

**Municipality of Chatham-Kent**

**Corporate Services**

**Municipal Governance**

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council  
**From:** Judy Smith, Director Municipal Governance/Clerk  
**Date:** April 20, 2021  
**Subject:** 2022 Municipal Election Voting Method

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**Recommendations**

It is recommended that:

1. The method of voting for the 2022 municipal election be a combined method of:
  - a. Advance polls
    - i. paper ballots with optical scan vote tabulators, and
    - ii. internet voting
  - b. Election Day
    - i. paper ballots with optical scan vote tabulators only
2. A bylaw to authorize the use of mark sense ballot and optical scan vote tabulators for the purpose of counting votes at the 2022 Municipal Election and the use of internet voting as an alternative voting method for advance voting is attached for approval.

**Background**

The Municipal Elections Act, 1996 Section 42(1) provides that the council of a local municipality may pass by-laws,

- a. authorizing the use of voting and vote-counting equipment such as voting machines, voting recorders or optical scanning vote tabulators;
- b. authorizing electors to use an alternative voting method, such as voting by mail or by telephone, that does not require electors to attend at a voting place in order to vote.

## Comments

The Act provides that the municipal council determines the method of voting to be used.

The majority of Ontario municipalities now use some alternative form of voting other than or in combination with paper ballots at polling stations. Alternative methods to choose from are mail-in balloting, telephone and/or internet. A combination of these methods is often used by municipalities. Alternative voting methods can also be used in combination with traditional (paper ballot) polling stations.

Optic scan tabulating equipment to assist with vote counting was used effectively in the 2010, 2014 and 2018 municipal election. In addition, internet voting for advance polls was used in the 2014 and 2018 municipal election. Attachment A represents the statistics and method of voting from previous municipal elections in Chatham-Kent.

During a recent four week period, a survey was conducted through Let's Talk Chatham-Kent regarding municipal election voting method preferences. Approximately 600 responses were received through the online platform. A few comments were also received through email, phone message and postal mail. Administration recognizes the skewed results by asking preference of election voting when one of the results is electronic voting and the method of asking the survey questions is also electronic.

### Summary of responses in survey:

- Number of participants who vote in a municipal election: yes - 582; no – 17;
- People from all wards and age groups responded;
- Paper ballots at a polling station with tabulator and internet voting were the highest voting methods preferred for the 2022 municipal election with 366 and 387 votes respectively, followed by 171 mail-in ballots and 54 phone option;
- Participants were asked their understanding of how to vote with the various methods; paper ballots being the highest;
- Participants were asked what method of voting was their priority preference, 355 stated most likely to use paper ballot and 348 stated most likely to use internet voting;
- Participants were asked if they had security concerns with any of the voting methods; the phone-in option had the most concern;
- Participants were asked to provide further comments if they wished.

The 76-page survey summary is attached as Attachment B.

Similar to last municipal election, combined internet voting for advance polls only and traditional voting (with optical scan vote tabulators) is being recommended for the 2022 municipal election. By allowing for two options, it allows voters to select the method they are most comfortable with.

### Reasons for Continuing with Internet Voting for advance voting only

- Internet voting allows electors to vote twenty-four (24) hours a day for eight (8) to twelve (12) days from any location in the world. Snowbirds and students away at school would be able to vote themselves and not need a proxy.
- It allows for convenience for the voter. The internet option allows individuals the ability to vote at home rather than driving to the voting location.
- Internet voting also addresses most accessibility issues since people can vote from anywhere. Many people with accessibility issues have, where necessary, already made accommodation to be able to use the internet. For example, people who have challenges with their sight may already have the use of an internet reader.
- Using internet voting is one way for the municipality to encourage involvement in the election process. The more the municipality uses technology to communicate and connect with its residents the more the municipality becomes relevant and the more interest is promoted by community involvement.
- The method of internet voting for advance polls during the 2014 and 2018 election allowed both the community and administration to explore the opportunity this type of voting provided.. This method allows for another convenient option for the voters while still making the traditional method of voting available for those that were more comfortable with paper ballots.
- Offering internet for advance voting only is being recommended due to the ability to strike off names on the voters list. Chatham-Kent utilizes Voterview as our voter list software. Voterview can accompany internet voting. When a voter casts a ballot online their name is immediately stricken off the list. Once the advance polls are closed a final voters list can be printed with the voters names that have already voted marked off. This is helpful on Election Day for the Deputy Returning Officers to know who has already voted.
- The voters list is not available online on Election Day due to the higher costs of obtaining numerous laptops and adequate internet connection. Therefore, it would be impossible to know who has already voted online earlier in the day and if they were eligible for a paper ballot on Election Day.

### Security, Secrecy, Integrity

In any type of election, three essential elements are the security, secrecy and integrity of the process. The internet election process is tested in elections and can achieve all three of these essential elements.

To ensure secrecy, the system needs to be designed so that no one is able to associate a ballot with the elector. The system also needs to be secure from being “hacked” or

subject to interference from unauthorized personnel. Election officials also have to ensure the system will record and track votes accurately and will operate efficiently during the entire election period.

Another common question regarding internet voting is the potential for Voter Notification Cards and PIN numbers to be used by strangers or other family members within the household and allowing an individual to place multiple votes. Voting twice is a criminal offence and offenders may be prosecuted. The courts take election offences seriously. This has not been a prevalent matter in Chatham-Kent elections,

### By-law for Voting Method

A By-law (Attachment C) to authorize the use of mark sense ballot and optical scan vote tabulators for the purpose of counting votes in the 2022 municipal election and the use of internet voting as an alternative voting method for advance voting is attached for approval.

### **Areas of Strategic Focus and Critical Success Factors**

The recommendations in this report support the following areas of strategic focus:

- Economic Prosperity:  
Chatham-Kent is an innovative and thriving community with a diversified economy
- A Healthy and Safe Community:  
Chatham-Kent is a healthy and safe community with sustainable population growth
- People and Culture:  
Chatham-Kent is recognized as a culturally vibrant, dynamic, and creative community
- Environmental Sustainability:  
Chatham-Kent is a community that is environmentally sustainable and promotes stewardship of our natural resources

The recommendations in this report support the following critical success factors:

- Financial Sustainability:  
The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is financially sustainable
- Open, Transparent and Effective Governance:  
The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is open, transparent and effectively governed with efficient and bold, visionary leadership
- Has the potential to support all areas of strategic focus & critical success factors

Neutral issues (does not support negatively or positively)

### **Consultation**

The Clerk's Office will invite the companies who offer internet election services that are compatible with existing election software to make a written proposal based on criteria provided through the RFP process.

### **Financial Implications**

Election related costs for the 2018 municipal election totaled \$382,792.

The estimated Election Reserve balance is \$380,830.10 for 2020. The annual allocation is \$117,364 for 2021 and is forecasted to be the same amount for 2022. Thus, it will bring a projected balance of \$615,558.10 in the reserve for the 2022 election.

It should be noted that a more efficient way to hold the municipal election is utilizing internet voting only. This would eliminate costs for tabulators, building rentals, and many of the election staff required on election day and during advance polls. This would result in savings of approximately \$100,000. However, for all the reasons mentioned above, administration is recommending the combined approach.

The Election Reserve is used to cover costs within each municipal election, every four years. In addition, should there be a by-election required throughout a term of Council there are dollars within the reserve to cover the cost. As per the procurement by-law, once written Request for Proposals are received, a report will be returned to Council for approval.

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Attachments:

A Voting Method Statistics

B Let's Talk Voting Method Survey Results

C By-law to authorize the use of optical scan vote tabulators

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**Attachment A**

**2010 Municipal Election Voter Turnout Breakdown**

	Registered Voters	Advance Paper Ballot	Advance Internet Voting	Election Day Ballots cast	% Turnout	
Total	81,135	3,007	0	29,391	39.90%	32,398
% of the vote		9.3%	0.0%	90.7%		

(not offered)

**2014 Municipal Election Voter Turnout Breakdown**

	Registered Voters	Advance Paper Ballot	Advance Internet Voting	Election Day Ballots cast	% Turnout	
Total	77,855	2,059	7,330	23,394	42.11%	32,783
% of the vote		6.3%	22.4%	71.4%		

**2018 Municipal Election Voter Turnout Breakdown**

	Registered Voters	Advance Paper Ballot	Advance Internet Voting	Election Day Ballots cast	% Turnout	
Total	76,418	2,291	9,787	22,644	45.44%	34,722
% of the vote		6.6%	28.2%	65.2%		

# Election 2022 Survey

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## **SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT**

22 November 2017 - 24 March 2021

**PROJECT NAME:**

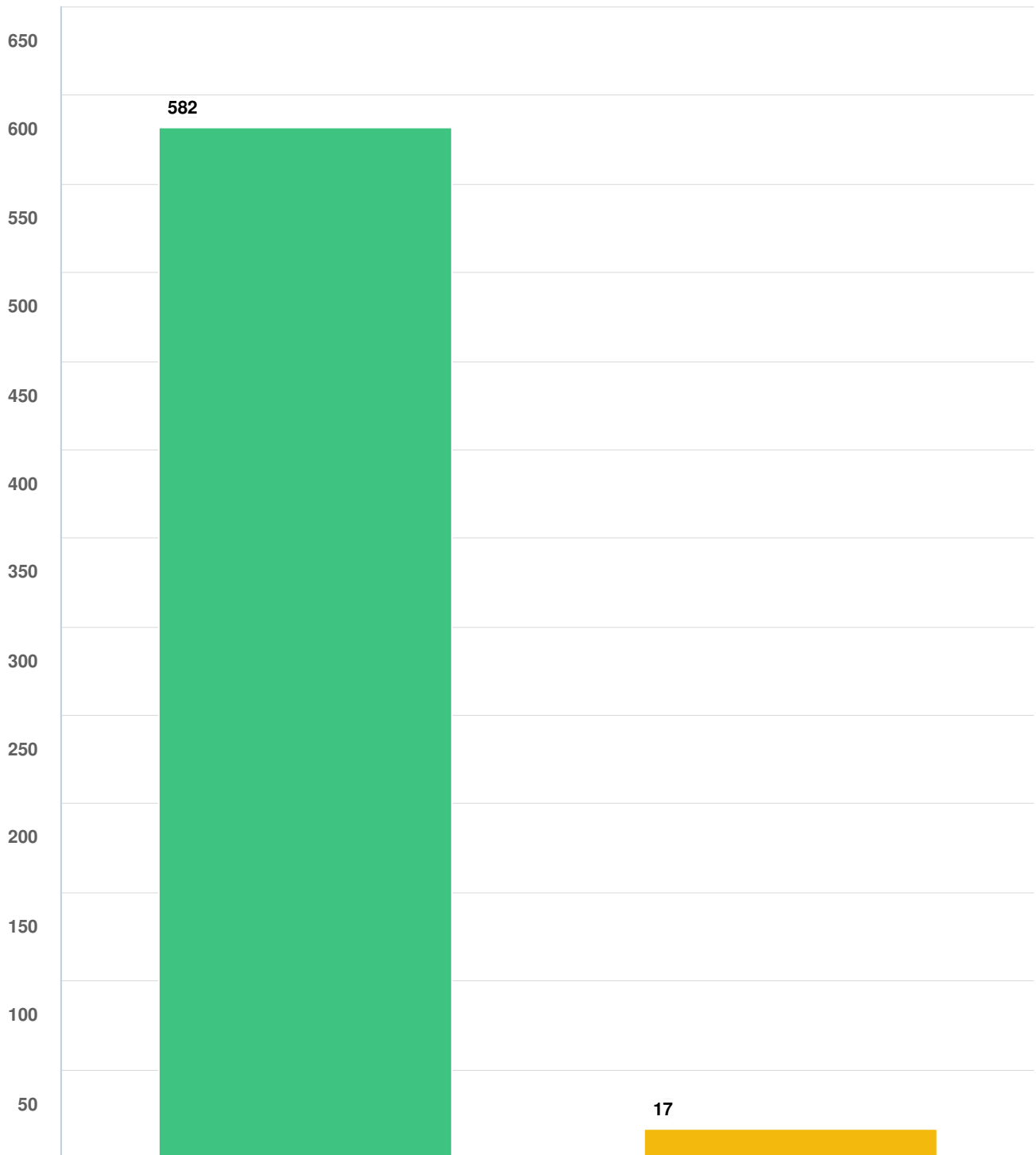
Election 2022



SURVEY QUESTIONS



**Q1** Do you usually vote in the municipal election?



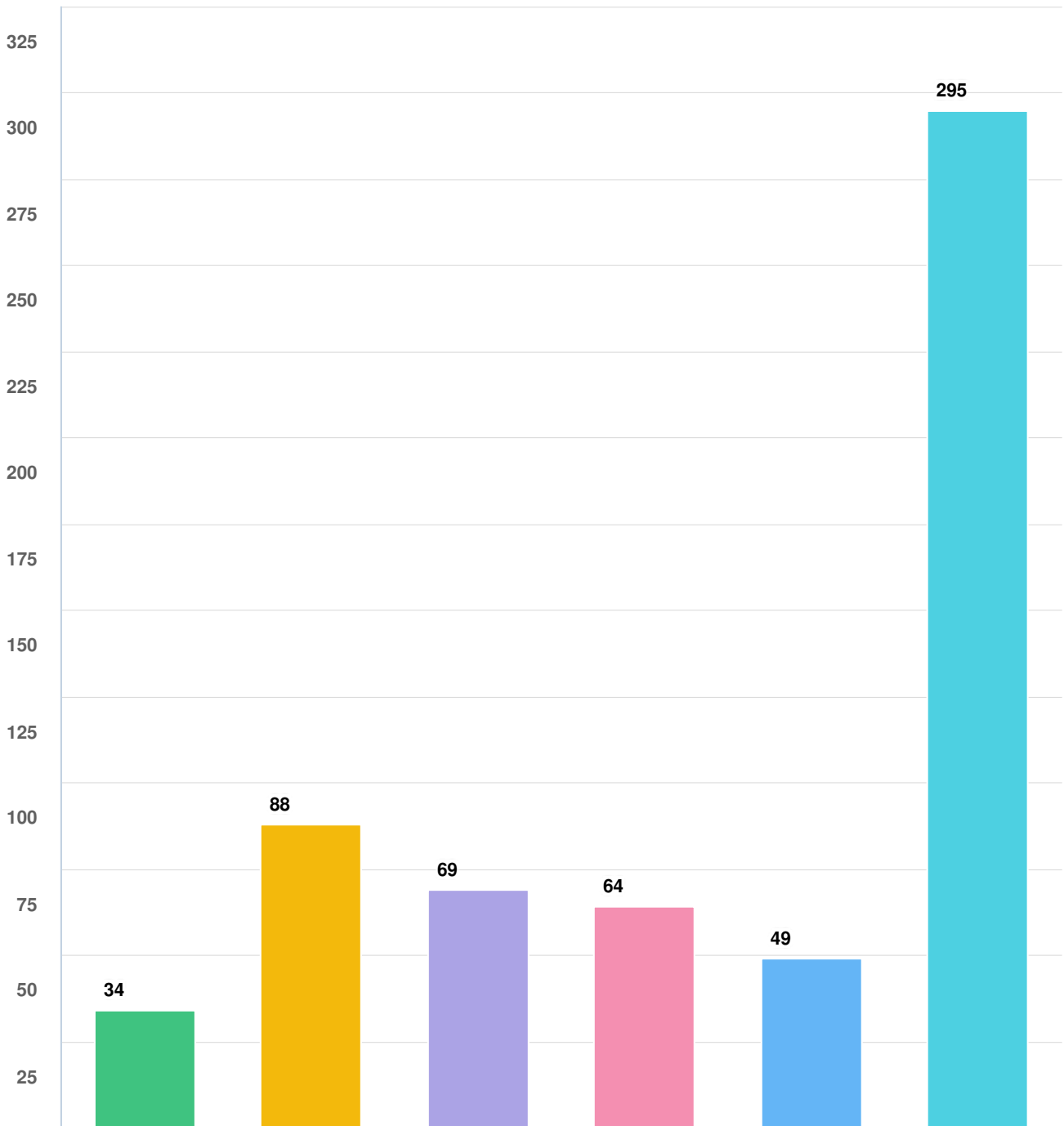
**Question options**

- Yes
- No

*Mandatory Question (599 response(s))*

*Question type: Checkbox Question*

**Q2** What Chatham-Kent ward are you located in?

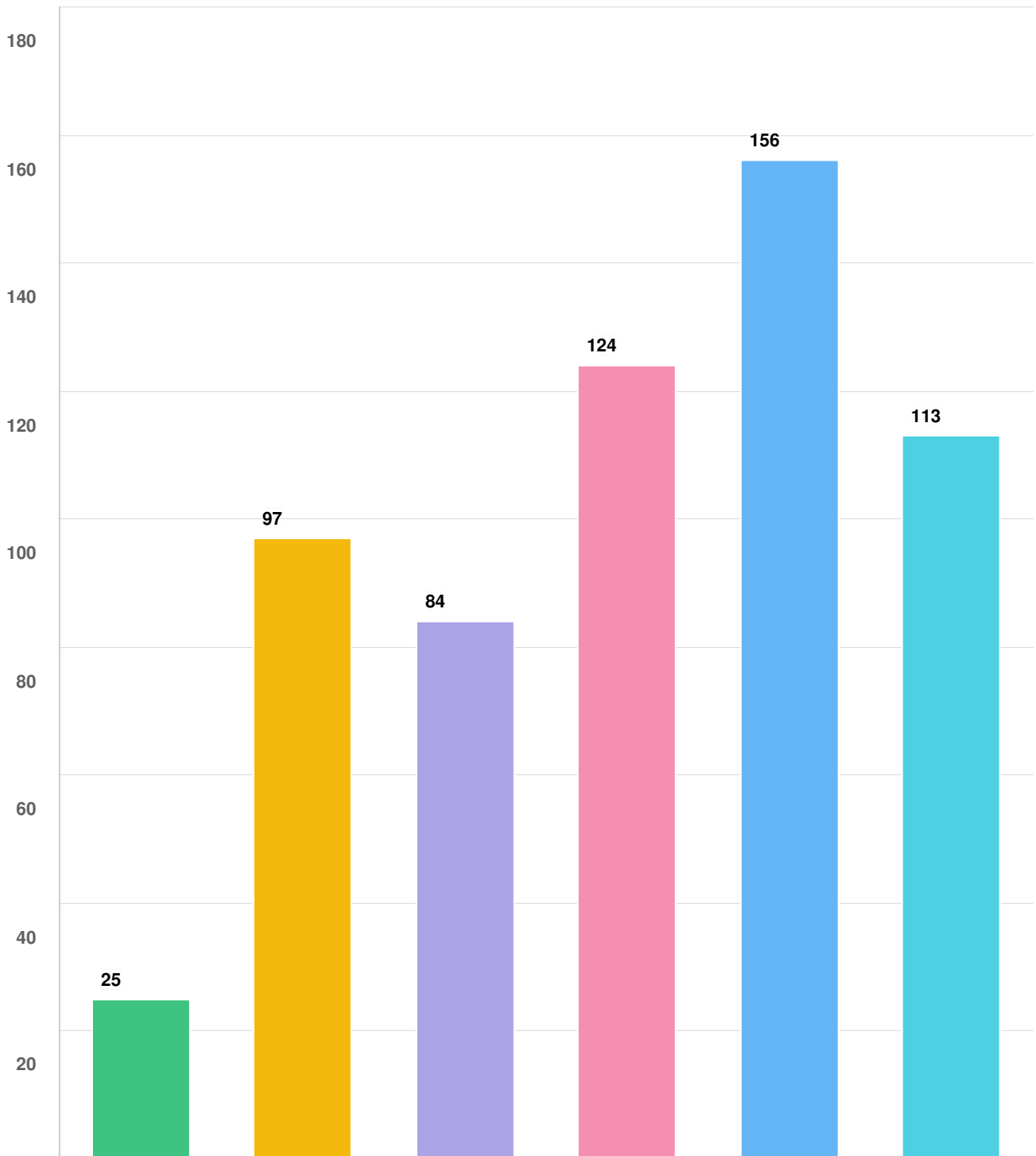


**Question options**

- Ward 1 - West Kent (Tilbury/Wheatley area)
- Ward 2 - South Kent (Blenheim/Erieau area)
- Ward 3 - East Kent (Ridgetown/Thamesville/Bothwell)
- Ward 4 - North Kent (Mitchell's Bay/Pain Court/Dresden)
- Ward 5 - Wallaceburg
- Ward 6 - Chatham

Mandatory Question (599 response(s))  
Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q3** Indicate your age range.



