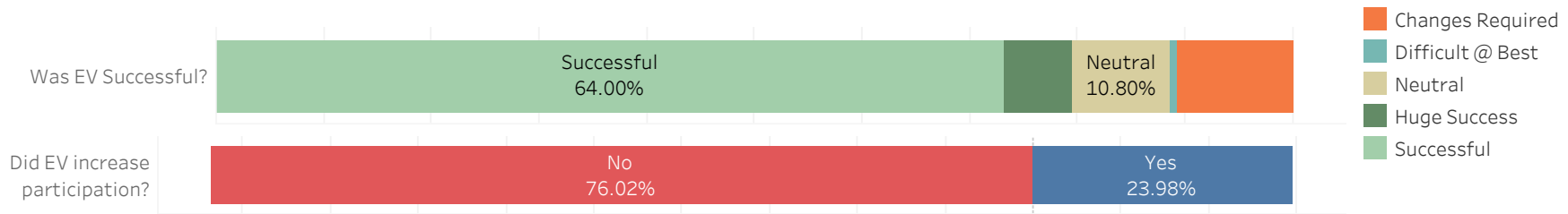
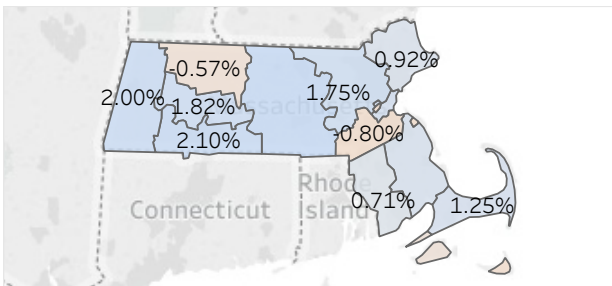


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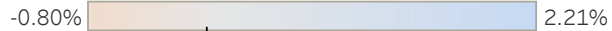


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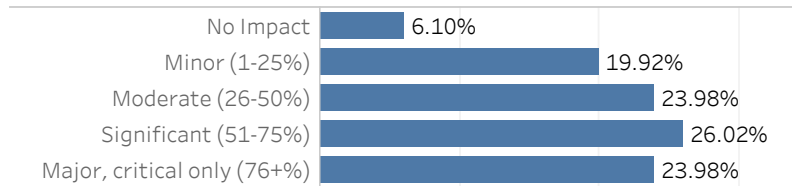


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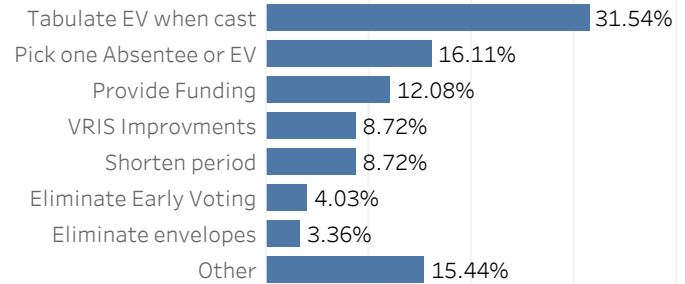
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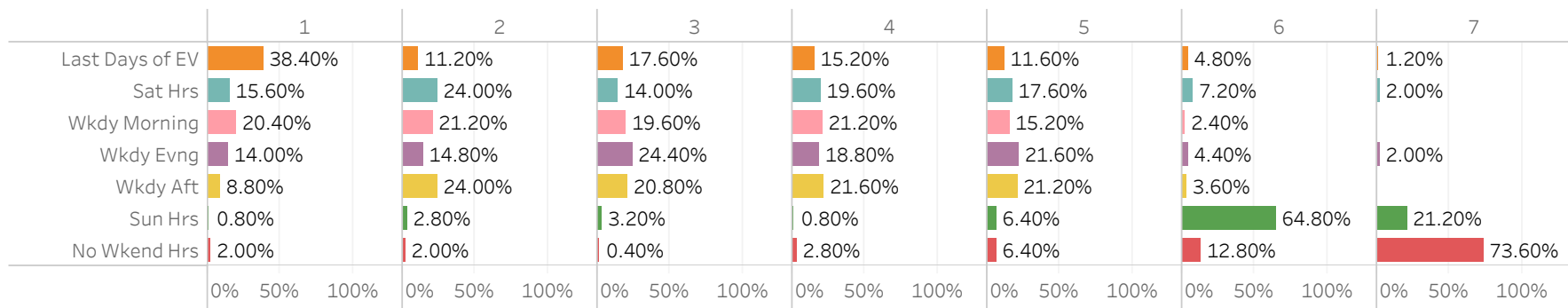
Early Voting Clerk Office Impact



What one thing would you change to have the biggest impact on Early Voting?



Highest Turnout Period (1- Highest, 7- Lowest)



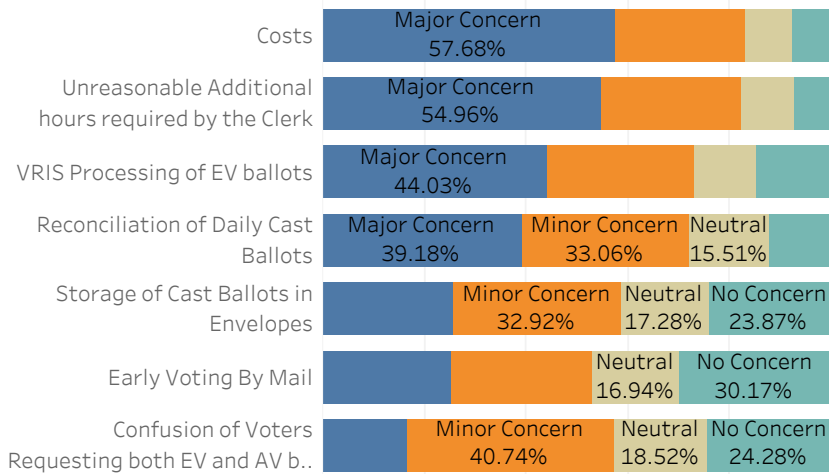
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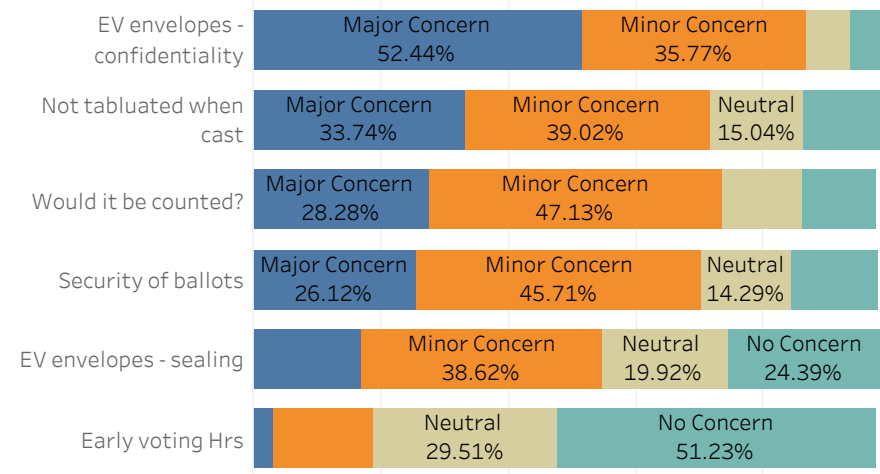
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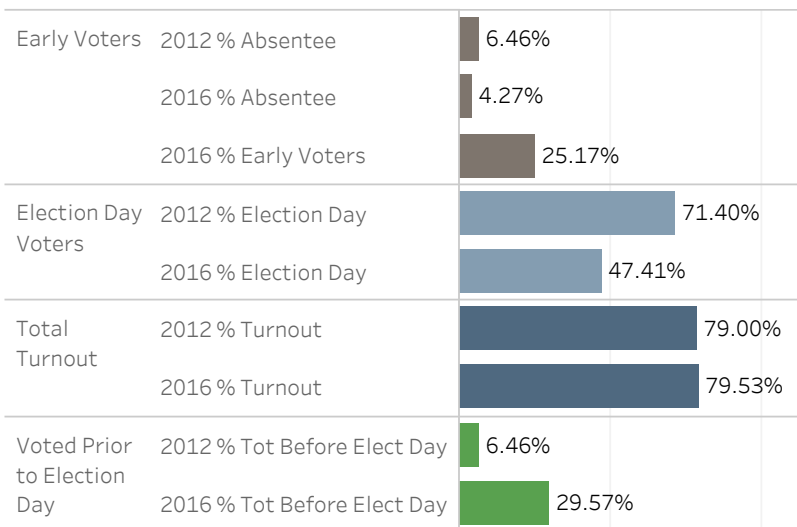
Clerk's Concerns



