

2026 Clean Energy Implementation Plan

Public Engagement – Survey Results

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Purpose

A key statutory component of the CEIP is community engagement, ensuring member perspectives are incorporated into the planning process. [WAC 194-40-220 - Public input for planning.](#)

Community Survey



- Designed to fulfill CETA's statutory requirement for community engagement
- Focused on member challenges, barriers, and priorities during the clean energy transition
- Included questions on values, priorities, and key indicators for evaluating costs and benefits
- Ensured accessibility: anonymous, short (5 minutes), and easy to complete
- Distributed through Benton REA's website and direct email to members
- Open for 30 days (Aug. 28 – Sept. 28, 2025) to allow broad participation
- Provided a structured opportunity for members to influence CEIP development
- Reinforced Benton REA's commitment to transparency, equity, affordability, and responsiveness

Survey Results

Responses Overview

Responses

696



Average Time

11:58



Duration

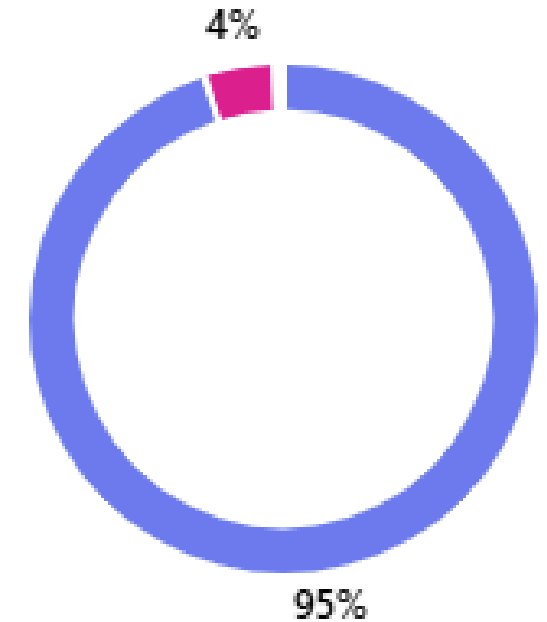
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Survey Results

1. What type of entity are you?

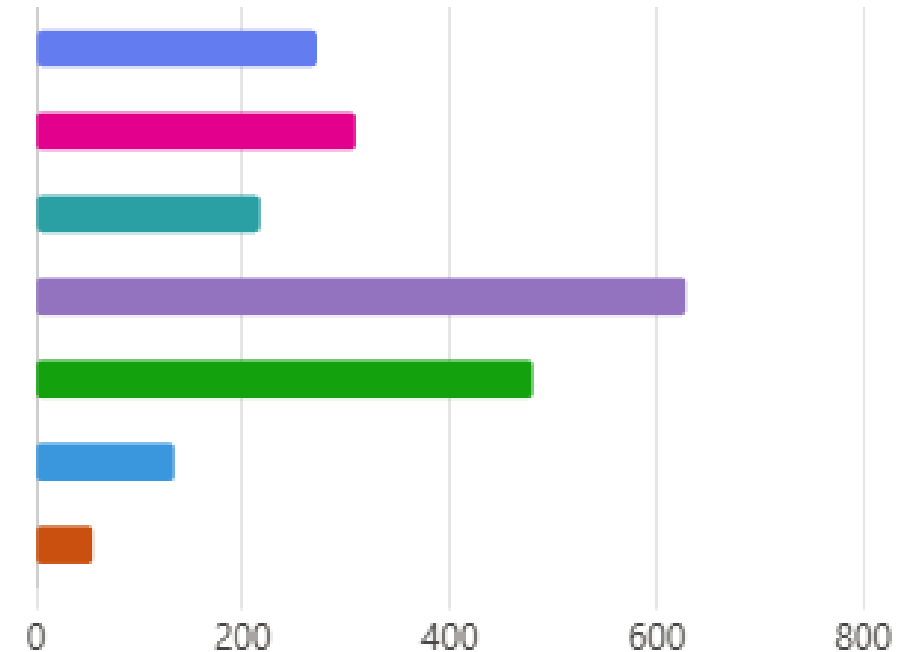
● Benton REA Member	661
● Member of the public	31
● Community-Based Organization	2
● Local Government	1
● Other	1



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2. Which values are most important when planning for clean energy in our community?

