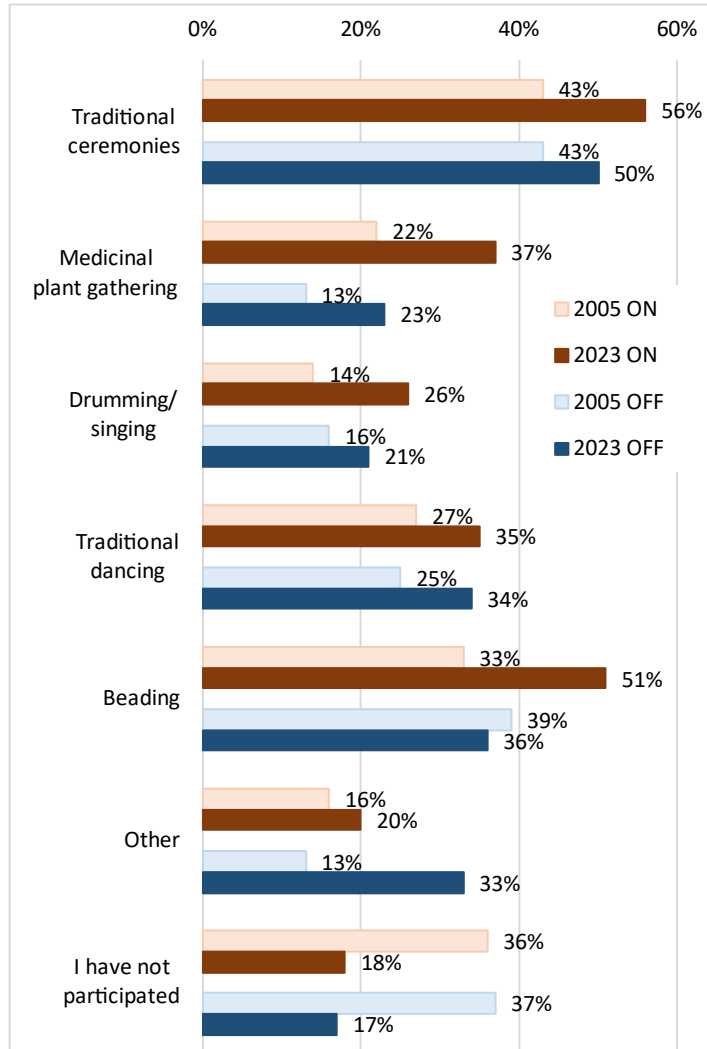


Culture and Heritage

The culture and heritage section of the survey included six questions.

Q53: Which of the following Menominee traditional practices have you participated in?



Q53: Other Responses: ON RESERVATION

- Assisting with bringing our ancestors home every year.
- Basket making.
- Cleaning.
- Define traditional.
- Gardening (2), wild rice harvesting, growing tobacco, and native foods.
- Menominee language classes (3).
- Repatriation of Menominee ancestors, feasts, including feeding the dead, rites of passage, checking on seniors, cooking for people who need help, Menominee predictors e.g., Phenology, trying to follow each month’s traditions and storytelling.
- Powwow circles.

Q53: Other Responses: ON RESERVATION (continued)