Voter Concerns - Prioritized



Voting Percent by Category

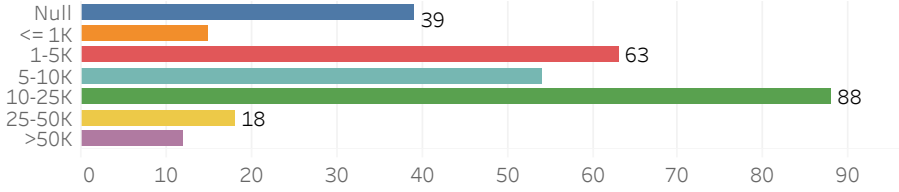


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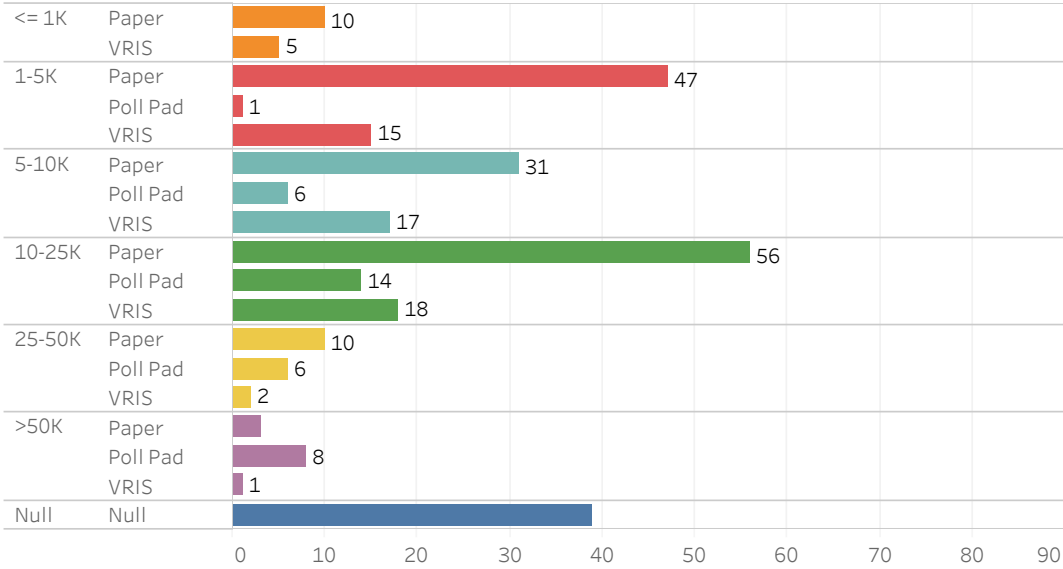
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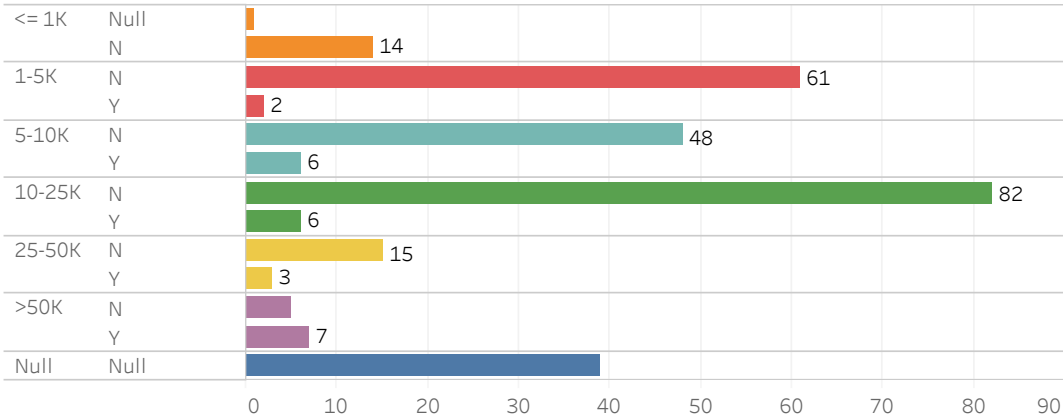
Size of Community



Size of .. EV List

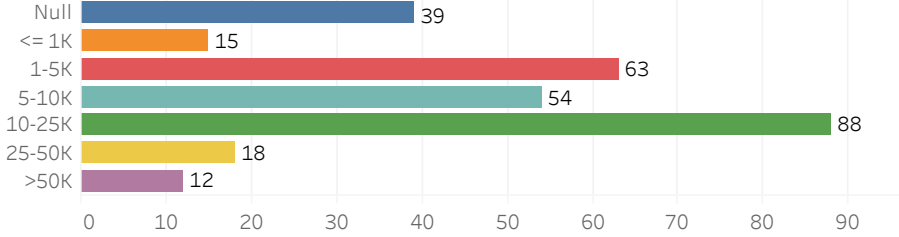


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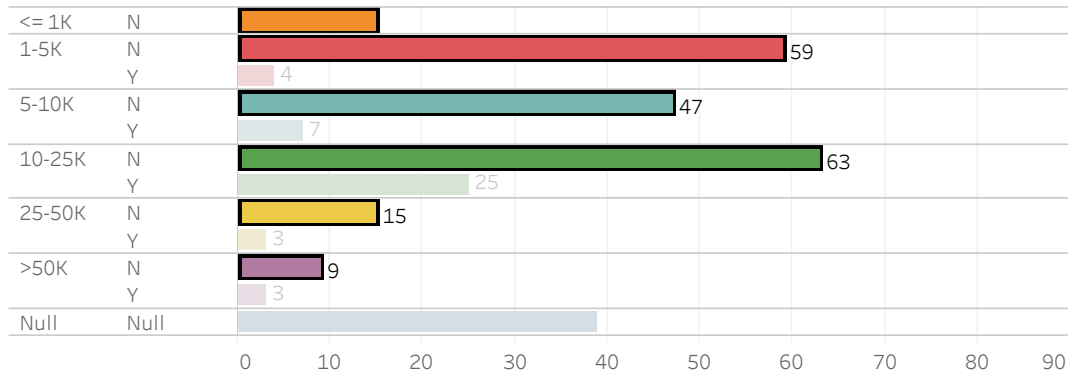


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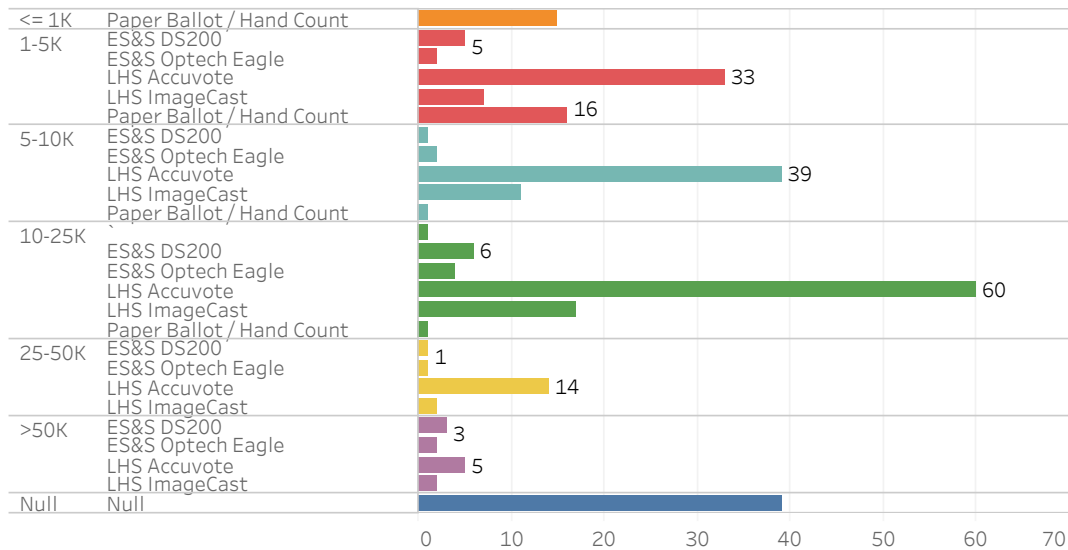
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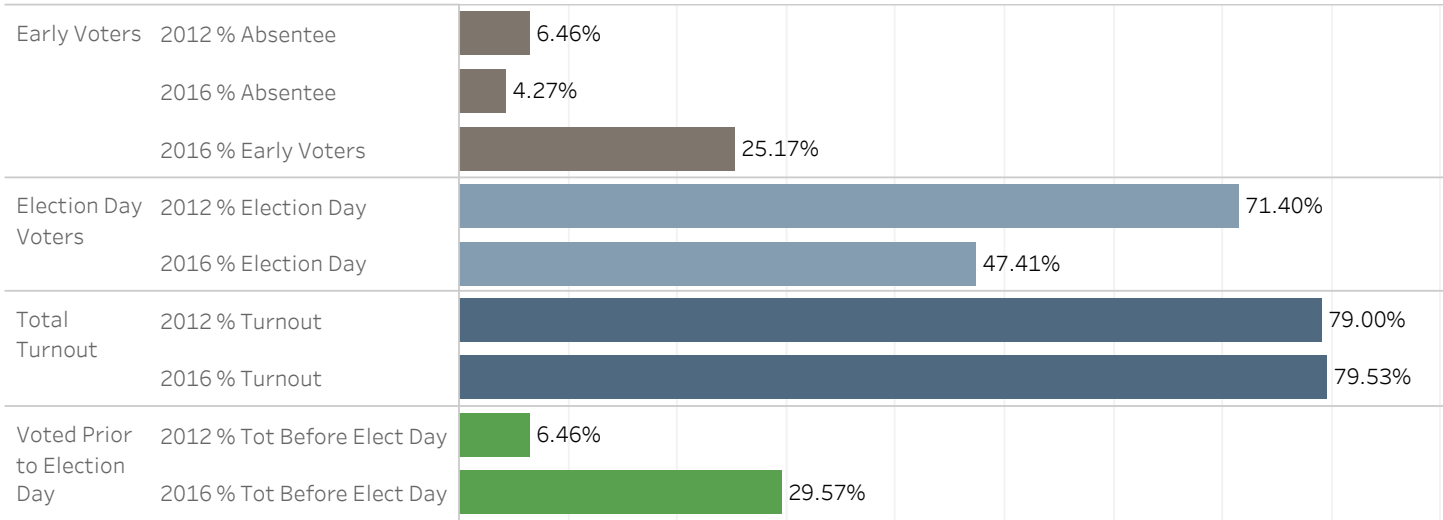