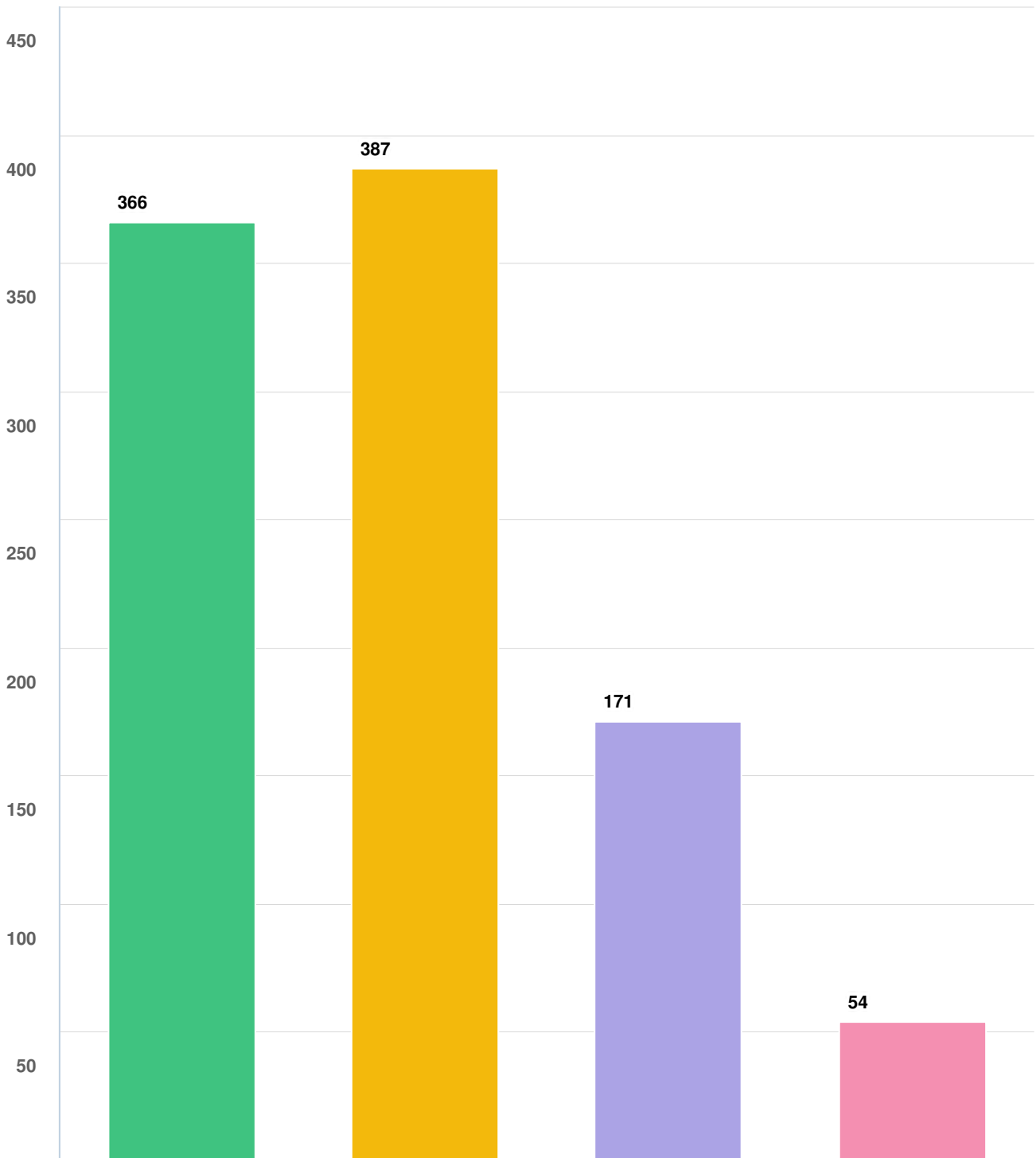
**Question options**

- 18-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60-69
- 70 and older

Mandatory Question (599 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q4** Which voting method(s) would you like Chatham-Kent to consider for the 2022 Municipal Election? (Pick one or more)

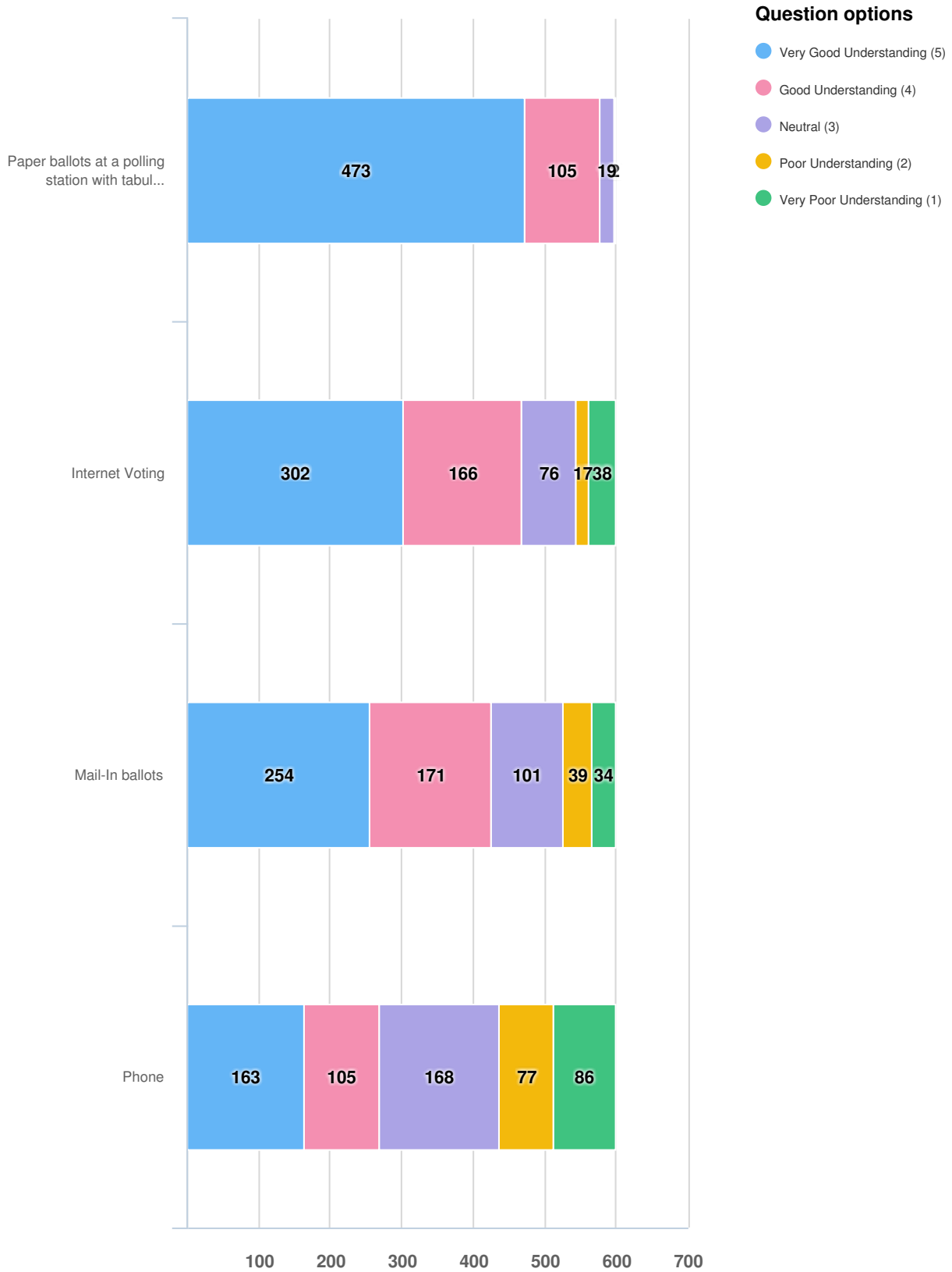


**Question options**

- Paper ballots at a polling station with tabulator
- Internet Voting
- Mail-in ballots
- Phone

Mandatory Question (599 response(s))  
Question type: Checkbox Question

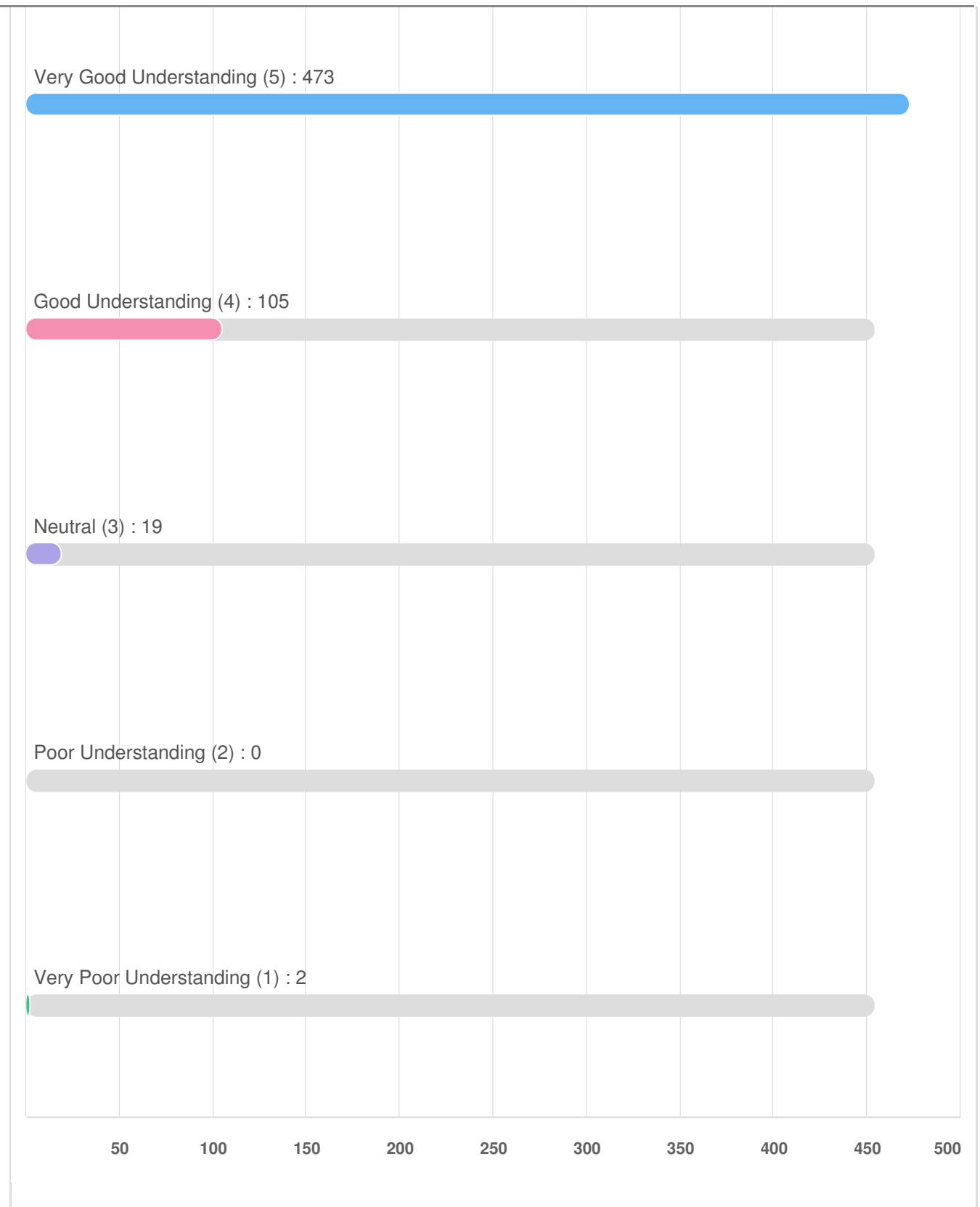
**Q5** How would you rate your understanding of how to vote using the following four voting methods? For each one, please use a scale from one being a very poor understanding to five a very good understanding.



Mandatory Question (599 response(s))  
Question type: Likert Question

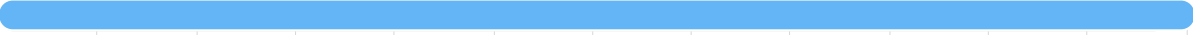
**Q5** | How would you rate your understanding of how to vote using the following four voting methods? For each one, please use a scale from one being a very poor understanding to five a very good understanding.

**Paper ballots at a polling station with tabulator**



### Internet Voting

Very Good Understanding (5) : 302



Good Understanding (4) : 166



Neutral (3) : 76



Poor Understanding (2) : 17



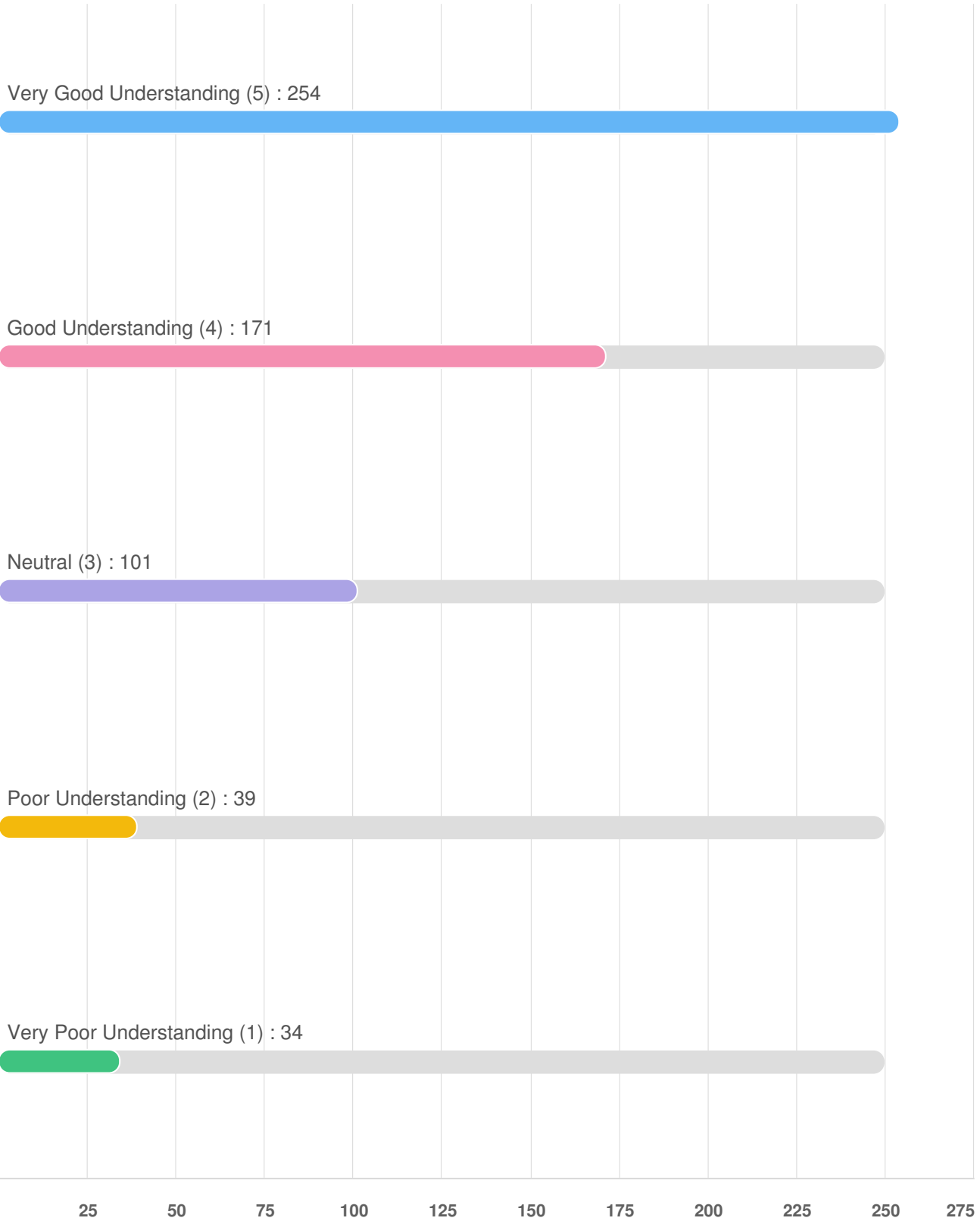
Very Poor Understanding (1) : 38



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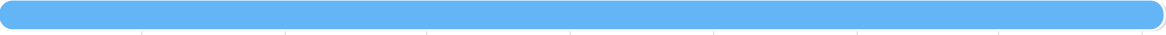


