BEACH GRILLE/BAR!!!!; NEED BEACH GRILLE/BAR!!!
- Dog friendly restaurants and shops
- Get rid of dog license requirement (2)
- Lower cost hotels
- No tents on beach - LBI has a rule all tents at fence line — STOP THE TENTS

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- Grocery store. At least encourage one to go in The Forgotten Mile
- Less devepment
- I don't think any of the above activities need to be focused on. Dewey is great the way it is. If you want family things, go to Rehoboth.
- Convenience of beach wheelchairs
- Parking availability ; Too much traffic due to pedestrian crossing at every street
- Parking (4); affordable parking (1)
- Do away with Running of the Bull
- parking availability for employees to allow visitor parking
- Water for cleaning feet at end of dunes

8. For the top five issues you ranked, what specific actions would have the biggest impact over the next five years? (63 responses)

Summary of main themes:

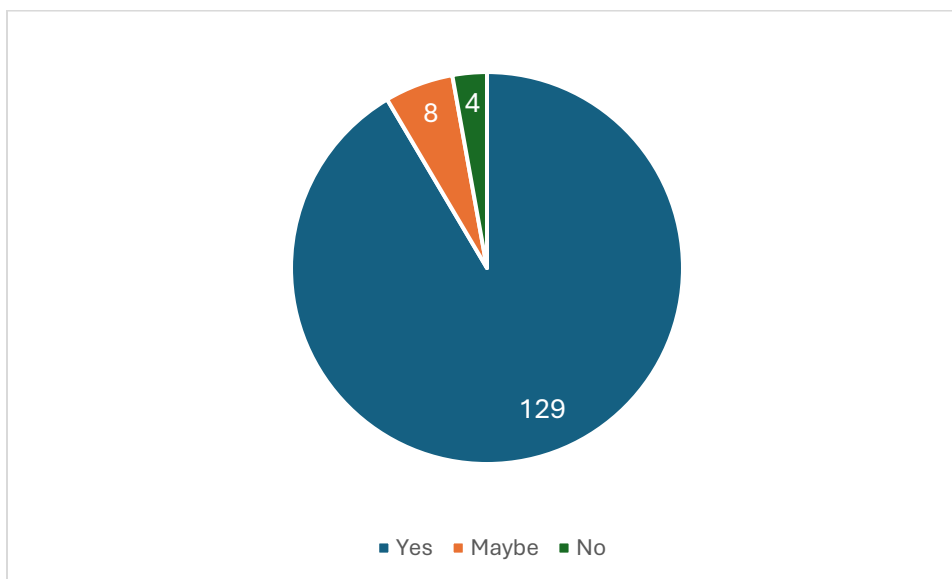
1. Public drunkenness, bars and nightlife behavior (14)
2. Pedestrian safety and crosswalks (12)
3. More police presence and enforcement (11)
4. Parking (9)
5. More restaurants, retail and a grocery store (9)
6. Family, kids and youth activities (8)
7. Public transportation and shuttles (5)
8. Restrooms, lifeguards and beach facilities (5)
9. Preserving small-town character (5)
10. Beach rules and dogs (4)

9. Over the next five to ten years, what specific amenities and improvements could make Dewey Beach a better place to visit? (67 responses)

Summary of main themes:

1. Restaurants and dining (19, 29%)
2. Pedestrian safety, traffic and walkability (11)
3. Parking (10)
4. Public restrooms and beach amenities (9)
5. Preserving character and limiting overbuilding (8)
6. Affordable and accessible stays (8)
7. Family, kids and off-season activities (6)
8. Transportation options (6)
9. Grocery, retail and services (6)
10. Enforcement, alcohol and beach rules (6)

10. Do you plan to return to Dewey Beach for another stay? (141 responses)



11. Additional comments about Dewey Beach (45 responses)

Summary of main themes:

1. Love of Dewey, loyalty and long-time visits (32, 73%)
2. Preserving small-town character and concerns about development (9)
3. Town management, policing and regulation (8)
4. Nightlife, drinking and crowding (7)
5. Lives or owns nearby, and wasn't asked (7)
6. Dog-friendly Dewey (7)
7. Food and restaurants (7)
8. Traffic, pedestrians and bicyclists (6)
9. Restrooms, beach access and beach rules (6)
10. Affordability and lodging (6)