Tabulation Equipment



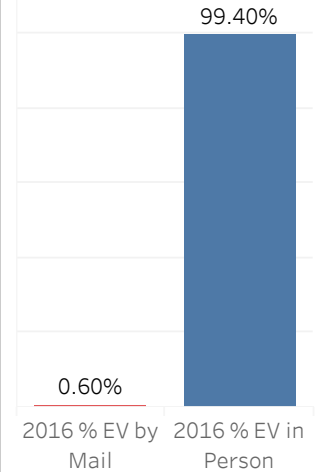
Polling Statistics

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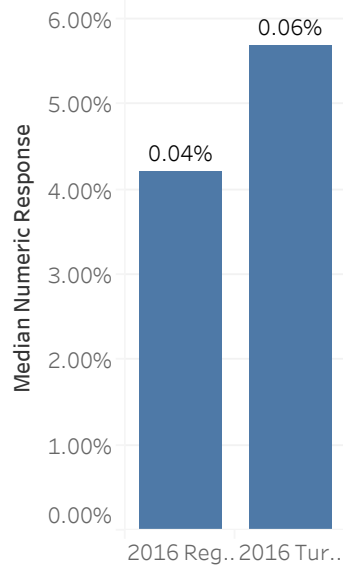
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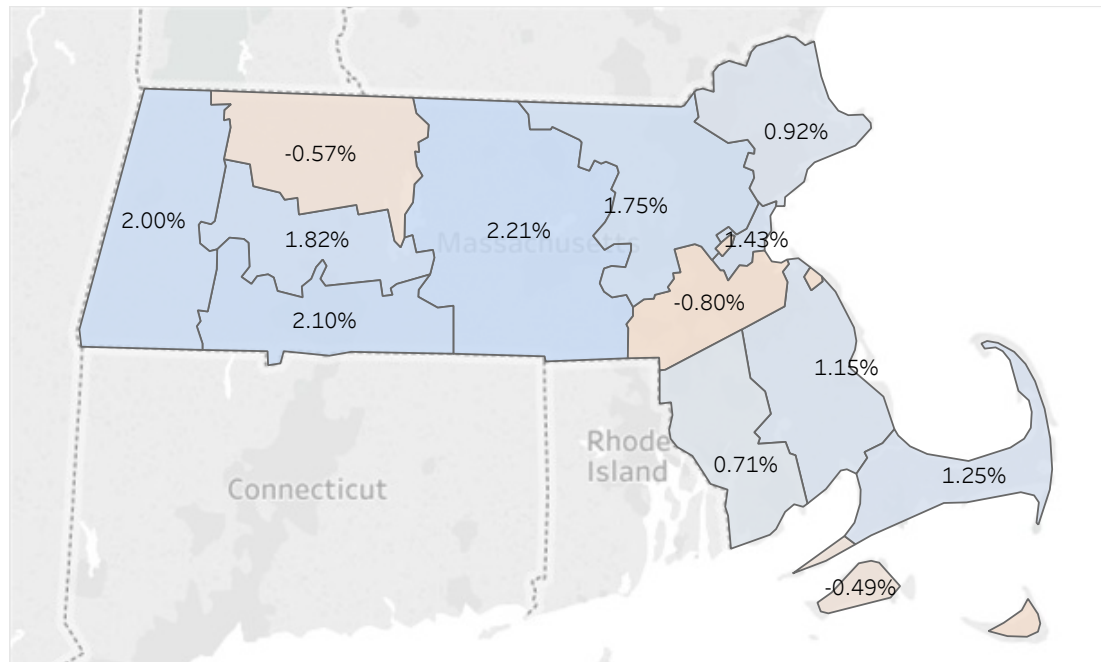


Rate of Growth

Median Change in Regisition v. Turnout



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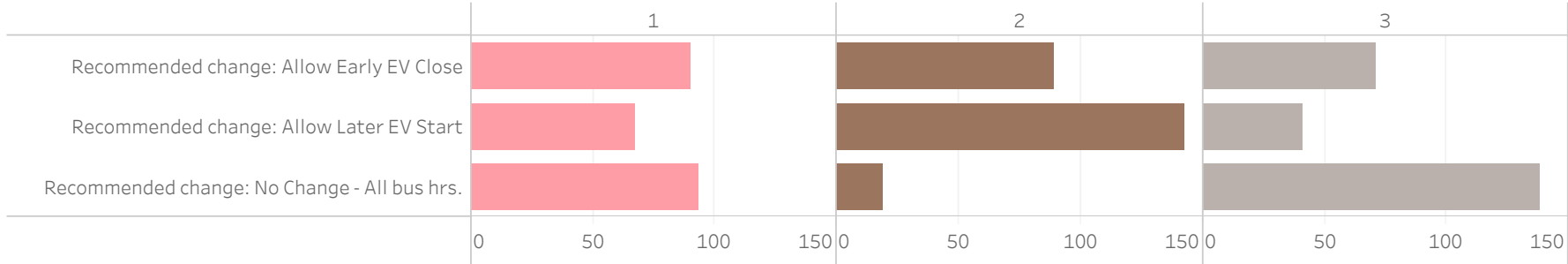


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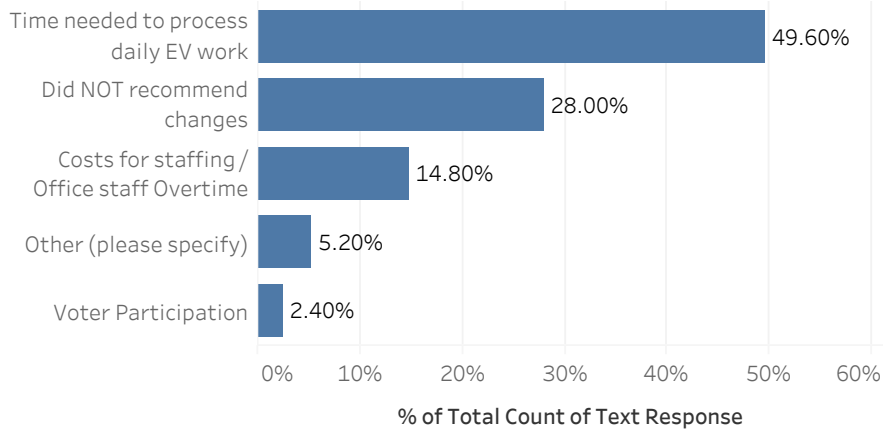
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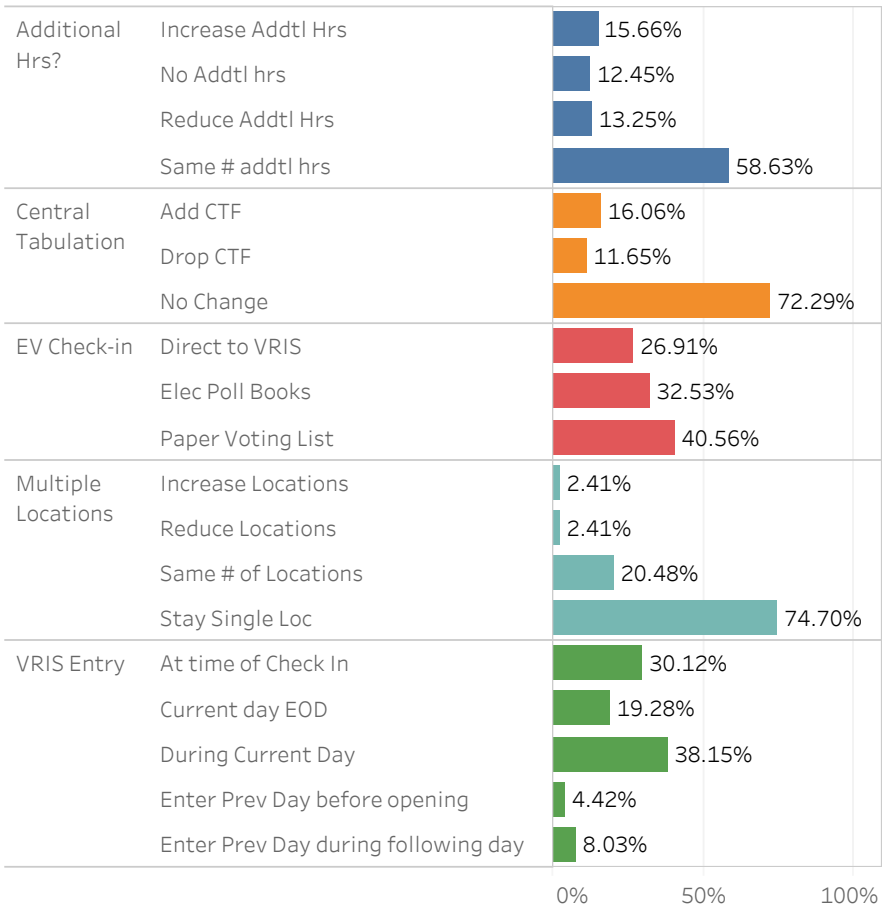
(Rank from 1-Most Important - 3 Least)



