

Budget Questionnaire 2022

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

4 October 2021 - 24 October 2021

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Budget Questionnaire

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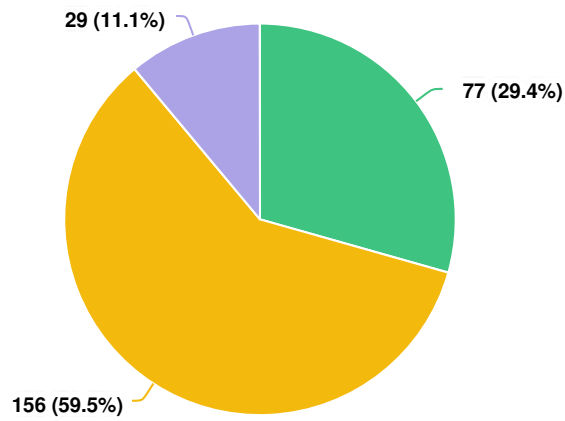
Location of residence

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SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 | Control domestic animals (cats, dogs, etc.)



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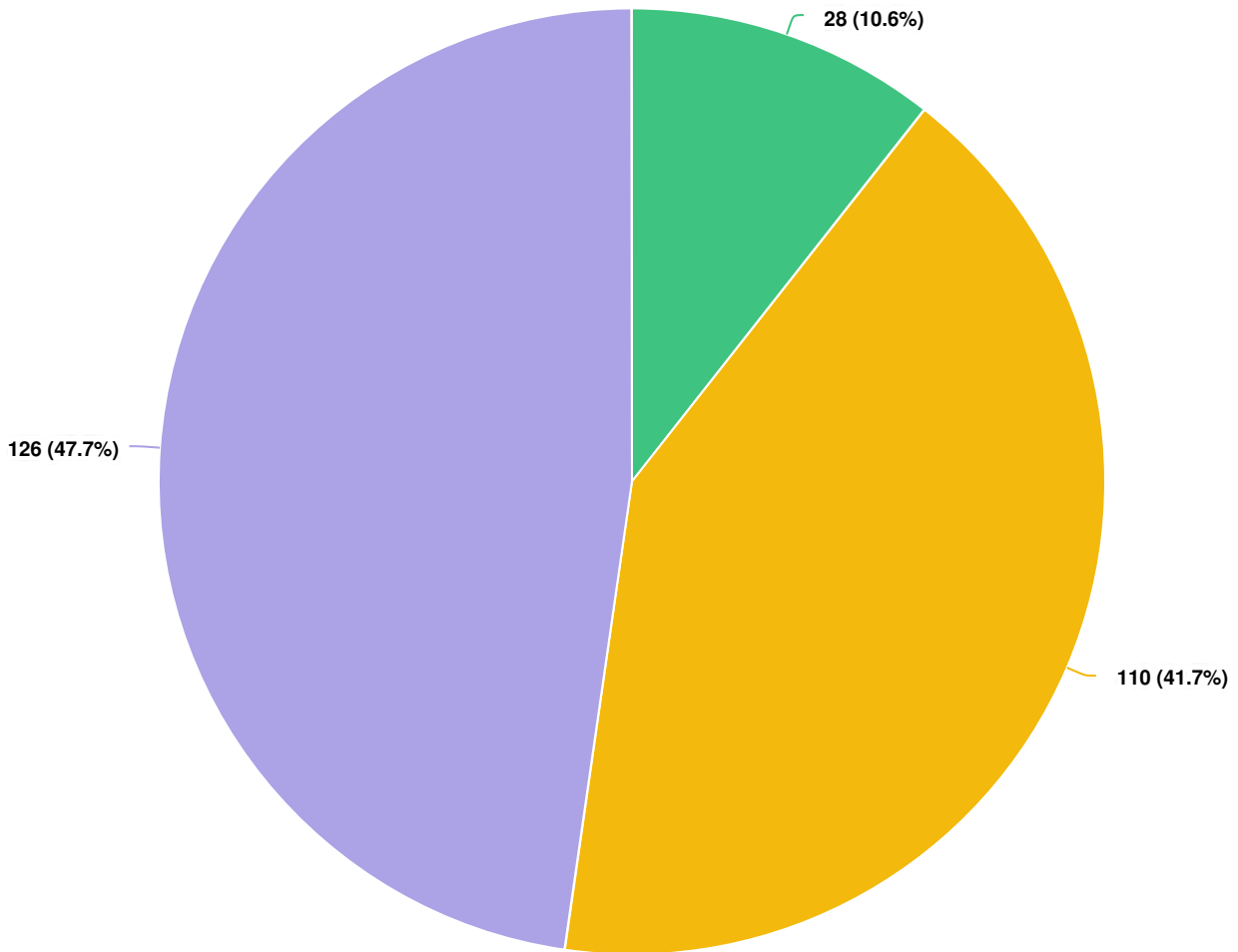
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Q2 | Manage deer population



Question options

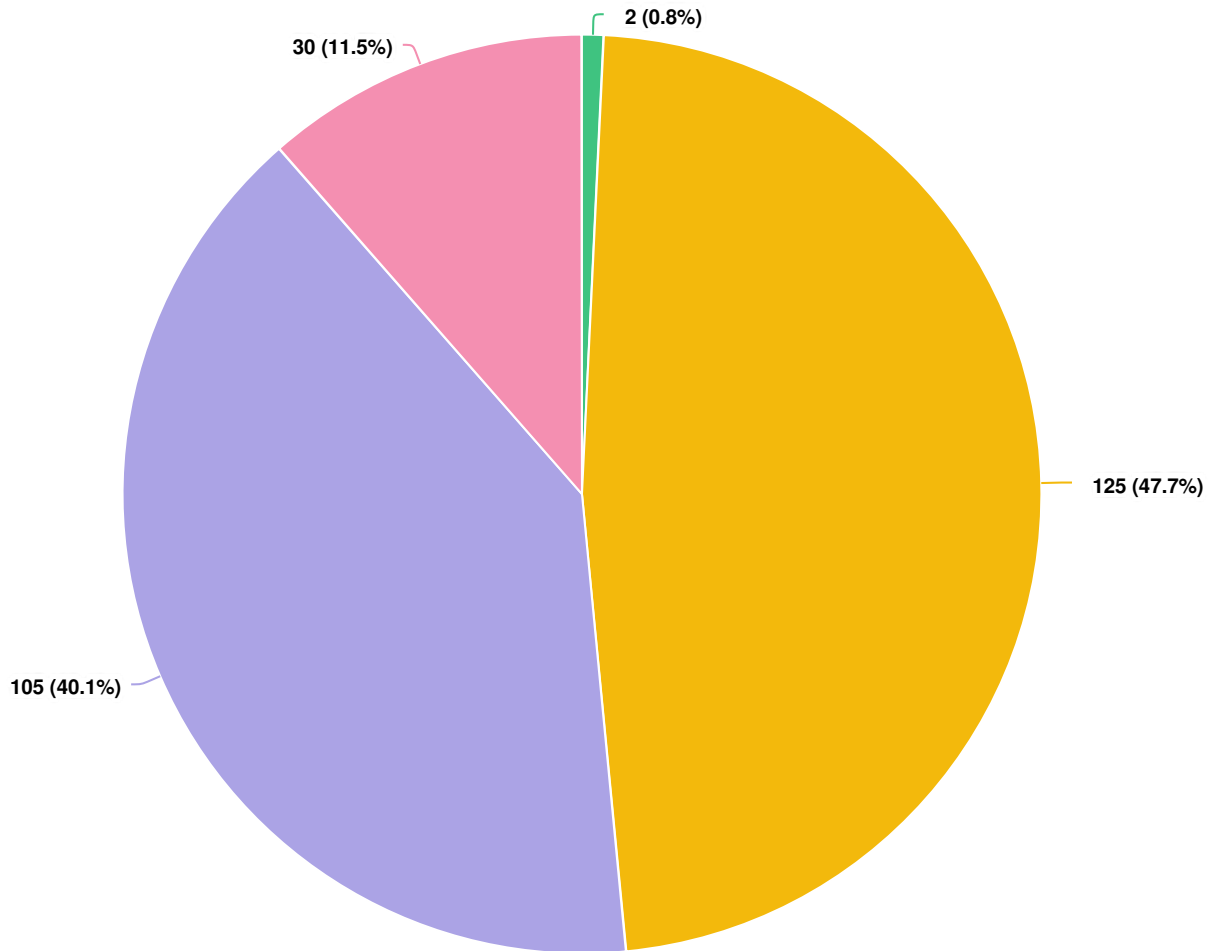
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Q3 How familiar are you with Oak Bay’s infrastructure challenges?



Question options

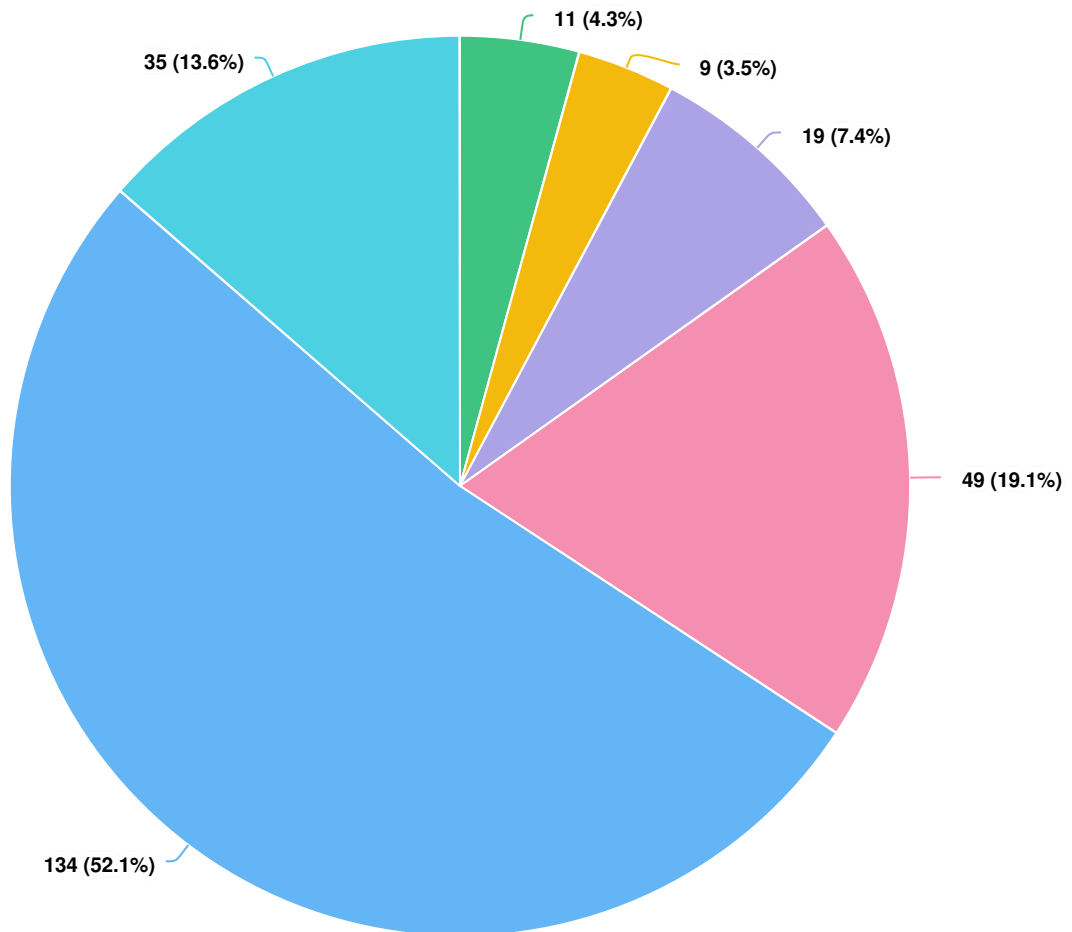
- I do not think the District has any infrastructure challenges
- I am aware that the District has infrastructure challenges but am only beginning to understand the funding/effort/years required to address the issues
- I am somewhat aware of the District's infrastructure challenges in that I know what has been done and what is planned to address upcoming infrastructure challenges
- I consider myself very well informed about the District's Infrastructure Asset Management Program as well as the efforts taken to date and expected required future work

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Q4 | As a rate payer, which of the following options would you prefer to achieve sustainable annual funding for sanitary sewer?



Question options

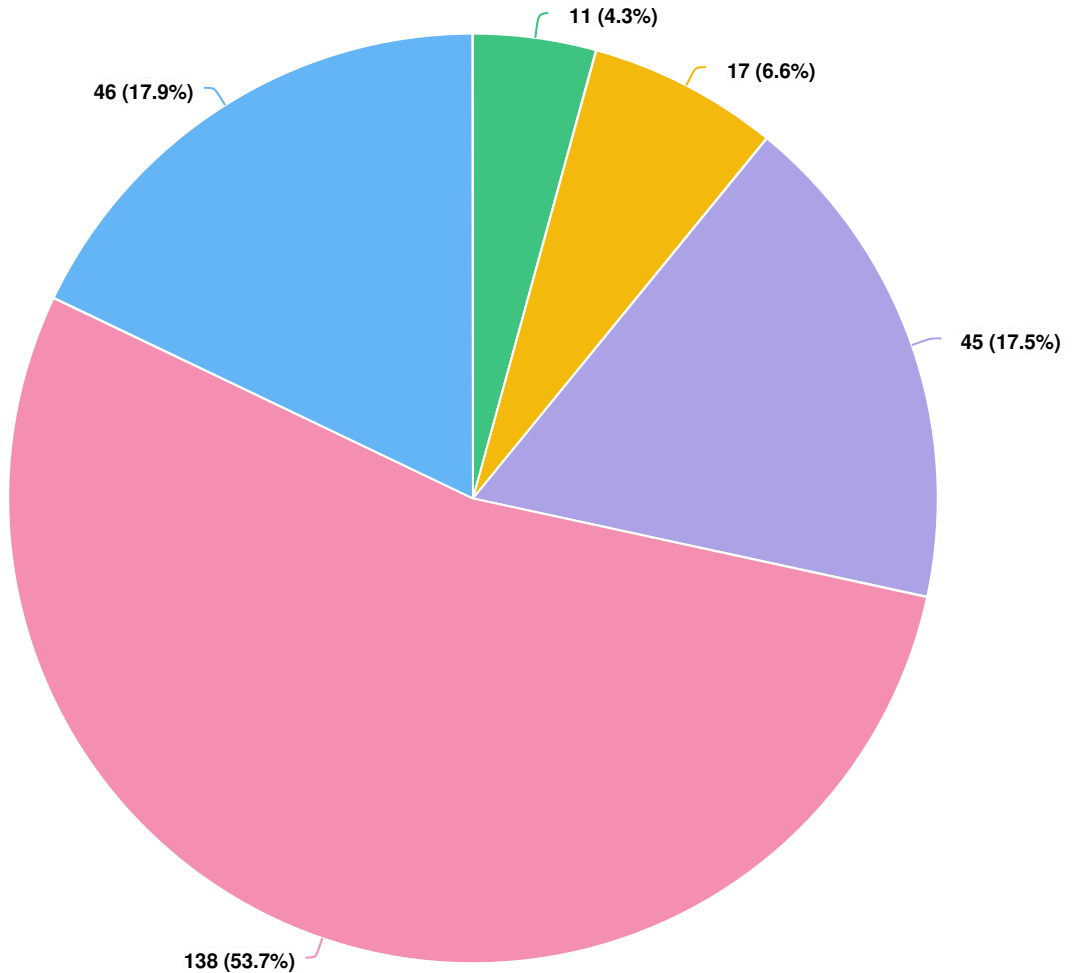
- A single rate increase of 10% in 2022 (net cost to ratepayer 2022 - 2121: \$63,644,000)
- A single rate increase of 20% in 2022 (net cost to ratepayer 2022 - 2121: \$51,612,000)
- A 10% rate increase in 2022 and a 10% rate increase in 2023 (net cost to ratepayer 2022 - 2121: \$51,866,000)
- Four annual rate increases of 5% between 2022 and 2025 (net cost to ratepayer 2022 - 2121: \$51,927,000)
- Eight annual rate increases of 2.5% between 2022 and 2029 (staff's recommendation, net cost to ratepayer 2022 - 2121: \$52,472,000)
- Keep rate increases to the minimum required to fulfill the District's legal responsibilities as set out by Provincial legislation, recognizing that the District cannot sustain its current levels of service under those circumstances

Optional question (257 response(s), 10 skipped)

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Q5 | As a rate payer, which of the following options would you prefer to achieve sustainable annual funding for the water utility?



