

SINGLE-USE PLASTIC SURVEY RESULTS

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Purpose

- Gauge the sentiment of residents and businesses about potentially banning single-use plastics of various forms
 - Form a basis for education around single-use plastics and what a potential ban would specifically involve, and not involve
 - Advisory tool to assist with the Board of Supervisors' decision on next steps
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Methods

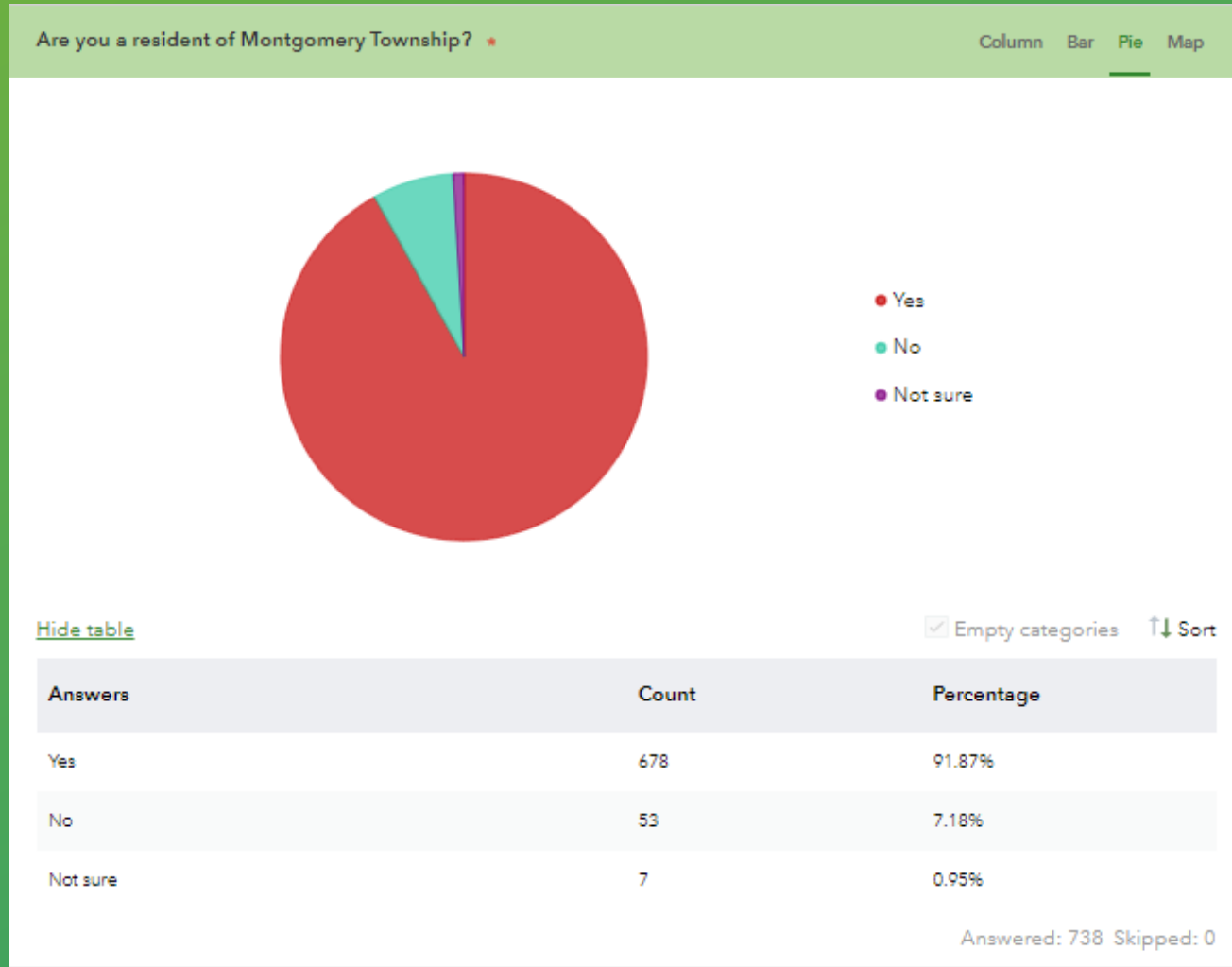
- Survey conducted using online ArcGIS Survey123 platform
 - Two surveys:
 - Residential
 - Business
 - Advertised:
 - Website
 - Social Media
 - Outdoor digital signage
 - Electronic Newsletter (E-News)
 - Dedicated “E-Blasts”
 - (Businesses): Members of the EAC visited local businesses to discuss how a single-use plastic ban would affect them. This outreach is ongoing
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RESIDENTIAL SURVEY