Future Hours Recommendation



Future Plans Locations / Hours

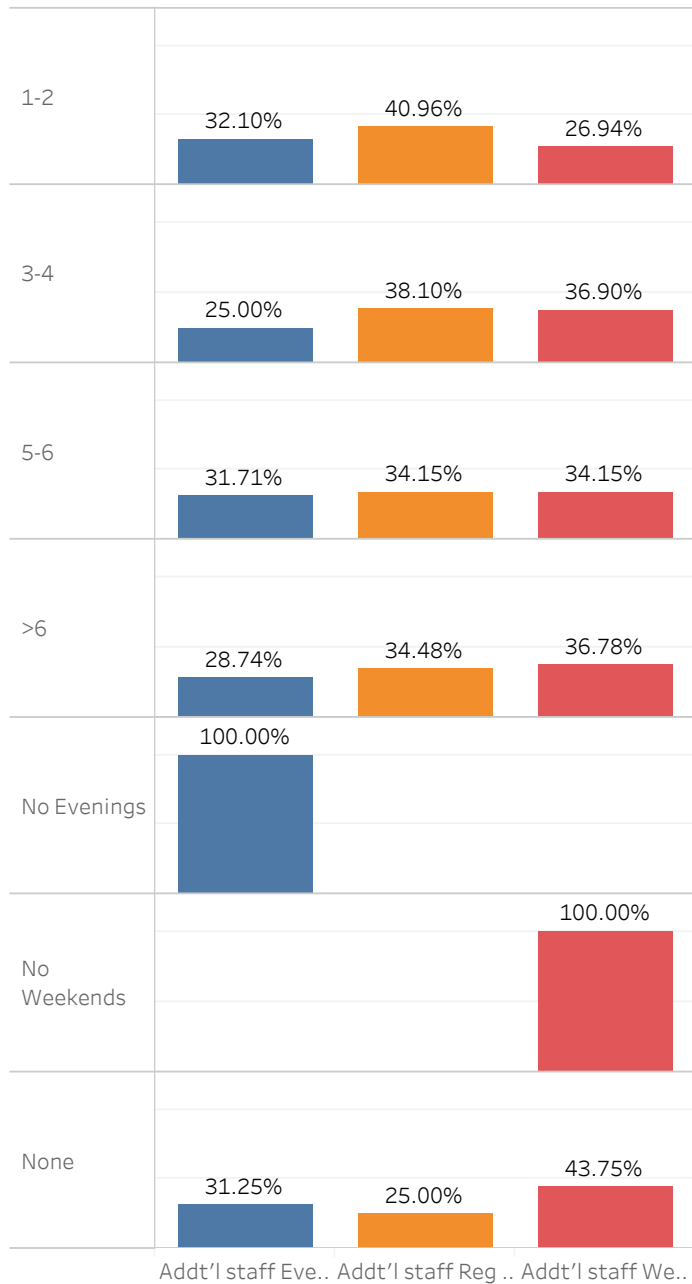


EV Change Comments

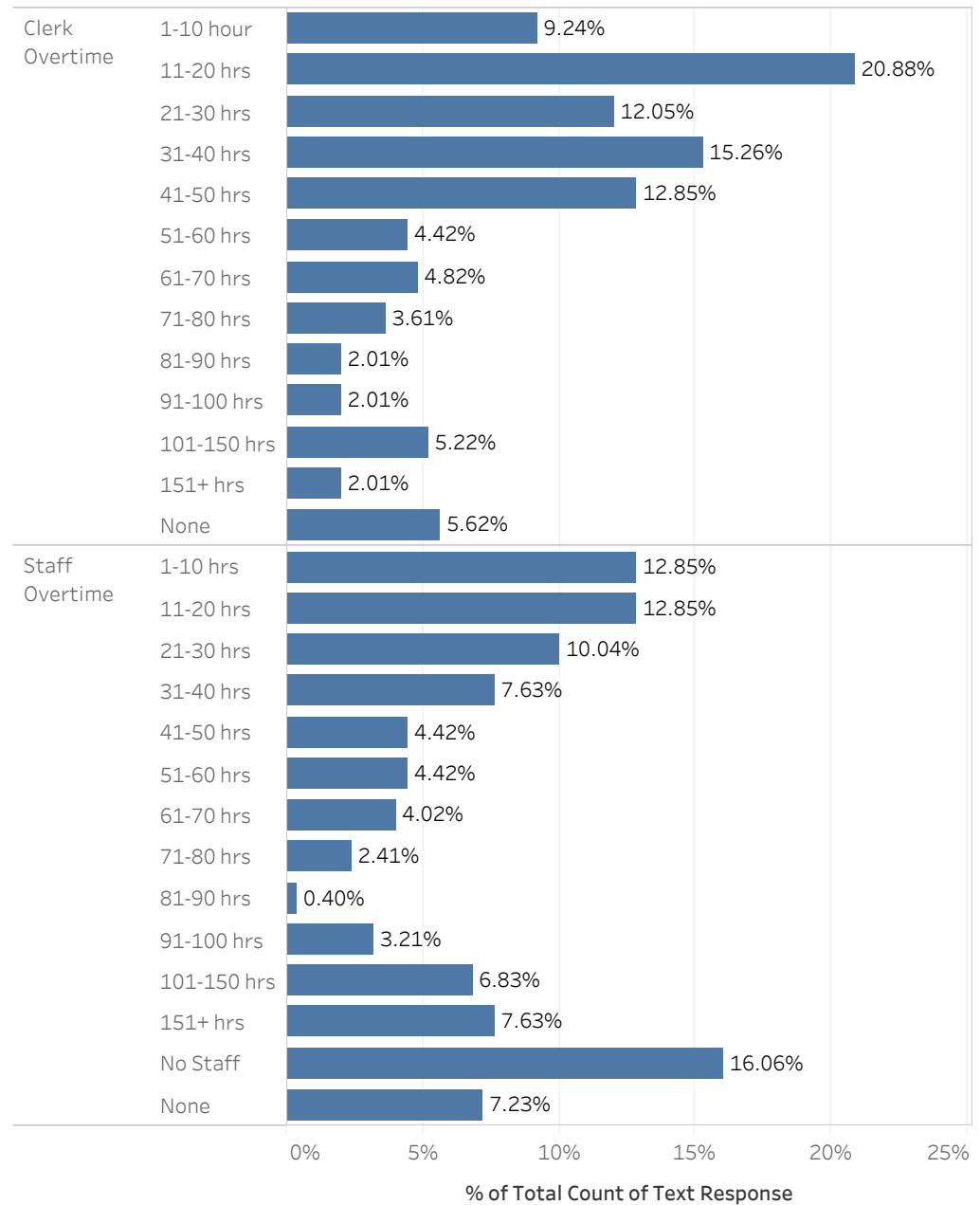
Both costs for staffing and time needed to process EV
 Costs for additional staffing and time for EV paperwork processing
 Early voting was very expensive for the City of Revere because it was held at the Amer Gives office staff time to set up and be ready without having a line waiting at the door I found it very wearing on the office but like the voter turnout.
 Regular preparation of the Election, machine testing, etc.
 Set up and take down time and VRIS time needed and other duties
 Set-up time
 Time and staff to process daily EV work
 Time needed & additional staffing required, then cost.
 Time needed to process EV and Normal Election Prep.
 Time to prepare for the day and to complete other daily tasks in the office as well as st
 Used a different building had to wait for staff to show up and could not get back in tim

Staffing

Additional Staffing - Current Regulations



Overtime



Early Voting Costs

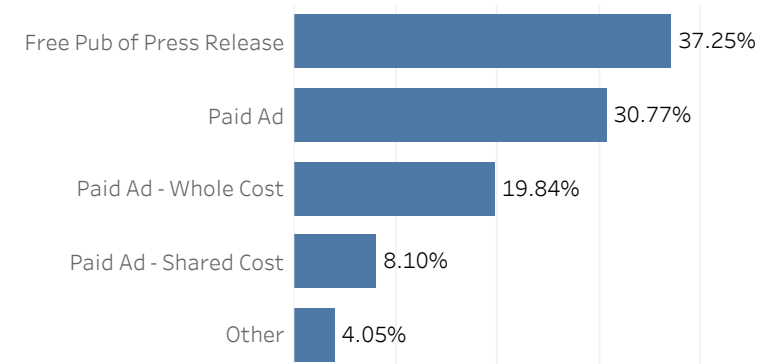
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Other Cost Responses

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All personnel were volunteer--no cost	
approximate total cost \$15,000	
Curtain walls for warehouse to designate EV area; Heat for 2 weeks in warehouse area used for EV	
custodial services on weekend	
Highway department equipment pick-up and delivery.	
in house electronic voter list development	
Janitor set up and take down	
Labor costs for the required Audit	