Question options

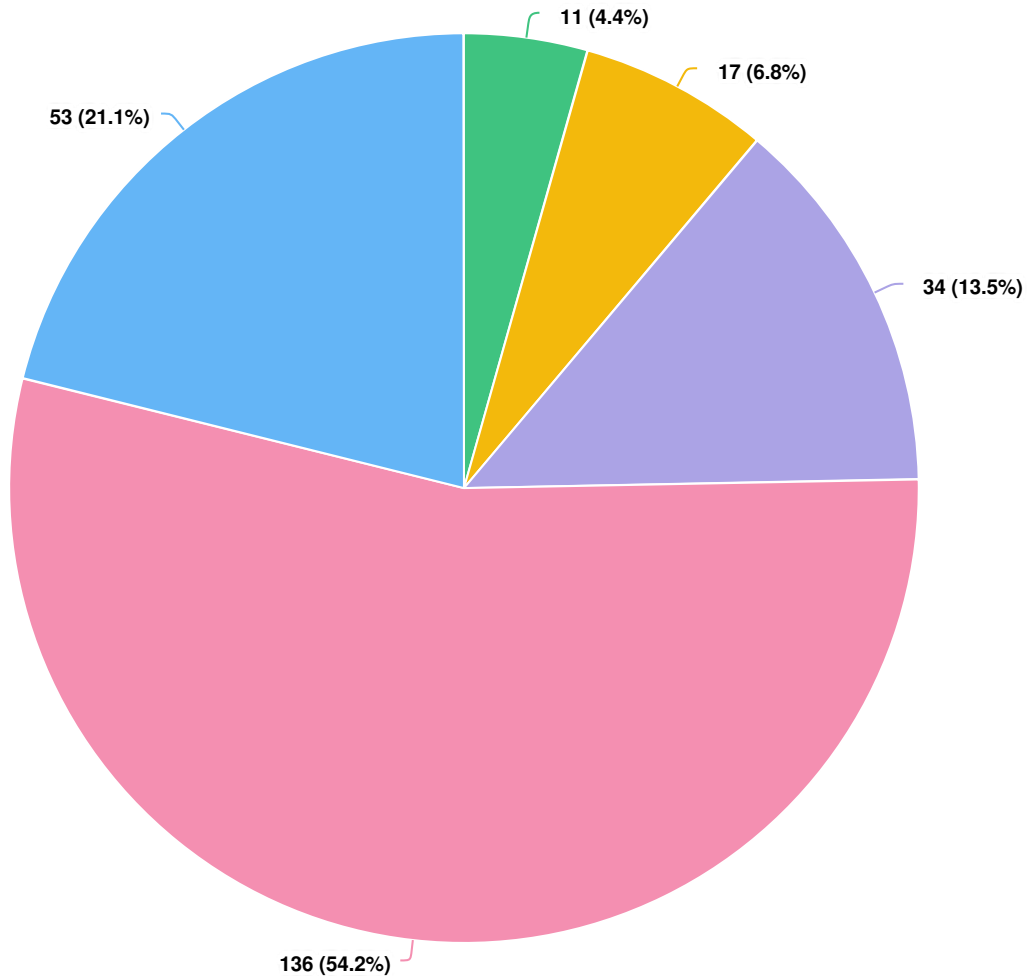
- A single rate increase of 20% in 2022 (net cost to ratepayer 2022 - 2121: \$111,954,000)
- A 10% rate increase in 2022 and a 10% rate increase in 2023 (net cost to ratepayer 2022 - 2121: \$112,212,500)
- Four annual rate increases of 5% between 2022 and 2025 (net cost to ratepayer 2022 - 2121: \$112,700,500)
- Eight annual rate increases of 2.5% between 2022 and 2029 (staff's recommendation, net cost to ratepayer 2022 - 2121: \$113,557,500)
- Keep rate increases to the minimum required to fulfill the District's legal responsibilities as set out by Provincial legislation, recognizing that the District cannot sustain its current levels of service under those circumstances

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Q6 | As a rate payer, which of the following options would you prefer to achieve sustainable annual funding for the tax-funded infrastructure:



Question options

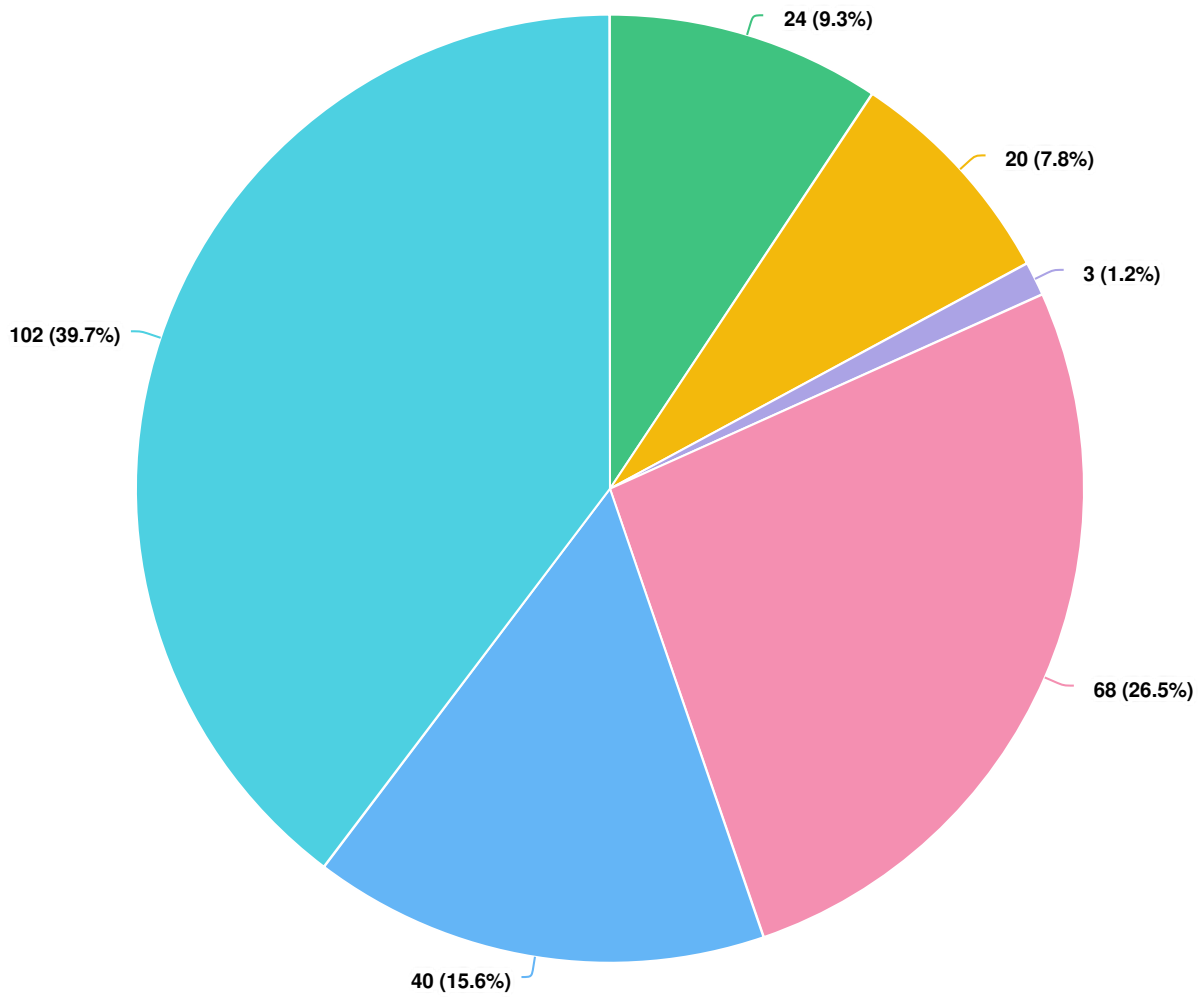
- A single tax rate increase of 12.4% in 2022 (net cost to taxpayer 2022 - 2121: \$341,724,000)
- Three annual tax rate increases of 4.1% between 2022 and 2024 (net cost to taxpayer 2022 - 2121: \$344,970,000)
- Four annual tax rate increases of 3.1% between 2022 and 2025 (net cost to taxpayer 2022 - 2121: \$346,514,000)
- Six annual tax rate increases of 2.06% between 2022 and 2027 (staff's recommendation, net cost to taxpayer 2022 - 2121: \$349,363,000)
- Keep rate increases to the minimum required to fulfill the District's legal responsibilities as set out by Provincial legislation, recognizing that the District cannot sustain its current levels of service under those circumstances

Optional question (251 response(s), 16 skipped)

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Q7 | The District is aiming to complete an infrastructure levels of service review early in 2022. Which of the following best describes your views on infrastructure levels of service?



Question options

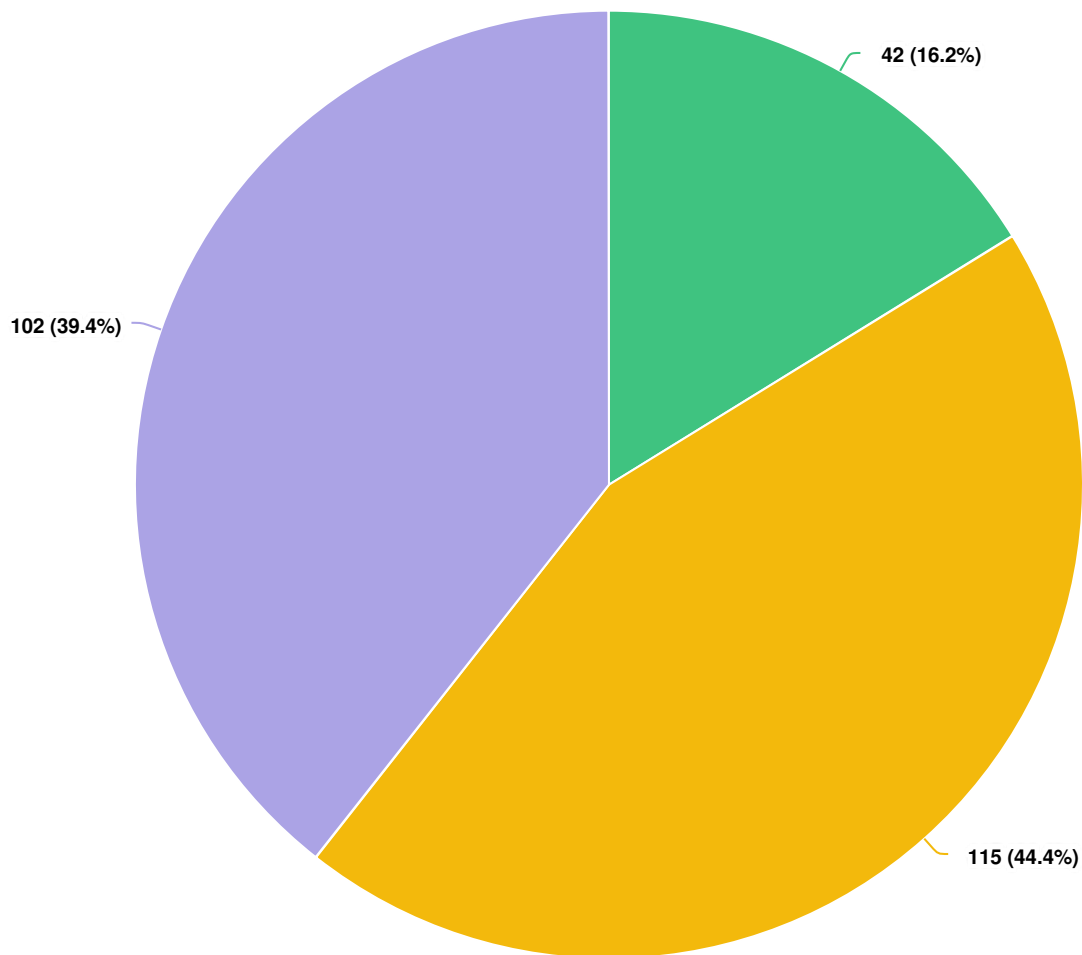
- Infrastructure levels of service are set appropriately
- Infrastructure levels of service should be reduced in some areas
- Infrastructure levels of service should be reduced in all areas
- Infrastructure levels of service should be raised in some areas
- Infrastructure levels of service should be raised in all areas
- I do not know enough to comment on infrastructure levels of service

Optional question (257 response(s), 10 skipped)

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Q8 | How interested are you in engaging with the District (Council and staff) on future infrastructure challenges?



Question options

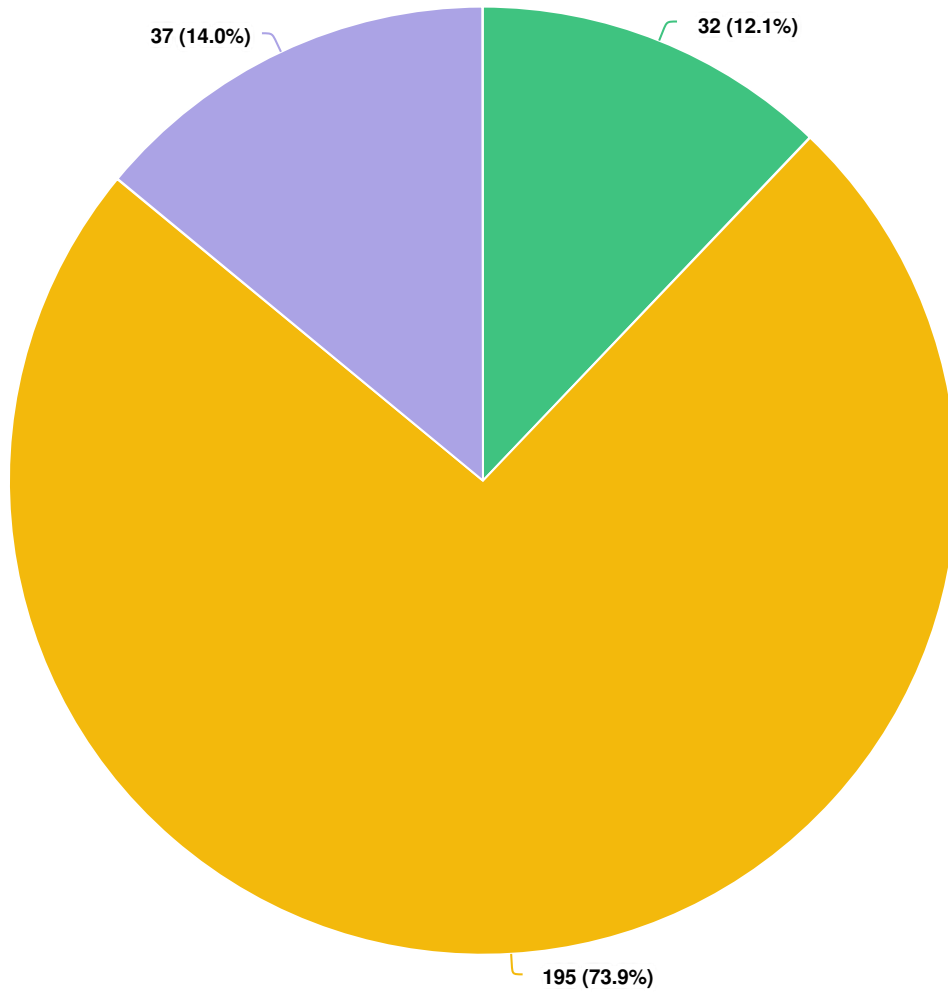
- I am NOT interested in receiving additional information or participating in future discussions about infrastructure levels of service and long-term funding
- I would like more information from the District about infrastructure levels of service and long-term funding but do not wish to participate in engagement/consultation
- I would like to receive more information AND participate in additional public engagement/consultation regarding infrastructure levels of service and long-term funding

Optional question (259 response(s), 8 skipped)

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Q9 | Collect yard waste (currently fall leaf collection and annual curbside garden refuse pickup)