### Mail-In ballots



## Phone

Very Good Understanding (5) : 163



Good Understanding (4) : 105



Neutral (3) : 168



Poor Understanding (2) : 77

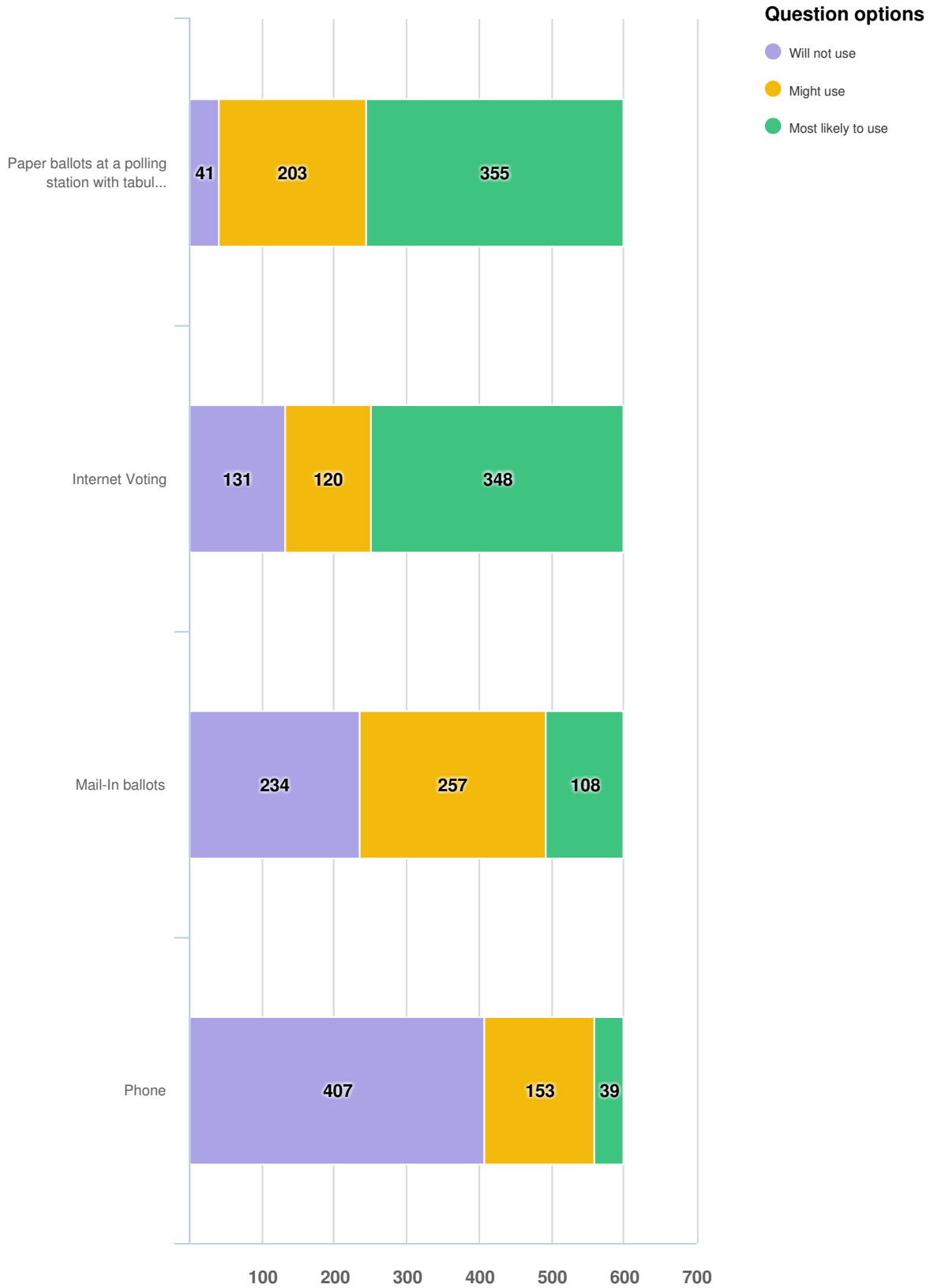


Very Poor Understanding (1) : 86



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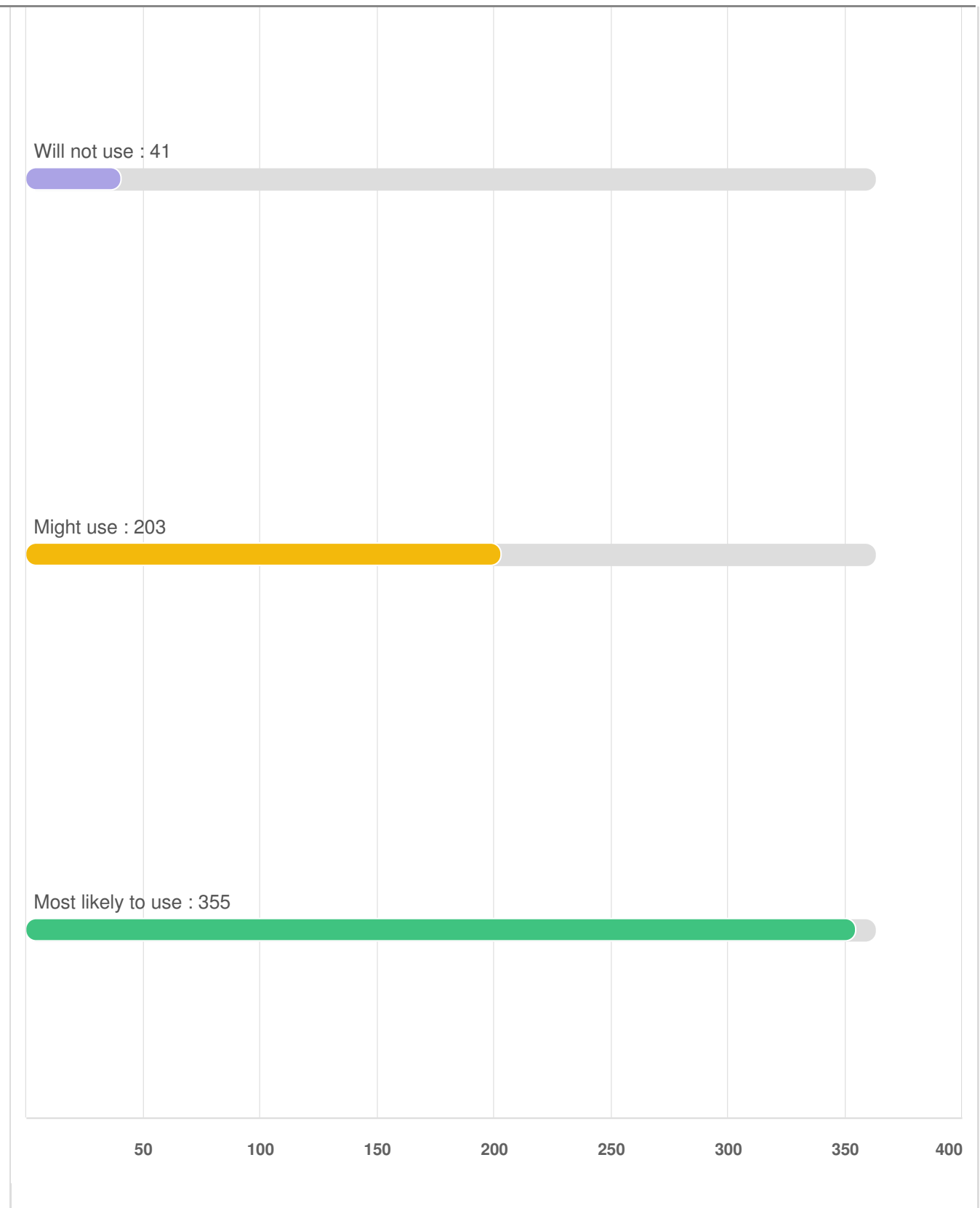
**Q6** Please rank in order of priority preference, from 1 being the most likely that you would use, to three the least likely, each of the following voting methods. 1: Most likely; 2: Might use; 3: Will not use

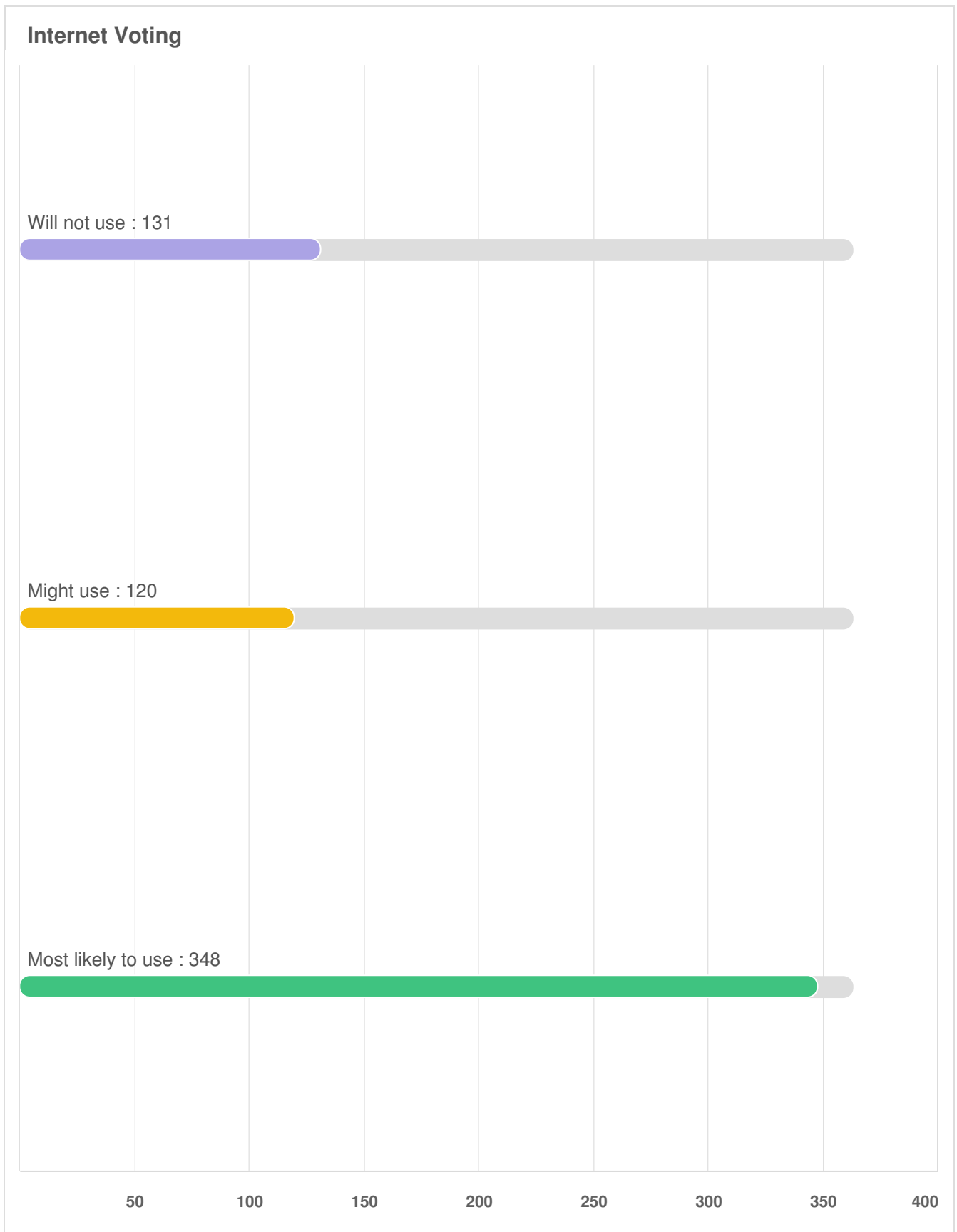


Mandatory Question (599 response(s))  
Question type: Likert Question

**Q6** | Please rank in order of priority preference, from 1 being the most likely that you would use, to three the least likely, each of the following voting methods. 1: Most likely; 2: Might use; 3: Will not use

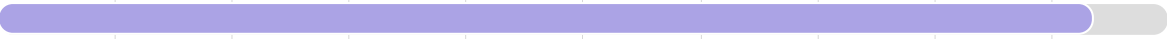
**Paper ballots at a polling station with tabulator**





### Mail-In ballots

Will not use : 234



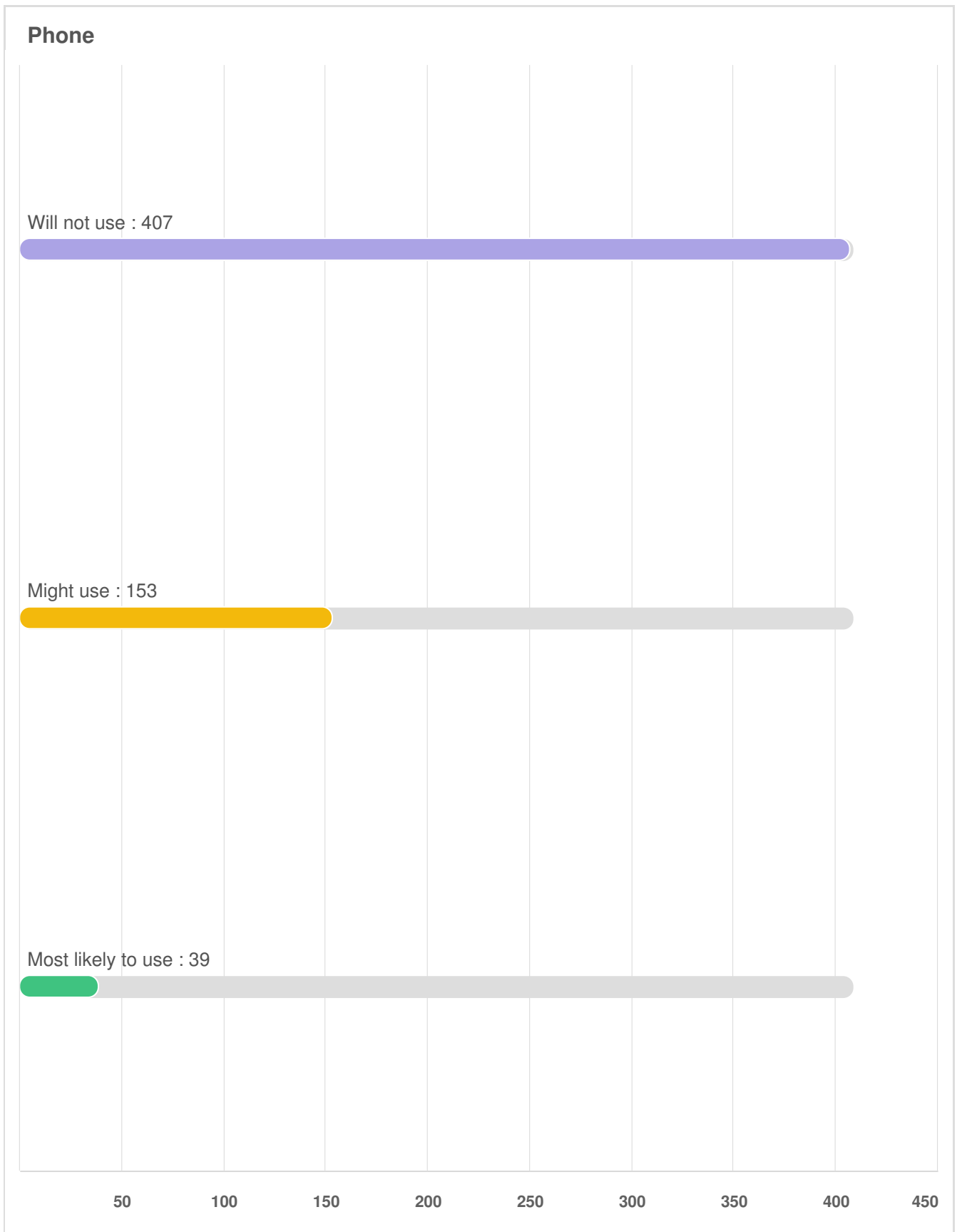
Might use : 257



Most likely to use : 108



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**Q7** Do you have any security concerns with the following voting methods?