Total Responses: 738

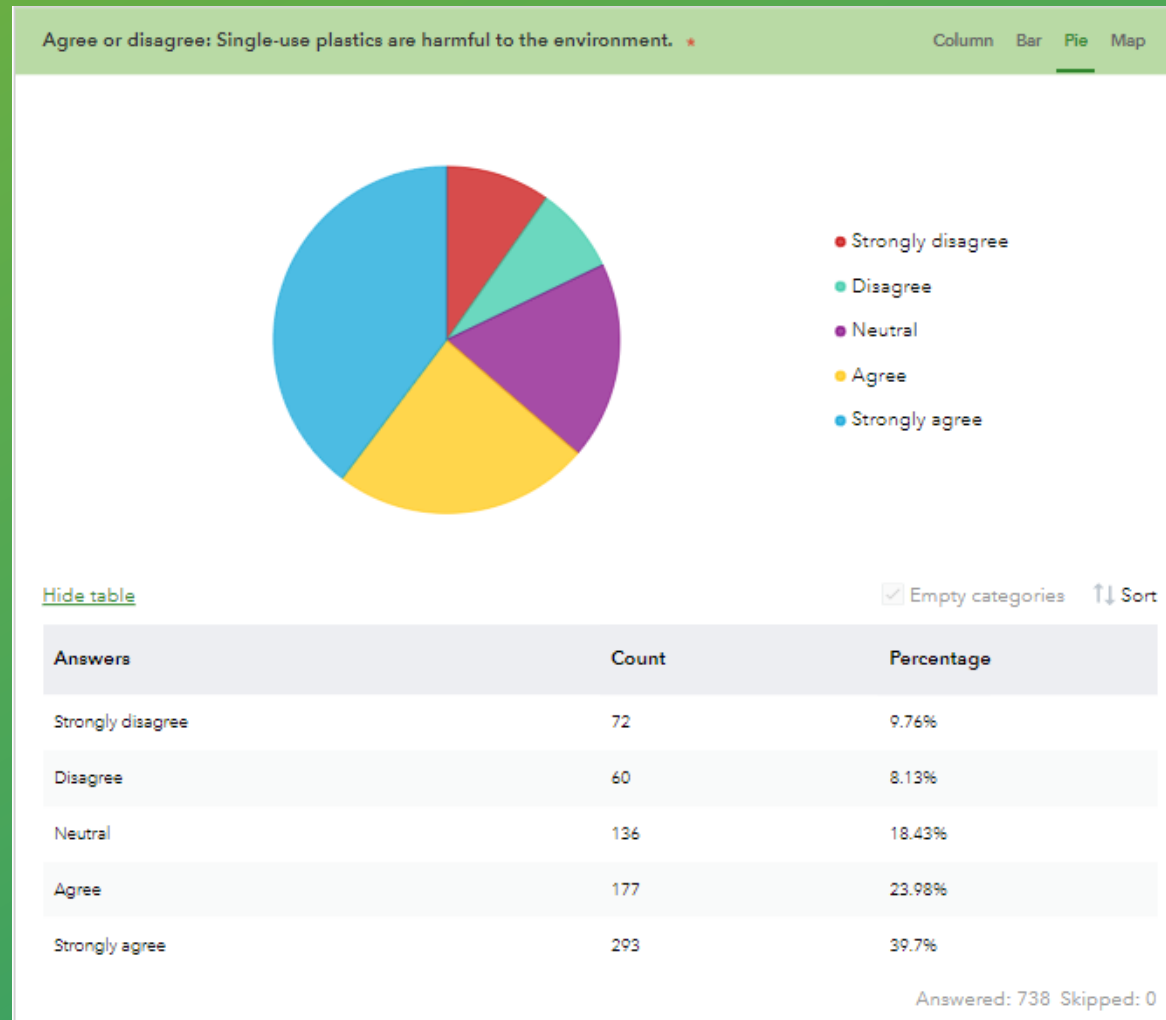
1. ARE YOU A RESIDENT OF MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP?