Question options

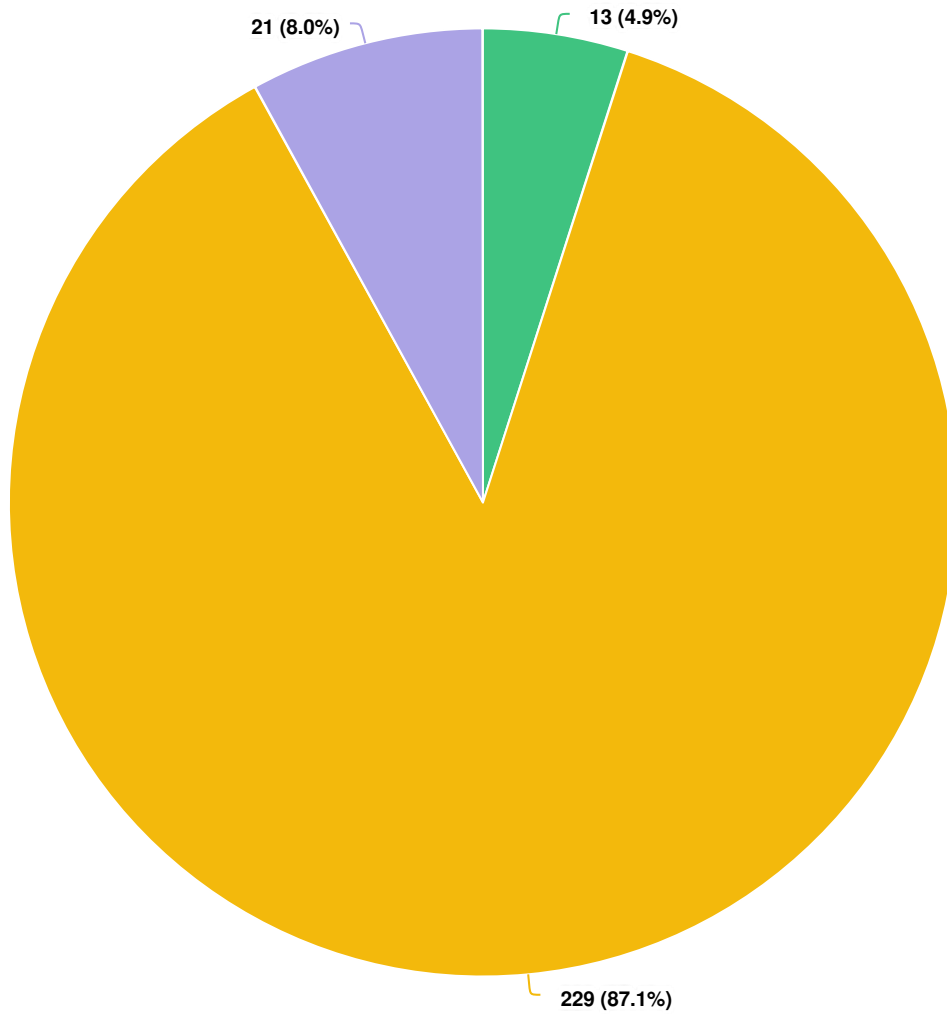
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Q10 | Collect solid waste and organics (garbage, recycling and composting)



Question options

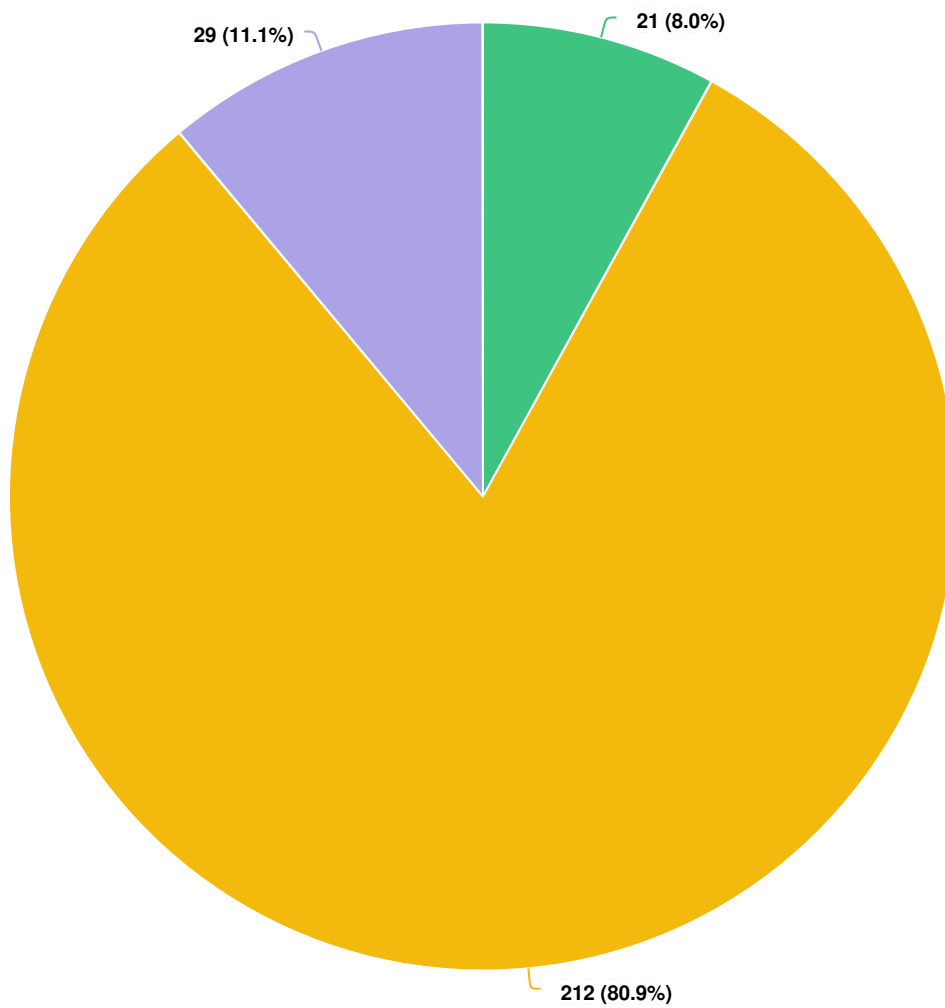
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Q11 | Collect materials for recycling (steel and mixed)



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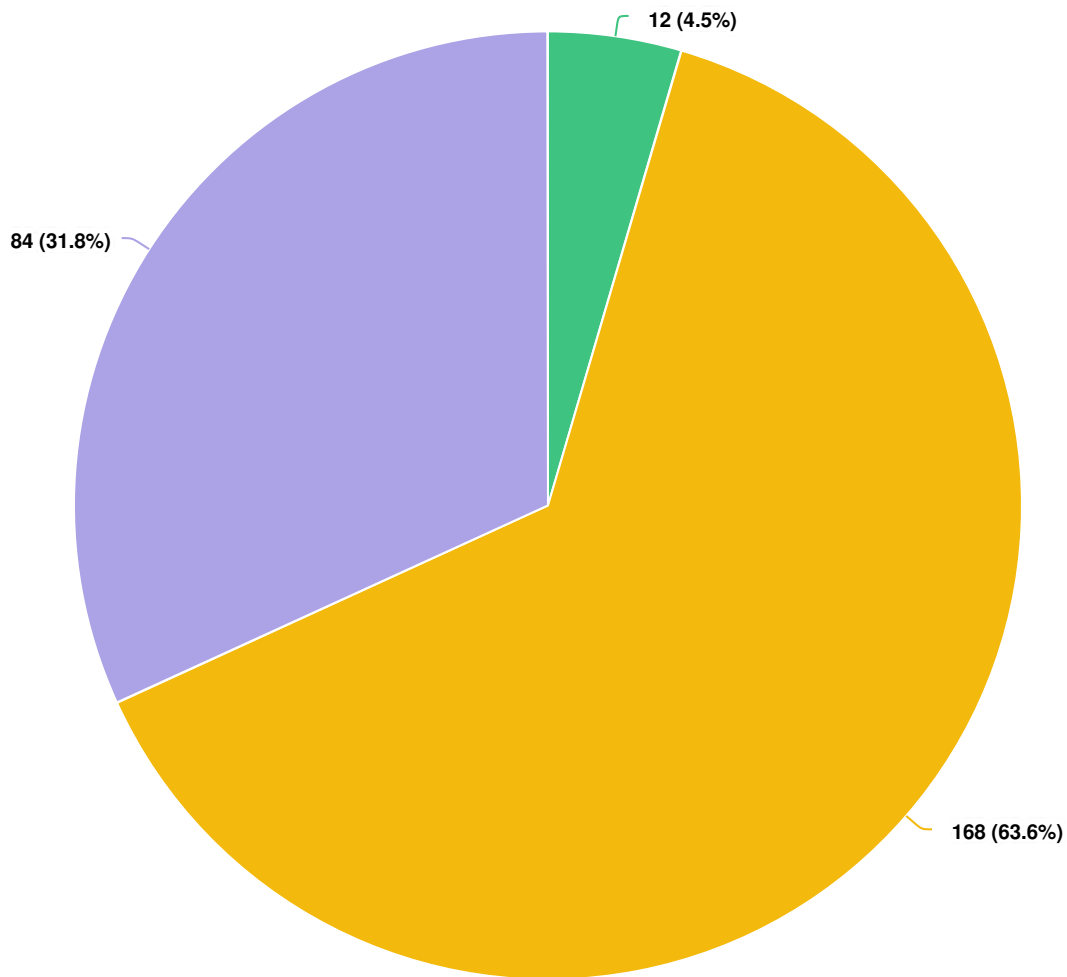
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Q12 | Communicate with the public (District sharing information)



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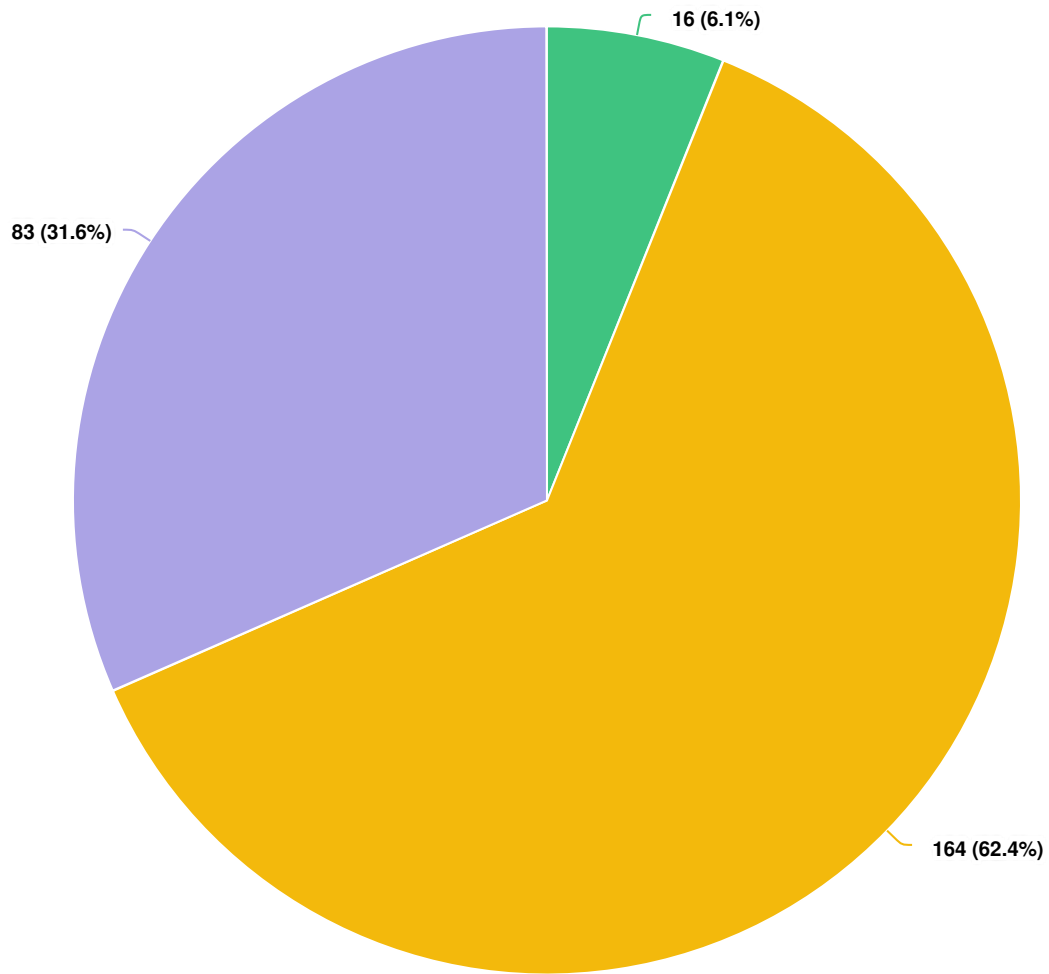
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Q13 Engage the public (District providing opportunities for public input)



Question options

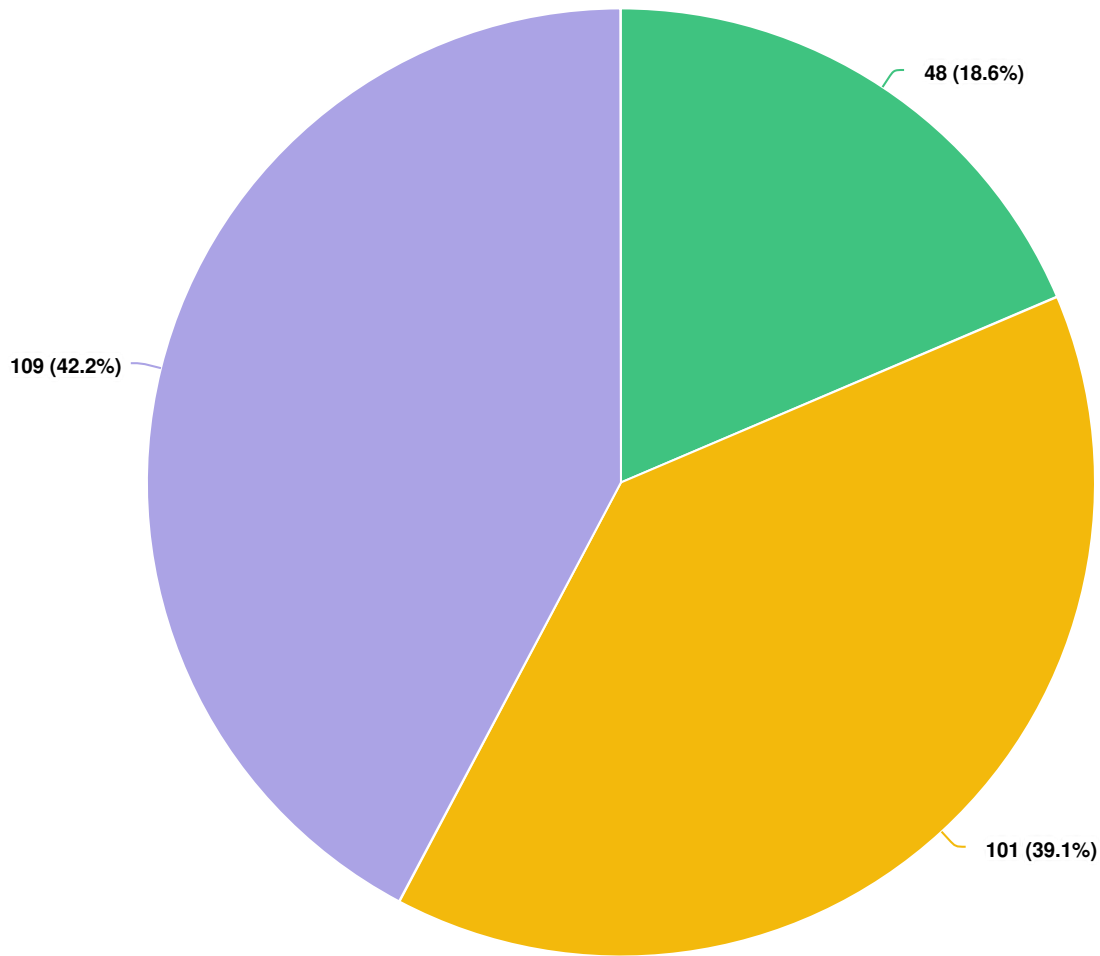
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Q14 | Develop additional/new land use policies (OCP, Village Area Plans, etc.)



