

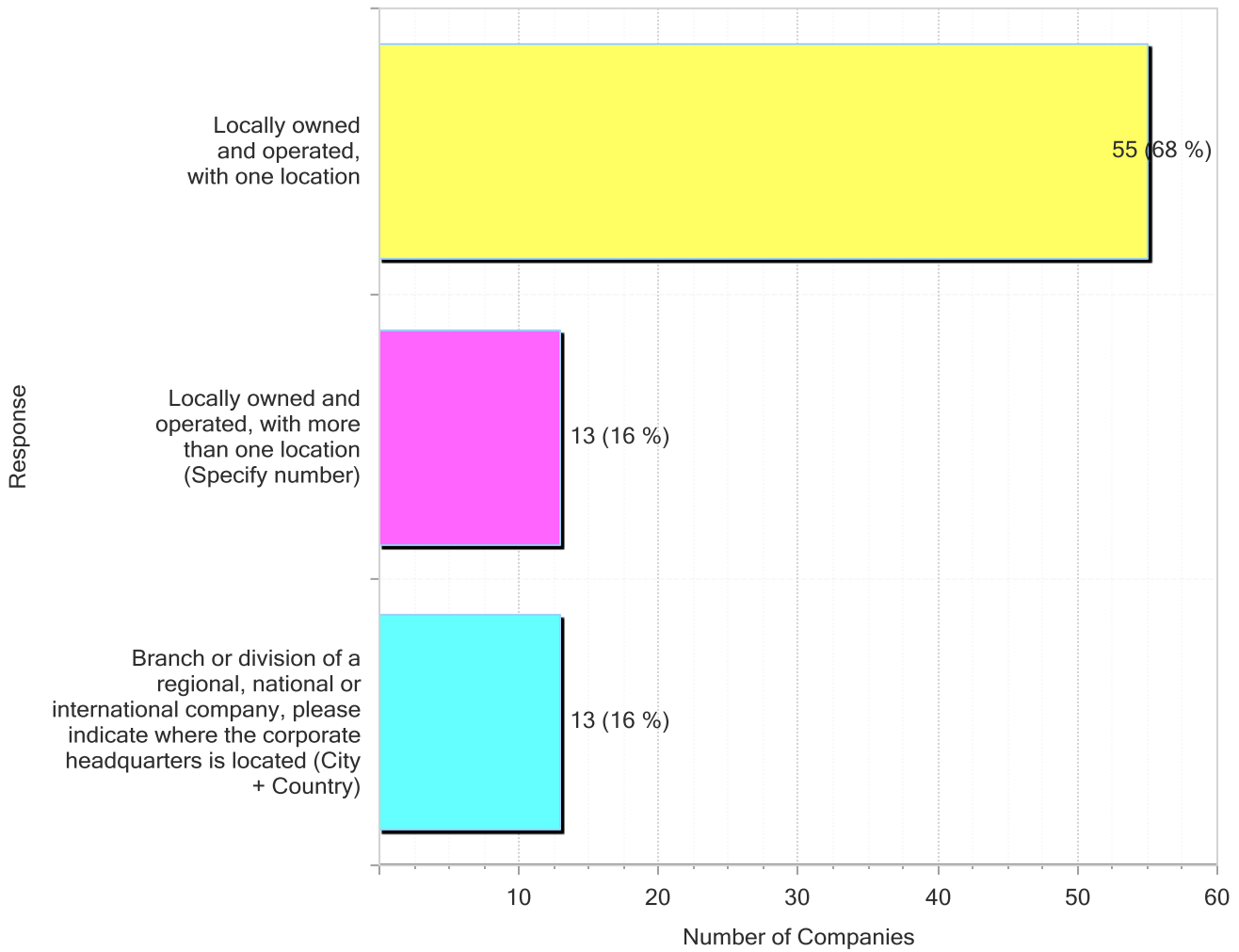
Appendix A

Regional Summary Data Reports

2014/2015 Regional BR+E Project

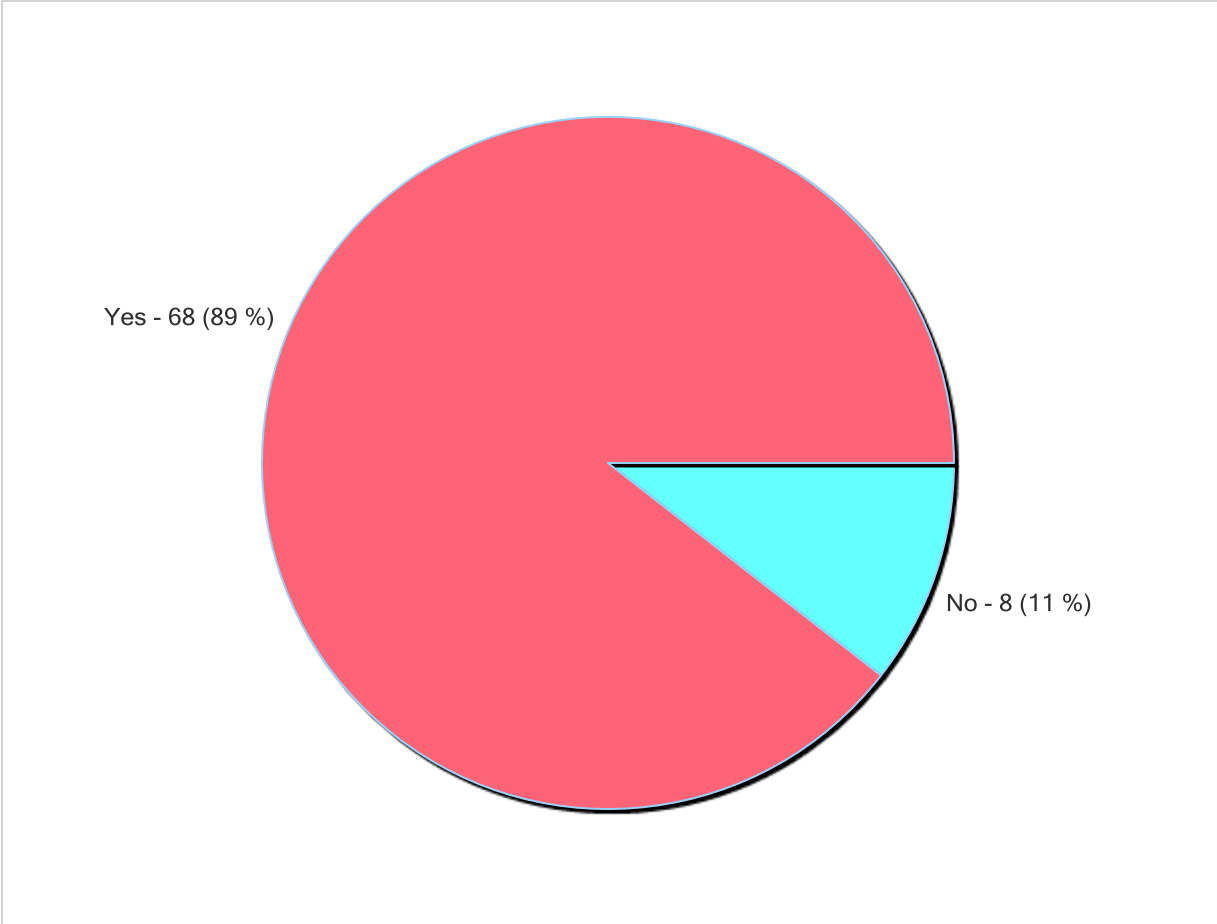
Power Search - Graph

B11. Which of the following best describes your business?



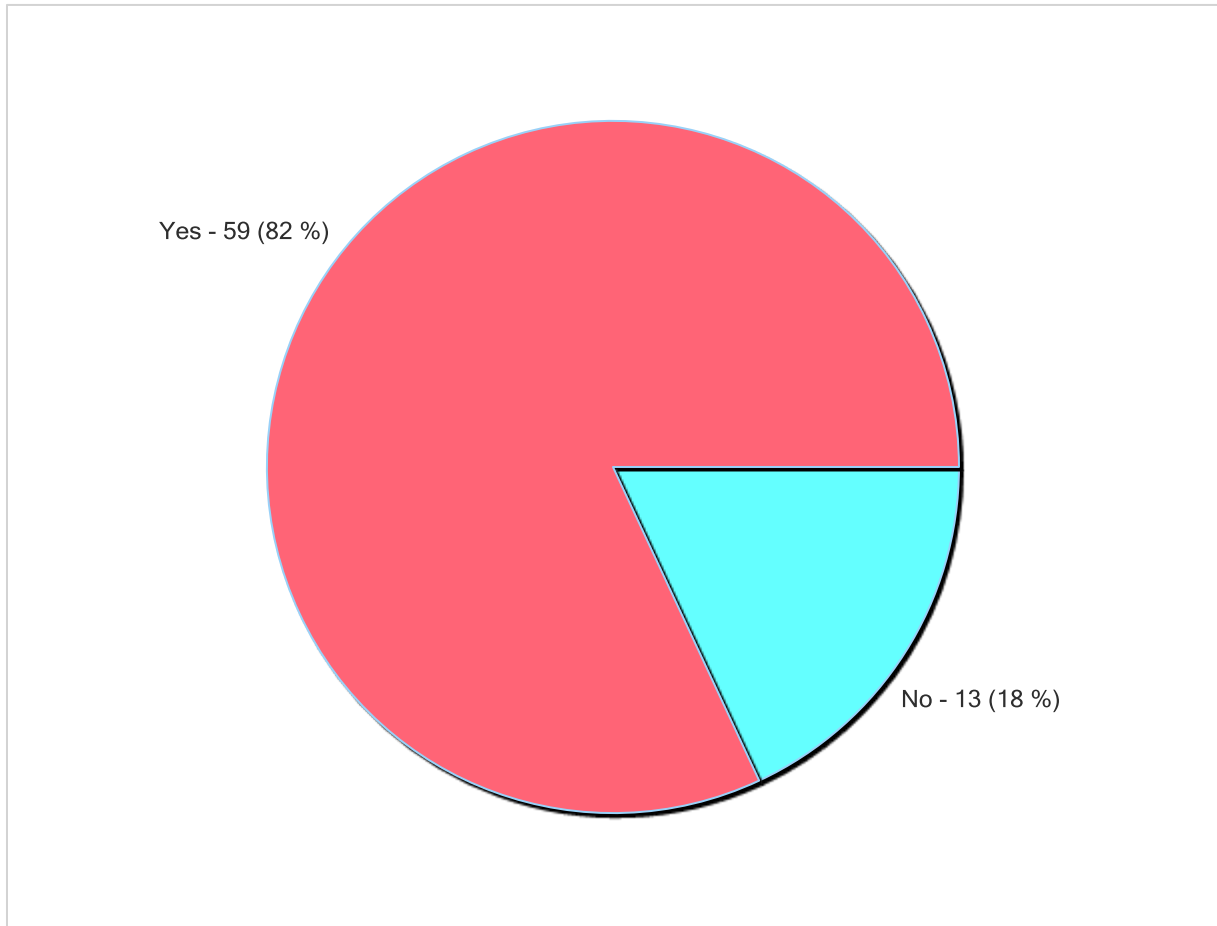
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Locally owned and operated, with one location	55	67.9%
Locally owned and operated, with more than one location (Specify number)	13	16.0%
Branch or division of a regional, national or international company, please indicate where the corporate headquarters is located (City + Country)	13	16.0%
Total	81	100.0%

BI2. Is at least one of the owners involved in the day-to-day operation of the business?



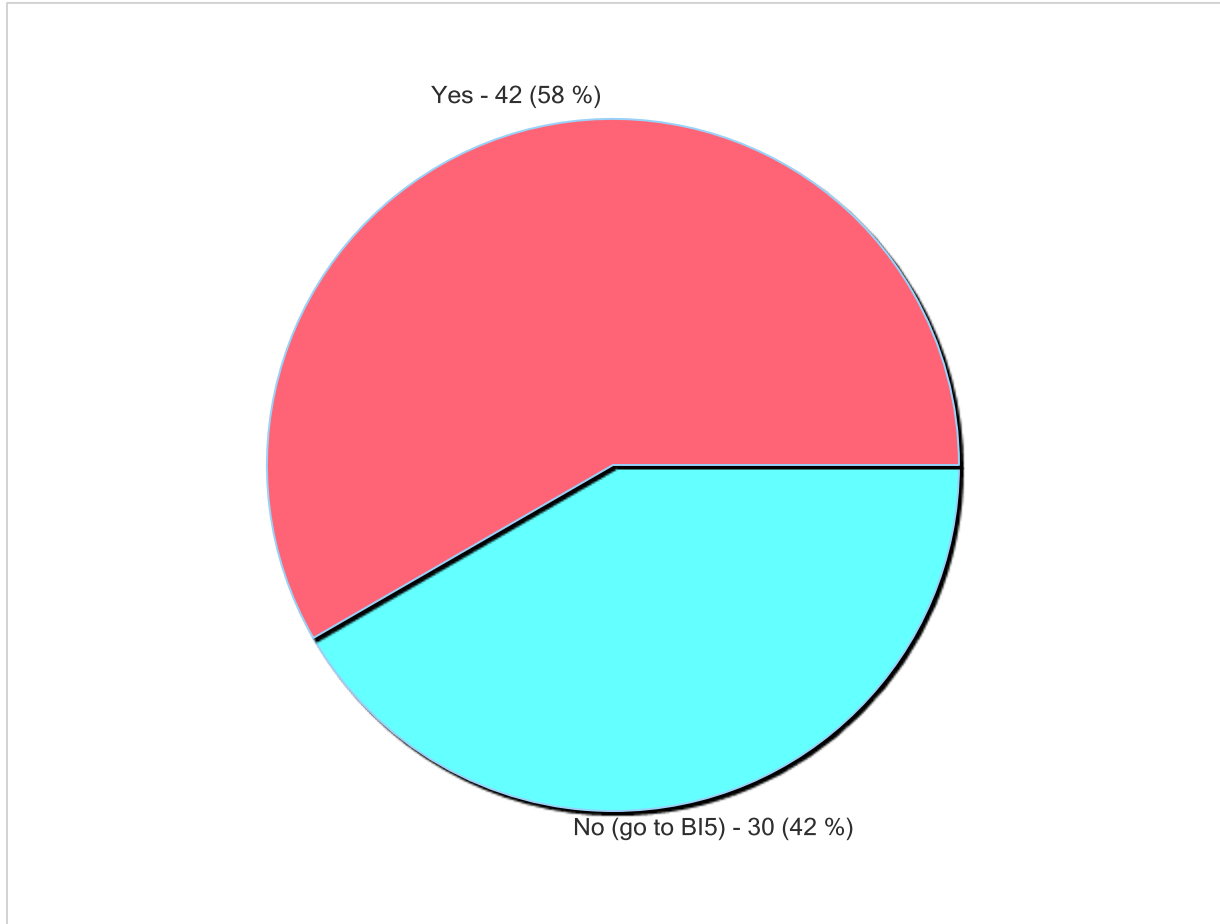
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Yes	68	89.5%
No	8	10.5%
Total	76	100.0%

BI3. Is at least one of the owners a resident of the community?



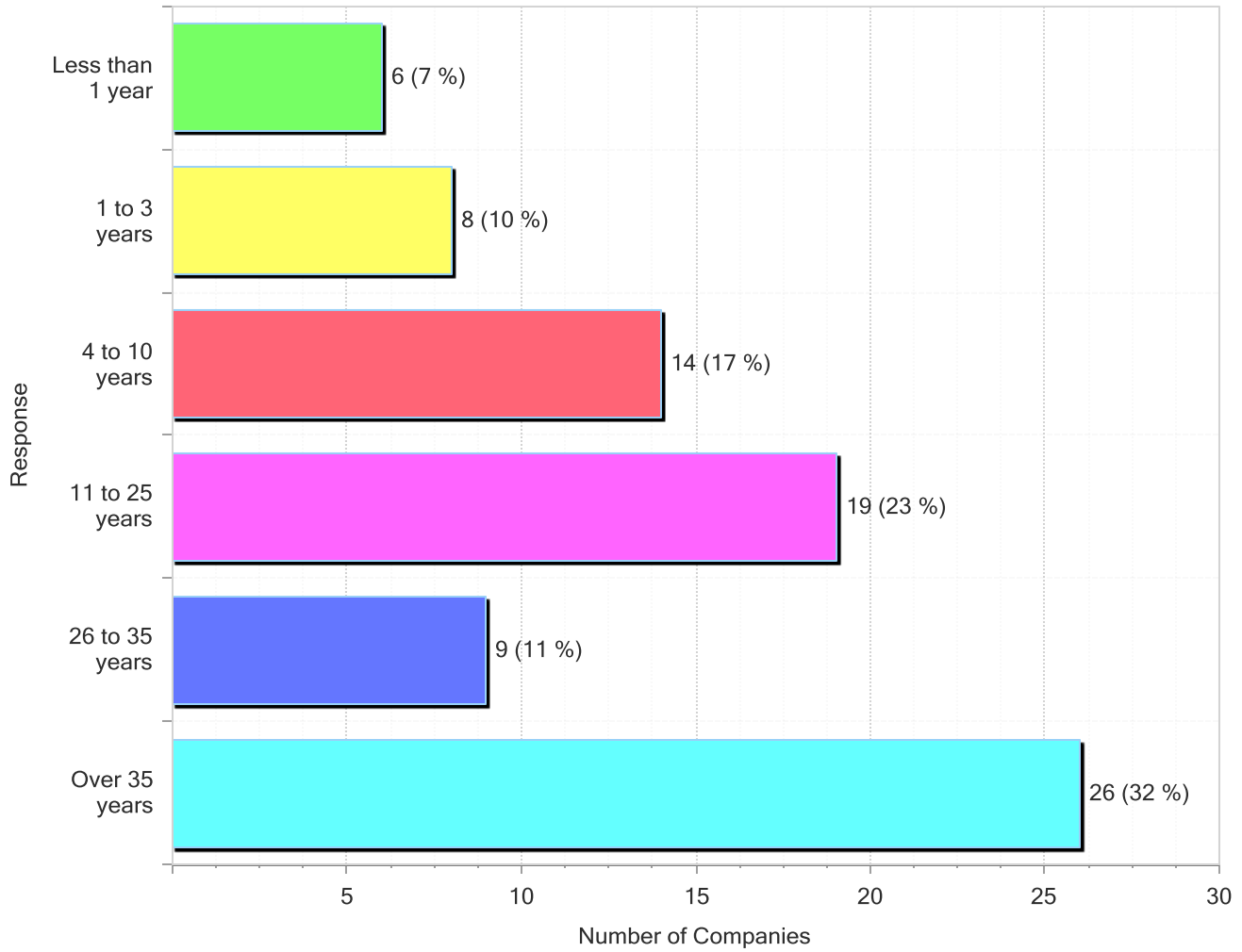
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Yes	59	81.9%
No	13	18.1%
Total	72	100.0%

BI4. Does your business have a business plan?



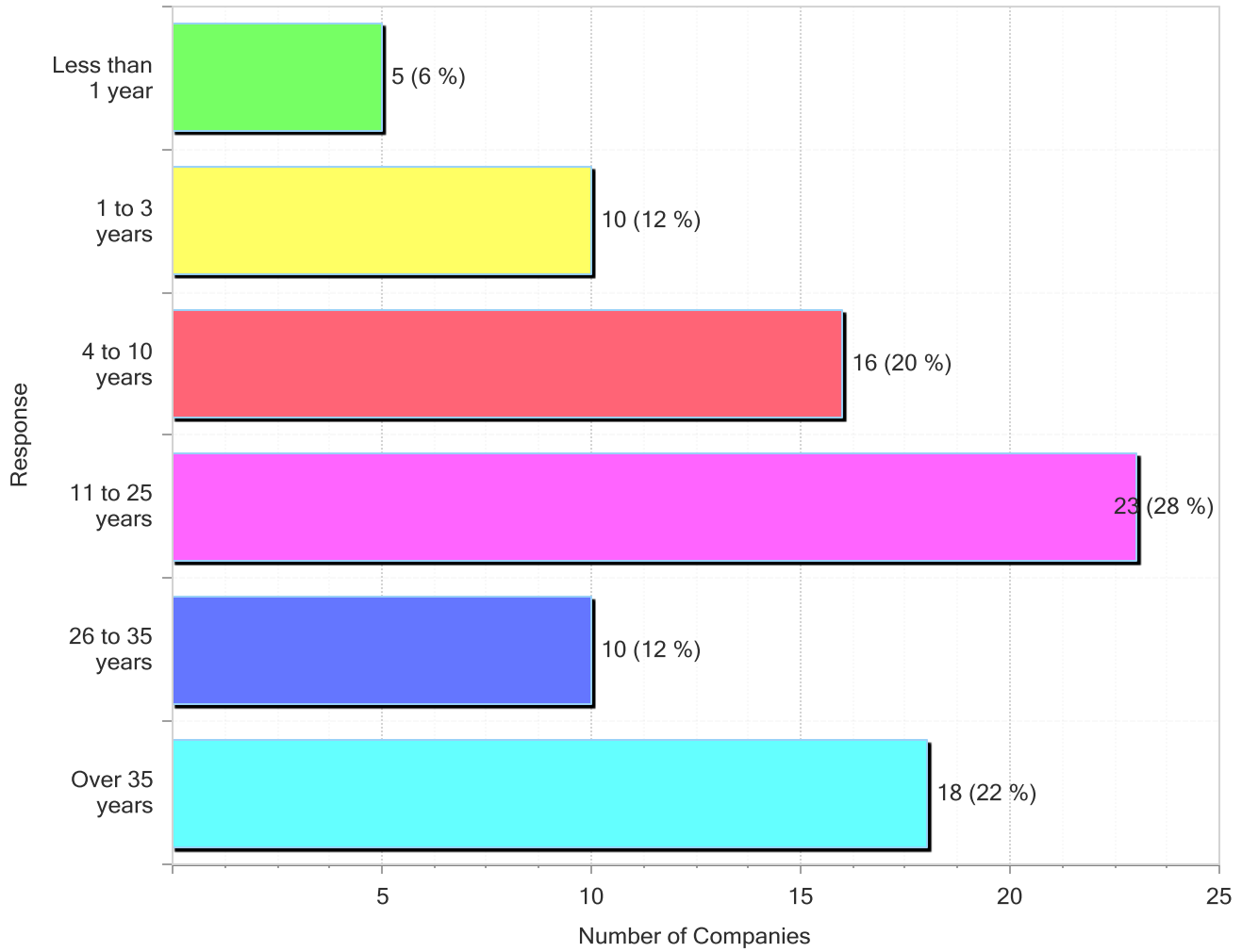
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Yes	42	58.3%
No (go to BI5)	30	41.7%
Total	72	100.0%

BI5. How many years has your business been in operation in this community?



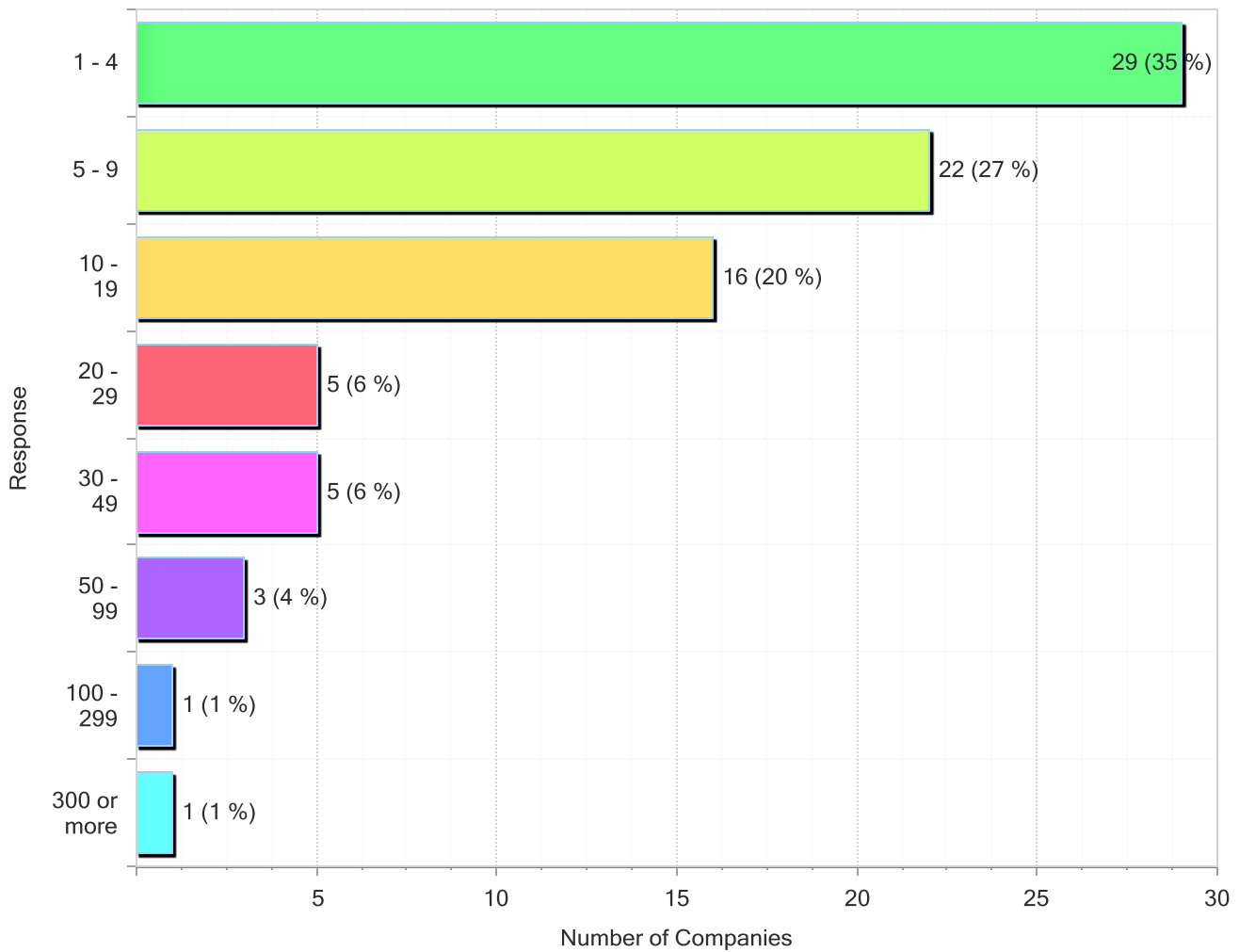
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Less than 1 year	6	7.3%
1 to 3 years	8	9.8%
4 to 10 years	14	17.1%
11 to 25 years	19	23.2%
26 to 35 years	9	11.0%
Over 35 years	26	31.7%
Total	82	100.0%

BI6. How many years have the current owner/owners been operating this business?



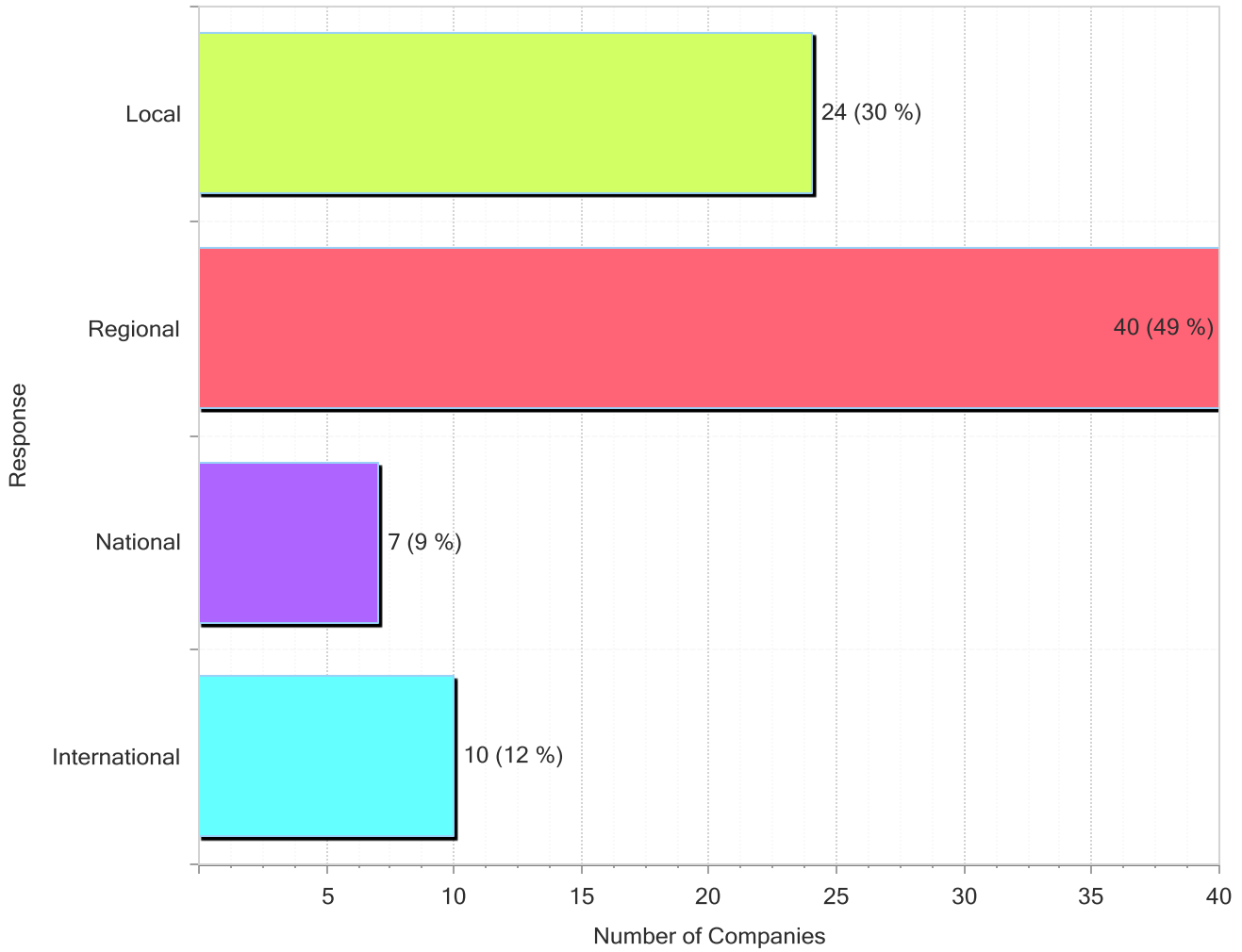
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Less than 1 year	5	6.1%
1 to 3 years	10	12.2%
4 to 10 years	16	19.5%
11 to 25 years	23	28.0%
26 to 35 years	10	12.2%
Over 35 years	18	22.0%
Total	82	100.0%

B17. Including owner/owners, how many employees work at this location?



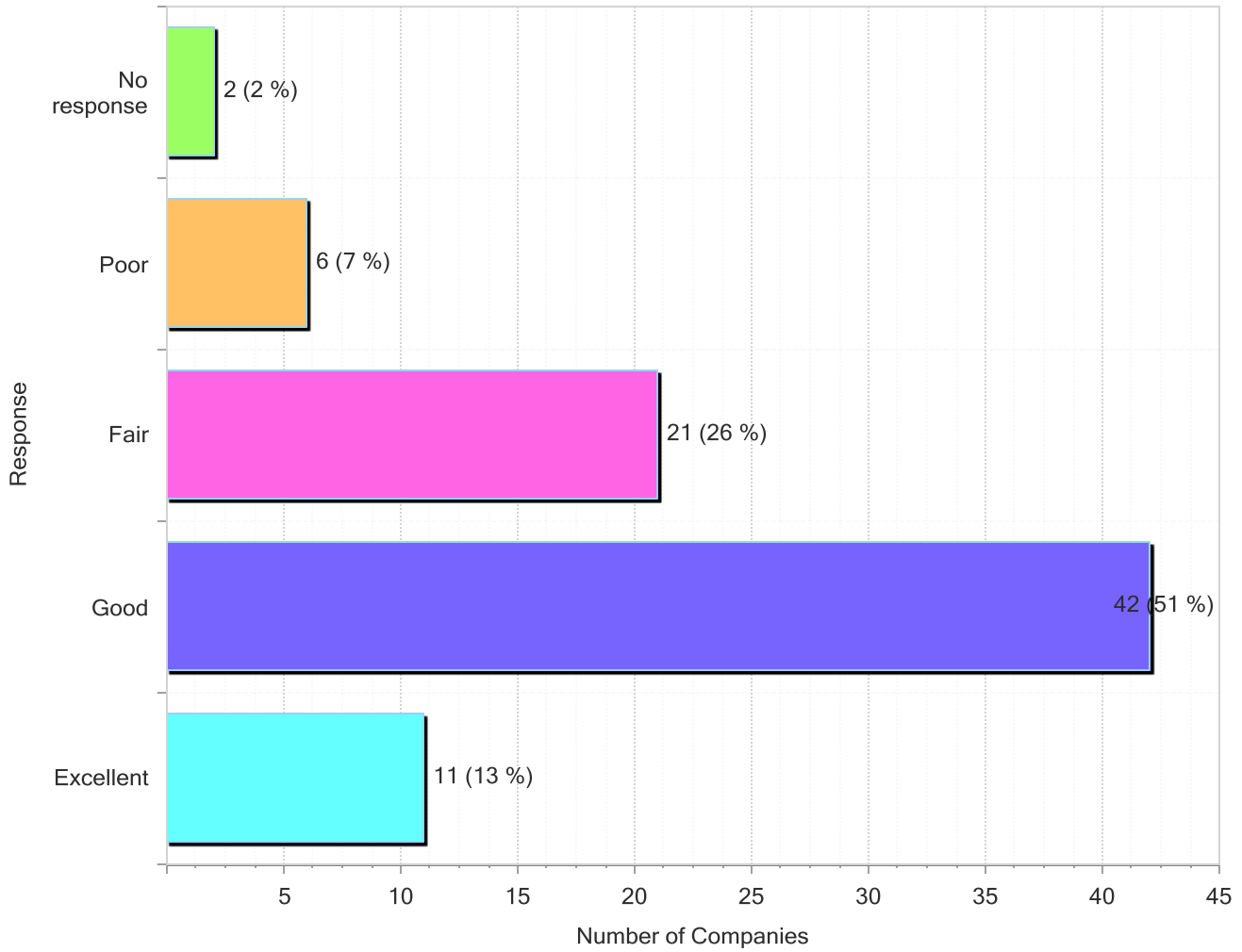
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
1 - 4	29	35.4%
5 - 9	22	26.8%
10 - 19	16	19.5%
20 - 29	5	6.1%
30 - 49	5	6.1%
50 - 99	3	3.7%
100 - 299	1	1.2%
300 or more	1	1.2%
Total	82	100.0%

B19. The primary market of your business is



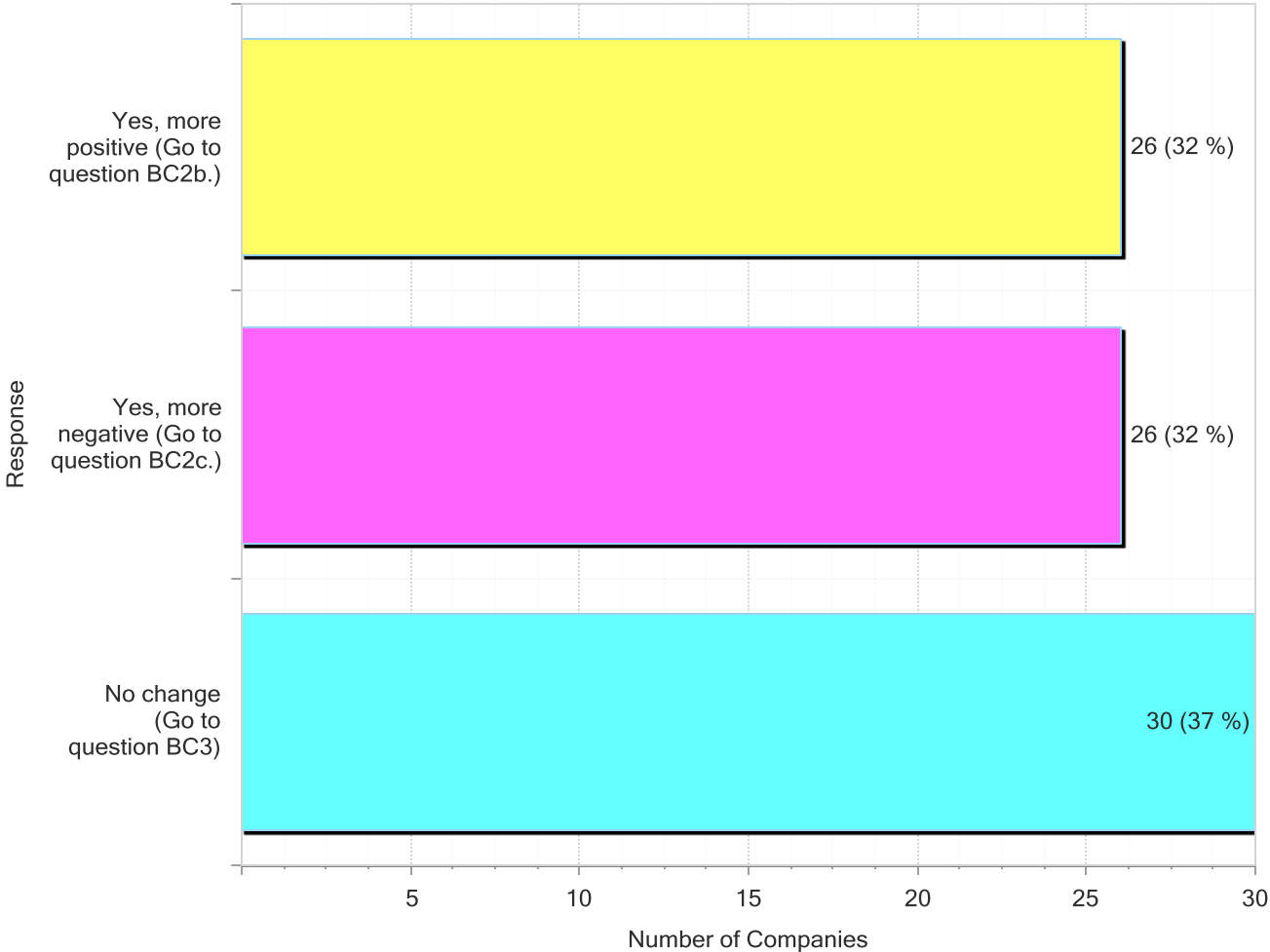
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Local	24	29.6%
Regional	40	49.4%
National	7	8.6%
International	10	12.3%
Total	81	100.0%

BC1. What is your general impression of this community as a place to do business?



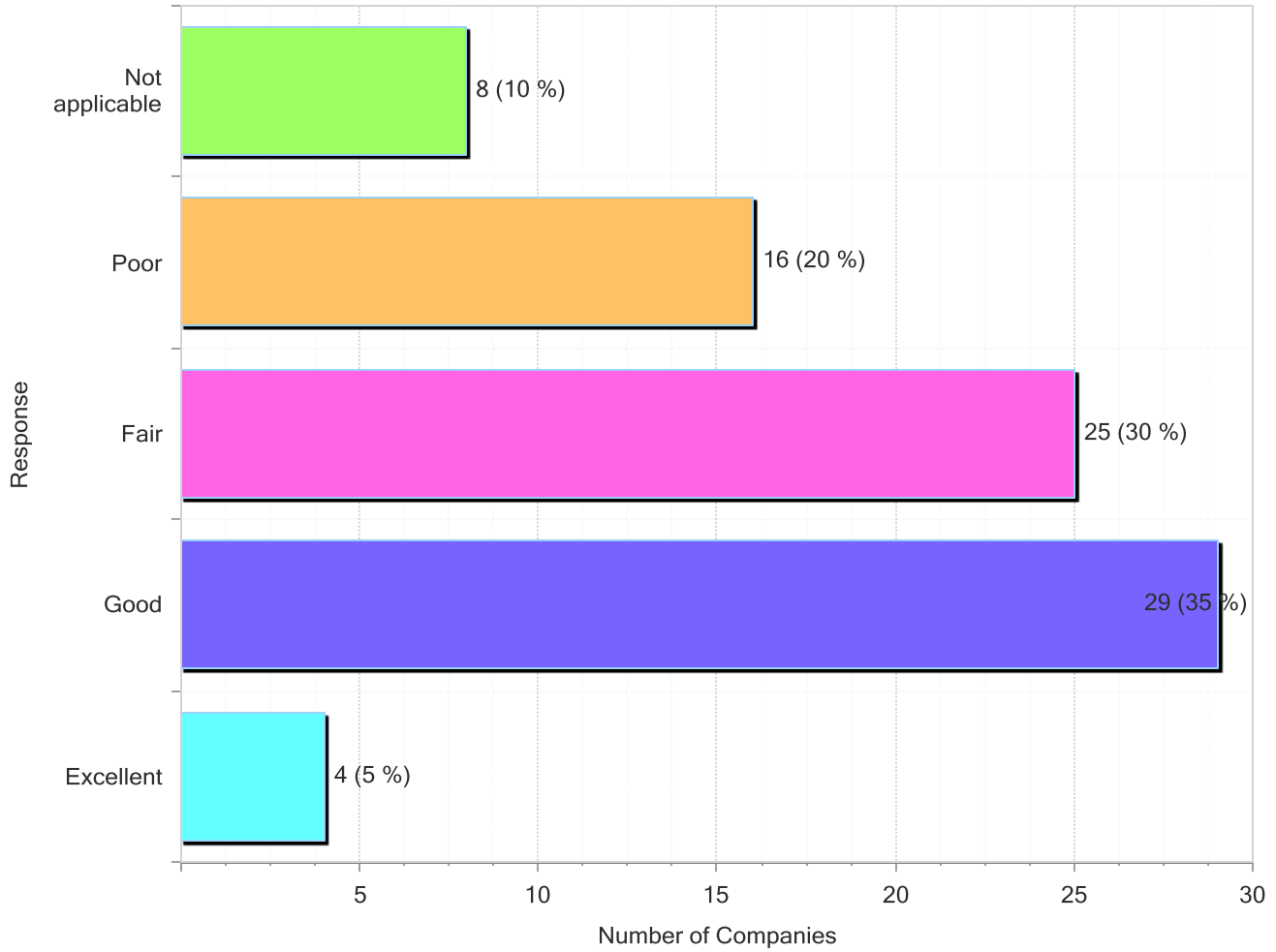
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
No response	2	2.4%
Poor	6	7.3%
Fair	21	25.6%
Good	42	51.2%
Excellent	11	13.4%
Total	82	100.0%

BC2. In the past 3 years has your attitude about doing business in this community changed?



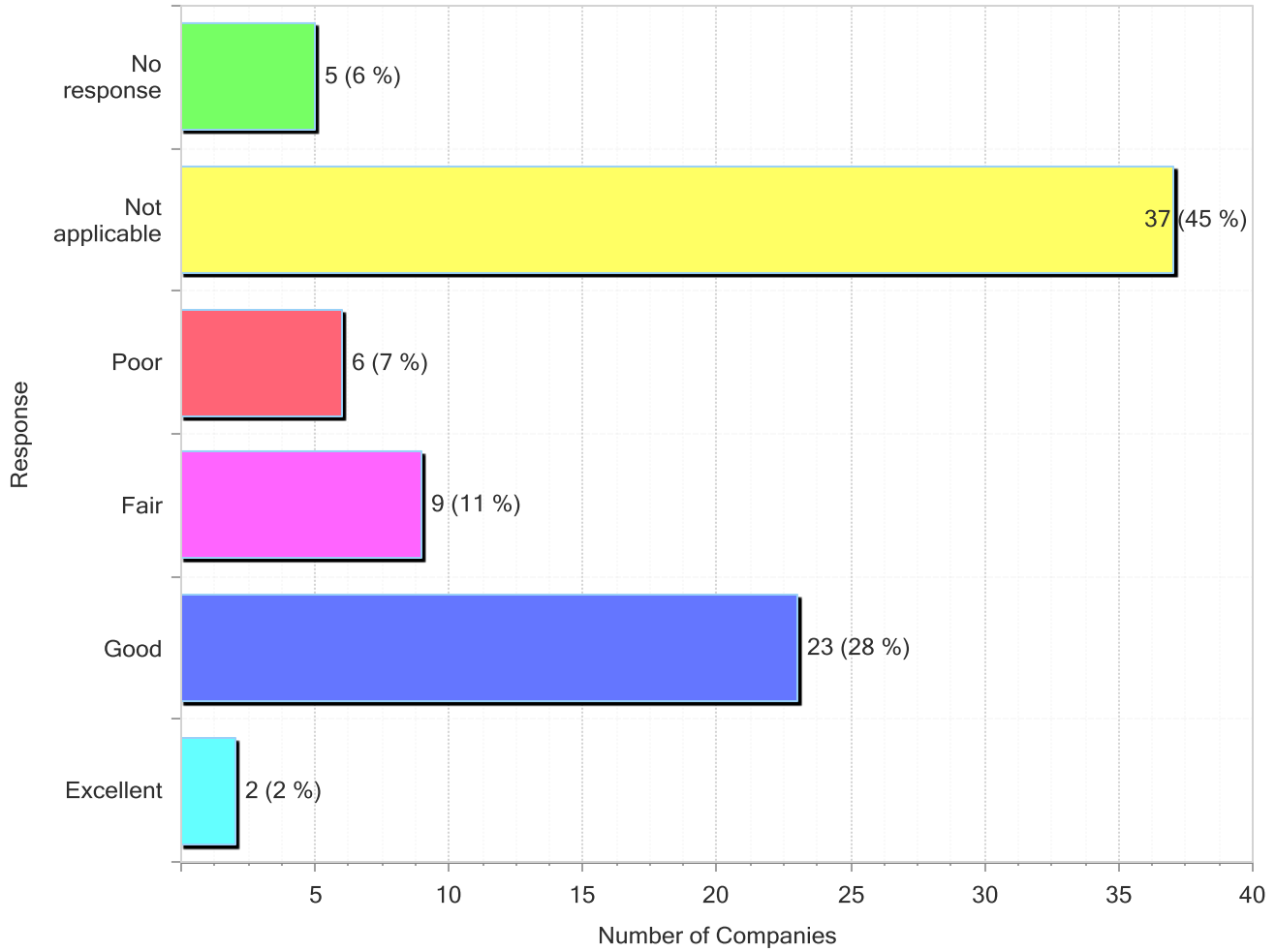
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Yes, more positive (Go to question BC2b.)	26	31.7%
Yes, more negative (Go to question BC2c.)	26	31.7%
No change (Go to question BC3)	30	36.6%
Total	82	100.0%

BC3. How would you rate the following factors of doing business in this community? - Workforce



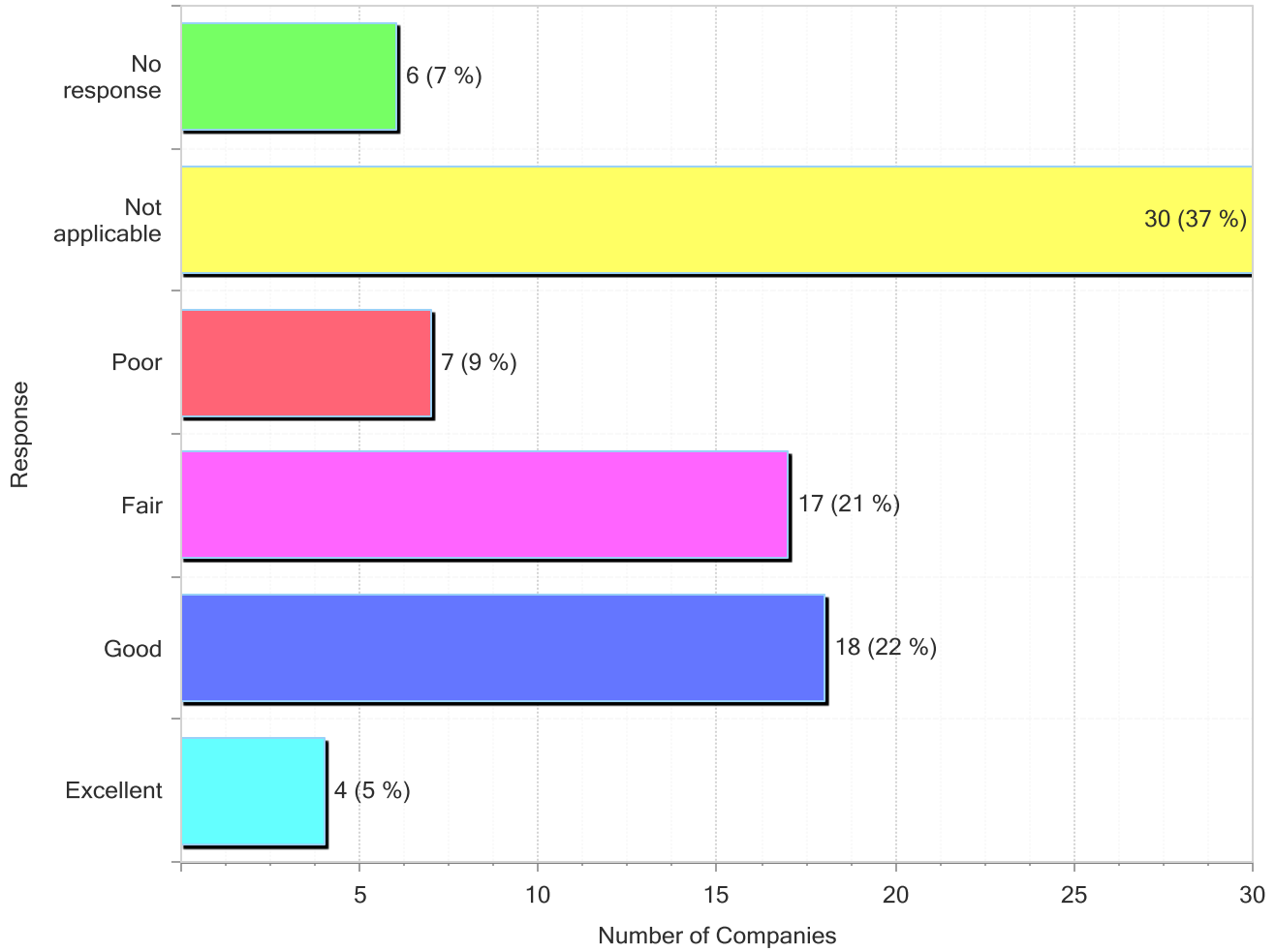
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Not applicable	8	9.8%
Poor	16	19.5%
Fair	25	30.5%
Good	29	35.4%
Excellent	4	4.9%
Total	82	100.0%

BC3. How would you rate the following factors of doing business in this community? - Availability of serviced land