2. AGREE OR DISAGREE: SINGLE USE PLASTICS ARE HARMFUL TO THE ENVIRONMENT

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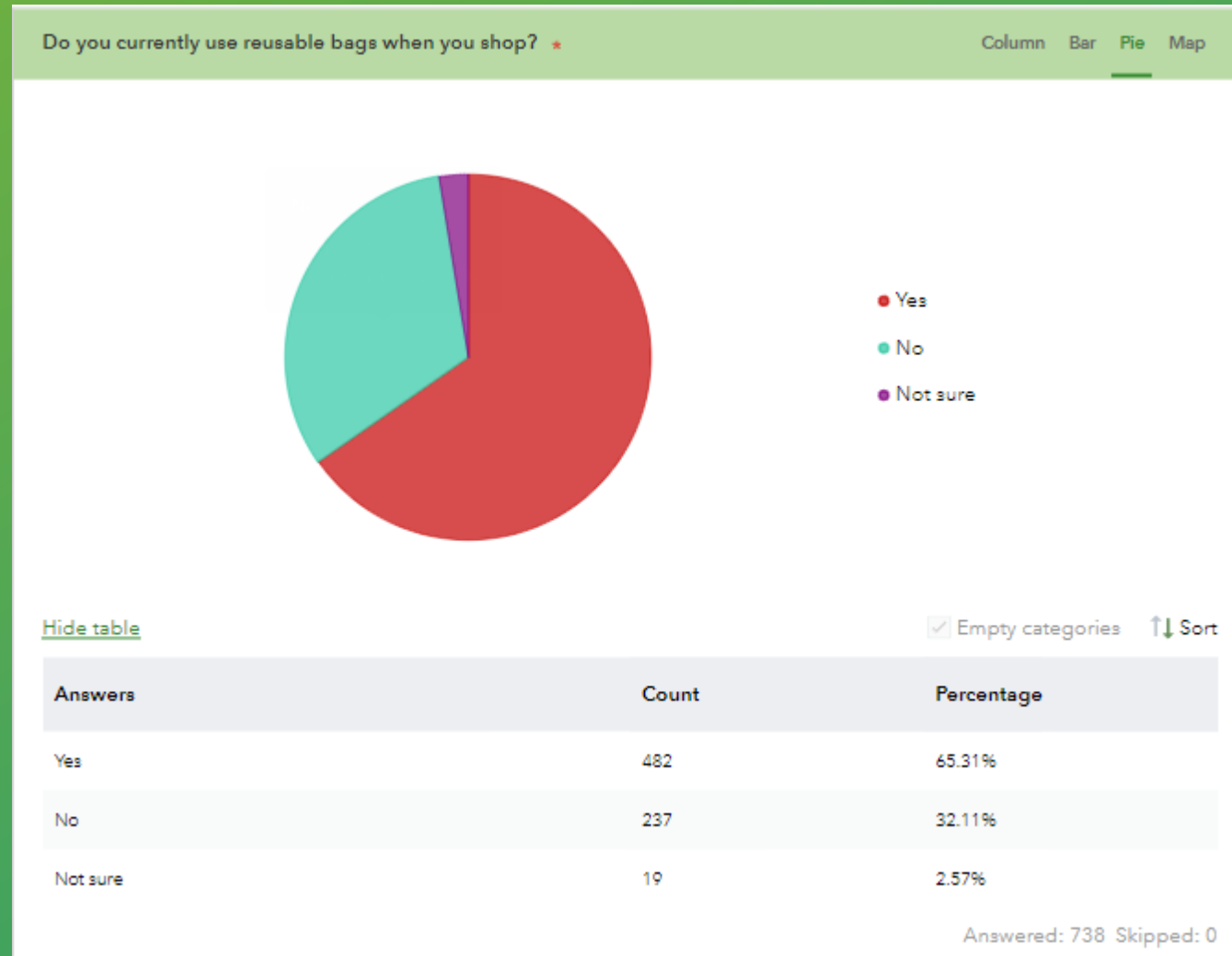