Newspaper Requirement

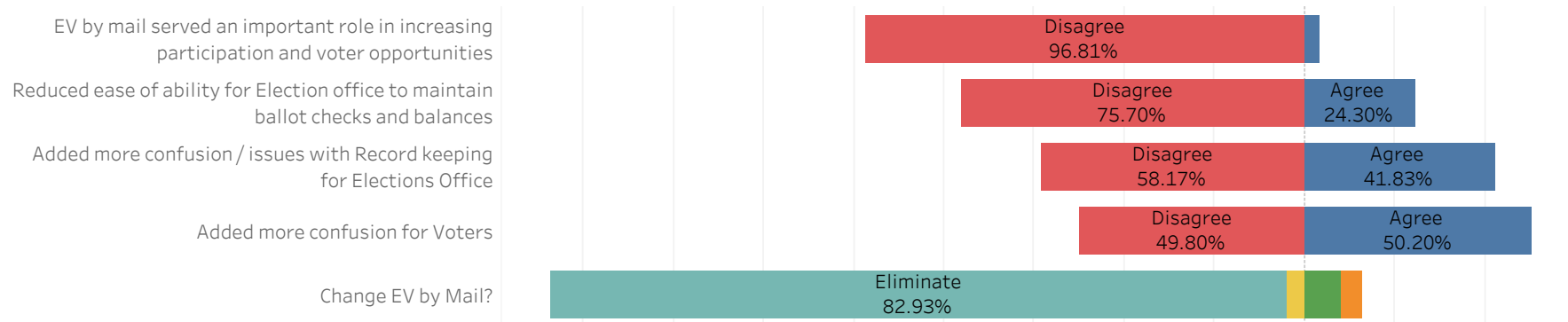


Other News Description

For one paper I placed a paid ad and then the paper ran a press release for the second requirement
Local Town Paper
One we paid for the second was a free press release for all towns combined
Our local newspaper did not allow us to combine
Some were ran as articles others we had to pay
Town papers, store bulletins, town bulletins
Town's website, cable access channels, press releases in local papers for free, facebook and twitter
We paid for one two advertisements in one newspaper and another newspaper ran an public news release
We paid individually for some and were part of a group for others
We share cost with one paper and paid our own with another

Early Voting By Mail

Opinions on Early Voting by Mail

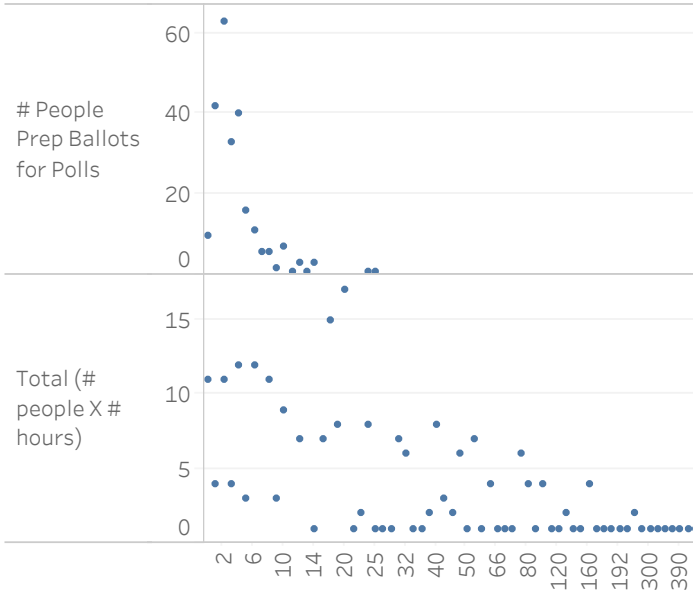


Revise EV Mail Comments

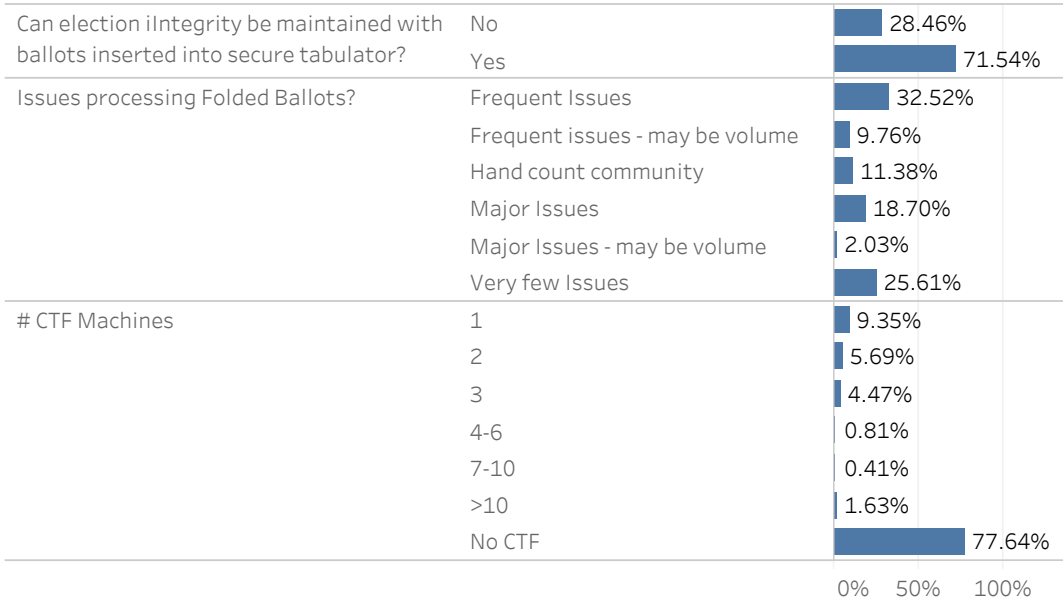
A family member should be able to return the early voted ballot. Not restricted to return by voter.
Anyone who appears in person during early voting will vote an absentee ballot in office
AV is already no excuse absentee voting
Confusion for some voters who believed that they had to submit an early voting by mail to vote early even if they were voting early in person.
deadline needs to be changed. It should be a least a week before the election to allow the office to print and check the voters list.
Duplicates AV - not necessary
Early voting should only be in person
Either EV or AV not both, and CERTAINLY Not EV by Mail.
Eliminate by mail
Eliminate mailing EV
EV by mail is confusing to the voter because we are delayed in mailing when requested.
I don't believe we should have to mail early voting ballots, that should be covered under absentee voting
If Absentees are eliminated then need long for EV ballots to be mailed. If absentees are not eliminated the EV ballots should be eliminated by mail.
If EV is here to stay then discontinue absentee voting. Both are not required and the different rules and regs confuse people.
It creates a substantial amount of confusion between EV and absentee. Is there some way to combine the two? It seems that we are doing twice the work for the same ..
It should be amended to equal absentee requirements it is too confusion to explain to voter
Marking of the voting list of MAIL in EV and then have the person come in election day to vote. Eliminate confusion by voters with mail in Absentee ballots.
N/A
No excuse absentee voting should be permitted and EV by mail rolled into AV.
None
not applicable
Not applicable.
Perhaps change the terminology to use allow absentee ballots and envelopes to be used to avoid confusion.
REV 060 Report should be added.
Same time as Absentee Ballots; shouldn't wait until EV period starts
Should be eliminated. Absentee voting takes care of those not able to vote election day
The amount we had was very minimal.
This would allow voters to cast an early ballot with no excuse voting
Use the voting tabulators for early voting and get rid of those envelopes. Very time consuming putting in alphabetical order.
We already have absentee voting by mail that is probably why only 1 person requested EV by mail.