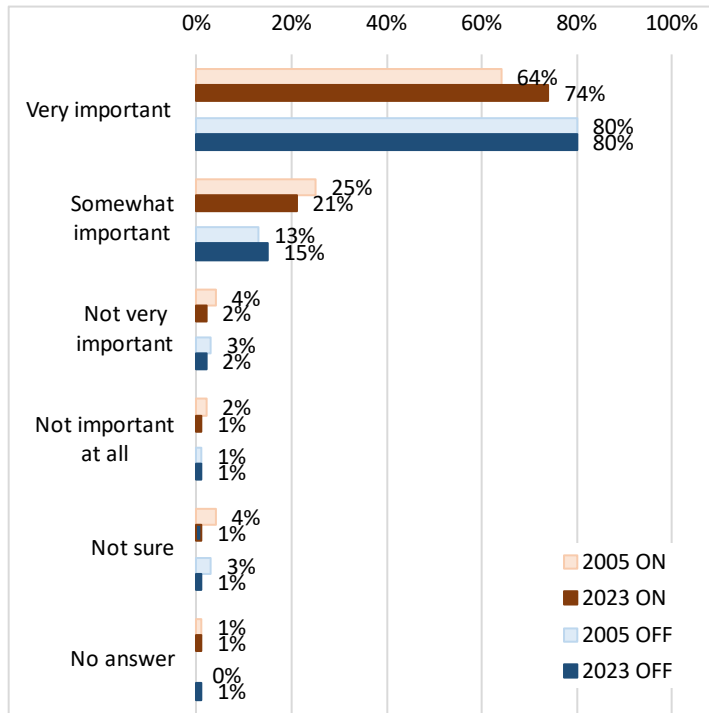
- Regalia making (5) and general projects.
- Round houses/dances.
- Smudging and tobacco offering (prayer).
- Social/community gatherings.
- Storytelling (2).
- Subsistence hunting (4), fishing (3), and trapping.
- Sugar camp operation in the spring (2), black ash basketry, birch bark basketry (2).
- Sweat lodges (3) and Cedar baths.
- Taking care of elders with wild game.
- Traditional cooking, food preservation (2), and traditional healing (2).
- Traditional stuff at the Museum and the College.
- Tribal history.
- Visiting traditional elders and the sacred Menominee language.
- What is traditional dancing?

Q53: Other Responses: OFF RESERVATION

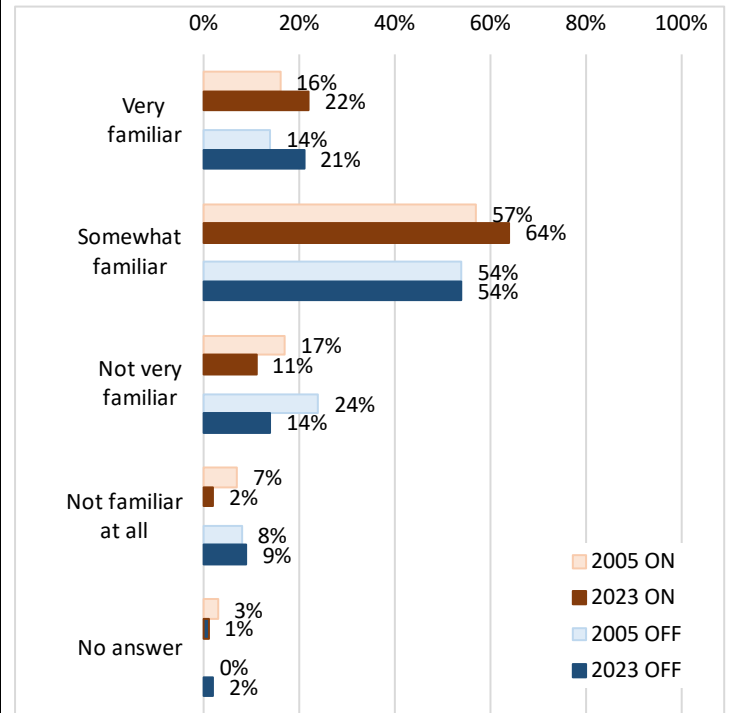
- Attending gatherings (pow-wows) (4) and ghost dinners.
- Funeral rites.
- Help others & respect your elders.
- I don't need to participate to know who and what I am.
- I honor the earth and sky, the water, and the animals. I am grateful for the beauty, and I express my thanks by caring for those things.
- I have lived the rez life.
- Language and storytelling (2).
- Medicinal plant usage.
- MenominiYou language classes.
- Regalia Circle
- Regalia making and ribbon skirt making on Saturdays.
- Storytelling.
- Sweat lodges- need more of them.
- Teaching the young to show kindness toward elders and respect elders. Show appreciation for the traditions & beautiful crafts. There are non-tribal members who share Menominee blood that may like to know the culture & language also.
- Traditional crafts (3) using natural materials (baskets (2), mats, winnowing trays, etc.)
- Wood crafting