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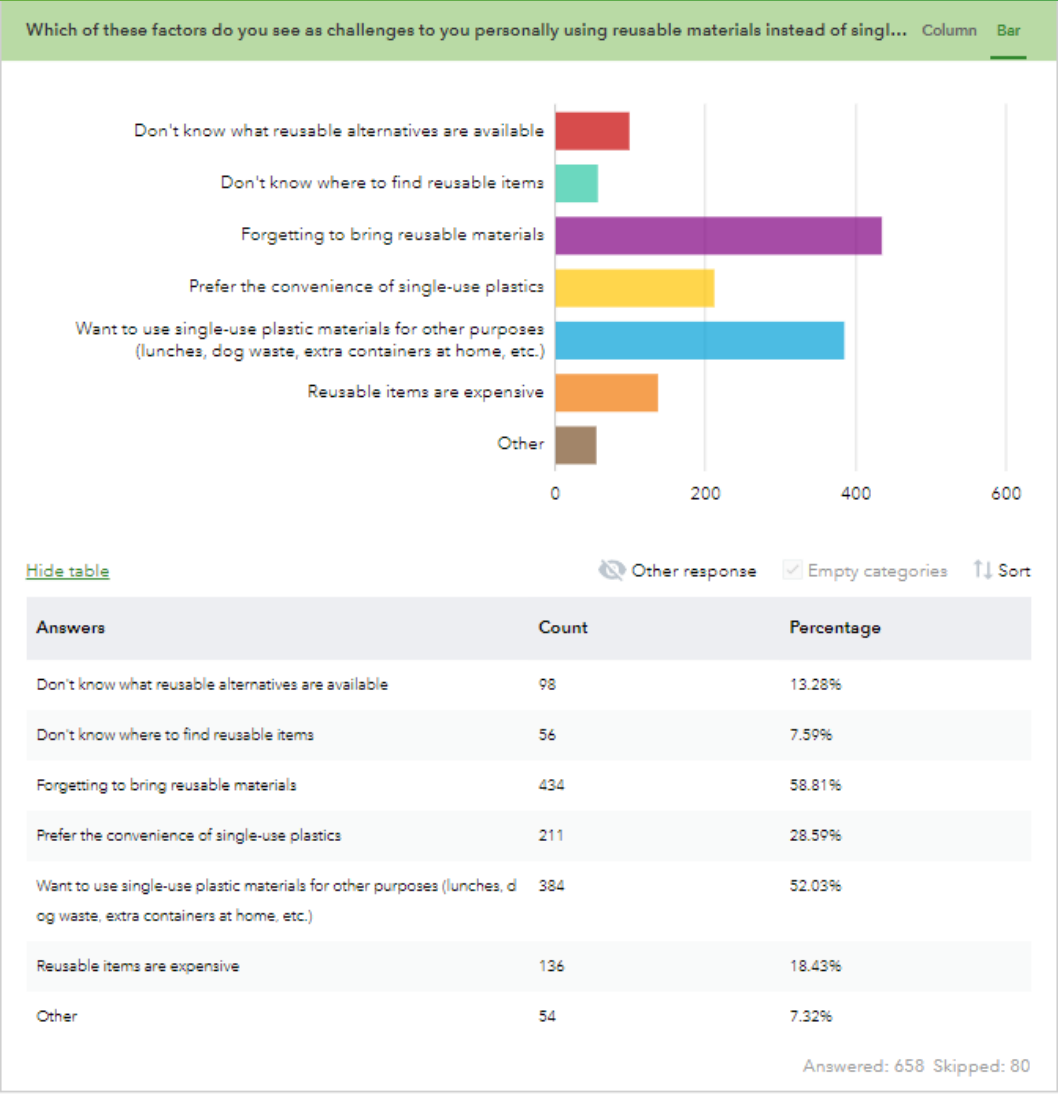
3. DO YOU CURRENTLY USE REUSABLE BAGS WHEN YOU SHOP?