Tabulation

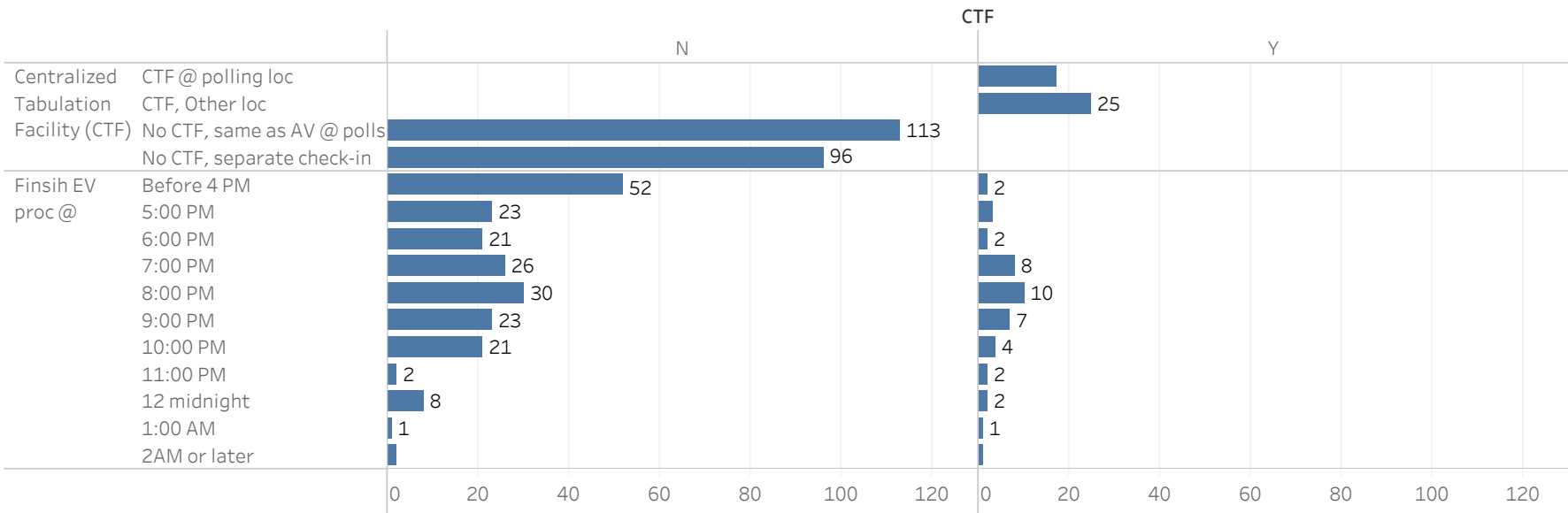
Tabulation Staffing



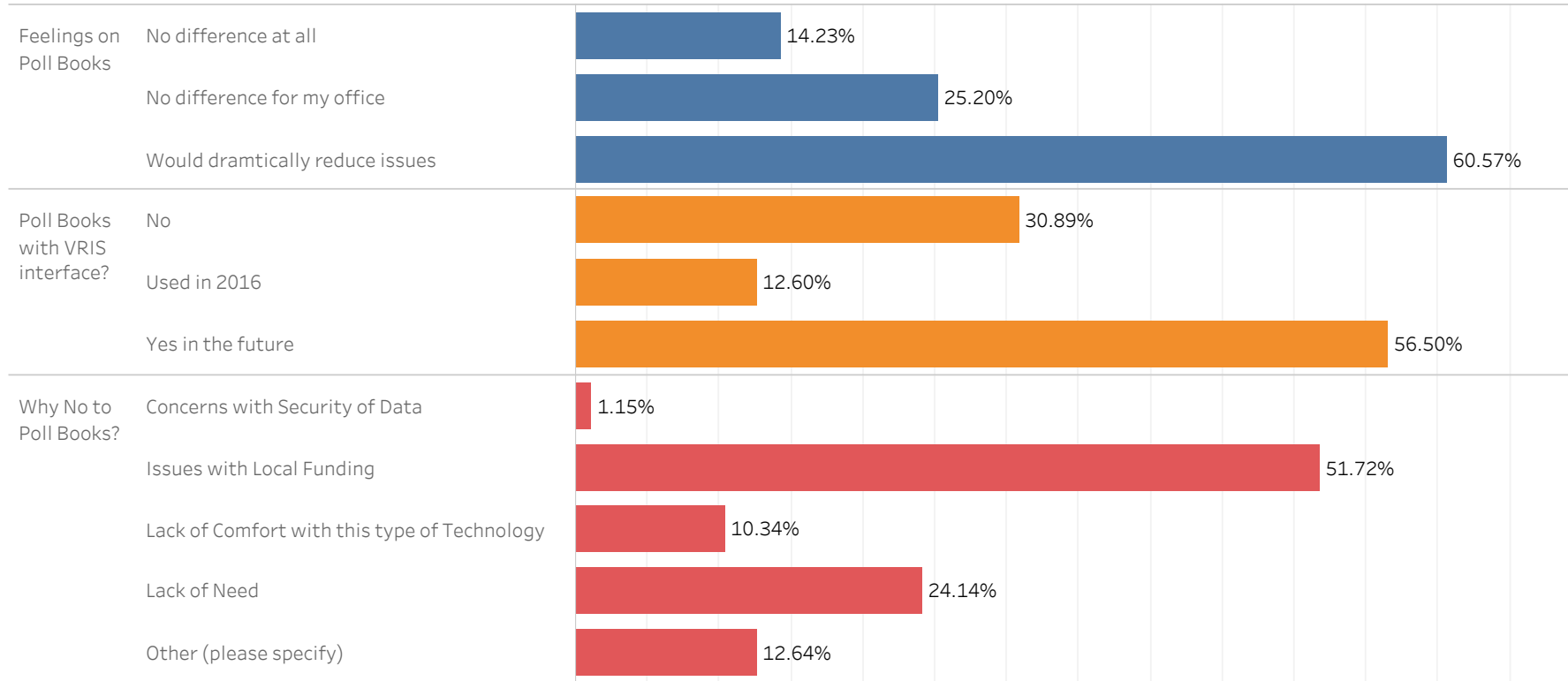
Tabulation



Finished Tabulation



Poll Books/Pads



Poll Book Benefits

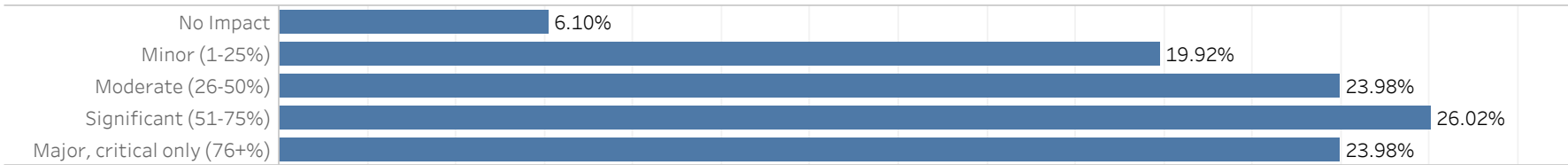
Cost - if we hadn't a free rental, don't know if we could have had them
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Poll Book Limitations

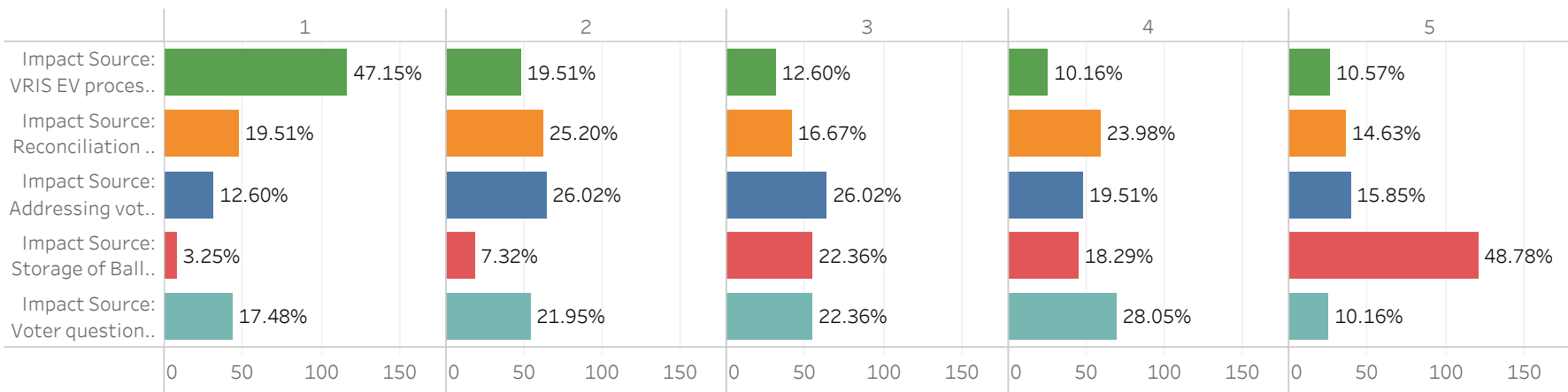
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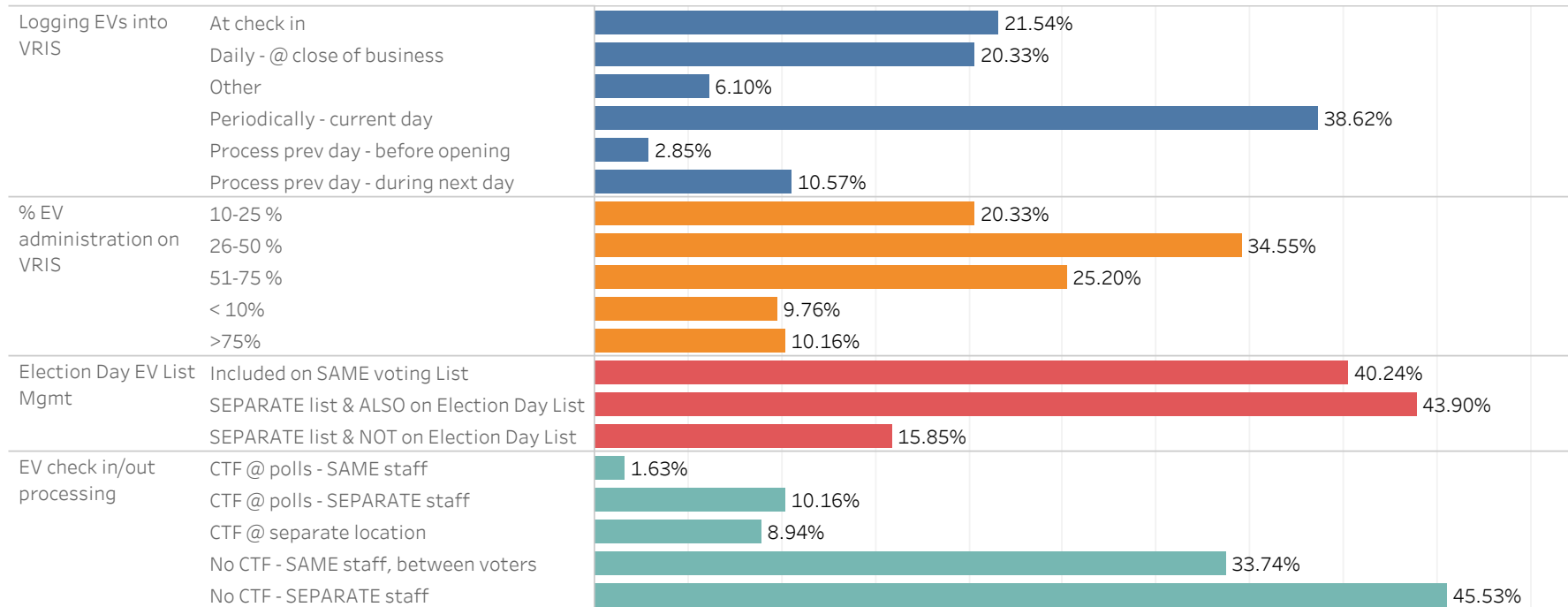
Early Voting Clerk Office Impact