Mandatory Question (599 response(s))  
Question type: Likert Question

**Q7 | Do you have any security concerns with the following voting methods?**

**Paper ballot with tabulator**

Undecided : 21



No : 554



Yes : 24



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### Mail-in ballots

Undecided : 66



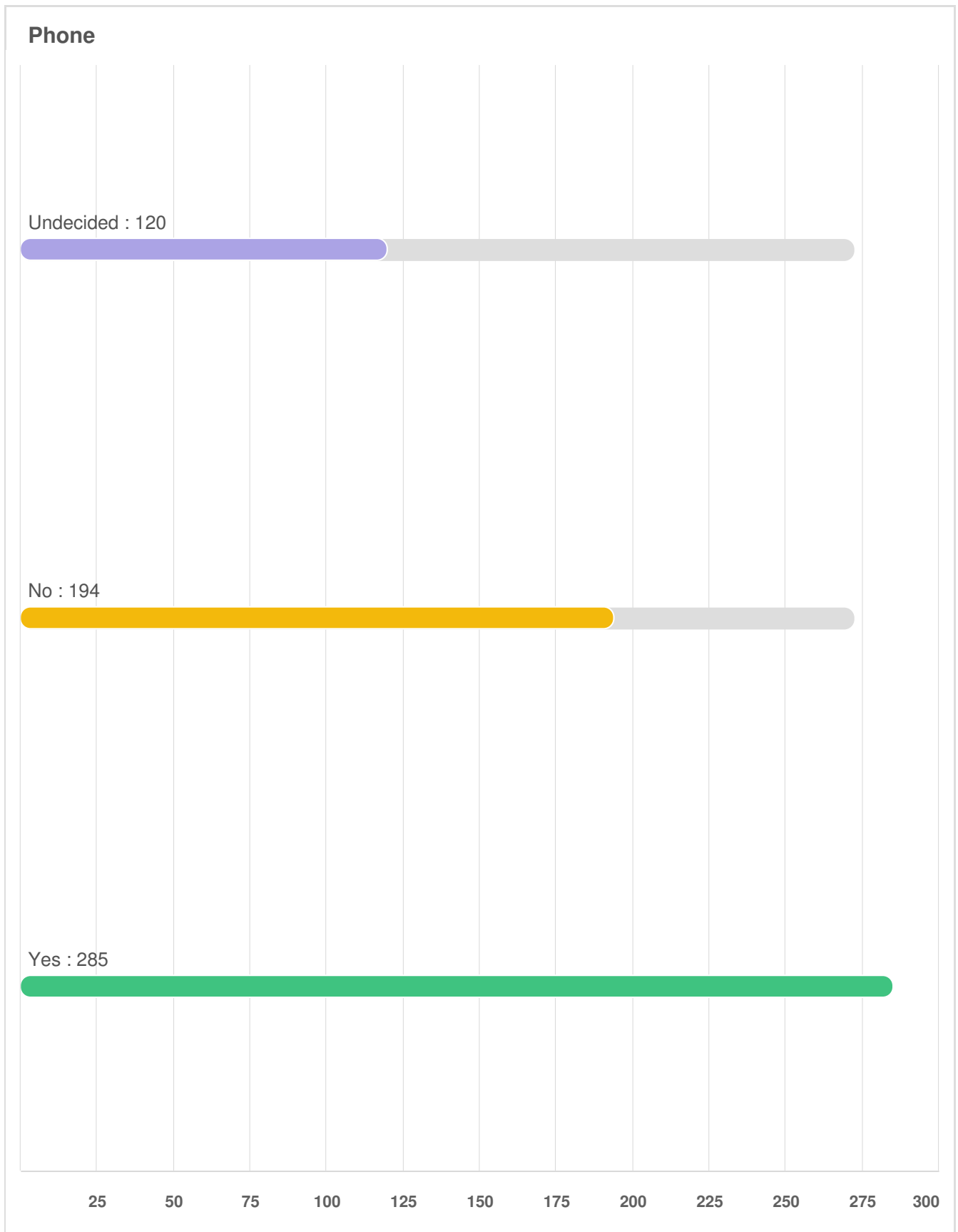
No : 328



Yes : 205



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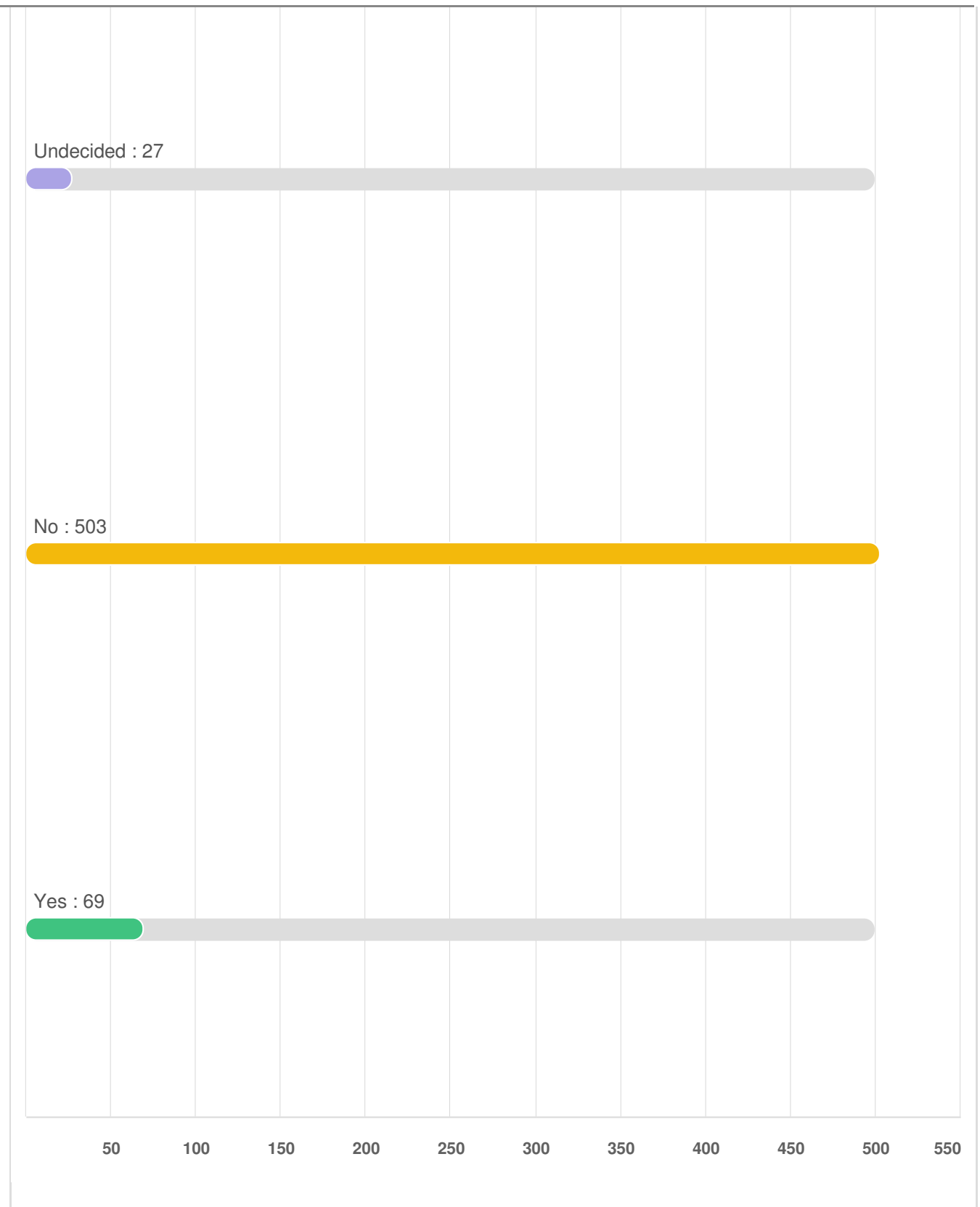
**Q8** Other than security concerns, do you see any other challenges or potential problems with the four voting methods if the Municipality offered them?



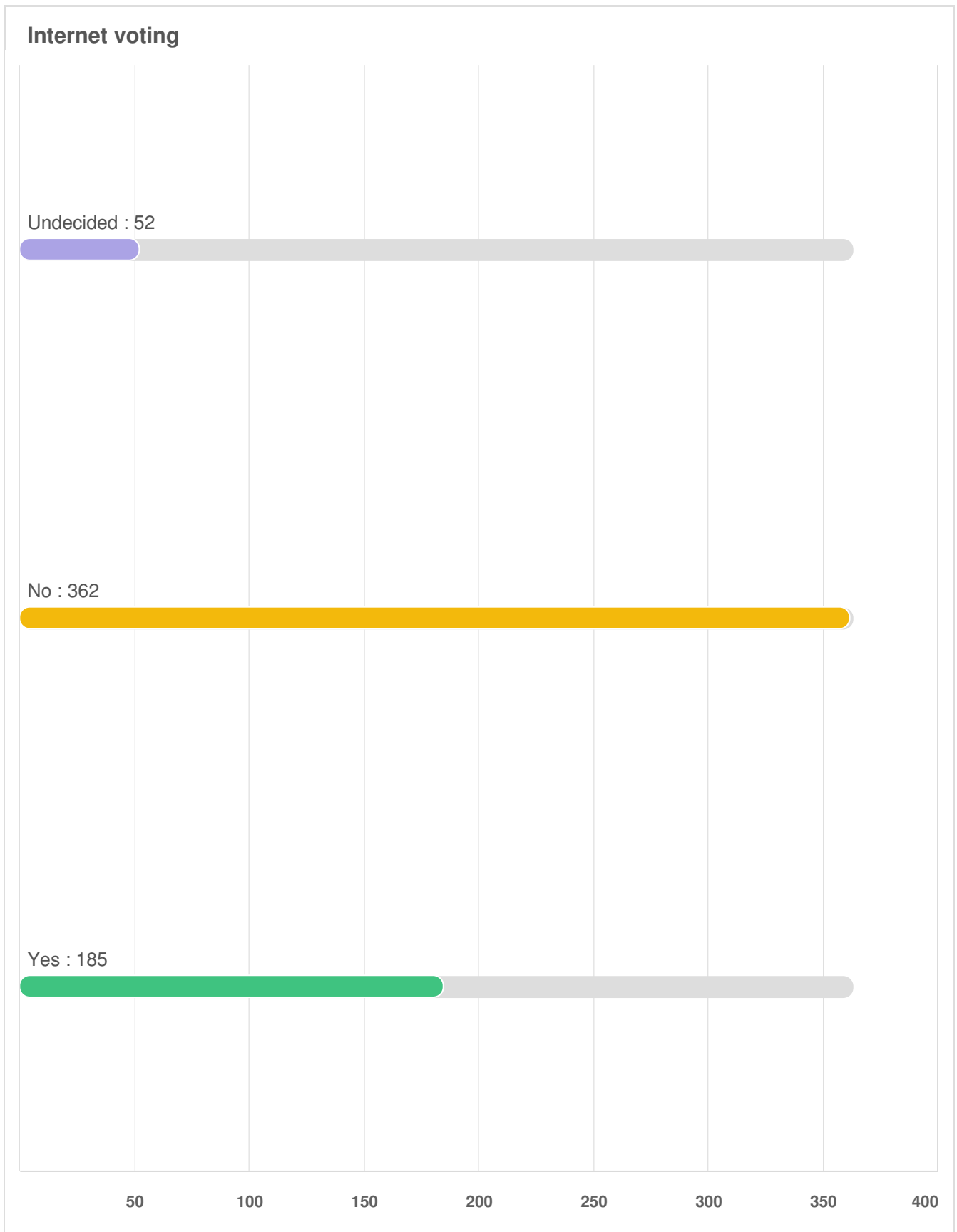
Mandatory Question (599 response(s))  
Question type: Likert Question

**Q8 | Other than security concerns, do you see any other challenges or potential problems with the four voting methods if the Municipality offered them?**

**Paper ballot with tabulator**







### Mail-in ballots

Undecided : 71



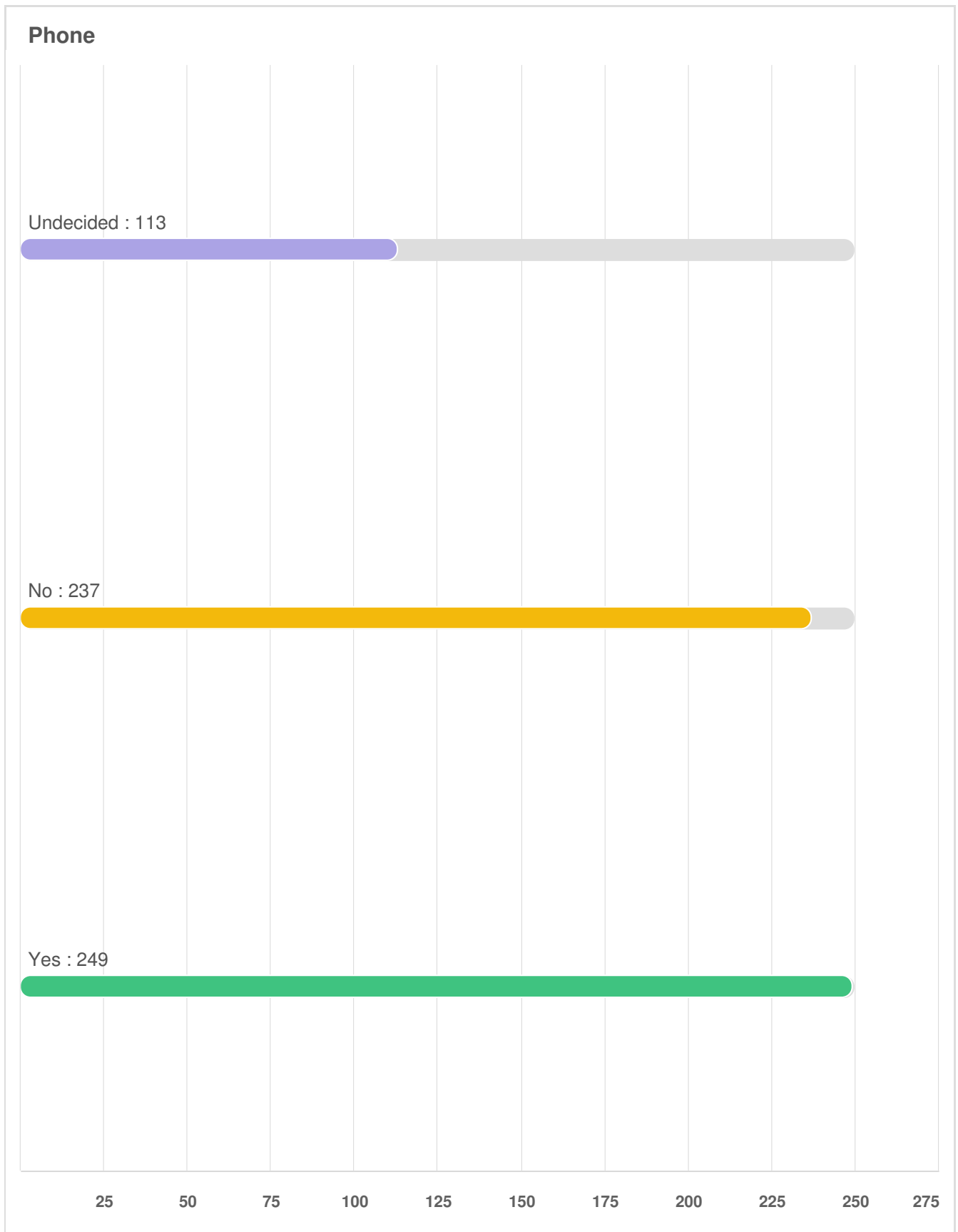
No : 307



Yes : 221



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**Q9 | If you indicated that you see challenges/problems for one or more voting methods, please list your concern(s)/problem(s) below.**

Anonymous

2/23/2021 10:42 AM

Lost mail

Anonymous

2/23/2021 11:33 AM

Mail-In - 75,000+ voters - too many to be mailed in Phone - candidate lists for wards can be too long to listen to (especially ward 6)

Anonymous

2/23/2021 11:48 AM

The whole thing is rife with fraud possibilities!

Anonymous

2/23/2021 12:03 PM

I see transportation for paper ballots, but too many other issues iwth internet and mail in

Anonymous

2/23/2021 12:49 PM

Unreliable postal service.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 12:57 PM

Cramming strangers together in a lineup or room for paper ballot voting = risk of spreading COVID or other infections.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 12:58 PM

Paper ballots is personal security re: Covid.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 01:04 PM

Covid-19 'high risk' individual - just leaving the house is a challenge don't drive - public transportation increases the risk of covid-19 to reach voting location deaf - phone voting not an option (no access to TTY features)

Anonymous

2/23/2021 01:07 PM

paperballot always has concernstoassure everyone can get to their poll. Many do not have internet or if they do are not sure how to manage using the system. Mail-in- ballots may not be returned in a timely manner and many with poor skills will not manage independently. Phone problems may arise if people do no hear well or need visual prompts to assist them with their choices.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 01:15 PM

lack of internet for some. internet outages for some no phones for some

Anonymous

2/23/2021 01:32 PM

not everyone has internet, not everyone has a land line phone

Anonymous

2/23/2021 01:33 PM

Mail in voting would increase cost

Anonymous 2/23/2021 01:37 PM	None
Anonymous 2/23/2021 01:42 PM	NO.
Anonymous 2/23/2021 01:42 PM	Covid for in person voting
Anonymous 2/23/2021 01:51 PM	My voting security and rights could be compromised.
Anonymous 2/23/2021 01:54 PM	Same answer as above but also concern on the lack of knowledge/understanding on the part of voters. I see potential for many spoiled ballots.
Anonymous 2/23/2021 01:55 PM	As explained above
Anonymous 2/23/2021 02:04 PM	well ya internet goes down too much traffic, cheating can occure mail in ballots done late, or claimed to be lost, issues can occur I don't get phone voting
Anonymous 2/23/2021 02:07 PM	not everyone could handle the tech or travel well so there needs to be a choice of methods for each citizen
Anonymous 2/23/2021 02:14 PM	Canada post will hopefully be back up to par by 2022, but as of right now, the window for mail in ballots would need to be pretty wide to allow for "lost or misdirected" mail.
Anonymous 2/23/2021 02:15 PM	We won't know if it was a fair election and people will not accept the results as easy.
Anonymous 2/23/2021 02:17 PM	Internet voting will be challenging for many older citizens and those without a home internet connection. Mail-in ballots could be impacted by delays if there is any kind of mail disruption.
Anonymous 2/23/2021 02:22 PM	lack of physical auditable evidence.
Anonymous 2/23/2021 02:25 PM	Access, loss, delay
Anonymous 2/23/2021 02:25 PM	Not everyone has a computer, not everyone can get out to mail a ballot and not everyone trusts using a phone,or not everyone has one
Anonymous 2/23/2021 02:32 PM	COVID restriction make voting in person harder?

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Anonymous

2/23/2021 02:34 PM

preventing multiple votes and preventing voting out of ward

Anonymous

2/23/2021 02:44 PM

Yes - mail in could be slow if Canada Post has any disruptions.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 02:55 PM

tampering with the mail and my privacy gone with who i voted for

Anonymous

2/23/2021 03:04 PM

as per question #8

Anonymous

2/23/2021 03:16 PM

Privacy, safety, COVID safe and healthy

Mr Banks

2/23/2021 03:28 PM

Verification, speech , language barriers, fraud

Anonymous

2/23/2021 03:32 PM

Pandemic,

Anonymous

2/23/2021 03:34 PM

I think that Paper ballots with Tabulators may be an issue for some elderly or ill - bedridden voters to be able to have transportation to the nearest voting location to participate. This may also apply to mail in ballots and access to the internet for some voters..

Anonymous

2/23/2021 03:35 PM

internet voting may be too busy to log on; mail-in has potential to be slowed down in CP system; phone would most likely be busy & take too long

Anonymous

2/23/2021 03:56 PM

Fraud Fraud Fraud

Anonymous

2/23/2021 04:01 PM

I see no valid reason to change what works.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 04:14 PM

I have one concern and that's election fraud. If Costco can be packed with people in Lockdown then ballot locations can be open. I will 100% fight against anything but in person voting.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 04:14 PM

Cheaters on phone and internet

Anonymous

2/23/2021 04:17 PM

Dead people; if the ballot is received by mail or electronically you cannot be absolutely certain who cast the ballot so dead people can vote.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 04:20 PM

The inability to confirm that the individual casting the ballot is actually the party registered to vote. The possibility that individuals will not fully understand the process of voting by means other than paper ballot that will nullify a ballot.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 04:21 PM

See answer to # 8

Anonymous

2/23/2021 04:30 PM

I prefer the only method that election works physically identify each voter and verify their eligibility.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 04:33 PM

It will be rife with corruption

Anonymous

2/23/2021 04:35 PM

Ballots can be easily lost or miscounted

Anonymous

2/23/2021 04:46 PM

I think that setting up polling stations with internet help stations, phone help stations, etc. for people without a comfort level with change would be good. Maybe as advanced polls might help ease the transition.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 04:57 PM

Security and accuracy

Anonymous

2/23/2021 05:00 PM

Our democratic right needs to be protected if we can go shopping in Walmart in person we can use our right to vote securely.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 05:08 PM

not everyone has access to computers, not everyone may clearly understand voting on a phone ...mail in ..could get lost, stolen etc.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 05:27 PM

Don't trust phone or mail in ballots.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 05:37 PM

How about dead people voting?