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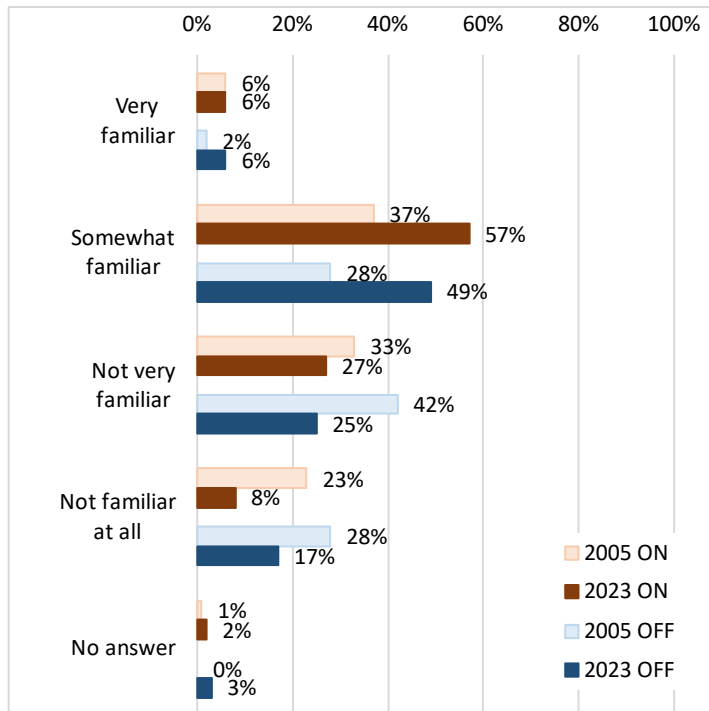
Q54: How important do you feel it is to educate tribal members in traditional language and culture?



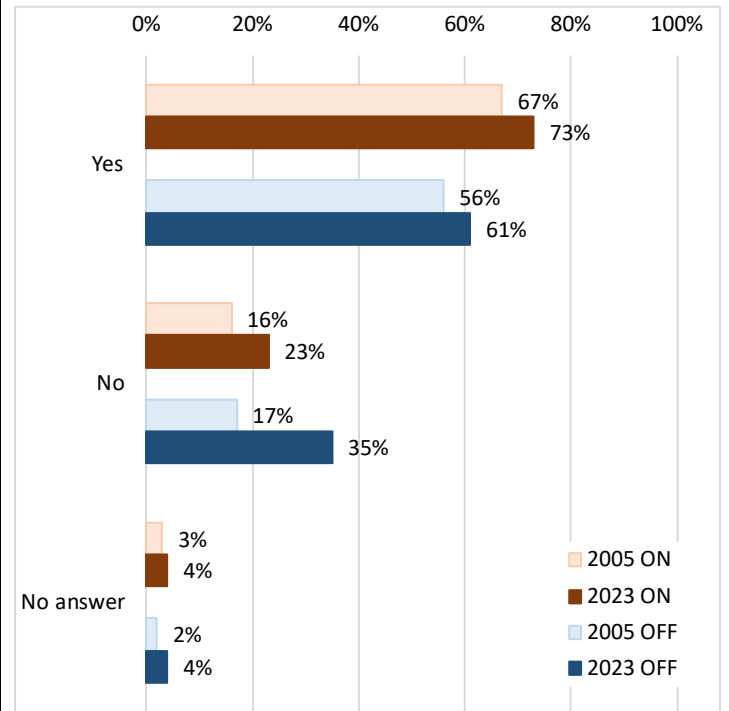
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Q55: How familiar are you with the Menominee language?