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3. WHICH OF THESE FACTORS DO YOU SEE AS A CHALLENGE TO YOU PERSONALLY USING REUSABLE MATERIALS INSTEAD OF SINGLE-USE MATERIALS?



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Common Responses Summarized

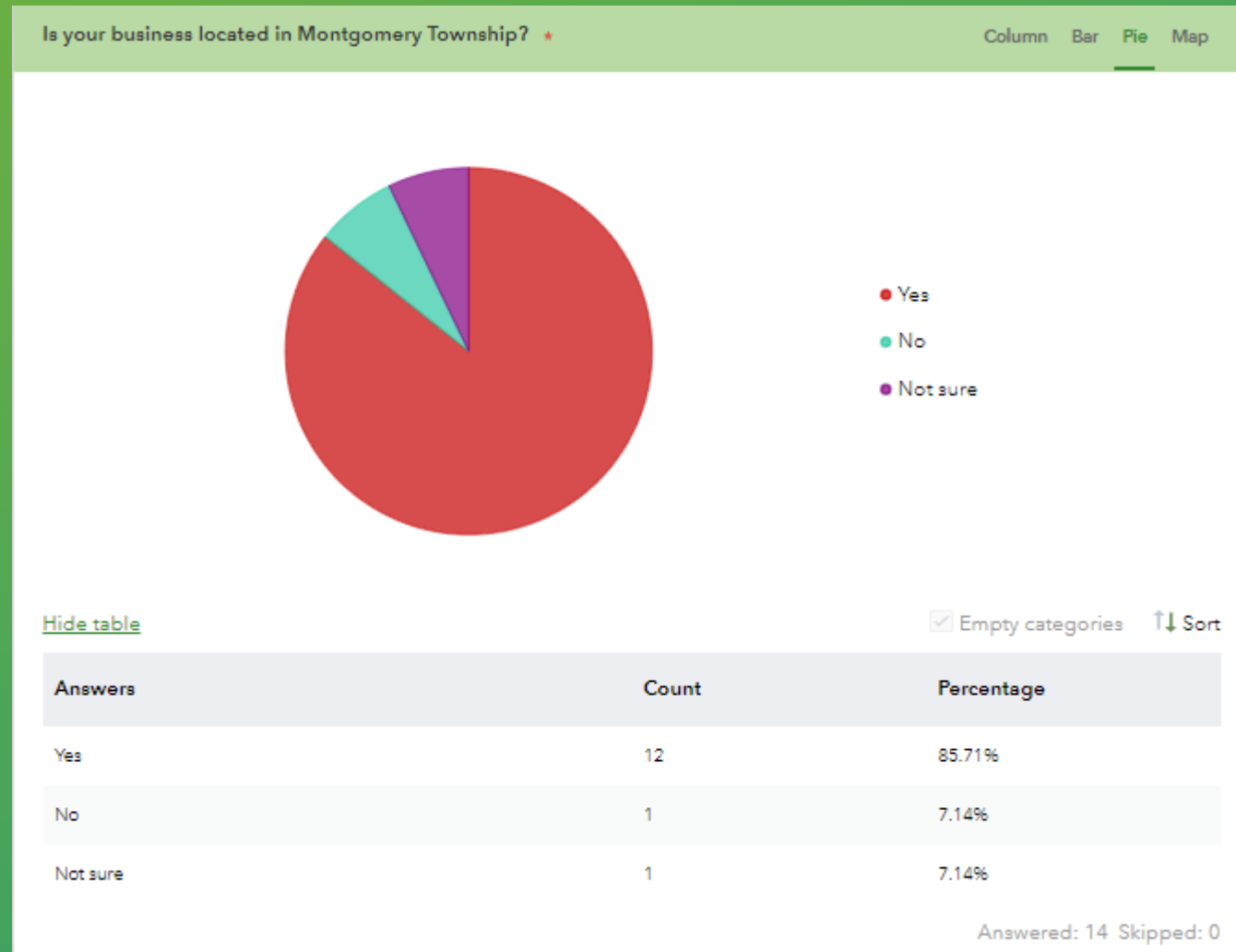
- The term “single-use” is misleading
- Many people reuse their bags for purposes such as trash can liners and doggie bags
- This is government overreach and a waste of tax dollars and time
- Full support of banning single-use plastics
- Support of banning plastic bags, but less support for banning other forms of single-use plastics
- This will hurt businesses
- Concerns about bacteria in reusable cloth bags
- The survey is biased
- Support for education and incentives to reduce/recycle single-use plastics rather than a ban