12. What is your age?

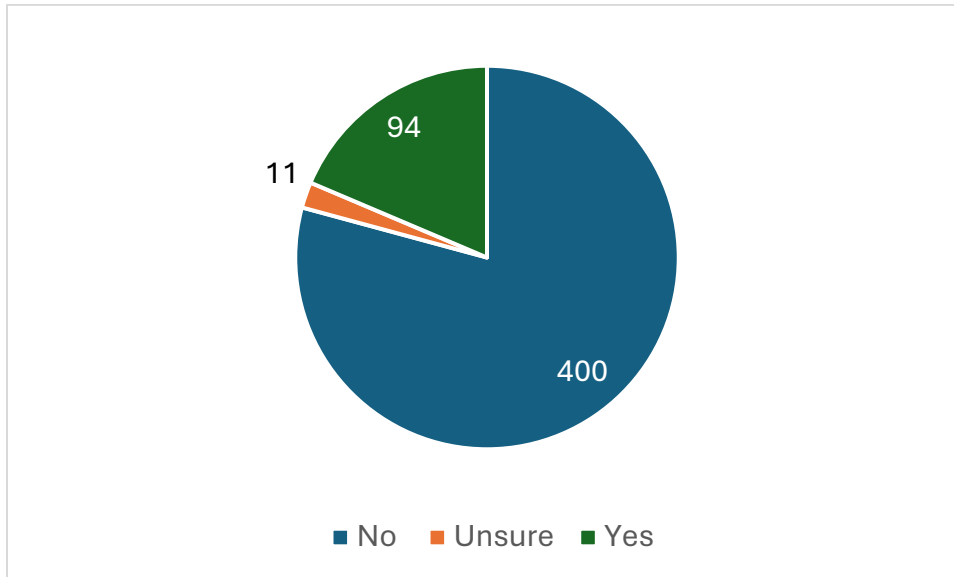
Response	Number	% of those answering
21-30	5	3.4%
31-40	18	12.4%
41-50	28	19.3%
51-60	47	32.4%
61-70	37	25.5%
71 or older	10	6.9%
Total Respondents	145	100.0%

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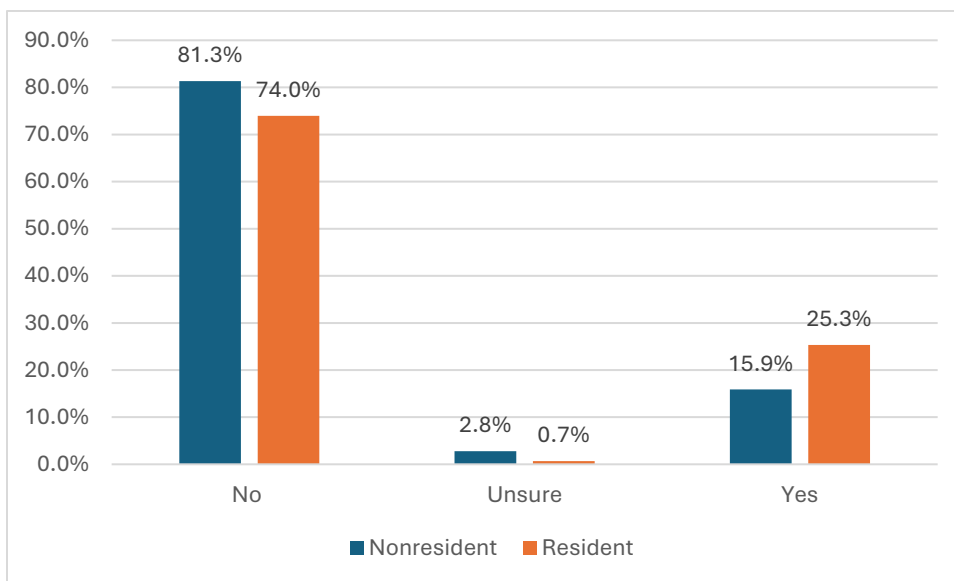
Residential responses

Has your property been impacted by flooding?

All residential respondents (total responses 505)

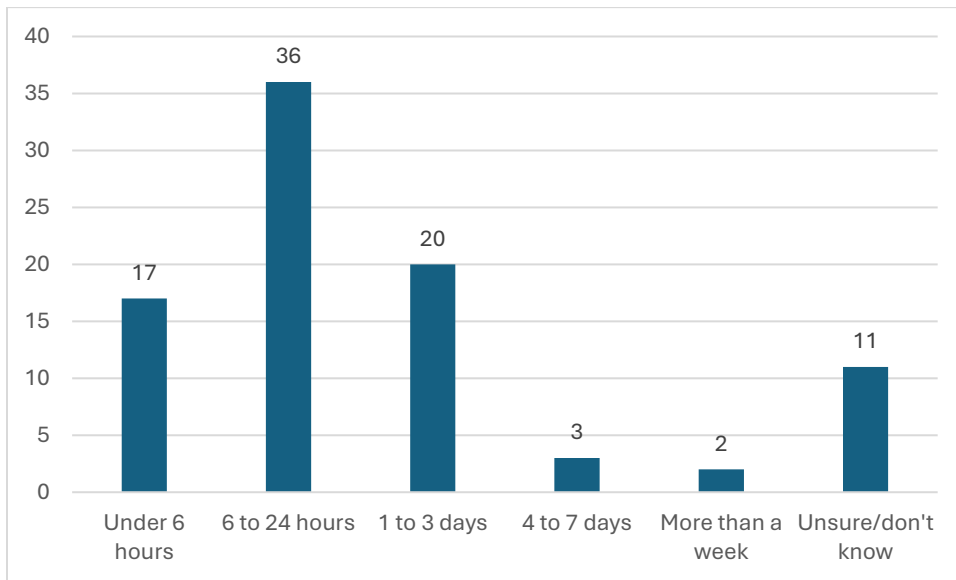


Residents v nonresidents (total responses 505)