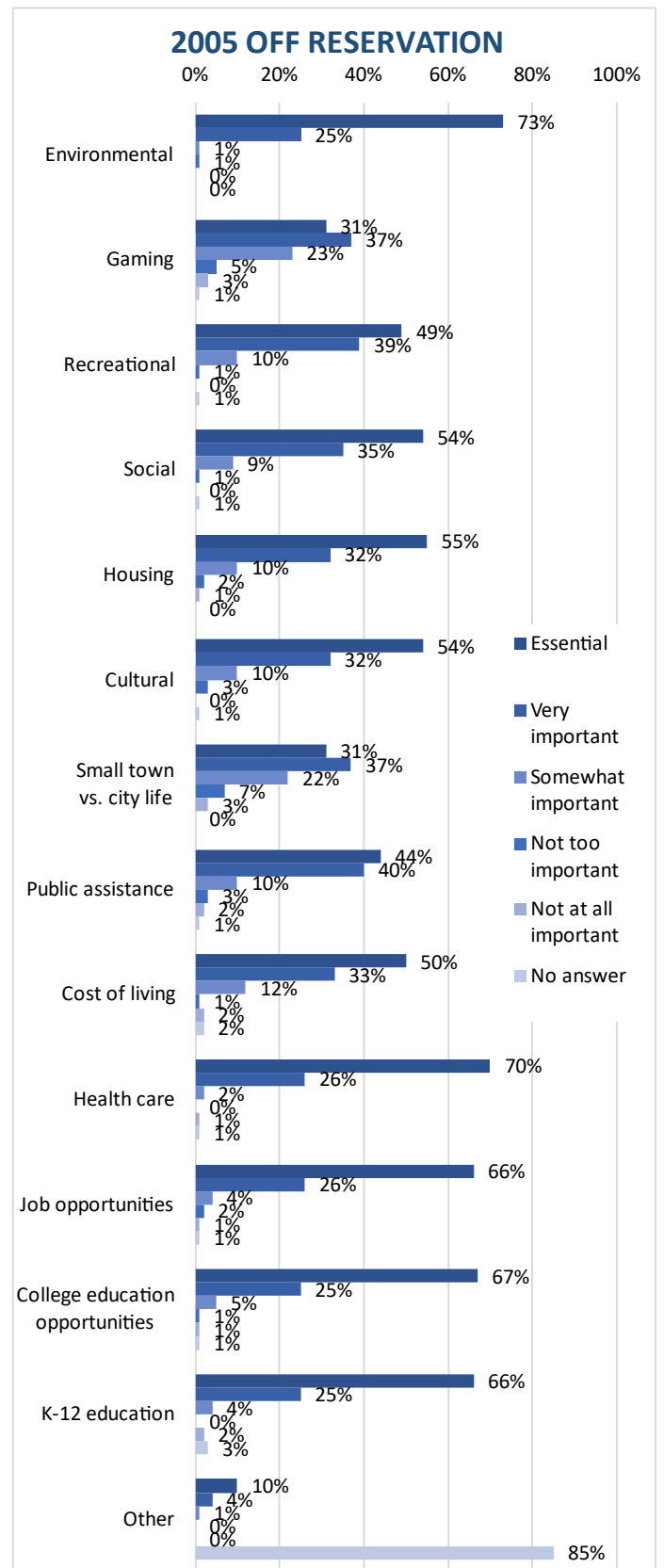
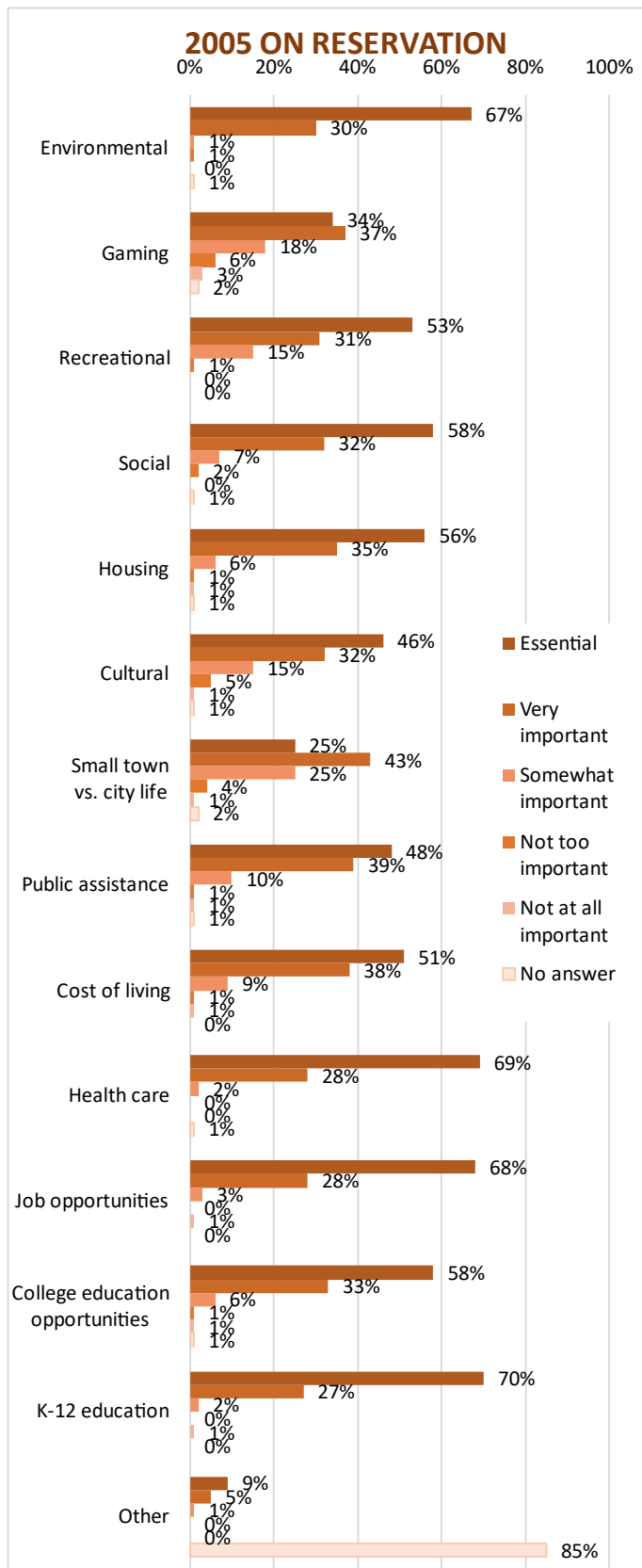