Anonymous

2/23/2021 05:40 PM

If you don't vote in person voter fraud will happen. Been proven time and time again.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 05:51 PM

Some people don't have internet access. Mail gets lost.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 06:41 PM

Fraud

Anonymous

Fraud

2/23/2021 06:44 PM

Anonymous

2/23/2021 07:07 PM

A lot of people don't trust the other methods. No one gives out important info over the phone. A lot of seniors can't use the internet.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 07:09 PM

Past experience with phone in of any type leads to busy signal or long waits on hold

Anonymous

2/23/2021 07:34 PM

To Q11: again your question I think comes up a bit short. It will take years to adequately inform and prepare citizens for such a change and you will invariably be criticized. Take the plunge, it's 2021. And I'm almost 70

Anonymous

2/23/2021 07:45 PM

Misunderstanding verbal instructions.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 07:56 PM

Person must attend to vote....count by hand only with witnesses...

Anonymous

2/23/2021 08:00 PM

Our demographic is getting older so it would be difficult to move to internet voting. Mail in ballots takes too much time. Phone is not ideal either.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 08:02 PM

Mail in - the mail could get lost or delayed if Canada post is behind

Anonymous

2/23/2021 08:11 PM

Mail out ballots coming in on time.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 08:23 PM

It's gonna be difficult to find time to get every dead persons name to vote with mail in ballots.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 08:32 PM

Fraud. We cannot trust our government. Look at history, the usa as of recent, and the last year in Canadian politics.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 08:40 PM

There are issues with each method, whether it is physical access, access to technology, etc

Anonymous

2/23/2021 08:43 PM

I can see the same problems as what happened in the United States

Anonymous

2/23/2021 10:19 PM

Issues with in person voting especially if we are still in a pandemic. Long lines might be an issue and many people cannot stand in line that long (elderly). The easier access to voting is the higher turnout you will see.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 10:45 PM

See the comments for security above.



Anonymous

2/23/2021 10:54 PM

If the voting lists are not properly scrubbed, there is potential for cards to be mailed to incorrect residences or for those within a residence to fill out a ballot on behalf of someone residing with them without their permission (a parent with a young adult or child with an elderly parent as an example) Phone numbers are not a secure way to obtain a vote with no way to verify identity or assigned phone number

Anonymous

2/23/2021 10:58 PM

<https://youtu.be/LkH2r-sNjQs>

Anonymous

2/23/2021 11:48 PM

Mail in ballots can be stolen or not delivered. Canada Post is unreliable

Anonymous

2/24/2021 12:23 AM

Voter fraud

Anonymous

2/24/2021 06:40 AM

Yes To vote with paper ballots the locations to vote have been changed An example of this is a voting location was at 99 McNaughton Ave West Chatham. Where many people are seniors, people with disabilities and low income. Moving the polling station to Stanley Street from 99 McNaughton Ave West. I believe resulted in many not able to vote because of lack of transportation Myself included. I have never not voted. I found this very disappointing. Phone voting would be very good for many who do have internet. Thank you very much

Anonymous

2/24/2021 06:58 AM

None

Anonymous

2/24/2021 07:38 AM

With in person voting those that are unable to vote in person ie elderly/disabled persons. Internet voting-not everyone has internet or knows how to use it. Mail in ballots are a concern as not everyone has a fixed address. Phone voting not everyone has a phone.

Anonymous

2/24/2021 07:48 AM

Use the most cost effective method since C-K council can not seem to!

Anonymous

2/24/2021 08:35 AM

concerned about close contact.

Anonymous

2/24/2021 08:42 AM

Internet, voting, phone voting, mail in voting, are all invitation for voter fraud.

Anonymous

2/24/2021 08:43 AM

With paper ballots weather could be an issue. Otherwise, I think the voting system is secure.

Anonymous

2/24/2021 08:46 AM

Our internet is very poor, very unstable. 1.1 kbps when I checked yesterday. Concerns around being able to access voting system

Anonymous

2/24/2021 08:49 AM

you can not prove who is voting via the phone, internet or mail in . Only with paper ballots where you have to show proof of id can you be sure it is secure.

Anonymous

2/24/2021 08:52 AM

Have never used Mail in /phone voting before so I can't say there would be security problems

Anonymous

2/24/2021 08:54 AM

Fraudulent use by members of family or friends of seniors or students out of town

Anonymous

2/24/2021 08:56 AM

i dont trust the honesty by voting b mail. that is not way to vote!

Anonymous

2/24/2021 08:56 AM

How is Identification assured with mail in ballots. Many people with hearing or language difficulties may not understand on phone calls.

Anonymous

2/24/2021 08:59 AM

Staffing or logistics of mail in or phone would be significantly more.

Anonymous

2/24/2021 09:06 AM

Simply put, I mail it in, and it doesn't get delivered on time.

Anonymous

2/24/2021 09:14 AM

Mail in ballots, Canada Post is not reliable. How many ballots would be sent to another province. My last 3 items have been sent to Quebec, Nova Scotia, Manitoba. Phone issues, getting through. I would not sit on hold for 35 minutes to vote.

Anonymous

2/24/2021 09:21 AM

How do one secure a vote over the phone, are you going to record every conversations?

Anonymous

2/24/2021 09:26 AM

Ballots lost, human error in counting or tabulating and in receiving information off phone

Anonymous

2/24/2021 09:52 AM

How do you really know if the right person is actually voting without taking all the appropriate ID required! Very leary on the other voting methods!

Anonymous

2/24/2021 09:57 AM

I would be concerned if one method was used like internet voting and some people did not have access to computer or internet. There should be more than one method so that all people would have some access to what ever type of method is easiest to access.

Anonymous

2/24/2021 10:09 AM

A paper ballot is a Covid concern, Internet voting could be anyone voting, Mail-in also could be anyone voting and ballots could get lost, and phone voting is never a safe way, again it could be anyone voting.

Anonymous

2/24/2021 10:11 AM

Some people do not have internet access.

Anonymous 2/24/2021 10:12 AM	element of trust is easily breached by mail in ballot receiver
Anonymous 2/24/2021 10:20 AM	Lower voter participation from older voters
Anonymous 2/24/2021 10:41 AM	Fewer people will vote - not convenient
Anonymous 2/24/2021 10:46 AM	Internet issues with connections and external tampering. Mail in, lost mail or tampering. Phone in, miscommunication or connection.
Anonymous 2/24/2021 10:53 AM	Difficulties in getting to a polling station. For those of us who are handicapped, this can be an exhausting process for the brief time it takes to vote. I also believe that anything that can be done remotely should continue to be done that way. Covid isn't just going to disappear.
Anonymous 2/24/2021 11:06 AM	Covid-19 may still be an issue.
Anonymous 2/24/2021 11:49 AM	Mailing in ballots could be affected by the length of time it takes to get traditional mail through.
Anonymous 2/24/2021 12:07 PM	Very poor Postal Service Phone : Timing, scams
Anonymous 2/24/2021 12:21 PM	Too much fraud possibilities
Anonymous 2/24/2021 12:40 PM	Mail in - lost ballots and phone in - unrecorded ballots
Anonymous 2/24/2021 12:51 PM	Internet voting concern - lack of reliable internet service in rural areas Mail-in ballots concern -Timing - Extreme East Kent mail goes to Rodney then London to Windsor before coming back to Chatham
Anonymous 2/24/2021 01:08 PM	Mail in ballots. Getting the ballots out in time. Having all ballots returned on time. Confirming the vote is valid. Confirming the identity and eligibility of the person voting. Giving a grace time after closing date to be sure all ballots have been returned. Accounting for unused/ non returned ballots.
Anonymous 2/24/2021 01:09 PM	lack of confidence that all eligible people would understand or have access to the alternate methods
Anonymous 2/24/2021 01:16 PM	Forget to mail it. Lose it before election.

Anonymous

2/24/2021 01:16 PM

Concern about Covid still existing in 2022 and gathering with other people shouldn't be considered. Additional cost (PPE) of protecting workers and voters at paper locations should be considered and the costs included. Most people can use an internet-connected device or at least a phone. It is safer and generally accepted, in particular over the last year with many people working from home.

Anonymous

2/24/2021 01:22 PM

Covid-19 safety

Anonymous

2/24/2021 01:24 PM

goes back to always watching for scams.... happens way too much.

Anonymous

2/24/2021 01:28 PM

Paper- covid, unsafe

Marie Campbell

2/24/2021 02:29 PM

Older citizens might not be familiar with computers or not have one available to them. Phone voting would be difficult if you were hearing Impaired.

Anonymous

2/24/2021 03:04 PM

Phone method seems to be too easy to manipulate.

Anonymous

2/24/2021 03:12 PM

There's no definitive way to confirm the person is who they say they are

Anonymous

2/24/2021 03:46 PM

Mail-in ballots - Canada Post is very slow lately and prone to losing mail

Anonymous

2/24/2021 05:01 PM

households that share numerous or few phones

Anonymous

2/24/2021 06:12 PM

Uncoordinated, lack of volunteers, missed calls, unresponsive help (if needed)

Anonymous

2/24/2021 07:51 PM

Phone: security and verification of identification: see below.

Anonymous

2/24/2021 08:17 PM

Fraud

Anonymous

2/24/2021 08:50 PM

There is absolutely no way to verify voters identity if online,by mail or telephone voting. This will divide the country if we vote any other way!

Anonymous

2/24/2021 09:24 PM

Why would you even consider phone voting? Tabulators are the easiest and most reliable way to manage an election. Covid 19 has created severe security concerns surrounding an election . As an election professional I

would suggest use 2022 as a pilot project. Offer a hybrid system to voters. a) Set up an advance poll for 2 weekends at community centres and election day. Implement tabulators and other Covid19 protocol. b) offer mail in ballots c) Train LTC home workers as special ballot coordinators to assist residents with mail in ballots.

Anonymous

2/24/2021 09:32 PM

Safety/feasibility of in-person paper ballot voting as we're (hopefully) emerging from the pandemic. For internet voting, not all have access to internet or a device at home to vote.

Anonymous

2/24/2021 09:37 PM

Poor internet connections.

Anonymous

2/24/2021 10:13 PM

Can't trust the internet

Anonymous

2/25/2021 07:02 AM

error correction

Anonymous

2/25/2021 08:00 AM

Internet/phone both will have issues with misinformation, people can be paranoid.

Anonymous

2/25/2021 08:11 AM

Not everyone has internet or even a phone.

Anonymous

2/25/2021 08:39 AM

There is no sure way to know whether the phone call is legit or whether it is a scam call.

Anonymous

2/25/2021 09:20 AM

Security, ballot stuffing, lost mail, ID theft

Anonymous

2/25/2021 10:13 AM

People getting to polling stations and no internet access

Anonymous

2/25/2021 10:27 AM

There could possibly be an issue with mail delivery as to when you need to request one and as to whether you do that in time and mail it back in the required time period.

Anonymous

2/25/2021 10:41 AM

SECURITY BOTH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL.

Anonymous

2/25/2021 10:45 AM

disinformation about any voting method

Anonymous

2/25/2021 10:52 AM

No understanding of how security would work on phone.

Anonymous

2/25/2021 10:59 AM

Fraud. Interference. Security. Technology limits. Privacy.

Anonymous

2/25/2021 11:05 AM

Voting fraud

Wellgo2000

2/25/2021 11:31 AM

CoVid....As long as this thing is still around, the paper ballot should not be considered. As a senior, I would not vote if I had to line up in a building to do so.

Anonymous

2/25/2021 11:35 AM

No concerns or problems!

Anonymous

2/25/2021 11:51 AM

If you have to be told then perhaps education could be provided

Anonymous

2/25/2021 11:54 AM

For mail in and internet voting, there are ways to verify it is the person listed that is actually voting, but on the phone, I am not sure how you would do that.

Anonymous

2/25/2021 11:54 AM

Having possible internet issues, over loading internet. With mail in ballots, would need assurances that the CPS will deliver on time. With phone in ballot, the waiting on the line to place vote.

Anonymous

2/25/2021 11:55 AM

Internet being hacked, or overloaded.

Anonymous

2/25/2021 12:05 PM

Concern about tabulating these methods

Anonymous

2/25/2021 12:26 PM

Verifying identity over phone and by mail is impossible. Plus delays with the postal service could be a issue with mail ballots.

Anonymous

2/25/2021 12:30 PM

We don't need a situation like they had in the US, what is wrong with paper ballots ?? NOTHING!!!!

Anonymous

2/25/2021 12:33 PM

Canada post unreliable Have to provide paper voting for those without computer So two options needed

Anonymous

2/25/2021 12:35 PM

Not everyone has reliable internet or knows how to use it (seniors). Mail in can be unreliable as mail can be delivered to wrong address or not on time or missed if mixed with other papers. Not everyone has a phone to use or feels comfortable voting by phone. Best to have all options available so people can use what one works best for their situation

Anonymous

2/25/2021 12:40 PM

How do you verify who is voting by phone?

Anonymous

2/25/2021 12:48 PM

Mail-in ballots not reaching destination through the mail in time to be counted

Anonymous

2/25/2021 01:11 PM

1-internet voting. Not all people have internet. What about errors and overload of people trying to get online. some people get very frustrated with trying to get through or have something go through correctly online. 2-Mail-in-ballots. Some can get lost in the mail or not get to the destination on time. 3- Phone-Same as internet voting. Trying to get through, pushing buttons on the phone while trying to listen to the the candidates name etc.

Anonymous

2/25/2021 01:32 PM

Mail delivery can cause delays. Would only use for advance voting or proxy voting.

Anonymous

2/25/2021 01:35 PM

We have an out of province phone number and often we have problems with 1-800 numbers when in Canada

Anonymous

2/25/2021 01:45 PM

the three methods other then paper have a potential for fraud and there is no real way to every have a second count if required. Note: if paper is subject to have a problem with the tabulator

Anonymous

2/25/2021 01:52 PM

Covid-19 danger for in person. No internet at my home.

Anonymous

2/25/2021 01:53 PM

Could have connection issues or delays with delivery by mail in

Anonymous

2/25/2021 01:55 PM

More work for mail in ballots and internet voting not accessible to seniors and phone - not trusting this option.

Anonymous

2/25/2021 02:18 PM

Security lost ballots

Anonymous

2/25/2021 02:19 PM

By phone, how would a person know that their vote was actually documented.

Anonymous

2/25/2021 02:21 PM

Mail-in ballots: Postage should be paid for by the municipality for the mail-in ballots. Although this won't break the bank for 99 per cent of people, it might be a financial barrier for others. Also in principal, we should not pay to exercise our democratic rights.

Anonymous

2/25/2021 02:26 PM

Some people don't have access to phones

Anonymous

2/25/2021 02:56 PM

Lost mail

Anonymous

Health risks and inconvenience.

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2/25/2021 03:24 PM

Anonymous

Votes getting lost in the mail.

2/25/2021 03:42 PM

Anonymous

fraud

2/25/2021 04:09 PM

Anonymous

Someone else could influence the voter to vote

2/25/2021 04:11 PM

Anonymous

Covid

2/25/2021 04:18 PM

Anonymous

one method, less issues, more methods more issues

2/25/2021 04:42 PM

Anonymous

Don't trust phone or internet - easily hacked

2/25/2021 05:40 PM

Anonymous

If you want to vote you should show up in person, with proper ID and fill out a paper ballot

2/25/2021 06:59 PM

Anonymous

- Making sure individuals understand how to vote using certain systems; - Technology subject to error; - Inability to verify the identity of those voting.

2/25/2021 07:17 PM

Anonymous

You can't always trust the mailing system and with the phone how do you know if your vote will count to whom you voted for

2/25/2021 07:29 PM

Anonymous

security

2/25/2021 08:06 PM

Anonymous

People will fully understanding the concepts of phone, internet or mail. I was not happy at the last election when they didn't like my ID. They wanted mail with my name on it. We get no mail

2/25/2021 08:13 PM

Anonymous

No sure about how phone in ballots work, concern over 2 or more people with the same phone number - how will they all get to vote? concern about seniors who don't hear on the phone being able to give good answers.

2/25/2021 08:16 PM

Anonymous

Sr. many not have internet nor how to use it

2/25/2021 08:24 PM

Anonymous

I am concerned with having large crowds of people gathering to vote during a pandemic. I am concerned with possible voting manipulation with mail-in ballots. I am also concerned with our ability to have everyone get equal

2/25/2021 10:14 PM



access to voting by phone unless it were toll-free. I am unsure about internet voting, however most people have basic internet access at home and using the correct software, voting by internet could be very successful.

Anonymous

2/25/2021 10:50 PM

Phoning in is not necessarily protected against fraud

Anonymous

2/26/2021 01:36 AM

vote integrity shall in question if you proceed with adding the other methods

Anonymous

2/26/2021 02:04 AM

Paper ballot with tabulator is the way most of us have voted.. Internet voting is the best way to vote. Concern for those who do not have a computer.

Anonymous

2/26/2021 02:32 AM

There are many people who would not do this simply because they don't understand.

Anonymous

2/26/2021 06:57 AM

Lack of availability and understanding

Anonymous

2/26/2021 07:04 AM

I feel some in the older population may have difficulty navigating internet voting.

Anonymous

2/26/2021 07:05 AM

Internet voting is a fraud. Last time C-K send via mail a security code for wife and myself. I got mail used codes and voted for both of us. So much for individual voting.

Anonymous

2/26/2021 07:17 AM

With understanding environmental friendly Not everyone has access to internet especially low income families! (And there is a choice eat or pay rent internet is not classified as a necessity) Elderly struggle with technology even if they have access to it. We live in a community that has quite a bit of both these. Telephone voting may not be a private or someone can be impersonating another individual how could you tell!

Anonymous

2/26/2021 07:24 AM

Telephone number(s) would have a busy signal attempting to vote

Anonymous

2/26/2021 07:24 AM

The Political System of voting can no longer be trusted as long as Politicians break their pledges and promises to the area constituents under the disguise of a greater Globalist cause. Ethics , honesty , and fiscal responsibility need to return to every Government across this land before the people will regain faith in these institutions.