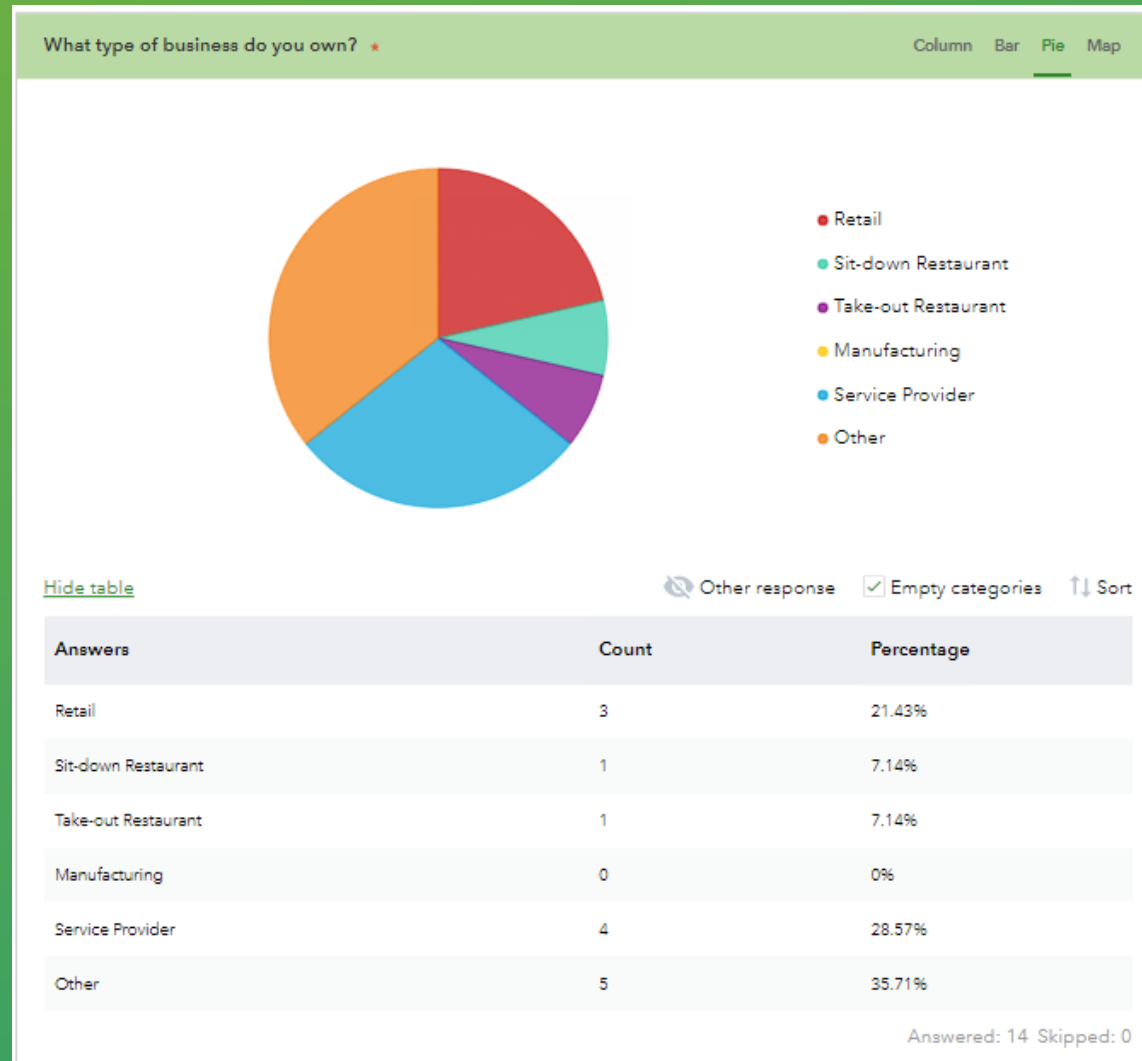
BUSINESS SURVEY

Total Responses: 14

1. IS YOUR BUSINESS LOCATED IN MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP?



2. WHAT TYPE OF BUSINESS DO YOU OWN?



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3. HOW DOES YOUR BUSINESS RELY ON SINGLE-USE PLASTICS?