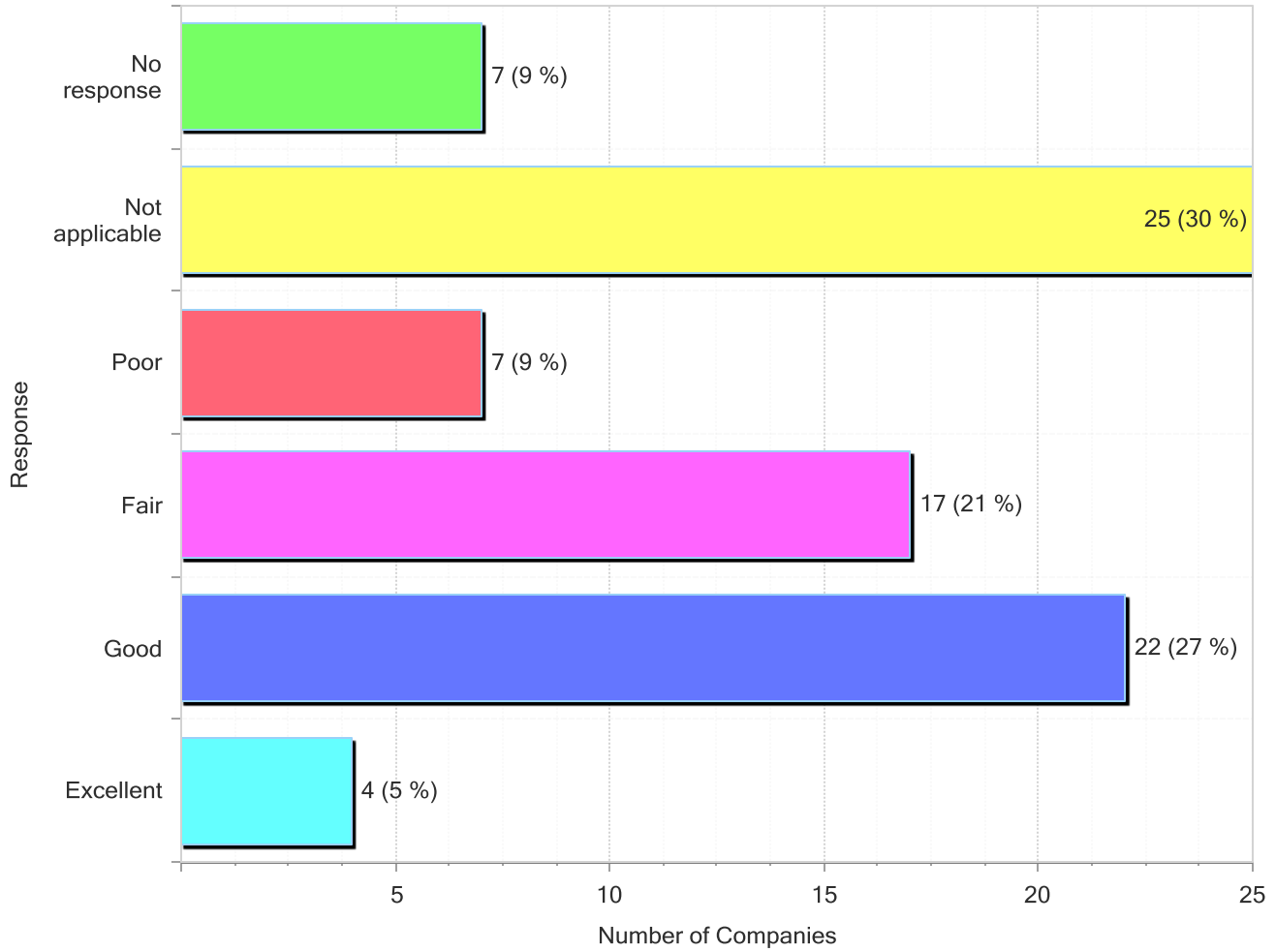
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No response	5	6.1%
Not applicable	37	45.1%
Poor	6	7.3%
Fair	9	11.0%
Good	23	28.0%
Excellent	2	2.4%
Total	82	100.0%

BC3. How would you rate the following factors of doing business in this community? - Land costs



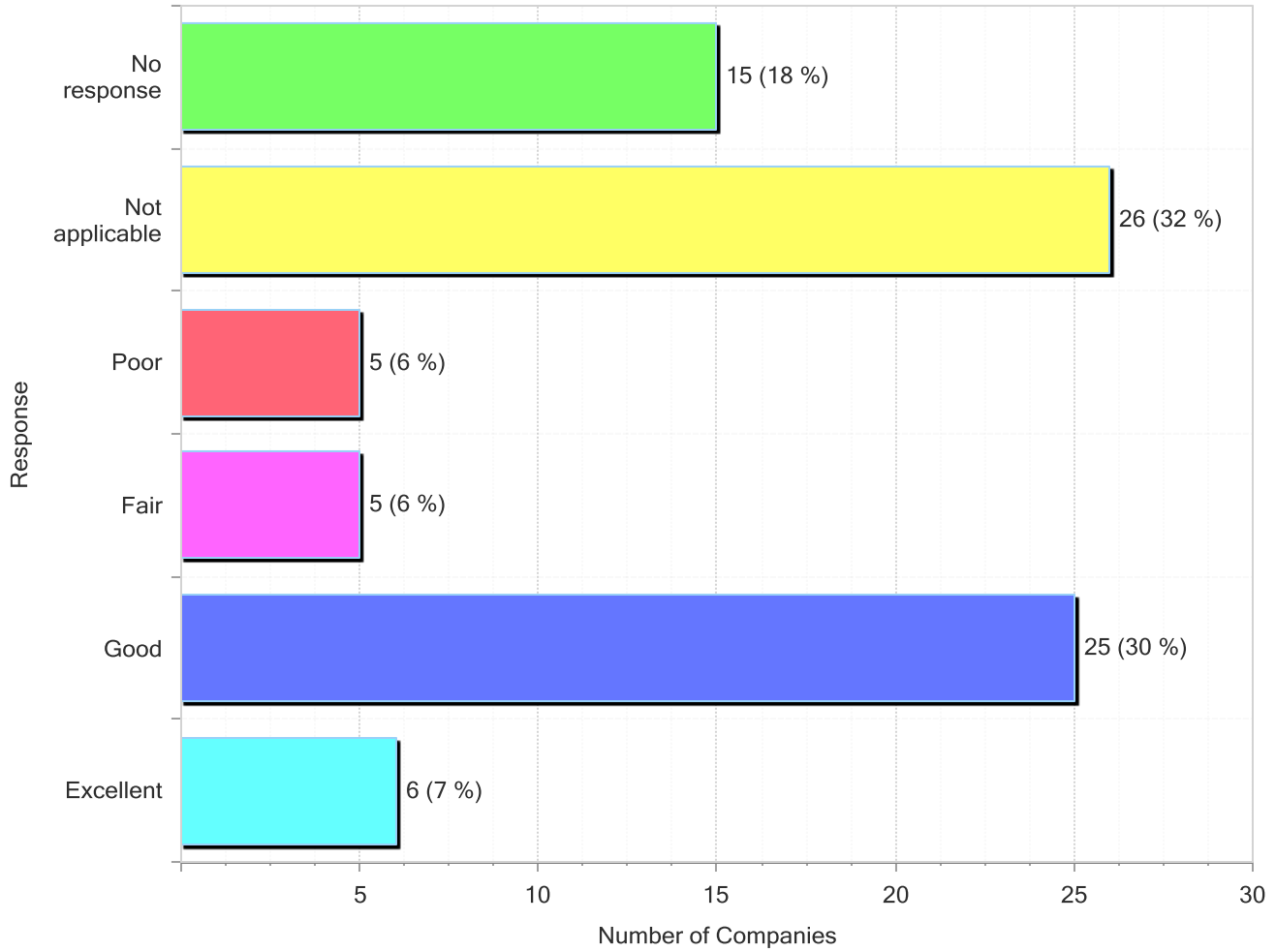
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No response	6	7.3%
Not applicable	30	36.6%
Poor	7	8.5%
Fair	17	20.7%
Good	18	22.0%
Excellent	4	4.9%
Total	82	100.0%

BC3. How would you rate the following factors of doing business in this community? - Availability of space for rent or lease



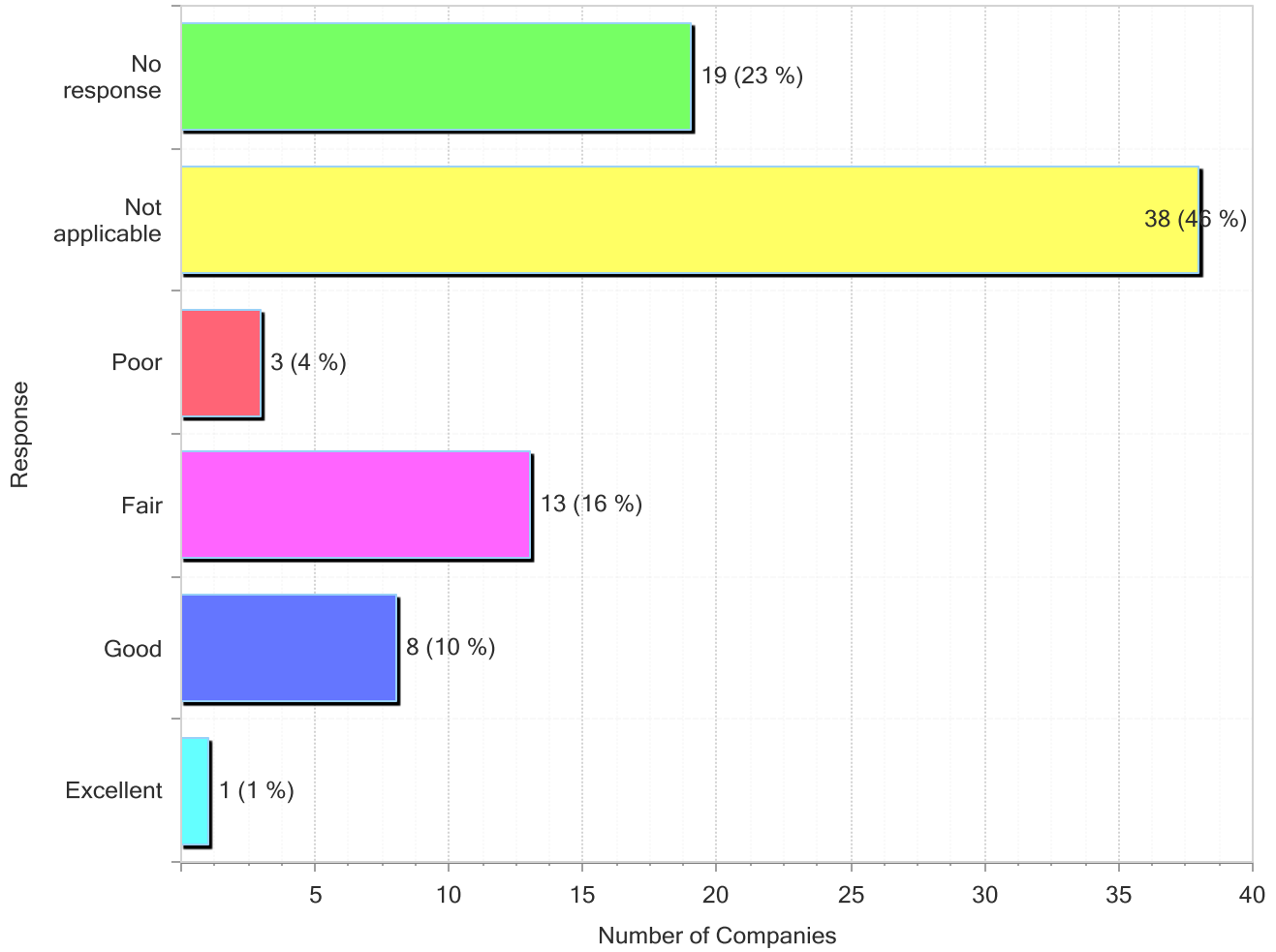
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No response	7	8.5%
Not applicable	25	30.5%
Poor	7	8.5%
Fair	17	20.7%
Good	22	26.8%
Excellent	4	4.9%
Total	82	100.0%

BC3. How would you rate the following factors of doing business in this community? - Development/building permit process



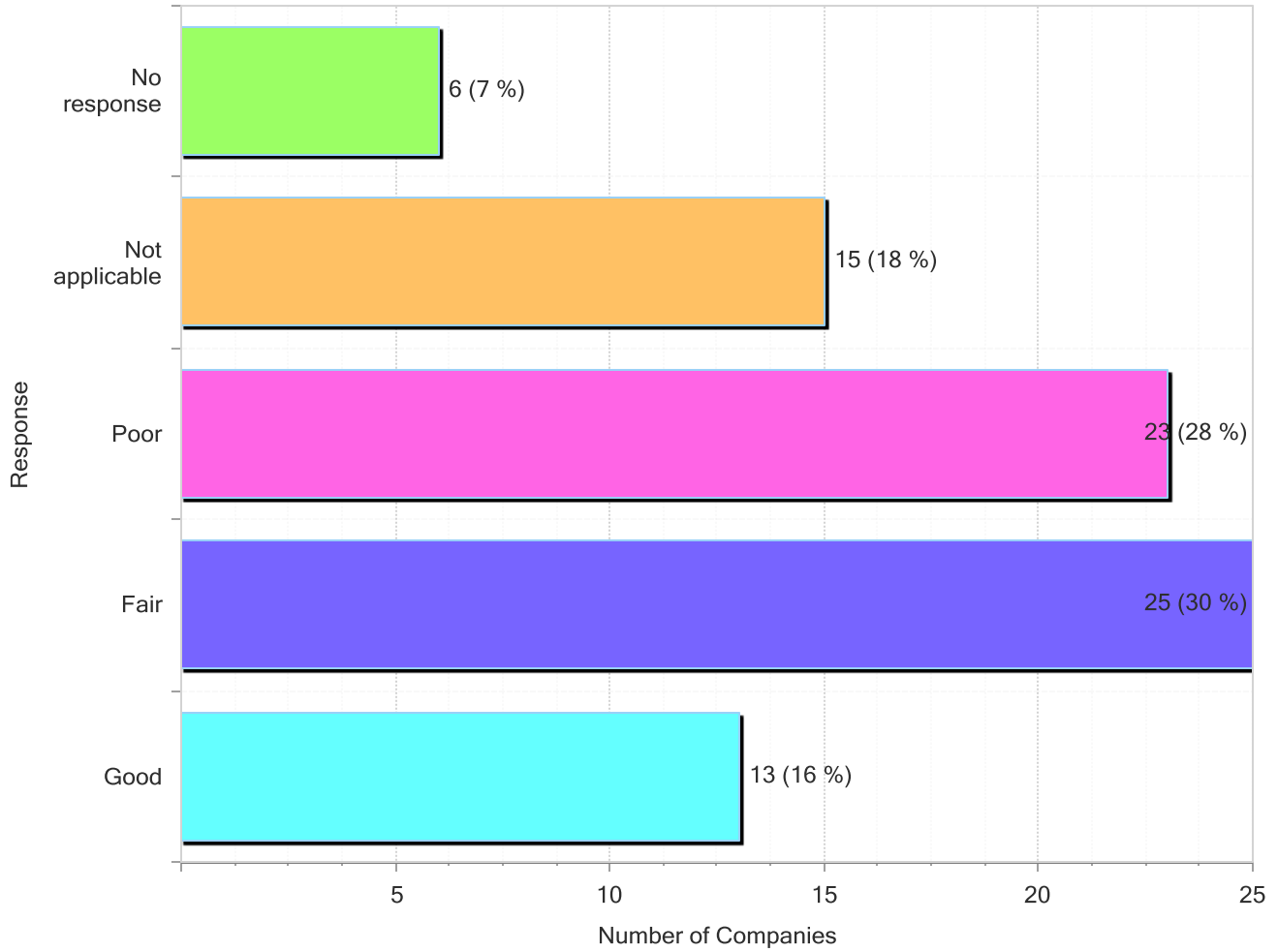
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
No response	15	18.3%
Not applicable	26	31.7%
Poor	5	6.1%
Fair	5	6.1%
Good	25	30.5%
Excellent	6	7.3%
Total	82	100.0%

BC3. How would you rate the following factors of doing business in this community? - Development charges



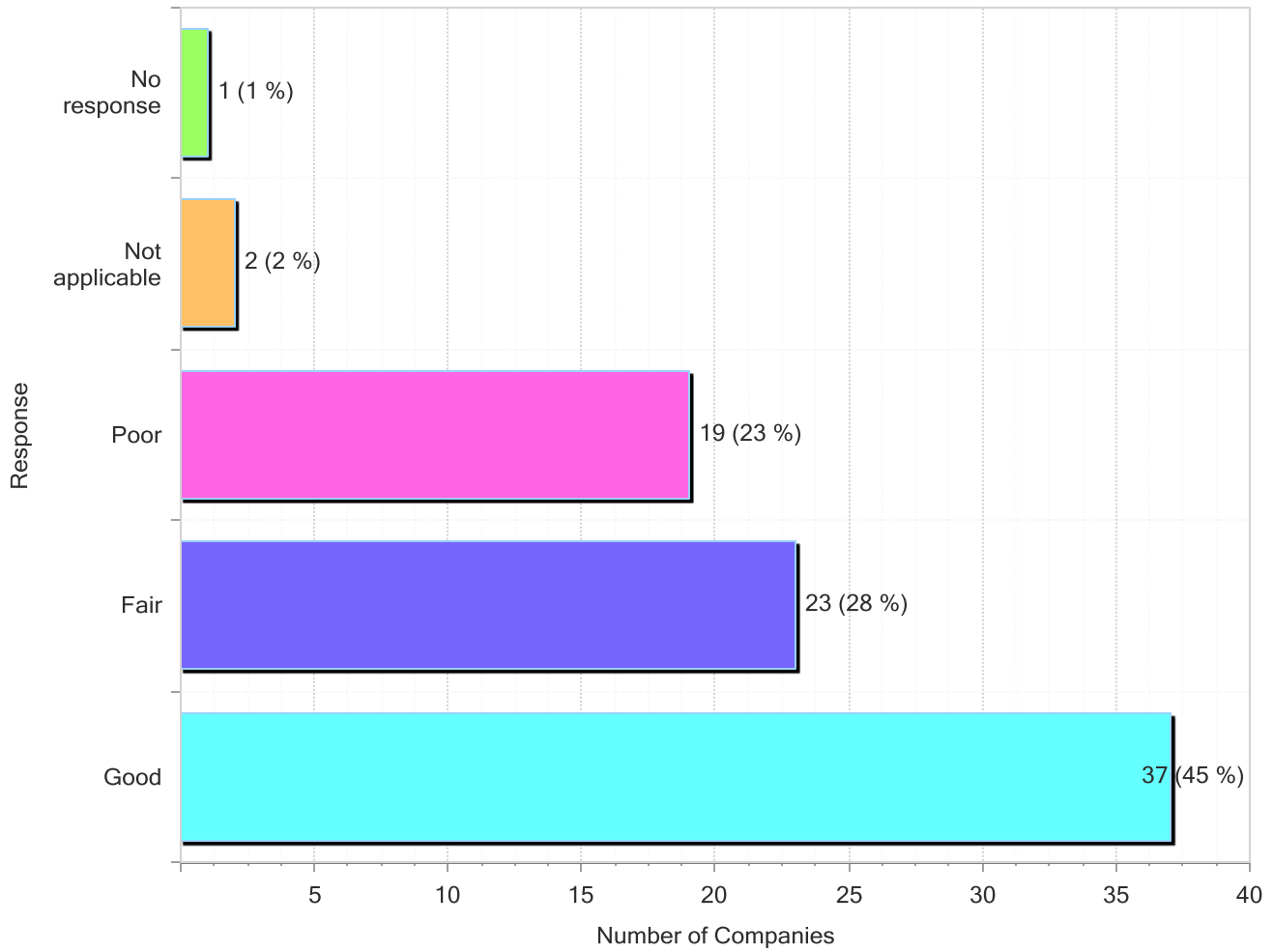
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
No response	19	23.2%
Not applicable	38	46.3%
Poor	3	3.7%
Fair	13	15.9%
Good	8	9.8%
Excellent	1	1.2%
Total	82	100.0%

**BC3. How would you rate the following factors of doing business in this community? -
Municipal property taxes**



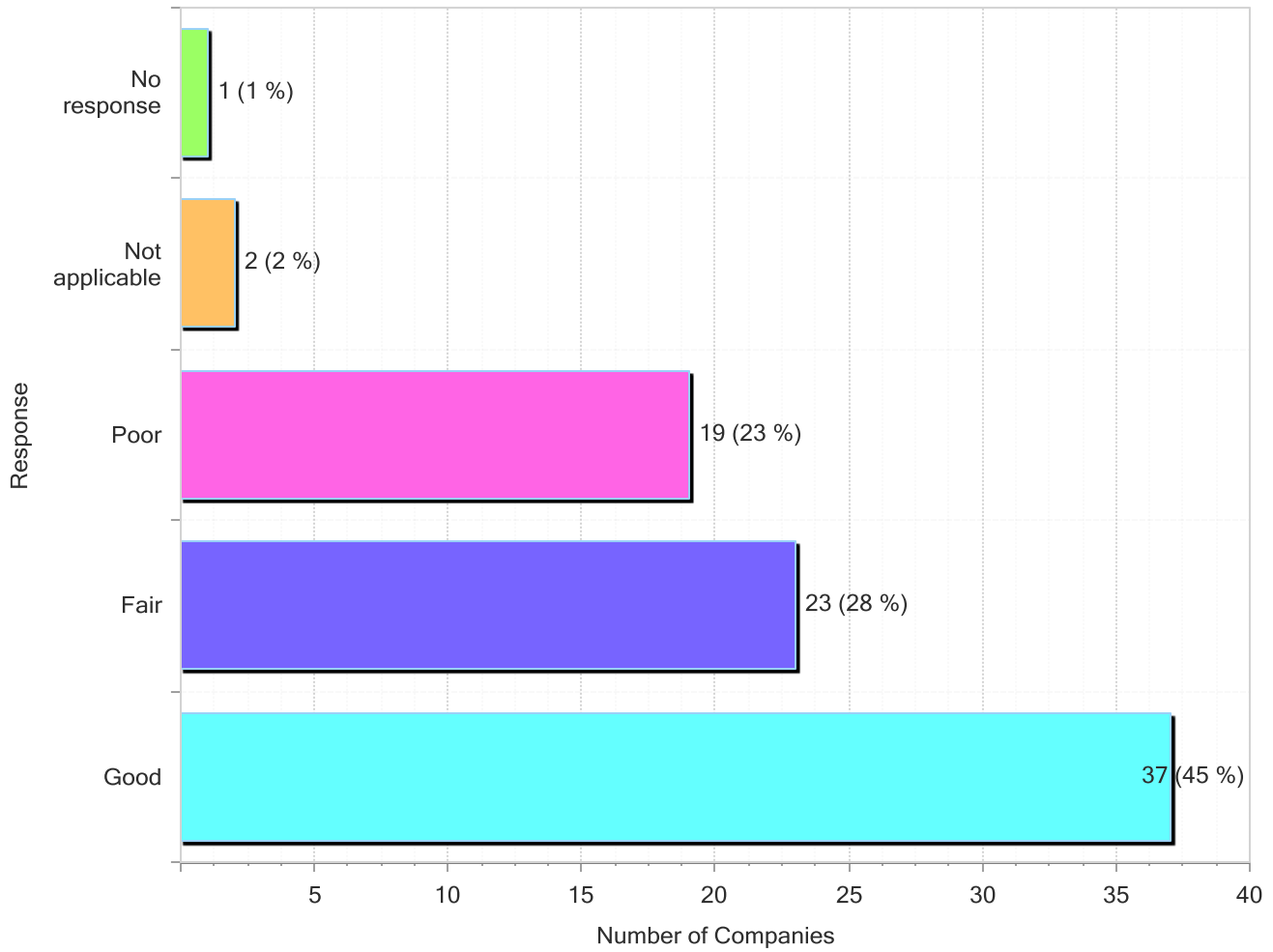
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Not applicable	15	18.3%
Poor	23	28.0%
Fair	25	30.5%
Good	13	15.9%
Total	82	100.0%

BC3. How would you rate the following factors of doing business in this community? - Local roads and streets



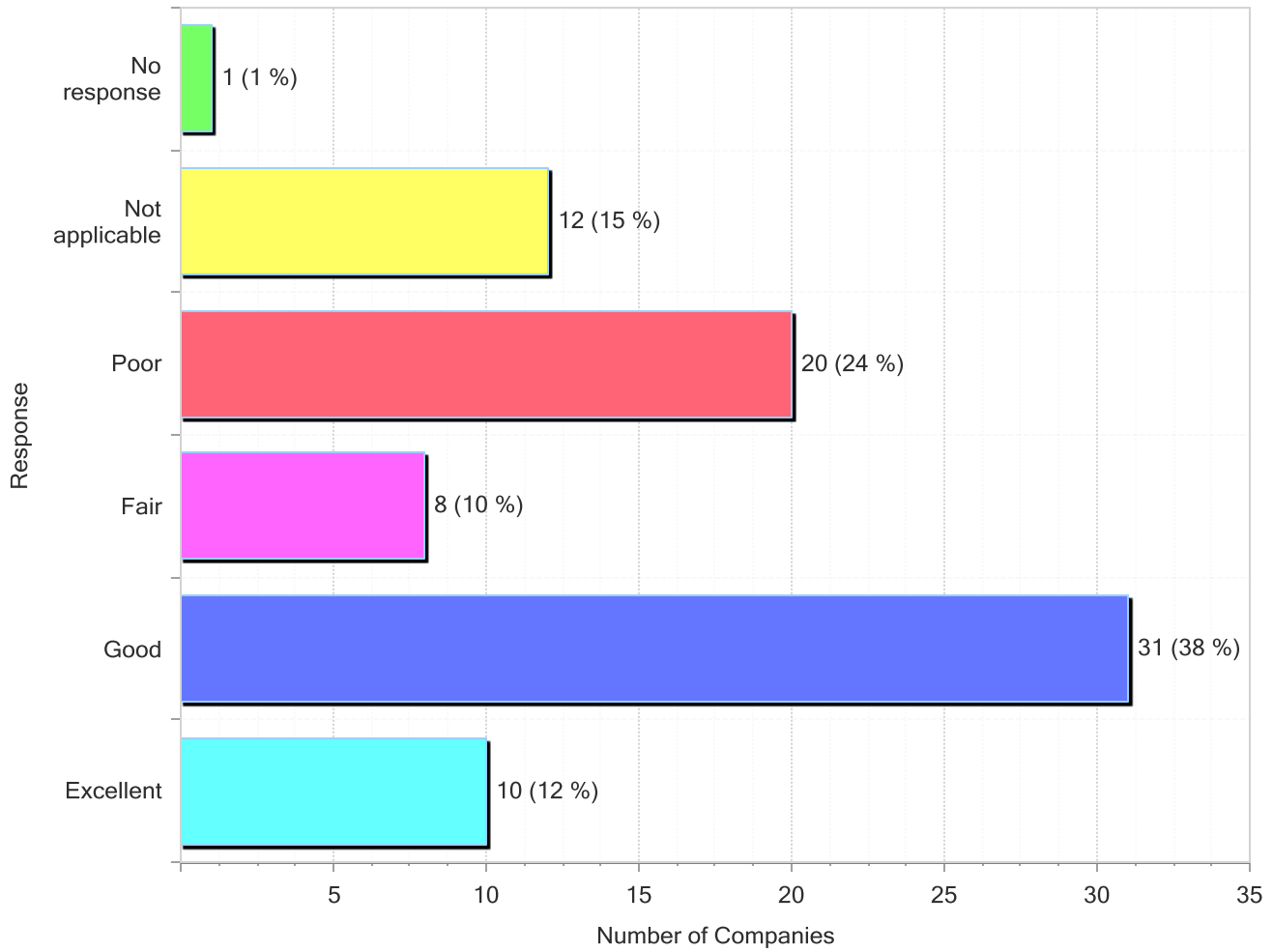
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Not applicable	2	2.4%
Poor	19	23.2%
Fair	23	28.0%
Good	37	45.1%
Total	82	100.0%

BC3. How would you rate the following factors of doing business in this community? - Regional/Provincial roads and highways



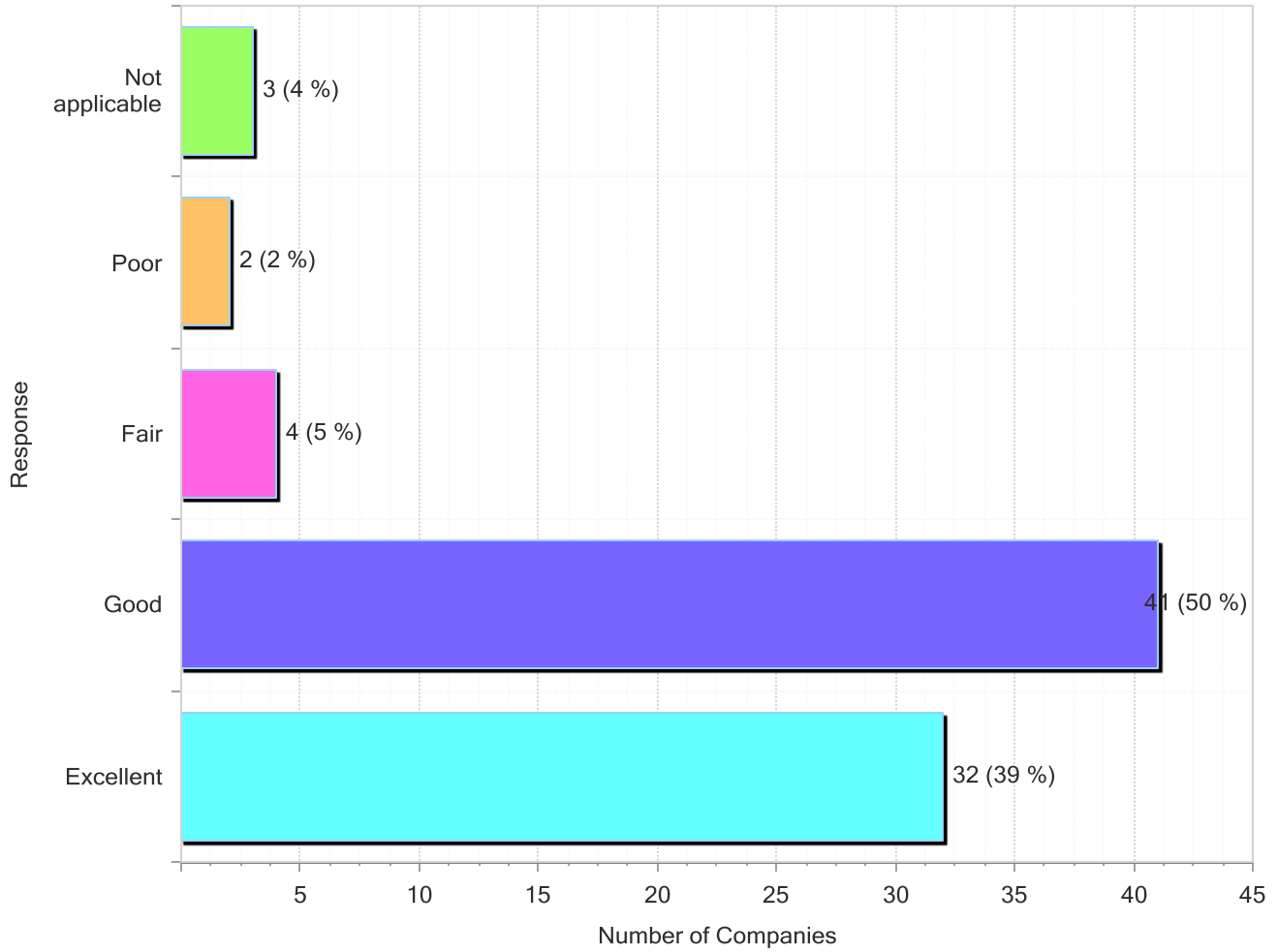
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Not applicable	2	2.4%
Poor	19	23.2%
Fair	23	28.0%
Good	37	45.1%
Total	82	100.0%

BC3. How would you rate the following factors of doing business in this community? - Proximity to rail and airports



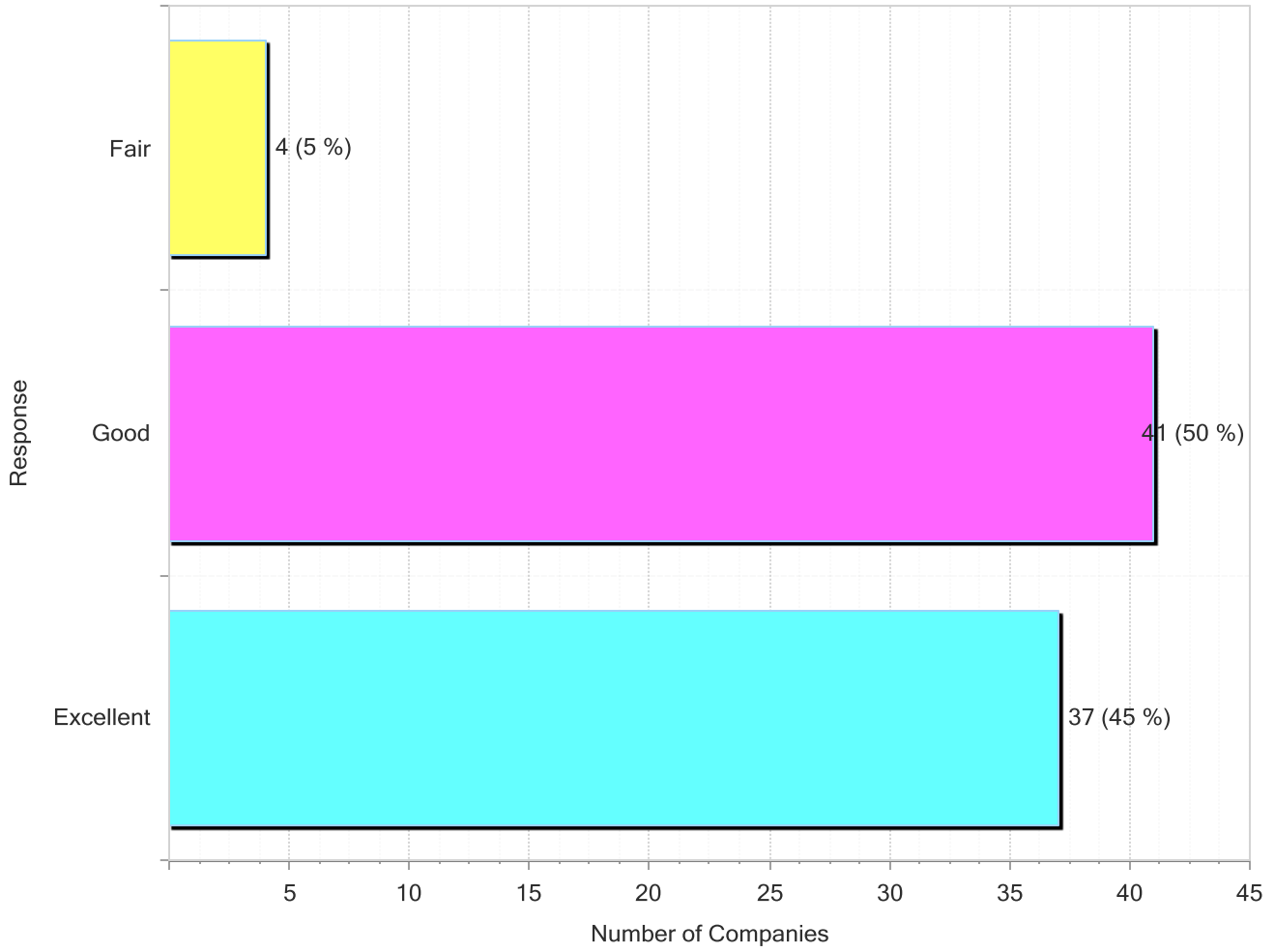
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No response	1	1.2%
Not applicable	12	14.6%
Poor	20	24.4%
Fair	8	9.8%
Good	31	37.8%
Excellent	10	12.2%
Total	82	100.0%

BC3. How would you rate the following factors of doing business in this community? - Availability of health and medical services



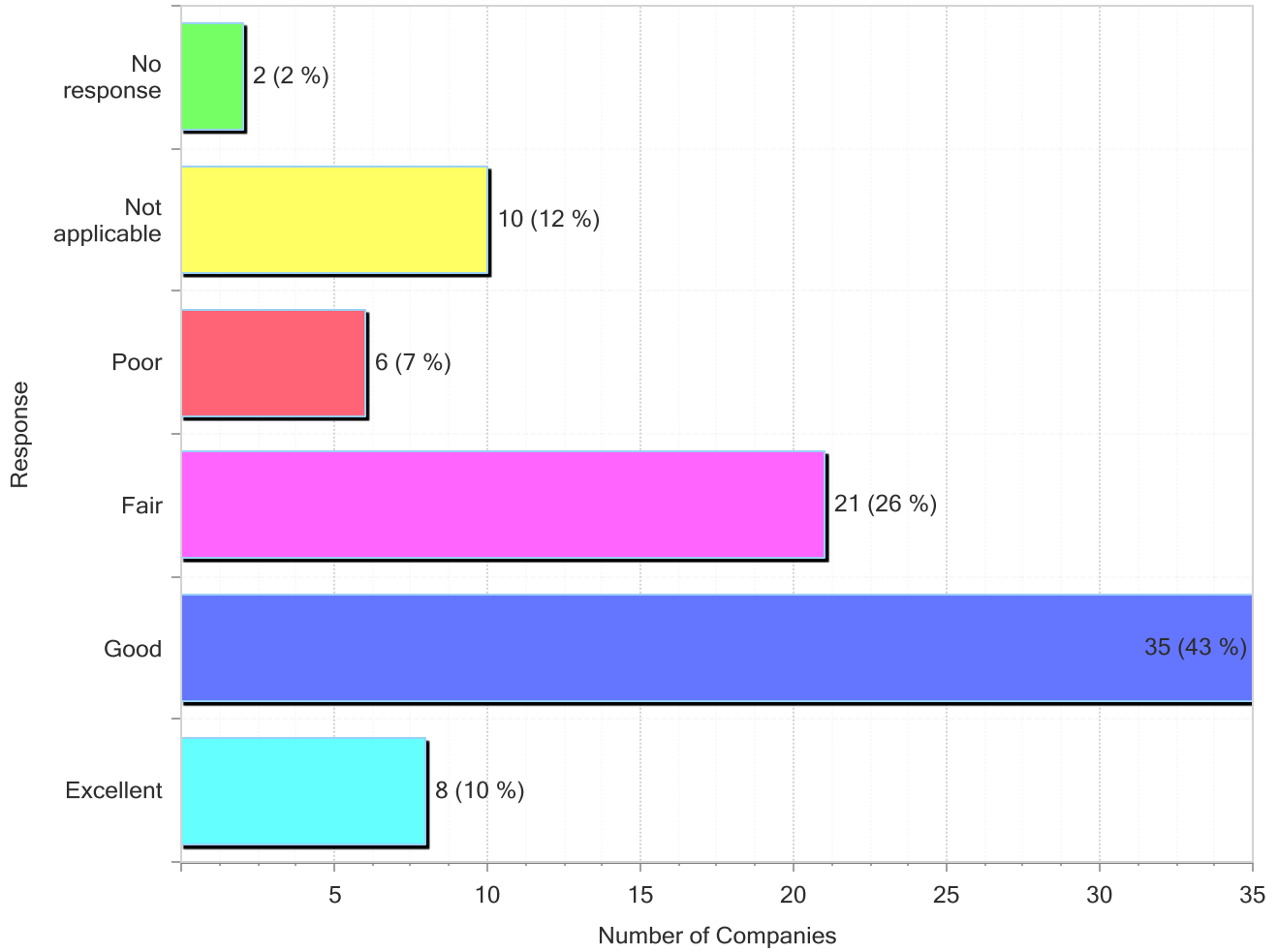
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Not applicable	3	3.7%
Poor	2	2.4%
Fair	4	4.9%
Good	41	50.0%
Excellent	32	39.0%
Total	82	100.0%

BC3. How would you rate the following factors of doing business in this community? - Quality of life



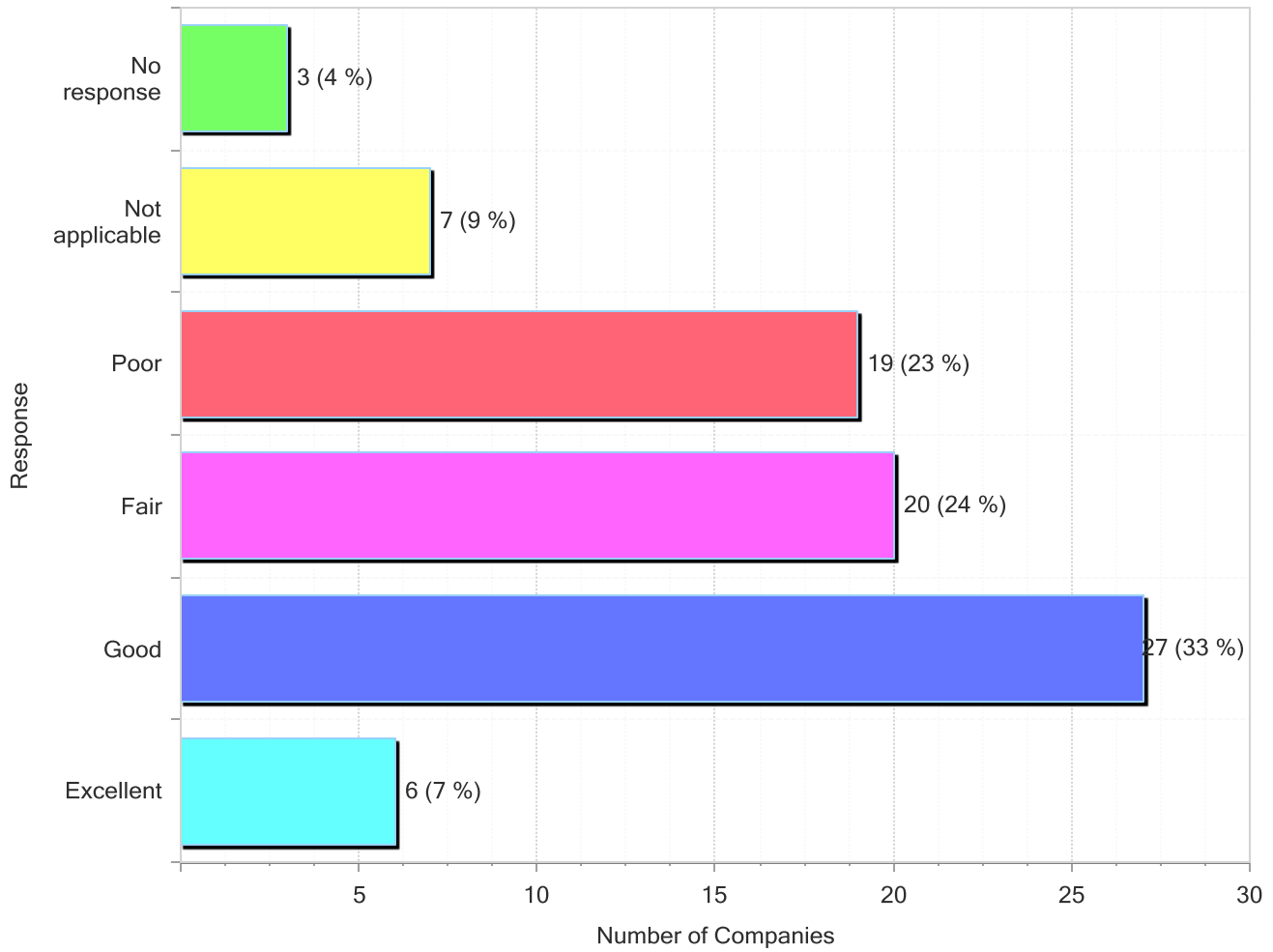
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Fair	4	4.9%
Good	41	50.0%
Excellent	37	45.1%
Total	82	100.0%

BC3. How would you rate the following factors of doing business in this community? - Availability of adequate housing



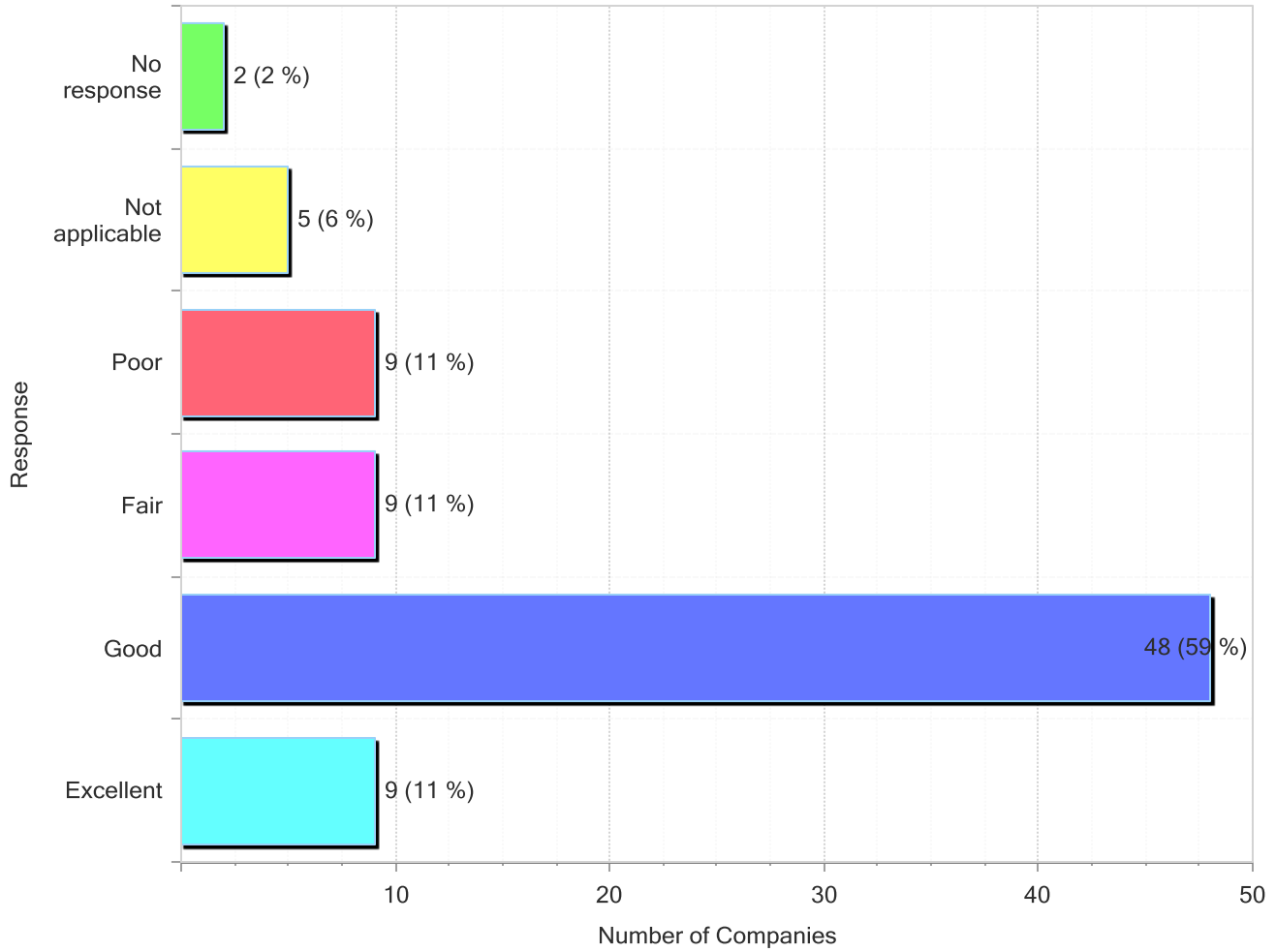
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No response	2	2.4%
Not applicable	10	12.2%
Poor	6	7.3%
Fair	21	25.6%
Good	35	42.7%
Excellent	8	9.8%
Total	82	100.0%

BC3. How would you rate the following factors of doing business in this community? - Support from municipality



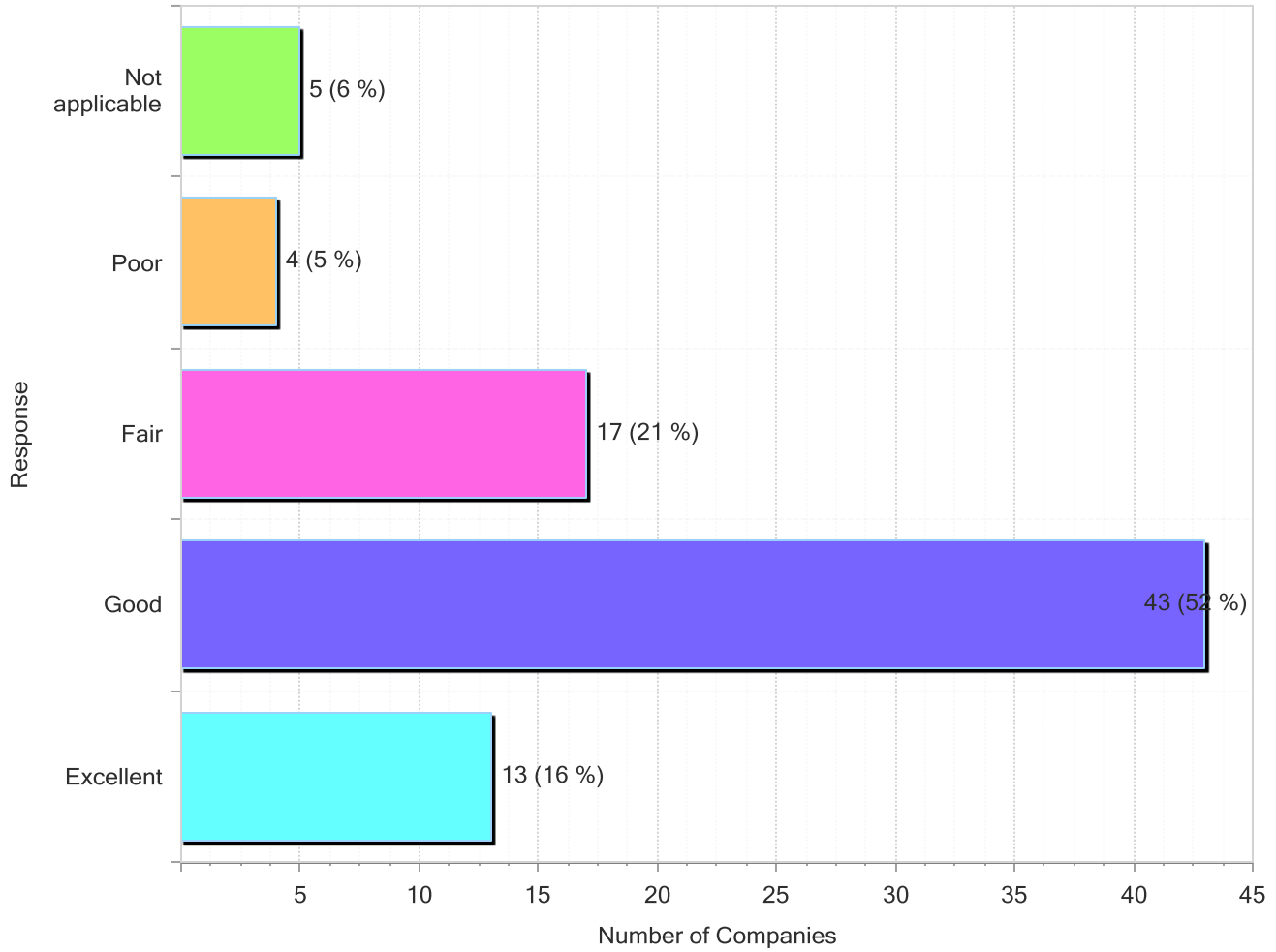
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No response	3	3.7%
Not applicable	7	8.5%
Poor	19	23.2%
Fair	20	24.4%
Good	27	32.9%
Excellent	6	7.3%
Total	82	100.0%