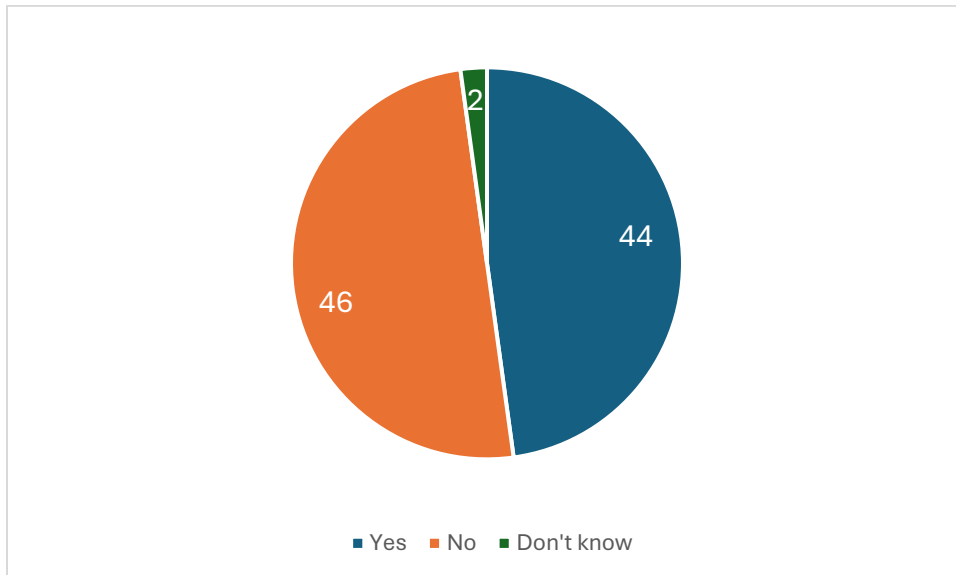


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How long did the flooding last? (89 responses)

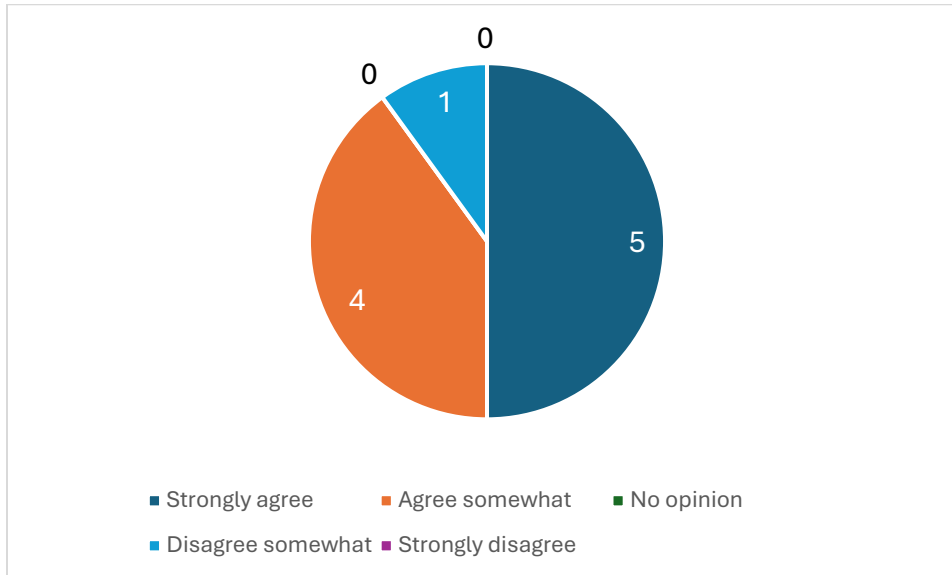


Did your property sustain damage? (92 responses)



Business responses

13. Adaptation to sea level rise and flooding should remain a high priority for the town. (10 responses)



14. How was your business impacted by recent flood events (Hurricane Sandy 2012, Winter Storm Jonas 2016, high tides Feb/Oct 2021, Sept 2023, Aug 2024)?

My business was not impacted by flooding	8	80.0%
Paid clean-up costs	2	20.0%
Closed for a period of time due to damages	1	10.0%
Closed due to lack of access	1	10.0%
Total responses	10	

15. Aside from major storms, have any other events impacted you? (5 responses)

- Valdalism
- Covid obviously, power outages...as we someday need to bury the power lines in town. Blizzards, although the town has drastically improved its snow clean up.
- We as a town need to control the lack of occupancy and alcohol control because the owners of these bars own the town and want to make a buck; none
- Not events so much as constant traffic congestion.
- Covid obviously. But in general nothing major, the town has greatly upgraded its storm prep and cleanup, its not gone unnoticed!

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16. If yes, when, how often, and what part of town? (1 responses)

Main Street (Route 1)

**17. Have you implemented any strategies to adapt to flooding or mitigate its impacts?
If yes, what were they? (2 responses)**

- No
- Flooding is a concern however hey public rest rooms and changing stations and stop the drinks from making Dewey Beach unpopular