Anonymous

2/26/2021 07:34 AM

Accuracy and fraud

Anonymous

2/26/2021 07:50 AM

In person wait times if covid restrictions... social distancing and not enough clerks working in multiple locations. Mail in ballots, security, but also Canada Post has been overwhelmed and delivery times delayed. Internet voting...

	slow or NO internet for some and some have no idea about computers and going on line.
Anonymous 2/26/2021 07:55 AM	I love the idea of internet voting, but sadly rural internet can be challenging at times. Mail in is another good option, but having said that Canada Post can be very unreliable. With all the robo calls and a lot of people's phone numbers being compromised I wouldn't trust phone at all
Anonymous 2/26/2021 08:00 AM	Don't trust phone balloting. Possible breach of confidentiality and possible illegal scams.
Anonymous 2/26/2021 08:10 AM	With mail and phone voting it could be difficult to confirm someone's identity. Also, how does one who engages in mail-in voting ensure their ballot is received. What happens if Canada Post loses ballots as has happened before. There is also a concern that mail ballots could be used by those they are not intended for.
Anonymous 2/26/2021 08:17 AM	Watching the news in the USA
Anonymous 2/26/2021 08:24 AM	People are likely to coerce a senior by phone.
Anonymous 2/26/2021 08:30 AM	Phone overrun by requests, long wait or dropped calls.
Anonymous 2/26/2021 08:33 AM	Recording systems getting overloaded and crashing or causing delays.
Anonymous 2/26/2021 08:34 AM	Mail-in - delivery not always reliable. Phone - risk of human error.
Anonymous 2/26/2021 08:41 AM	There are too many phone scams. How do you believe that the call is authentic.
Anonymous 2/26/2021 08:46 AM	There is no way to guarantee the person voting is who they say they are unless they are there in person with valid I.D. There is an incredible opportunity for fraud with the 3 alternative voting methods. Phone, mail and internet.
Anonymous 2/26/2021 08:50 AM	too many scammers
Anonymous 2/26/2021 08:54 AM	The elderly don't have access to computer's or internet. Mail in, procrastinating and then don't get sent in time. One person having multiple phones
Anonymous	5 th survey I filled out! How accurate are your results?

2/26/2021 08:58 AM

Anonymous

2/26/2021 09:04 AM

Difficult to get to poll and don't trust strangers on phone. Too many scams. Don't answer phone unless I know who it is.

Anonymous

2/26/2021 09:05 AM

verifying person

Anonymous

2/26/2021 09:13 AM

locally - very poor mail-in (delivery/late service/etc) Phone - do not trust Bell Canada for service

Anonymous

2/26/2021 09:16 AM

Isn't very timely

Anonymous

2/26/2021 09:26 AM

Not everyone has the internet and also mainly older folks may not understand how to use a computer. Therefore possibly of a lot not voting.

Anonymous

2/26/2021 09:29 AM

1) In-Person: Long wait times restrictive hours, and lack of transportation to get to the specified location 2) Internet: Lack of access and an elderly population that may not be computer savvy 3) Mail-In: Ballot easily forgettable once cast aside and a younger generation that does not use mailing methods frequently 4) Phone: Long time spent on the phone, waiting. Difficulty getting through due to volume of callers.

Anonymous

2/26/2021 09:34 AM

Defective or errors in programming of electronic-mechanical machinery is always possible including electro-mechanical tabulation of ballots

Anonymous

2/26/2021 09:57 AM

Canada post is unreliable and slow

Anonymous

2/26/2021 10:04 AM

internet voting is costly and I don't trust it will be up and running properly. Also London just went away from internet voting why would we make the same mistake and spend lots of TAX Dollars only to have to go back to paper ballots!

Anonymous

2/26/2021 10:06 AM

Cost of paper, mail in or phone ballots

Anonymous

2/26/2021 10:23 AM

Issues with fraud for internet, phone and mail in voting

Anonymous

2/26/2021 10:56 AM

ballots going to peoples address's and they aren't living there anymore. phone voting can be hacked by those who know how to change the phone numbers so it looks like they are legitimate.

Anonymous

2/26/2021 11:04 AM

People have poor understanding of ballot vote....still have people not sure how to use internet.....some people don't hear well on the phone

Anonymous 2/26/2021 11:15 AM	Voting fraud.. you have NO way of knowing the proper person is voting
Anonymous 2/26/2021 11:36 AM	Privacy
K 2/26/2021 12:04 PM	Unless you have voice Identification I can't see this being reliable
Anonymous 2/26/2021 01:32 PM	I am not good on the computer and I don't trust mail-in or phone. There are so many scams I don't trust any of them at all. I want to see the people who are working at the polls.
Anonymous 2/26/2021 01:36 PM	stealing personal information!
Anonymous 2/26/2021 03:22 PM	Fraud for all option beside in person voting
Anonymous 2/26/2021 04:48 PM	Insufficient voter confirmation. Computer Software can make errors.
Anonymous 2/26/2021 05:03 PM	The election process should be simple enough that all have a clear understanding and can trust the process. When the process becomes complicated with multiple points for input (i.e. multiple means to vote), the ability to understand the process goes down. Public trust will follow the understanding and also diminish. The old way may not be better but it has the easiest understanding and most transparency that the public can see the election process and trust it.
Anonymous 2/26/2021 05:15 PM	Tabulators allow for human error and there's always a lineup...let's vote from home. Plus the municipality does not have to rent a voting station or election workers.... let's save
Anonymous 2/26/2021 06:57 PM	I would worry my ballot wouldn't get there in time if mailed in or could get lost. Not sure how phone voting would work
Anonymous 2/26/2021 08:28 PM	I will vote no matter what, but Internet voting is by far the preferred method.
Anonymous 2/26/2021 09:00 PM	Cheating
Anonymous 2/26/2021 09:27 PM	Not all have phones

Anonymous

2/26/2021 11:35 PM

Mail-in: Afraid it may get lost or delivered late due to various circumstances.  
Telephone: Requires huge manpower. Afraid lines will be busy. No way of knowing your vote was recorded accurately. I like entering my vote confidentially and putting it in the box myself, or hitting the "submit" button myself.

Anonymous

2/27/2021 07:13 AM

Timing of mail. Technical issues-phone, computer.

Anonymous

2/27/2021 07:23 AM

having votes lost in the mail and hitting the wrong button on the phone

Anonymous

2/27/2021 08:03 AM

Not everyone has access to a computer nor are they comfortable using one. I also am concerned about the security of the computer system.

Anonymous

2/27/2021 08:24 AM

Mail gets lost or delayed all the time since covid started

Anonymous

2/27/2021 09:27 AM

I want to see that I put the ballot in the box

Anonymous

2/27/2021 09:35 AM

it's very easy to select an incorrect response on the telephone mail in ballots can be held up or lost in the mail. My grandson is STILL waiting to received his Christmas card!!

Anonymous

2/27/2021 09:42 AM

Internet or in-person would be my choice but to be inclusive mail-in voting should be allowed for persons unable to use the latter.

Anonymous

2/27/2021 09:44 AM

Internet voting will lead to many, many people voting who really don't care. It will be like completing a survey, like this one. If one can't make the effort to vote in person, dont provide them with an easy out.

Votebondy

2/27/2021 09:50 AM

Concern is that one person in a household could vote for everyone with access to a PIN

Anonymous

2/27/2021 09:55 AM

Human error and the chance to cheat.

Anonymous

2/27/2021 03:44 PM

My only reservation about mail-in voting is that mail from Chatham-Kent, as far as I know, is sorted in another county. Drop-off boxes would definitely be required.

Anonymous

2/28/2021 08:00 AM

hacking, lost ballots or ballots completed by someone other than me, ballots mailed to those not elidable to vote.

Anonymous

2/28/2021 12:22 PM

Not necessarily trusting phone ballots, too ma y scams around

Anonymous 2/28/2021 01:39 PM	Timing (reliance on Canada Post), Understanding (details involved with mail-in and hearing problems with phone-in).
Anonymous 2/28/2021 06:34 PM	you never know if the person says who they say they are. Also what happens if someone does not have security on their internet.
Anonymous 3/01/2021 07:12 AM	Only concern with mail-in ballots is that ballots might get lost during the shipping process. If there was a way that citizens could be contacted after mailing, to confirm that their ballot was received and counted, that might help.
Anonymous 3/01/2021 09:11 AM	you can not verify properly by using phone, or mail in ballots, or internet who the voter is. it will not be true
Anonymous 3/01/2021 09:39 AM	Fraudulent use of the system, poor IT infrastructure , cost of set up for something only used every few years
Anonymous 3/01/2021 10:01 AM	time for mailing & jammed phone lines may be issues
Anonymous 3/01/2021 01:22 PM	Concerns with identifying the voter.
Anonymous 3/01/2021 01:35 PM	Security of ballots
Anonymous 3/02/2021 08:15 PM	seniors not hearing properly--- being rushed on the telephone
Anonymous 3/03/2021 07:37 AM	Voter fraud which was blatant in the US is obviously a HUGE concern. No chain on custody will be followed in internet, phone, mail in and maybe even paper ballots.
Anonymous 3/05/2021 10:32 AM	Navigating the internet with something this important can be challenging and frustrating, especially for my age group.
Anonymous 3/05/2021 11:06 AM	Our rural internet service is unpredictable. It can also be very frustrating to do new things on the computer.
Anonymous 3/05/2021 04:00 PM	Identification of the voter.
Anonymous 3/07/2021 11:08 AM	My only concern is with delivery delays for Canada Post. I believe almost any voting method could be managed for adequate security
Anonymous	Stupid people who believe the nonsense from the recent US election

3/07/2021 01:29 PM

Anonymous

3/08/2021 08:00 PM

In person - site accessibility and time off work to vote Internet - seniors with low internet literacy Mail in - downstream/3rd provider compliance and security Phone - just a lot of linear menus

Bigmama

3/09/2021 01:15 PM

How is the population that would need to use paper/mail-in or phone supposed to access this survey to express that they don't have access to internet?

Anonymous

3/09/2021 12:49 PM

Internet . the elderly some have no internet even some younger people don't have computers or internet in the home. Mail like most people it turns to file G in the garbage or gets misplaced and not returned. Phone . people don't want to be bothered with unknown numbers calling them . you might see a drop in turn out if changed

Anonymous

3/09/2021 12:54 PM

Unnecessary additional costs.

Anonymous

3/09/2021 01:06 PM

Who's going to be manning the phones?

Anonymous

3/09/2021 01:08 PM

Potential wait times associated with phone voting

Anonymous

3/09/2021 02:39 PM

Mail-in is too costly. Phone is unreliable and unsecure.

Anonymous

3/09/2021 04:46 PM

mail in ballots could be more costly.

Anonymous

3/09/2021 06:14 PM

Internet is hard to work

Anonymous

3/09/2021 07:06 PM

Security. Human error.

Anonymous

3/09/2021 09:22 PM

Technical problems or ballots getting lost in the mail

Anonymous

3/09/2021 10:55 PM

Covid for in person and lost/late ballots with extremely unreliable Canada Post.

Anonymous

3/10/2021 08:57 AM

availability of computers, concerns regarding our postal system and the handling of the ballots.

Anonymous

widely available internet access

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3/10/2021 10:46 AM

Anonymous

COVID concerns for in-person voting.

3/10/2021 12:30 PM

Anonymous

Depending on the covid situation, I would hate to see an election become a super spreader event.

3/10/2021 02:18 PM

Anonymous

Individual's ability to vote in person sure to work and personal circumstances

3/10/2021 08:25 PM

Anonymous

Similar issues as banking scams. How do you prevent that? What if a fake website is set up and voters enter personal information?

3/11/2021 05:28 AM

Anonymous

Internet voting could become a problem because in some areas of Chatham-Kent the internet is not completely reliable, If the weather is bad any type of voting that relies on electronic devices could potentially be disrupted. Mail-in ballots are also somewhat iffy because the delivery of the ballots to voters and the return of them depends on the postal service which has been known to be a little erratic in the past.

3/11/2021 02:51 PM

CKitizen

Given the current times, it may not be reasonable to request citizens to attend an in-person voting booth.

3/13/2021 01:47 PM

Anonymous

Some people do not have phones. Some people can't read. And some don't have internet.

3/14/2021 12:02 AM

Anonymous

Marginalized groups that are severely controlled by a partner or care giver could potentially have their right to vote taken away if their partner uses their ballot to vote without their knowledge or against their will. How can you be sure the person online, on the phone or through mail is actually "Ms. Smith" casting their vote? Identify theft is a huge issue! In person voting, with valid photo id, is the most secure voting method. Advanced in-person polls and election day polls are accessible.

3/14/2021 08:58 PM

Anonymous

I don't consider via phone a very secure option.

3/17/2021 09:10 AM

Anonymous

Not just voting in person, voting in person, WITH VALID ID

3/17/2021 10:46 AM

Anonymous

Covid

3/17/2021 10:46 AM

Anonymous

Internet issues Mail in: misplaced ballots, errors Phone: misunderstandings, bias

3/17/2021 10:48 AM



Anonymous

3/17/2021 11:01 AM

I just see the potential for corruption, exploitation and false representation

Anonymous

3/17/2021 11:02 AM

Election stealing in the making right here!!! Fraud! We live in a relatively small community and there is no reason votes can't be hand counted properly!

Anonymous

3/17/2021 11:06 AM

Postal delivery has been inconsistent in the past year plus costs postage.

Anonymous

3/17/2021 11:18 AM

Physical access or technology access will limit/prevent various people from voting, depending on the method. Lack of familiarity with technology will prevent some people from using internet voting.

Anonymous

3/17/2021 11:44 AM

Security

Anonymous

3/17/2021 11:58 AM

There are always concerns that technological problems will arise.

Anonymous

3/17/2021 12:37 PM

Internet voting requires internet, which because of poor municipal planing for the last 20 years is not available everywhere and where available is unreliable. I hate having to go to the polling station. It looks a cemetary threw up. Shambling corpses milling about confused, cant follow the written directions on the signs and they all want to talk about their goddamn vacation in 1973. The elderly are the biggest problem. Why after 6 decades of doing this they still don't have a clue baffles me.

Anonymous

3/17/2021 12:57 PM

Mostly internet voting, there's no way to authentic the person voting. I believe mail in with signature or in person is the best.

Anonymous

3/17/2021 01:58 PM

Availability of internet Speed of mail delivery

Anonymous

3/17/2021 02:36 PM

Because CK has never used Mail-in ballots or vote by phone there will be extra cost of educating the public on how to use these new methods.

Anonymous

3/17/2021 05:11 PM

Reliability of internet site (ie. technical issues, overload in online traffic) busy phone lines

Anonymous

3/17/2021 09:38 PM

Mail in ballot getting lost in the mail.

Anonymous

3/18/2021 07:38 AM

Voter fraud. Unable.to verify that the person filling out the ballot is actually who they sy they are.

Anonymous

Internet--- availability of computer/phone Mail in----- will ballots get there?

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3/18/2021 08:59 AM

Phone-in--no way to verify who you're speaking to

Anonymous

3/18/2021 11:41 AM

Paper ballots need to remain socially distanced during a Pandemic!

Anonymous

3/18/2021 01:27 PM

only issue would be in obtaining a one time use verification code. There is always going to be some that take advantage of the internet, mail in and phone posing as the person casting the vote as the person that got the code but the only way around that is to have in person only voting and I am sure that it is a very small percentage that would be "illegally" cast this way.

Anonymous

3/18/2021 01:33 PM

verification that the person casting vote is the person entitled to vote when not done in person or with a certification signature is an issue. Will the instructions be made public in ample time for those that need to choose an option other than in person can do so easily.

edwards17a

3/18/2021 03:19 PM

All have their challenges. In person paper vote with covid restrictions plus paying people Internet - some people wont be able to use it properly Mail in - too slow phone - not secure

Anonymous

3/18/2021 08:12 PM

there should be a choice. Not everyone has a computer.

Anonymous

3/19/2021 08:11 AM

Computer glitches

Anonymous

3/19/2021 04:10 PM

Trust

Anonymous

3/19/2021 04:59 PM

Delay or forgot to mail in, phone dying, internet connection

Anonymous

3/19/2021 08:35 PM

Not everyone has internet nor the understanding on how to use the internet. Mail in ballots risk the opportunity for a vote to get missed.

Anonymous

3/20/2021 09:04 AM

How many times can one vote on the internet if one has access to information of other voters? Many people have poor or no internet access so, especially with dial-up access, it can be too time consuming for taking part. Canada Post is less than reliable with its delivery, so it may be difficult to keep within time frames.

Anonymous

3/21/2021 09:22 AM

May get lost in the mail or not reach the intended parties.

Anonymous

3/21/2021 10:07 AM

I anticipate covid fear regarding in person voting

Anonymous

Voting rurally could be dicey with often spotty internet. Mall in could be lost or

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3/21/2021 05:20 PM

tampered with. With an over abundance of robo calls I would be leery

Anonymous

3/22/2021 12:12 AM

Internet voting may be sufficient for our senior population and those without internet services.

Anonymous

3/22/2021 06:14 PM

Fraud is my biggest concern. Phone could be a problem with some with hearing problems (on both ends of phone) Mail ballots could be lost or not received in time. internet there are too many scammers and hackers.

Anonymous

3/23/2021 12:14 AM

N/A

Anonymous

3/23/2021 08:28 PM

Ballot voting not convenient for those that work multiple jobs or long hours. Internet voting could have glitches first year but more young people would definitely vote! Mail in voting...not much faith in Canada Post this year.

**Optional question** (316 response(s), 283 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q10 | If you indicated that you have a security concern(s) with one or more of the voting options. Please list your concern(s)/problem(s) below.**

Anonymous

2/23/2021 10:42 AM

None

Anonymous

2/23/2021 11:19 AM

I don't like to give personal information over the phone

Anonymous

2/23/2021 11:30 AM

Not interested in vocally sharing who will be voted for, and not entirely confident whomever is taking the call will mark down the requested candidate.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 11:48 AM

If the U.S election has taught us anything it's that elections can be STOLEN! Stop the steal!

Anonymous

2/23/2021 11:56 AM

Fraud. Tech issues

Anonymous

2/23/2021 12:03 PM

internet can be Hacked, mail is unreliable, and no to phone at all.. just not comfortable with that and how do you trust who you are talking to

Anonymous

2/23/2021 12:36 PM

Trusting the system and tabulators from a conflict of interest stand point. All tabulating should almost be third-party, with zero connection to municipal employment etc... which is understandably difficult.