BC3. How would you rate the following factors of doing business in this community? - Support from other businesses



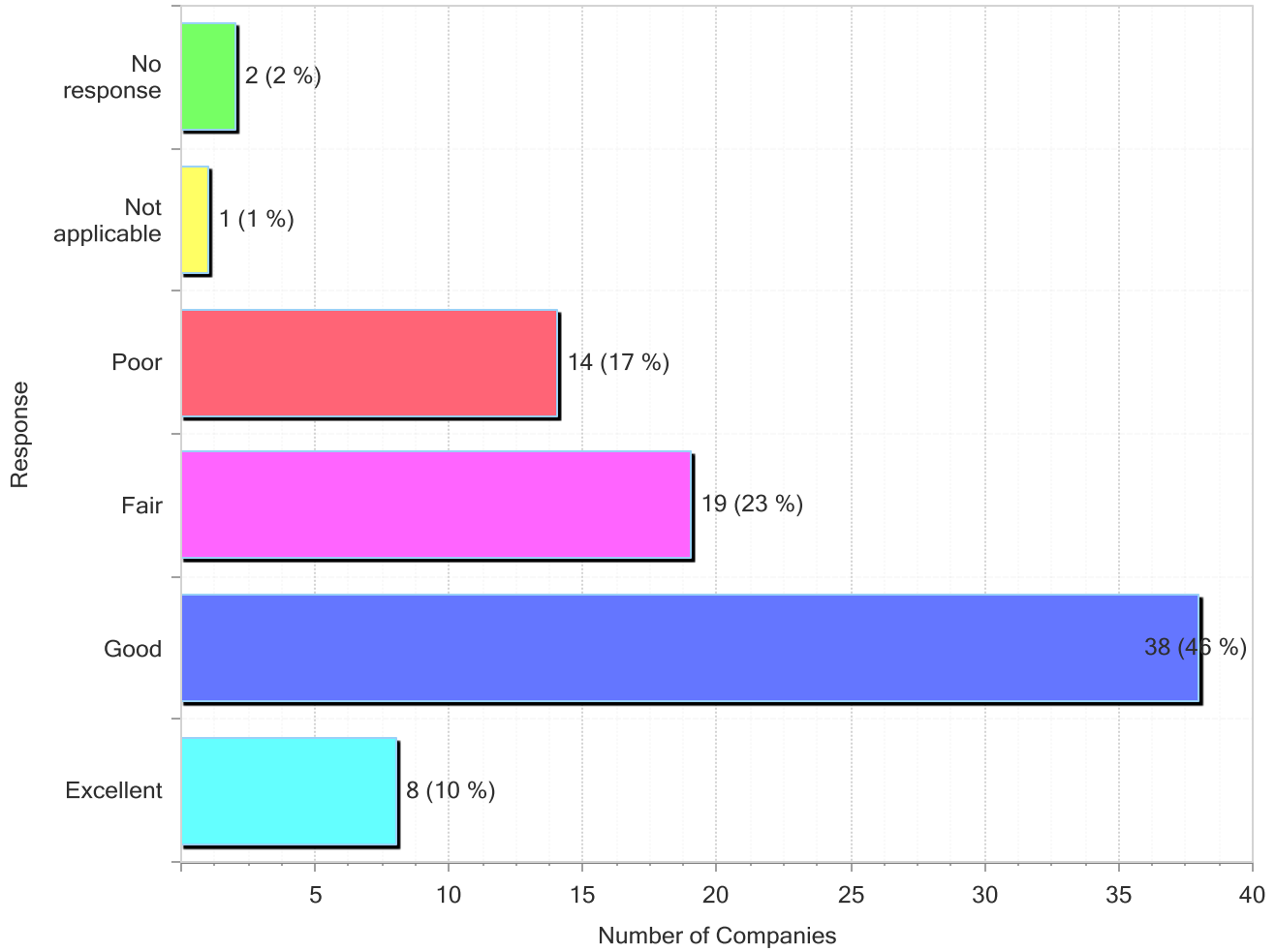
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
No response	2	2.4%
Not applicable	5	6.1%
Poor	9	11.0%
Fair	9	11.0%
Good	48	58.5%
Excellent	9	11.0%
Total	82	100.0%

BC3. How would you rate the following factors of doing business in this community? - Support from local residents



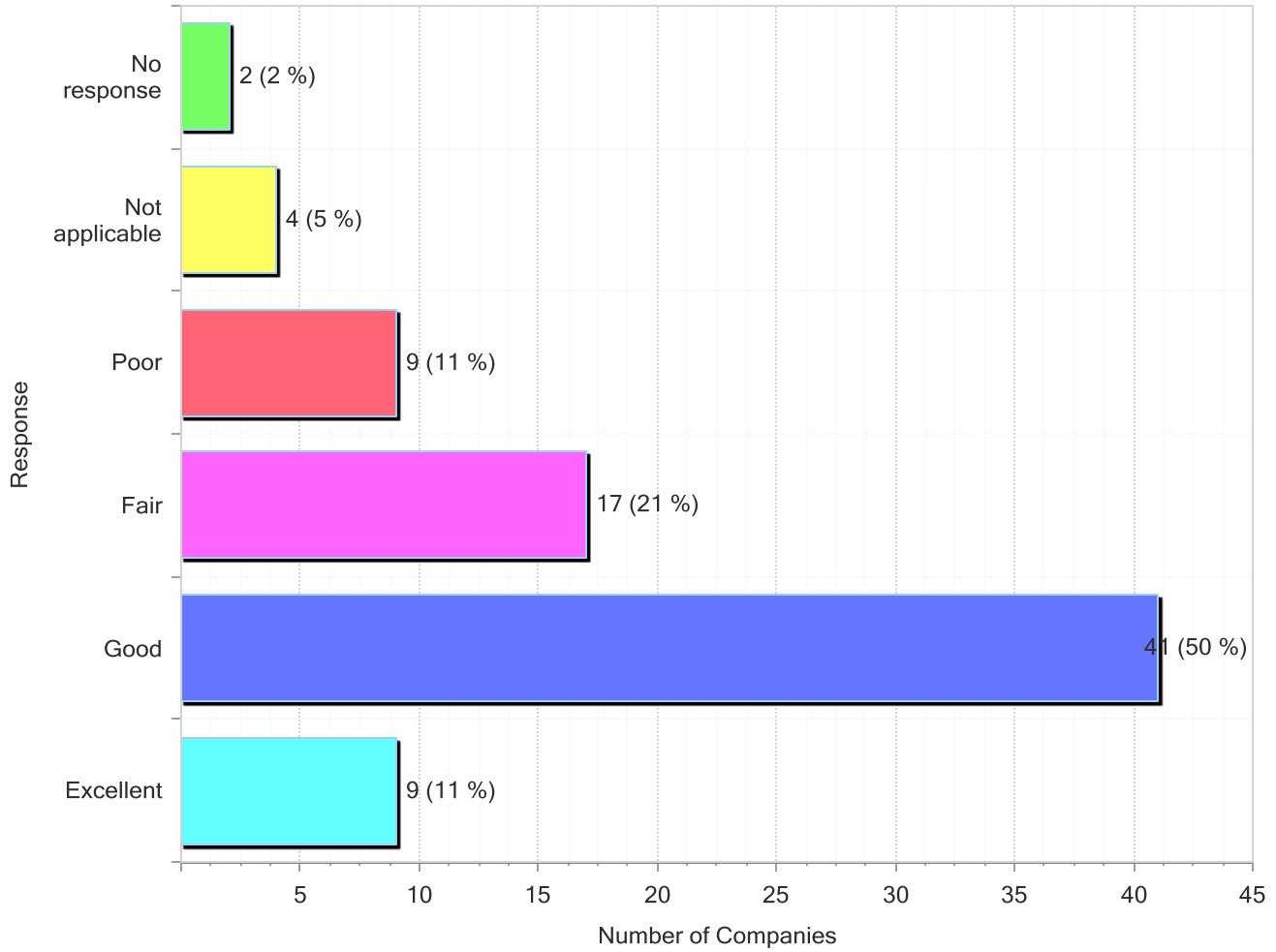
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Not applicable	5	6.1%
Poor	4	4.9%
Fair	17	20.7%
Good	43	52.4%
Excellent	13	15.9%
Total	82	100.0%

BC3. How would you rate the following factors of doing business in this community? - Cellular phone service



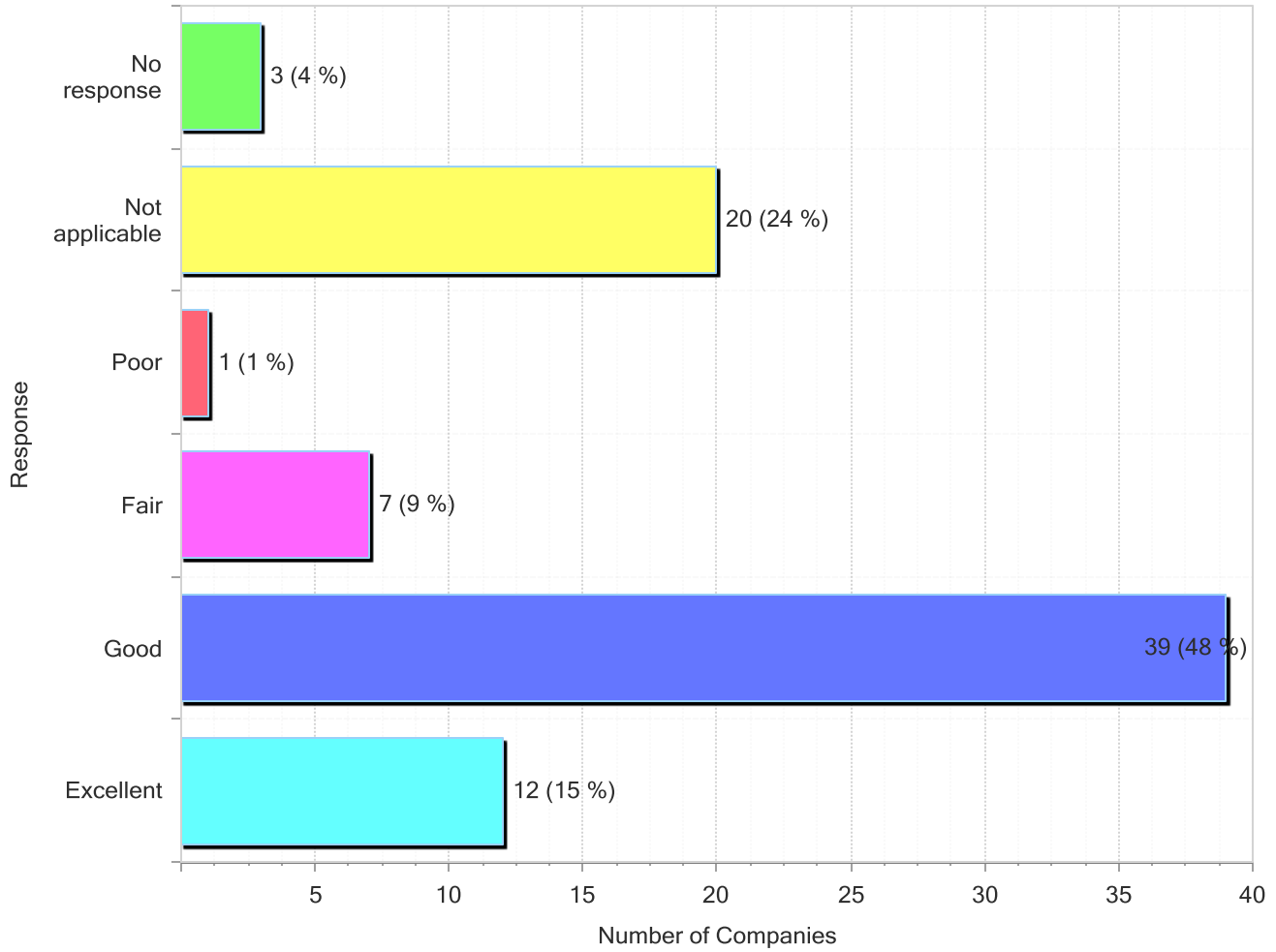
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No response	2	2.4%
Not applicable	1	1.2%
Poor	14	17.1%
Fair	19	23.2%
Good	38	46.3%
Excellent	8	9.8%
Total	82	100.0%

BC3. How would you rate the following factors of doing business in this community? - Internet service



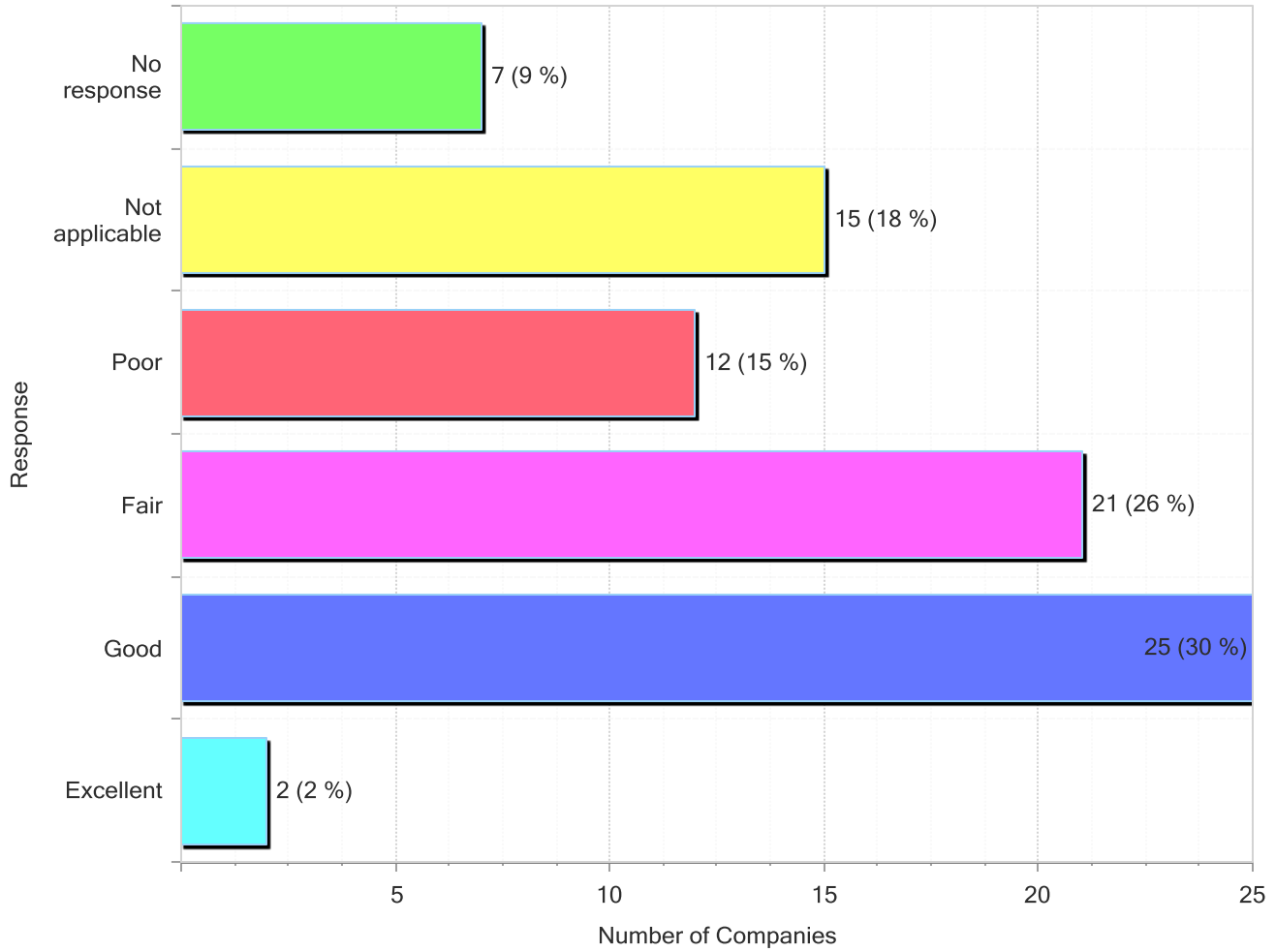
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Not applicable	4	4.9%
Poor	9	11.0%
Fair	17	20.7%
Good	41	50.0%
Excellent	9	11.0%
Total	82	100.0%

BC3. How would you rate the following factors of doing business in this community? - Water/wastewater capacity



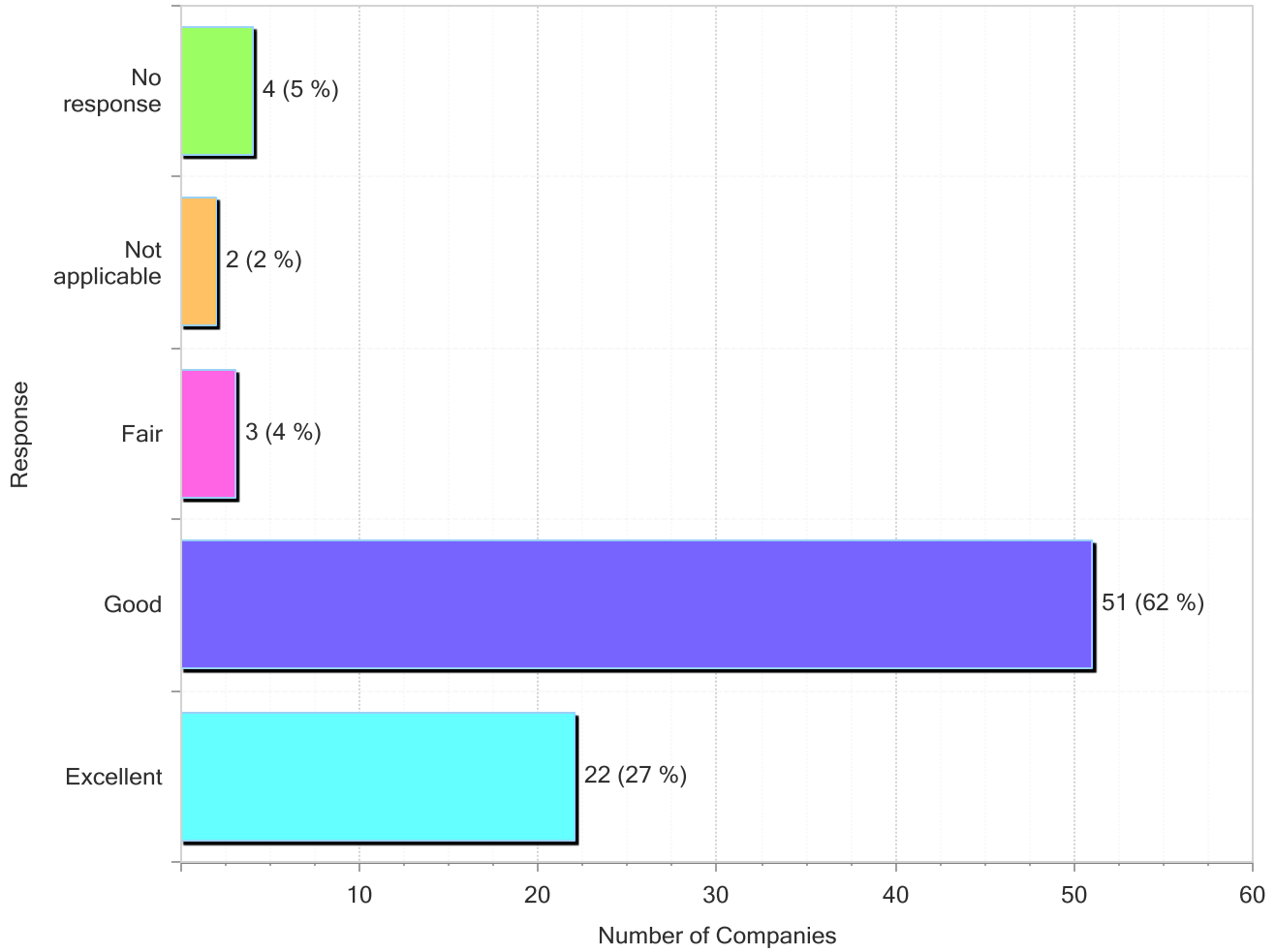
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Not applicable	20	24.4%
Poor	1	1.2%
Fair	7	8.5%
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Excellent	12	14.6%
Total	82	100.0%

BC3. How would you rate the following factors of doing business in this community? - Water/wastewater fees



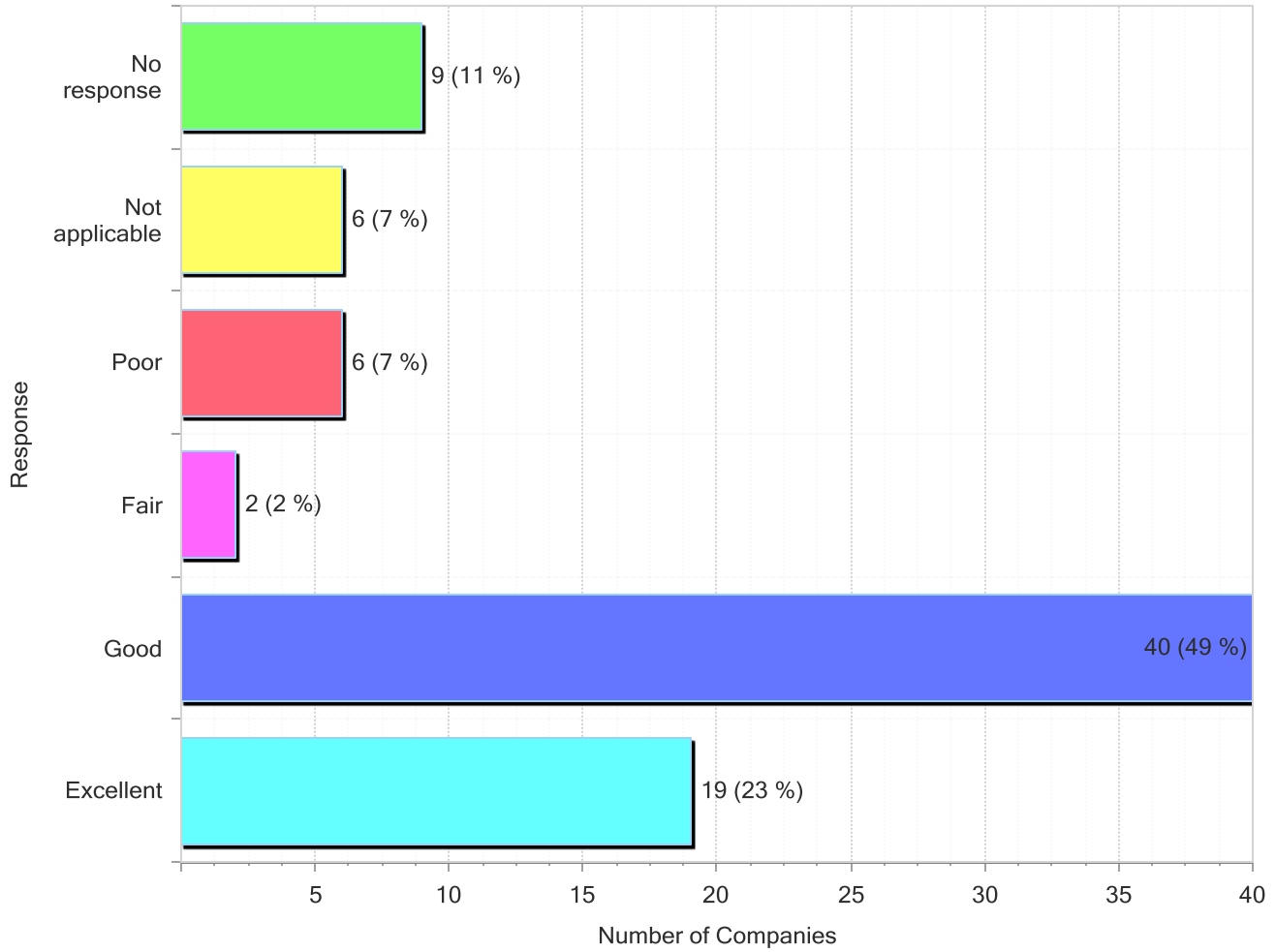
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Poor	12	14.6%
Fair	21	25.6%
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Excellent	2	2.4%
Total	82	100.0%

BC3. How would you rate the following factors of doing business in this community? - Availability of adequate electricity



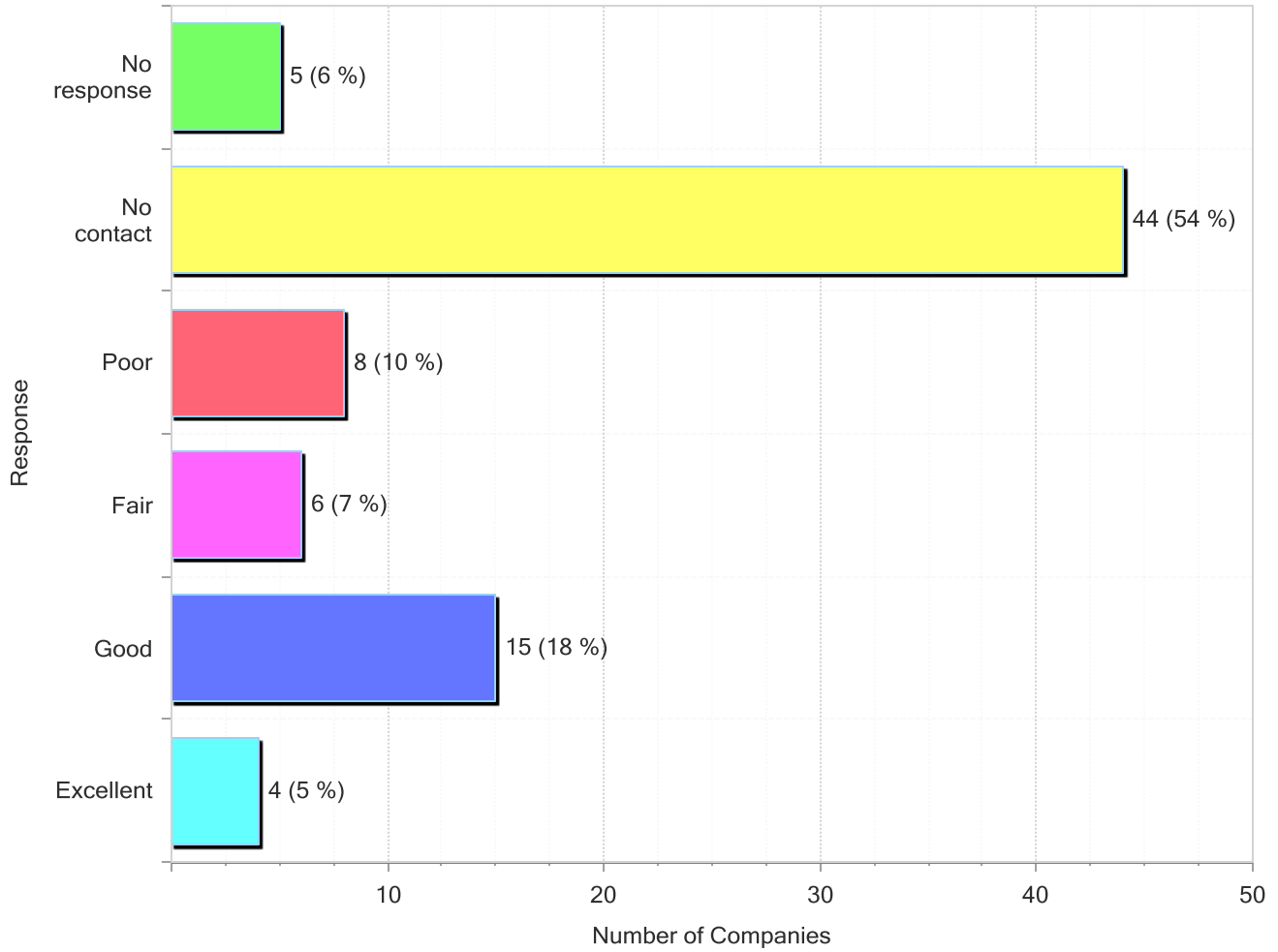
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No response	4	4.9%
Not applicable	2	2.4%
Fair	3	3.7%
Good	51	62.2%
Excellent	22	26.8%
Total	82	100.0%

BC3. How would you rate the following factors of doing business in this community? - Availability of natural gas



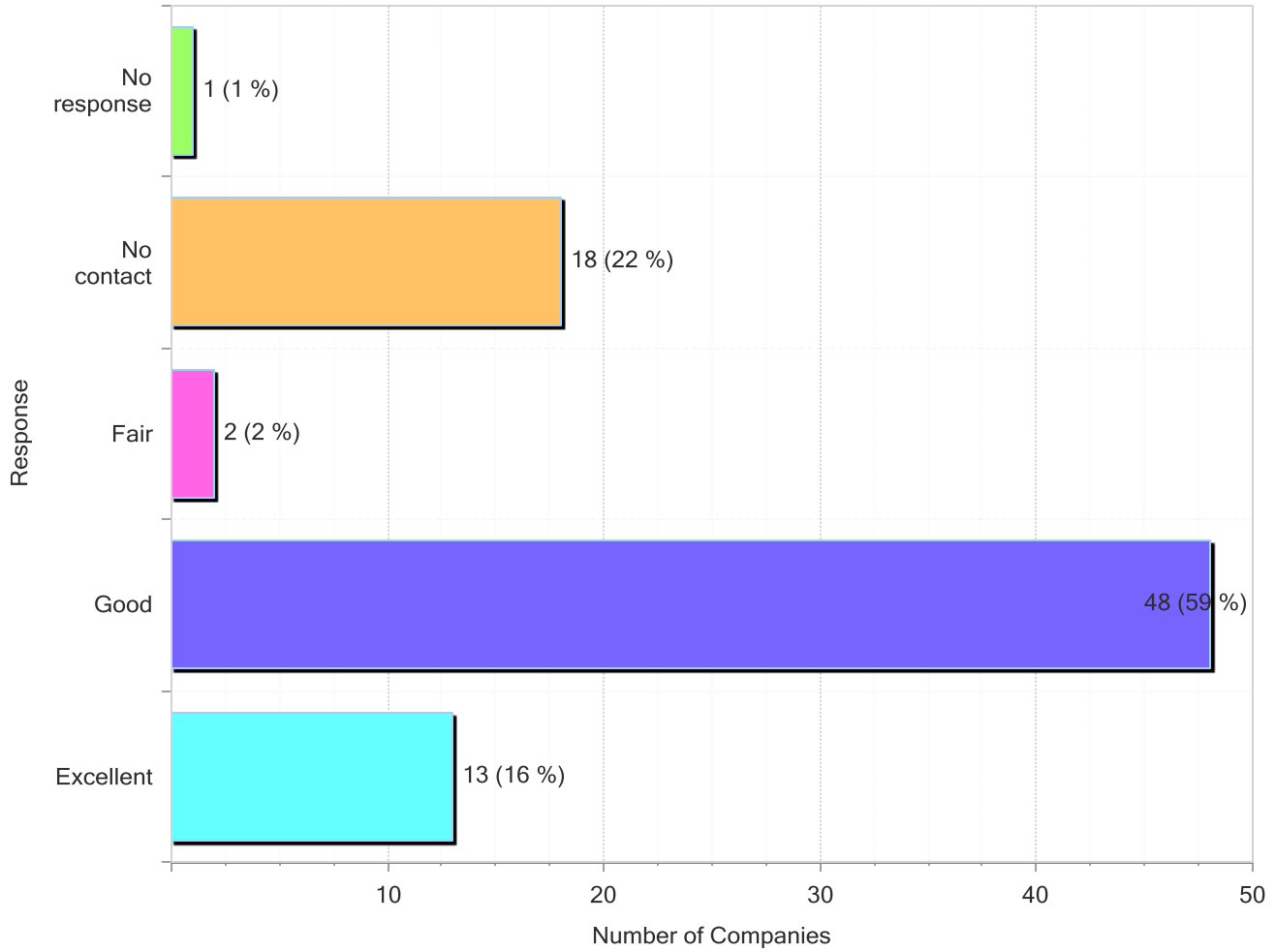
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No response	9	11.0%
Not applicable	6	7.3%
Poor	6	7.3%
Fair	2	2.4%
Good	40	48.8%
Excellent	19	23.2%
Total	82	100.0%

BC4. From the perspective of your business, rate your level of satisfaction with each of the following community services. - Child care services



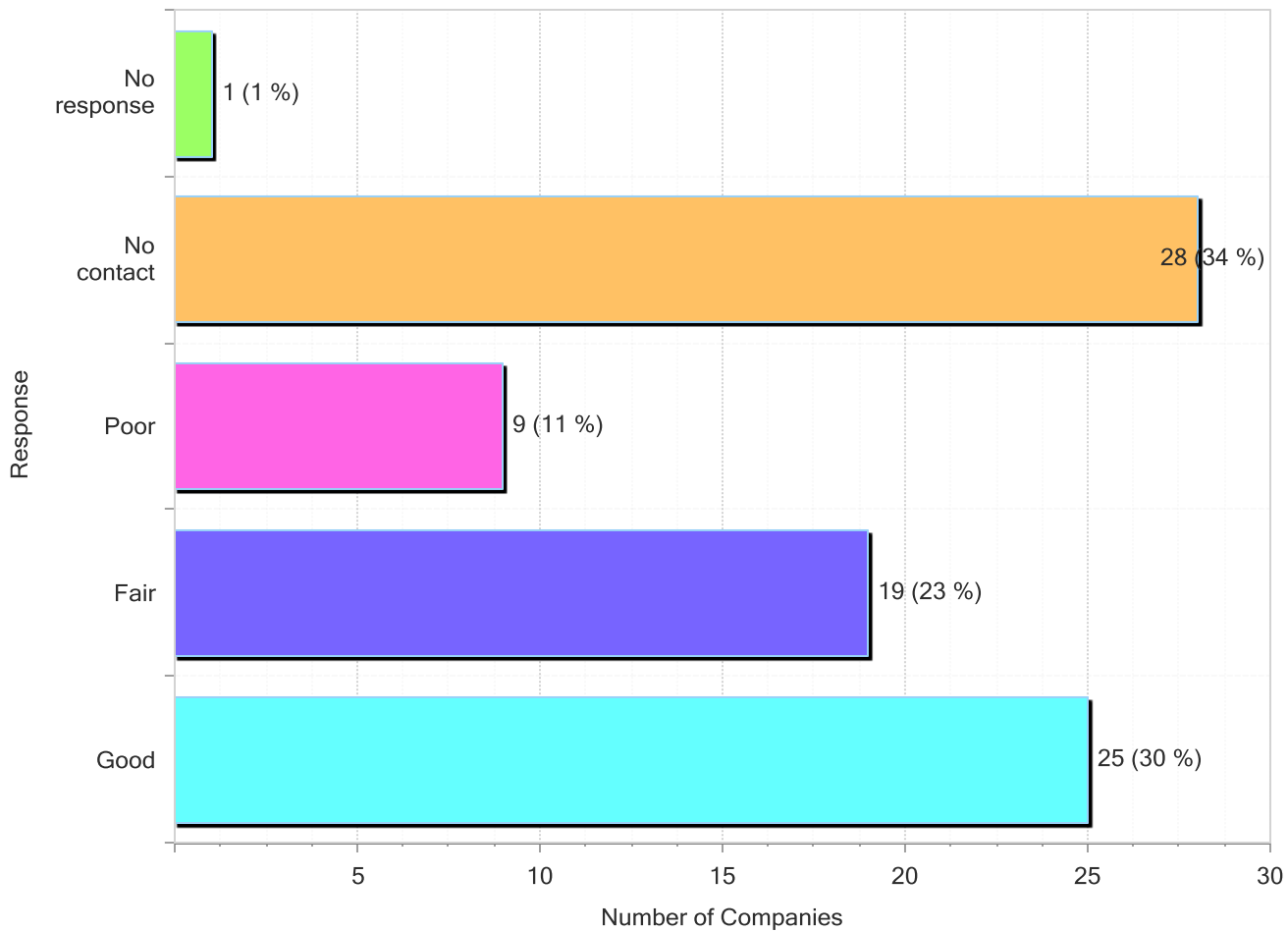
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No response	5	6.1%
No contact	44	53.7%
Poor	8	9.8%
Fair	6	7.3%
Good	15	18.3%
Excellent	4	4.9%
Total	82	100.0%

BC4. From the perspective of your business, rate your level of satisfaction with each of the following community services. - Schools (elementary and secondary)



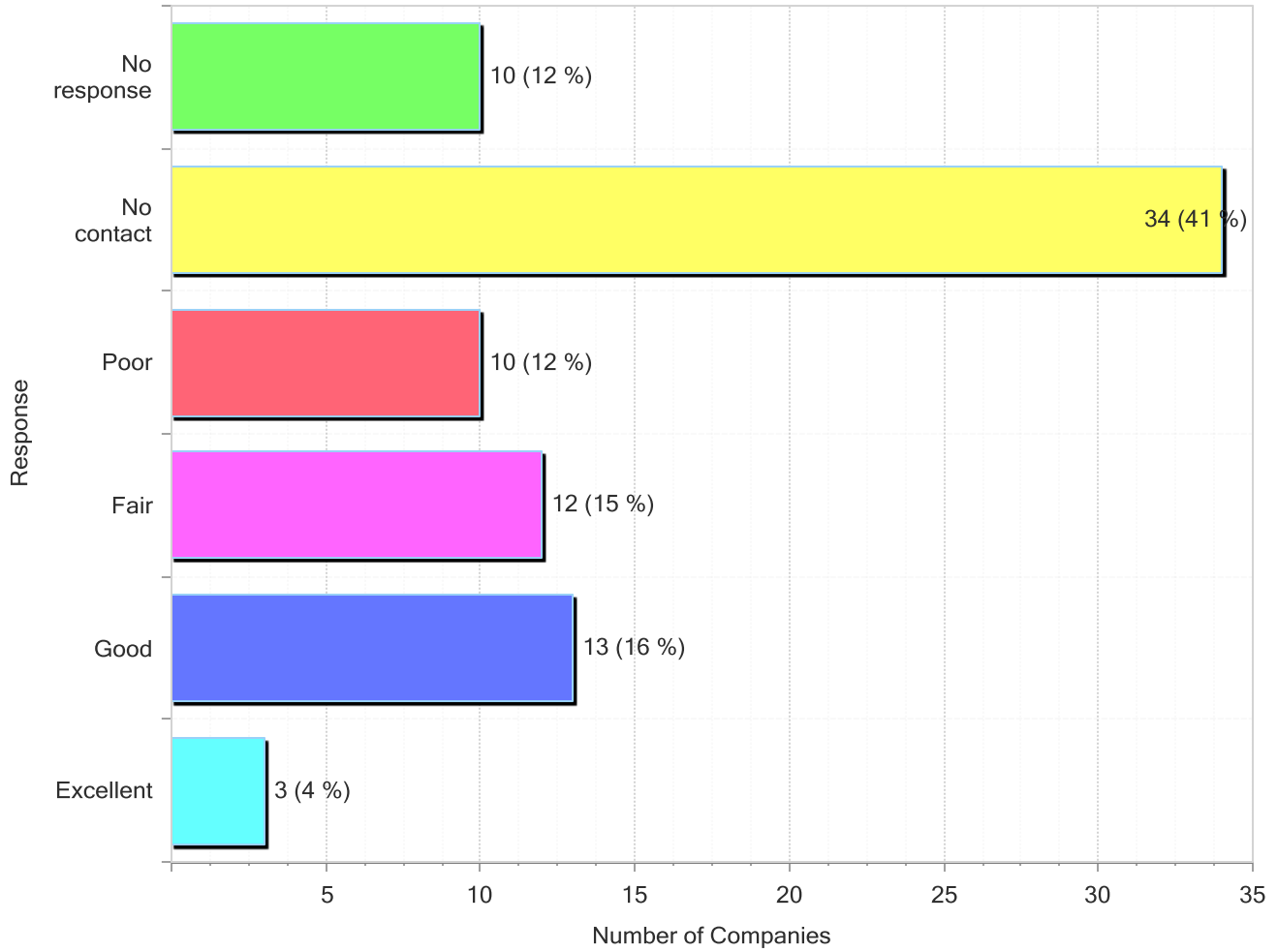
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No response	1	1.2%
No contact	18	22.0%
Fair	2	2.4%
Good	48	58.5%
Excellent	13	15.9%
Total	82	100.0%

BC4. From the perspective of your business, rate your level of satisfaction with each of the following community services. - Post-secondary education (college, university, and private college)



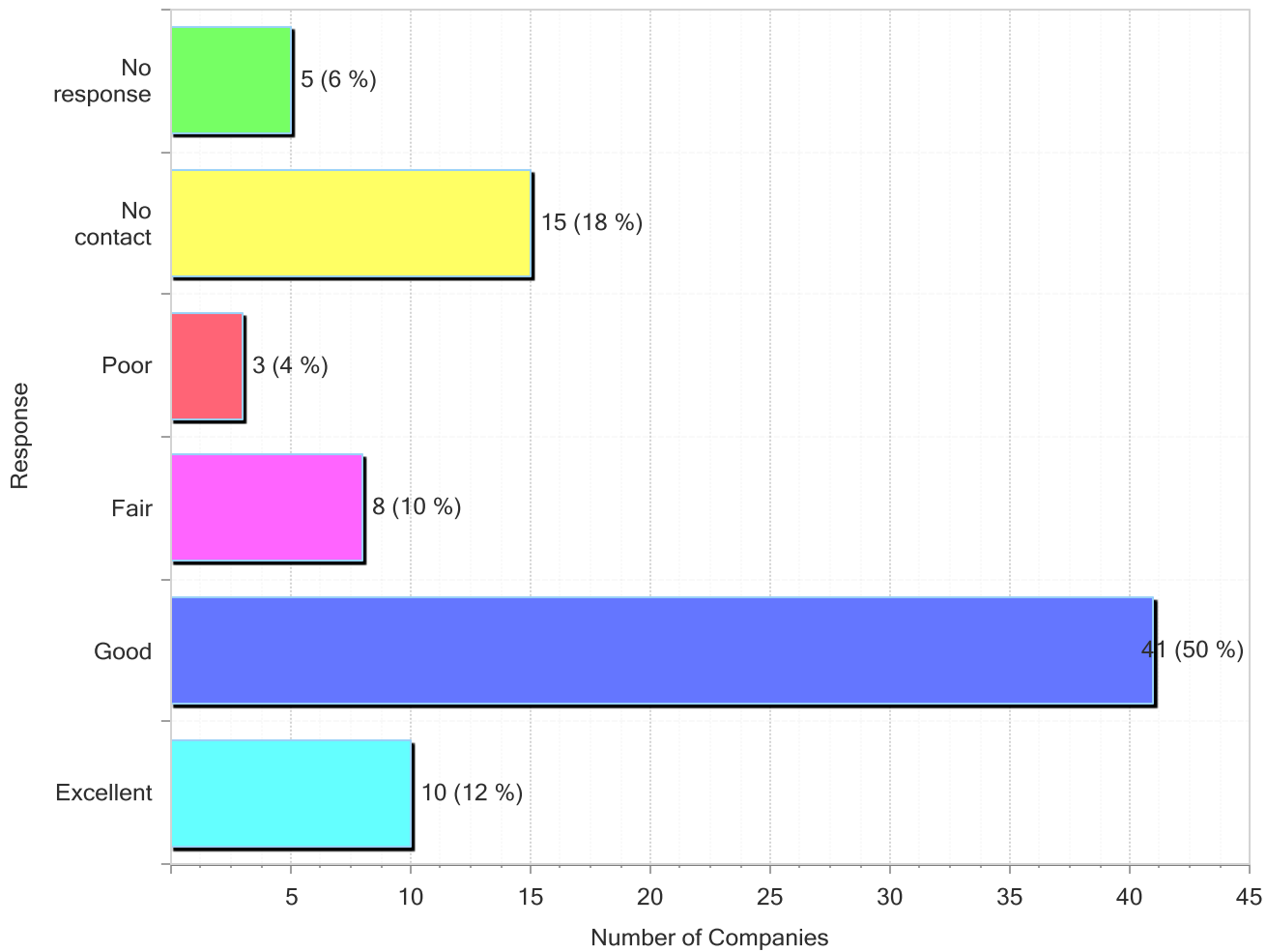
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No response	1	1.2%
No contact	28	34.1%
Poor	9	11.0%
Fair	19	23.2%
Good	25	30.5%
Total	82	100.0%

BC4. From the perspective of your business, rate your level of satisfaction with each of the following community services. - Workforce planning/development board



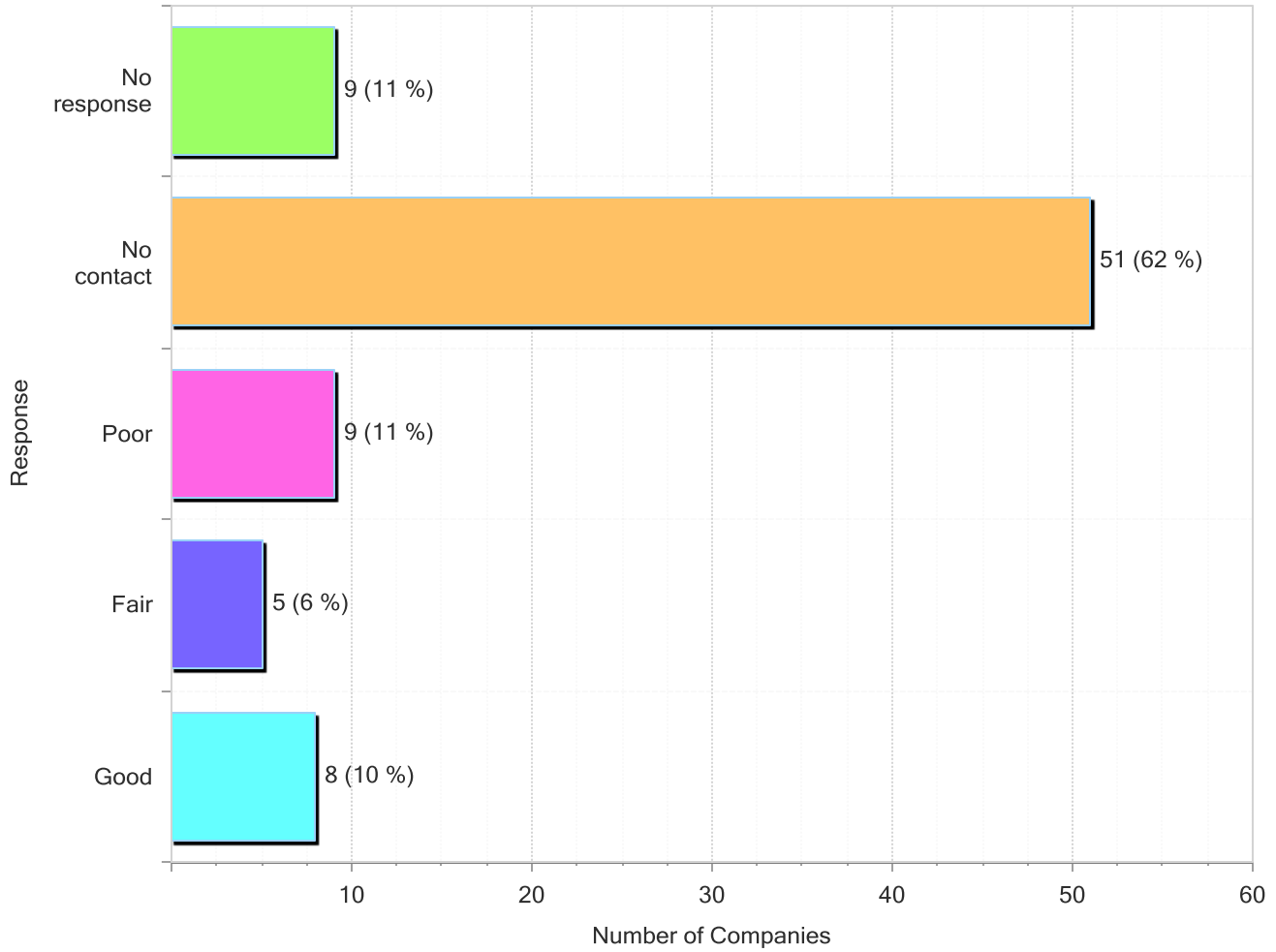
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No response	10	12.2%
No contact	34	41.5%
Poor	10	12.2%
Fair	12	14.6%
Good	13	15.9%
Excellent	3	3.7%
Total	82	100.0%

BC4. From the perspective of your business, rate your level of satisfaction with each of the following community services. - Chamber of Commerce/Board of Trade