- Packaging
- Take-out and delivery
- Return old vehicle parts to customers
- Clean up
- Do not use single-use plastics

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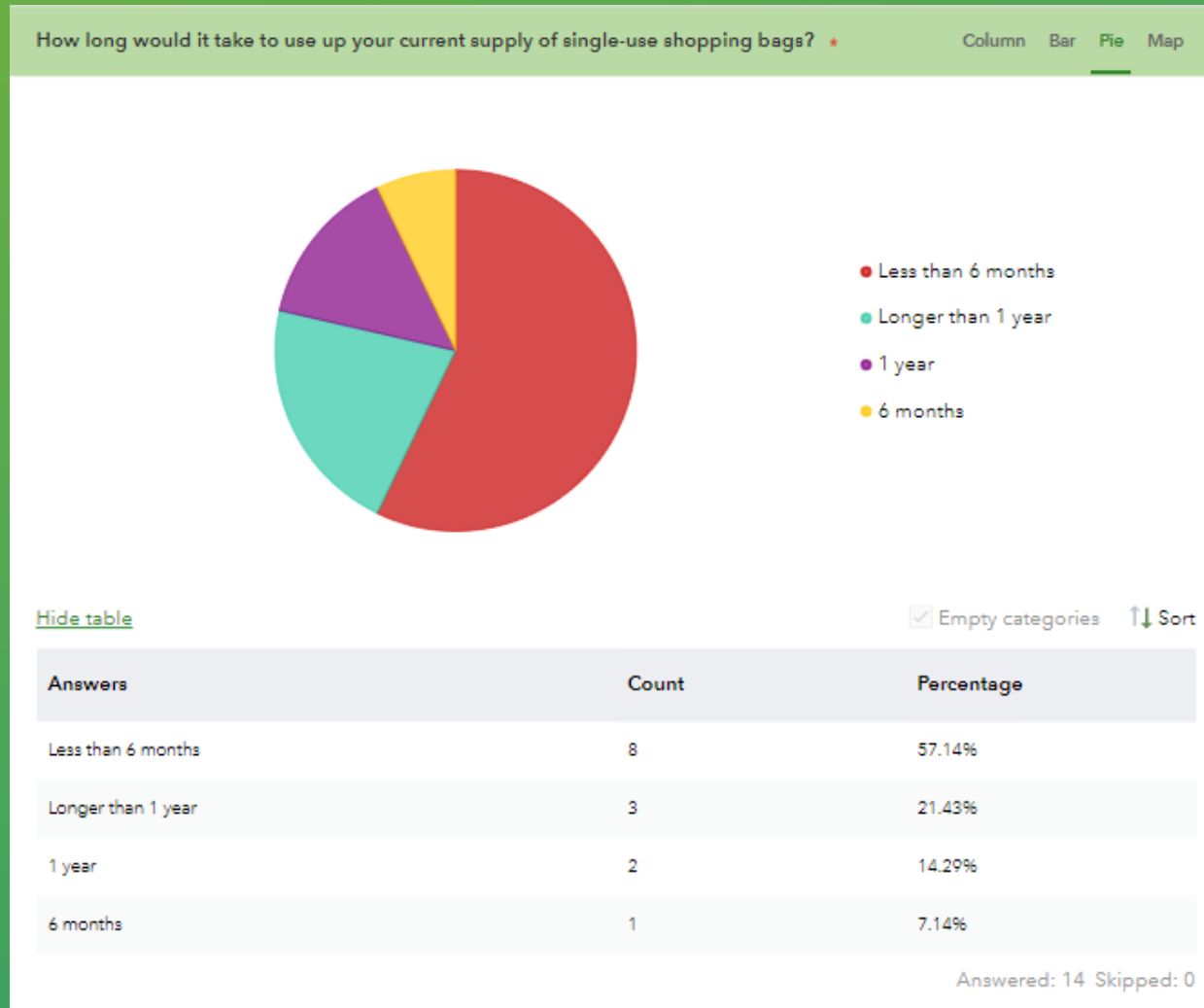
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4. HOW WOULD A PLASTIC BAG BAN, OR SIMILAR BAN FOR OTHER SINGLE-USE PLASTIC MATERIALS, AFFECT YOUR BUSINESS?