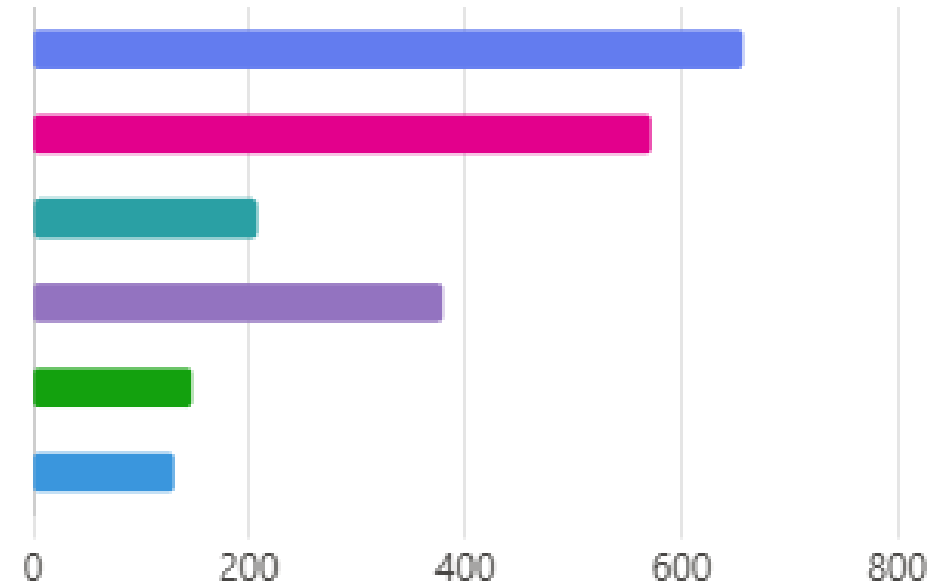
Public health	271
Environmental benefits	308
Economic development	216
Energy affordability	627
Energy Security and Resiliency	479
Reduction in burdens to vulnerable populations	133
Other	54



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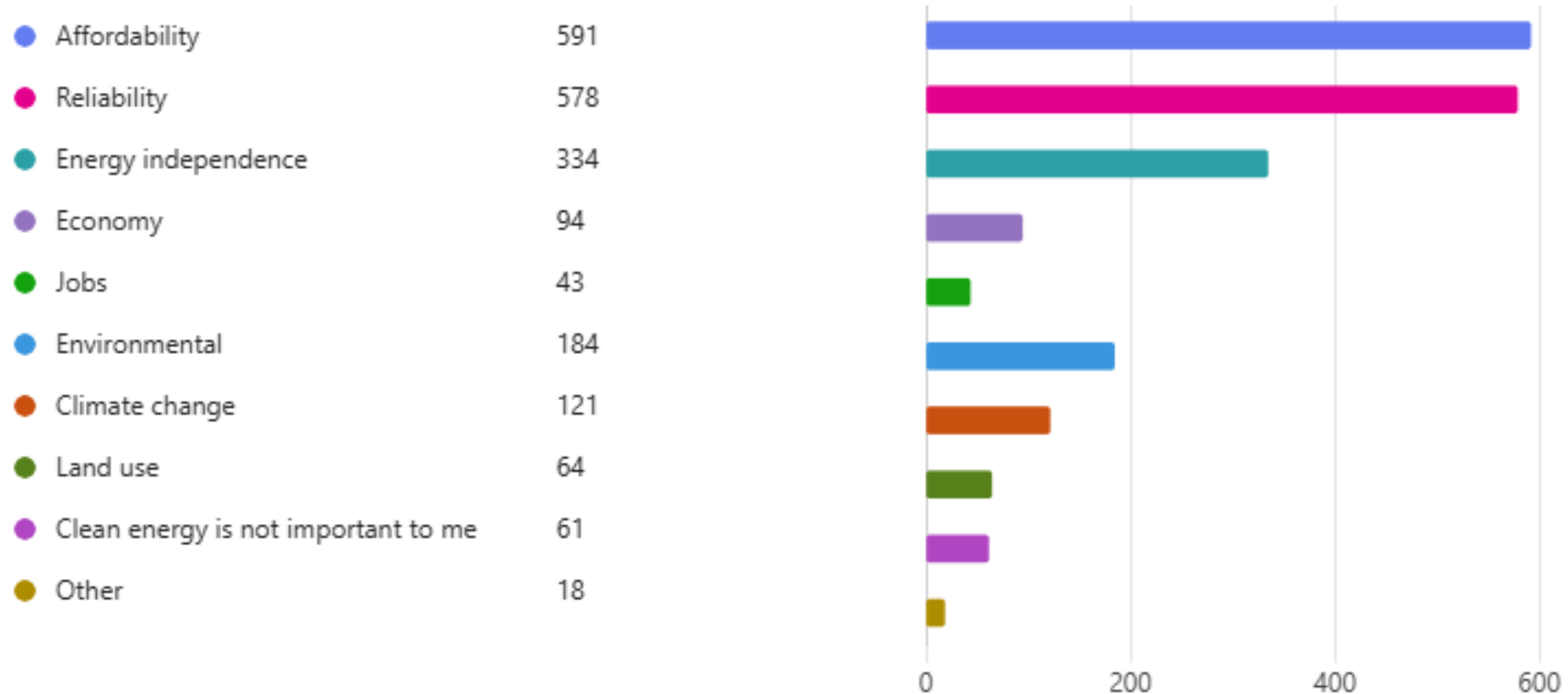
3. Which of the following clean energy resources do you prefer your clean energy to come from?