Q57: If you wanted to know more about the Menominee language or culture, would you know whom to contact to get the information you need?



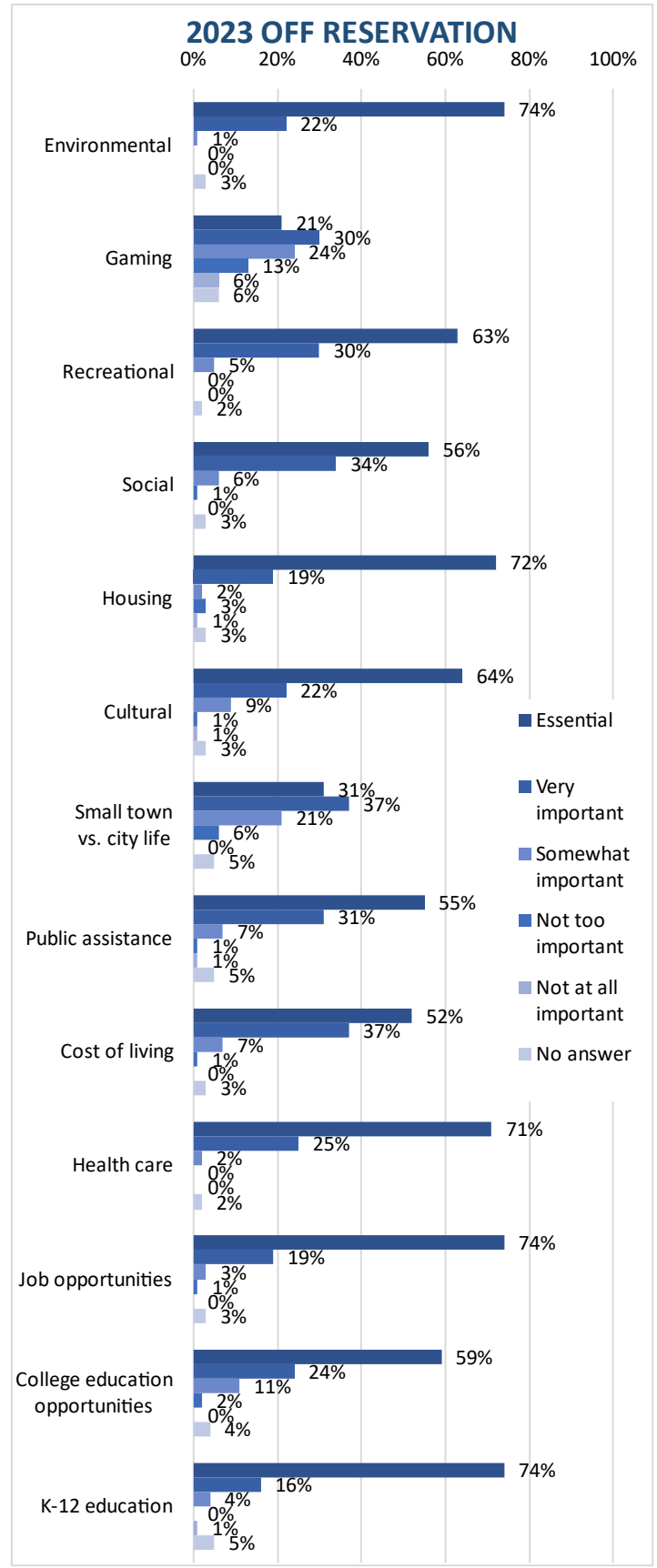
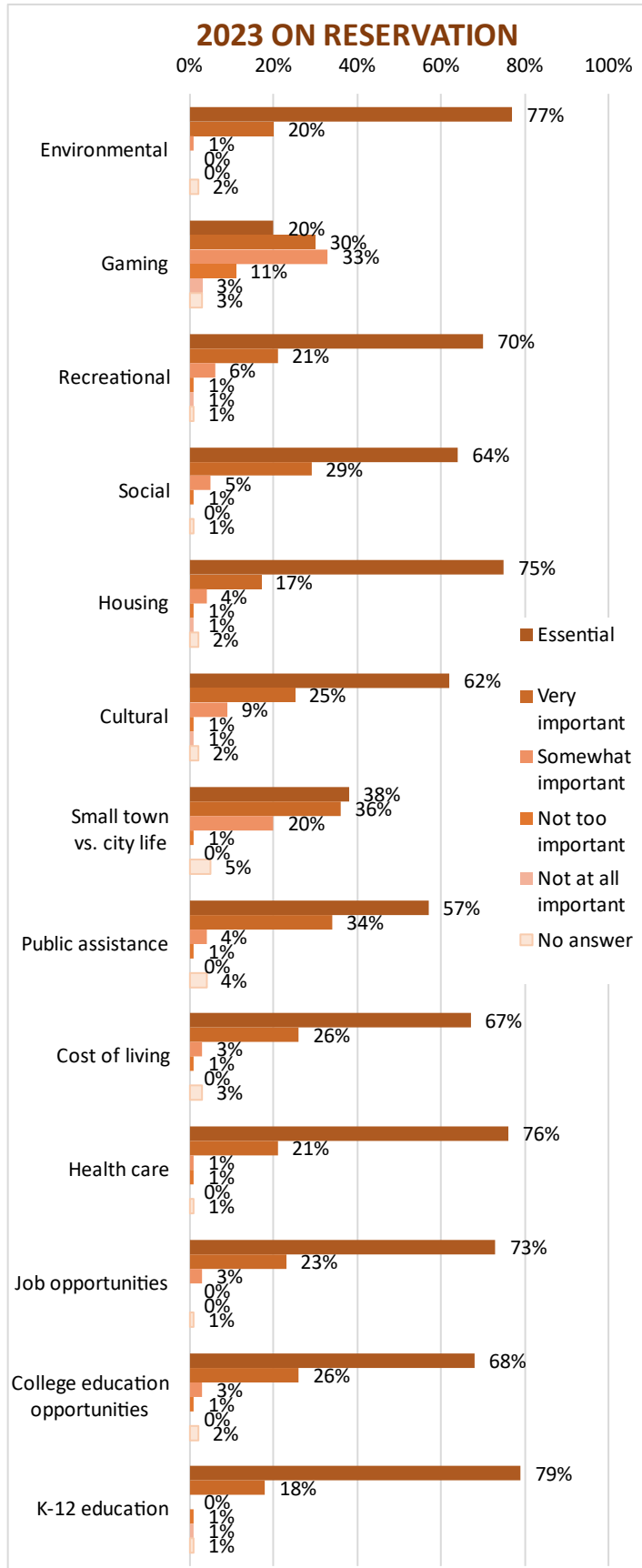
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Q58: Listed below are several aspects of life in the Menominee community. Please indicate how important these community aspects are to you (continued).