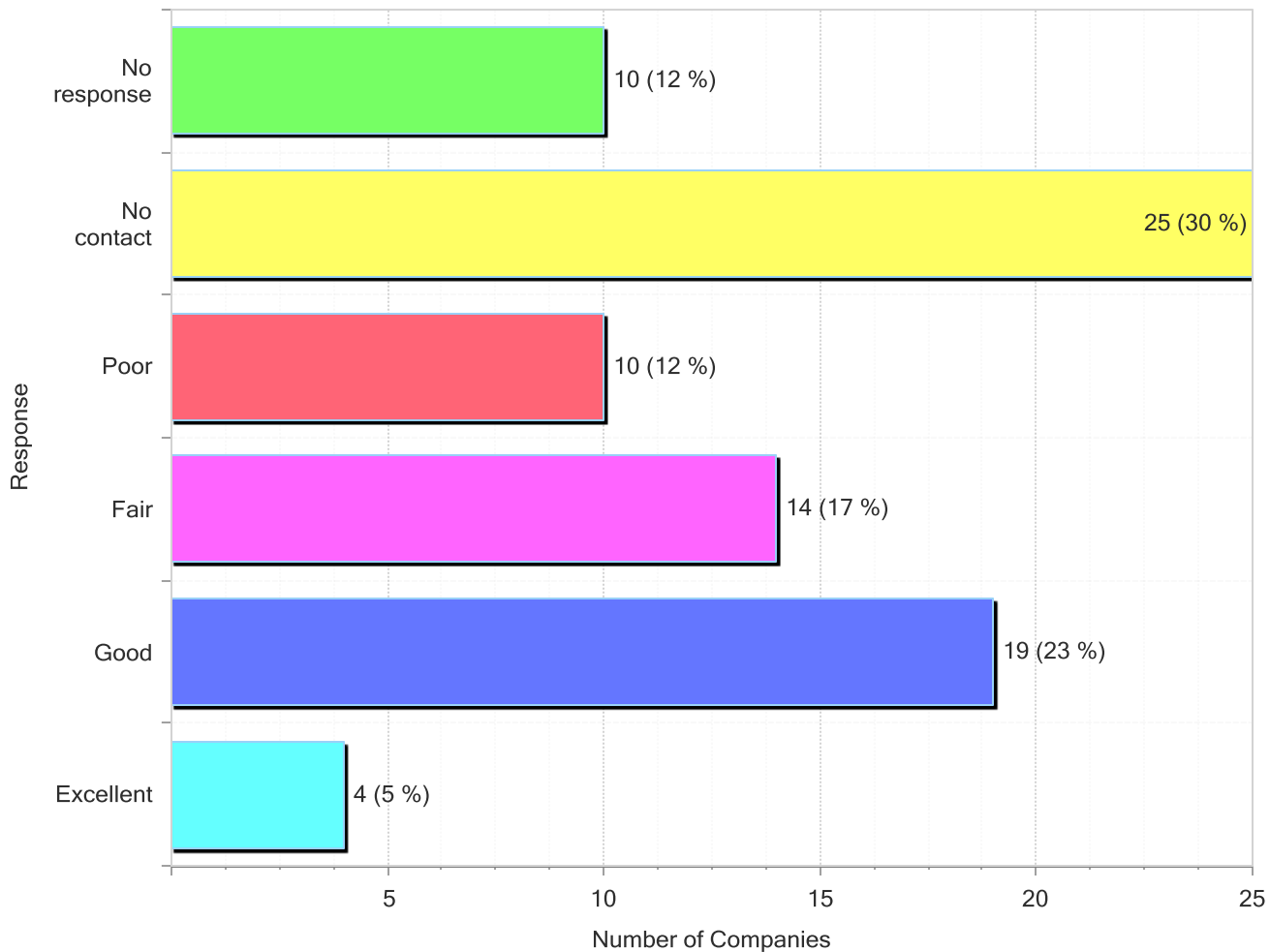
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No contact	15	18.3%
Poor	3	3.7%
Fair	8	9.8%
Good	41	50.0%
Excellent	10	12.2%
Total	82	100.0%

BC4. From the perspective of your business, rate your level of satisfaction with each of the following community services. - Business Improvement Area (BIA)



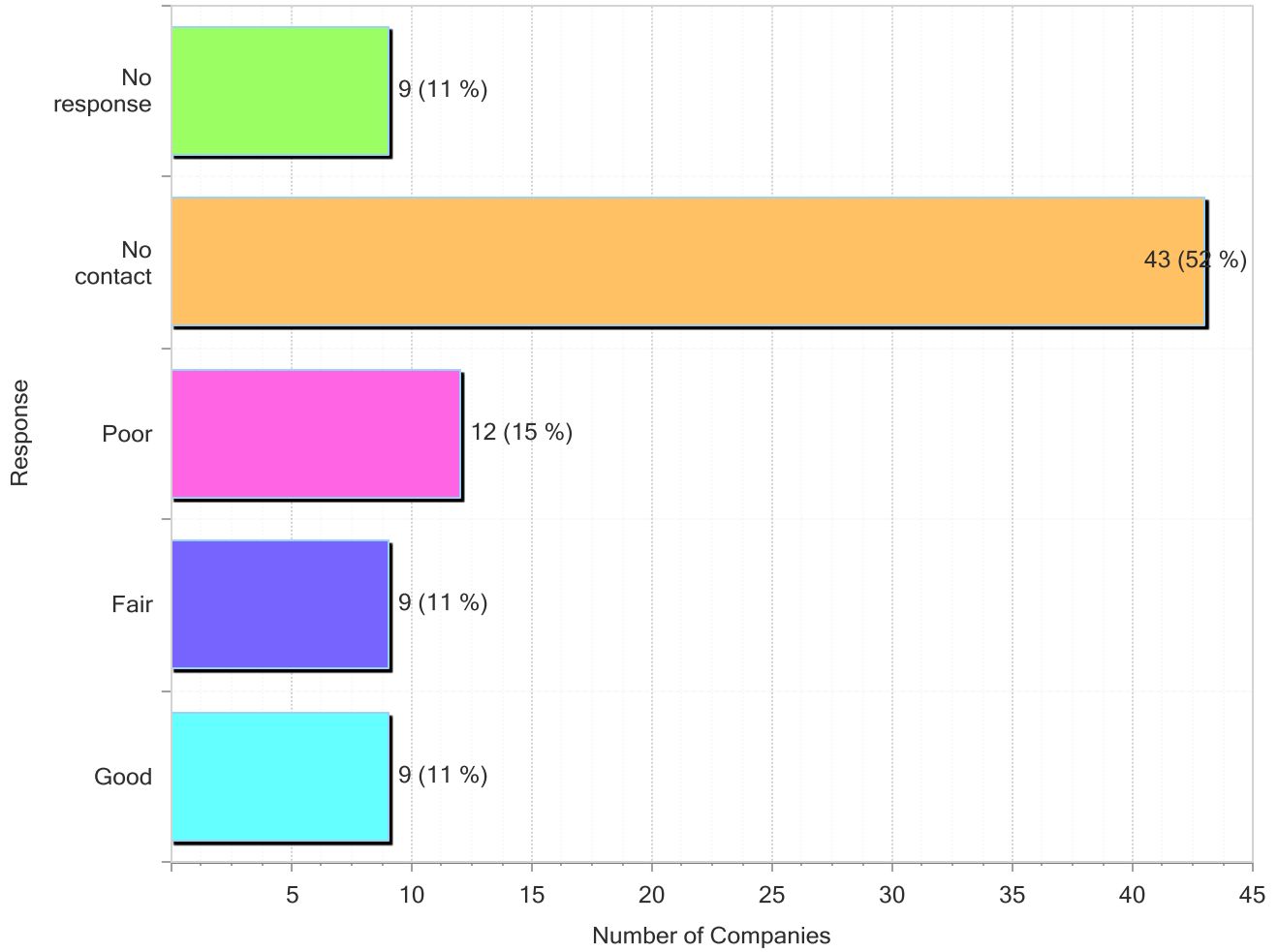
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
No response	9	11.0%
No contact	51	62.2%
Poor	9	11.0%
Fair	5	6.1%
Good	8	9.8%
Total	82	100.0%

BC4. From the perspective of your business, rate your level of satisfaction with each of the following community services. - Community Futures Development Corporation (CFDC)



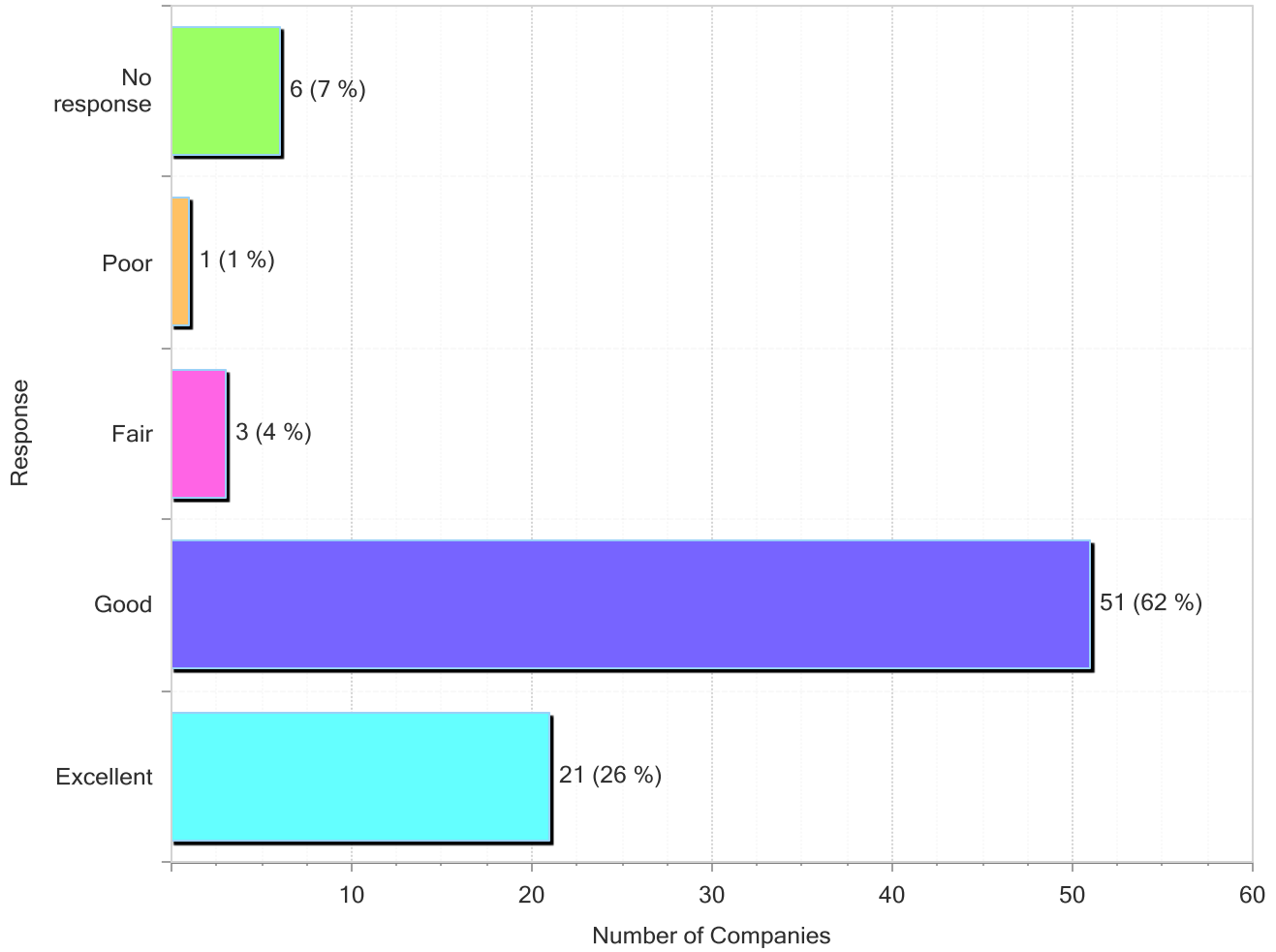
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No contact	25	30.5%
Poor	10	12.2%
Fair	14	17.1%
Good	19	23.2%
Excellent	4	4.9%
Total	82	100.0%

BC4. From the perspective of your business, rate your level of satisfaction with each of the following community services. - Small Business Enterprise Centre



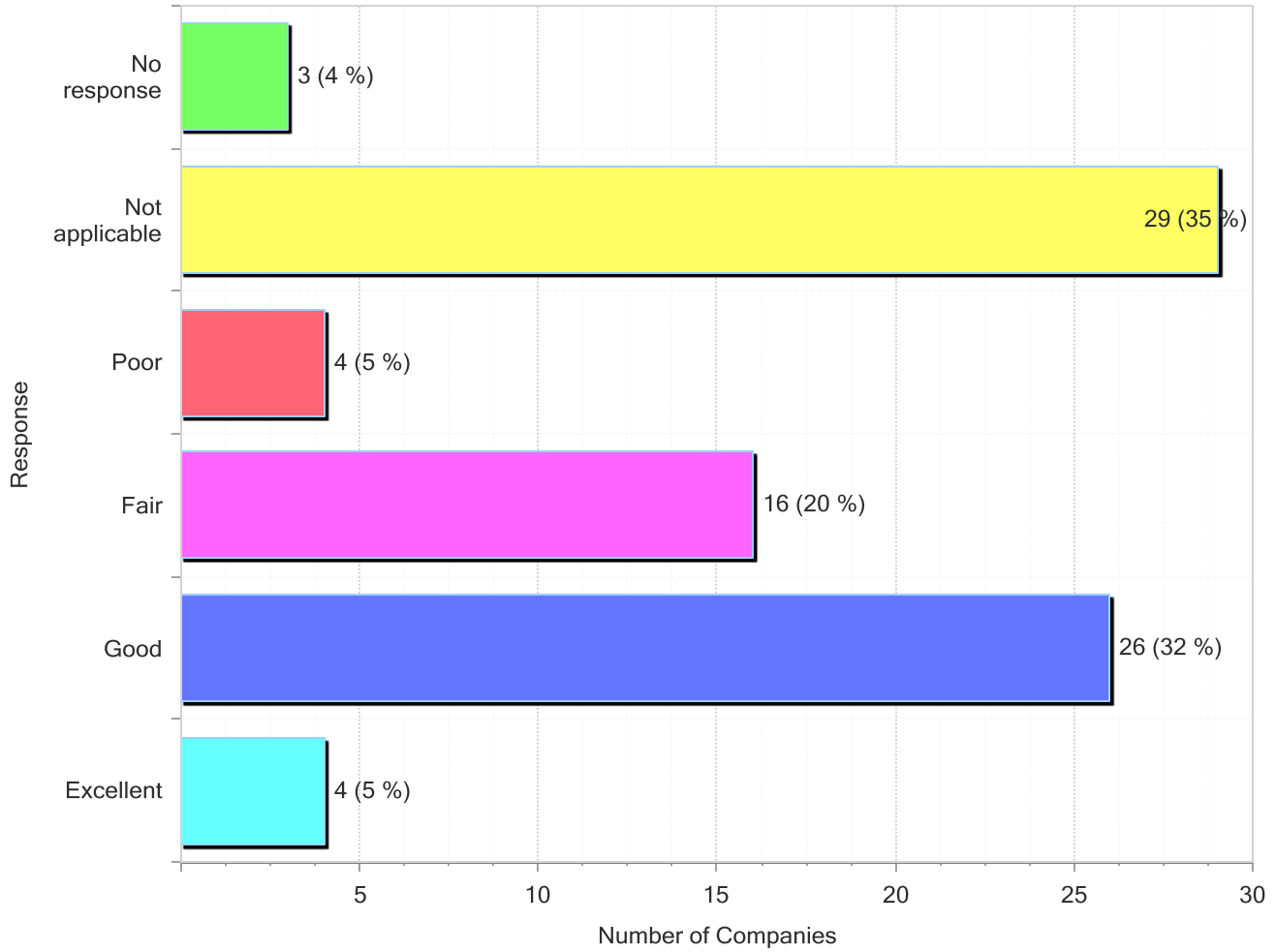
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No response	9	11.0%
No contact	43	52.4%
Poor	12	14.6%
Fair	9	11.0%
Good	9	11.0%
Total	82	100.0%

BC4. From the perspective of your business, rate your level of satisfaction with each of the following community services. - Other



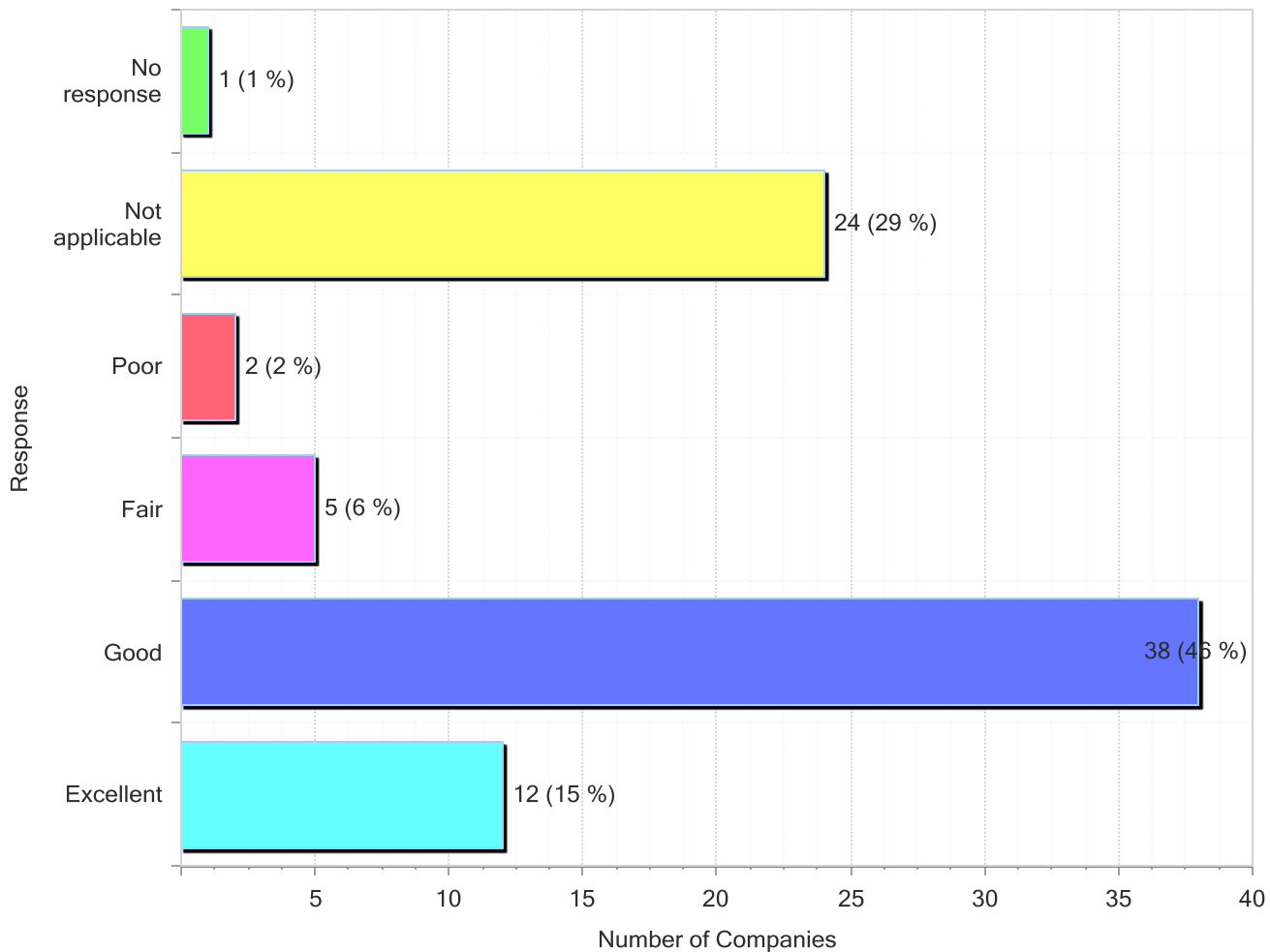
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No response	6	7.3%
Poor	1	1.2%
Fair	3	3.7%
Good	51	62.2%
Excellent	21	25.6%
Total	82	100.0%

BC4. From the perspective of your business, rate your level of satisfaction with each of the following community services. - Planning, engineering, zoning and building permits



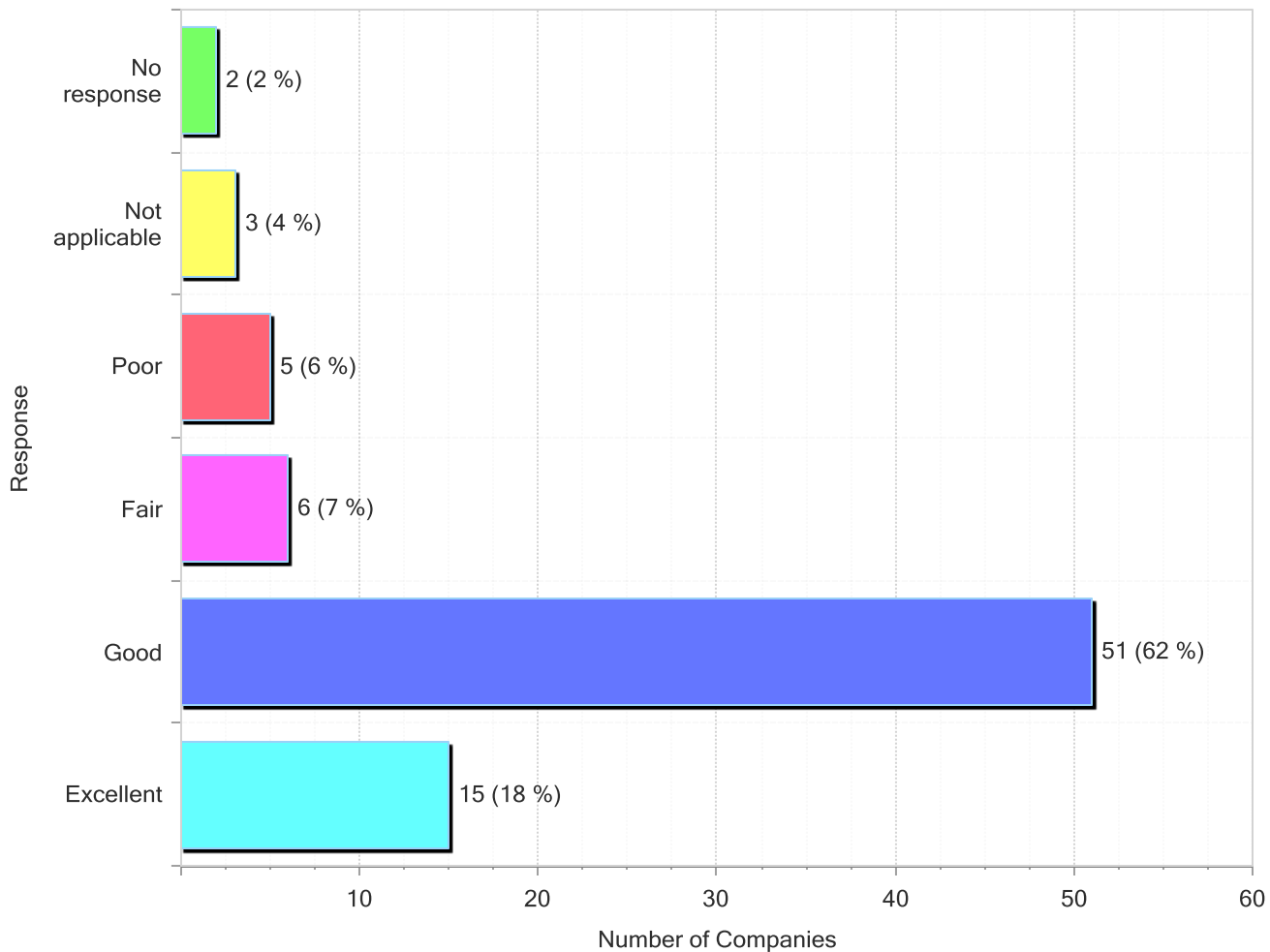
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No response	3	3.7%
Not applicable	29	35.4%
Poor	4	4.9%
Fair	16	19.5%
Good	26	31.7%
Excellent	4	4.9%
Total	82	100.0%

BC4. From the perspective of your business, rate your level of satisfaction with each of the following community services. - Health department/health unit approvals



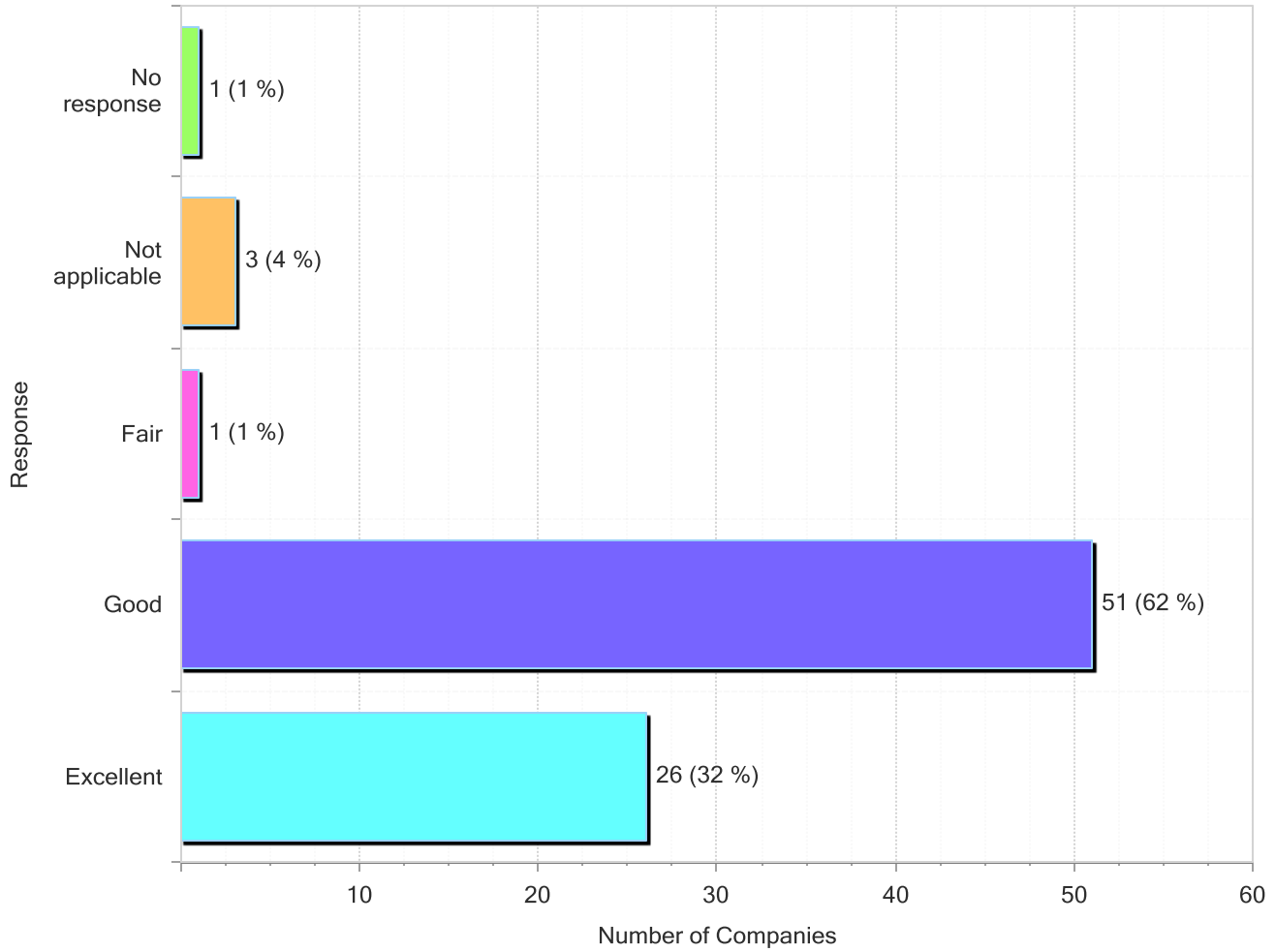
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No response	1	1.2%
Not applicable	24	29.3%
Poor	2	2.4%
Fair	5	6.1%
Good	38	46.3%
Excellent	12	14.6%
Total	82	100.0%

BC4. From the perspective of your business, rate your level of satisfaction with each of the following community services. - Police services



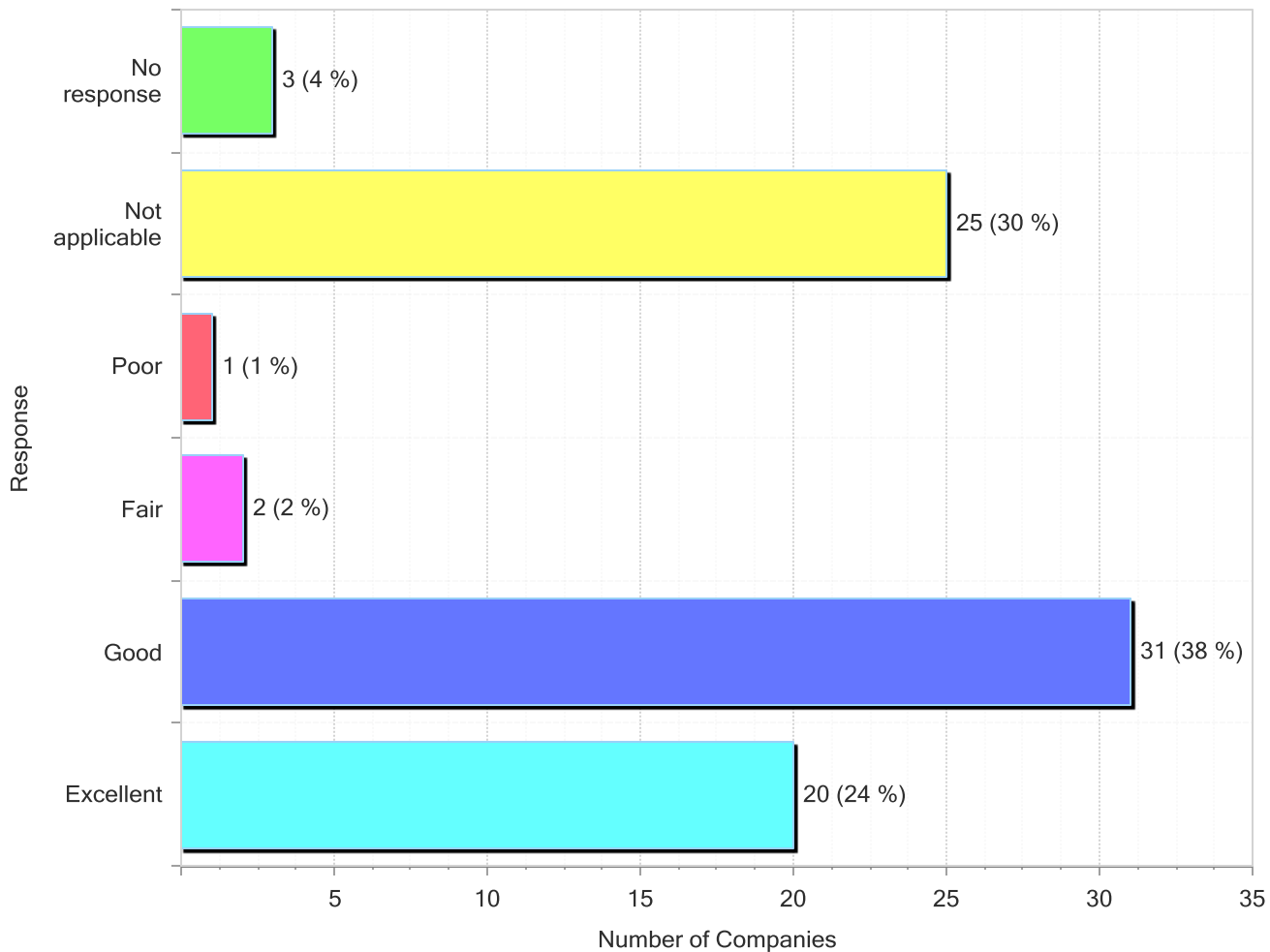
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No response	2	2.4%
Not applicable	3	3.7%
Poor	5	6.1%
Fair	6	7.3%
Good	51	62.2%
Excellent	15	18.3%
Total	82	100.0%

BC4. From the perspective of your business, rate your level of satisfaction with each of the following community services. - Fire services



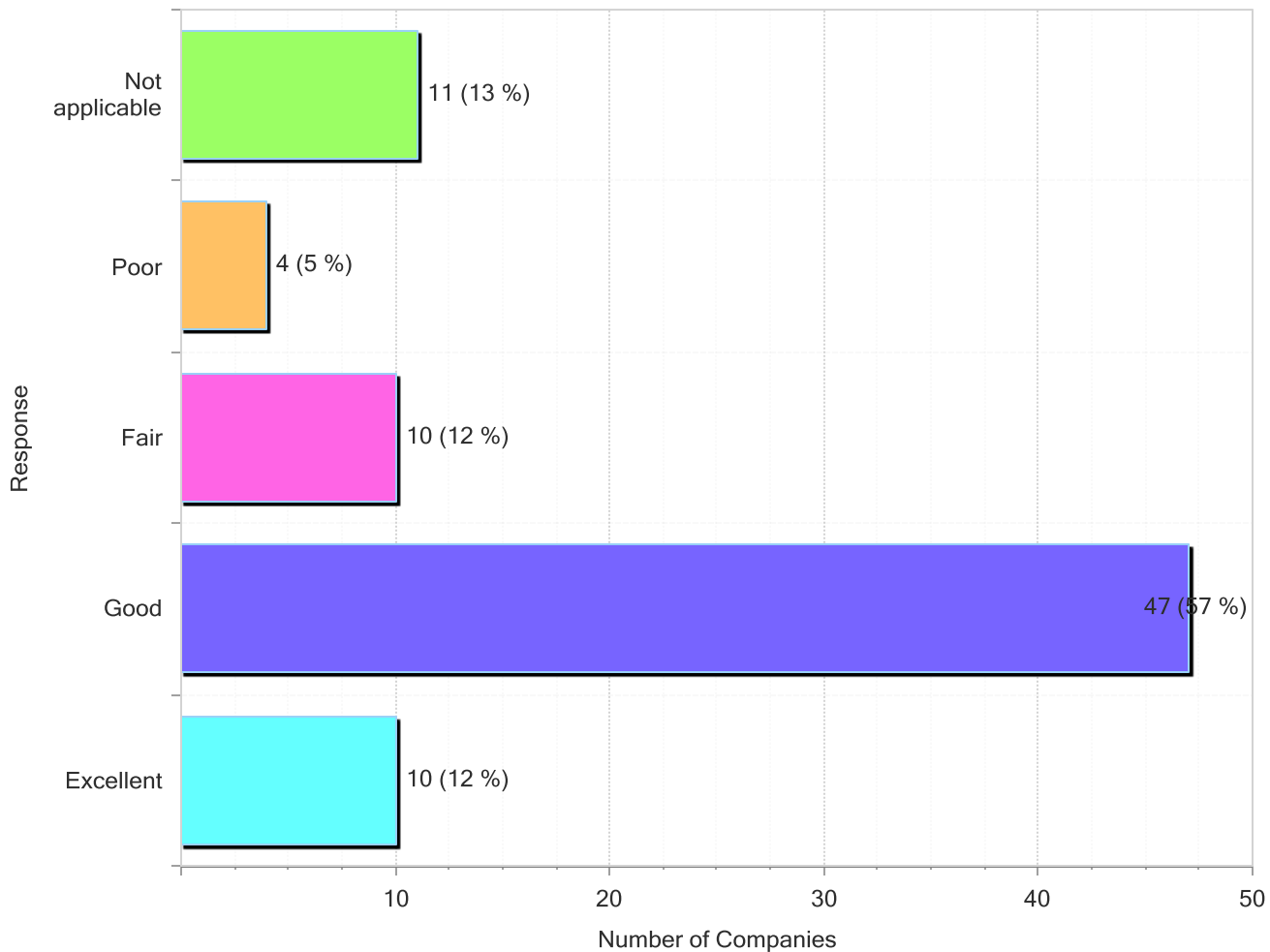
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No response	1	1.2%
Not applicable	3	3.7%
Fair	1	1.2%
Good	51	62.2%
Excellent	26	31.7%
Total	82	100.0%

BC4. From the perspective of your business, rate your level of satisfaction with each of the following community services. - Library services



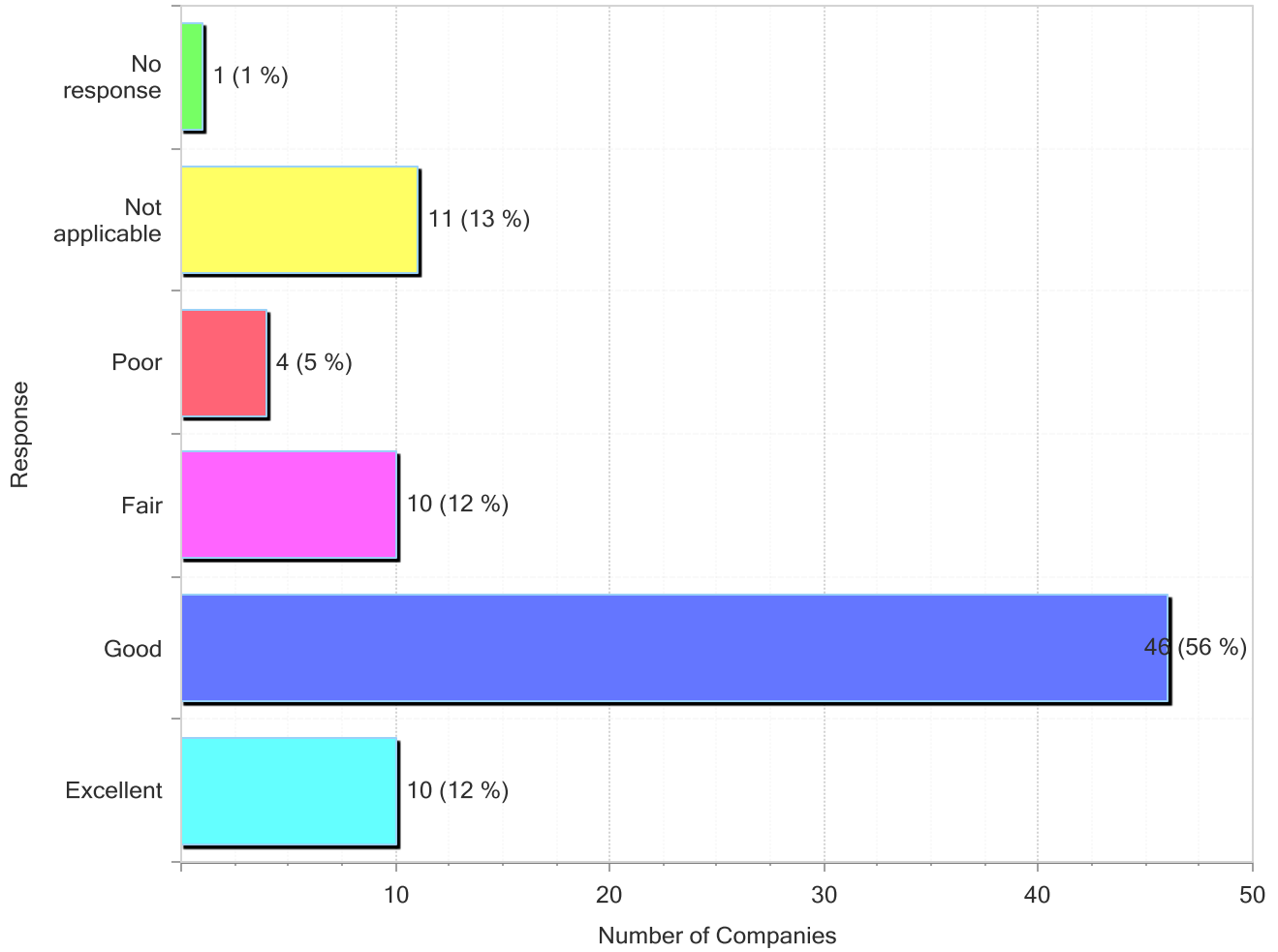
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No response	3	3.7%
Not applicable	25	30.5%
Poor	1	1.2%
Fair	2	2.4%
Good	31	37.8%
Excellent	20	24.4%
Total	82	100.0%

BC4. From the perspective of your business, rate your level of satisfaction with each of the following community services. - Recreation facilities



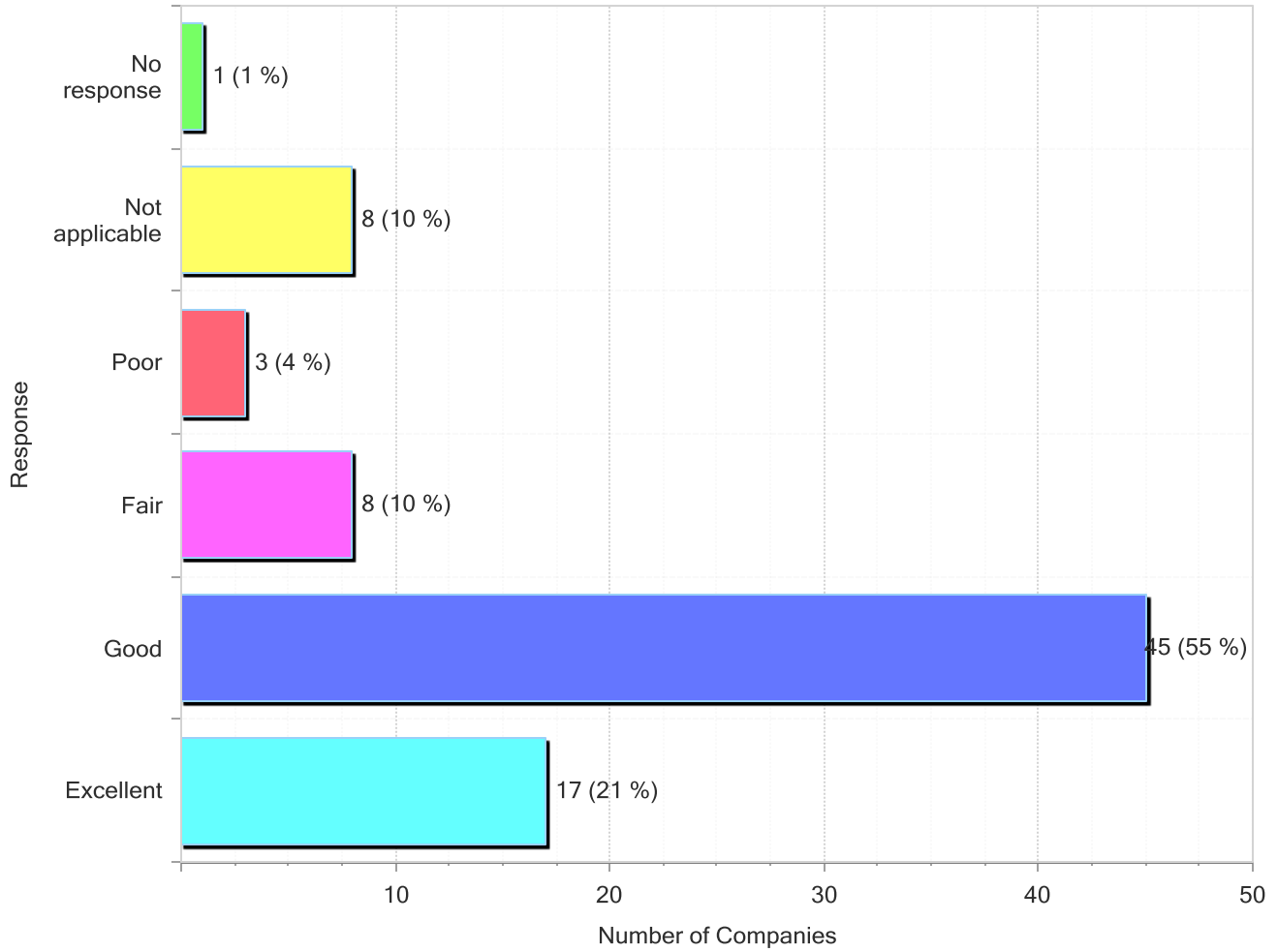
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Not applicable	11	13.4%
Poor	4	4.9%
Fair	10	12.2%
Good	47	57.3%
Excellent	10	12.2%
Total	82	100.0%

BC4. From the perspective of your business, rate your level of satisfaction with each of the following community services. - Cultural facilities



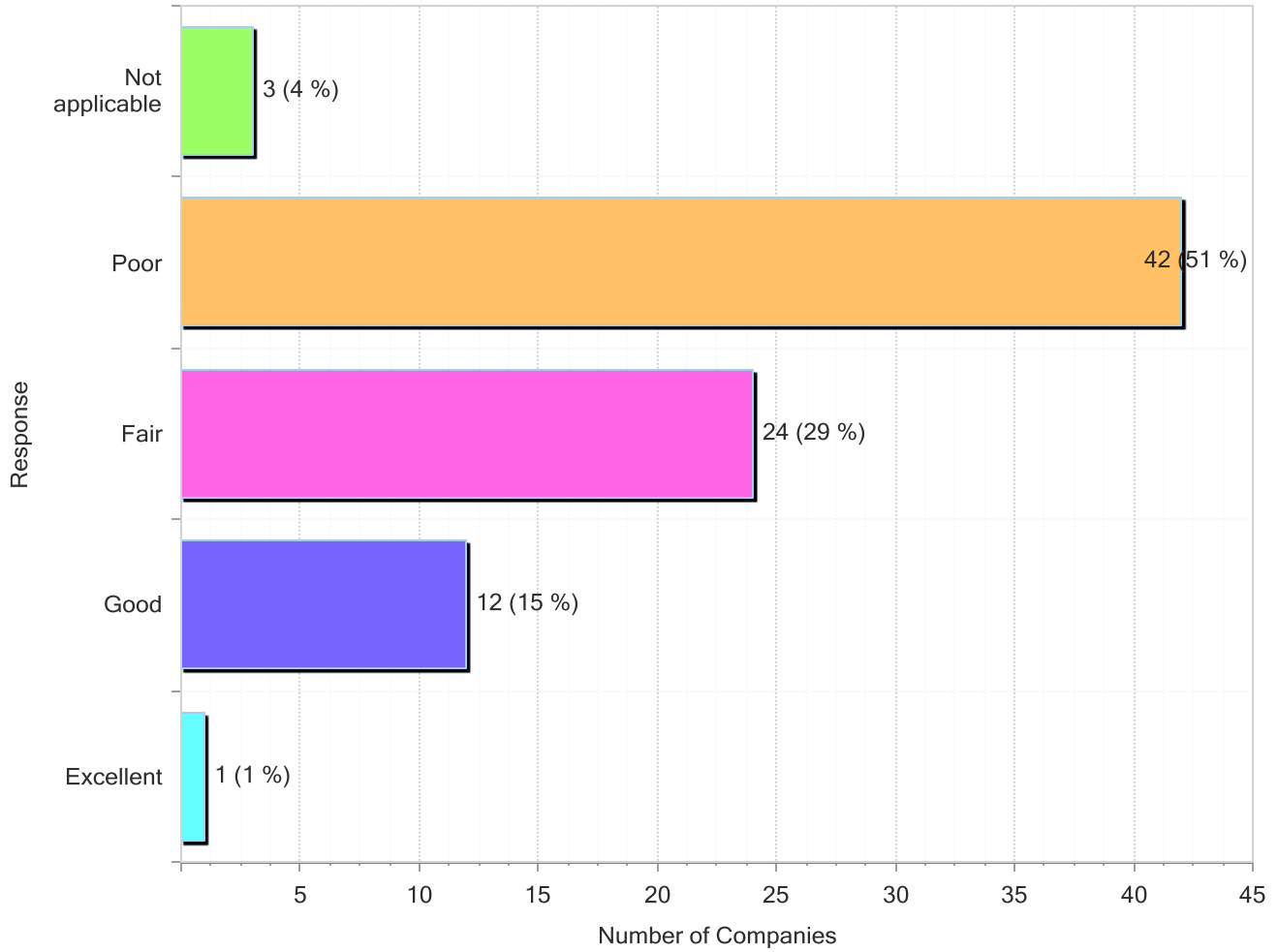
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No response	1	1.2%
Not applicable	11	13.4%
Poor	4	4.9%
Fair	10	12.2%
Good	46	56.1%
Excellent	10	12.2%
Total	82	100.0%

BC4. From the perspective of your business, rate your level of satisfaction with each of the following community services. - Parks and open spaces



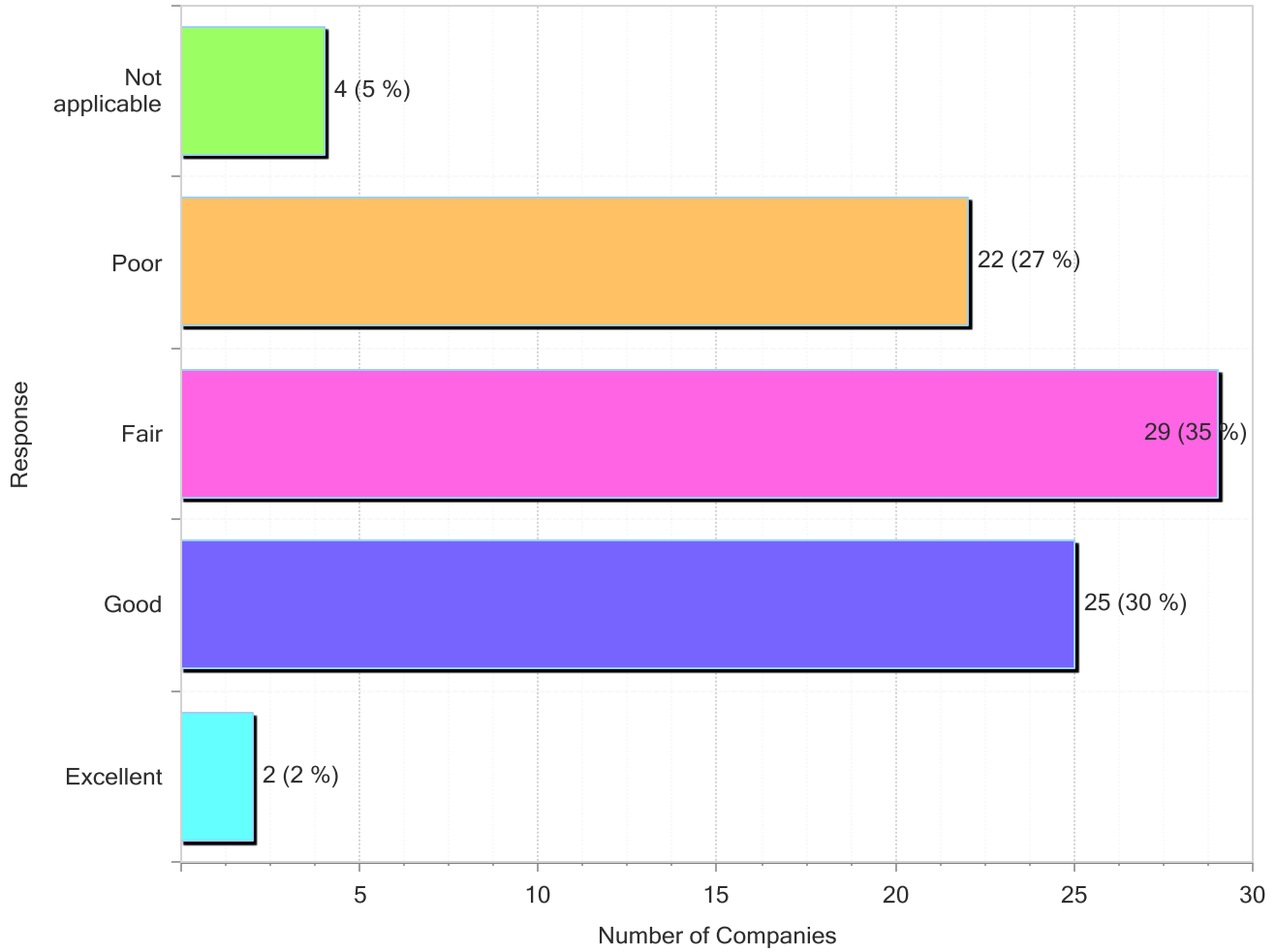
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No response	1	1.2%
Not applicable	8	9.8%
Poor	3	3.7%
Fair	8	9.8%
Good	45	54.9%
Excellent	17	20.7%
Total	82	100.0%