Anonymous

not sure they would get counted

2/23/2021 12:40 PM

Anonymous

Cannot rely on postal service to be efficient.

2/23/2021 12:49 PM

Anonymous

One person with a home could potentially take the voter cards of all home residents and complete the vote.

2/23/2021 12:53 PM

Anonymous

Concerns are driven from lack of procedural knowledge and not specific concerns

2/23/2021 12:58 PM

Anonymous

Ability to confirm identity (present ID, signature confirmation)

2/23/2021 01:02 PM

Anonymous

Could be anybody calling you. How can you be sure your vote is being registered?

2/23/2021 01:04 PM

Anonymous

Covid-19 'high risk' individual - just leaving the house is a security risk

2/23/2021 01:04 PM

Anonymous

Concerns about mail-in ballots and phone due to not knowing the process to provide security

2/23/2021 01:07 PM

Anonymous

Privacy if done by phone

2/23/2021 01:12 PM

Anonymous

Keep it the same way it has been for years

2/23/2021 01:15 PM

Anonymous

I don't know anything about voting by phone

2/23/2021 01:24 PM

Anonymous

security

2/23/2021 01:32 PM

Anonymous

how do you know the right person is using the phone

2/23/2021 01:32 PM

Anonymous

On the phone it would be harder to identify who is casting the vote

2/23/2021 01:33 PM

Anonymous

On the phone no accountability

2/23/2021 01:36 PM

Anonymous

Hackers...data being tampered with

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2/23/2021 01:37 PM

Anonymous

NONE. Who would waste their time "hacking" into a C-K election?

2/23/2021 01:42 PM

Anonymous

Proper identification over phone

2/23/2021 01:42 PM

Anonymous

When I vote it is private and personal and my ballot goes into a sealed container and counted after polling is completed, nobody else has chance to interfere with the voting rights of us citizens!

2/23/2021 01:51 PM

Anonymous

After the recent US election, I don't trust any voting methodology!

2/23/2021 01:54 PM

Anonymous

It all depends on how the phone calls are answered and by whom. Not too sure if I used the phone and some random person answers, if I would be willing to be assured that my vote would be tabulated correctly and how I voted

2/23/2021 01:55 PM

Anonymous

we watched major fraud in America with mail-in ballots (Biden did not get 80 million votes) I don't get phone so not sure of security there. Nothing online is safe, easily manipulated. paper ballots IN PEN is the safest way

2/23/2021 02:04 PM

Anonymous

just the chance for diversion or incomplete messaging

2/23/2021 02:07 PM

Anonymous

People will be able to more easily fraudulently vote and the system can be hacked. There is no reason to try these other ways to vote out, other than you are looking to have a fraudulent election. Considering you are already asking these questions, that's probably what the plan is.

2/23/2021 02:15 PM

Anonymous

How can you guarantee that mail won't get lost or show up to the wrong person. How do you know that you're talking to the correct person on the phone with all the scams going on lately. Internet sites can be hacked all the time, uneasy with that choice as well.

2/23/2021 02:16 PM

Anonymous

lack of physical auditable evidence

2/23/2021 02:22 PM

Anonymous

Hacking, fraud

2/23/2021 02:25 PM

Anonymous

I do not believe any of those choices to vote are secure..on a ballot I know it's done by me,I.d.is required and I feel the "old fashioned" way is best.. "if it ain't broke dont fix it"as the saying goes

2/23/2021 02:25 PM

Anonymous

People not counting the ballots or votes correctly!

2/23/2021 02:32 PM

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Anonymous

2/23/2021 02:34 PM

proof of identity, multiple voters at same phone

Anonymous

2/23/2021 02:34 PM

never heard of call in voting so I am unsure of phone voting.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 02:37 PM

Some mail ins can be set aside and not counted. Internet, a person can open multiple accounts.. By phone, more than one person could be using that #, but only one vote per # In person is the ONLY way to vote..

Anonymous

2/23/2021 02:44 PM

Haven't used the phone to vote before so just unsure about how it would work.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 02:49 PM

We need to have in-person voting. Anything else will end up being fraudulent, as we have seen over and over across North America as of late.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 02:55 PM

tampering with the mail and others seeing who i vote for and i have a land line only so if it can be done on a land line then i am fine with using my land line phone but if i need a cell phone for this well this option is of no use to me

Anonymous

2/23/2021 03:04 PM

internet lacking security if working, lost mail and phone land line or cell with little security

Mr Banks

2/23/2021 03:28 PM

Internet has no way to verify as no id is provided, you can not see the persons face, anyone could access the persons id and vote in their place, such as a relative, neighbour or even a caregiver. The same holds true for phone and mail in as well. Internet can be hacked

Anonymous

2/23/2021 03:32 PM

Don't understand the ways it could be manipulated- Would have to decide

Anonymous

2/23/2021 03:34 PM

I have no security concerns about any of the options.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 03:56 PM

With the recent voting concerns in the USA and knowing that Dominion Software is associated with left wing democratic causes there is no way I would ever trust anything but showing up with your ID at a voting booth!

Anonymous

2/23/2021 04:01 PM

Placing your ballot in box appears to me it has worked well as when counted there are multiple people counting the votes. The other methods to me have too many ways to alter the vote by manipulating the results. The paper ballot has worked for years and I believe there is not a reason to reinvent the voting method.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 04:06 PM

I am unfamiliar with how voting by phone would work, so any unease I might have may be as a result of that.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 04:14 PM

I have one concern and that's election fraud. If Costco can be packed with people in Lockdown then ballot locations can be open. I will 100% fight against anything but in person voting.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 04:14 PM

Cheaters

Anonymous

2/23/2021 04:17 PM

The only truly secure method is producing ID at the polling station. I have heard that in the last election it was easy for a parent to vote on behalf of their kids who were away at school ; there is no way to stop that

Anonymous

2/23/2021 04:21 PM

Phone ballot. Who is calling the vote in? Can the phone lines handle thousands of calls? The internet isn't available to all persons. Can rural internet handle all of the votes being cast?

Anonymous

2/23/2021 04:28 PM

How would we know our vote has been received and not lost in the mail or held up and arriving too late?

Anonymous

2/23/2021 04:30 PM

Only in person with valid government identification. Strick assurances that only Canadian citizens and permanent residents vote in all Canadian elections.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 04:33 PM

Because that's how elections are rigged like in the U.S.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 04:35 PM

It's way too easy to cheat! I don't trust any other method than in person and checking ID

Anonymous

2/23/2021 04:42 PM

Scams

Anonymous

2/23/2021 04:44 PM

Ability to hack internet voting Availability of intranet access for all Validation of phone call data

Anonymous

2/23/2021 04:48 PM

Lost through the postal system

Anonymous

2/23/2021 04:57 PM

I Trust no one. Have zero faith in political honesty

Anonymous

2/23/2021 04:57 PM

Tracking wether a person votes more than once of if a person is registered to vote.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 05:00 PM

If we cannot book a road test without verifying identify I do not want to be able to vote for my elected official with less security.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 05:08 PM

cheating, fraud, security

Anonymous

2/23/2021 05:17 PM

Receiving mail.in ballots on time

Anonymous

2/23/2021 05:17 PM

How do you kno if the right voter is on the phone Mail ins....how can u prove person whose name is on envelope really voted

Anonymous

2/23/2021 05:25 PM

The only way to ensure privacy is at a polling station. At home, the dominant person could unduly influence the others.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 05:27 PM

Nothing specific, but given the manipulation that was done in the US, I have some concerns with internet voting. I do think, if secure and tamper proof, that internet voting should be an option. Older generation may have an issue which must be considered.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 05:37 PM

You seriously need to ask?

Anonymous

2/23/2021 05:40 PM

Voter fraud has been proven to happen when people don't vote in person.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 05:51 PM

After what happened in the States, I feel that there is a great chance of voter fraud. I would not trust the results of these other ways of voting. If you want to vote, show up, show your ID and vote in person.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 05:55 PM

Too many opportunities for fraud.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 06:27 PM

Do not trust the mail to get to destination on time. We do not have good reliable cell service or internet in our area.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 06:41 PM

Fraud

Anonymous

2/23/2021 06:44 PM

Fraud

Anonymous

2/23/2021 07:07 PM

My vote being switched, my vote not being counted.

Anonymous

2/23/2021 07:09 PM

Not sure how phone in works

Anonymous

2/23/2021 07:34 PM

JUST A FEW COMMENTS: Q6 does not seem to make sense. How is one to rate them? And Q4- I would consider all methods but the Q might be misleading. I'm ok with paper ballots but would like to see CK extend the



Anonymous 2/23/2021 07:56 PM	opportunity to use online or mail in voting.
Anonymous 2/23/2021 08:00 PM	Election fraud with tabulators proven ..just official ballots and hand counting...with scrutineers...no more cheating....
Anonymous 2/23/2021 08:11 PM	Mail out ballot, getting lost
Anonymous 2/23/2021 08:23 PM	No concern.. my dead grandparents would love to vote.. only way is mail in voting!!
Anonymous 2/23/2021 08:32 PM	Dont be greasy politicians. End the lockdowns.
Anonymous 2/23/2021 08:40 PM	.
Anonymous 2/23/2021 08:43 PM	Fraud
Anonymous 2/23/2021 08:45 PM	confidentiality privacy and people influencing people resulting from the lack of confidentiality. Better records of votes with paper
Anonymous 2/23/2021 10:45 PM	With paper voting it would be the tabular, hand count only. Internet to easy to hack, mis-program. Mail in to easy to have someone else fill out, or sold of to a willing buyer to fill out. Phone the "caller" can fill in what they want regardless of what the caller may say.
Anonymous 2/23/2021 10:54 PM	The only way to accurately identify that the correct person is voting is to manually check against the proper ID. Too many irregularities can occur with the other listed options.
Anonymous 2/23/2021 10:58 PM	<a href="https://youtu.be/LkH2r-sNjQs">https://youtu.be/LkH2r-sNjQs</a>
Anonymous 2/23/2021 11:04 PM	Fraud! A stolen debocle of an election like the U.S.
Anonymous 2/23/2021 11:36 PM	Spam on phone and internet
Anonymous 2/23/2021 11:48 PM	Don't trust the person taking the information over the phone

Anonymous

2/24/2021 12:23 AM

Voter fraud

Anonymous

2/24/2021 03:18 AM

<https://youtu.be/LkH2r-sNjQs> this video

Anonymous

2/24/2021 05:37 AM

Worried about hackers.

Anonymous

2/24/2021 06:40 AM

I do not have any concerns regarding security issues with any of the voting options

Anonymous

2/24/2021 06:58 AM

None

Anonymous

2/24/2021 07:12 AM

Mail in may get lost

Anonymous

2/24/2021 07:38 AM

Opportunity for fraudulent votes. If you have to vote in person your vote is verified by showing id

Anonymous

2/24/2021 07:48 AM

Use the most cost effective method!!!!

Anonymous

2/24/2021 08:19 AM

Phone/ Security Internet/ Accessibility/ Knowledge

Anonymous

2/24/2021 08:42 AM

Other than in person voting, the other will have voter fraud.

Anonymous

2/24/2021 08:46 AM

I will need to understand the phone in process and how it actually will work

Anonymous

2/24/2021 08:49 AM

mail in ballots, or internet or phone you do not know for sure who the person is like you can with paper ballots

Anonymous

2/24/2021 08:52 AM

Mail in /phone could possibly be a security problem. Lost ballots in mail, phoney calls from people other than the authority personnel.

Anonymous

2/24/2021 08:54 AM

Same as above or number 9

Anonymous

2/24/2021 08:56 AM

Internet security is easily overcome if voters do not have proper protocols in place, particularly with seniors. Telephones can be rerouted and spoofed.

Anonymous 2/24/2021 08:56 AM	mail votes will not be hones. internet voting i really believe it can hav errors or even be hack.
Anonymous 2/24/2021 08:56 AM	Same as above
Anonymous 2/24/2021 08:59 AM	Phone voting isn't private and you don't see your selection.
Anonymous 2/24/2021 09:14 AM	The Russians. Not that I think specifically the Russians care who gets elected in Chatham but as a whole, I don't trust them to not interfere just because they want to stir up shit.
Anonymous 2/24/2021 09:21 AM	cost involved to secure voting ballots.
Anonymous 2/24/2021 09:26 AM	Human interaction with the ballots can cause tampering
Anonymous 2/24/2021 09:39 AM	not knowing how phone voting works, I would want to see how security is handled.
Anonymous 2/24/2021 09:52 AM	As above
Anonymous 2/24/2021 09:57 AM	Not knowing how the different methods will be carried out and only knowing the paper ballot with tabulator where there seems to be many layers of different people checking. Provided all these different methods had the same level of security and checking by different people these methods would work. I also think that there would be a perception that some of these other methods would not be safe because unlike the ballot method people would not be able to see with there own eyes the checking by different people are done properly. I would also be concerned with internet method from cyber hacking.
Anonymous 2/24/2021 10:03 AM	Giving people the opportunity to question the validity of the vote is not in the best interest of the municipality. Just keep the vote in person. People who want to vote, and are informed voters, will turn out. Making it easier for uninformed voters, or people who don't take the process seriously, doesn't appeal to me.
Anonymous 2/24/2021 10:09 AM	The only secure way to vote is in person, providing info on who you are etc., however because of Covid it is not a very safe way to vote.
Anonymous 2/24/2021 10:12 AM	i could vote for each person in my household without informing them of their opportunity to vote. that can apply to Phone, Internet and mail in ballots.

Anonymous 2/24/2021 10:20 AM	Paper ballots is the most secure, impossible to have voter Id by other methods
Anonymous 2/24/2021 10:36 AM	I know very little about voting over the phone, didn't even know that was an option. Some insight would definitely help to understand it better.
Anonymous 2/24/2021 10:46 AM	Internet, mailing and phone-in, all do not have voter actually showing vote collector in person their identity or address.
Anonymous 2/24/2021 11:49 AM	Mail can be easily lost.
Anonymous 2/24/2021 12:07 PM	Poor Postal service Scams
Anonymous 2/24/2021 12:21 PM	Nothing in today's world can be trusted. Our current situation proves that over and over again
Anonymous 2/24/2021 12:40 PM	same as 9
Anonymous 2/24/2021 12:51 PM	Mail-in ballots concern - same as above Phone concern - Not sure how it would work but concern about privacy
Anonymous 2/24/2021 01:08 PM	Same as # 9
Anonymous 2/24/2021 01:09 PM	No paper trail to verify results.
Anonymous 2/24/2021 01:16 PM	Same as above-mentioned
Anonymous 2/24/2021 01:16 PM	Mail-in balloting has long been considered a risky process given anyone can "sign" for another voter who loses their letter. At least with internet and phone voting, a second credential like a date-of-birth has to be used in addition to the PIN.
Anonymous 2/24/2021 01:22 PM	Postal service not reliable
Anonymous 2/24/2021 01:24 PM	again...phone...scams popping up.
Anonymous 2/24/2021 03:07 PM	Internet voting a security concern.

Anonymous

2/24/2021 03:12 PM

Same, no definitive way to confirm a person is who they say they are

Anonymous

2/24/2021 03:46 PM

Mail can be tampered with

Anonymous

2/24/2021 05:01 PM

households that share few or numerous phones

Anonymous

2/24/2021 07:32 PM

Without being able to physically see someone's identification I don't think you can guarantee who is voting. This could be a problem with all but in person voting, however it seems like phone voting might be the worst.

Anonymous

2/24/2021 07:46 PM

In order to ensure the integrity of the election, the identity of the voter must be confirmed in some way. What would stop a person from stealing anything that is initially mailed to the voter and using for themselves?

Anonymous

2/24/2021 07:51 PM

For internet voting, the security of the connection, i.e., not susceptible to viewing or hacking; security of digital files and personal information. For phone voting, the municipality would have to invest in voice recognition, which I would object to for the expense of it -- Our property taxes are too high as it is.

Anonymous

2/24/2021 08:17 PM

Dishonest

Anonymous

2/24/2021 08:50 PM

Voter fraud! Breach of charter of rights! Division of the country

Anonymous

2/24/2021 09:24 PM

Tabulators has transformed the political system. It's not feasible or safe to NOT use this technology.

Anonymous

2/24/2021 10:13 PM

IntInternet not safe

Anonymous

2/25/2021 07:02 AM

more subject to fraud

Anonymous

2/25/2021 08:39 AM

Not everyone has secure internet connections or good internet access.

Anonymous

2/25/2021 08:43 AM

I'm not clear on how secure voting by phone would be. How would you ensure people don't vote more than once or that people are who they say they are.

Anonymous

See above

2/25/2021 09:20 AM

Anonymous

Mail in and phone ballots could be fake and the internet could be hacked

2/25/2021 10:13 AM

Anonymous

There could be issues with secure identification of a person voting by phone.

2/25/2021 10:27 AM

Anonymous

SECURITY BOTH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL.

2/25/2021 10:41 AM

Anonymous

Primarily people who throw unsubstantiated comments, like "the system will be hacked" "Seniors will be unable to engage" "this is illegal" "people don't own computers can't vote" "the disadvantaged don't get to vote"

2/25/2021 10:45 AM

Anonymous

Multiple users of individual phones

2/25/2021 10:52 AM

Anonymous

Fraud. Interference. Privacy.

2/25/2021 10:59 AM

Anonymous

Electronic manipulation. Use Paper only

2/25/2021 11:05 AM

Anonymous

If you have to be told then perhaps education could be provided

2/25/2021 11:51 AM

Anonymous

What I listed in #9

2/25/2021 11:54 AM

Anonymous

Concerns about votes arriving in time for tabulation with mail in ballots. No record of vote for telephone voting

2/25/2021 12:05 PM

Anonymous

People stealing mailed out ballots so they can vote multiple times. Hackers getting personal information used to verify identity for internet voting. Unless in person with ID There is no way of stopping people from stealing others votes and voting multiple times. Overall lack of verification of people's identity which leads to lack of people's trust that the vote count was correct.

2/25/2021 12:26 PM

Anonymous

Internet voting has security concerns throughout every step of the process. Overwhelmingly, cryptography, IT security, and computer science experts agree that internet voting technologies are, at present, insufficient to ensure a secure and fair election. Using a variety of different methods, malicious actors, working remotely, could alter election results without detection. The audit trail could be compromised immediately if the voting software recorded a different result than the voter cast. Voter anonymity and ensuring secret ballots is also difficult with internet voting. Some internet voting services

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provide an anonymized voter identification number to allow voters to verify their electronic ballot was correctly recorded by the service. This voter identification number could be used to trace individual votes back to particular voters, thereby eliminating ballot secrecy. For a more detailed look, see the articles linked below. <https://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2020/09/why-experts-are-overwhelmingly-skeptical-of-online-voting/>  
<https://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2020/09/why-online-voting-is-harder-than-online-banking/>

Anonymous

2/25/2021 12:48 PM

Anonymity for phone ballots

Anonymous

2/25/2021 12:57 PM

Scam artists

Anonymous

2/25/2021 01:11 PM

Mail in votes could be disrupted, thrown out before getting to where they are supposed to go.