Question options

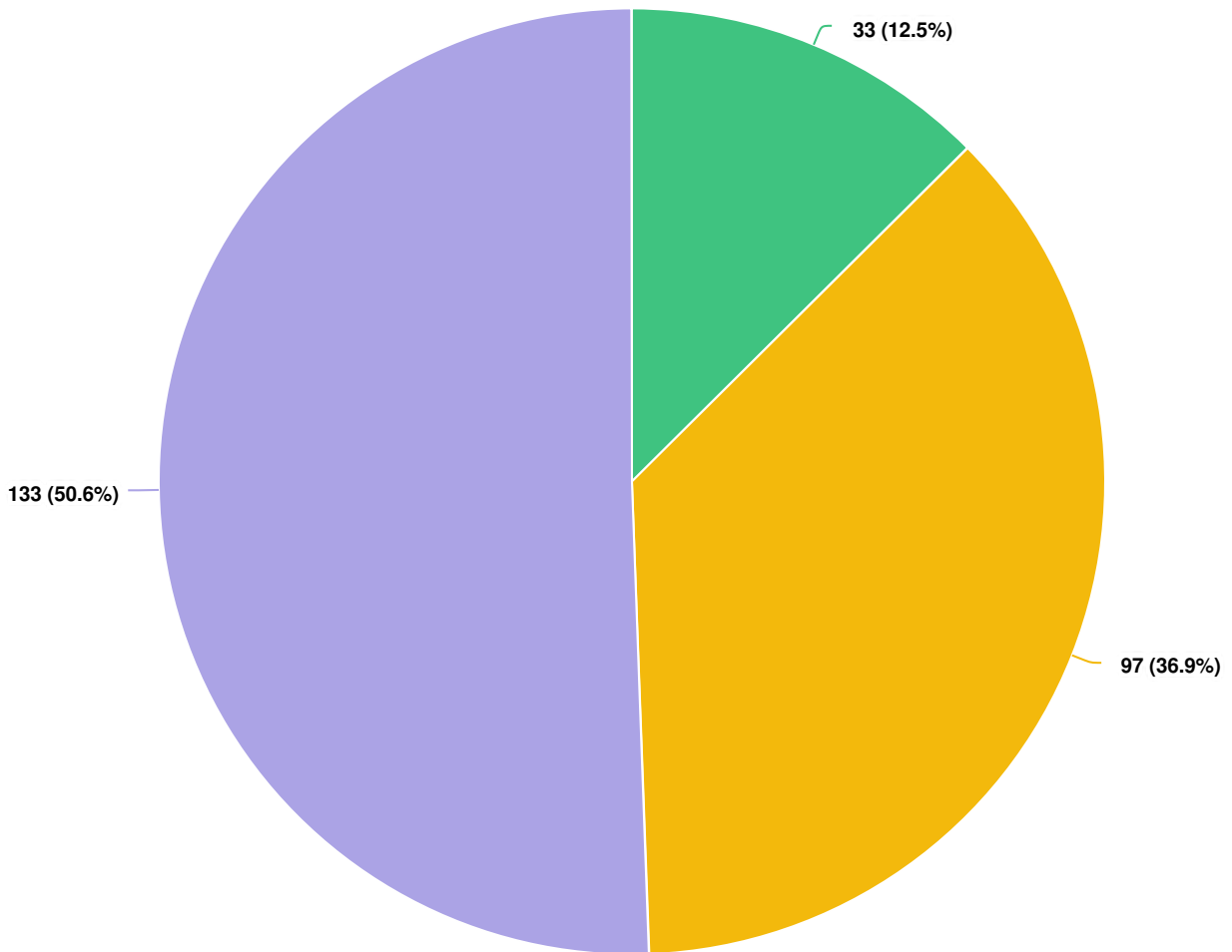
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Q15 Mitigate and adapt to climate change



Question options

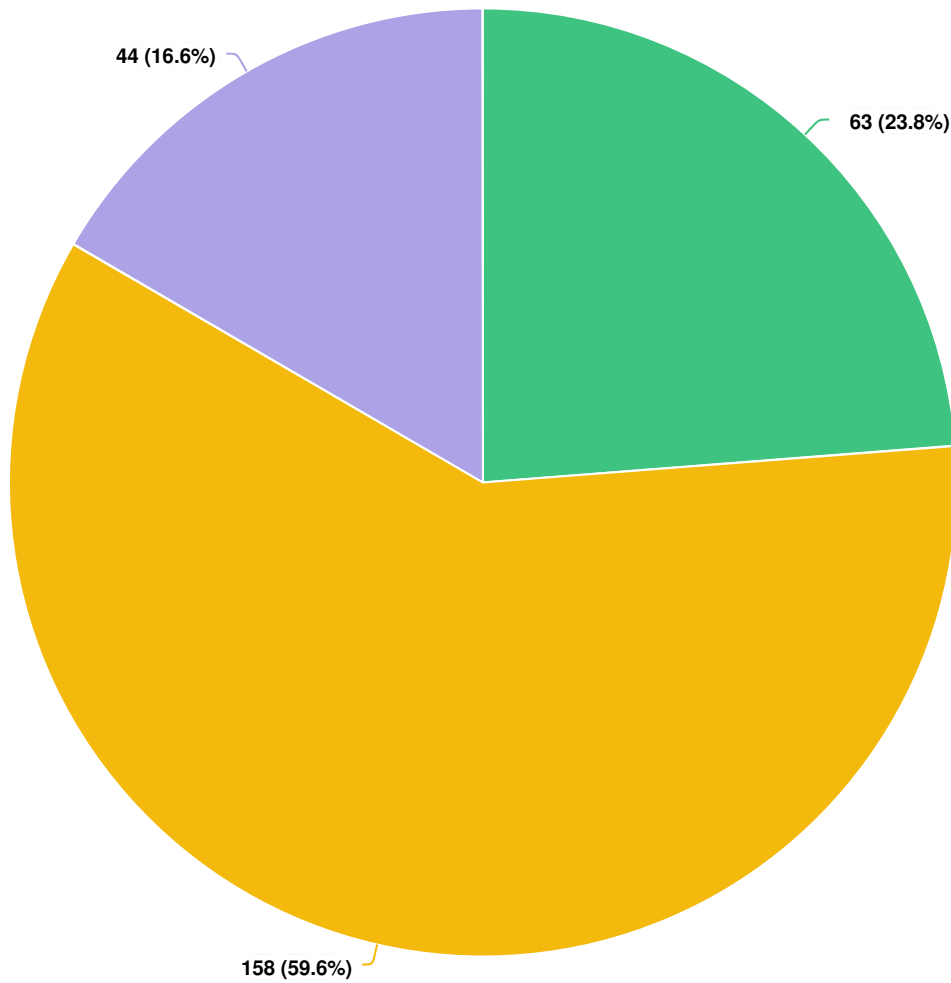
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Q16 Deliver cultural programs (park performances, arts & culture programs, etc.)



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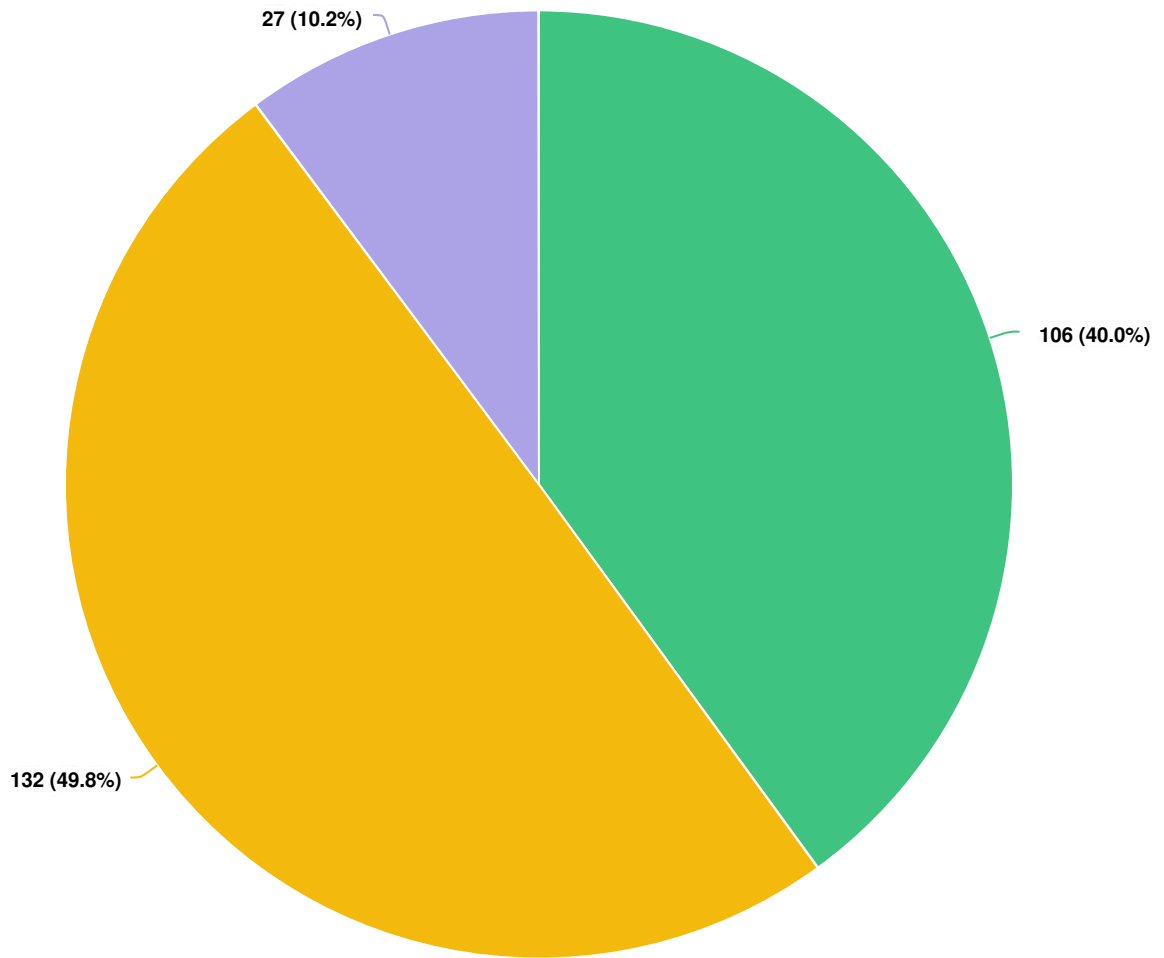
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Q17 | Install & maintain public art



Question options

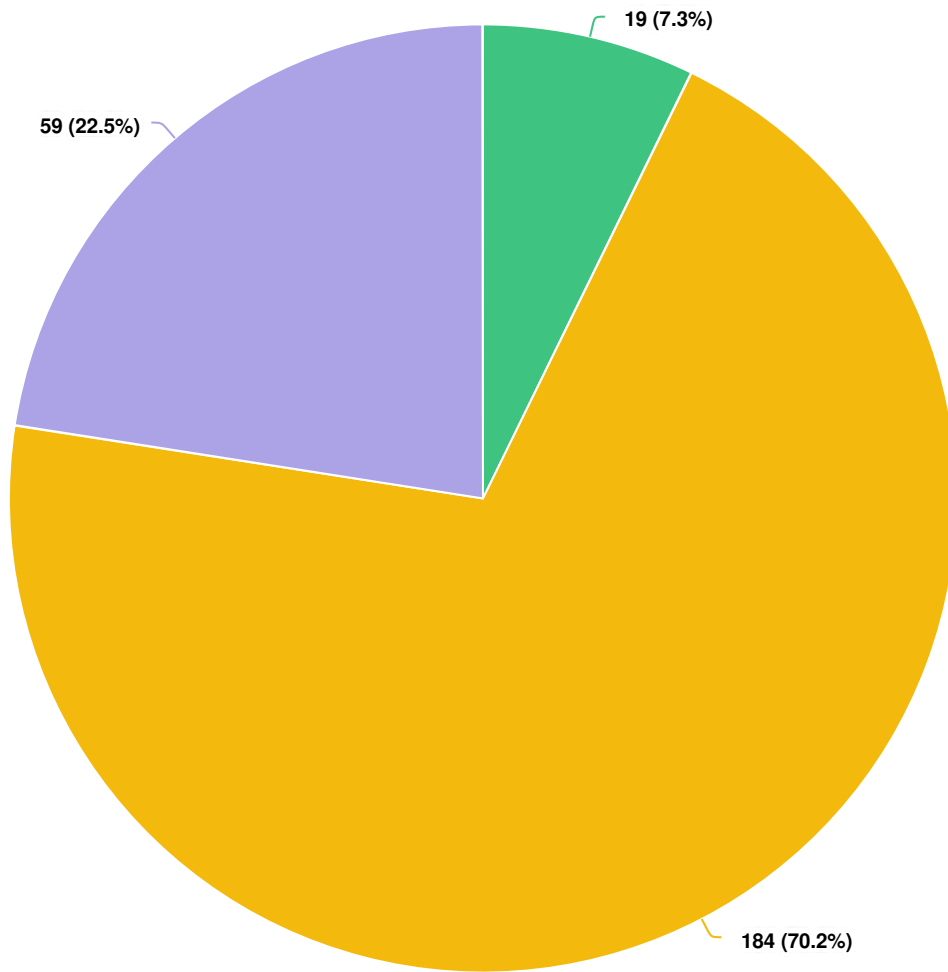
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Q18 | **Manage removal and replacement of trees**



Question options

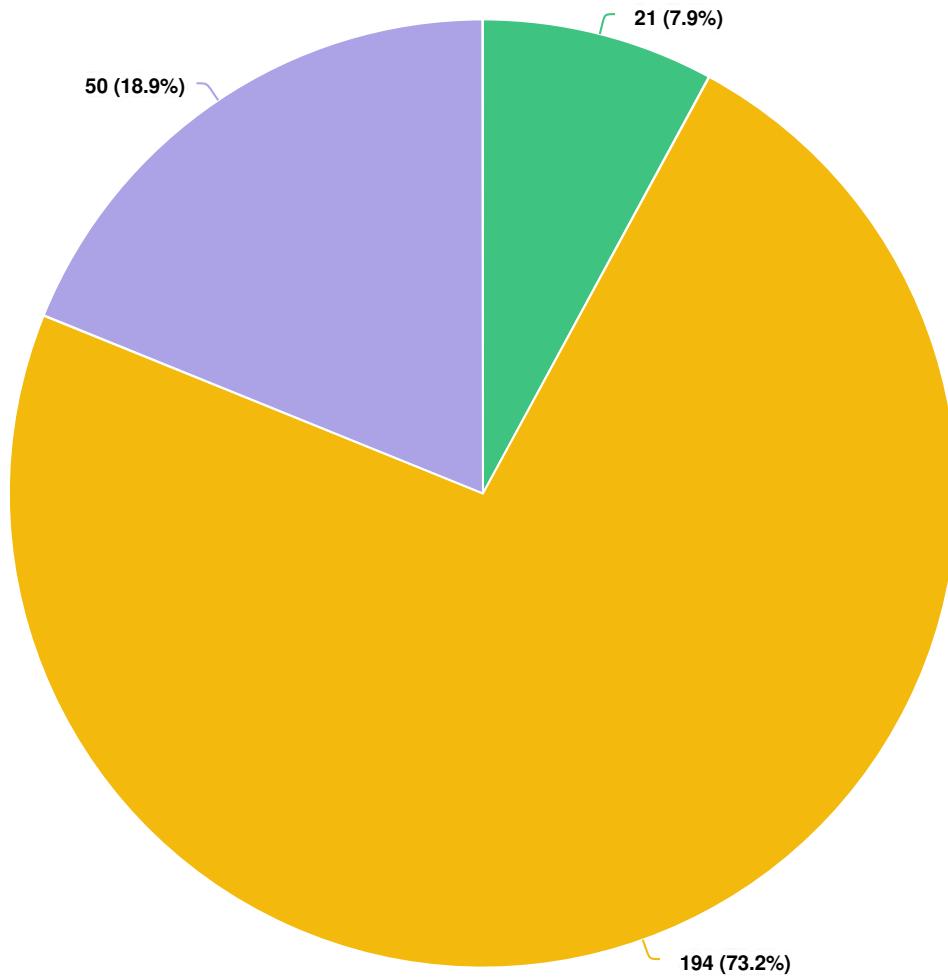
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Q19 | Operate Recreation Centres



Question options

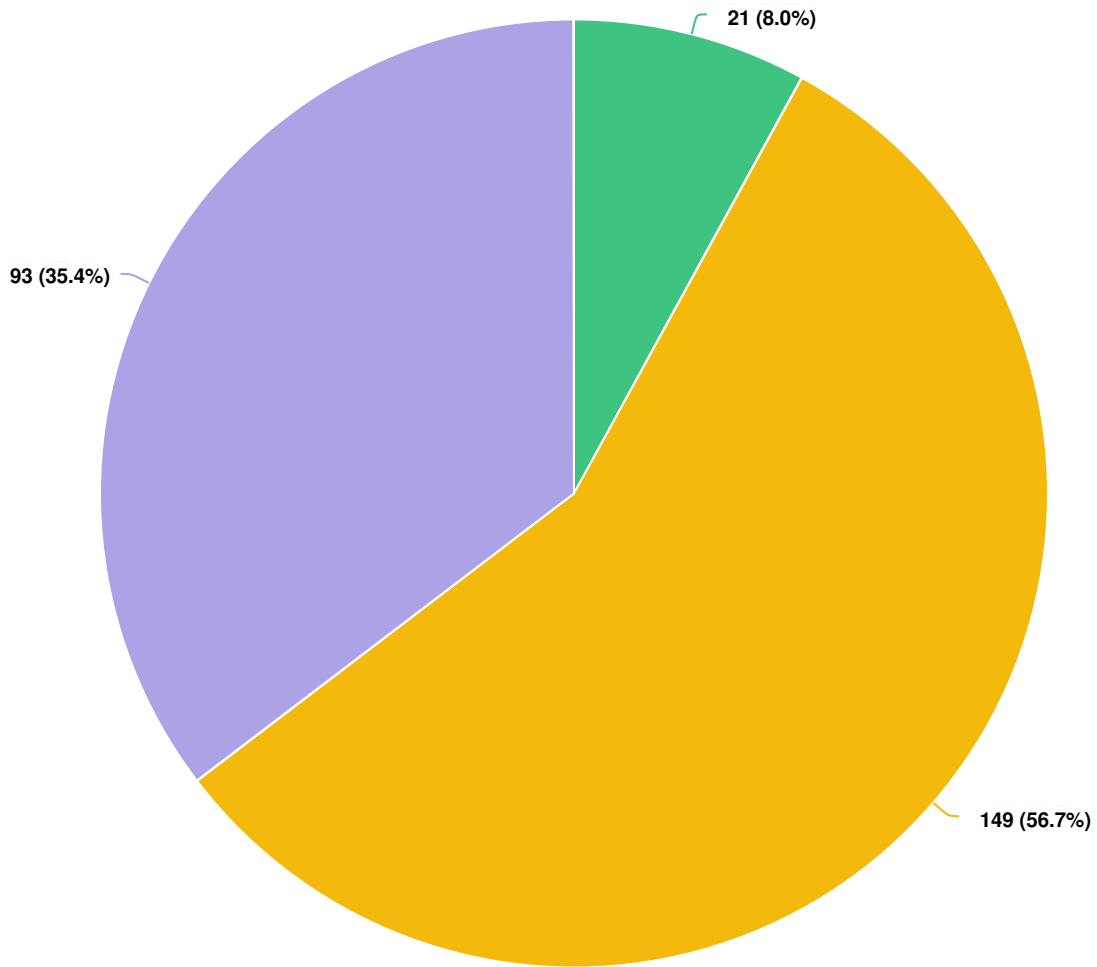
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Q20 Plan, design, construct and maintain natural areas