Early Voting List Management Rank 1-Most Important, 5-Least



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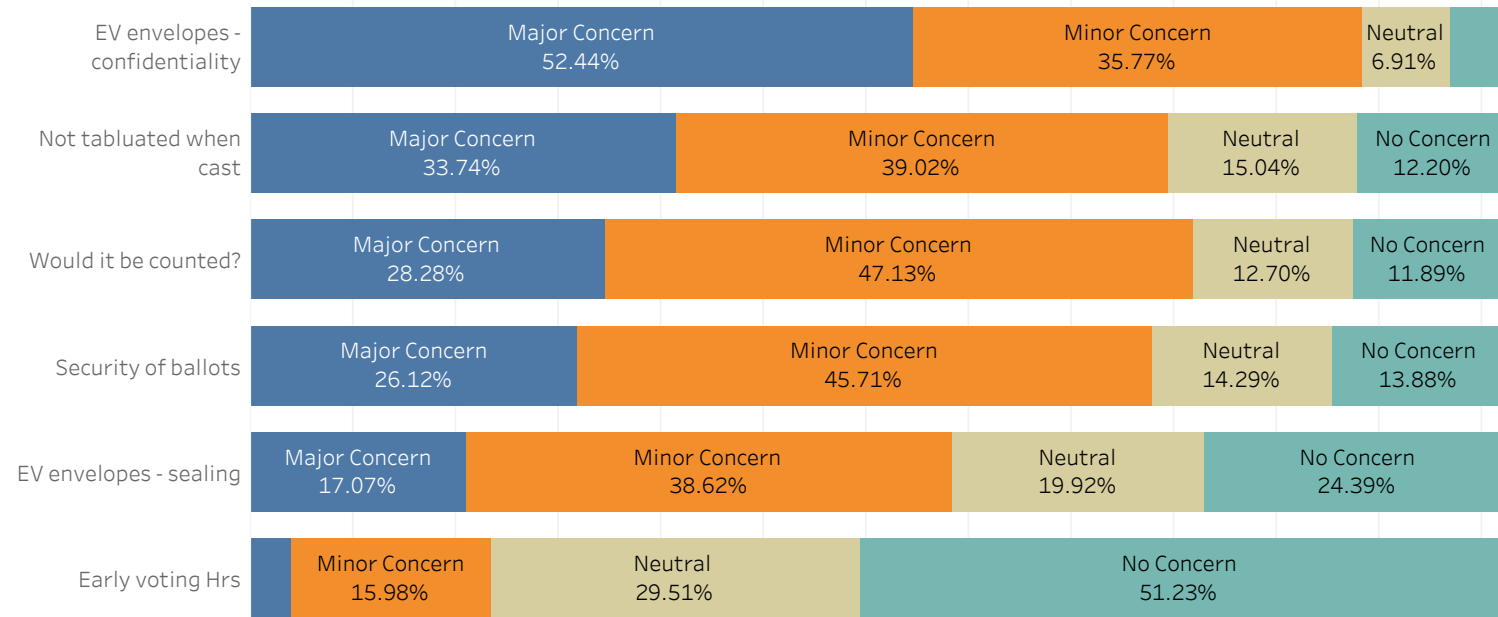


VRIS Change Recommendations

- 1 step scan process. Same reports in VRIS as there are for AV's. Upload/download ability. Real time extract access
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- 1. have a note section, 2. date mailed populated to current date w/ability to change it. 3. when entering method "in person" date s/b populated with ability to change it. 4. w
- A process to create a scanning label for each EV ballot envelope at the voting location.
- Ability needed to set the date of the ev ballot so that when entering the next day, the date holds and does not have to be put in for each and every ballot entry
- Ability to check voters directly in to VRIS would need remote access to use it in the early voting check-in area.
- Ability to check-into VRIS at a remote location.
- Ability to directly input data from the poll pad
- Ability to do a separate list like the regular voter list.
- Ability to down load information directly from Poll Pads to VRIS
- Ability to print voter labels with ID bar codes.
- Ability to scan EV ballots both receiving and accepting of ballots
- Absolutely. One of the major obstacles in EV was VRIS. Entering data twice and then organizing it by precinct by street was extremely time consuming.
- Addresses should auto-populate.
- Allow for more reports in VRIS -- similar to AV Reports. We couldn't easily get the data we needed to reconcile on a daily basis.

Early Voting Concerns / Values

Voter Concerns - Prioritized

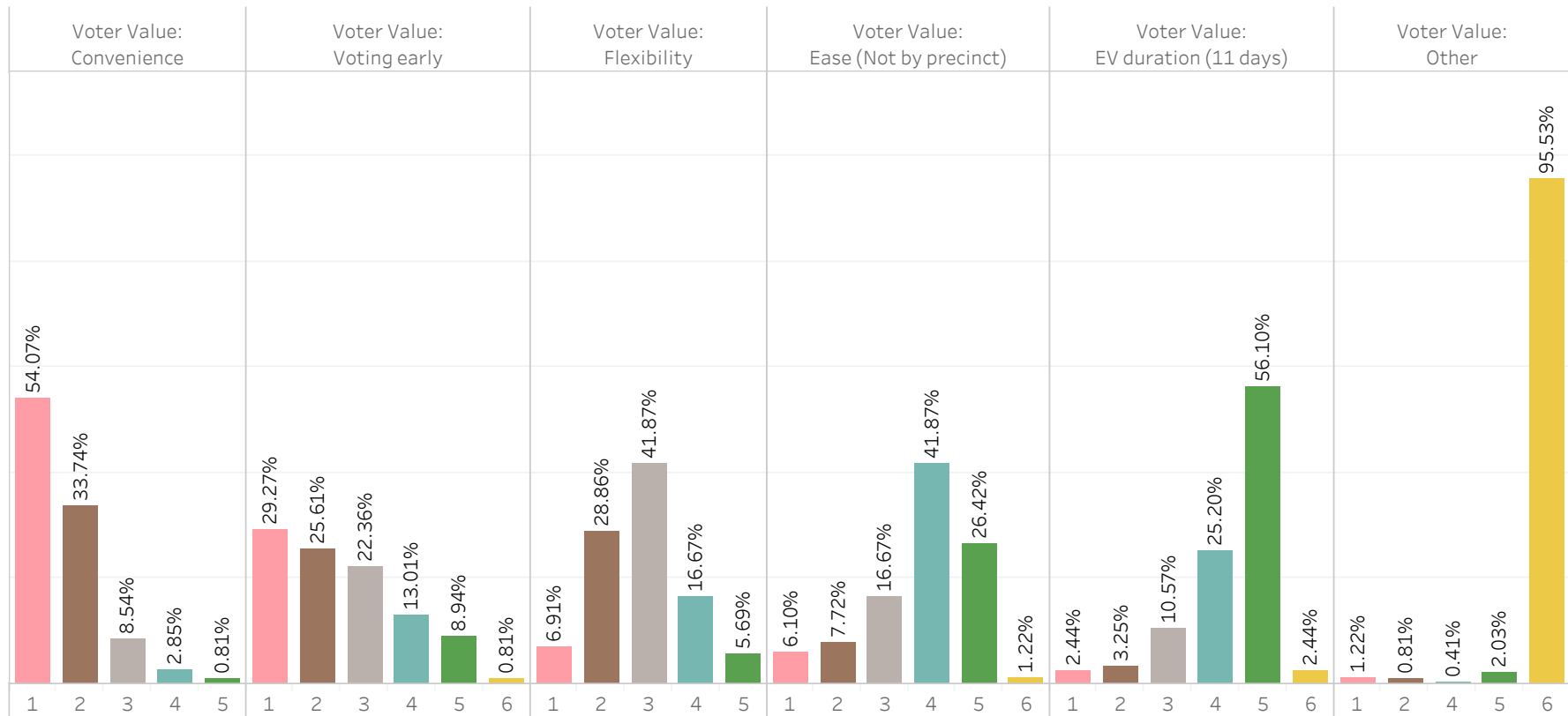


Other Concerns

- 1) why did they need to fill out the envelope with name address s/b be confidential ..
- 2 people out of the 4600 were concerned with their right to a secret ballot! I suggested that they go to the polls on election day otherwise someone has to check their ba..
- A few voters disliked having to sign and put their address on the envelopes.
- A lot of people asked why we needed the name, address and signature on the envelope.
- Above answers were in reference to a few individuals. Majority of voters loved the process.
- As always no voter id is required; therefore there can be fraud.
- As at the polls, some voters want to show ID even though we do not want to see it and have concerns of voter fraud.
- As stated above, most of voter concerns centered around privacy and confidentiality. Storage method was also a frequent question.
- Burden that extra hours and requirements for Early Voting placed on Election Staff, Town Clerk staff.
- Didn't like the glue!
- Education of voter.
- Envelopes were see-through
- EV by mail was very confusing to voters.
- Having to fill out envelope with their name & address
- Having to place their name and sign the envelope and hold to election day when it would be opened
- How ballots were being delivered to polls

Early Voting Concerns / Values

Voter Values (Rank 1-Highest, 6-Lowest)