Q58: Other Responses: ON RESERVATION

- An RV Park would help bring tourism and guests into the casino.
- Childcare/daycare/safe house for youth.
- Cultural teachings, historical cultural teaching sessions, as well as youth, adult, and elder teachings.
- I didn't answer about gaming, but it is needed to cover budgets.
- Drug rehabilitation/treatment. I feel there is no help.
- Drugs and alcohol users/dealers.
- Enforce laws.
- Food sovereignty.
- Lack of education all around.
- Land taxes need to be decreased for tribal members.
- Leadership needs to be visible and lead by example. Communicate regularly with the community and have more than a high school diploma for Christ's sake. Why promote higher education if managers and legislators don't need it to manage and create policy?
- Make it easier to have a property transferred into one's name (2).
- More educational opportunities for training the younger generation in the building trades.
- More programs to create further business opportunities, such as traditional arts and writing our histories.
- Opportunity to obtain ownership of assets.
- Our school district teachers have only associate degrees and no degree in education. Nothing is being done about this.
- The school district is a joke. Teachers are prejudiced and treat students as if they are below them. Not all teachers, but a lot of them need to go.
- We don't need a new high school, keep the same one and renovate. It's in the perfect place for middle and high school together.
- We need to bring our youth into education and let them shadow more.
- Work on weaknesses.

Q58: Other Responses: OFF RESERVATION

- Caring for elders so they can stay in their homes. Creating income for tribal members.
- Classes in family dynamics. Importance of a strong mother, father, and child relationship with the absence of substances.
- Kindness.
- Need a small town to big city business network program, off-rez housing options to bring the family out from rez to city for greater income opportunities, transportation programs (special financing options commercial vehicles), small business admin. paperwork organization legal requirements.
- Safety, too many deaths.
- Thoughts to create jobs on the reservation would be to build a VA hospital or rehabilitation center using reimbursement from the government and then employing our people.
- Very important.