Question options

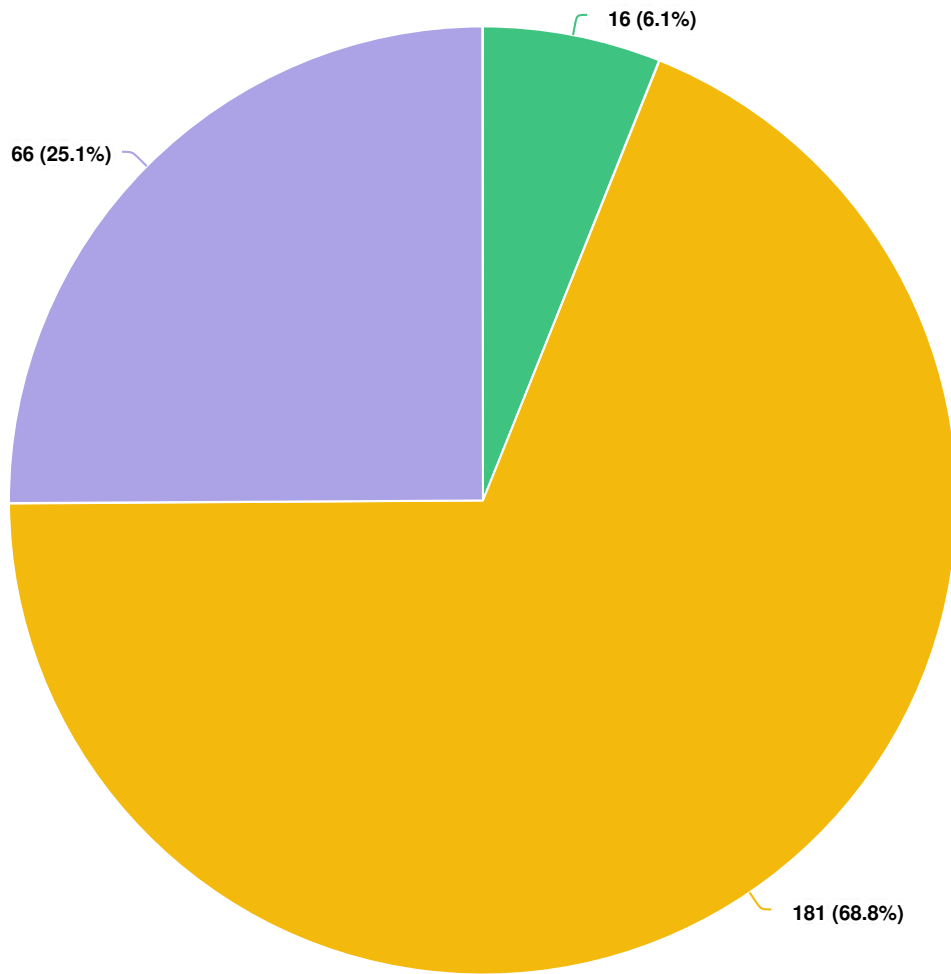
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Q21 | Plan, design, construct and maintain parks



Question options

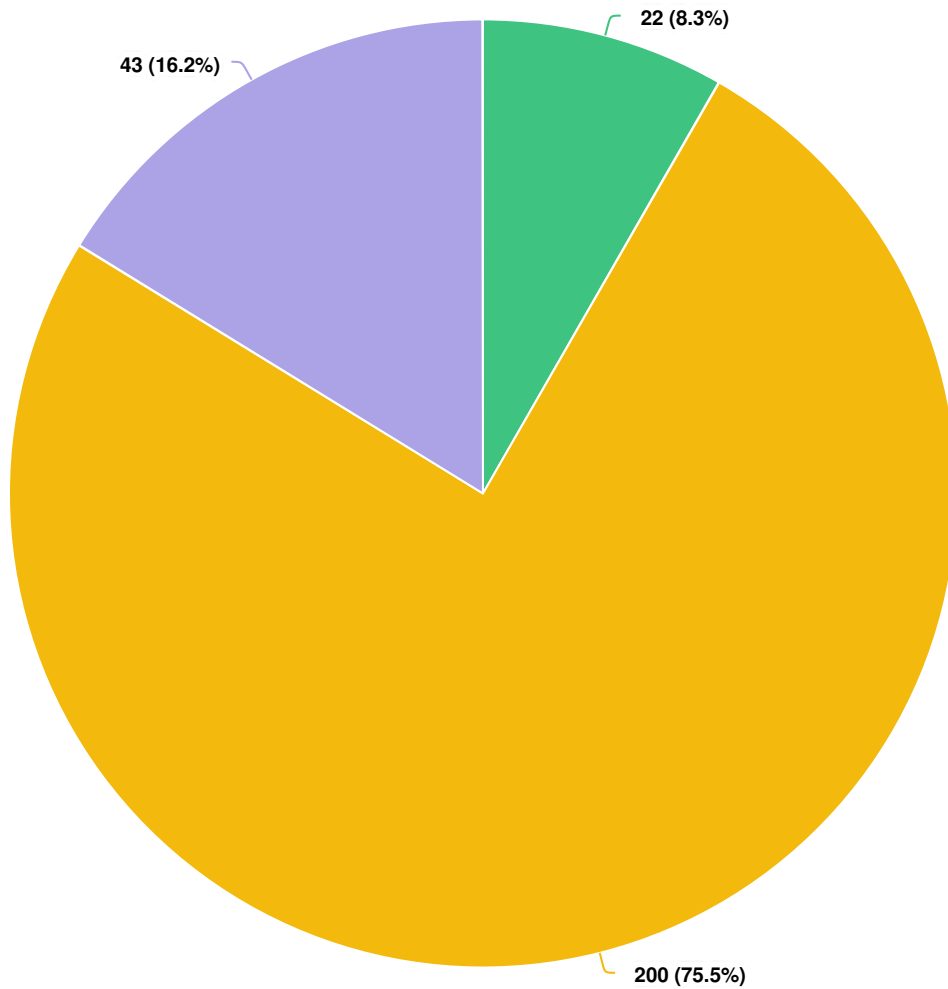
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Q22 | Plan, design, construct and maintain playing fields and sports courts



Question options

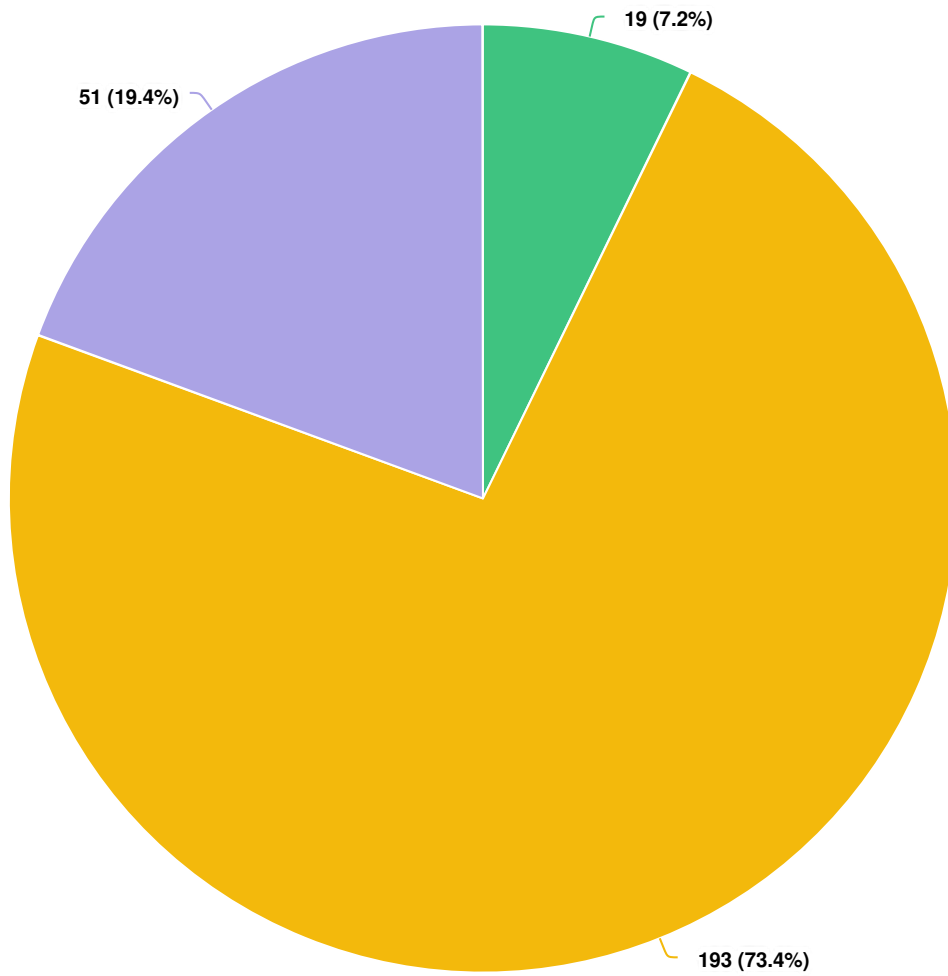
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Q23 | **Build and maintain playgrounds**



Question options

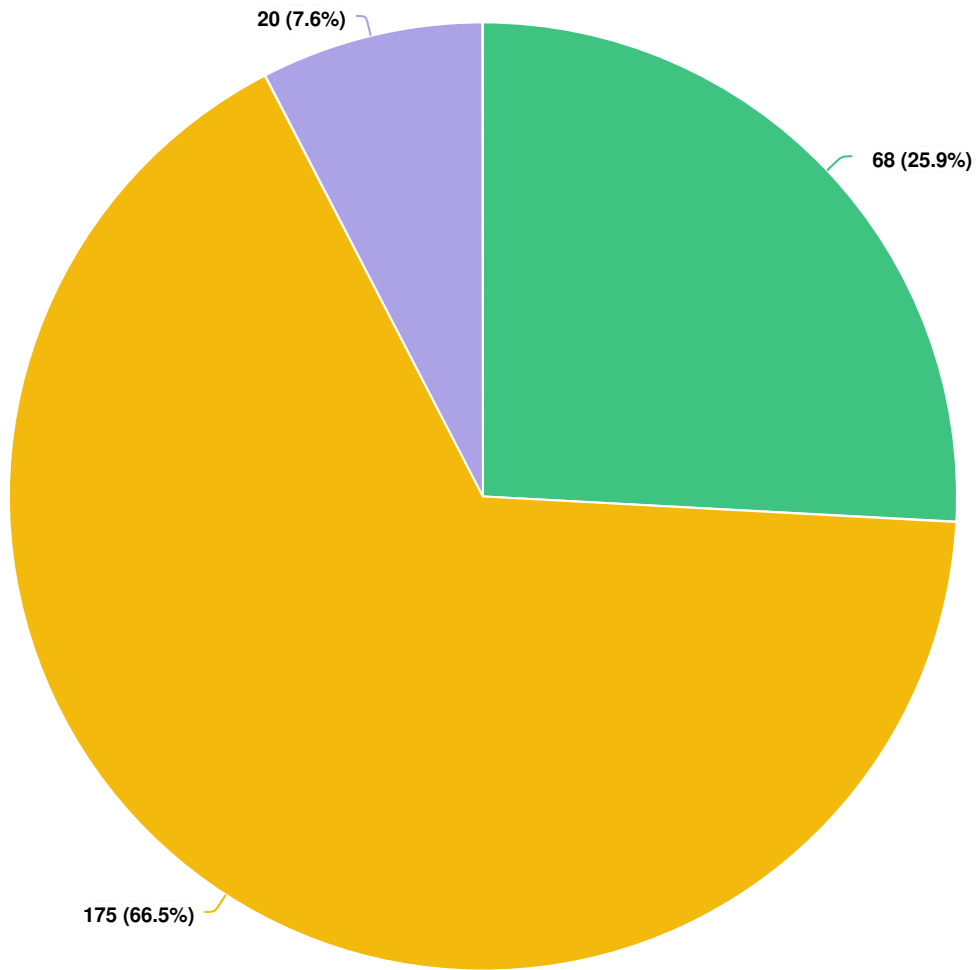
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Q24 Provide archive services



Question options

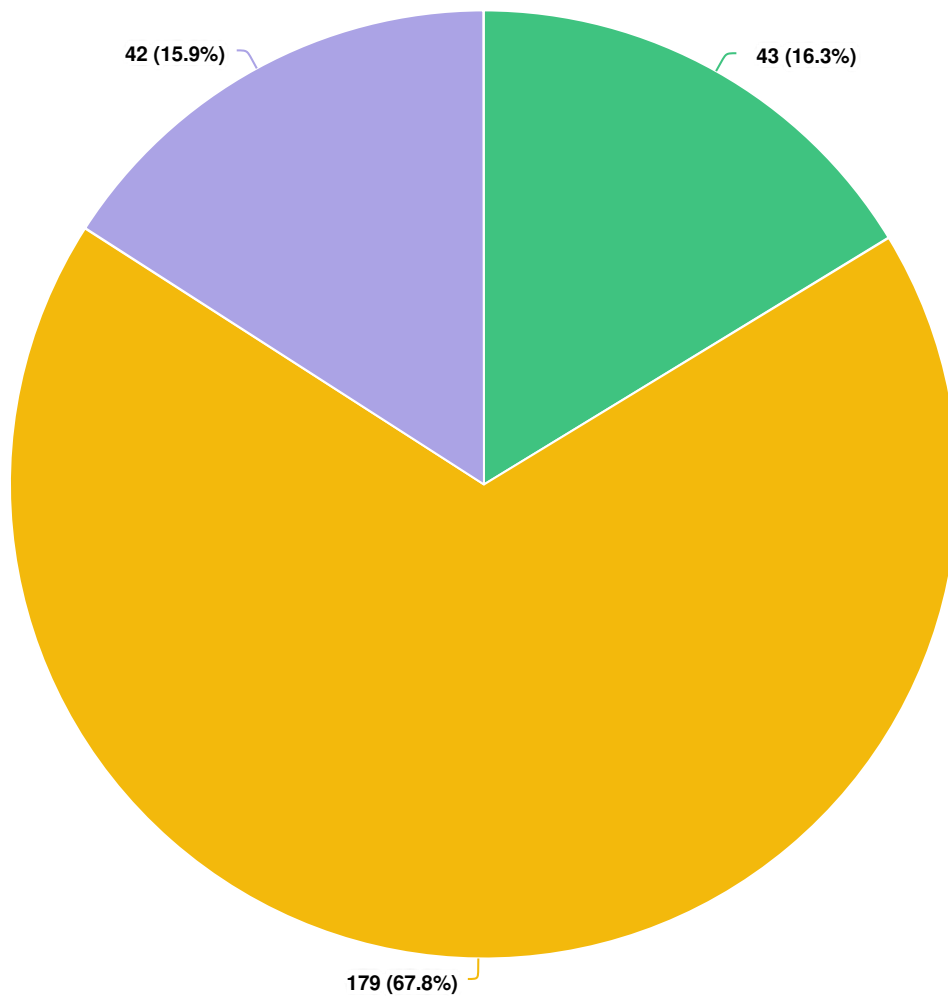
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Q25 Issue block party and special events permits