BC4. From the perspective of your business, rate your level of satisfaction with each of the following community services. - Street/road repair



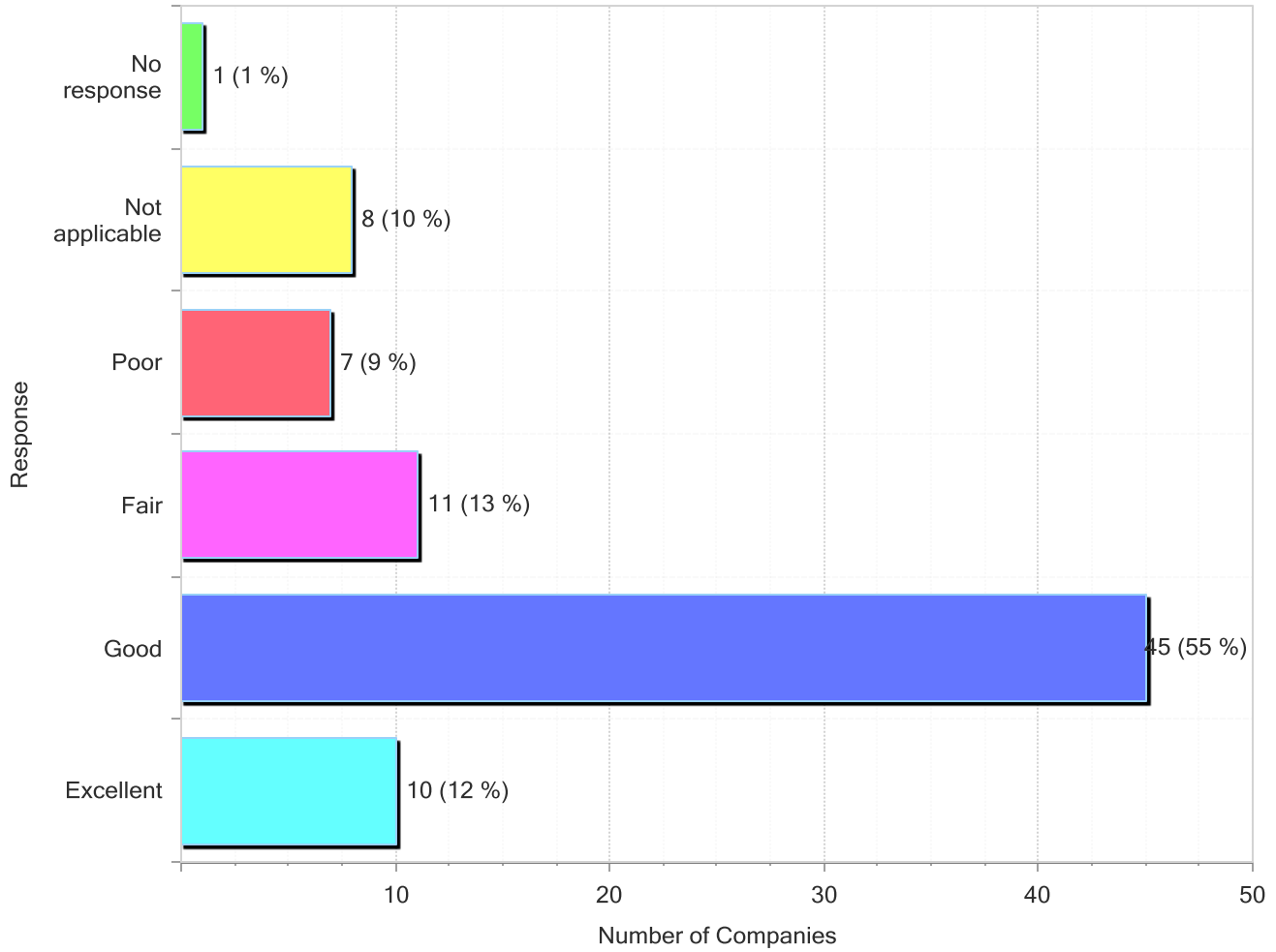
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Not applicable	3	3.7%
Poor	42	51.2%
Fair	24	29.3%
Good	12	14.6%
Excellent	1	1.2%
Total	82	100.0%

BC4. From the perspective of your business, rate your level of satisfaction with each of the following community services. - Snow removal



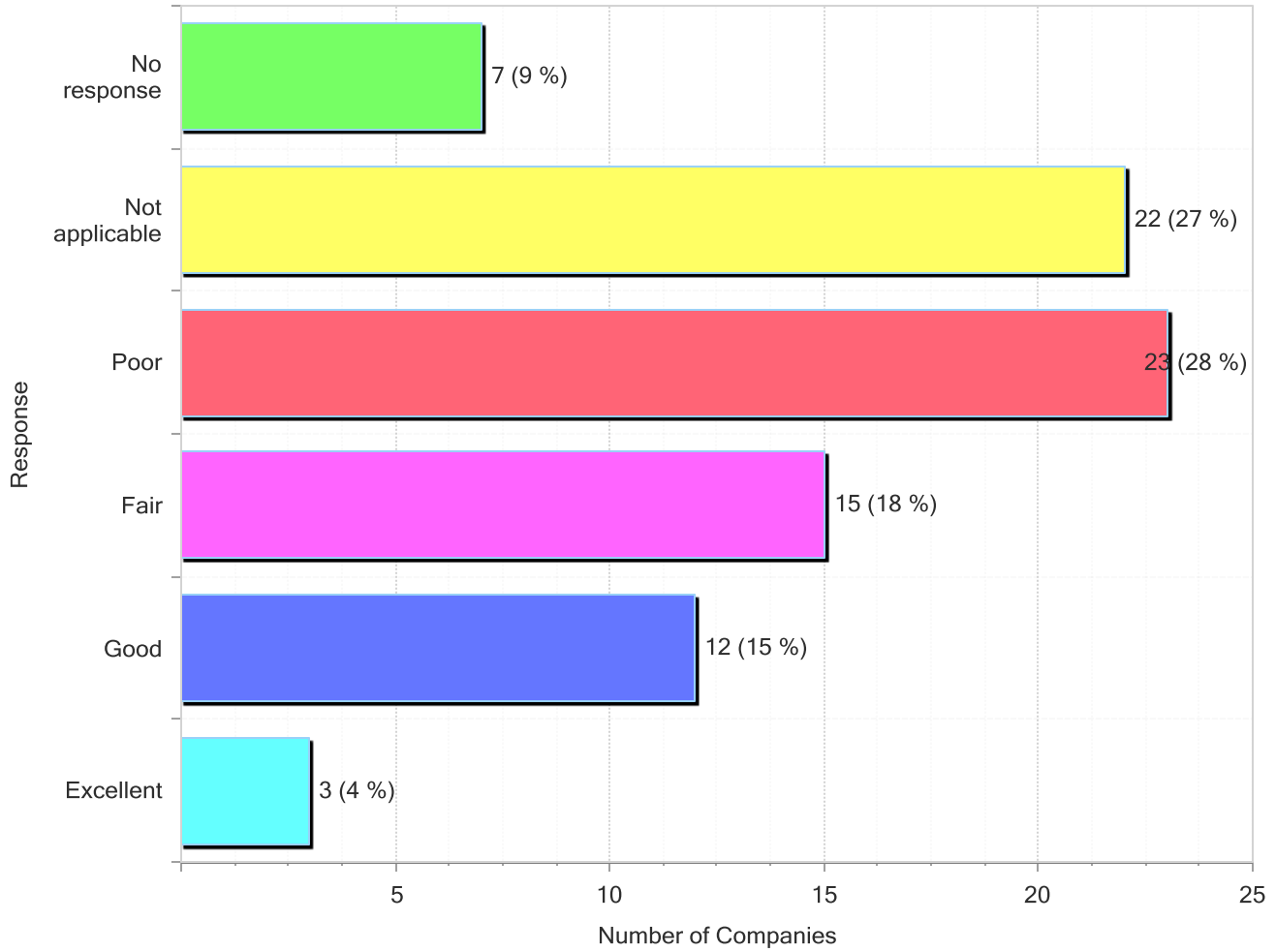
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Not applicable	4	4.9%
Poor	22	26.8%
Fair	29	35.4%
Good	25	30.5%
Excellent	2	2.4%
Total	82	100.0%

BC4. From the perspective of your business, rate your level of satisfaction with each of the following community services. - Garbage/recycling



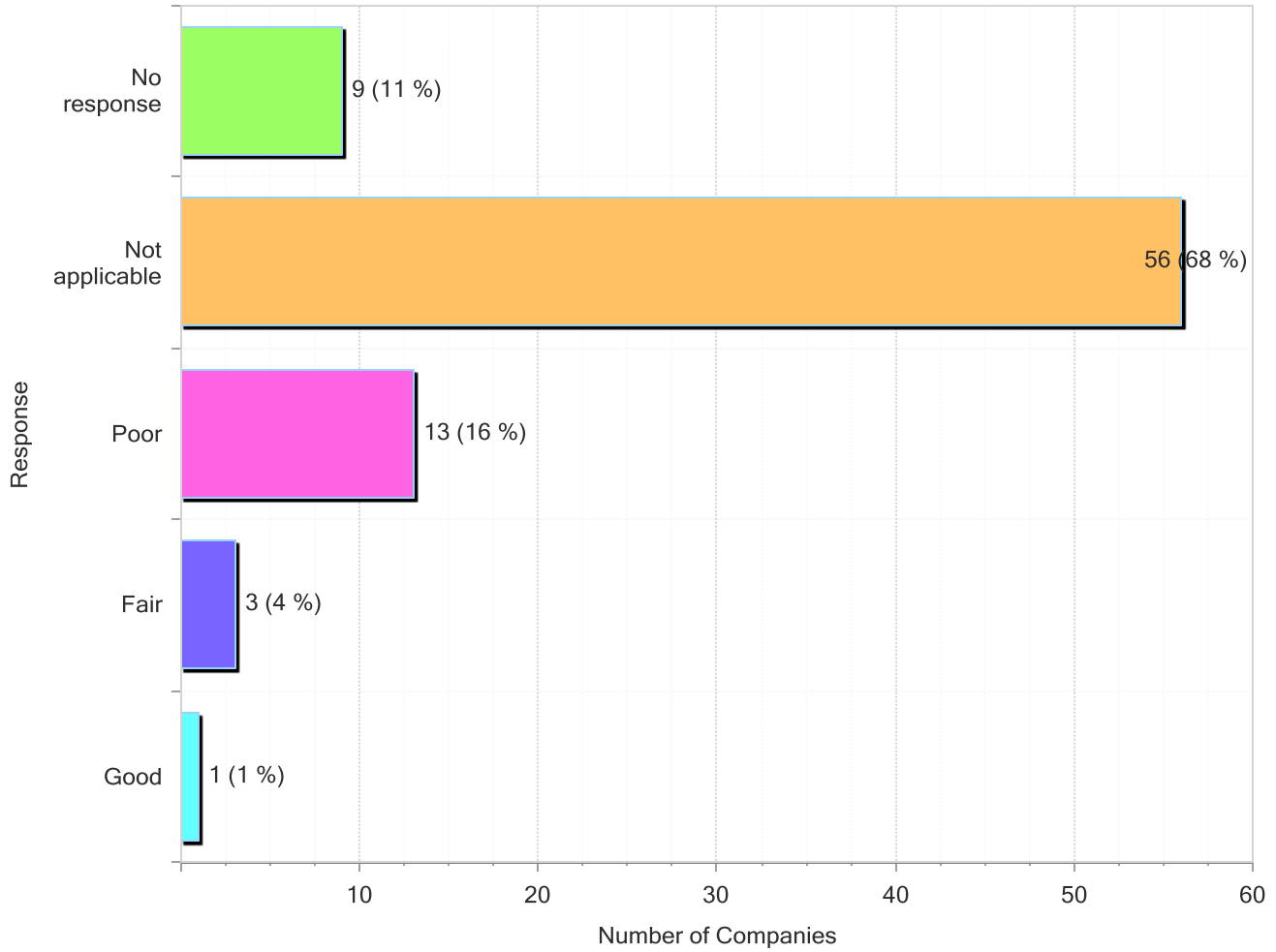
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No response	1	1.2%
Not applicable	8	9.8%
Poor	7	8.5%
Fair	11	13.4%
Good	45	54.9%
Excellent	10	12.2%
Total	82	100.0%

BC4. From the perspective of your business, rate your level of satisfaction with each of the following community services. - Economic development services



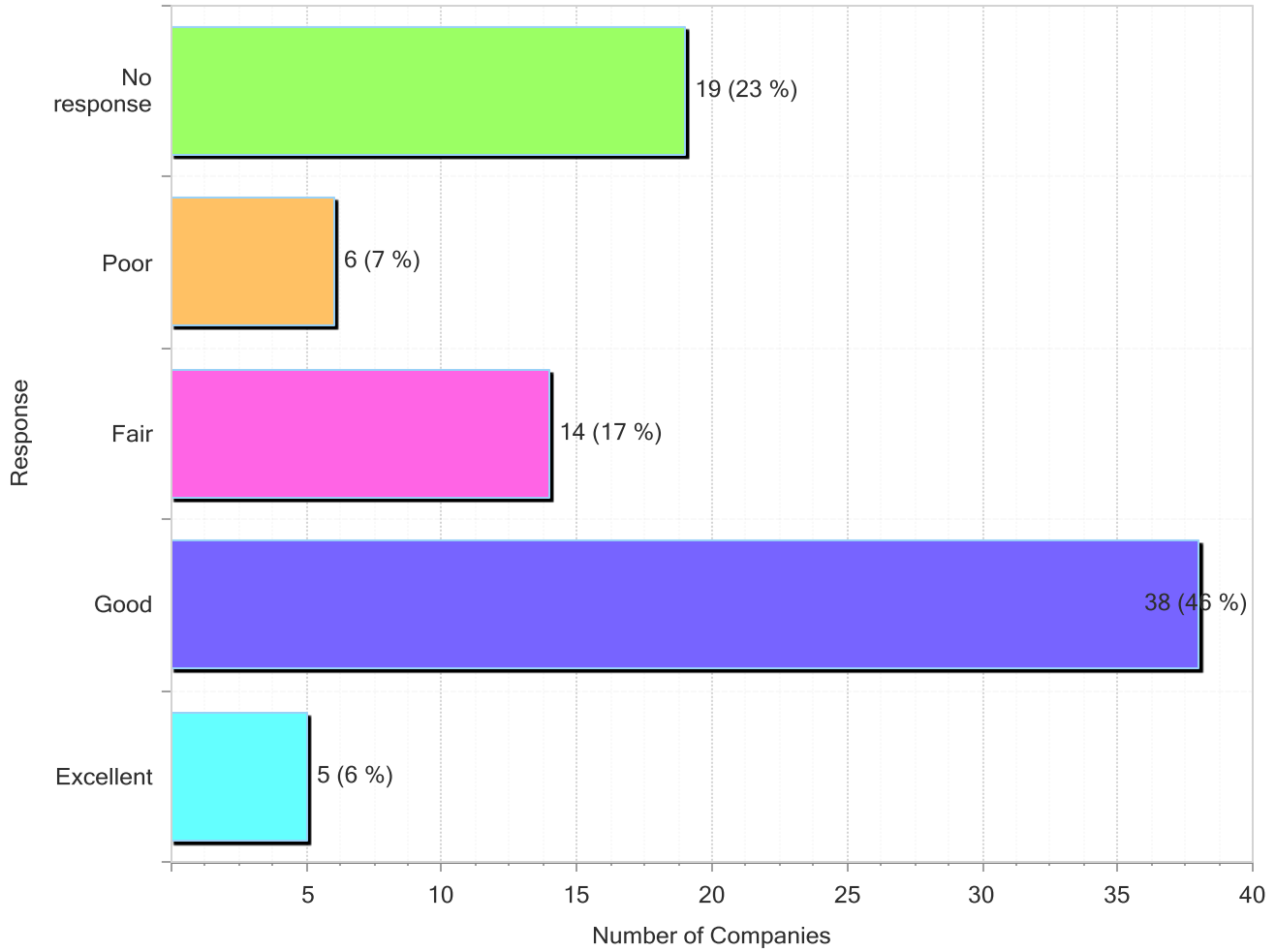
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
No response	7	8.5%
Not applicable	22	26.8%
Poor	23	28.0%
Fair	15	18.3%
Good	12	14.6%
Excellent	3	3.7%
Total	82	100.0%

BC4. From the perspective of your business, rate your level of satisfaction with each of the following community services. - Public transit



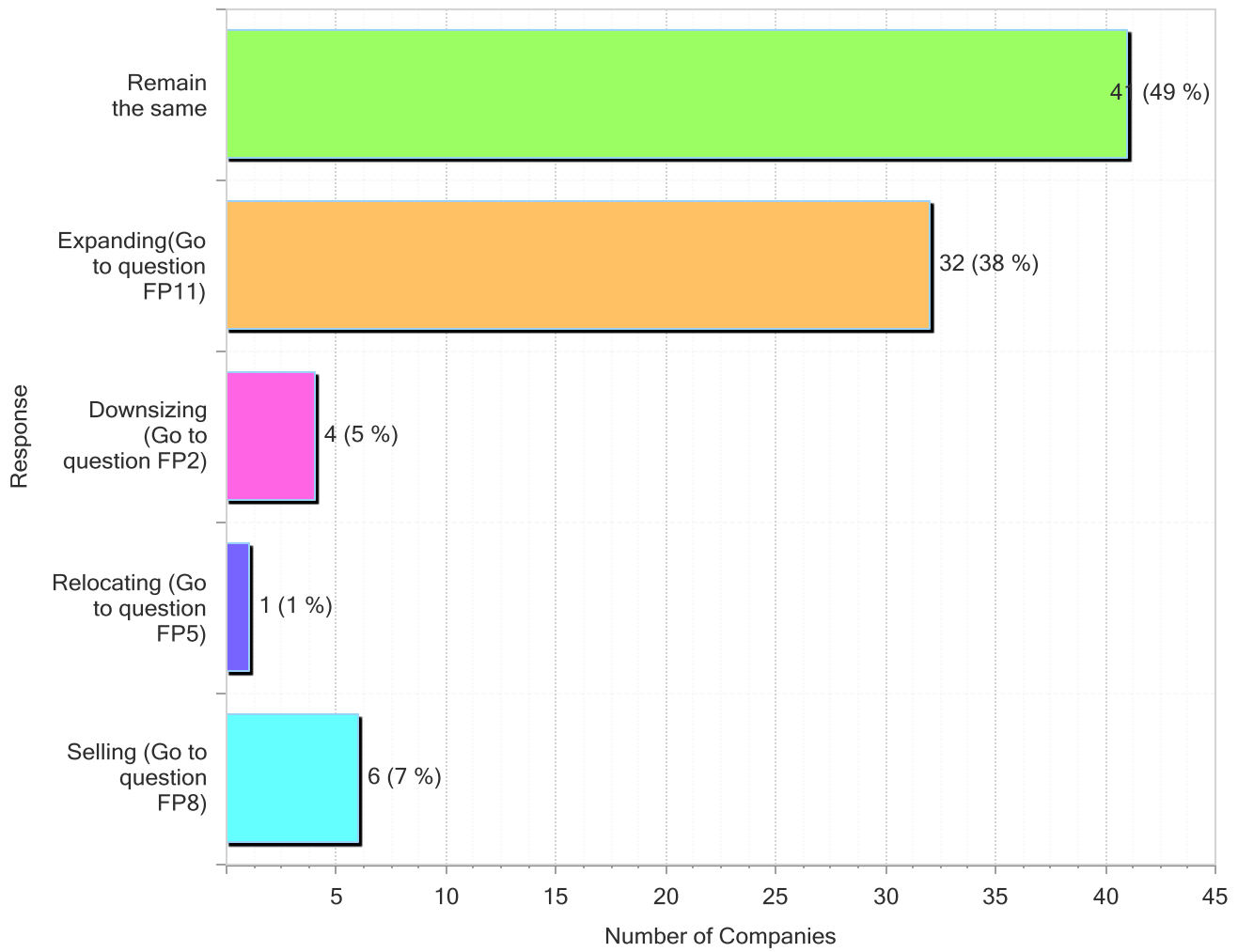
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
No response	9	11.0%
Not applicable	56	68.3%
Poor	13	15.9%
Fair	3	3.7%
Good	1	1.2%
Total	82	100.0%

BC4. From the perspective of your business, rate your level of satisfaction with each of the following community services. - Other



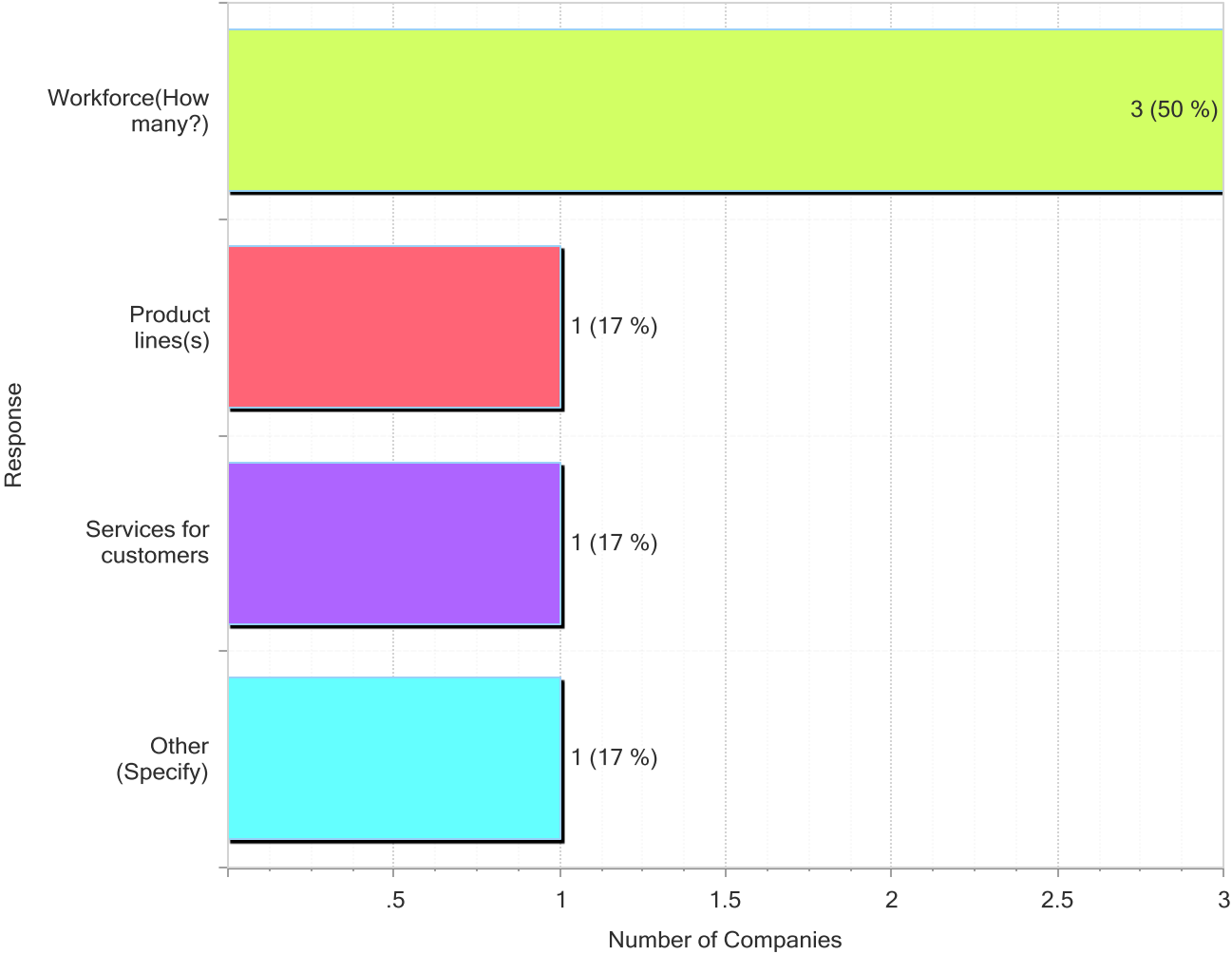
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
No response	19	23.2%
Poor	6	7.3%
Fair	14	17.1%
Good	38	46.3%
Excellent	5	6.1%
Total	82	100.0%

FP1. Within the next 18 months, which do you plan on



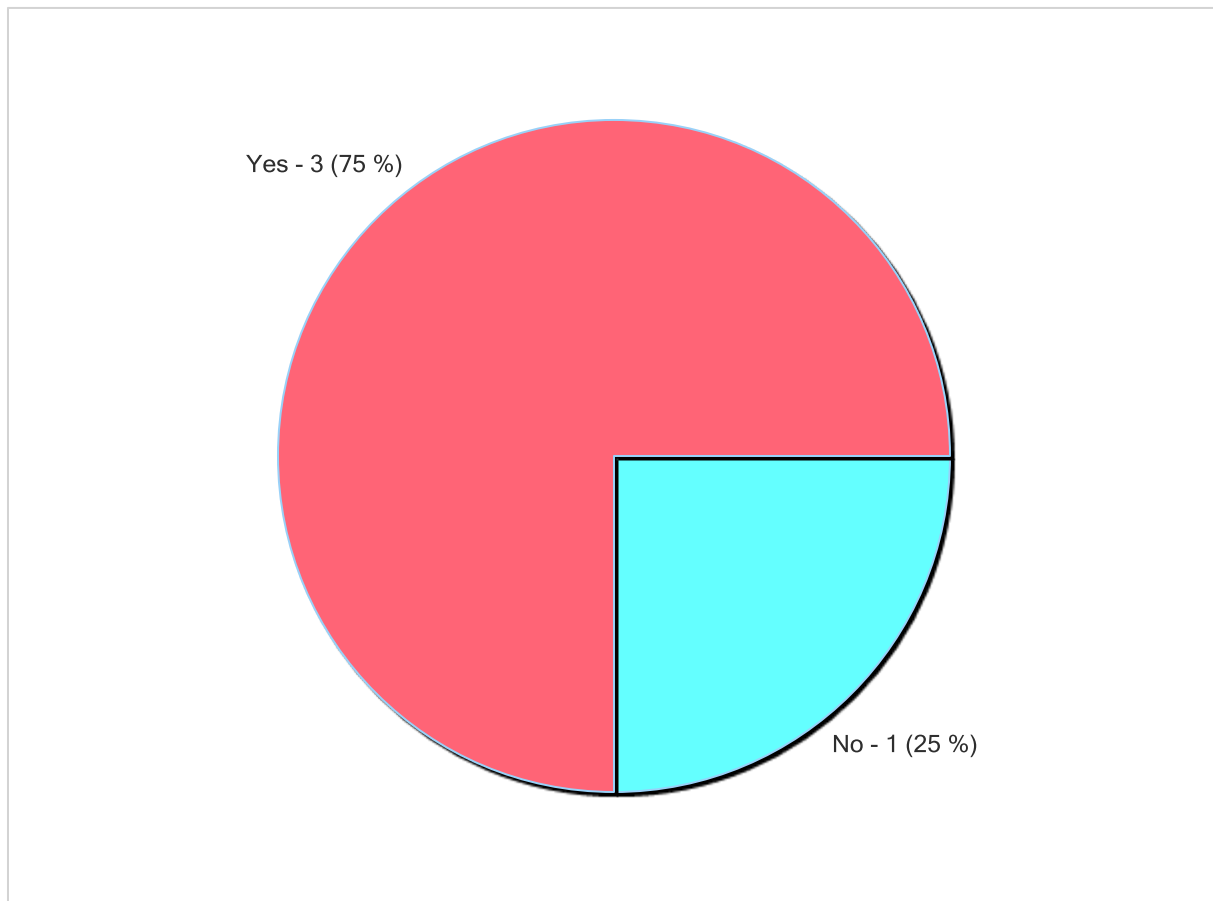
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Remain the same	41	48.8%
Expanding (Go to question FP11)	32	38.1%
Downsizing (Go to question FP2)	4	4.8%
Relocating (Go to question FP5)	1	1.2%
Selling (Go to question FP8)	6	7.1%
Total	84	100.0%

FP3. Will your downsizing lead to a decrease in?



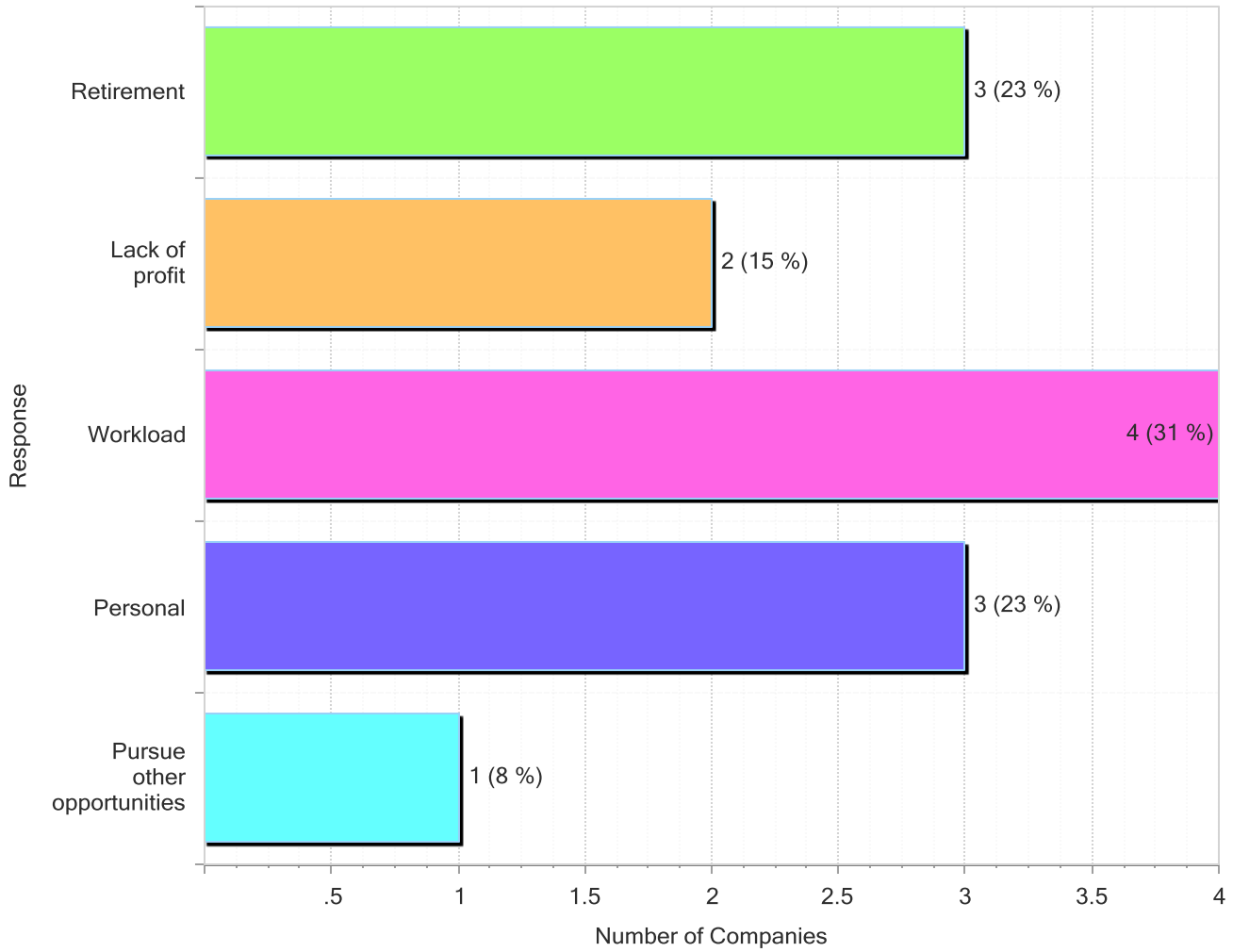
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Workforce(How many?)	3	50.0%
Product lines(s)	1	16.7%
Services for customers	1	16.7%
Other (Specify)	1	16.7%
Total	6	100.0%

FP4. Is there any assistance that could be provided to prevent/limit the downsizing of your business?



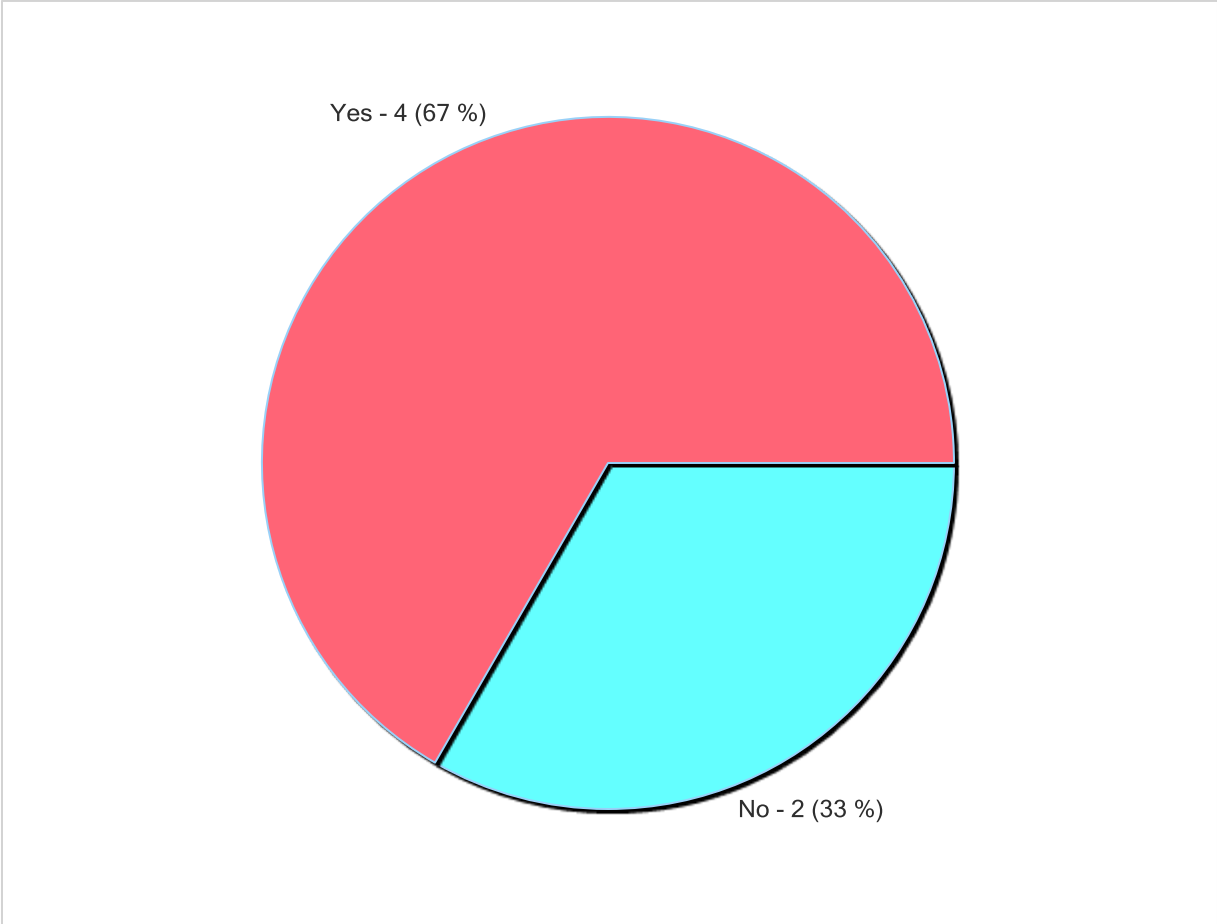
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Yes	3	75.0%
No	1	25.0%
Total	4	100.0%

FP8. Why are you selling your business?



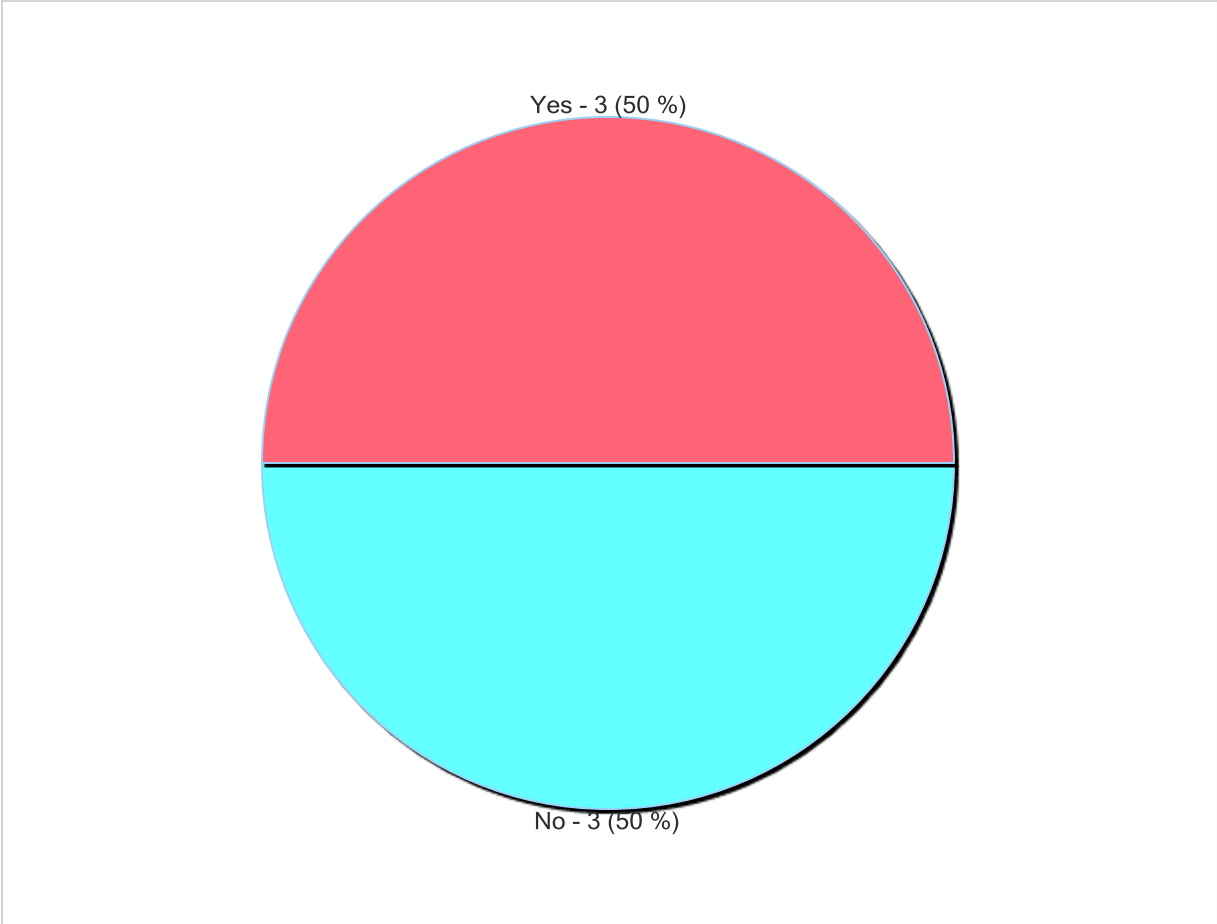
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Retirement	3	23.1%
Lack of profit	2	15.4%
Workload	4	30.8%
Personal	3	23.1%
Pursue other opportunities	1	7.7%
Total	13	100.0%

FP9. Do you have a succession plan for your business?



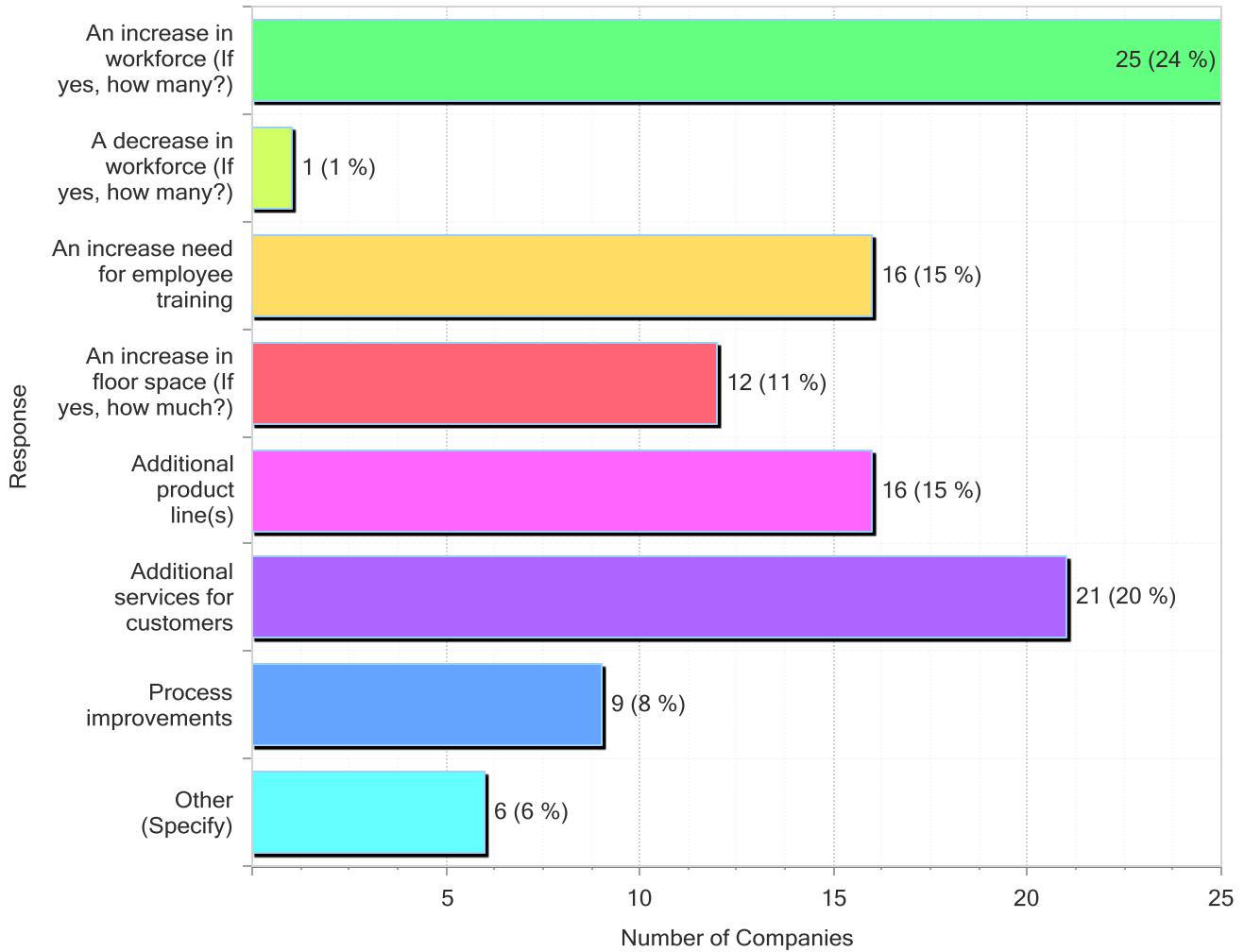
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Yes	4	66.7%
No	2	33.3%
Total	6	100.0%

FP10. Would you like assistance/information on selling your business?



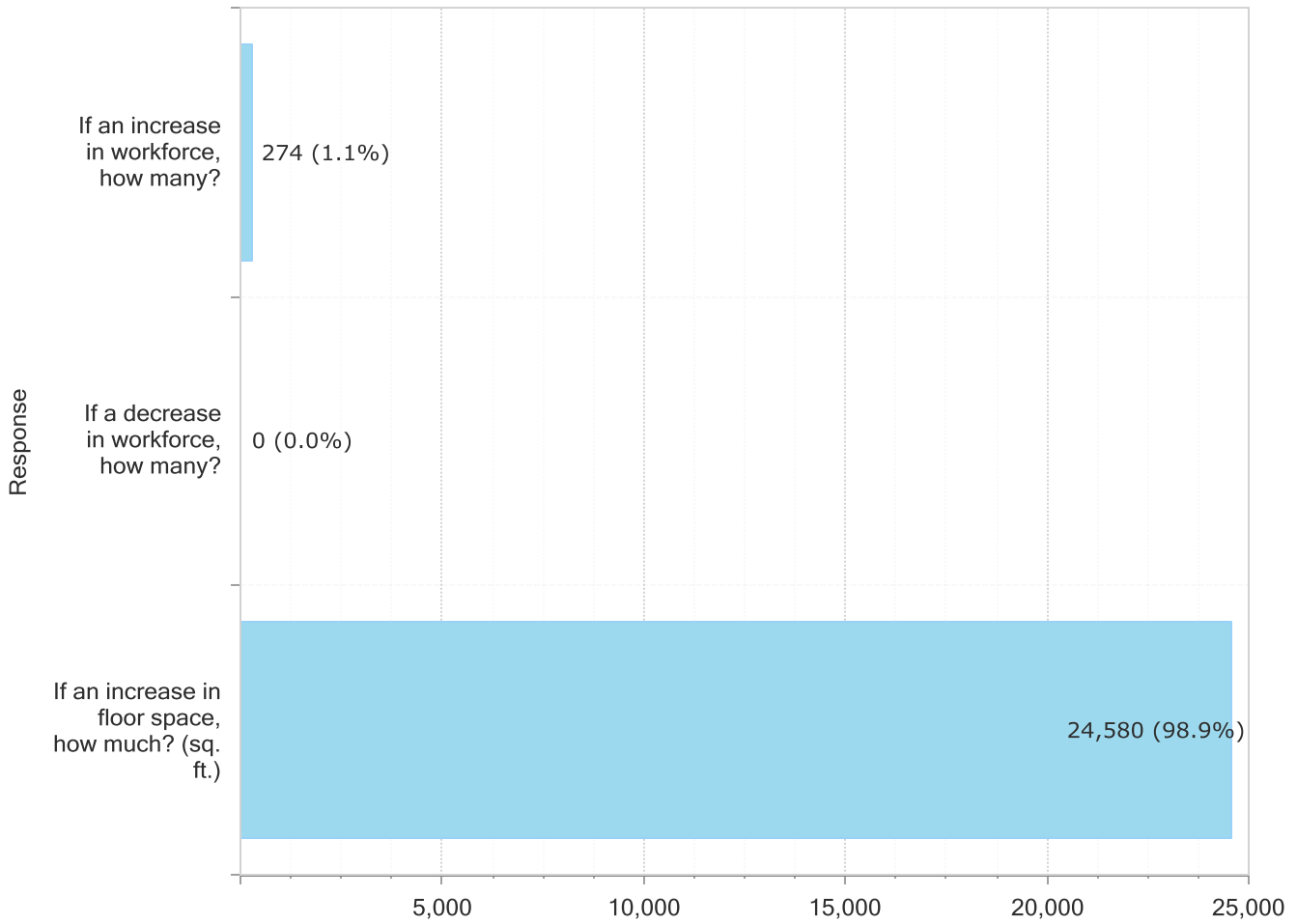
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Yes	3	50.0%
No	3	50.0%
Total	6	100.0%

FP12. Will your expansion require or lead to



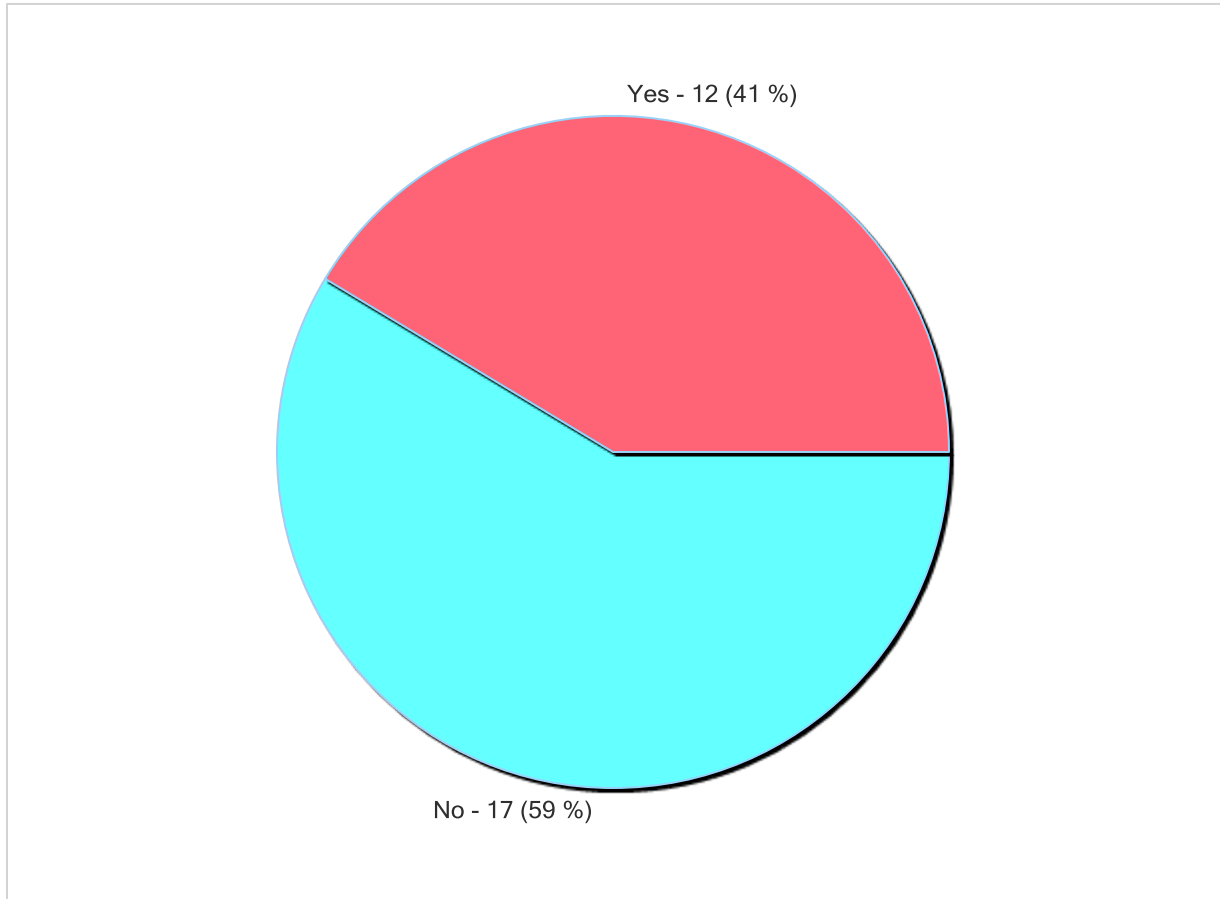
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
An increase in workforce (If yes, how many?)	25	23.6%
A decrease in workforce (If yes, how many?)	1	0.9%
An increase need for employee training	16	15.1%
An increase in floor space (If yes, how much?)	12	11.3%
Additional product line(s)	16	15.1%
Additional services for customers	21	19.8%
Process improvements	9	8.5%
Other (Specify)	6	5.7%
Total	106	100.0%

FP12. Will your expansion require or lead to - If an increase in floor space, how much? (sq. ft.)



