

QUESTION OF THE WEEK, WEEK 9–10 (24.2–9.3.2025)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 550

The margin of error is 4 % and thereby the answers are considered to reflect the opinions of the population in Jakobstad.

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING 2025 – THEME: THE TOWN CENTRE

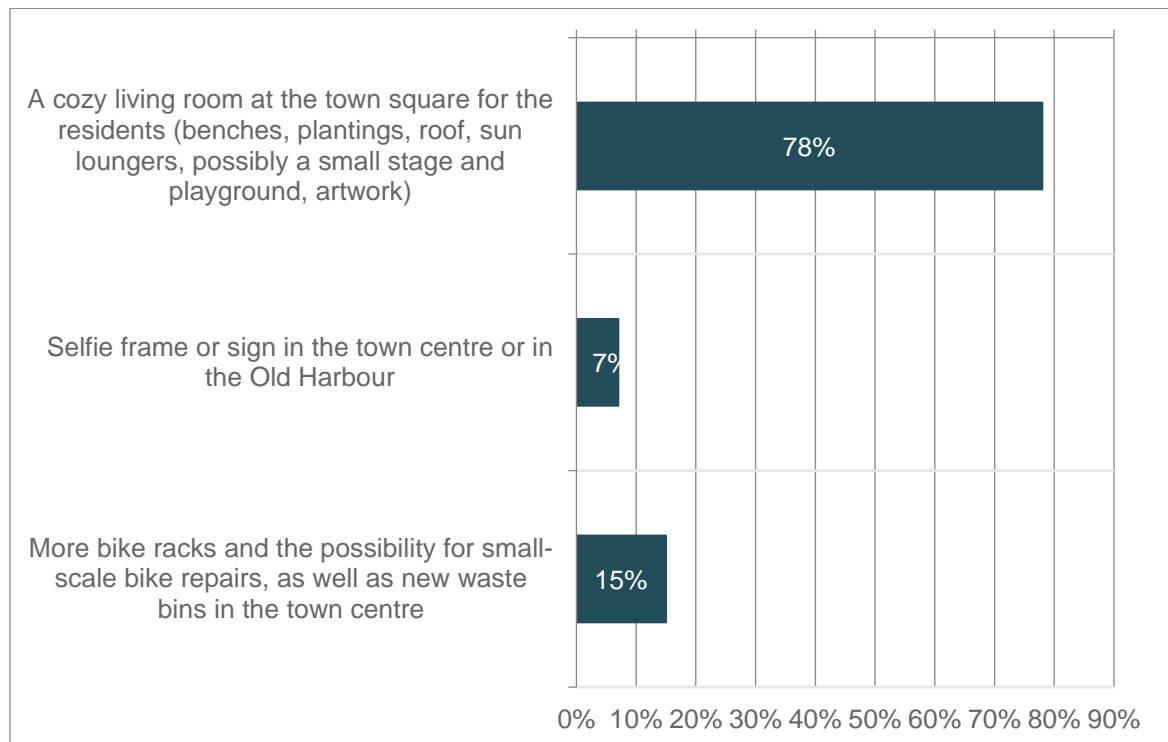
In the Question of the Week the residents were asked: *“Residents’ budget is a way for the town of Jakobstad to do participatory budgeting. Participatory budgeting is a way for the town of Jakobstad to involve the residents in discussions, planning, and decision-making about how to use tax revenues. The purpose of participatory budgeting is to give the residents a possibility to participate in the developing of the town and to encourage them to improve their environment.*

The town executive has allocated 15 000 euro for participatory budgeting in 2025. The participatory budget is yearly and the town executive is deciding the amount.

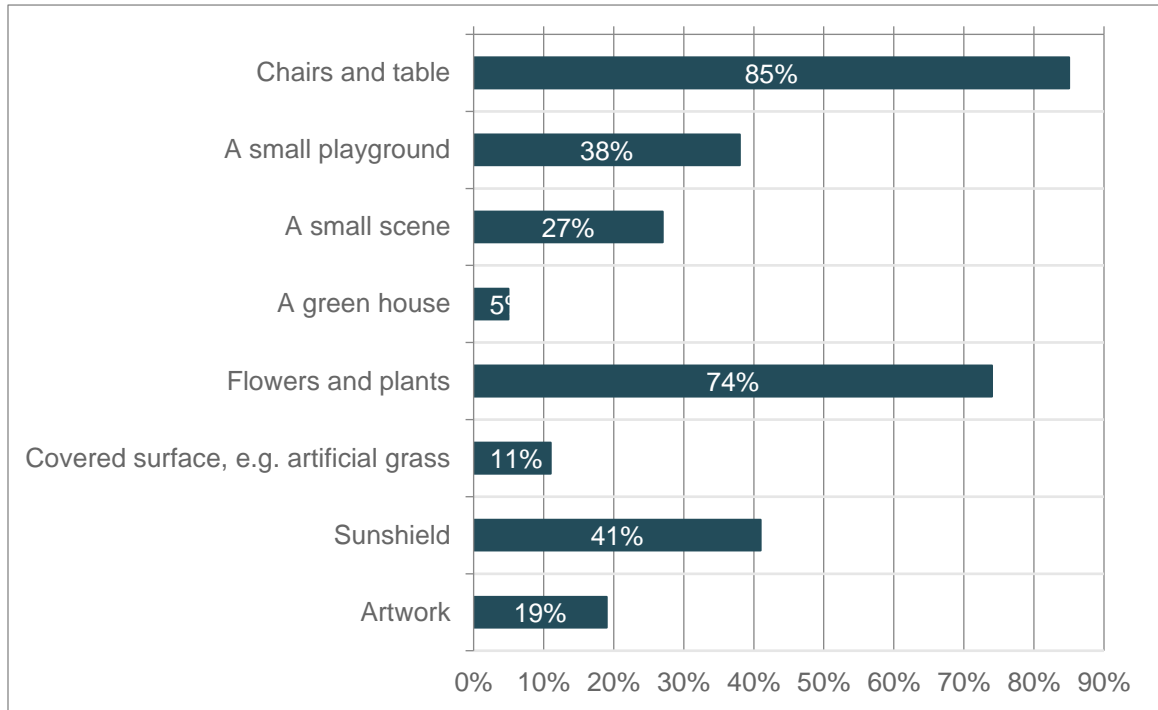
The object of participatory budgeting changes from year to year, and in 2025 the funds will be used for the town centre.

Based on the residents’ suggestions in the first Question of the Week about residents’ budget 2025 you can vote on the options below.

What are you voting for?”



If you chose the first option, you were also asked: **“Choose the three most important things you wish for the new square”**



NEXT STEP

The results of the Jeppis Gallup's question of the week clearly showed that residents want the town to invest in the market square and make it a cozy living room for the townspeople. 78% of respondents chose this option.

In addition to seating and flowers/plantings, the market square is particularly desired to have a small stage, a playground, and sun shield. These wishes should be implemented by the town as quickly as possible.

The Town Executive Office, together with the Technical Service Center, is planning how to best fulfill the residents' wishes for the upcoming summer of 2025. A budget of €15,000 has been allocated for the residents' budget for 2025.

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