Question options

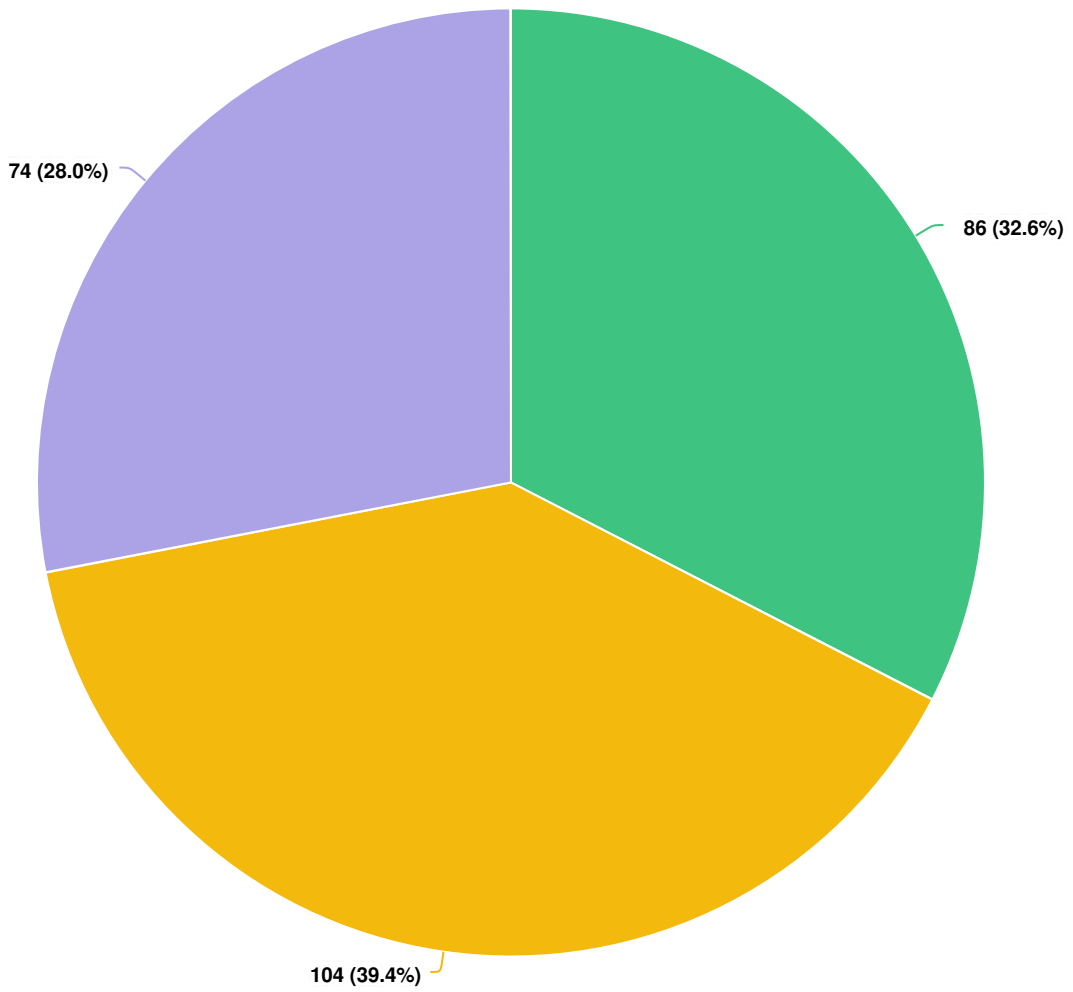
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Q26 Provide areas where dogs are allowed off-leash



Question options

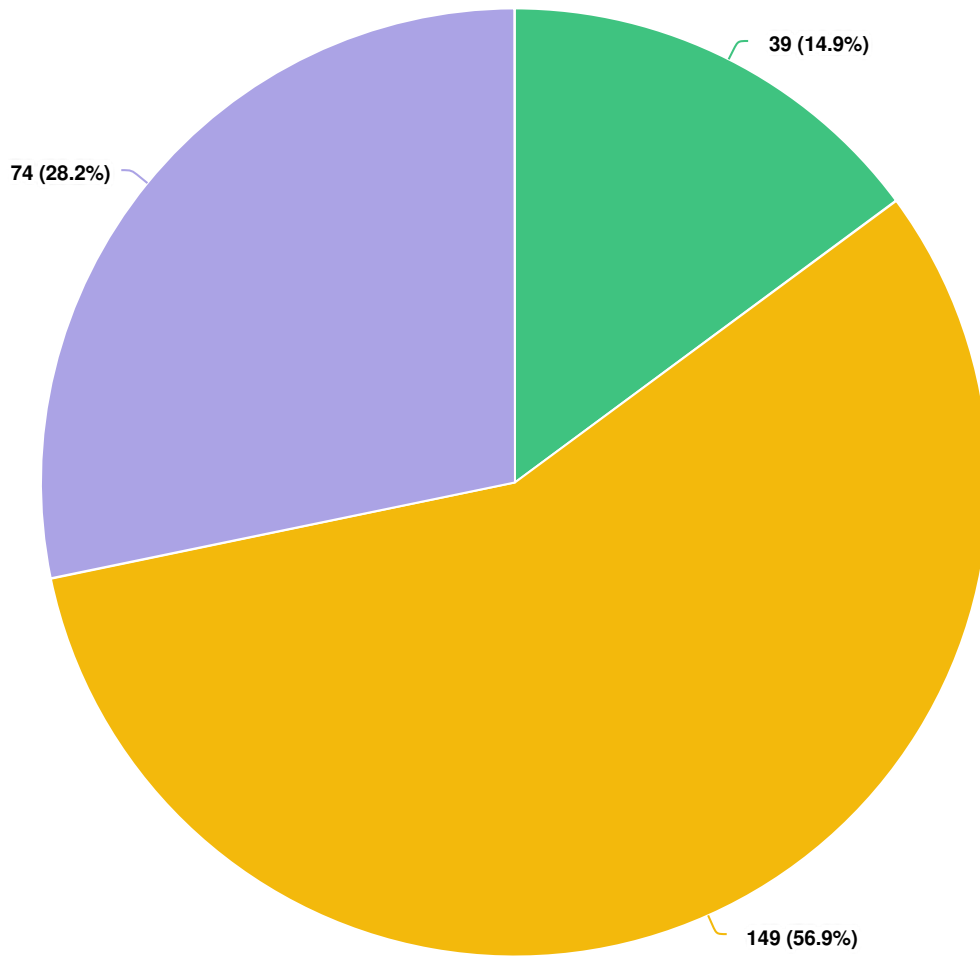
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Q27 Enforce municipal bylaws (bylaw enforcement)



Question options

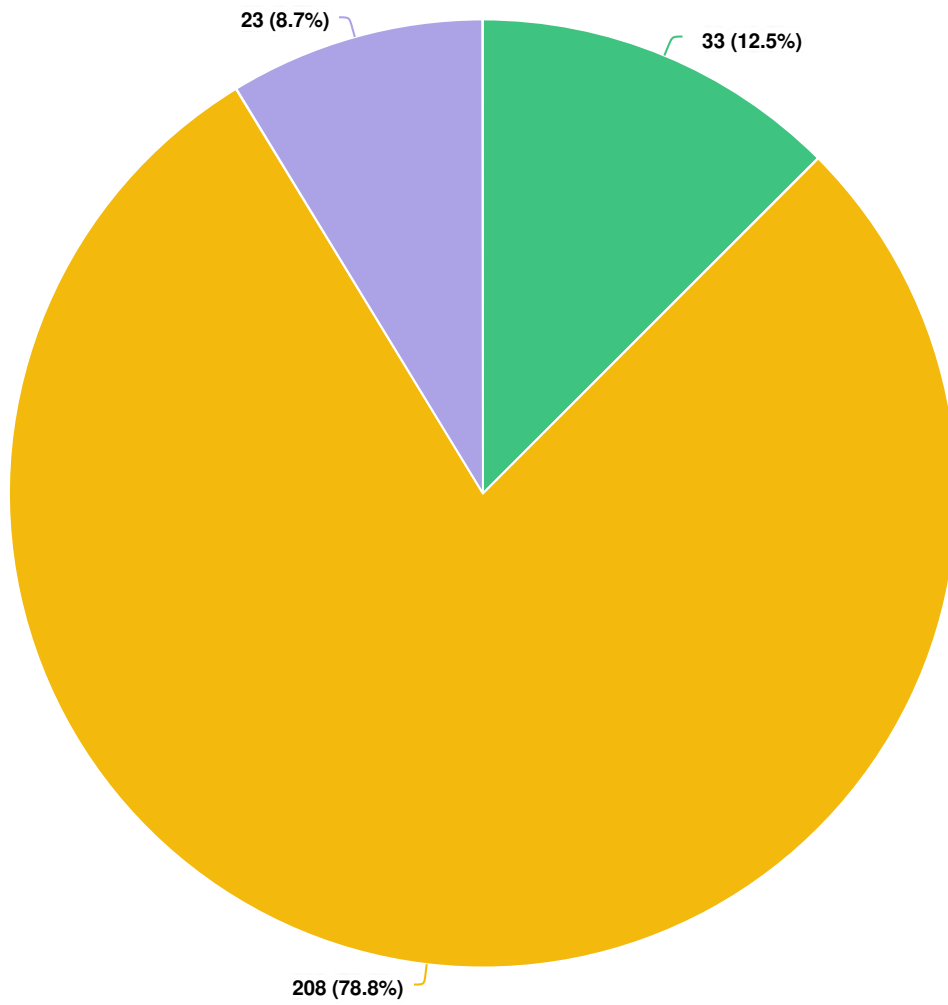
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Q28 Provide fire prevention and protection services



Question options

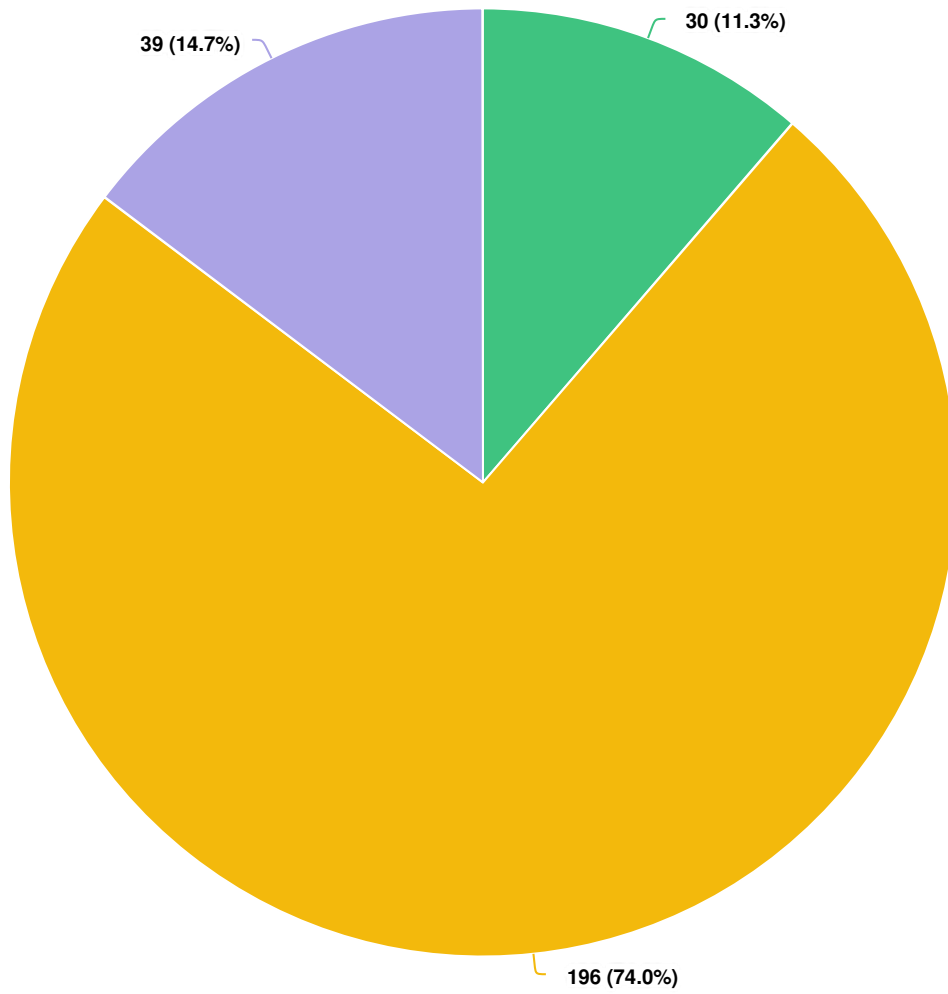
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Q29 Provide police services



Question options

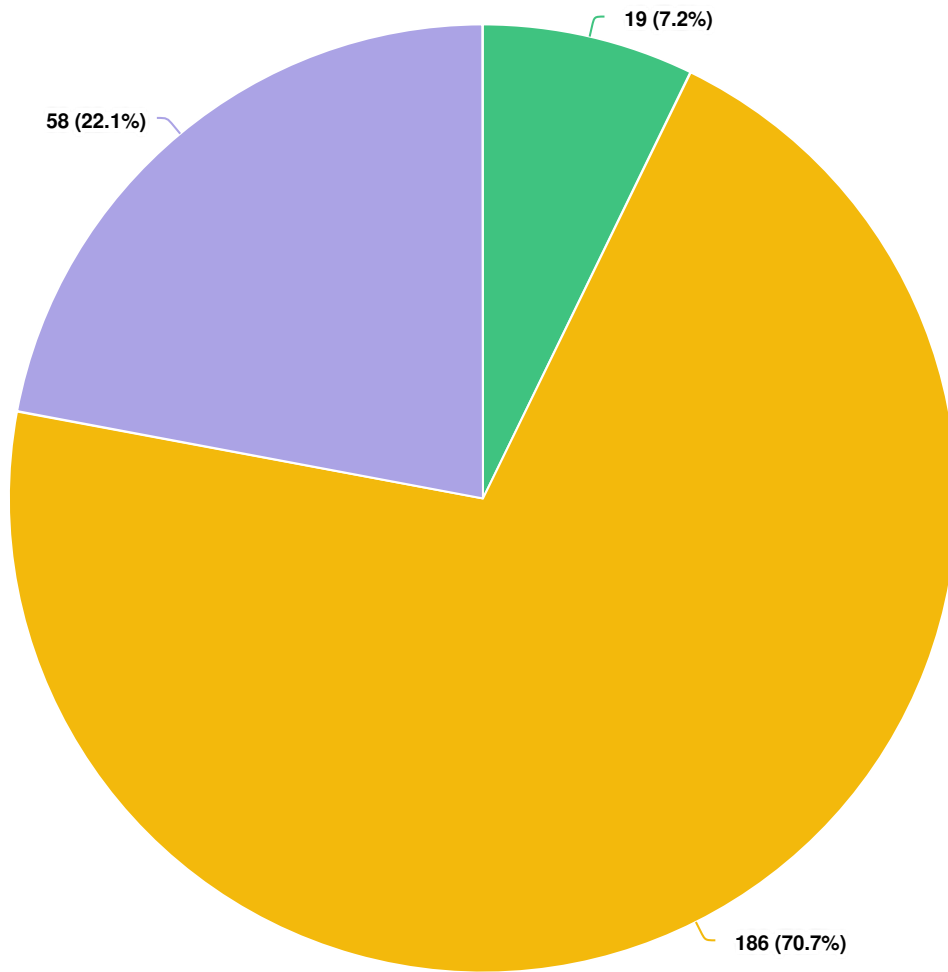
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Q30 Prepare for emergencies (emergency program)



Question options

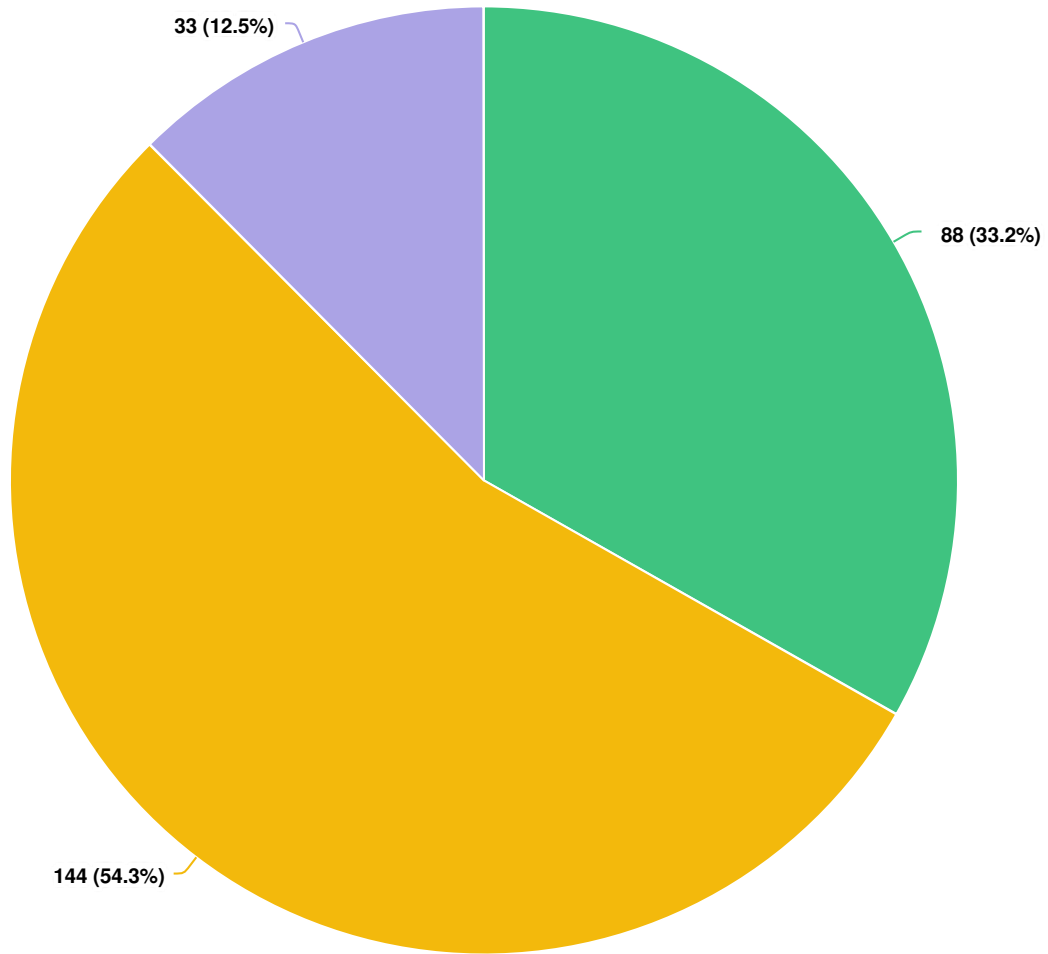
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Q31 Enforce parking regulations (Commissionaires)