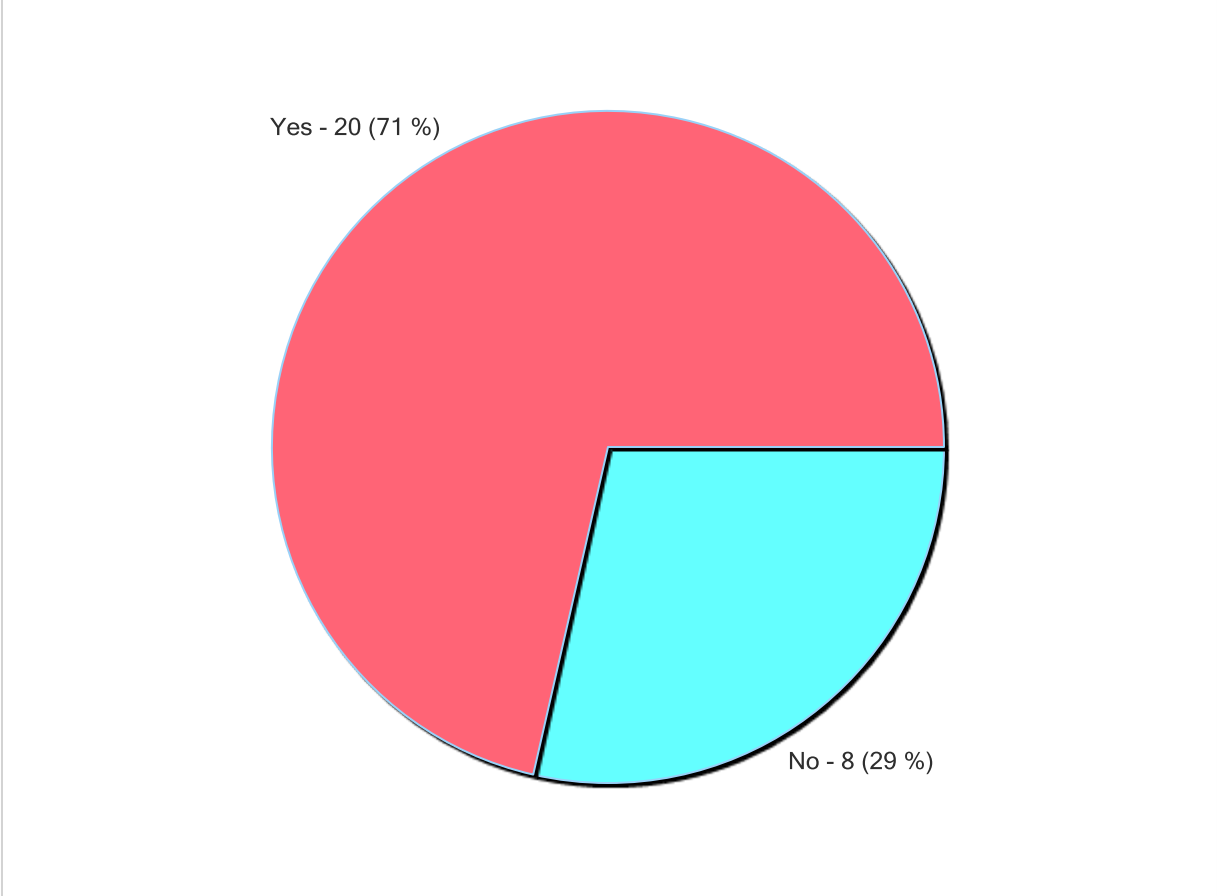
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
If an increase in workforce, how many?	274	1.1%
If a decrease in workforce, how many?	0	0.0%
If an increase in floor space, how much? (sq. ft.)	24,580	98.9%
Total	24,854	100.0%

FP13. Are you planning on accessing any Federal or Provincial programs/services to assist with the expansion?



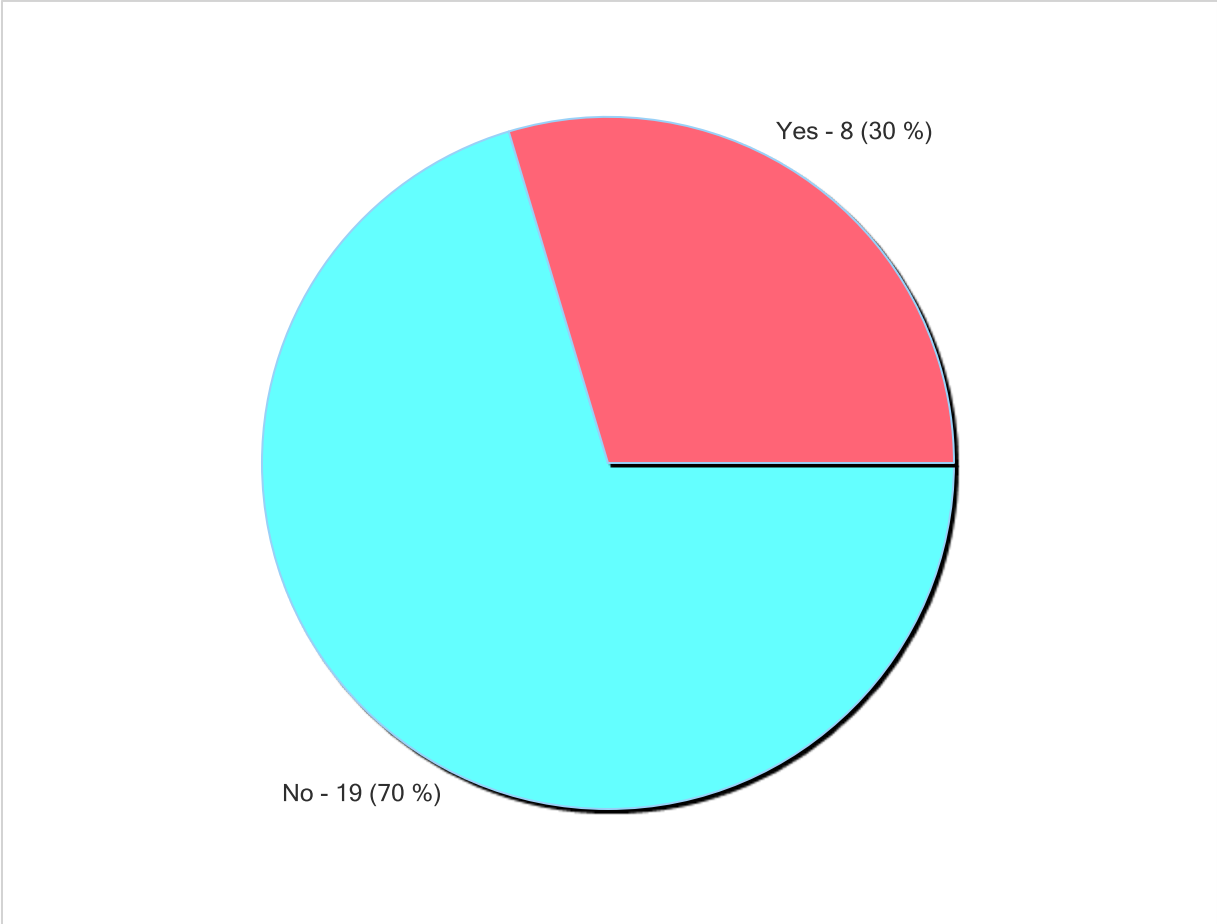
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Yes	12	41.4%
No	17	58.6%
Total	29	100.0%

FP14. Would you like to receive information on potential Federal or Provincial programs/services that might assist with your expansion?



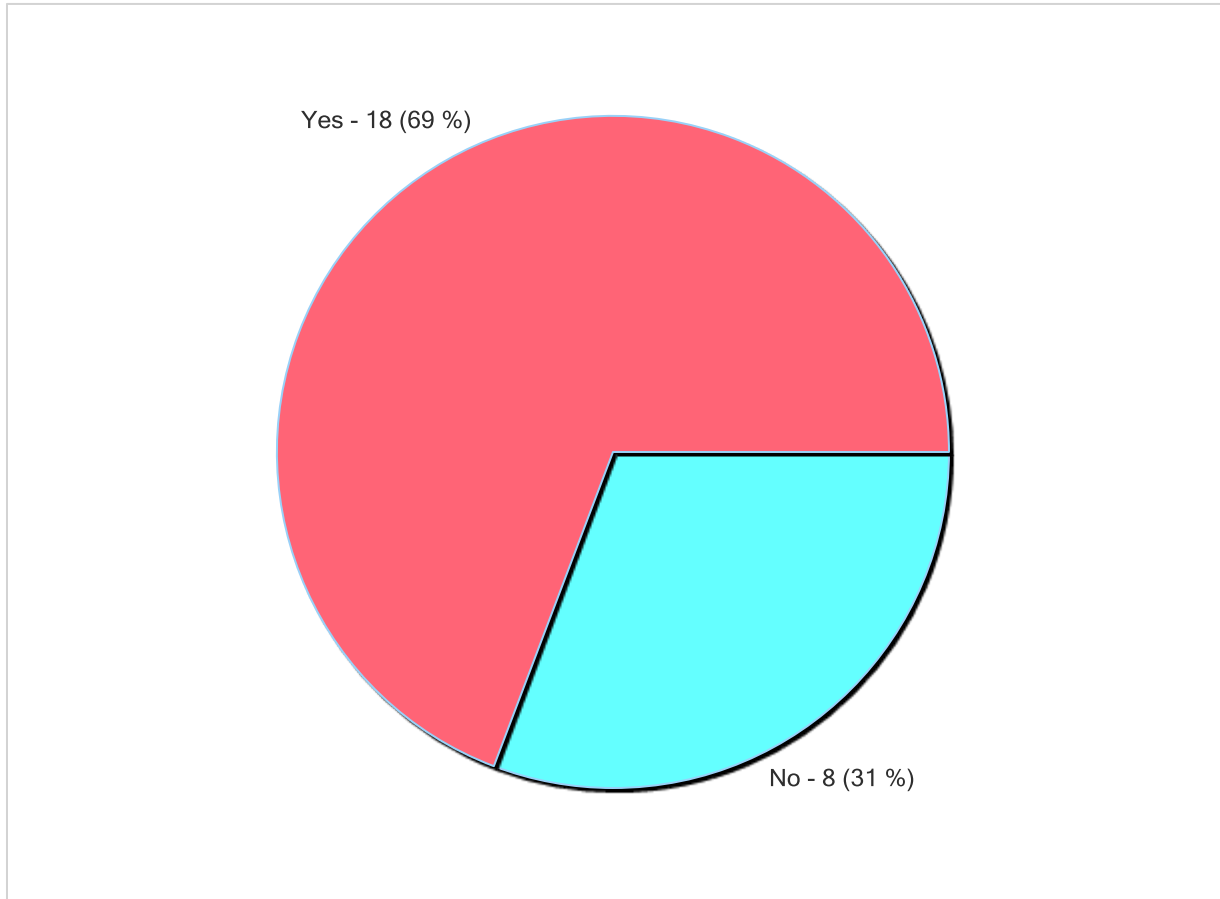
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Yes	20	71.4%
No	8	28.6%
Total	28	100.0%

FP15. Is your business currently experiencing difficulties with your expansion plans?



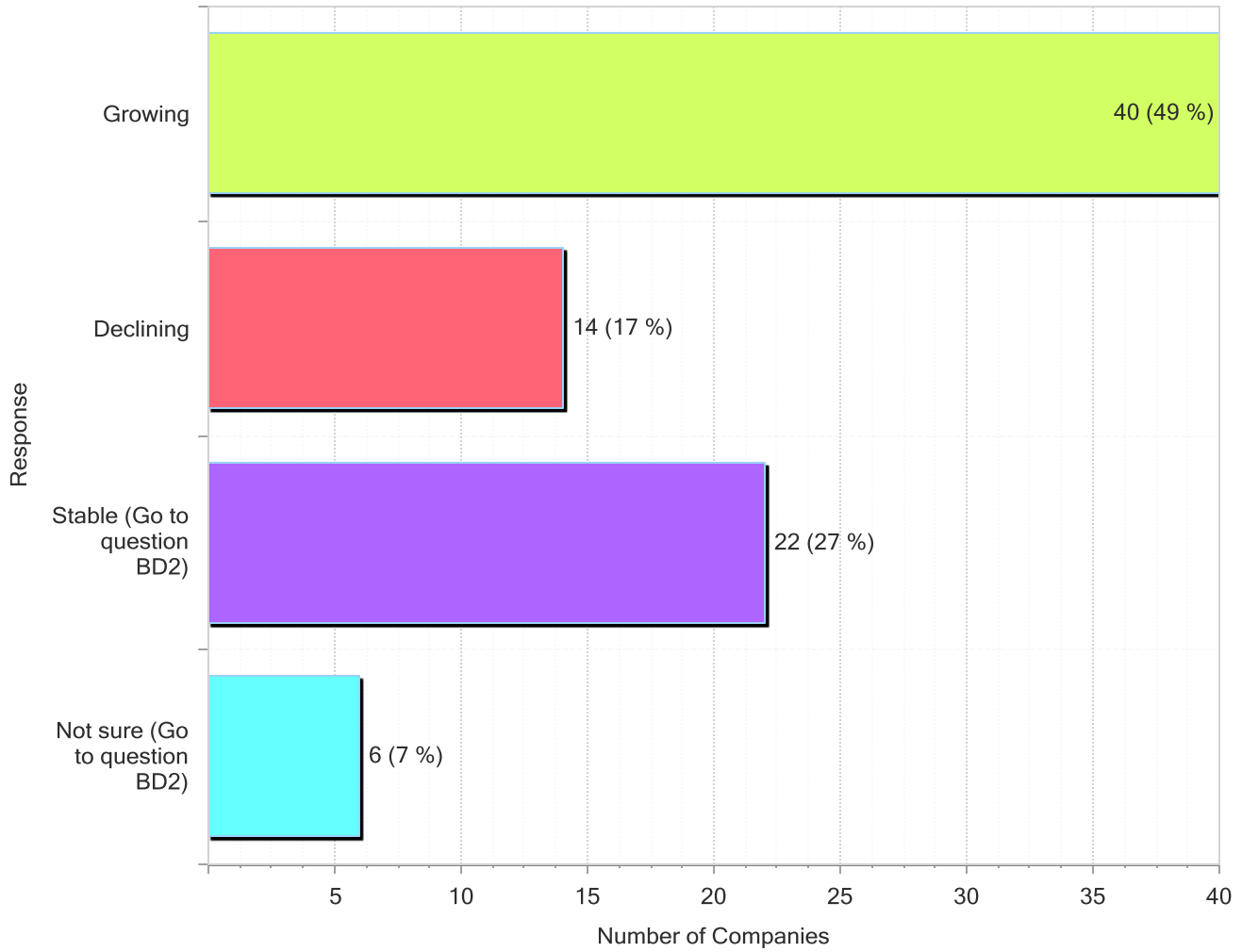
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Yes	8	29.6%
No	19	70.4%
Total	27	100.0%

FP16. Could the community potentially provide some assistance to support your expansion plans?



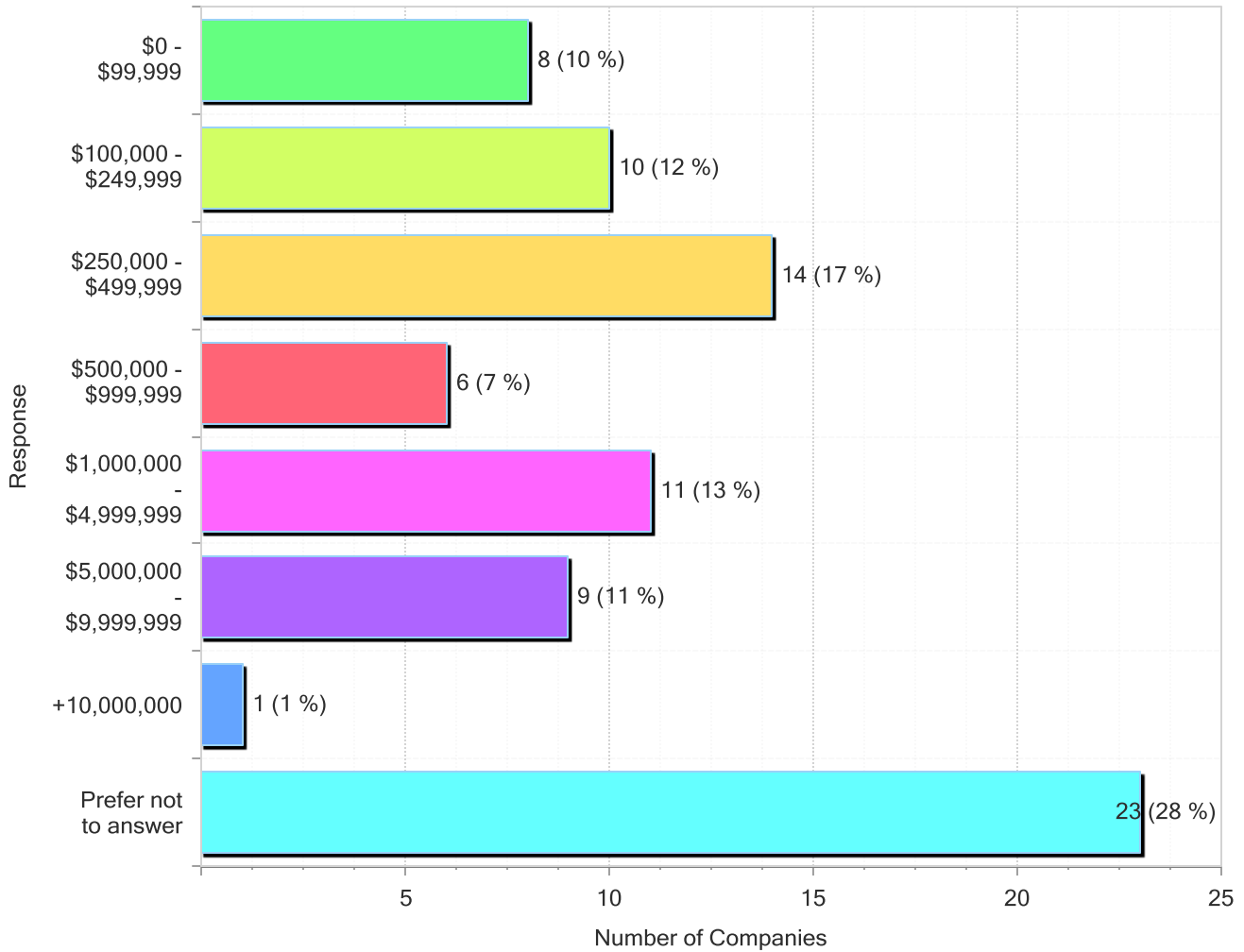
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Yes	18	69.2%
No	8	30.8%
Total	26	100.0%

BD1. What is the outlook for your industry?



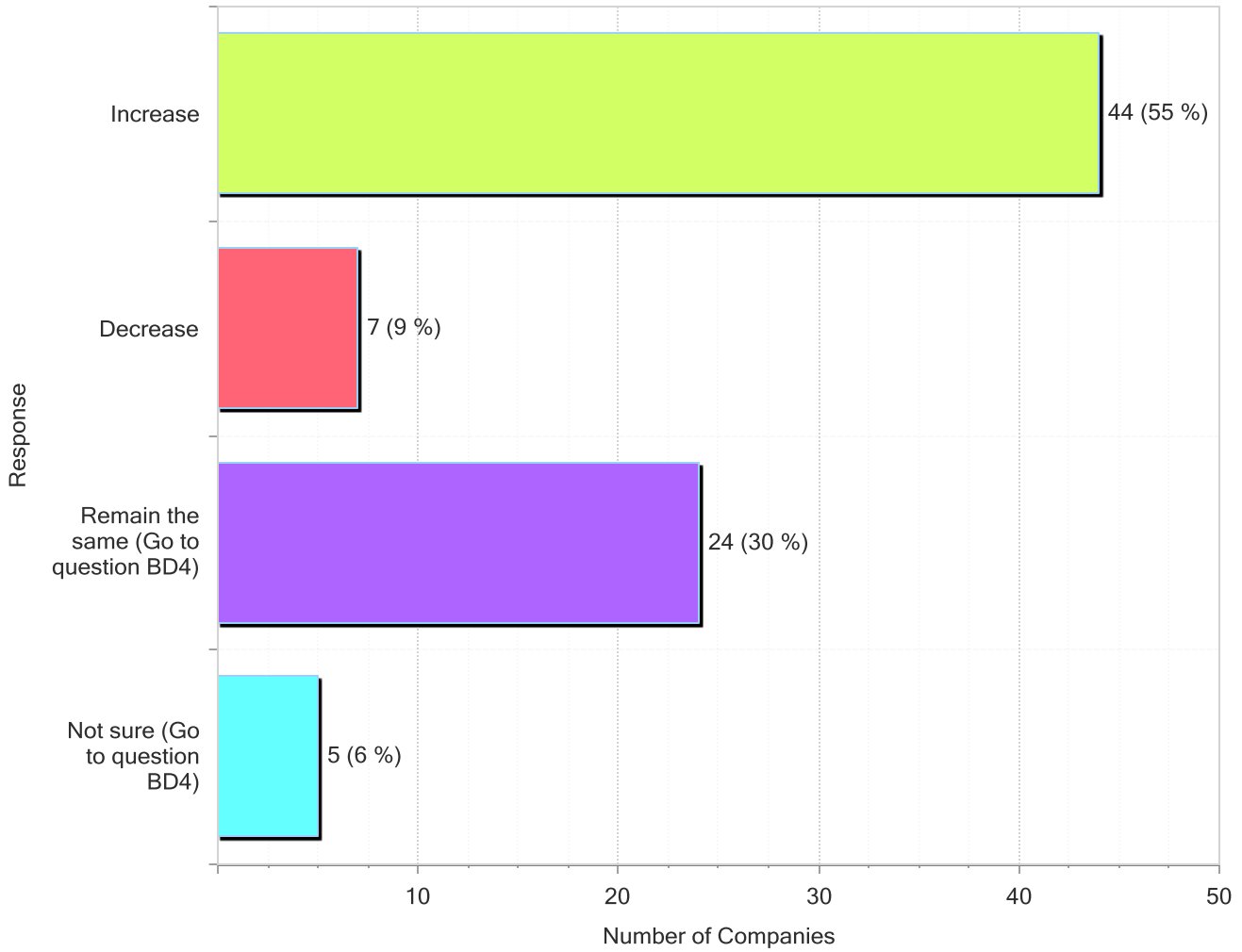
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Growing	40	48.8%
Declining	14	17.1%
Stable (Go to question BD2)	22	26.8%
Not sure (Go to question BD2)	6	7.3%
Total	82	100.0%

BD2. Please give an approximate annual sales range for your business



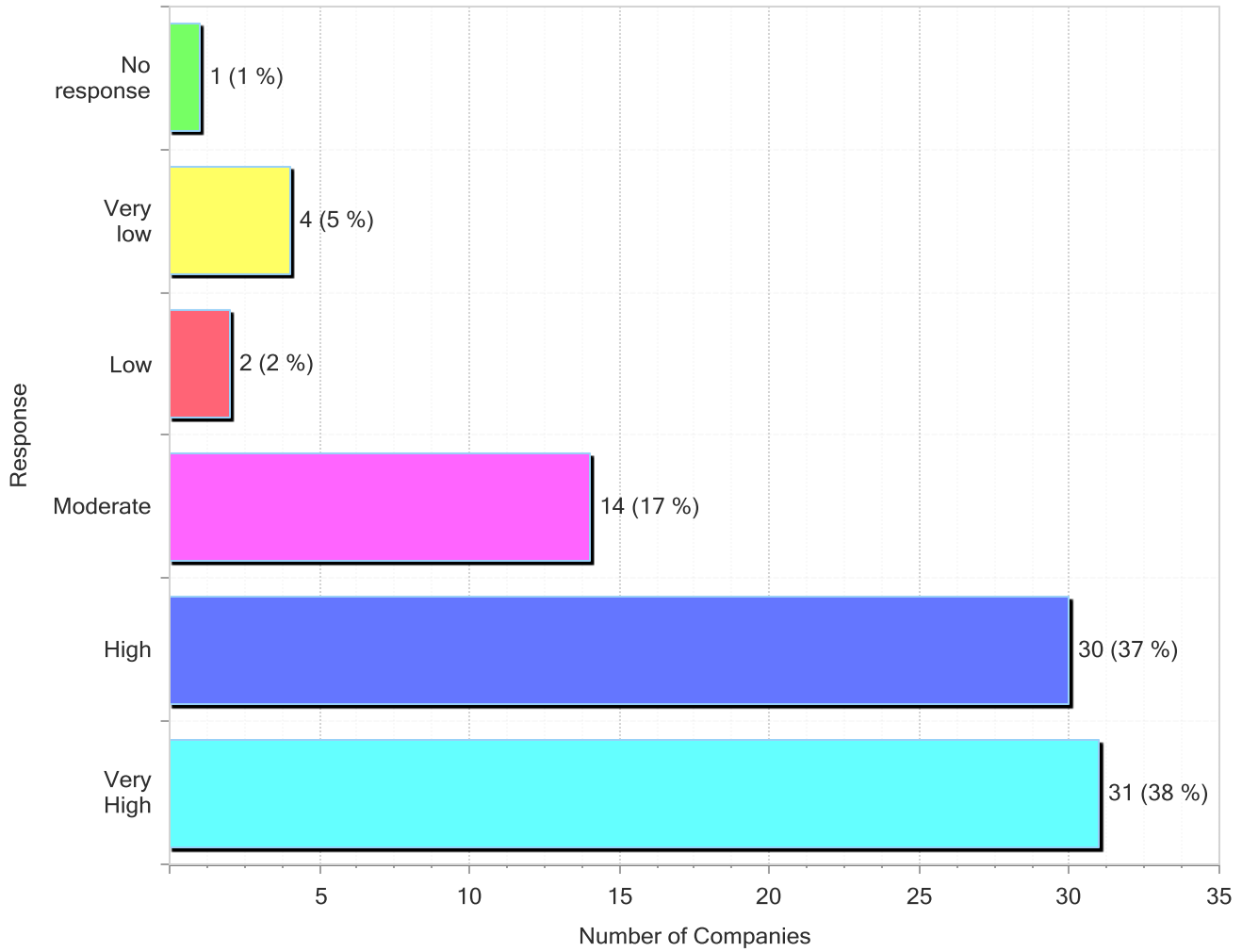
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
\$0 - \$99,999	8	9.8%
\$100,000 - \$249,999	10	12.2%
\$250,000 - \$499,999	14	17.1%
\$500,000 - \$999,999	6	7.3%
\$1,000,000 - \$4,999,999	11	13.4%
\$5,000,000 - \$9,999,999	9	11.0%
+10,000,000	1	1.2%
Prefer not to answer	23	28.0%
Total	82	100.0%

BD3. Are your projected sales in the next year expected to



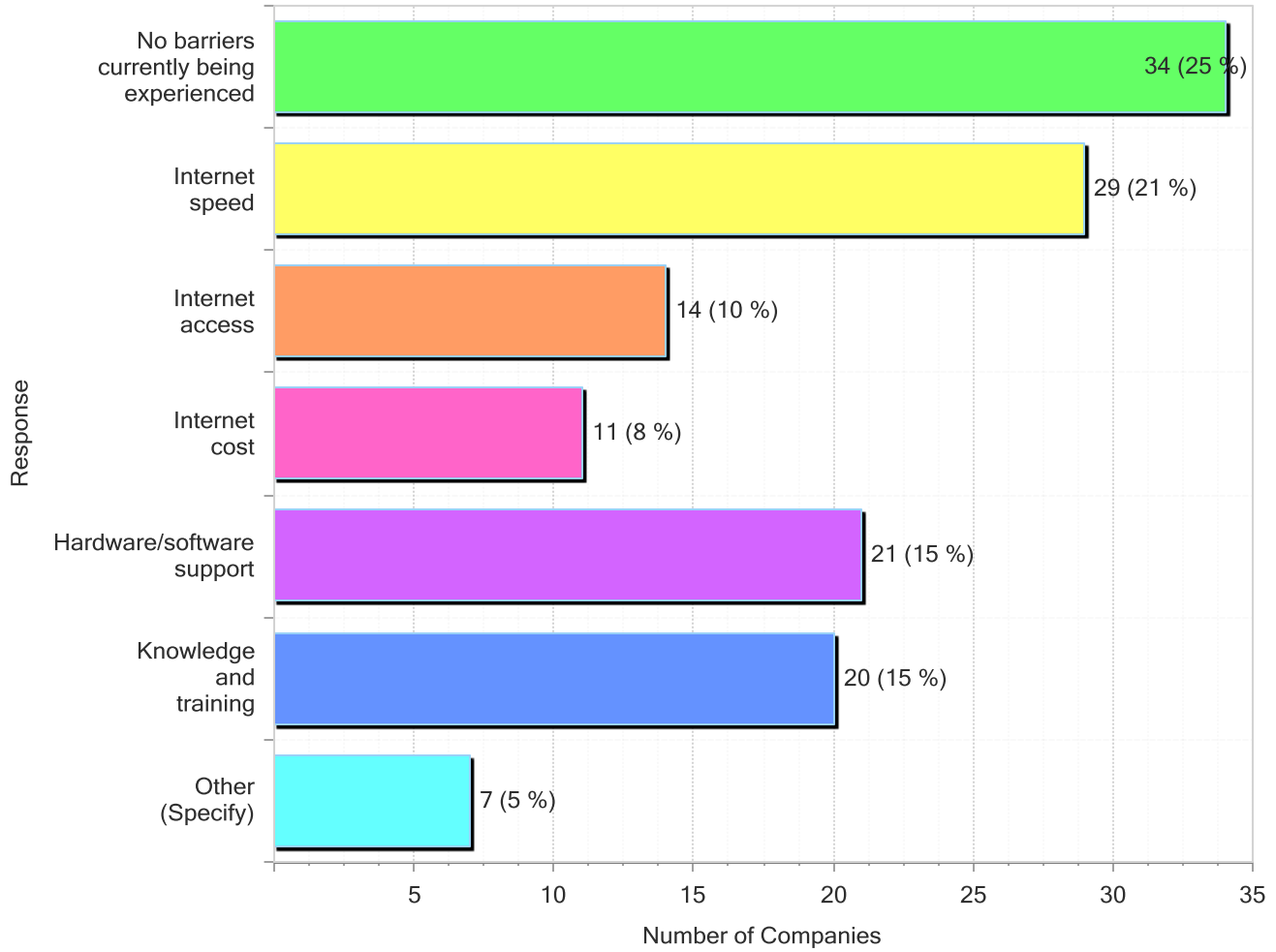
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Increase	44	55.0%
Decrease	7	8.8%
Remain the same (Go to question BD4)	24	30.0%
Not sure (Go to question BD4)	5	6.3%
Total	80	100.0%

BD4. How would you rate your business related to the use of technology?



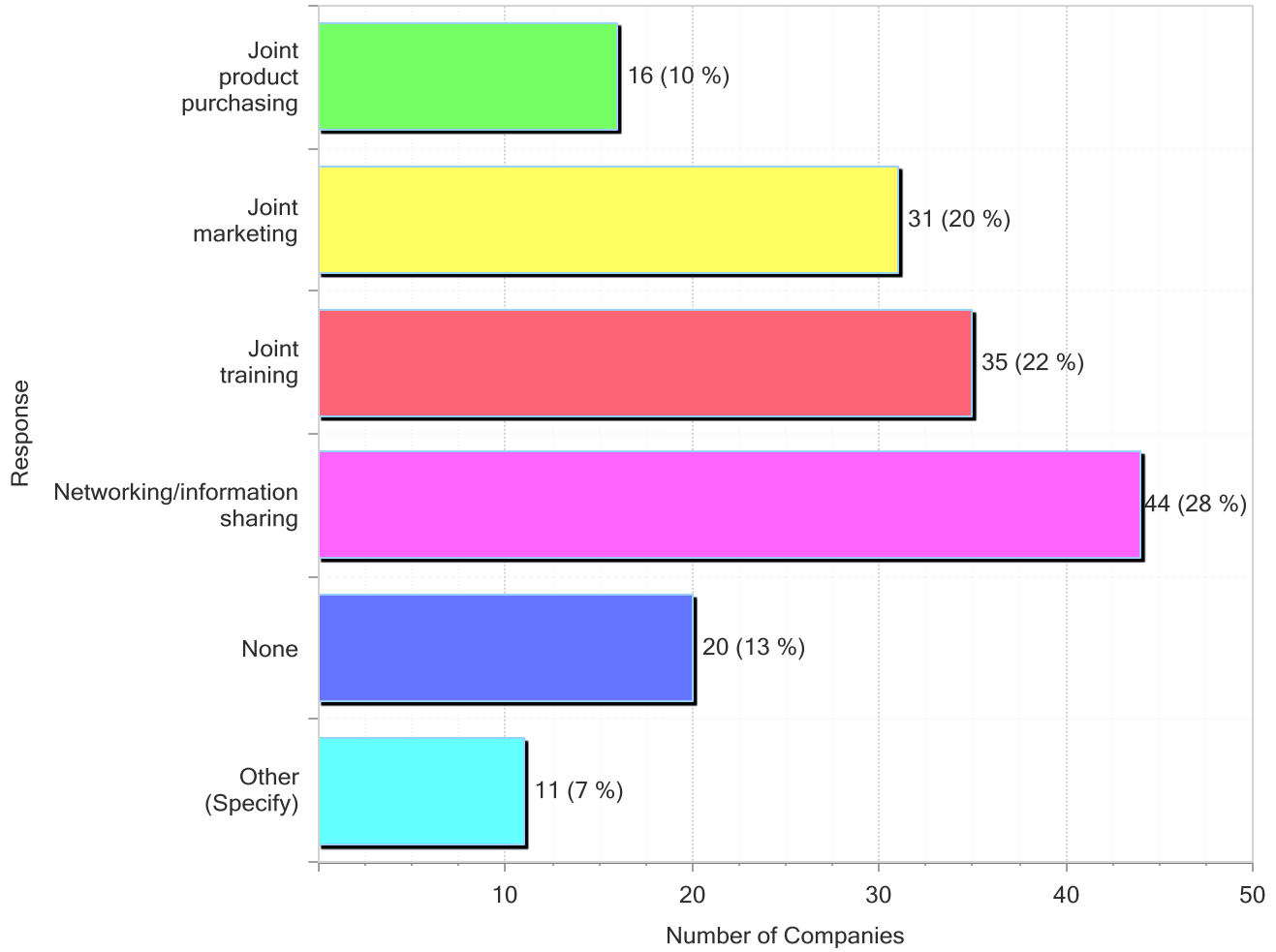
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
No response	1	1.2%
Very low	4	4.9%
Low	2	2.4%
Moderate	14	17.1%
High	30	36.6%
Very High	31	37.8%
Total	82	100.0%

BD5. Is your business currently experiencing any barriers related to your information technology requirements?



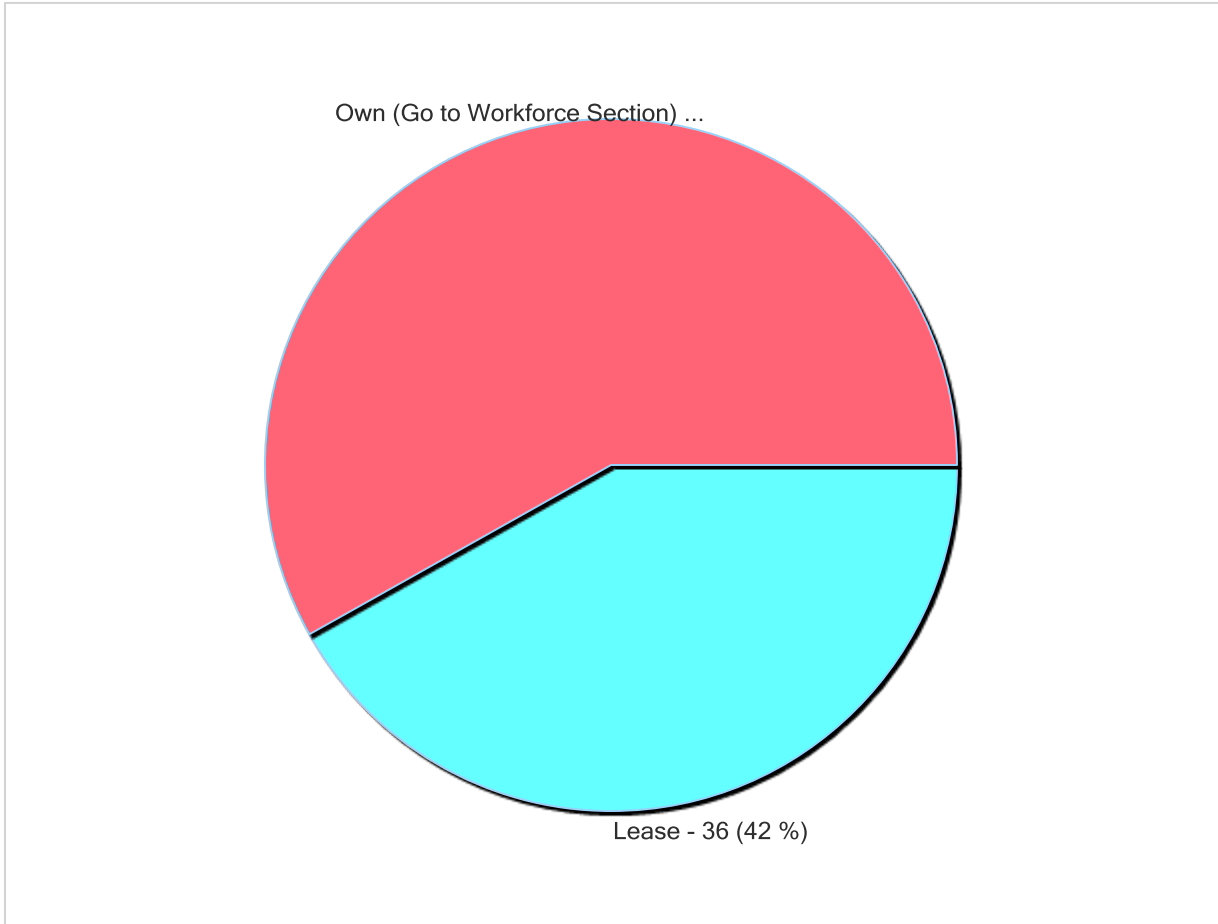
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
No barriers currently being experienced	34	25.0%
Internet speed	29	21.3%
Internet access	14	10.3%
Internet cost	11	8.1%
Hardware/software support	21	15.4%
Knowledge and training	20	14.7%
Other (Specify)	7	5.1%
Total	136	100.0%

BD7. Are you interested in working co-operatively with other businesses in the community to pursue any of the following?



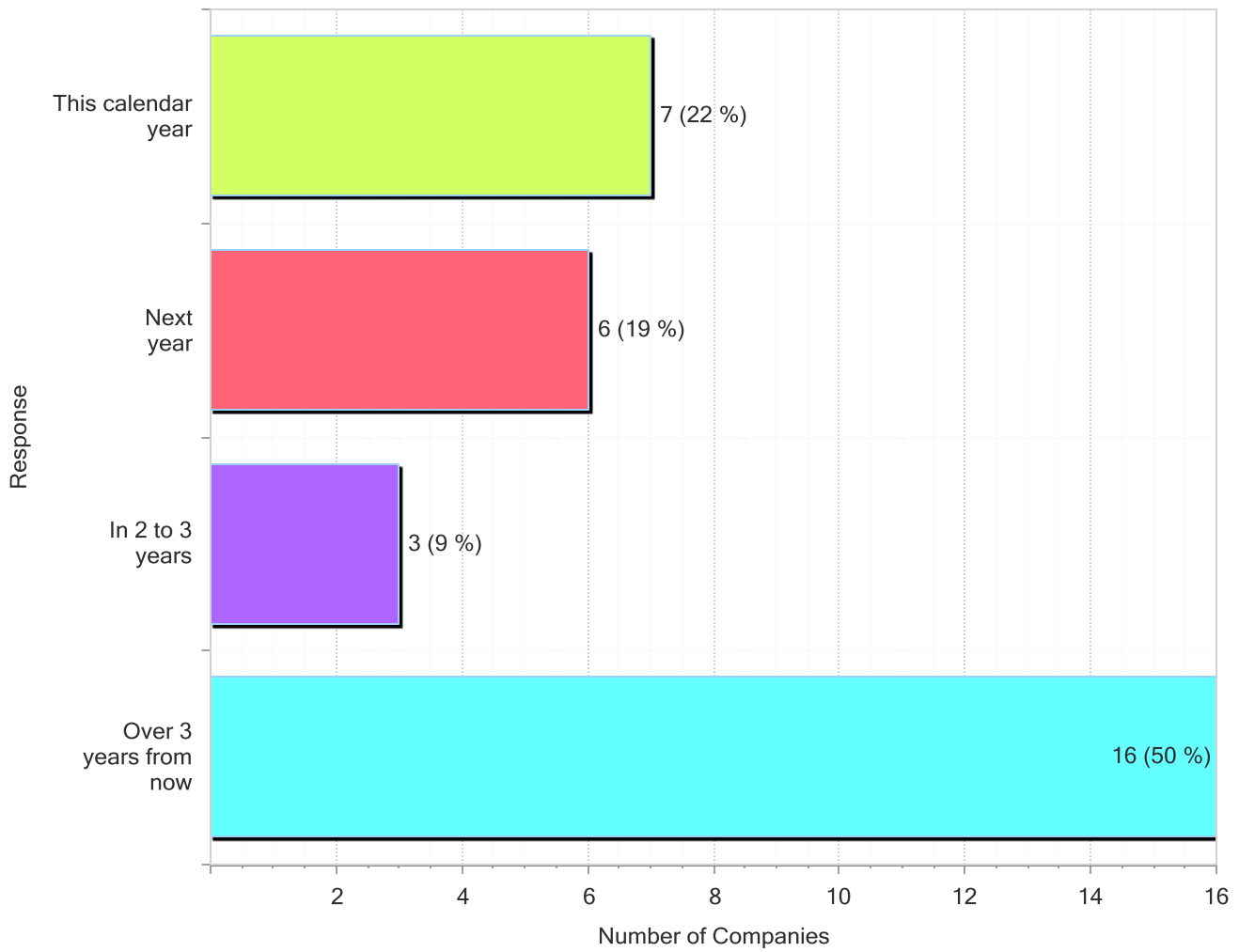
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Joint product purchasing	16	10.2%
Joint marketing	31	19.7%
Joint training	35	22.3%
Networking/information sharing	44	28.0%
None	20	12.7%
Other (Specify)	11	7.0%
Total	157	100.0%

BD8. Does your business own or lease its facility/facilities?



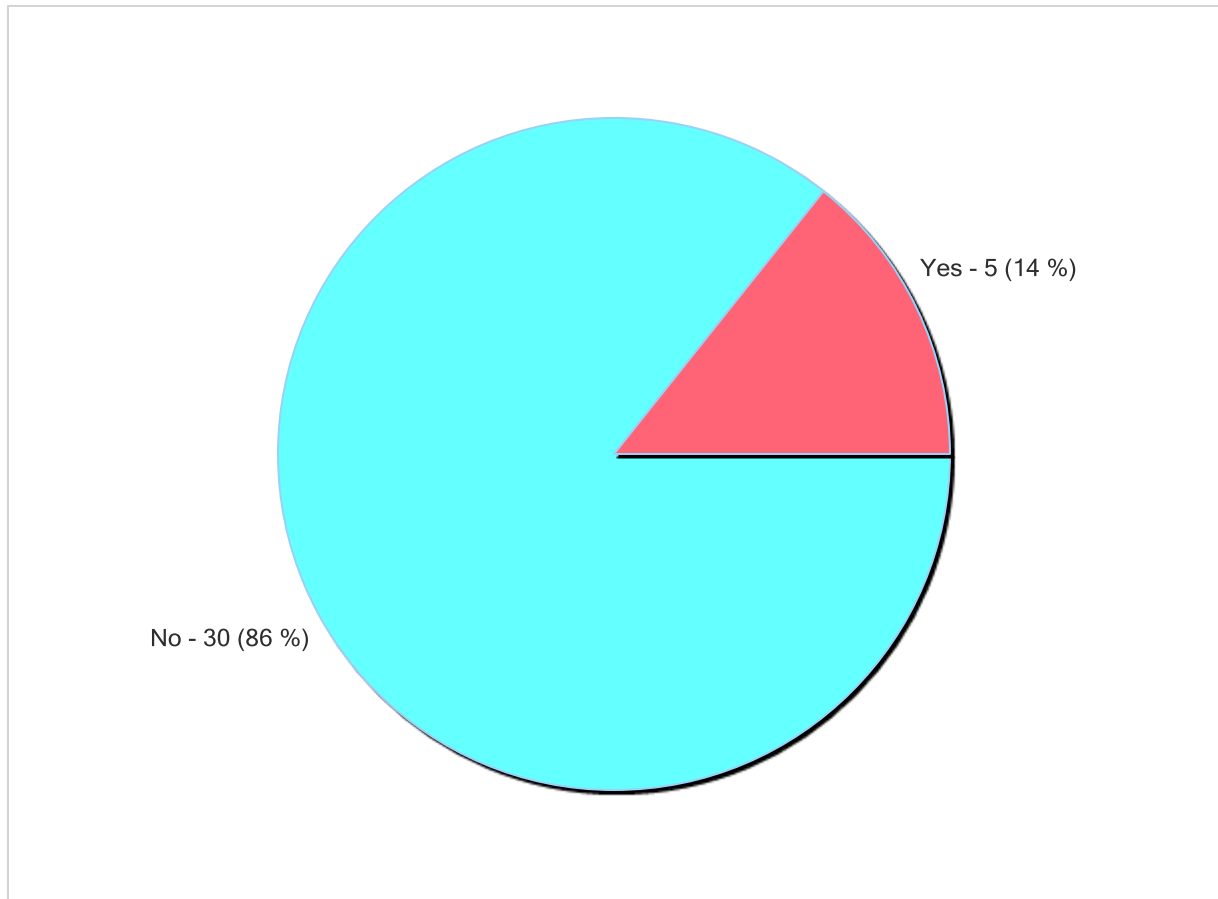
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Own (Go to Workforce Section)	50	58.1%
Lease	36	41.9%
Total	86	100.0%

BD8. Does your business own or lease its facility/facilities? - When does the lease expire?



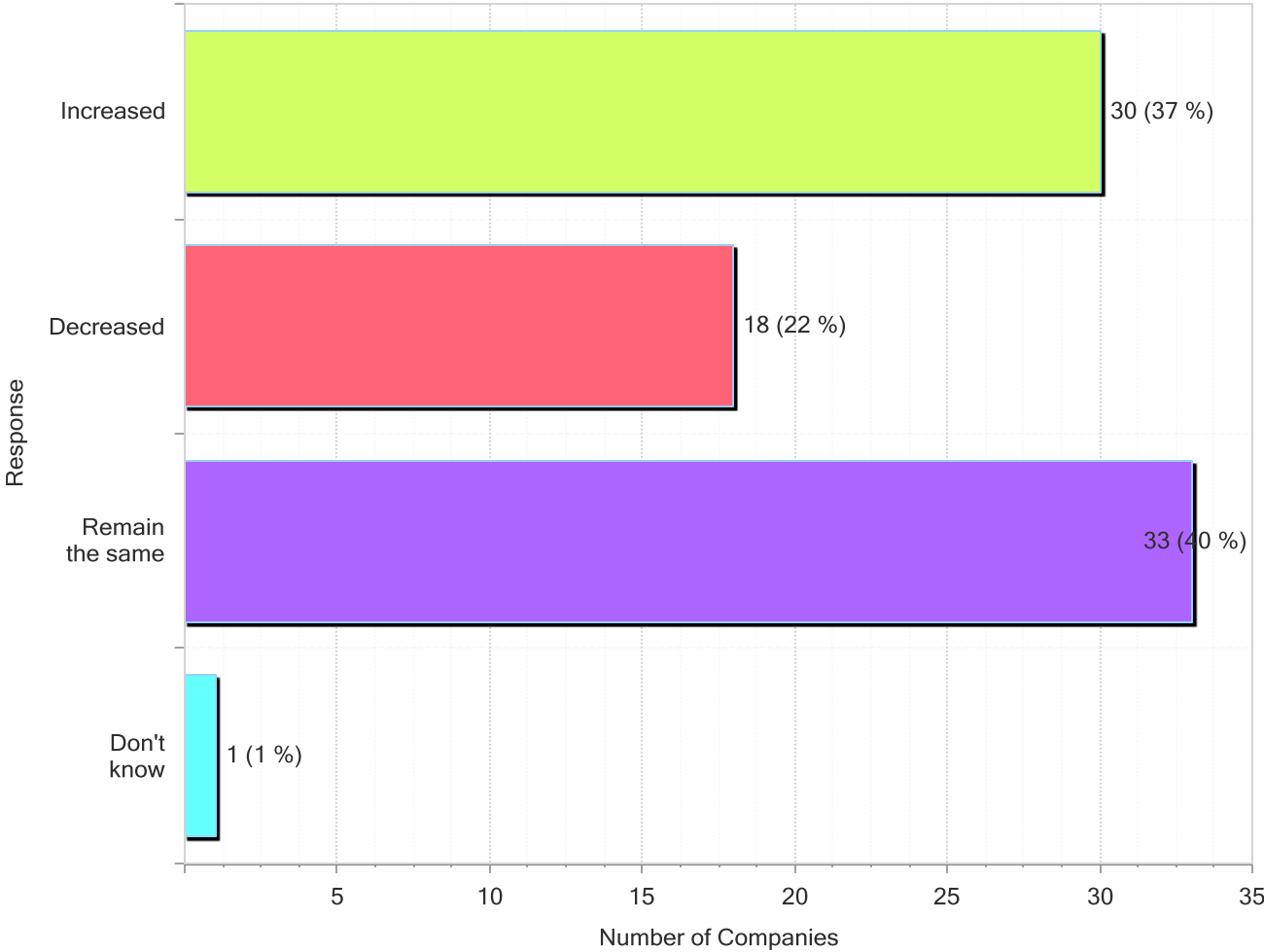
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
This calendar year	7	21.9%
Next year	6	18.8%
In 2 to 3 years	3	9.4%
Over 3 years from now	16	50.0%
Total	32	100.0%

BD8. Does your business own or lease its facility/facilities? - Do you anticipate any problems in renewing the lease?