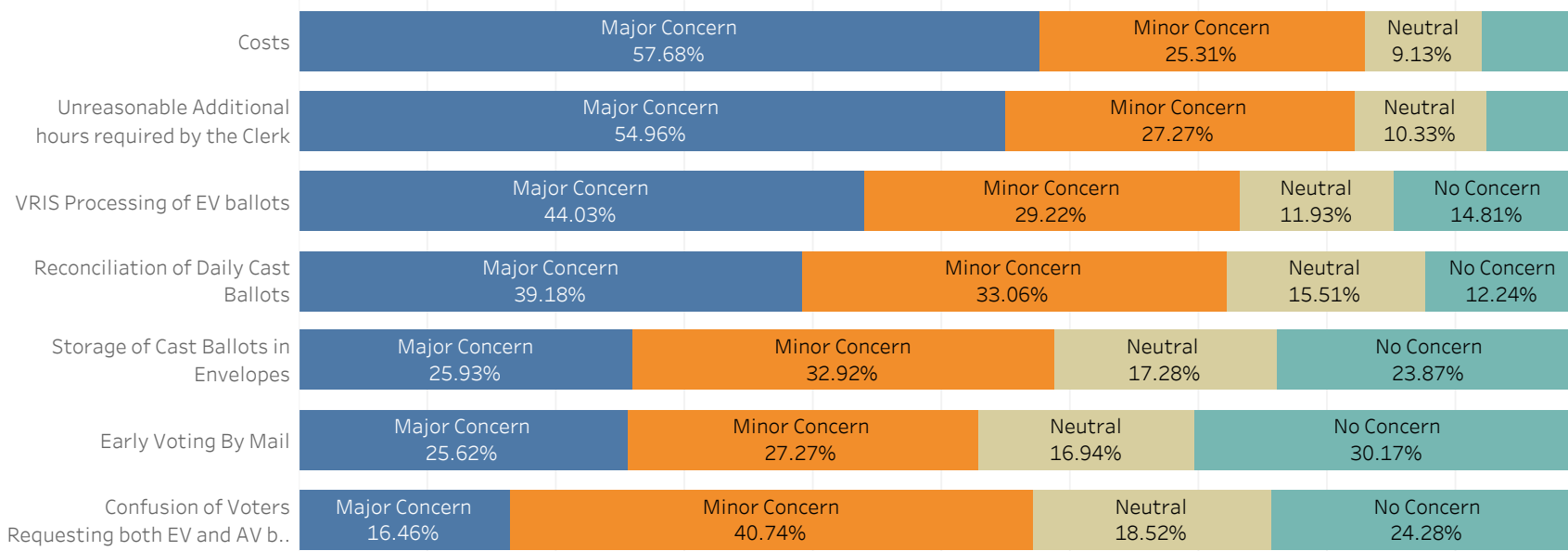


Other Values

Avoiding electioneering	
Funding.	
Inactive voters didn't have to stand in line to fill out affirmation form at the polls	
It required a response. Other questions that I had no answer for also required a response so I think this will throw your determination off.	
It was new and they were in the building anyway.	
Lines	
N/A	
Number of days was not a concern to voters.	
Our EV voters DID have to know Precinct before checking in. A list was supplied in foyer, they then went to appropriate Election Officer at long table.	
Relaxed atmosphere in clerk's office	

Early Voting Concerns / Values

Clerk's Concerns



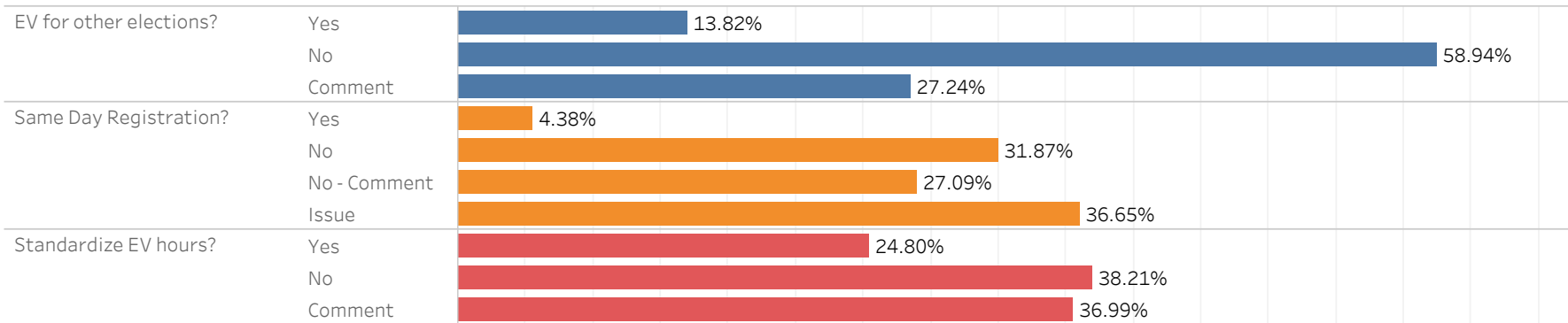
Ways to Address Major Concerns

- 1. Early voting by mail seems to be redundant vis-a-vis absentee voting. 2. Storage
- 1. Eliminate use of all envelopes for early voting. Cast ballots directly into voting t
- 1/ allow us to use voting machines 20 make reports more user friendly and provide
- Ability to check-in directly to VRIS from a remote location, thereby eliminating env
- Ability to run ballots thru tabulator at the early voting location.
- Ability to us the tabulators daily would simplify the processing for the clerk and th
- Absentee ballots cover the mail issue and there was too much administrative worl
- Adequate funding to provide to more staffing.
- Allow ballots to be tabulated directly into machines. Connect poll pads to VRIS.
- Allow for direct deposit of ballot into tabulation machine and eliminated envelopes
- Allow for machine to be used and not have to rent an extra machine on election day
- Allow voter to deposit ballot in tabulator and have the ability to update early voter
- Allow voters to process early voting ballot through the scanner at the EV site rather
- Allowing EV ballots to be tabulated daily. Better technology that would eliminate
- Allowing the use of a tabulator during early voting and IMPROVED VRIS system. V
- Allowing the voters to cast their ballot directly into the voting machine

Ways to Address Other Concerns

- 1) Entering EV ballots into tabulator prior to the polls opening on election day woul
- 10 days would be plenty. The last day to EV vote should be the Thursday before the
- As noted earlier. Significant increase in hand count ballots due to voter error which
- Ballot envelopes were difficult to deal with. The side flaps would catch on one anot
- Because this was new, it was exhausting in planning the set up, staffing and cost. E
- Conducting elections is not our only function. Conducting early voting for 11 days (
- Depositing ballot in tabulator during EV eliminates folded ballots, envelopes, openi
- Do not have the space (including parking) like many other communities to have EV a
- During the EV period, business hours were dedicated to EV, leaving us without time
- Early voting does NOT make for shorter lines at any time during a Presidential Elect
- End EV sooner - not enough time for prep for the actual election. Lower EV to 10 da
- Envelope open at the top not the side
- EV should start and end sooner so that clerks can do other election preparation wor
- Far too many ballot types (AV, EV, ED); voter ballot choice is tracked in VRIS.
- Funding is needed
- Having to process EVs on Election Day was a real hassle! More time efficient and co

Task Force Questions



EV for Other Elections Comments

Local determination only - not mandated
Absentee works just as well
Absolutely not! (Sherborn Annual Election is only 2 wks after ATM.
Absolutely not. State cannot mandate the Town for ATE requirement.
Amend constitution and combine EV and AV into one no-excuse AV ballot, and a
As a small community it would not work. If we had shorter polling hours then m
As long as processing concerns are addressed/simplified
Confuses voter to only have early voting during State Election
Confusion on whether early voting is offered or not for local elections
Costs for each election even specials would be burdensome to municipalities.

Impact of EV option for local elections

Additional hours for Clerk, which is no concern
Additional staff/hours needed during election increases cost of the most expensive elec
Additional time added on to normal administrative duties, especially in small towns wit
As with this past election having the correct amount of trained staff. Obviously there is
Because I was able to handle most early voting during my regular hours with just mysel
Because there are fewer voters in other elections the impact on staff will be less and fe
Budgets and Staff
Confusing to voters if not uniform in all communities in the commonwealth
Confusion among other communities offerings and your community
Confusion among other local communities

Same Day Registration Comments

ABSOLUTELY NOT! Not only do you open the door for fraud, you AGAIN make w
Absolutely not. This would be an administrative nightmare to track down if th
Access is just right the way it is now. Same day registration just adds confusio
Adequate technology must be provided; require full vetting process including i
Again part time clerks wouldn't get to same-day registrations.
Against same day registration; will cause administrative issues with early voti
Am not in favor of same-day registration. We have to spend too much time alr
An not against same day registration but would prefer it not to be on a major e
As long as there is technology in place to do it correctly. Many people register
Citizens have many opportunities to register to vote. I don't believe that same
Clerk's offices are manned by people not just computers, work is not processe

Standardize EV Hours Comments

A standard EV voting period is necessary. If standard hours were used, smaller and lar
1 hour after opening office and 1 hour before office closes to tally.
9am to 7pm weekdays; 9am to 1pm Sat; no Sundays one week only, 3rd Monday before
All circumstances are differant according to size
Although confusing, each municipality has different financial status thus making it imp
At least a general consensus for the weekend hours
But it should respect the community size and allow clerks to be able to do set up & close
Cities and town vary on population. Smaller towns do not require additional hours as a c
Communites should create their own hours because each community is unique.
Communities should be able to set hours based on voter input and office hours.
Confusion of voters when it varies town to city etc