Question options

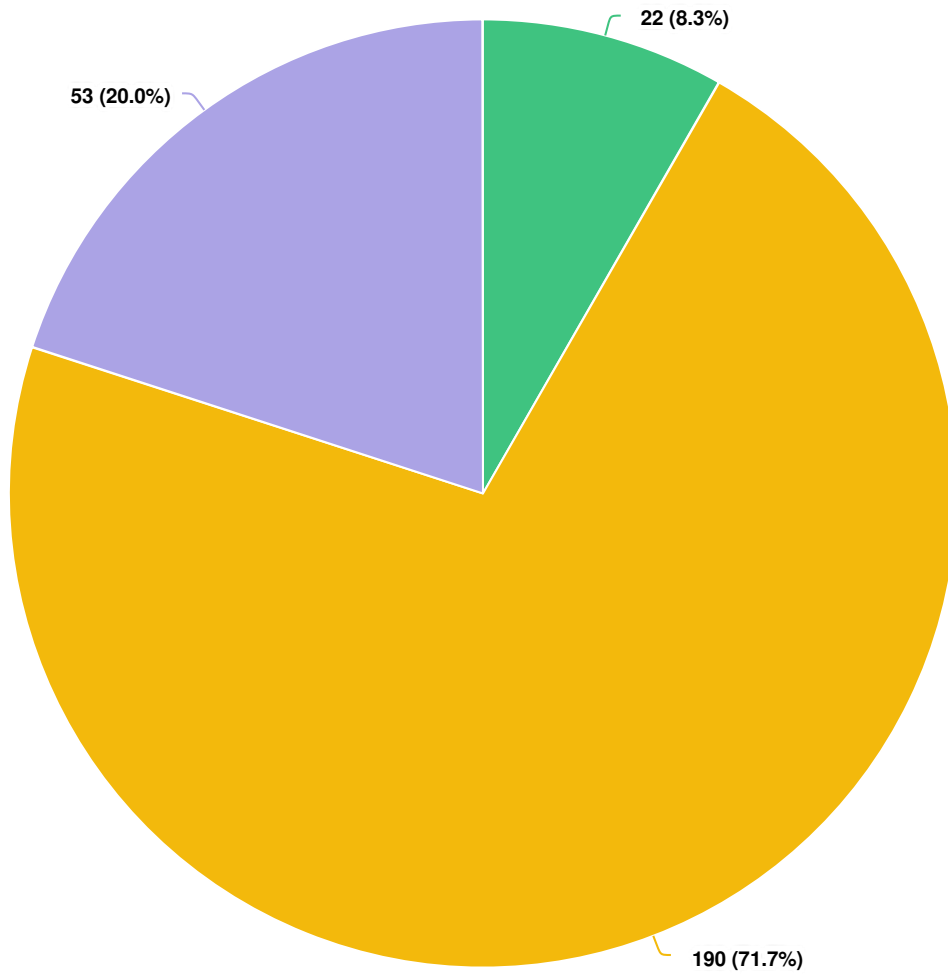
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Q32 Provide first responder medical assistance



Question options

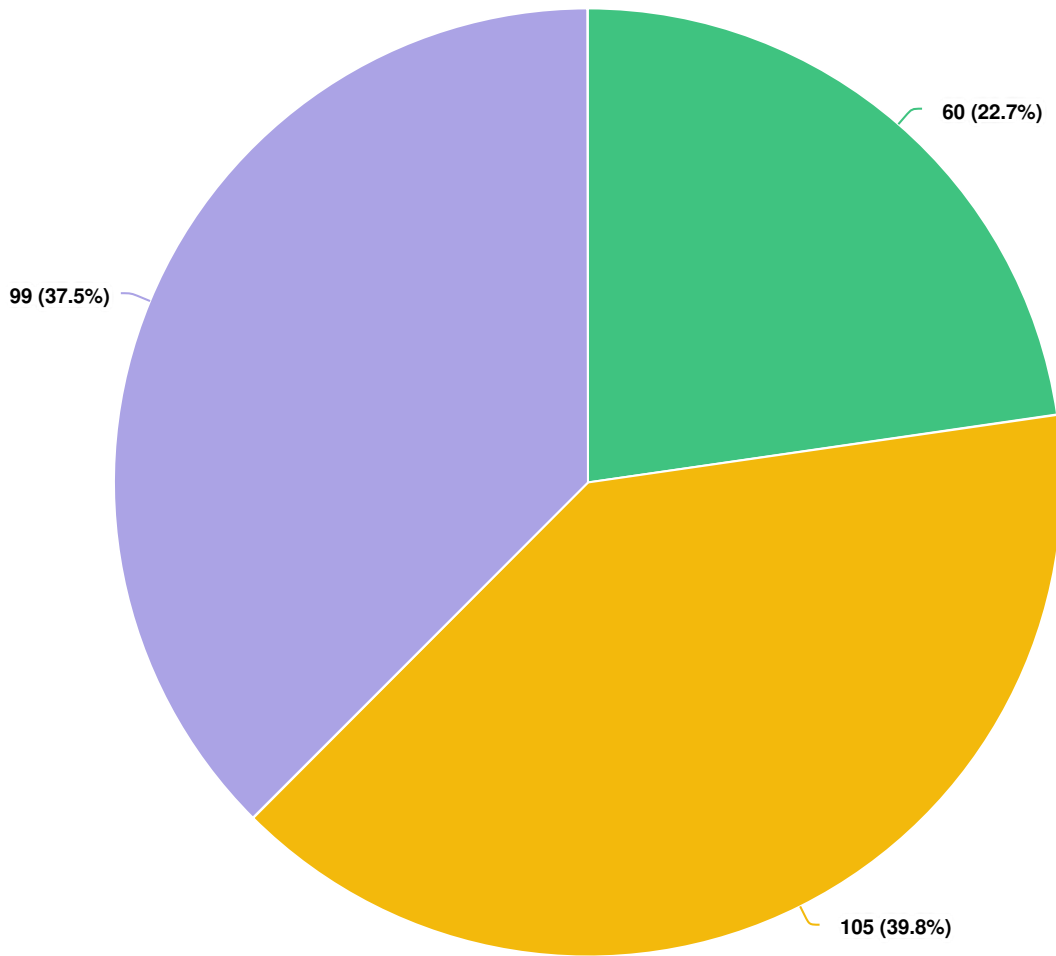
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Q33 Regulate vacation rentals (e.g. Airbnb)



Question options

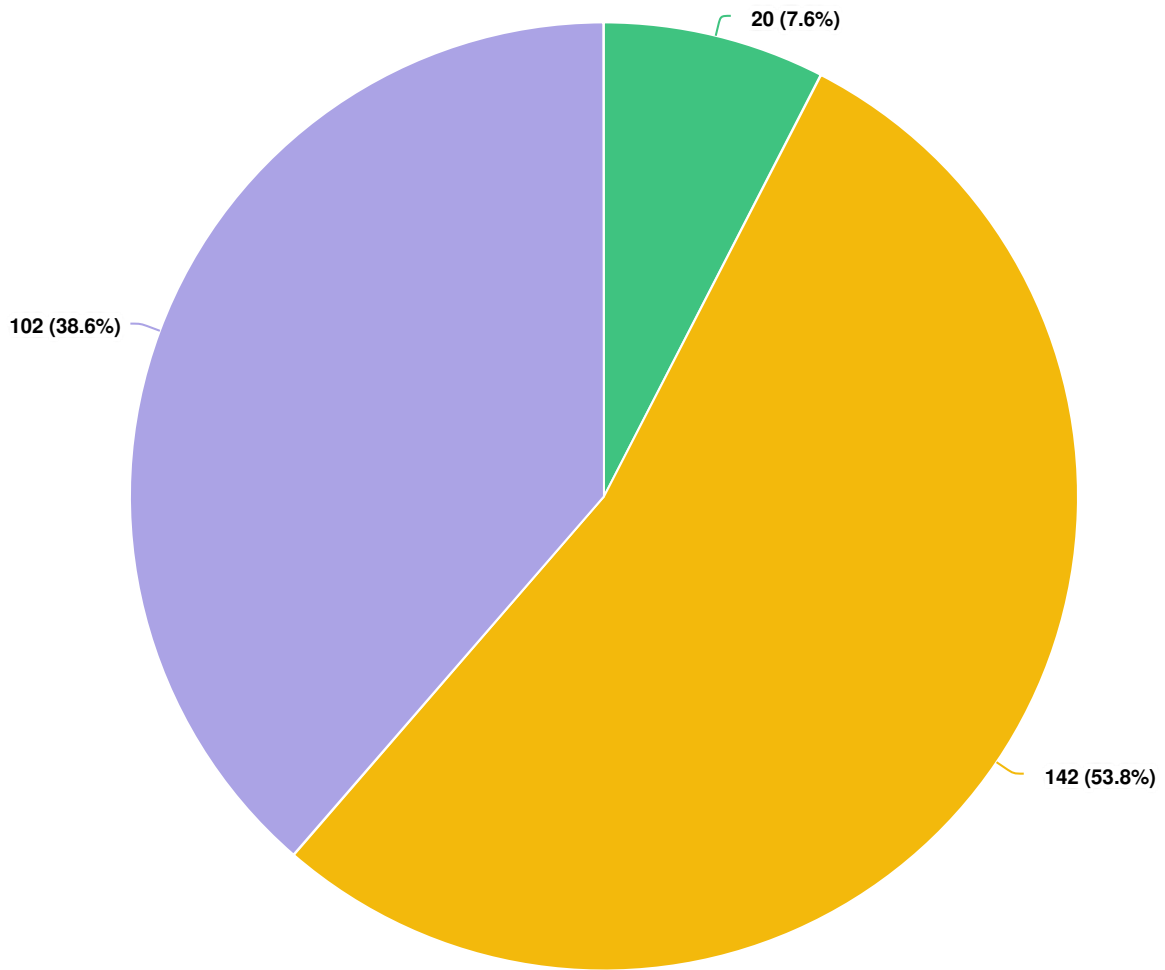
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Q34 Regulate to protect the environment



Question options

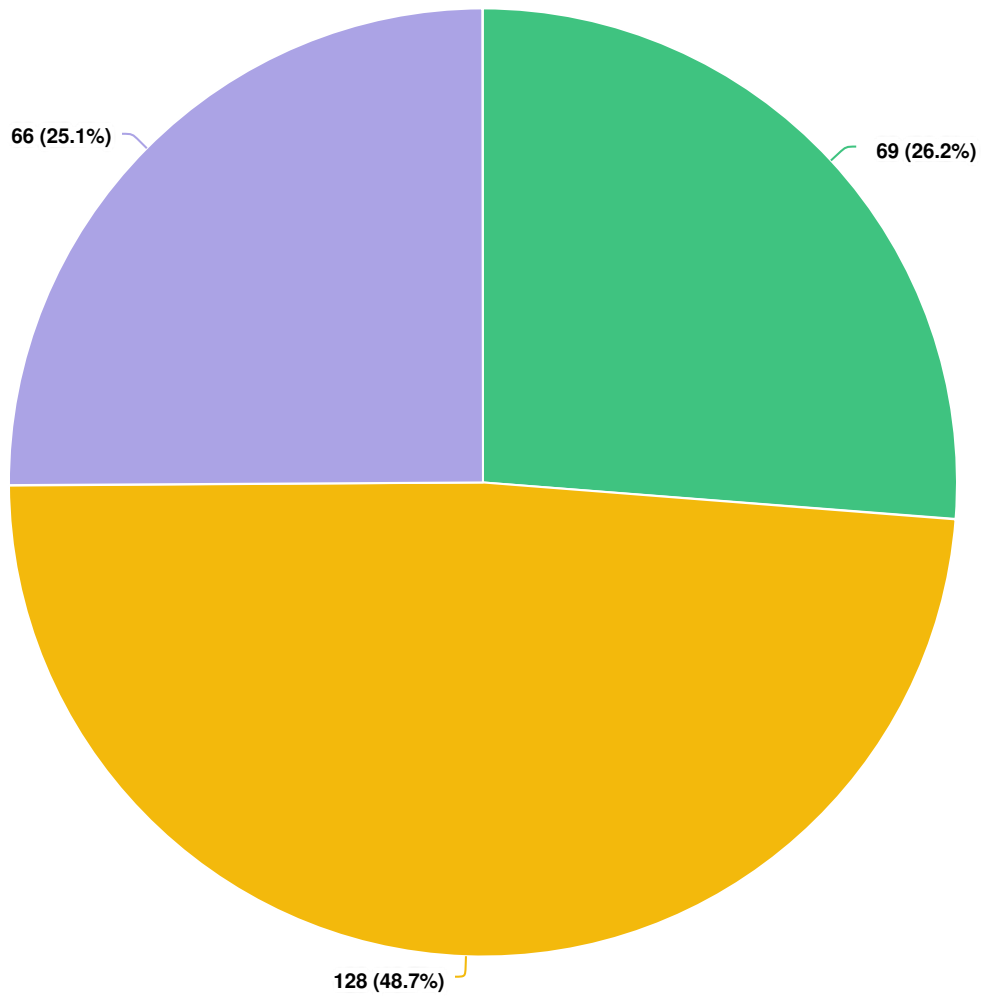
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Q35 Regulate to protect heritage



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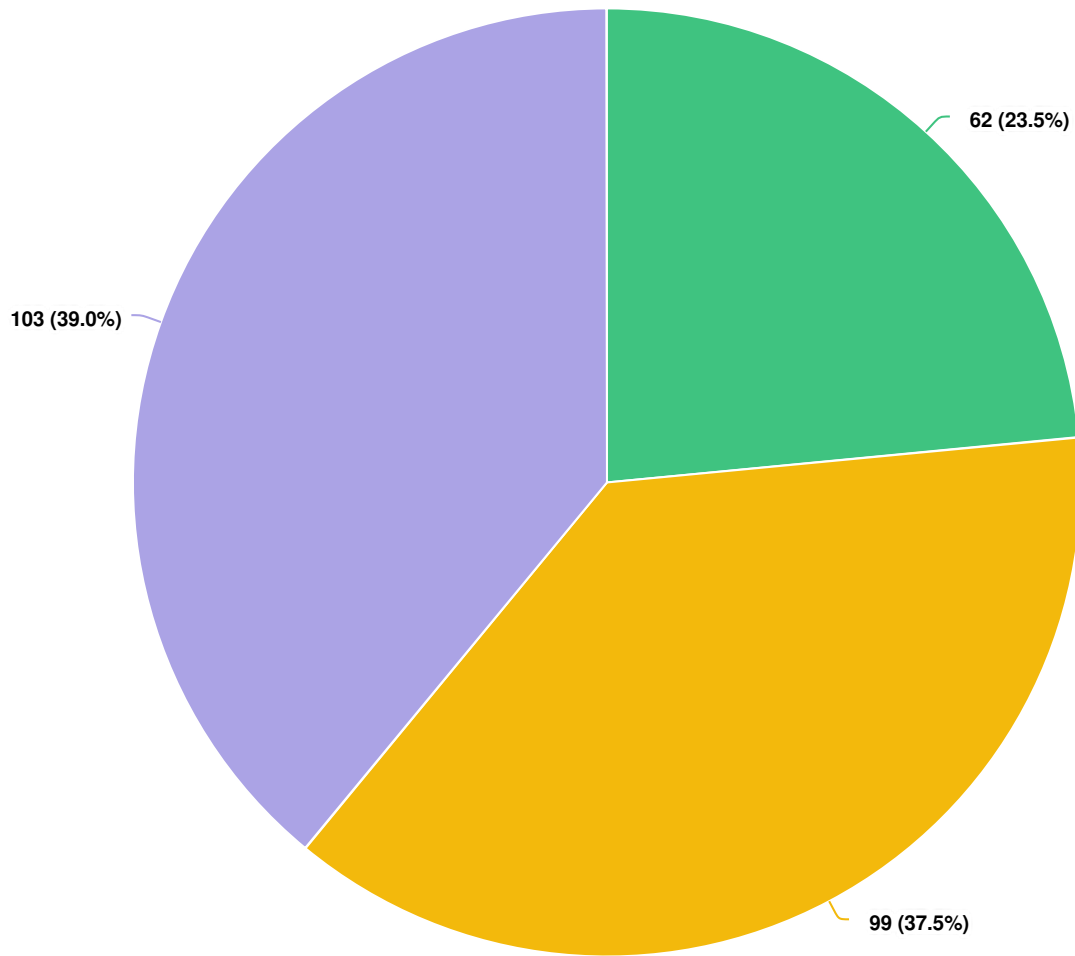
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Q36 Provide electric vehicle charging station