● Hydro	656
● Nuclear	571
● Wind	207
● Solar	378
● Biomass	146
● Other	130



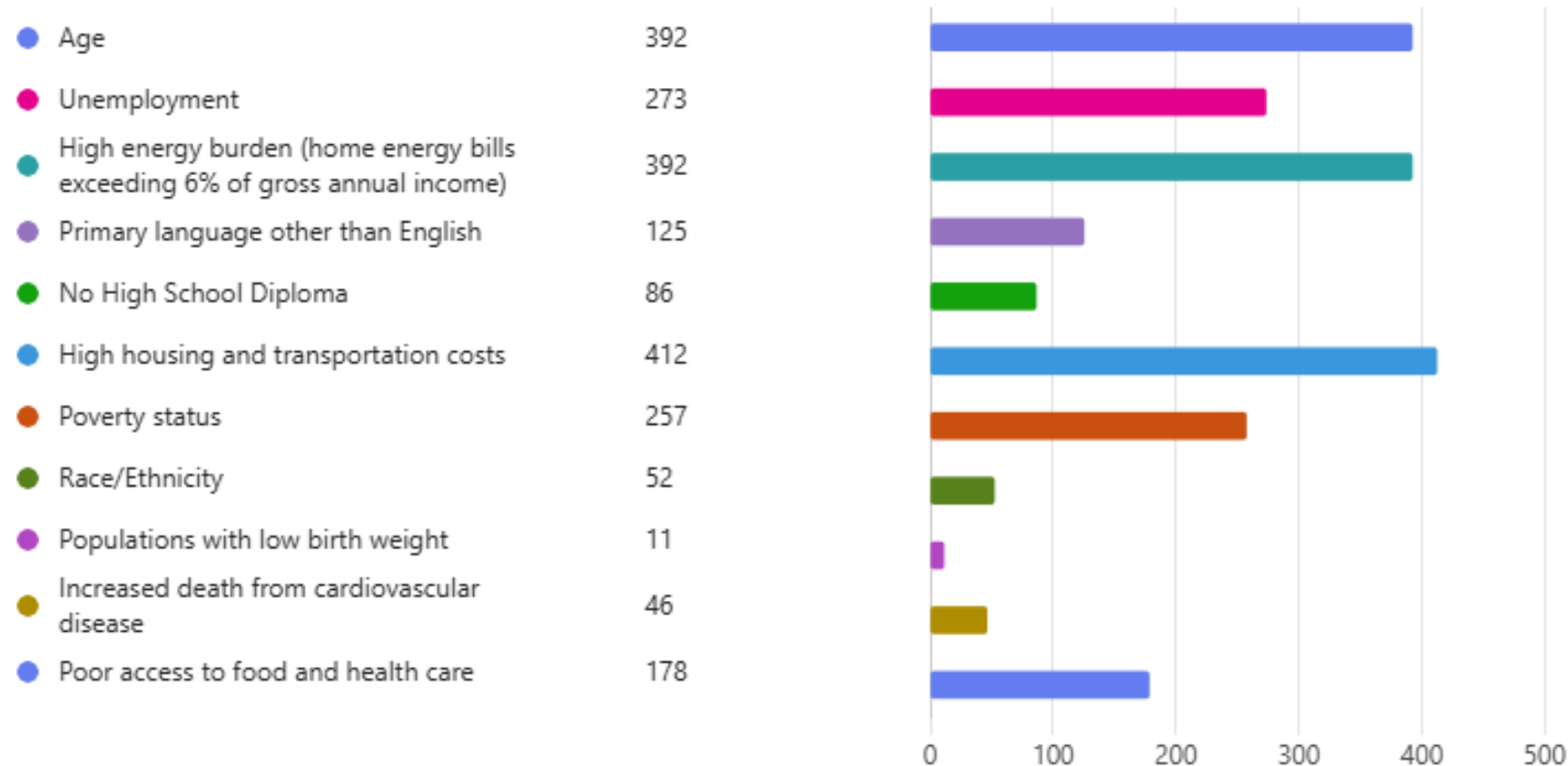
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4. What aspects of clean energy is most important to you?