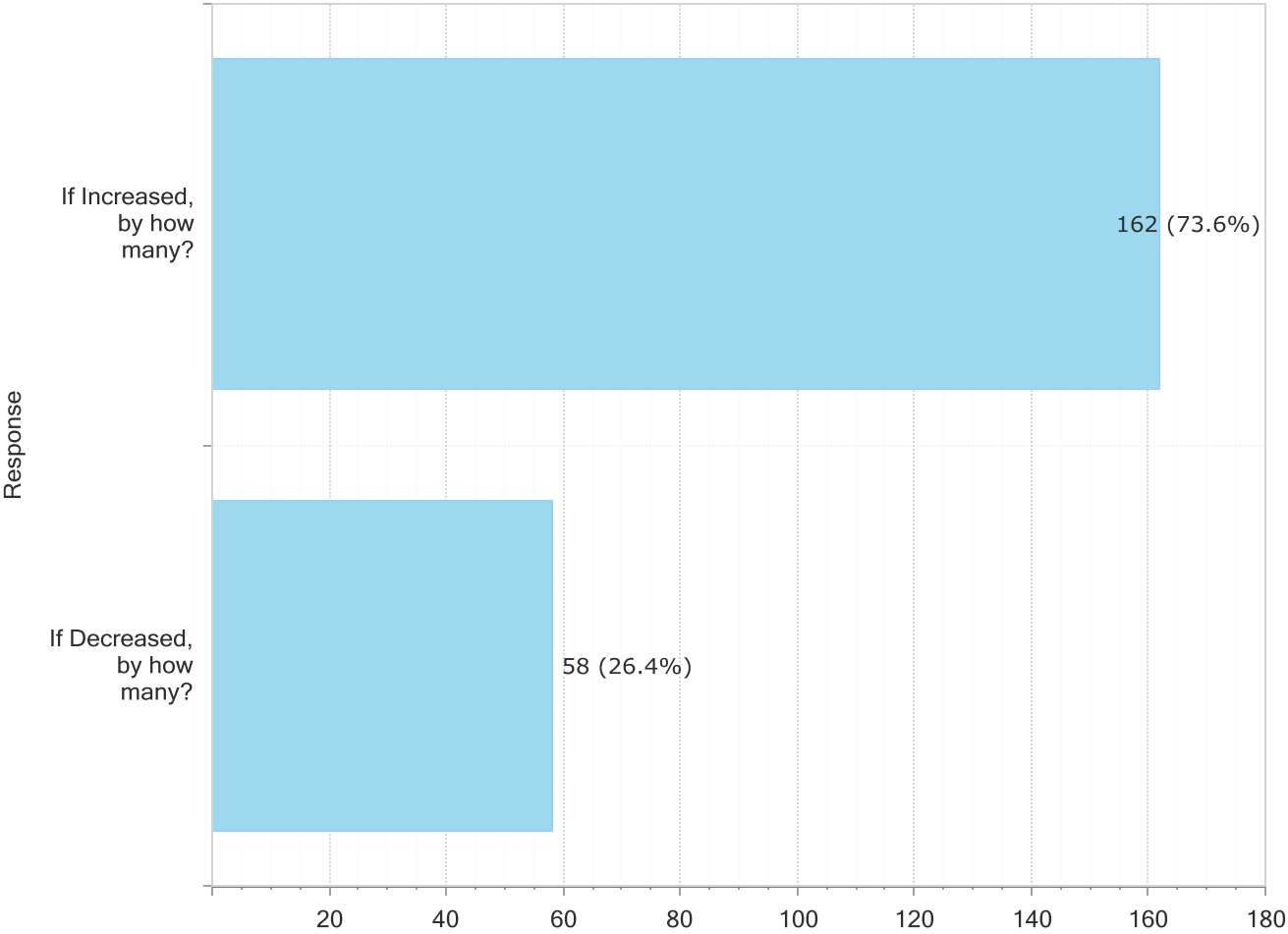
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Yes	5	14.3%
No	30	85.7%
Total	35	100.0%

WF1. During the past 3 years, has the number of people you employ in this business increased, decreased or stayed the same?



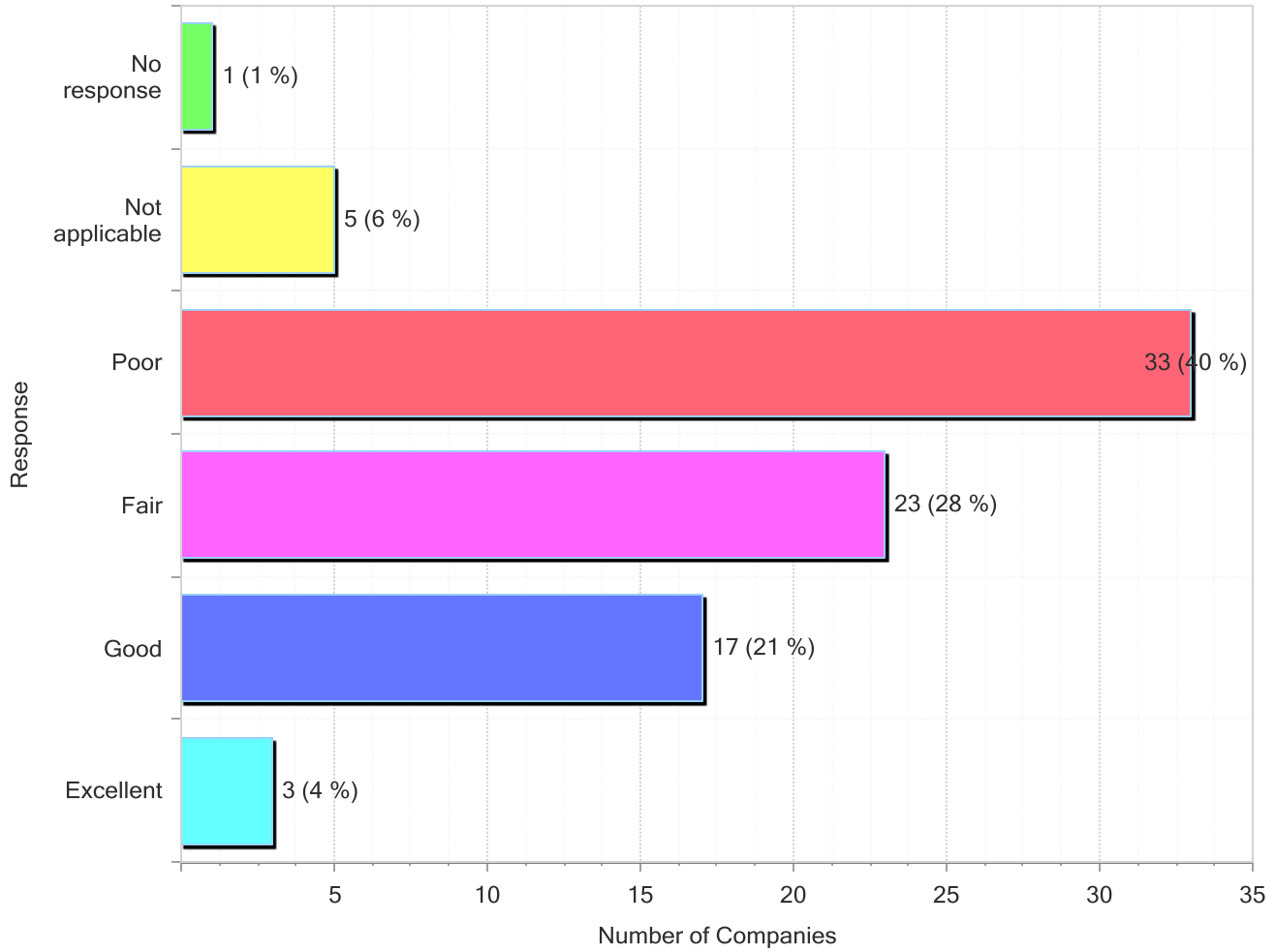
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Increased	30	36.6%
Decreased	18	22.0%
Remain the same	33	40.2%
Don't know	1	1.2%
Total	82	100.0%

WF1. During the past 3 years, has the number of people you employ in this business increased, decreased or stayed the same? - If Decreased, by how many?



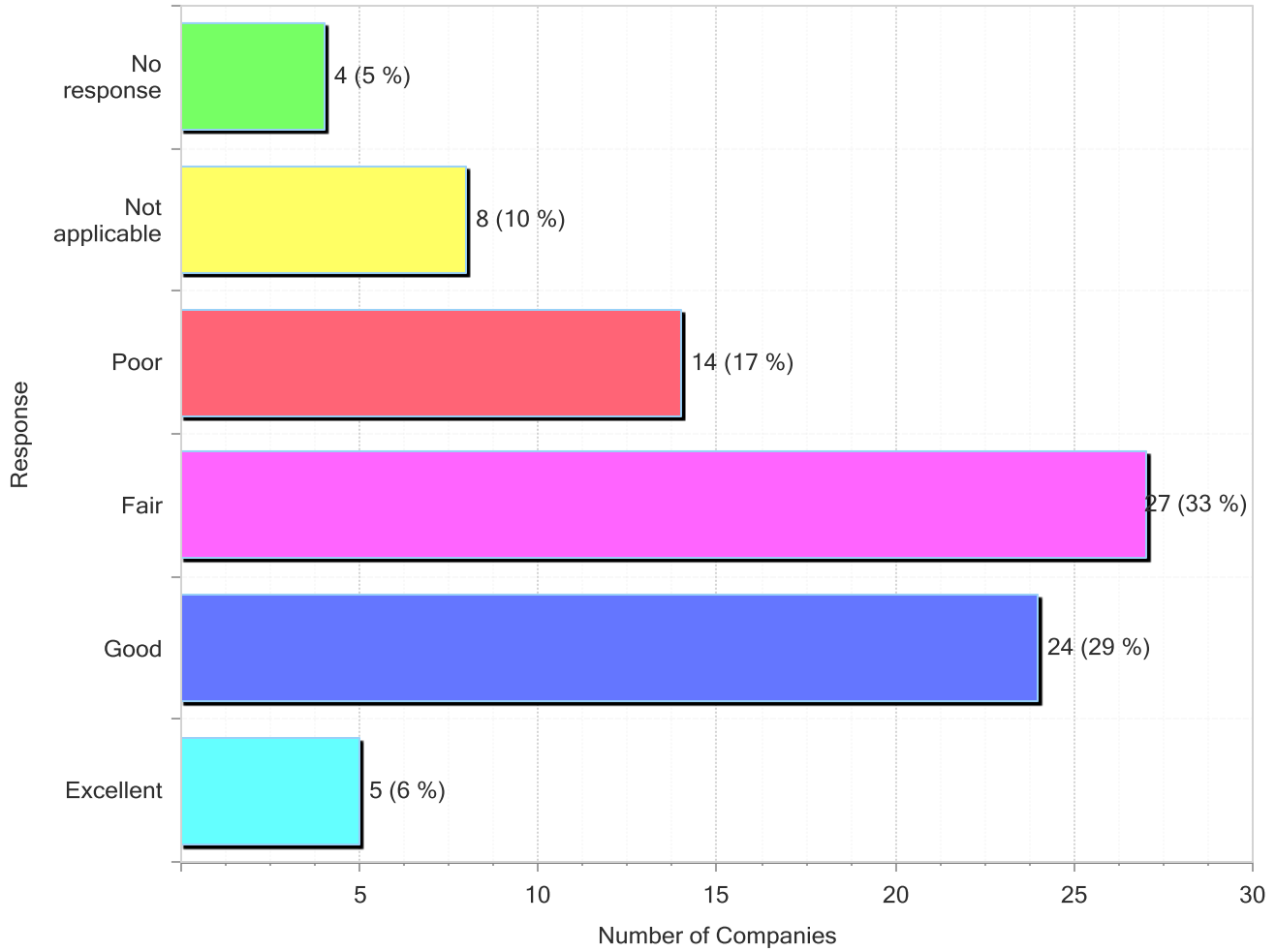
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
If Increased, by how many?	162	73.6%
If Decreased, by how many?	58	26.4%
Total	220	100.0%

WF2. How would you rate the following factors in this community for your business needs? - Availability of qualified workers



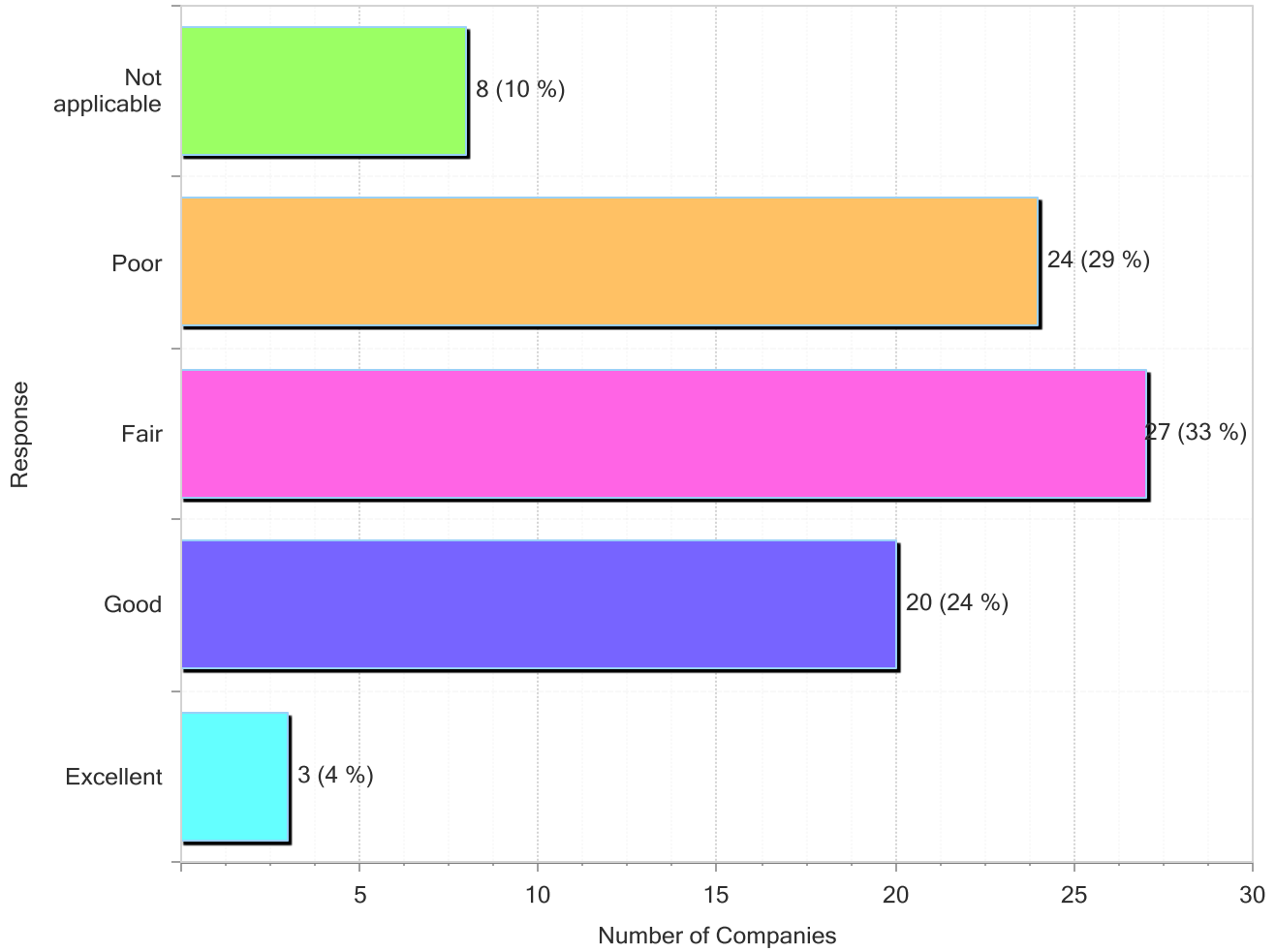
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
No response	1	1.2%
Not applicable	5	6.1%
Poor	33	40.2%
Fair	23	28.0%
Good	17	20.7%
Excellent	3	3.7%
Total	82	100.0%

WF2. How would you rate the following factors in this community for your business needs? - Stability of the workforce



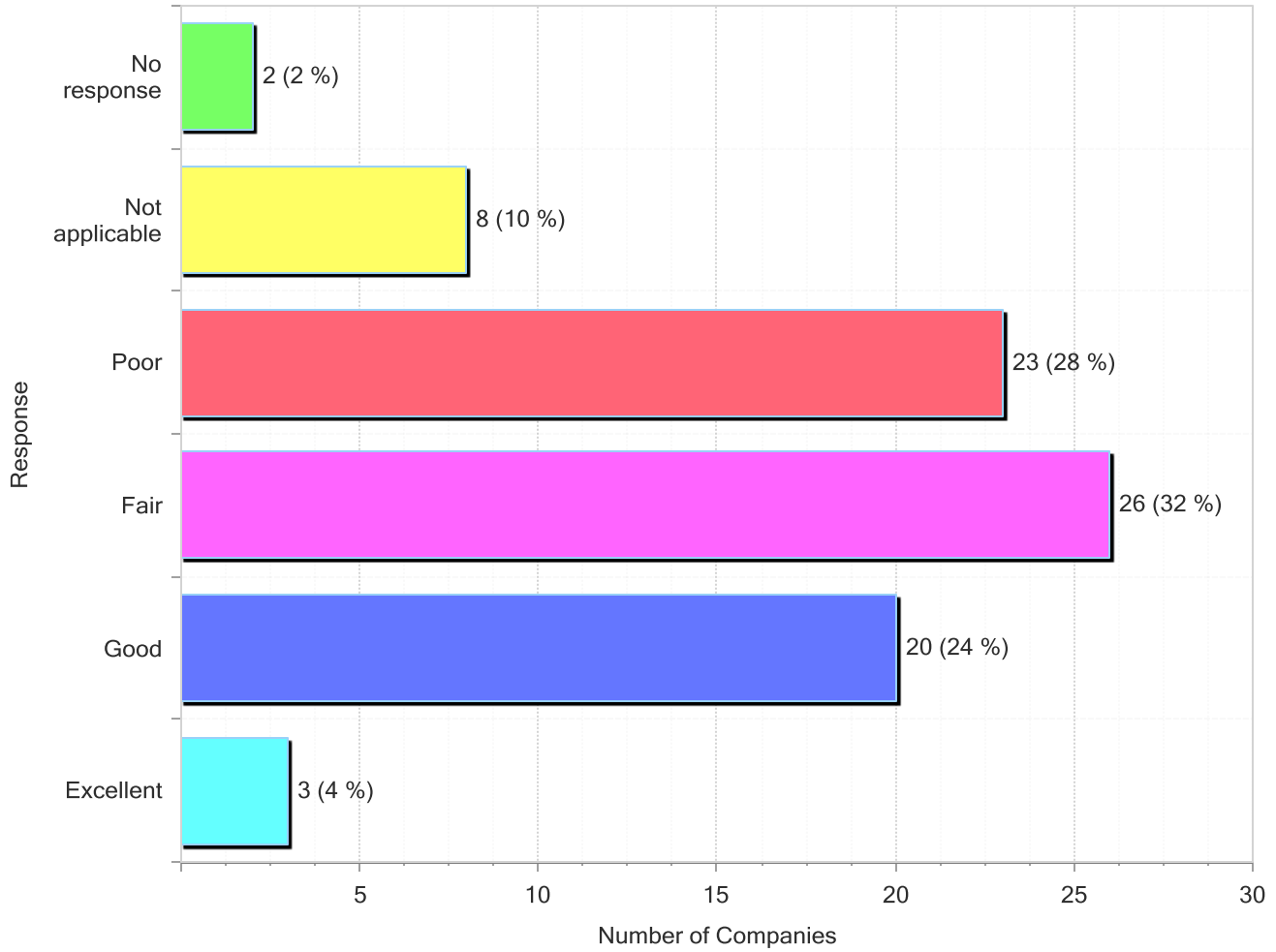
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
No response	4	4.9%
Not applicable	8	9.8%
Poor	14	17.1%
Fair	27	32.9%
Good	24	29.3%
Excellent	5	6.1%
Total	82	100.0%

WF2. How would you rate the following factors in this community for your business needs? - Ability to attract new employees



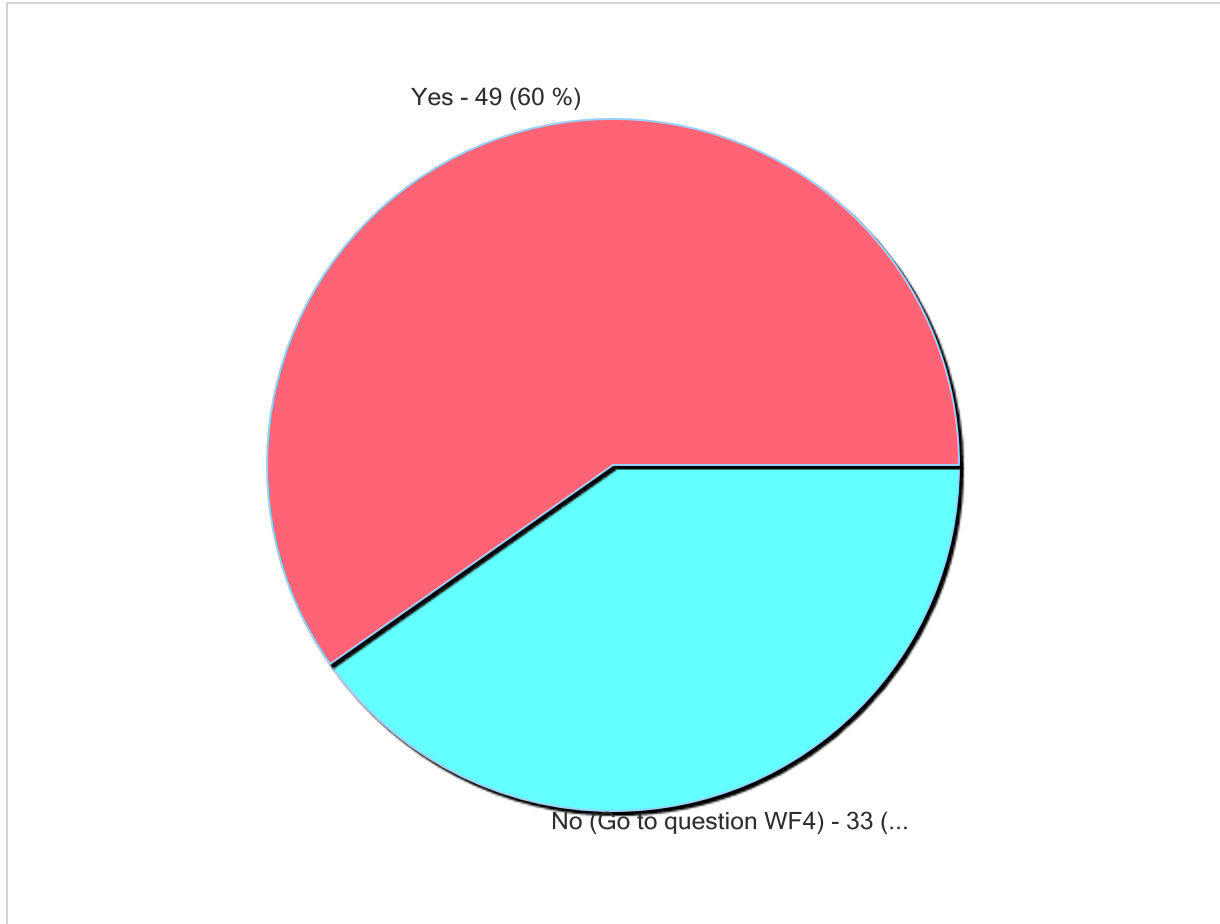
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Not applicable	8	9.8%
Poor	24	29.3%
Fair	27	32.9%
Good	20	24.4%
Excellent	3	3.7%
Total	82	100.0%

WF2. How would you rate the following factors in this community for your business needs? - Ability to retain new employees



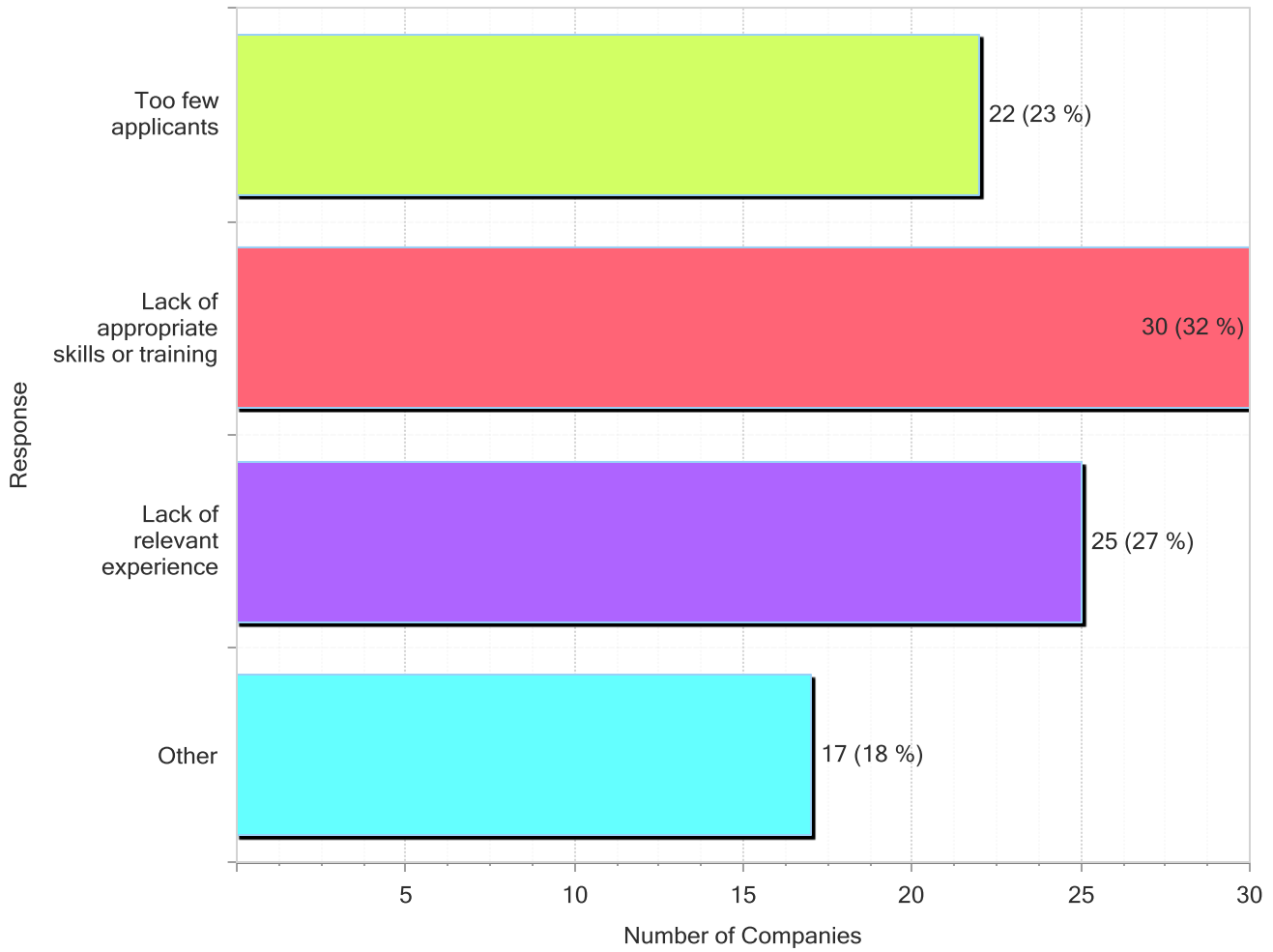
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
No response	2	2.4%
Not applicable	8	9.8%
Poor	23	28.0%
Fair	26	31.7%
Good	20	24.4%
Excellent	3	3.7%
Total	82	100.0%

WF3. Does your business currently have difficulty hiring?



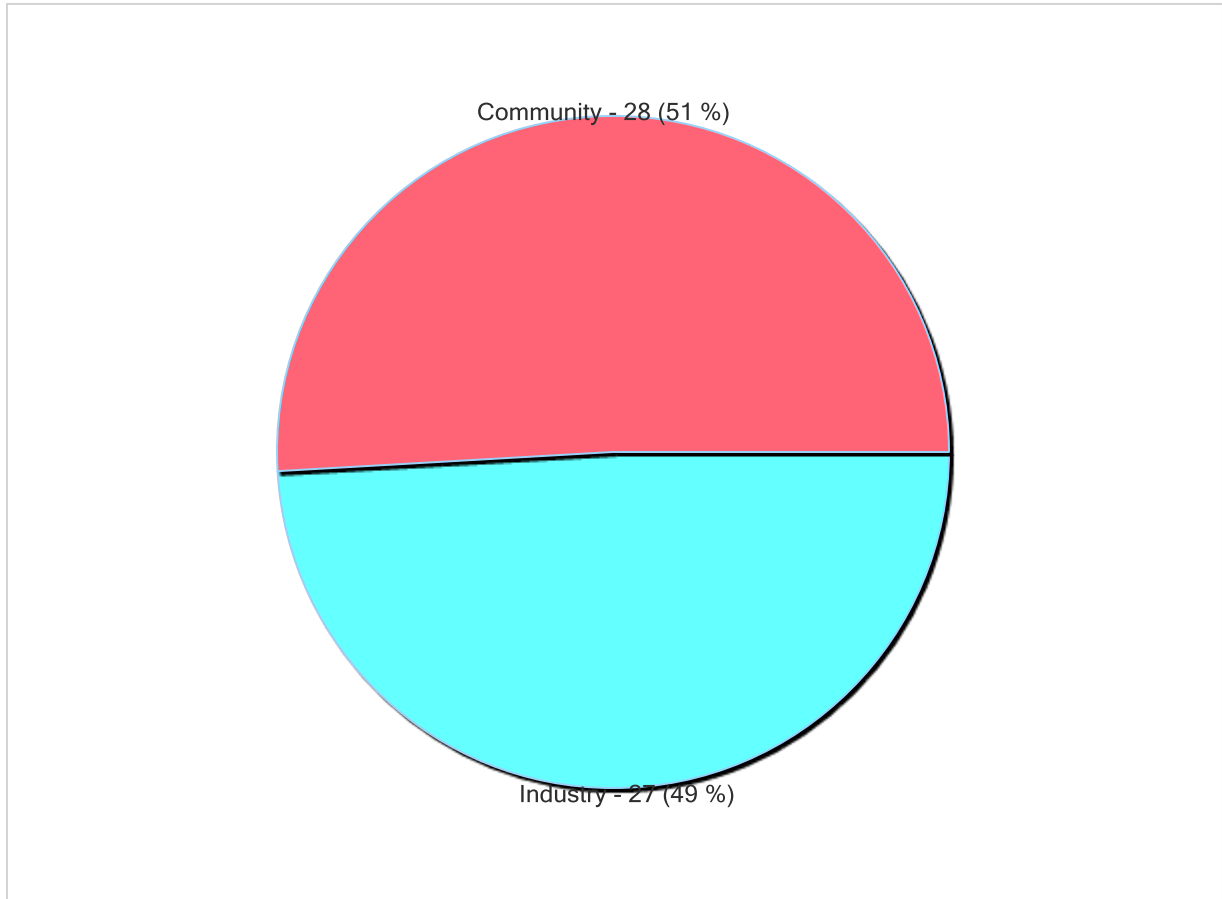
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Yes	49	59.8%
No (Go to question WF4)	33	40.2%
Total	82	100.0%

WF3. Does your business currently have difficulty hiring? - How would you describe your company's hiring challenges?



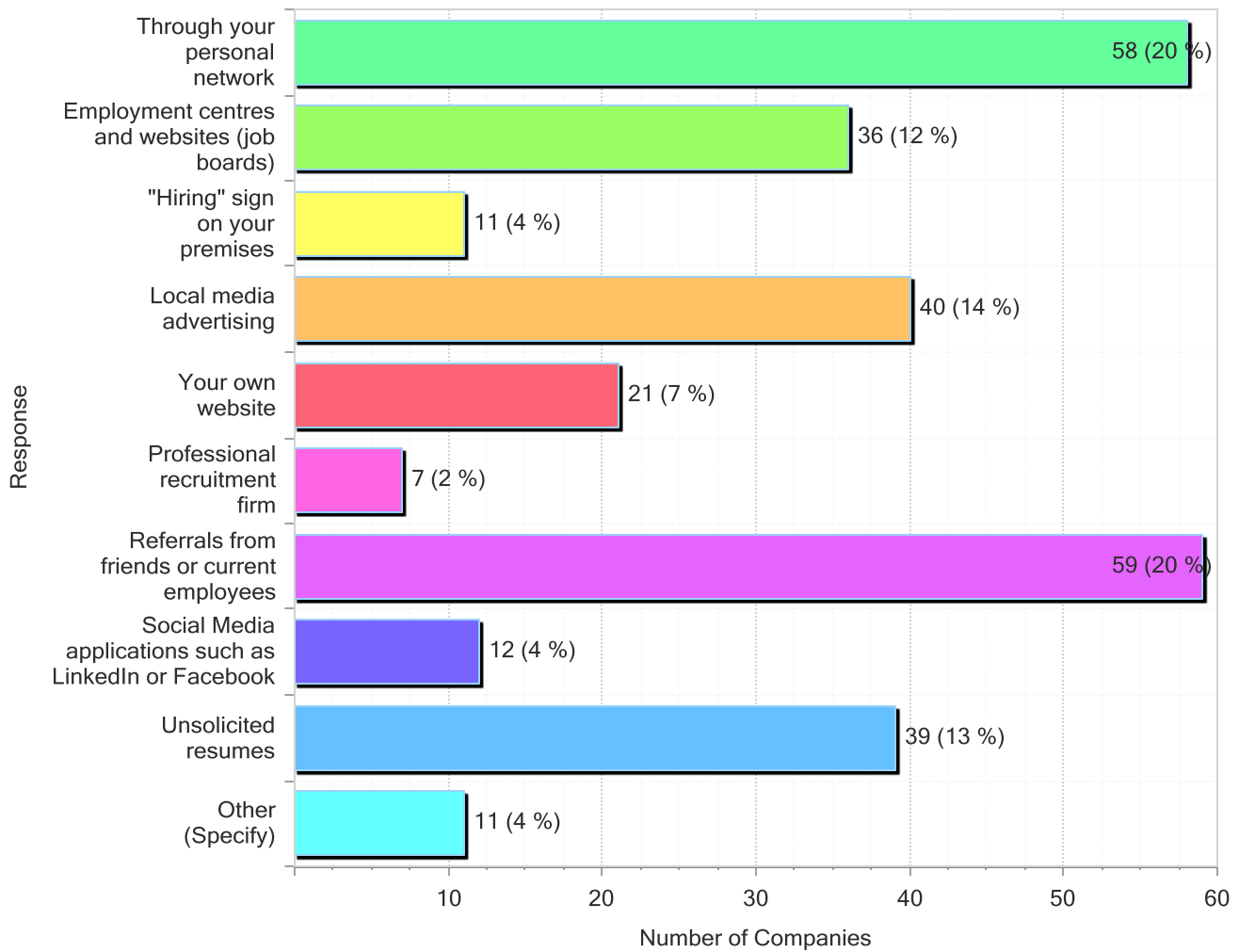
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Too few applicants	22	23.4%
Lack of appropriate skills or training	30	31.9%
Lack of relevant experience	25	26.6%
Other	17	18.1%
Total	94	100.0%

WF3. Does your business currently have difficulty hiring? - Are the hiring challenges specifically related to the community or industry?



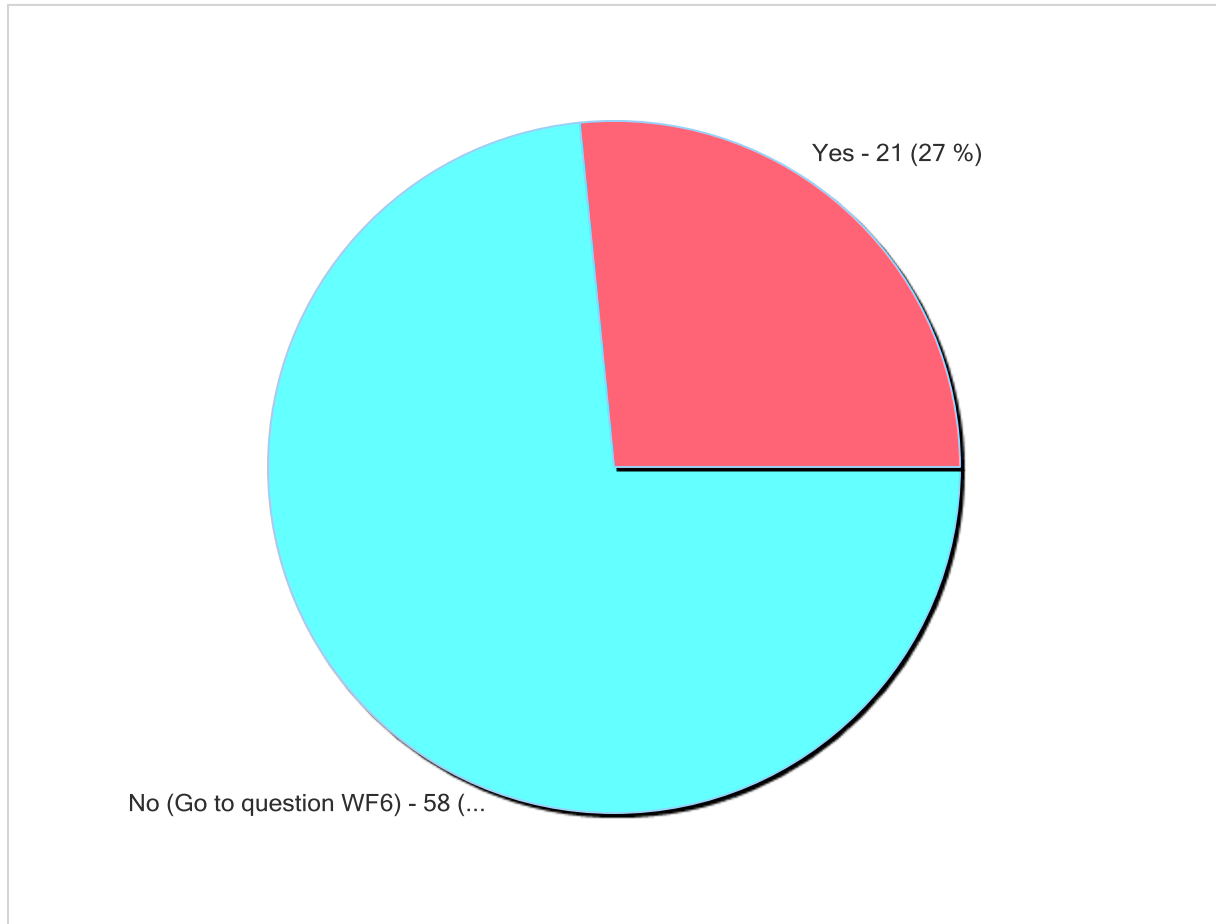
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Community	28	50.9%
Industry	27	49.1%
Total	55	100.0%

WF4. How do you currently recruit new employees?



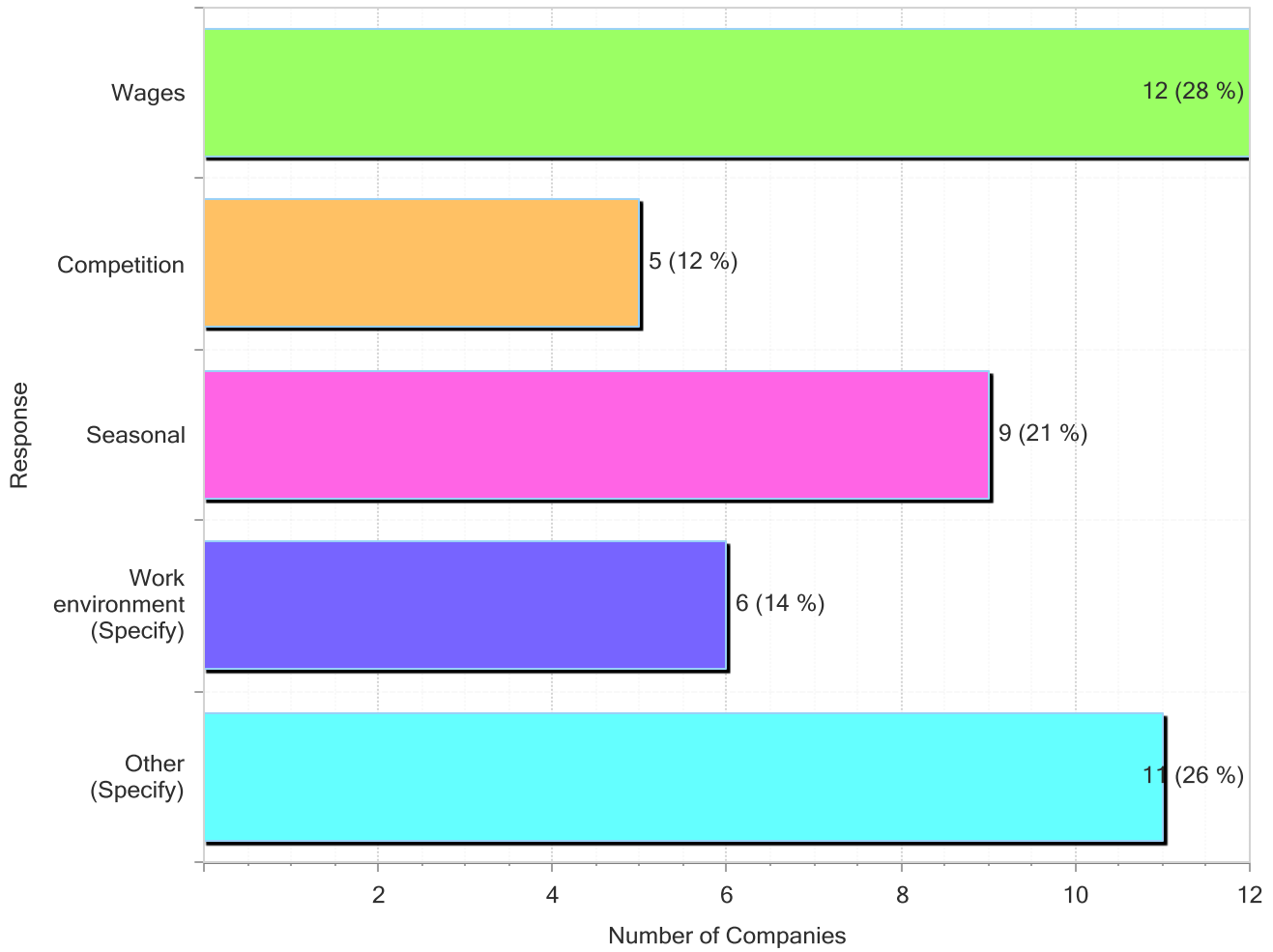
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Through your personal network	58	19.7%
Employment centres and websites (job boards)	36	12.2%
"Hiring" sign on your premises	11	3.7%
Local media advertising	40	13.6%
Your own website	21	7.1%
Professional recruitment firm	7	2.4%
Referrals from friends or current employees	59	20.1%
Social Media applications such as LinkedIn or Facebook	12	4.1%
Unsolicited resumes	39	13.3%
Other (Specify)	11	3.7%
Total	294	100.0%

WF5. Does your business have difficulty retaining employees?



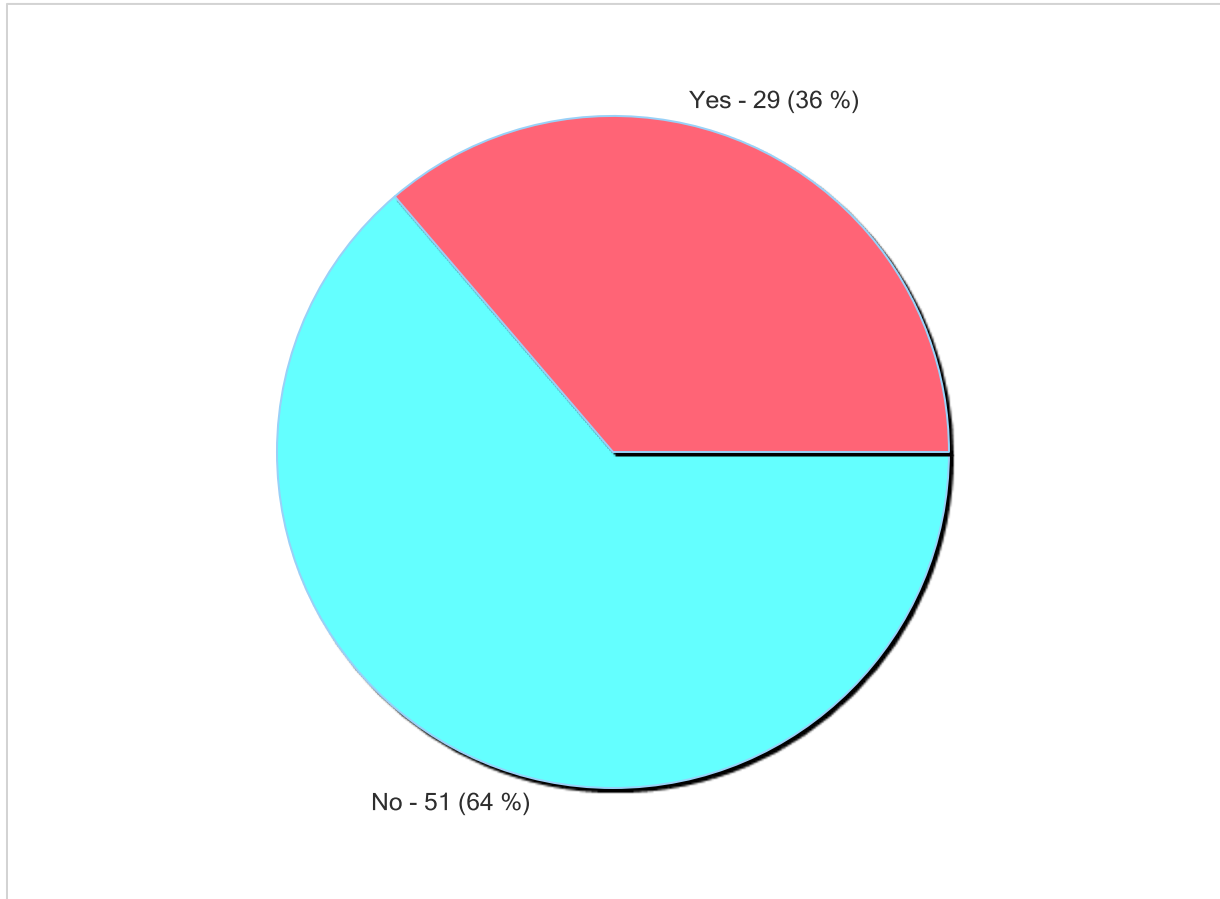
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Yes	21	26.6%
No (Go to question WF6)	58	73.4%
Total	79	100.0%

WF5. Does your business have difficulty retaining employees? - What are the reasons for these difficulties in retaining employees?



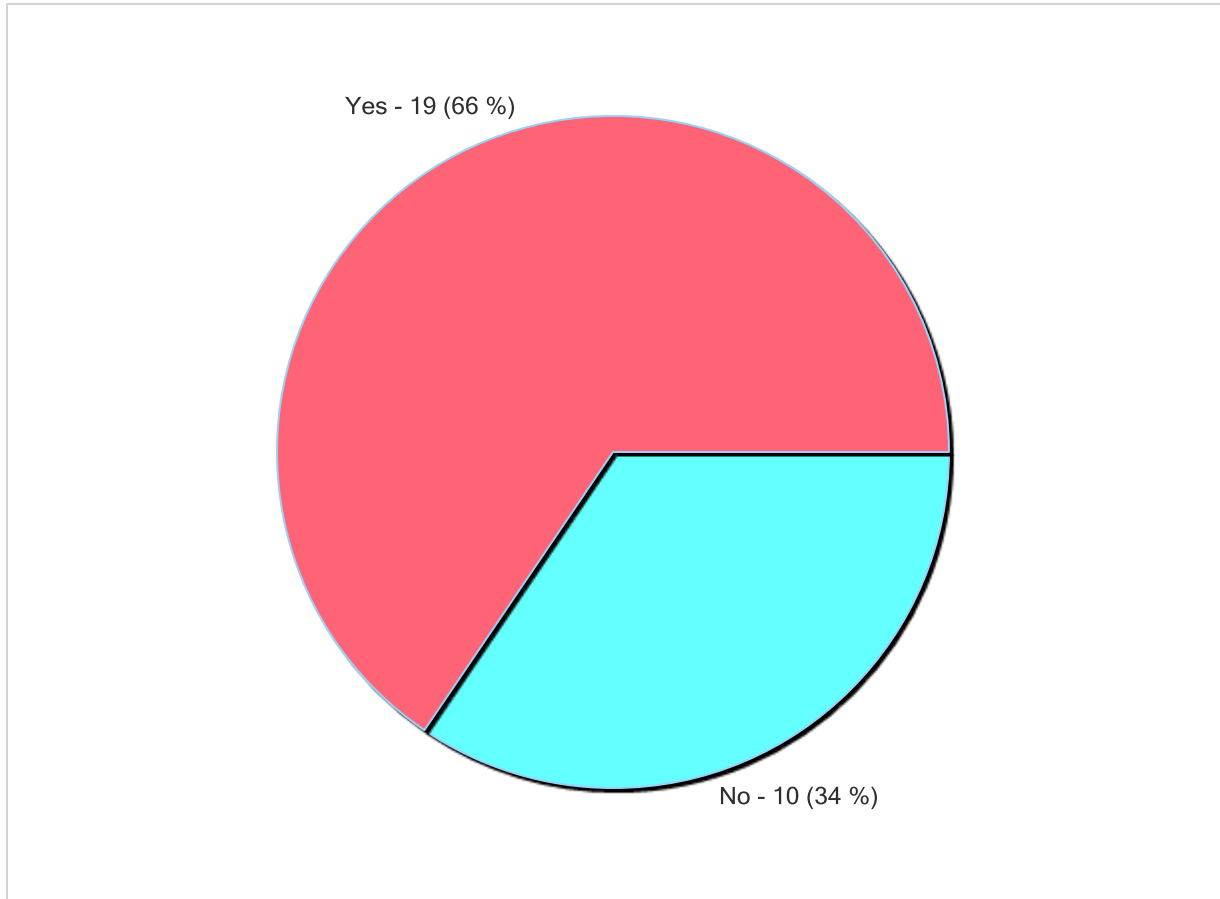
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Wages	12	27.9%
Competition	5	11.6%
Seasonal	9	20.9%
Work environment (Specify)	6	14.0%
Other (Specify)	11	25.6%
Total	43	100.0%

WF6. Does your business currently participate in any co-op, internship or apprenticeship programs?