- Higher cost/Hurt bottom line
- Does not affect some businesses
- Concern for customers

5. HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE TO USE UP YOUR CURRENT SUPPLY OF SINGLE-USE SHOPPING BAGS?

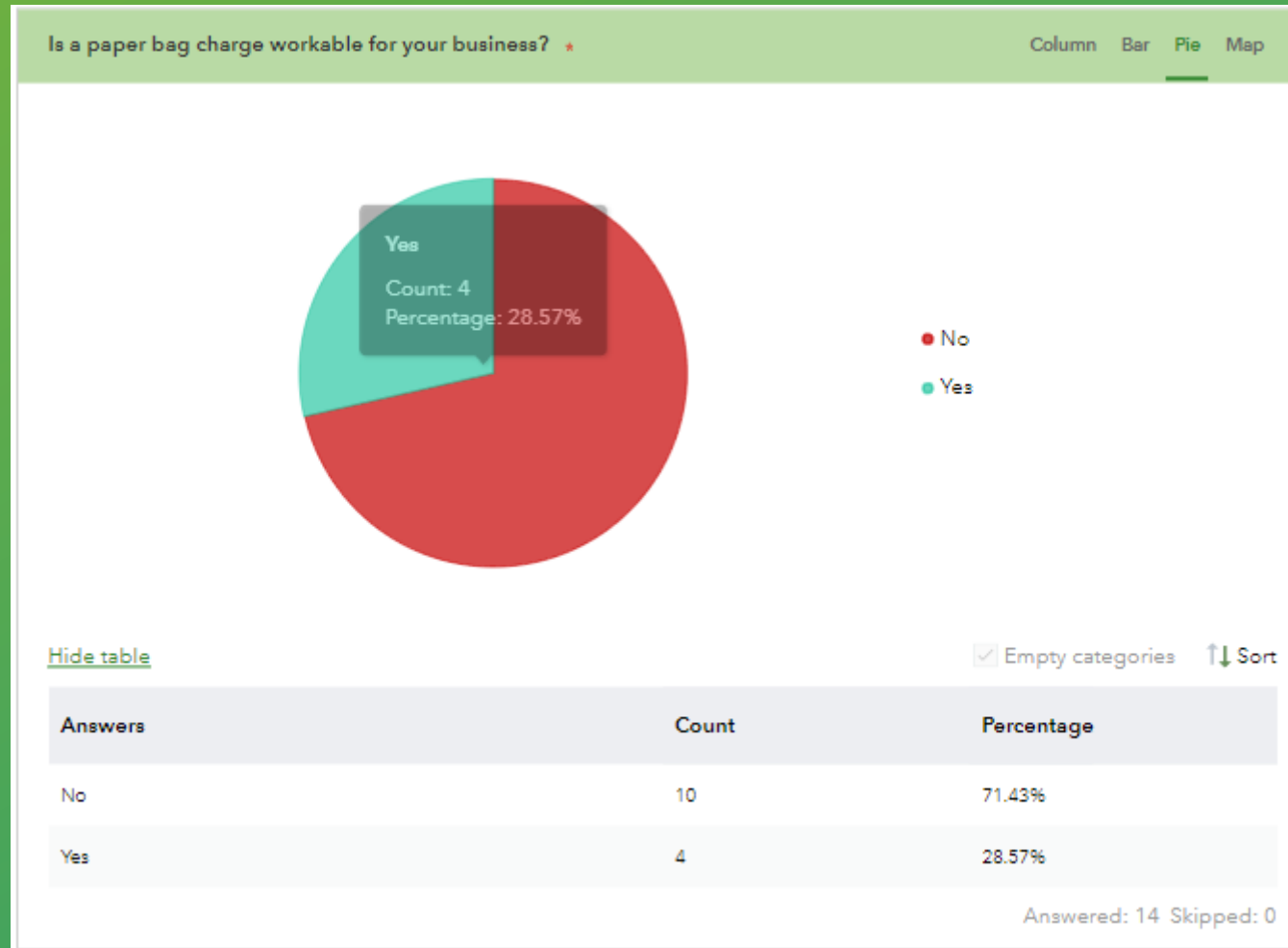


6. IS A PAPER BAG CHARGE WORKABLE FOR YOUR BUSINESS?

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7. IF NO TO QUESTION #6, PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY

- Unfair to pass the cost on to the customer
- Oily parts would break through
- Bags are a nonfactor for some businesses altogether

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8. IS THERE ANYTHING MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP CAN DO TO HELP REDUCE YOUR BUSINESS' RELIANCE ON SINGLE-USE PLASTICS?

- Offer incentives/tax credits

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9. PLEASE SHARE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS YOU HAVE ABOUT A POSSIBLE SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAN

- Government overreach
- Seeking justification for proposal and data from other communities who have already passed bans
- Support of banning single-use plastic bags