Anonymous

2/25/2021 01:32 PM

Internet might freeze or cyber attacks.

Anonymous

2/25/2021 01:35 PM

No paper trail

Anonymous

2/25/2021 01:45 PM

Fraud .. hacking

Anonymous

2/25/2021 01:52 PM

Identification concern for telephone voting.

Anonymous

2/25/2021 01:55 PM

Mail in - not arriving on time. Not getting delivered to right addresses

Anonymous

2/25/2021 02:21 PM

Phone: I have concerns for folks who are vulnerable to phone scams and may be tricked by scammers into giving their personal information out.

Anonymous

2/25/2021 02:26 PM

Someone goes through my mail daily in my mailbox

Anonymous

2/25/2021 02:56 PM

Lost mail

Anonymous

2/25/2021 02:57 PM

Phone voting - no way to verify

Anonymous

Again, votes getting lost in the mail or stolen.

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2/25/2021 03:42 PM

Anonymous

fraud

2/25/2021 04:09 PM

Anonymous

Again someone could influence the vote

2/25/2021 04:11 PM

Anonymous

If Revenue Canada can be hacked do you think you can provide better security?

2/25/2021 04:42 PM

Anonymous

- Technology subject to error; - Inability to verify the identity of those voting; - No verification of phone votes by the voter (ex. intended vote may not be the vote that registers).

2/25/2021 07:17 PM

Anonymous

too many hackers and scammers

2/25/2021 08:06 PM

Anonymous

With electronic spoofing being so rampant out there, and having received many calls that were from myself to me (the caller ID was my own number,) I don't trust telephone voting.

2/25/2021 10:24 PM

Anonymous

Same as above, and mail can get lost.

2/25/2021 10:50 PM

Anonymous

you will open up the doors to fraud and more election challenges I would not vote for anyone whom wishes to change our system

2/26/2021 01:36 AM

Anonymous

Mail-in and phoning not the best way to go. Too many out there could easily get into these two options. Internet can also be hacked, but security on ones computer is the utmost and way to go.

2/26/2021 02:04 AM

Anonymous

Voter fraud

2/26/2021 02:32 AM

Anonymous

Possible site crash, possible lost mail in votes and possible scammers coming out of the woodwork to falsely people into giving personal information in order to vote.

2/26/2021 06:55 AM

Anonymous

Authenticity

2/26/2021 06:57 AM

Anonymous

The possibility of mail-in ballots being lost or delayed is a concern.

2/26/2021 07:04 AM

Anonymous

Sames a series as no 9

2/26/2021 07:05 AM



Anonymous

2/26/2021 07:17 AM

See above

Anonymous

2/26/2021 07:24 AM

My security concern is that people are involved with all these methods so ethics and honesty will always come into play.

Anonymous

2/26/2021 07:50 AM

Mail in - people move and the ballots, like voter cards, may not reach the correct person which could mean someone doesn't get to vote or someone else can fill in and mail back someone else's ballot. Similarly, a parent could decide to vote for his wife or adult at home children (or anyone in a household could interfere). Phone... same or similar problems.

Anonymous

2/26/2021 08:00 AM

possible scams and breaches of confidentiality by phone numbers of voter being used for wrong purposes.

Anonymous

2/26/2021 08:10 AM

See above.

Anonymous

2/26/2021 08:17 AM

Mail in seems unreliable

Anonymous

2/26/2021 08:24 AM

Identity theft mostly especially by phone since that's telemarketers most often used tool.

Anonymous

2/26/2021 08:30 AM

fraud where no id/ in person address confirmation is personally reviewed.

Anonymous

2/26/2021 08:34 AM

Phone/Internet - scammer opportunities.

Anonymous

2/26/2021 08:41 AM

With Mail in ballots no ID is shown.

Anonymous

2/26/2021 08:46 AM

Fraud, there is to many opportunities for fraud with phone, mail in and internet options.

Anonymous

2/26/2021 08:50 AM

too many scammers

Anonymous

2/26/2021 08:54 AM

Hackers on computer, dead relatives mailing in votes, overseas phone calls.

Anonymous

2/26/2021 08:58 AM

5th survey filled out! How accurate are your results

Anonymous

Too many phone scams

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2/26/2021 09:04 AM

Anonymous

verifying person

2/26/2021 09:05 AM

Anonymous

see above

2/26/2021 09:13 AM

Anonymous

Internet, phone, & mail-in: Harder to verify that the intended recipient is actually the person casting the vote.

2/26/2021 09:29 AM

CK\_citizen

Cyber security issues, false representation by mail and perhaps by phone

2/26/2021 10:16 AM

Anonymous

All ballots must leave a paper trail and be counted by hand!!! It may be slower and more expensive but it is the only way to insure the integrity of a fair election. I don't trust you, I don't trust governments, and I most certainly don't trust human made computer programs to be honest or completely free of all error or bias!!

2/26/2021 09:34 AM

Anonymous

Some people do not have secure internet

2/26/2021 09:38 AM

Anonymous

I don't trust the IT department of C-K to get anything correct or safe, as they are C-K employees.

2/26/2021 10:04 AM

Anonymous

I am confident in internet voting

2/26/2021 10:06 AM

Anonymous

Same as above ... fraud concerns

2/26/2021 10:23 AM

Anonymous

ballots going to peoples address's and they aren't living there anymore. phone voting can be hacked by those who know how to change the phone numbers so it looks like they are legitimate.

2/26/2021 10:56 AM

Anonymous

On the Internet how do you know who is voting..someone could be standing over their shoulder telling them who to vote for. Mailing how to you know who marked the vote

2/26/2021 11:04 AM

Anonymous

Voter fraud.. you have NO way of knowing the proper person is casting the vote

2/26/2021 11:15 AM

Anonymous

Again, privacy

2/26/2021 11:36 AM

K

The telephone doesn't seem to me to be a secure option.

2/26/2021 12:04 PM

Anonymous

2/26/2021 12:41 PM

Could someone call in multiple times? How do you ensure the person is who they say?

Anonymous

2/26/2021 01:32 PM

The same as above!!!

Anonymous

2/26/2021 01:36 PM

stealing personal information!

Anonymous

2/26/2021 04:48 PM

Internet: voter confirmation. Computer Software irregularities. Mail In : voter fraud Phone: voter confirmation

Anonymous

2/26/2021 05:03 PM

Ballot harvesting, impersonation, multiple votes (in-person + other), audit-ability of phone or internet services where digital data can be manipulated over time without a trace

Anonymous

2/26/2021 06:08 PM

Fraudulent robo-calls that will trick people into thinking that it is for voting

Anonymous

2/26/2021 09:00 PM

Cheating

Anonymous

2/27/2021 07:13 AM

possible fraud

Anonymous

2/27/2021 07:23 AM

having mail in votes getting destroyed in mail box

Anonymous

2/27/2021 08:03 AM

We are constantly hearing of computers being hacked.

Anonymous

2/27/2021 09:27 AM

I think phone in service could lead to people voting more than once

Anonymous

2/27/2021 09:42 AM

All conspiracy theories aside in-person, internet and mail-in ballots even phone-in voting there can be security procedures put in place or I would hope that there would be

Anonymous

2/27/2021 09:44 AM

How do you audit or recount online votes if they get lost or are accidentally deleted. A paper trail is necessary

Votebondy

2/27/2021 09:50 AM

See above

Anonymous

2/27/2021 09:55 AM

Same as above

Anonymous

2/27/2021 03:44 PM

Every person has the right to vote. Any process that makes it more convenient for individuals that includes the proper security is a welcome addition to the process. There are individuals in the County who would benefit from all the voting suggestions.

Anonymous

2/28/2021 08:15 AM

If results are not from paper ballots being counted by hand with multiple observers they cannot be trusted.

Anonymous

3/01/2021 09:11 AM

it needs to be in person for this process, too many problems can occur

Anonymous

3/01/2021 09:39 AM

Identity theft, Public suspicion

Anonymous

3/01/2021 01:22 PM

As above

Anonymous

3/02/2021 08:15 PM

seniors not hearing properly

Anonymous

3/03/2021 07:37 AM

Only use in person ID verification and no Dominion or Smartmatics machinery.

Anonymous

3/05/2021 04:00 PM

Knowing who is acutely doing the voting. In person voting Identification can and should be presented. Other methods how can you be sure who is voting?

Anonymous

3/05/2021 08:48 PM

I am kind of iffy on the phone voting. I need more information about how it will be handled.

Anonymous

3/07/2021 01:29 PM

Telephone ballots would be difficult to security check

Anonymous

3/08/2021 08:00 PM

See above.

Anonymous

3/09/2021 12:54 PM

Too many phone scams currently exit. This would be another phone scam opportunity.

Anonymous

3/09/2021 01:06 PM

It's the internet, security should always be considered when dealing with anything purely online.

Anonymous

NA

3/09/2021 01:08 PM

Anonymous

It is impossible over phone to verify someone identity.

3/09/2021 02:39 PM

Anonymous

Phone spoofing could be used to potentially defraud.

3/09/2021 04:46 PM

Anonymous

Phone doesn't seem secure

3/09/2021 06:14 PM

Anonymous

a computer can be altered and hacked at many levels, mail in votes can be "lost", we never know who is at the other end of a phone call.

3/10/2021 08:57 AM

Anonymous

Please see response in # 9

3/11/2021 05:28 AM

CKitizen

Internet voting and phone voting could be susceptible to voter fraud and vote duplications

3/13/2021 01:47 PM

Anonymous

Phone and internet

3/14/2021 12:02 AM

Anonymous

Do party lines still exist? Cell phones are not generally secure.

3/17/2021 09:10 AM

Anonymous

Security concern to not use valid government ID to vote on any method. Everything else is a risk to my vote and the election.

3/17/2021 10:46 AM

Anonymous

Phone not private

3/17/2021 10:46 AM

Anonymous

Accountability. Only votes that are accompanied by valid photo ID im person should count. Any and all other forms can easily be manipulated or not counted based upon the bias and views of the person taking the votes

3/17/2021 10:48 AM

Anonymous

I just see the potential for corruption, exploitation and false representation

3/17/2021 11:01 AM

Anonymous

As if I need to list the concerns here!!! The list is LONG! And you know what they are!

3/17/2021 11:02 AM

Anonymous

Hacking Mail not delivered Phone scams

3/17/2021 11:44 AM

Anonymous  
3/17/2021 12:37 PM  
I've had the opportunity to talk to the municipal IT staff outside of work. They aren't qualified to plan a piss up at a brewery let alone internet voting.

Anonymous  
3/18/2021 08:59 AM  
As above

Anonymous  
3/18/2021 11:18 AM  
Internet:Hacking;Manipulation;Scams;Domestic and Foreign interference  
Phone: Fake identification, identity theft

Anonymous  
3/18/2021 01:27 PM  
same as above.

Anonymous  
3/18/2021 01:33 PM  
will the casting of the vote by telephone immediately remove the name from the voters list so that they cannot use another advanced poll method. Will the phone option be run at a different period than the advanced polls or the internet polls and will they immediately cross the name off so there is no duplications?

edwards17a  
3/18/2021 03:19 PM  
P{hone seems unsecured for sure. people could easily pose as others

Anonymous  
3/18/2021 06:07 PM  
How to make sure the person voting is the person voting.

Anonymous  
3/18/2021 08:12 PM  
I don't know how voting with a phone would be done. If properly explained and monitored it would maybe work.

Anonymous  
3/18/2021 09:12 PM  
I do not trust that they would be counted properly or that there could be a hack to the internet voting.

Anonymous  
3/19/2021 08:11 AM  
Too much personal info to be provided for me to feel secure sharing it online - hacking concerns, e tc.

Anonymous  
3/19/2021 04:10 PM  
Trust

Anonymous  
3/19/2021 04:59 PM  
Some would force others to vote their way because it's impossible to vote anonymously with any other method.

Anonymous  
3/19/2021 08:35 PM  
How do we know that the vote count is genuine, can easily be corrupted without the public knowing.

Anonymous  
3/20/2021 09:04 AM  
I don't know enough about the systems to know what the security concerns might be, but am aware that some internet sites have security issues. How are telephone numbers obtained and would the telephone reach everyone?

Anonymous

3/20/2021 12:01 PM

There are always security concerns regarding internet applications, but as long as proper precautions are taken, these can definitely be alleviated. Regarding phone: How does one ensure security? I assume a password would be given? I just don't have enough understanding of this process to comment too strongly.

Anonymous

3/21/2021 09:22 AM

With so many phone scams not sure what your approach would be so citizens could trust it.

Anonymous

3/21/2021 10:07 AM

verification of eligible voter identification

Anonymous

3/22/2021 06:14 PM

The internet cannot be trusted any more due to hackers and as far as security nothing is secure any more period.

Anonymous

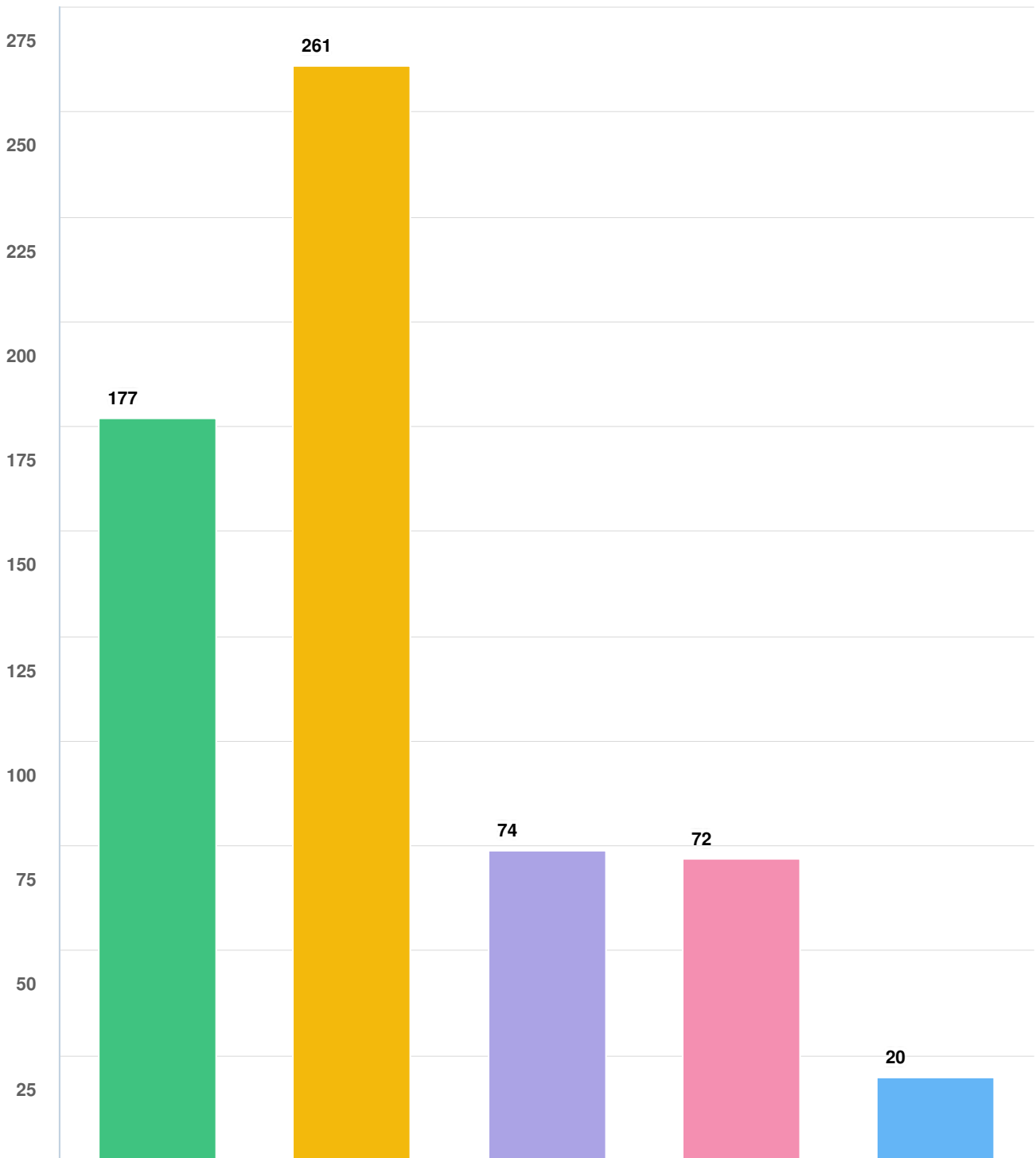
3/23/2021 12:14 AM

N/A

**Optional question** (278 response(s), 321 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q11** I am confident citizens will be adequately informed about voting requirements and procedures before starting voting.



**Question options**

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- No opinion/ Decline to answer
- Agree
- Strongly agree

Mandatory Question (599 response(s))  
Question type: Checkbox Question



**BY-LAW NUMBER -2021**

**Of The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent**

A By-law to authorize the use of optical scan vote tabulators for the purpose of counting votes in the municipal election and the use of internet voting as an alternative voting method for advance voting

Finally Passed the day of 2021

Whereas Section 42 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996, SO 1996, c 32* provides that the Council of a Municipality may, by by-law, authorize the use of optical scanning vote tabulators for the purpose of counting votes at Municipal Elections;

And whereas Section 42 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996, SO 1996, c32* provides that the Council may, by by-law, authorize the use of an alternate voting method that does not require electors to attend at a voting place in order to vote;

And whereas Section 42 (5) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996, SO 1996, c32* provides when a by-law authorizing the use of an alternative voting method is in effect, sections 43 apply only if the by-law so specifies.

And whereas the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent considers it desirable to pass such a by-law;

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent as follows:

1. The use of optical scanning vote tabulators for the purpose of counting votes in municipal elections hereby be authorized; and
2. The use of internet voting as an alternative voting method for advance voting is hereby authorized as per Section 43 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996, SO 1996, c32*.

This By-law shall come into full force and effect upon the final passing thereof.

Read a First, Second, and Third Time, this day of, 2021.

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Mayor – Darrin Canniff

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Clerk - Judy Smith