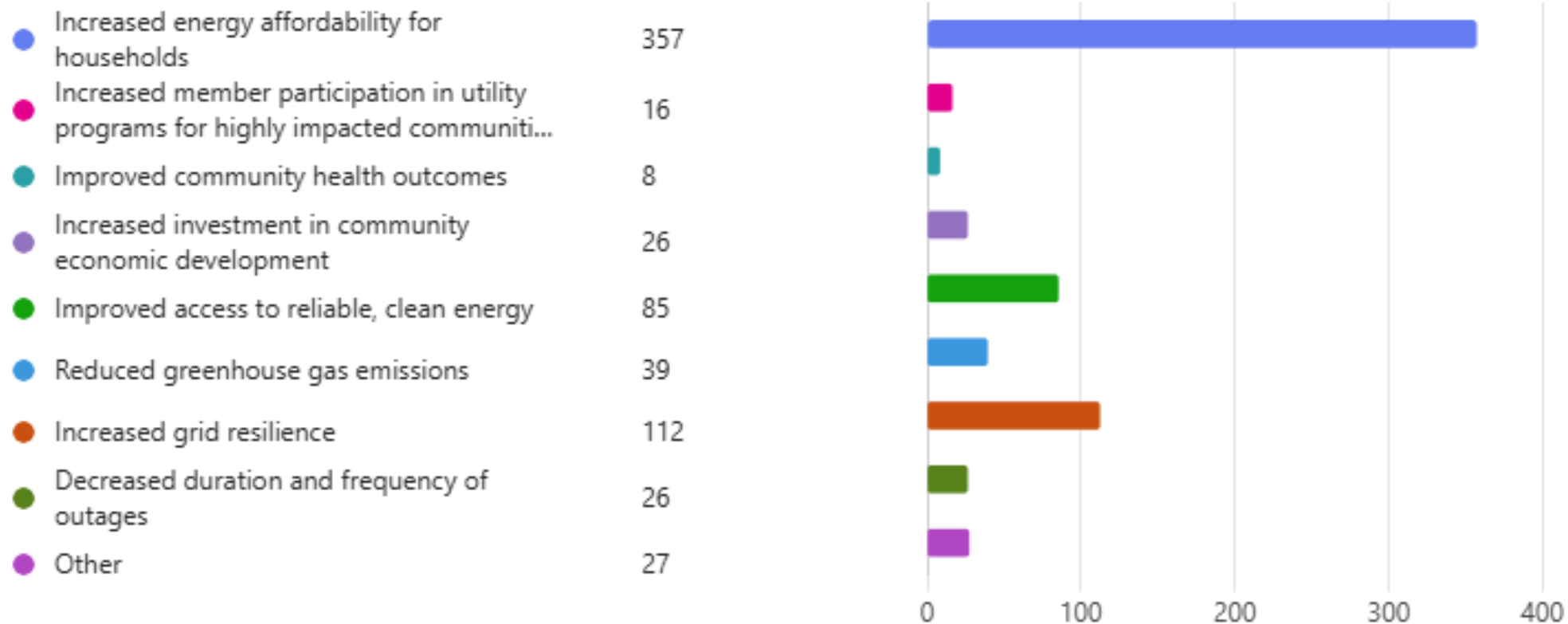
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5. Please select which factors affect vulnerable populations in the communities Benton REA serves?



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6. In prioritizing an equitable transition to clean energy, which of the following indicators should Benton REA consider in setting goals and specific actions?



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
PARTICIPATION**