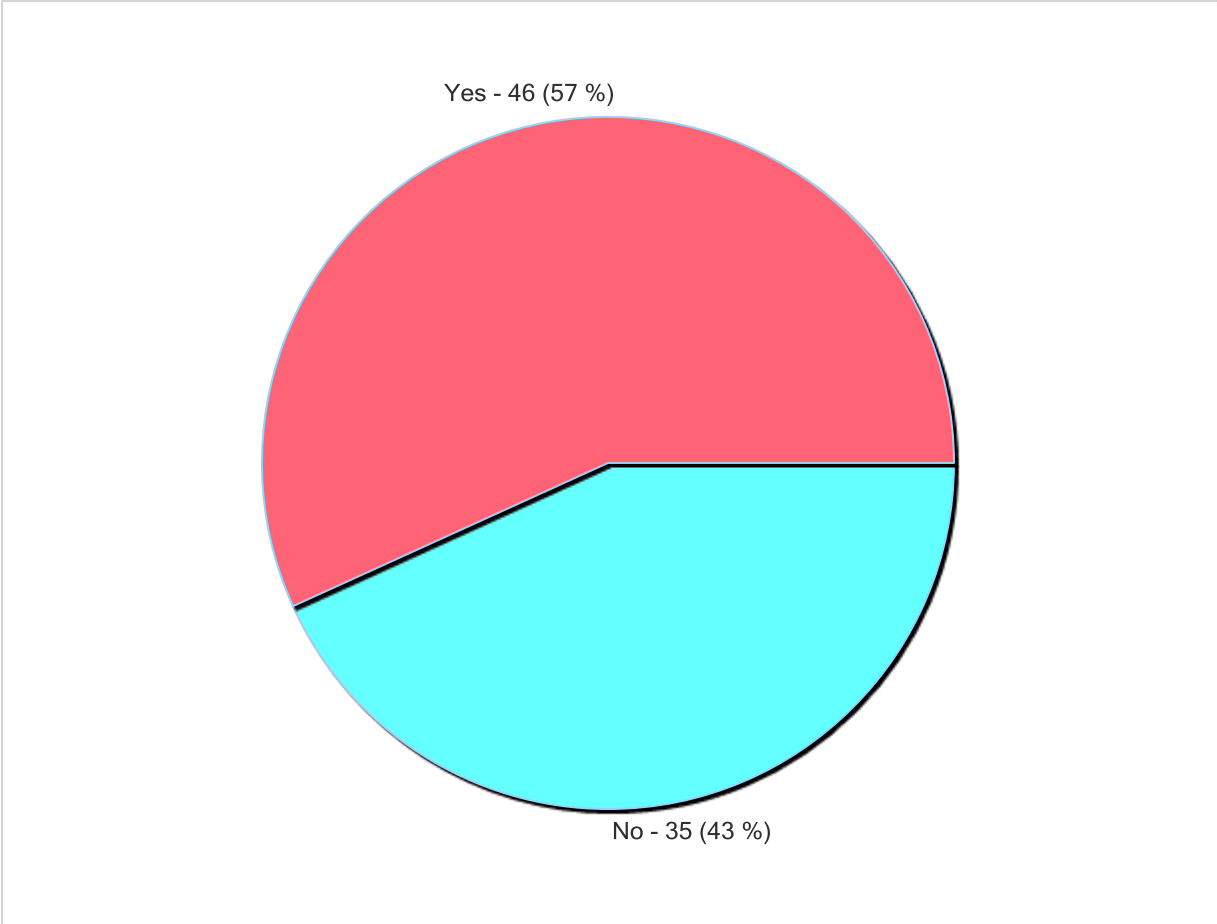
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Yes	29	36.3%
No	51	63.8%
Total	80	100.0%

WF6. Does your business currently participate in any co-op, internship or apprenticeship programs? - If No, are you interested in information?



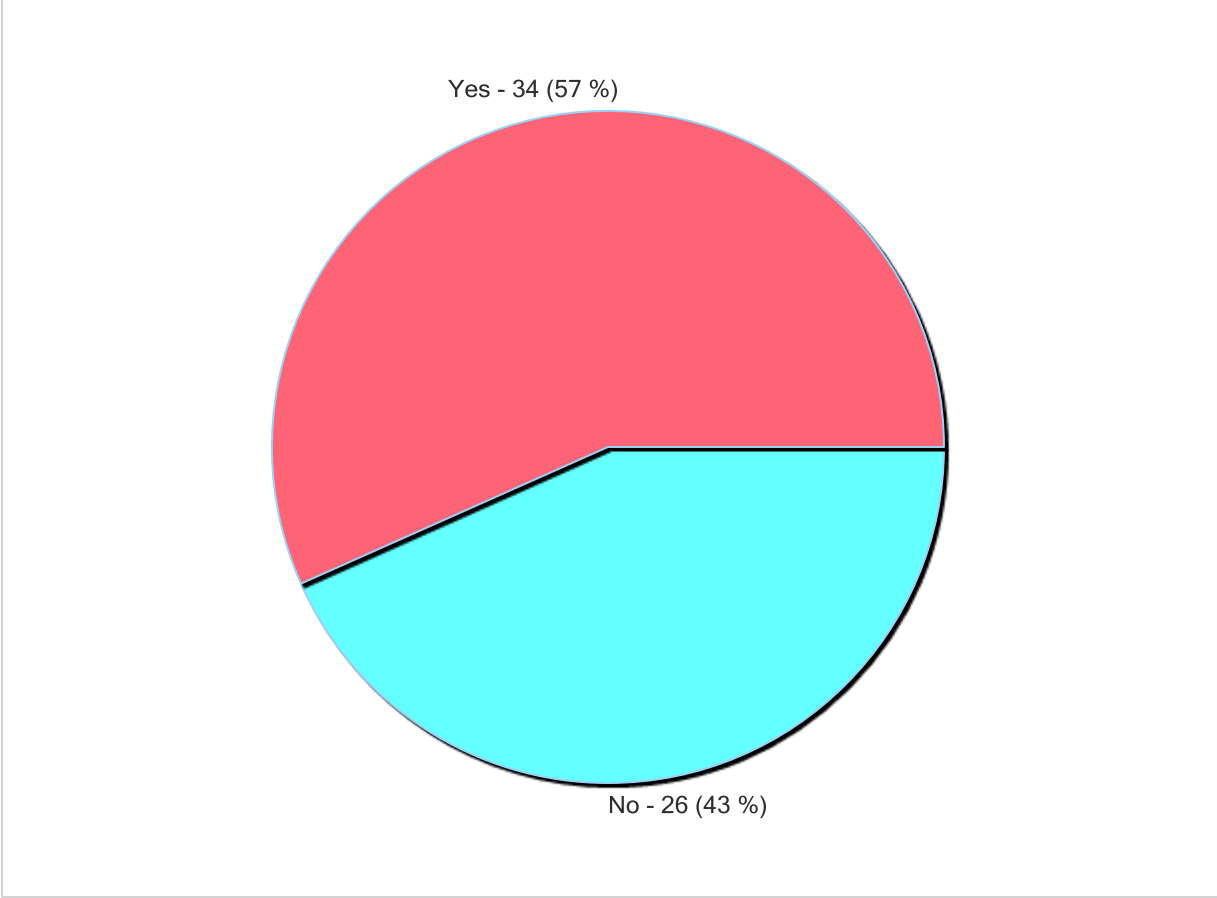
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Yes	19	65.5%
No	10	34.5%
Total	29	100.0%

WF7. Does your business currently use any external training?



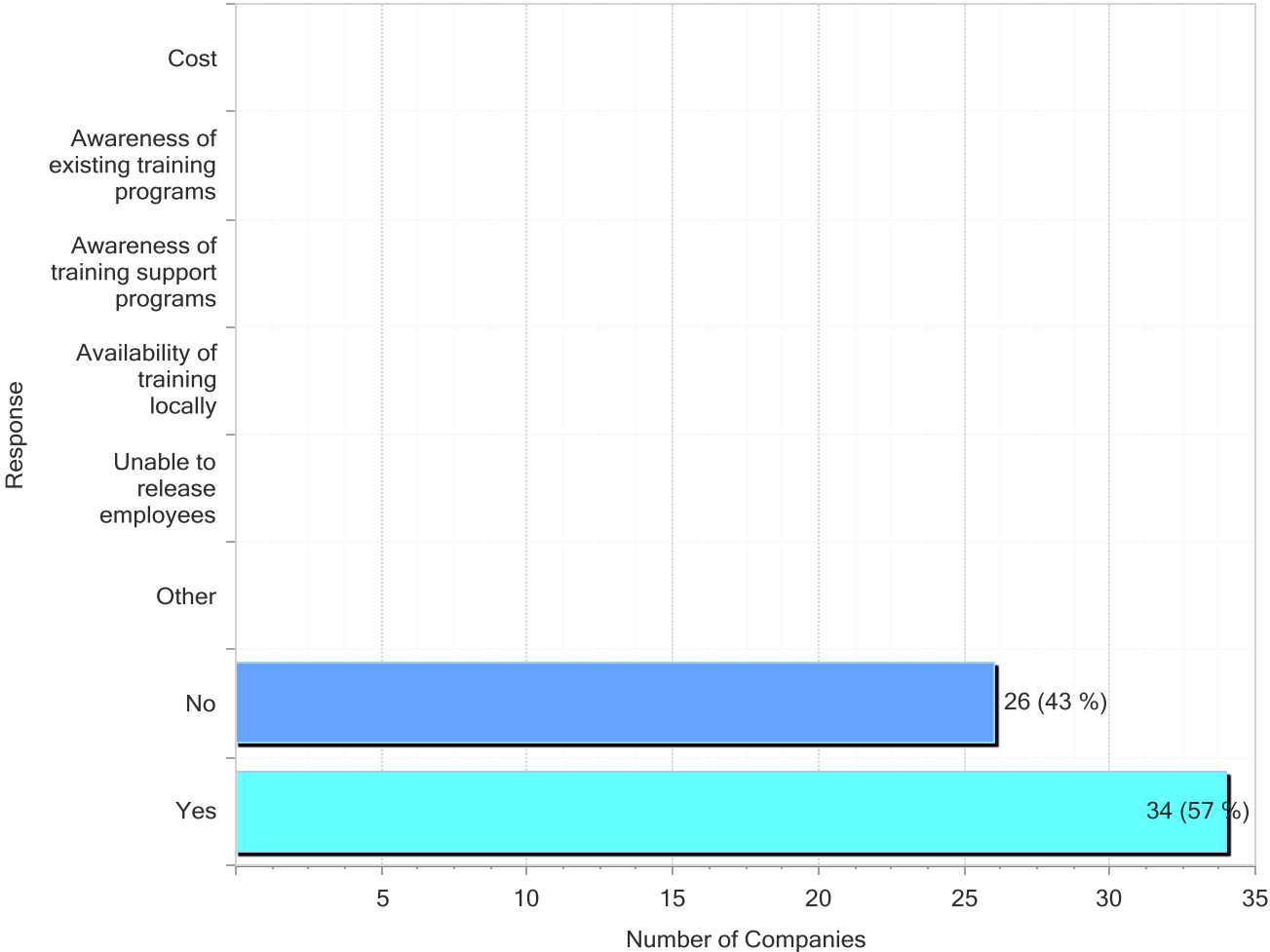
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Yes	46	56.8%
No	35	43.2%
Total	81	100.0%

WF8. Are there currently any barriers for you and/or your employees receiving the necessary training?



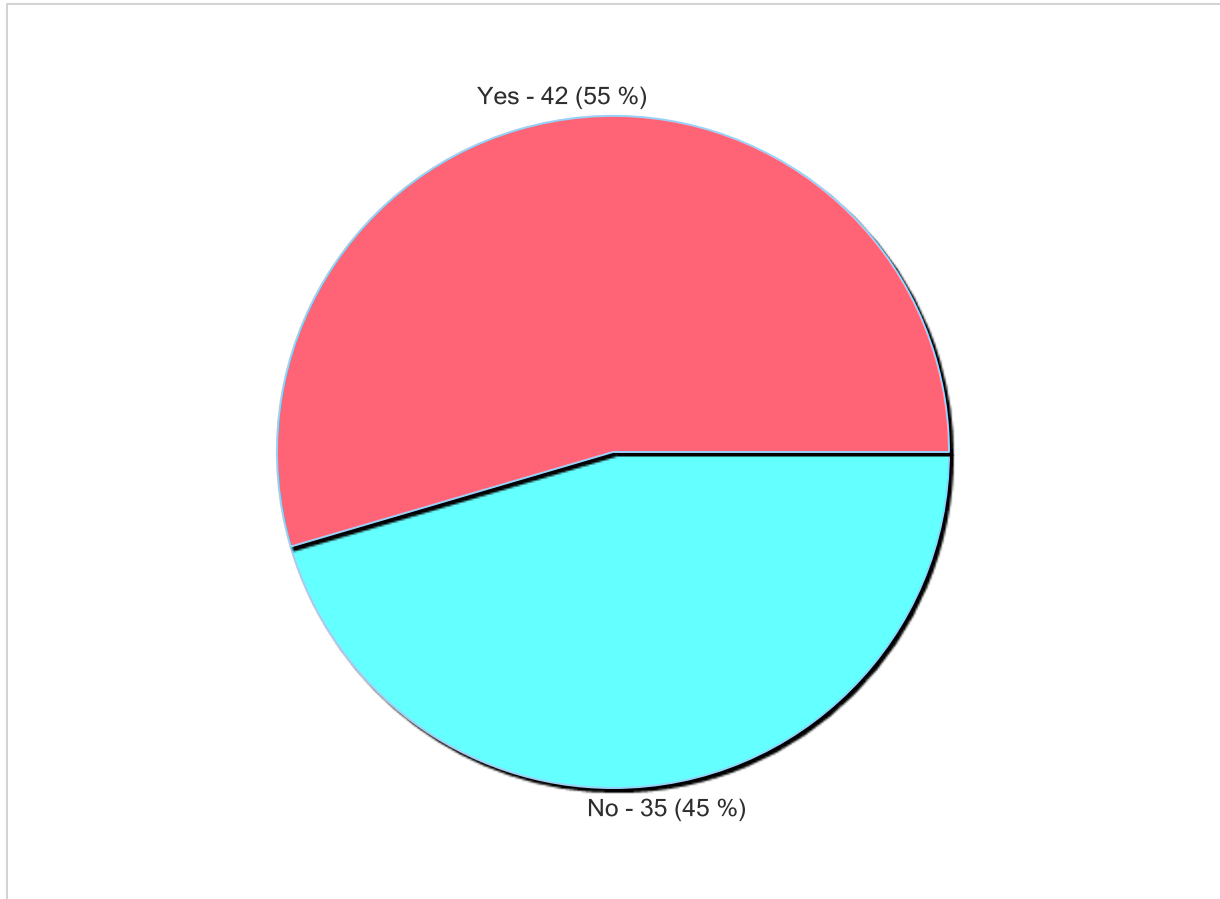
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Yes	34	56.7%
No	26	43.3%
Total	60	100.0%

WF8. Are there currently any barriers for you and/or your employees receiving the necessary training? - If Yes, please specify



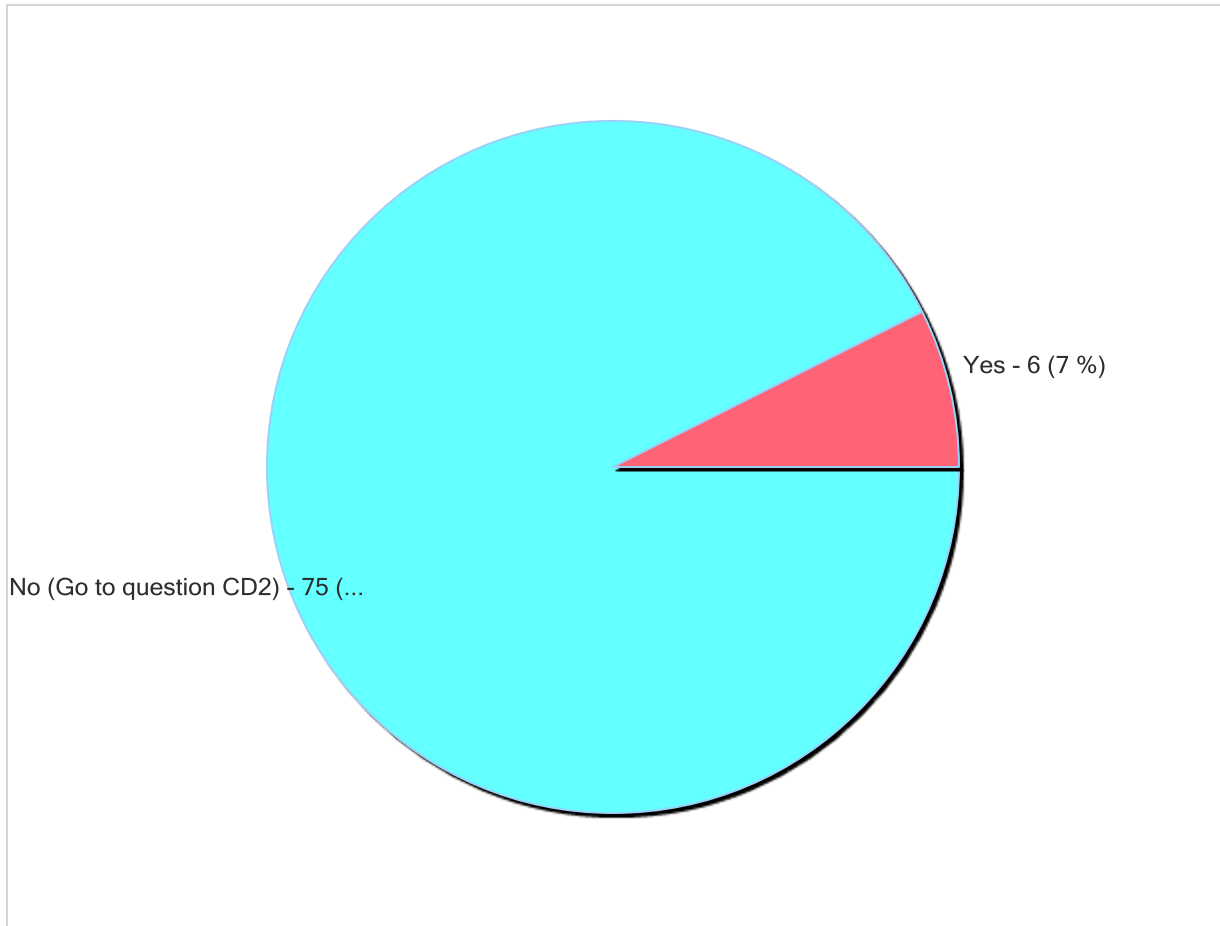
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Cost	0	0.0%
Awareness of existing training programs	0	0.0%
Awareness of training support programs	0	0.0%
Availability of training locally	0	0.0%
Unable to release employees	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
No	26	43.3%
Yes	34	56.7%
Total	60	100.0%

WF9. Are there any training programs/topics that would be beneficial to you and your employees?



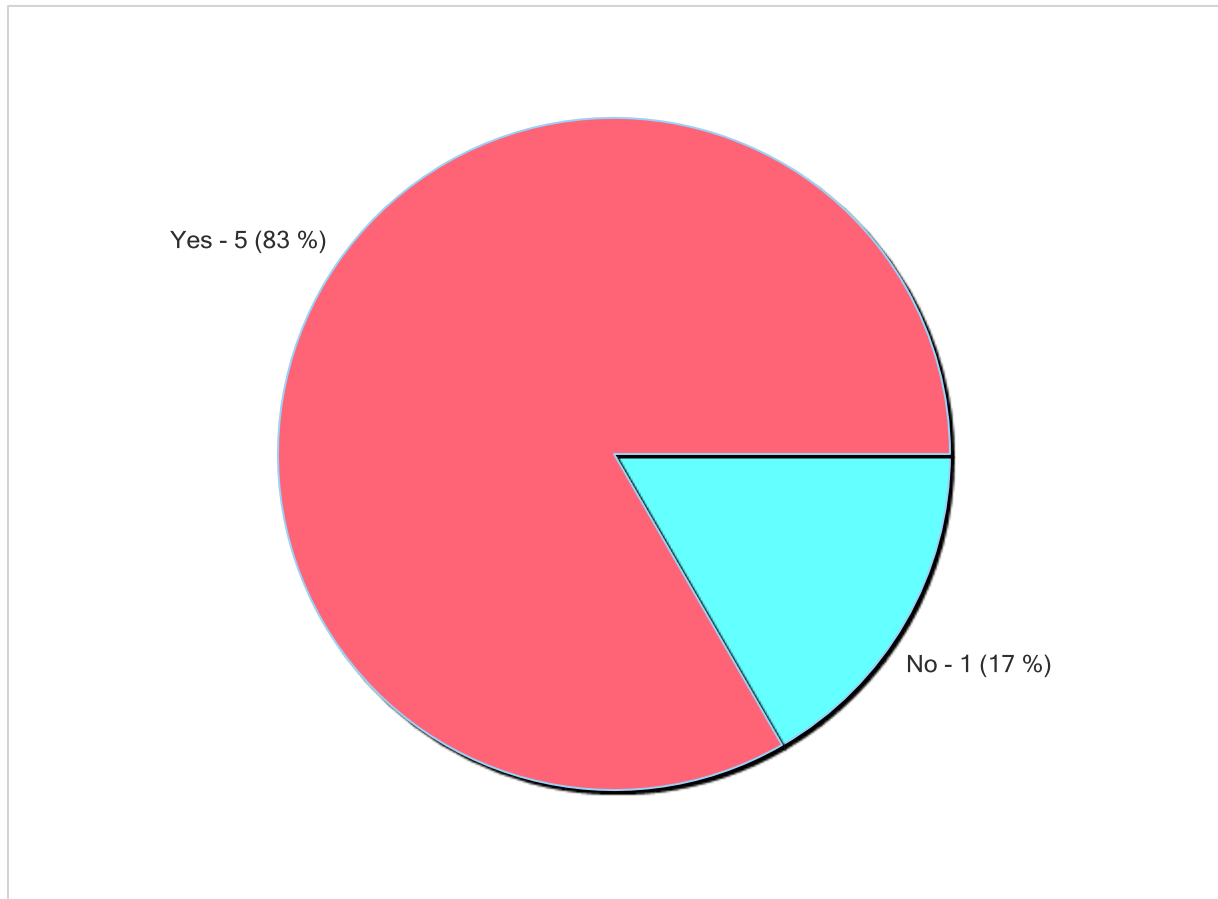
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Yes	42	54.5%
No	35	45.5%
Total	77	100.0%

CD1. Do you know of a business that may have an interest in locating in this community?



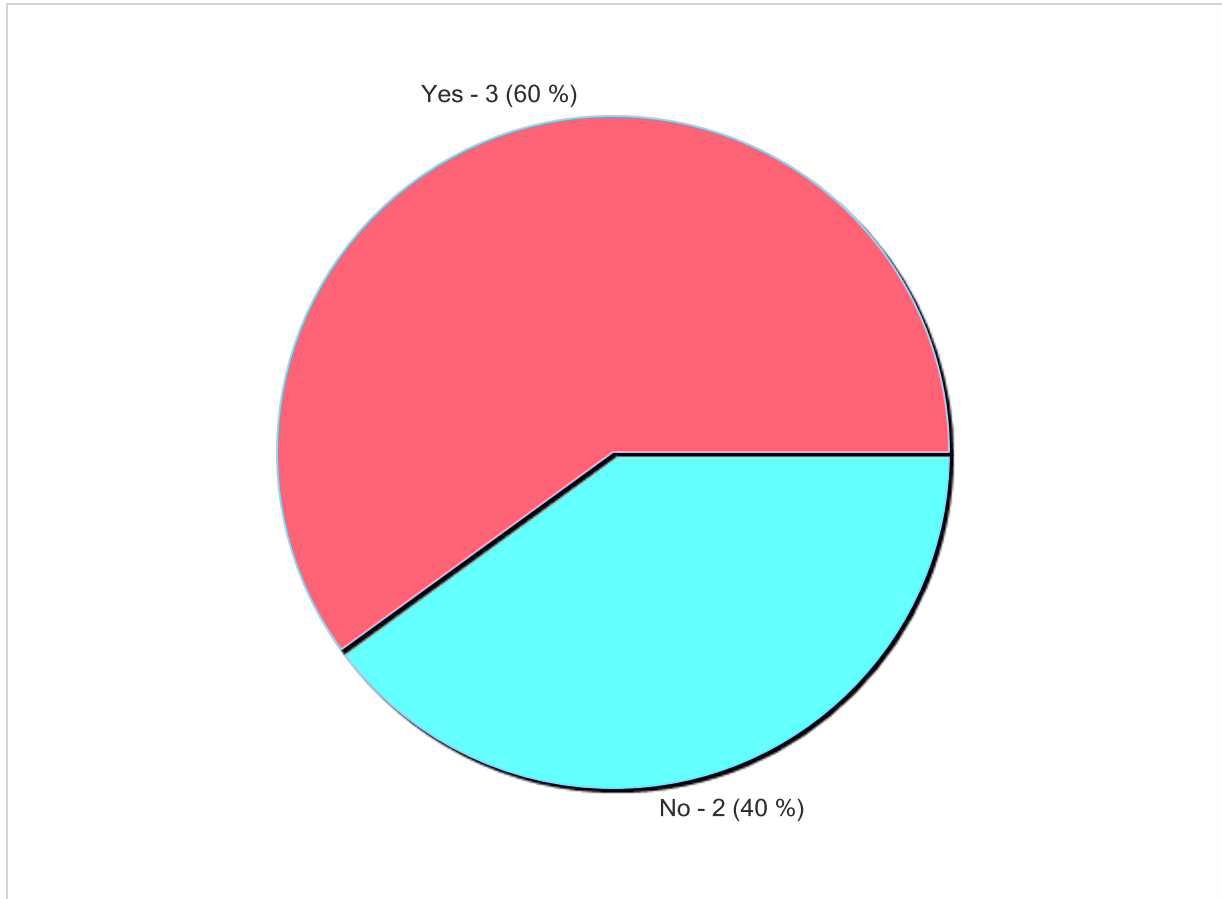
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Yes	6	7.4%
No (Go to question CD2)	75	92.6%
Total	81	100.0%

CD1. Would you be willing to provide the contact information for the business in support of a community business attraction strategy? - Contact business directly



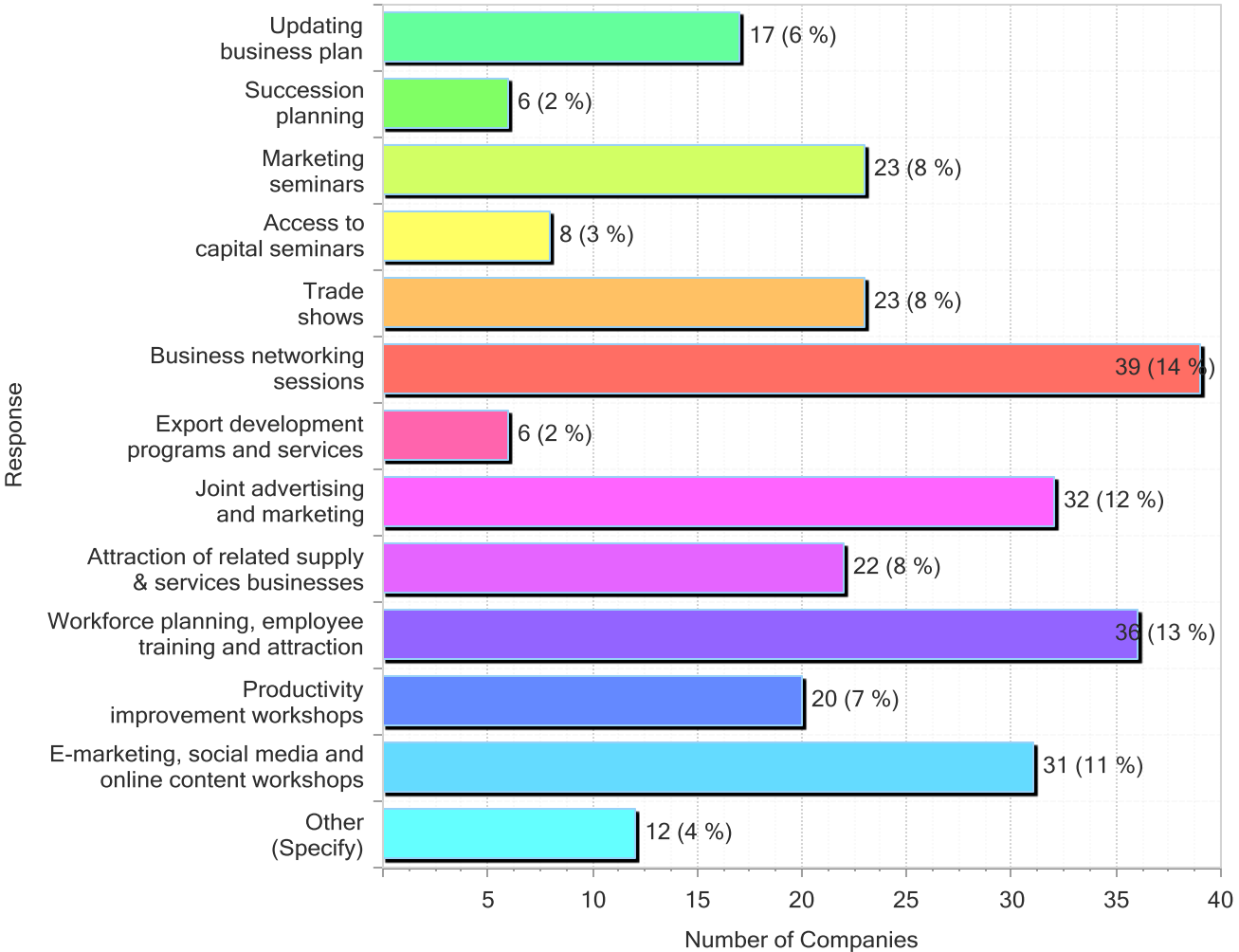
Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Yes	5	83.3%
No	1	16.7%
Total	6	100.0%

CD1. Would you be willing to contact this company on behalf of our community as part of a business attraction strategy? - Provide the contact information for this business



Responses	Series 1	Series 1 (%)
Yes	3	60.0%
No	2	40.0%
Total	5	100.0%

CD5. What assistance or opportunities would be beneficial to support your business?



Survey Results : What change would you like to see in the Region in the next 5 years?

More cultural based marketing-target First Nations bands and opportunities for them in this City.
An increase in the variety of businesses will help draw people to the community. Look at opportunities that are presented by location on trans Canada highway.
More skills training programs and less red tape.
More people and businesses in Ignace...perhaps another grocery store.
More of the same type of specialized retailers giving people more choice in these areas so the need not go out of town to shop.
Municipal Government getting back up and running - stability, leadership, financial.
Air service improved into the local area to allow opening up of new markets.
Rubicon, Goliath, Ignace Saw Mills open, Ring of Fire development from Natural resource community
More availability to technological and internet services; cultural training and acceptance.
More positive leadership from local government to support investment in business development. Increased business networking.
Tourism development to keep people locally.
A change in attitude amongst local business owners. Several complain where they could focus on solutions. Attitude shifts from negative to positive. Be more "doers" and less dependent and be more intra-dependent.
Hiring staff and training which impact my business model in a positive way.
Less regulation on the provincial level. Having the City finances in order which is starting but more work to do. Have warmer weather :)
Focus on identifying more traditional business development
Create work. Need more jobs and people working. Make it attractive for miners in Red Lake to live in Dryden.
More people in the community. More retirees.
Reduce regulations; cost more money to stay in business and it is all going to a government agency.
Plan a strategy for business development in the community. More business would be benefit existing businesses
Awareness of the impact of tourism business on the local economy. Increase awareness in local business.
Strengthen entrepreneurial start-ups and a way to move forward positively.
Awareness to be cost competitive. Improve integration of diverse population and eliminate ill will-more open minded.
Culture diversity. Improvement in road work-4 lanes on highways. Increased workforce.
Would be very beneficial if Wasaya airline fly into Dryden so we could fly up north. It would be a great opportunity for Dryden to connect to the communities up north. Very costly to take a taxi from Sioux Lookout.
Additional main industries to support growth of the community
Less government interference and regulations. If industry regulations change, government funding should be available to assist with any necessary changes. Increased support for economic development services
Fewer for sale signs. Clean up highway.
Increased competition and property clean up along highway. Programs to promote youth retention.
If work industry would pick up-something back to this community. Imperative that we not lose our school-stability knowing the school with not be closed. Retirement community-embrace it-another retirement facility.
Better advertising availability-highway. More industry and small business opportunities. Increase population. Incentive programs for business/industry. Promote tourism.
Workforce-people want to work-young families. Draw people to this area
High speed internet. The properties that are for sale need to sell and let new businesses open in the community. The owner needs to still maintain these for sale properties. Laundry services needed. Need to put best face forward to visitors.
More retail services for our employees and residents in general.
Improvement in support of tourism and industry locally. Downtown revitalized-maintenance. Development of waterfront, create something memorable.

Survey results – What are the top 3 advantages to doing business in this community?

Advantage 1
Location in Ontario
Small and supportive community
Location on TransCanada highway
Location on Trans Canada highway
Quality of life
Cheap housing
Inexpensive housing
Hub of the north
Location-fish and lakes
Cost
Safe community
Geographical location
Centrally located in area
Location-highway 17 between Winn and T Bay
People-being the hub of Northwestern Ontario
Geographic location within the regional market
Centers of influence
Quality of life for staff
Central
Lifestyle
Small community-B2B-help each other
Being on the highway
Land is cheap
Small town atmosphere
Taxes are low
Area fishing and hunting
Lack of competition
Quality of life
Educational/cultural/medical
Trans Canada location
Location
Servicing an area of 30,000 people
Fishing
Location-on Trans Canada Highway
Good fishing
Locally owned
Location to tourism
Camps/Park-tourism
Friendly/helpful people
Location
Size-small community, people friendly to do business
Location
Downtown core location
Being isolated
Hub location
Central location
Good support from hotels/restaurants and walking distance to our location
Improved financial stability (confidence building)
Community advantage of being a Co-op
Affordable
Airport & facility excellent for training flight crews
Location/hub for surrounding area
Centre between two major centres
Proximity to national transportation networks & US border
Located on Trans Canada/Central Location
Located on main highway
Centrally located to highway, rail and air
Location
Available of real estate
Location-Regional hub
Location
Small town feel
Located here historically
Central in Regional Community (Regional hub)
Lifestyle
Location-central hub
Location-between Winnipeg and Thunder Bay
Micro climate-limited competition
Quality of life
Variety of different stores
Location on highway
Availability of undeveloped land
Central hub in the area
Good location
Labour costs
Lifestyle
Good recreation facility to recruit and retain employees
Regional hub
Location as a Regional hub
Word of mouth-small community
Retail regional hub
Good business community

Advantage 2
Local population and support
Size of community - close to everything
Natural Resources
Location - hunting/fishing/tourism
Affordable housing
Trans Canada highway
School - R-12
Good customer base
TransCanada highway
Location-high visibility on Highway
Good health care
Lack of competition
Potential for growth in community
Gap in market
Drawing people from Sioux Lookout, Ignace, Red Lake, Ear Falls and Vermilion Bay
Cost of doing business
Location of business office (centrally located)
Limited competition
Would like to see Airport grow to a central location as capacity there.
Slower pace
Can create opportunity
Thunder Bay only 2 1/2 hours away
Taxes are cheap
Location-in the middle of what they sell, in the midst of the product
Trans Canada highway
Small community-word of mouth advertising
Close services
Infrastructure-rail/road/air
Affordability
Keewatinook Training Centre
Not a lot of empty buildings
Outdoors-geographic location
Land is cheap
Location on highway
Fresh meat cutter
Hub of northwestern Ontario
Highway location
Great place to live
Natural resources
Control own business-no pressure to work harder
Transportation
Lack of Competition
Lack of competitions
Lifestyle-not hectic
Dryden is centrally located
Available space
Care of Co-op movement
Availability
Proximity to fire centre-major client
Quality of life
Opportunity to grow tourism
Untapped opportunity
Natural environment
Availability of locations
Beautiful airport no one uses
Natural resources
Talented pool of workers
Community, People and lifestyle
Citizens of the area (positive people)
Quality of life
Proximity to raw materials
Far enough away from large box store competition
Affordability
Supportive community
Diverse employees
Stability of economy
Goods and services being sold
Personal service
Small town atmosphere
Demographics
Fairly safe environment
Relatively low cost for purchasing property
Central location for shipping
Convenience with short commute to work
Location on a major highway
Almost a self sufficient community
Community spirit-loyalty
Affordable housing
Enjoy nature, great lifestyle

Advantage 3
Co-operation of City Council
Medical
French school
Cost of living
Good schooling
Socioeconomic factors of Northwest
Natural progression of business expansion
Small community-easy to identify who you need to talk to. Quick to do things in town.
Regional location
Location
CP yard would link to a central distribution centre
On the Trans Canada highway
Accessibility-short commute to businesses for supplies etc.
Easy to develop a network for work
First Nations and diversity of population and becoming hub/critical mass
Only shop offering exclusive attire
Tourist community
Variety of product in community
Small town
Setting/environment/area
Remote, churches/schools
Supportive community
Accessible-size and location
Cost of living
Highway accessible
People
Work in a nice facility
Available workforce
People support community owned institutions as they know the people
Service available (medical/fire)
Family orientated community
Nice area
Unique life style. Personal service
Health care
Quality of Life
Low rental fees
MNR fire centre as biggest customer.
Reasonable property taxes
Reasonable cost of living
Activities (Fishing and outdoors)
Safe community-low crime rate
Quality of life for those interested in living here-recreation
Small town feel (Friendly atmosphere, safe, aesthetics)
Accepting to new businesses
Supportive business's
Growth potential
Location-safe and secure community
Tourism
Downtown spaces are occupied-now full
Geographic locations
Close to Goldcorp
Tourism
Fairly reasonable real estate costs.
Media-great exposure
Reasonable cost & accessible

Survey results: What are the top 3 disadvantages to doing business in this community?

Disadvantage 1
Building supplies not available locally (Ignace)
Small populations
Needs growth
Isolated location-small population
Lack of jobs available
Lack of parking at businesses
Dryden doesn't support tourism as service centre for camps
Community looks tired
Police force is not doing enough-petty vandalism
Internet issues
Uncertainty in community
Start up is difficult
Mind-set within the business community
Location
Climate
City cut budget for DDC so no new development
Cultural issues (religion/food)
City financial situation
Unwelcoming business climate
Skilled workforce availability
Highway 17-only access to our community
Workforce-recruitment of employees inhibits growth
Border crossing
Supply business hours don't match needs
Workforce recruitment
Tax rates
Infrastructure
Workforce
No flight service up North
Internet
Lack of service-municipal structure
Isolation
Appearance of community
No young families
Small town
Small population
Jobs
Lack of industrial stability
Community size-referral based-dependent on physician
Workforce
City's financial problems
Being isolated
Limited resources due to small population
Burden on tax payers
Wasaya does not fly to Dryden
Instability of primary industry
Location
Taxes
Expensive to move people in & out of Dryden
Lack of large industry
High cost of air service
Lack of government support-lots of red tape
Access to competitive market/resources i.e. supermarket
Decrease in job opportunities
High taxes
Expensive resources
Small mindedness
Lack of jobs/lack of development
Another business other than the mill to attract people
Declining economy
Distance to market
Lack of community jobs therefore less revenue
Distance from major centres
Location-remote
Micro climate-ability to expand
Size of community
One-stop shopping like Walmart
Attitude related to the town finances
Taxation
Separation of downtown and highway cores
There is no main industry
Lack of skilled workers
Isolation
High shipping and freight costs
Lack of council support and economic development
Remote location-shipping
Freight costs
Slightly isolated for travel
Workforce - lack of interested or qualified people
Lack of services
Poor financial situations
High overhead for lease/rent for businesses
No air service for tourists for U.S. or Toronto

Disadvantage 2
Several commercial businesses for sale
Social programs to address vandalism issues
Availability of technology
Negativity from City Hall impacts community and business development
Mind-set of only retailing existing products instead of developing your own.
Population size
Smaller pool of qualified workers
Location
Small community-can't get parts same day
Old community members
No hospital (excellent medical care though)
Small community-the infrastructure is small town
Support from Municipal office
Condition of highway 502
Lots of travel for training and clients
Remote from market/supply chains
4 hours from major centre
Cost to travel up north
Economic Development position empty
Taxes (high)
Small population
Lack of business competition
Workforce is struggling. i.e. wood industry going down-families moved away
Not enough other businesses
Lack of local support
Health care-5 hours away. Dryden limited to what they can do.
Limited leisure activities
City Council
Residents out shopping
Freight charges
Isolation-limited transportation routes
Not "open for business"
Very costly for First Nations to get to Dryden
Negative attitude (what can you do for your community rather than what can your community do for you)
Skilled Labour force
Bumping heads with the city
Number of flights in and out of Dryden very limited
Workforce
Travel to medical specialists
Negative perception of community due to financial challenges
Old town attitude-no open minded to new things/changes-like a culture even for the young.
Aboriginal/non aboriginal relations.
Decrease in population
Is infrastructure set up to bring in new businesses. Not customers available and this is a airport disadvantage
Location
Current local government
Municipal level-red tape
Location
High tax base
Industrial tax rate
Municipal challenges (financial problems, negative perception of the City)
Municipal finances (poor performance)
Shipping costs
Stability-only one main industry
Demographics
Competition to said stores
Available services
Outlook of population isn't super positive
Declining population
Climate related issues
Selection of shopping choices
Low population
High taxes in relation to the return of service
Low population
Specialized medical treatment
Need more property available
Lack of businesses to advertise
Zoning and bylaws too restrictive
Population density is low
Not enough diverse activity to keep people from vandalism
Education & training; enhancement availability. Lack of public transit
Small community-isolation from a geographic location (time delays, couriers)
Infrastructure.
Workforce
Not enough young families

Disadvantage 3
No seniors centre
Far from major airports.
Roads are poor
Operating costs (e.g. water, food, gas)
Business/economic development needed.
Lack of workforce
Government-border crossing wait times, taxes, HST rebates harder to get
Community reputation
Shipping costs
Limited access to skilled workers
Community branding/image-regionally and provincially
Lack of direction
Population density-distance from marketplace
Travel
Lack of people
Bigger stores take from smaller local stores
Lack of vision in municipal government and business community
Transportation. No local transportation-poor air, train, bus out of Dryden.
Proximity to supplies-high shipping costs
Cold winters/climate
Size of community
Negativity
Economic climate is not the best
Aging infrastructure
Geography for recruitment of professionals
Utility cost-HYDRO
Limited labour force
Freight time delays
Commercial/industry base so good high paying jobs
Lack of qualified workers
Lack of higher paying jobs therefore less disposable income
Shipping costs
Winter road condition
High municipal tax rate
Low morale at the city/in the city

2014/15 Regional BR+E Survey Results: Survey Comments
Training of workers is vital to the forestry industry
Ignace is a great place but not for business at present
We need to figure out a way to have healthy competition, working together, not against one another.
The buy-in from the municipality to support this BR&E project is great, but would need to act on the outcome. Many other projects have been initiated but no follow through.
Trade shows are important. The appearance and energy the community is important; Business store fronts, beautification, activities/creativity and community pride.
Grateful to do business in Dryden. Great environment for kids.
Dryden should think "outside" the box when trying to bring in a new business. (if the DDC gets a budget). Focus on identifying more traditional business to develop.
If business rely on shipping products/transportation it is very hard.
Resource based industry located in community, this would probably be universal. Unique business with in community therefore issues may be different. Not unique in Northwestern Ontario. Pay higher taxes than competitors.
Other training-Jan to March-day workshops or opportunities are presently taking place during summer which is the busy season for the tourism industry.
Youth retention initiatives are required.
Steering team-what are your goals in outcome. Discussion followed-community optimistic and leaders can use data in planning. Great survey!
This survey was a really good idea.
Improvements need for town and incentives. More local support. Businesses need to support each other.
Building the community -needs a face-lift. Vermilion Bay-a map showcasing the community to promote the area.
Youth attraction and we will train them.
Tourism development
Dryden needs to be open for business. Water is largest expense with wash service.
All trainees have to fly to Sioux Lookout. It is a \$400 cab ride from Sioux lookout. Very costly. Would like to have the airport utilized better by having Wasaya connect the north to Dryden.
Downtown business group-forming a group. Suggest meeting every two weeks for breakfast. City needs to get financial house in order and have reserve to work with.
Not extremely important to do this. Constraints with moving-not growing is difficult. Accurate training-local vs external
Great job, keep it up!
Would like to see the Chamber of Commerce be a more visible and vocal voice in support of local business. City's financial challenges have been a drain on business community and on the perception of Dryden as a whole.
Strange attitude of locals-they want something, then don't support it when it is here.
Feds have increased fuel X 2. Best airport between Thunder Bay and Winnipeg and it is grossly under used.
This survey and process was a very good idea.
Forecasting some positive things/opportunities coming up for Dryden
There are a lot of proactive citizens who do a lot to encourage the community as a whole. Different activities and different cultures are encouraged.
Business need to push each other to attend and participate.
Perception of downtown businesses (income vs reality) is skewed.
Really appreciate being asked. Good job Chamber of Commerce.
Days of summer really good idea. More attraction to downtown businesses. Need downtown directory with the map of Dryden signs. (Thinking of when people stop to eat would be good to look at what's available downtown)
Disadvantage in attracting professionals. Positions of local leadership should take advantage of opportunities especially economic development.
Would like to see more development of local market. i.e. in conjunction with Oxdrift market/farmers market. More development of similar events downtown like flea market, trunk sale or farmers market.
Bring a specialty store-i.e. meat shop, butcher delicatessen. Future option for IGA building-an indoor sports facility-indoor soccer pitch, golf dome, tennis.
- Political aspect - sometimes prevent potential clients/people relocating to the area (ie property taxes)
-Water/sewer rates stability and importance of accountability

2014/15 Regional BR+E - Workforce Development Notes

Need community package to give to prospective employees
Training need are met by supply companies or accessed on line.
Provincially start co-op in schools at an early age to build a better workforce. Other countries do this and have a better work ethic. Not only do the emerging youth have no work skill but the educational system only pushes University and forgets about the skills needed to succeed along with the workforce that does not require University.
Very hard to compete against the wages out west. TSSA is a huge road block and is hurting industry. There rules are effecting our region along with tourist camps. Too many regulations.
20-35 year old want a job but do not want to work. Hard time to get men. More personal issues with women. People's personal issues they bring into work place. Cell phones interrupt responsibilities in all age categories.
WHMIS training is already arranged through the internet
Finding time for employees to do on line training especially during peak season.
If minimum wage was increased to \$15.00 there would have to be a reduction in workers or hours.
Focus on hiring locally and willing to train in some areas (e.g. support services, transportation). Need to determine available, size of potential workforce wanting to stay or return to community.
Dryden High School finally coming to learn @ restaurant after 6 years. Sioux Lookout was very open to the invitation. 50 students came to restaurant.
Finish school and be eligible according to insurance specifications which require experience. Suggest program funded to support internship for period of time to train.
Workshops need to be in the evening as cannot leave business during the day. i.e. service excellence.
Lots of turnover due to nature of work-students and customer service. Interested in joint training. Turnover to students leaving for school. Would like food service training.
Would like training trainers to train. Most of training done internally.
Training programs for truck drivers would be beneficial
Crisis management. Program development. I.T. upgrading. Entry level skills development needed. Employer/employee relations. Health and safety. WHMIS. Make sure Ontario Works can access.
Never enough customer service training
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reassure businesses training for government regulations they are free, available and doable.2. In high school promote careers that do not need post secondary. Begin early e.g. sales, banking, insurance, real estate as career options.3. High school work on entrepreneurship and business issues.

Community reputation as a place to do business-provincially and regionally.
Would like to see the residents of Dryden see the benefits in shopping locally.
Local support from business. Enthusiasm. Sense of community: support each other, keep money in the community, work together, Product good customer service and care. Hard to find local contractors. Complacency amount contractors and consumers.
More jobs to attract youth back to community. Cost of living. Share the load of taxes. More transparency with local government so community can support. Increased community confidence through communication and planning.
Reduce taxes. Increased economic growth. Better relationship and partnership growth in community and province.
I would like to see cultural training in the community. We are first nation company and occasionally people (or trainees) are not treated well.
Coming together. Development of Chamber better. Might build up overnight stay overs for restaurants/hotels. Might consider parade of lights. On Friday nights the shops are not open and people can't drive in from the Region.
More inventory of houses in the area.
Need City to make some money so they can fix our town. Can we raise money to provide extra funds for grooming our city and make it more attractive? More young families to move to Dryden. Independent growth with restaurants and boutiques. Less money on hospital and more money on City re fundraising for grooming. Air quality is a red flag-how can you attract people with the smell. It is nauseating.
Better airline services with more choice and better timing.
New industry happening. Province release cottage lots around the lake.
Better cost of air travel. Better bus schedule. Paved double highway. More things to do for younger generation
Like to see light manufacturing companies locate in Dryden. Bring back our displaced workers
Dryden to build itself as a hub for the region with all potential development in the region in the future, including mining sector. Encourage existing businesses to move forward, reach-out and grow. Leave their comfort zone and seek new opportunities.
Improve attitude of local business owners-be more positive. Be more active re: beautification.
More traffic at airport
A way to bring more people into the area and the downtown core.
Return to prosperity through good local leadership being proactive. Need to have foresight.
New business development and creation of new jobs.
Would like to see the town leaders more positive.
Attracting new businesses and Industry!
Competitive industrial tax rate. Competitive wood costs (roads, harvesting). Renewable electricity opportunities.
More business which equals more jobs. Lower utility costs.
Tax and development incentives. Being viewed as a hub for retail goods and services
Growth in industrial sectors-increase in jobs. Aboriginal understanding and how it will impact sales.
Customers being encourage to shop and support local businesses
Exposure and promotion
Expansion of services outside of Dryden proper. Economic development recruitment. Arena repaired and updated.
Would like to see the mining sector take off leading to more people moving to town. Would like to see growth in the population. Market Dryden to the west. Have people from the west come to Dryden rather the us going west. Market or create a 55 plus community.
Need to market ourselves and market to the west. A prime location for a 55 plus area. Market to young families
More focused, less conflict in political environment.
Road Maintenance improved. Business development-fill the empty store fronts!
Business attraction. Small to medium sized manufacturing. Light industrial. Use of product produced here-i.e. pulp turned into a new product locally.
Growth will include growth to fly-in first nations. At that time it would be appropriate/needed to increase the local food production capacity.