Question options

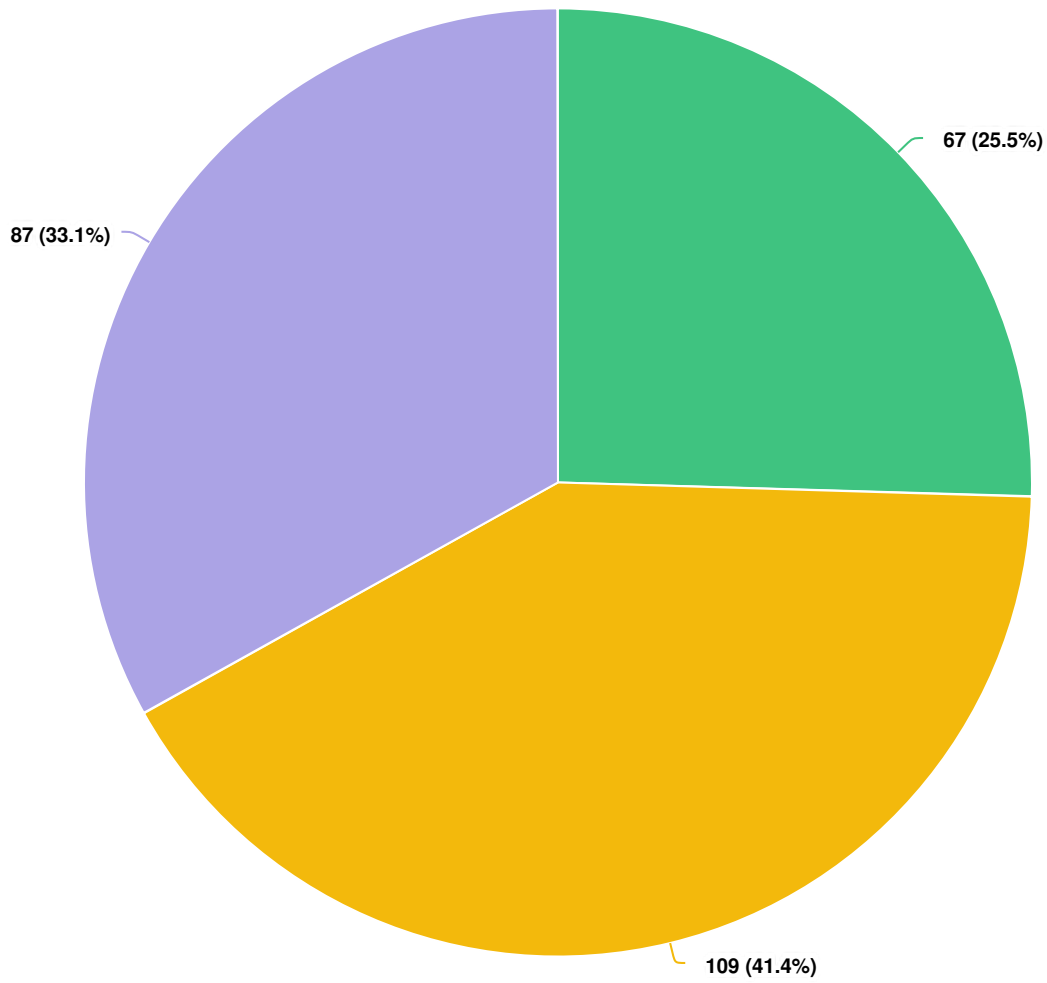
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Q37 Provide road space dedicated to cycling



Question options

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Q38 | **Comments**

Anonymous

10/04/2021 04:18 PM

Oak Bay is certainly woefully (decades) behind most other local governments in this region and this province in terms of asset management, climate change mitigation policies, and regulatory frameworks in almost all areas. I am acutely aware that there was and still is a massive hole to get out of with regard to all 3 of these, but please get on with it! Enough pandering to the establishment who want Oak Bay to remain stuck in the 1950s.

Anonymous

10/04/2021 10:23 PM

An annual collection of large, inorganic trash items would be good.

Anonymous

10/05/2021 10:13 AM

We need to always be diligent on reducing regulation and burdensome red tape merely because it has “always been there” or in response to a complaint from a vocal individual. Our housing issues (lack of reasonably priced ownership and rental) is in large part caused by this. NIMBY is alive and well in Oak Bay, and our reputation as grumpy old people needs to be actively addressed.

Anonymous

10/05/2021 02:00 PM

There is no real space to ask for (much needed) improvements in active transportation in general — wider, better maintained sidewalks & crosswalks for pedestrians, as well as better cycling infrastructure, more street patio permits, and a general move away from car culture. Oak Bay is far behind other municipalities in these areas... & needs to catch up by investing in infrastructure and improvements there.

Anonymous

10/05/2021 02:00 PM

I am concerned with the increased ongoing cost of new administrative staff. I am aware that the municipality population has not grown much over the last 5 years and service levels that I consume have remained the same. I strongly suggest that some administrative roles be made part time or combined for major salary and benefit savings. If the suite proposal(s) are implemented the salary savings may be needed for enforcement of the suite bylaws. Overall, I am satisfied with current municipal services and understand that there is a need to set aside substantial funds for infrastructure replacement. I am ok with that and hope that funding can be coordinated with the actual contract work. Long terms resident: 40 years of ownership

Anonymous

10/05/2021 02:14 PM

More bike lanes please. Aim for specific bike routes with no cars parking allowed or decrease space for cars - etc. one way streets or cancel turning lanes. Developers should be asked to contribute when big builds - why didn't that happen at Bowker? Estevan/Musgrave intersection doesn't work with 2 way stops as it is a 5 way and traffic goes too fast and drivers do not realize it is 2 way and not 4 way. Many school children on this route

Anonymous

10/05/2021 02:31 PM

Please do something to calm the flow of traffic around our Schools. There are far too many people who speed past Willows School in particular. There needs to be much more visible signage and flashing lights near Willows School on Dalhousie St, Musgrave Street and Cadboro Bay Road.

Anonymous

10/05/2021 02:32 PM

Willows Beach desperately needs a new playground.

Anonymous

10/05/2021 02:38 PM

re. the question "Manage removal and replacement of trees" -- I answered "increase" based on what I thought you meant. I favour strict control of tree removal - since I think that the mature trees should be considered a community asset and not a personal possession, to be removed easily to accommodate personal desires on a property. No no. The tree was probably there when you purchased - don't like trees, don't purchase a treed property. They are irreplaceable. Boulevard trees do not stand in for those big guys, and they drop of themselves due to age etc. There has to be more control and consciousness -raising. Victoria seems to have declared war on trees. Thanks!

Anonymous

10/05/2021 02:41 PM

I would like to see better speed and vehicle noise control along Cadboro Bay Road by police. This problem seems to be ever increasing - couldn't the speed limit be lowered consistently to 30 km/h?

Anonymous

10/05/2021 02:45 PM

Space for dogs to be safely off-leash year-round is of crucial importance to Oak Bay. The lack of a safe space to exercise leads to worse dog behaviour, means residents have to drive elsewhere to exercise their dogs (if they are able) - and not an insignificant number of people simply off-leash their dog where it isn't allowed, which is understandable but not ideal for anyone. At a minimum, one fully-fenced, decently sized dog park in the municipality and another year-round, full-time off-leash area are necessary. (And that would be a very meager service level for how many dog-

owning households live here!) Very many residents have dogs in their households and animal welfare requires they have space to fulfil their physical and social needs. Dogs & their owners are a part of our community. * I would be greatly in favour of a large extension of Oak Bay's dedicated cycling infrastructure. For health, for the climate, for the livability of our municipality - this is hugely important. Oak Bay is blessed with many quiet side streets but the cycling provision on major commuter routes (Foul Bay, Cadboro Bay, etc) are deeply lacking and unsafe. * Oak Bay is in dire economic straits with its budget deficits. This problem was created in the past but it will have to be resolved by us, now. The very best way to do this is to increase density. To maintain the same level of amenities, our options are to increase taxes dramatically, or to increase taxpayers - one of those things is untenable if we want any but the megarich to live here. The other will welcome more families into our community. It seems to me the second is the best way to ensure that we can continue maintaining the district at its current level. If Oak Bay doesn't adapt, it will slowly die. For the love of this area, we need to adjust. I would strongly support measures to meaningfully increase density in Oak Bay and welcome more neighbors to strengthen our community.

Anonymous

10/05/2021 02:54 PM

Cats should be licenced and not allowed outside of the owners property off leash. I am tired of cat scat and dead birds in my yard. Illegal suites are out of control, we need regulation.

Anonymous

10/05/2021 03:04 PM

Audit the efficacy of the Police, Fire and Municipal outcall services in Oak Bay. It is apparent from this questionnaire itself, that the respective efficiency and value for money services, are treated as a given. But it is not, and should never be. There is a surely a relationship with cost and consumer of these services satisfaction, that is not being addressed, in these questions. Reliance on metrics, or number of outcalls and/or costs incurred are not necessarily the only measure of performance standards as equivilent to expected value, based on those metrics. An objective, disinterested third party (in 5 year cycles), evaluation is called for and well overdue.

Anonymous

10/05/2021 03:22 PM

I really appreciate the work the District does and I feel like the District delivers good value for the tax money. I trust the District to use additional tax money well. Climate change, municipal infrastructure, and cycling / walking /public transit infrastructure are the most important things to me. I would like to be allowed to build a small carriage home on home RS1 lot.

Anonymous

10/05/2021 03:25 PM

Question 4: why is a 10% increase generating more revenue than option 2 at 20%. Q5 (and it applies to Q4 as well). Unless one is knowledgeable about current asset health and replacement cost it really is difficult to respond. Amount proposed for collection seem to far exceed the actual amount of deferred maintenance. Option 1 (i.e. high taxes upfront and one time may be best as we would be buying supplies at today's dollar value/cost but then we won't be able to replace all in that same year presumably so what if codes or technology change by the time we are in year 5? Inventory is obsolete or maybe we had to incur storage cost? Again, can't respond. For such significant and essential costs/service maybe another survey with pros and cons of each option for Q4 and 5 is a better engagement strategy. Ps: well done on GHG reduction. Thank you.

Anonymous

10/05/2021 03:33 PM

In the past few winters we have had some week-long snow and ice events. I would like to see more enforcement/communication to clear sidewalks and drains. Too many situations where sidewalks on main roads such as Henderson become treacherous. I have called several times to express my concerns and am told that you dont enforce snow clearing. Its time you considered changing that policy.

Anonymous

10/05/2021 04:06 PM

Charge a fee for EV charging station

Anonymous

10/05/2021 04:08 PM

Get on with regulating legal suites and providing income assistance to homeowners so they can afford increased taxes to fund the urgent infrastructure initiatives!

Anonymous

10/05/2021 05:53 PM

Not sure of the utility of this survey...I would think most responses are 100% predictable and the survey doesn't capture the nuances of those that are not. The infrastructure section of the survey extremely confusing...to the point where all responses to that section could be discarded I think.

Anonymous

10/05/2021 07:09 PM

I would like an automatic subscribed email notification service for any bulletins related to the community by categories of interest.

Anonymous

the structure of the survey is not very useful, questions such as

10/05/2021 08:45 PM

maintain and build and then rate it for increase ,maintain and decrease is contradictory

Anonymous

10/05/2021 09:44 PM

In light of the later question on increasing services to mitigate climate change and prepare for emergencies, I wish to qualify my earlier stated preference to "increase service levels in some areas" to these two points specifically

Anonymous

10/05/2021 10:03 PM

Oak Bay needs updated playgrounds and recreational spaces and safer cycling networks.

Anonymous

10/05/2021 10:05 PM

Be transparent & don't continue to hide and off load significant tax increases to utility bills. The recent tax policies implemented by Oak Bay Council I think have, possibly, been based on bad information presented to them by our highly paid Oak Bay bureaucrats. Ask more questions - tax policy is complex.

Screen Name Redacted

10/05/2021 10:21 PM

Every decision should be made through a climate lens. Ban all new natural gas and gasoline infrastructure and provide incentives to decommission existing furnaces, stoves, and cars.

Anonymous

10/05/2021 10:43 PM

The number of charging stations should be increased, but users should pay for the power used at a reasonable rate (i.e. more than the home rate but not three times as much as at, for example, the Uptown Mall fast charging station). There is no reason why electric car users should have power provided at no cost, just as owners of gas powered cars do not.

Anonymous

10/06/2021 09:30 AM

Too much has been spent both in Oak and the CRD on biking infrastructure without paying any attention to the crumbling roads we have around the region - there is too much emphasis on the needs of a smaller group and not enough in enhancing all forms of transportation

Anonymous

10/06/2021 09:55 AM

The arterial roads within Oak Bay require reconstruction. For example Lansdowne Road east of Cadboro Bay Road which is subject to a large volume of construction traffic for which it was not constructed to accommodate. The result being a broken surface unsafe for cyclists. I have witnessed more than one bike accident on this section of road.

Anonymous

10/06/2021 12:06 PM

The bike crossing of Haultain at Foul Bay is dangerous and needs improvement.

Anonymous

10/06/2021 01:22 PM

There is a desperate need in the municipality for dog-free outdoor recreation space, and the enforcement of same. Currently the Jack Wallace Memorial track and the Henderson Chip trail regulations disallowing dogs are not being followed or enforced, and virtually every other park in the municipality allows off-leash dogs. Canarvon Park, nominally on-leash, is over run by off leash dogs. Both Uplands Park and Anderson Hill are being destroyed by their use as dog parks; both to protect these areas and to allow everyone to use them, banning dogs in these parks should be an immediate priority.

Anonymous

10/07/2021 10:33 AM

No comments

Anonymous

10/07/2021 11:34 AM

Like other OB opinion surveys, this one pretty dumb. Questions 4, 5 and 6 don't make any sense. Look at the numbers. Does no one proofread this stuff before it goes live? Question 7 is inane without specification of what infrastructure is involved. Obviously we need working sewers and water supply, etc., and some upgrade to public facilities such as the Esplanade walkway and possible extension thereof seems desirable to this respondent. But asking for carte blanche approval of overall changes in capital expenditure, suggests considerable contempt for the judgement, intelligence and interests of the public. Q14, here as elsewhere, the question bundles a whole lot of issues about which opinions will differ, thereby giving council freedom to do what it wants without any genuine evidence of public support Overall, a typically nonsensical OB survey that treats taxpayers with the degree of contempt that one would expect only from more senior levels of government.

Anonymous

10/07/2021 01:21 PM

Bike lanes are not needed in oak bay. Cyclists can share the road with motorists, possibly learn to be more vehicle aware. Helmets, lights and reflective clothing should be a necessity, vehicles have mandated safety features, why not cyclists.

Anonymous

10/07/2021 04:40 PM

Bike lanes are unnecessary and should be removed. Electric charging is the responsibility of the car owner or available at

commercial facilities - it is not municipal governments role as they do not provide gas stations.

Anonymous

10/07/2021 06:02 PM

Would love to see more higher density buildings constructed along our major roadways, similar to the new building on Bowker Avenue. I would also like to see more bike lanes and better connections to the bike lanes established by the City of Victoria (such as a traffic light at Haultain and Oak Bay so that cyclists do not have to dismount and use crosswalk). I think that residents would also benefit from wider sidewalks, especially along Oak Bay Avenue (all the way from the village to Foul Bay Road). Thank you.

Anonymous

10/08/2021 11:28 AM

Would like to see decrease in use and noise level of gas powered leaf blowers. Would also like to see more planting of young oak trees as we are loosing so many of our lovely old trees. Also would like to reduce number of deer as impact my garden and feeling of safety when out walking.

Anonymous

10/08/2021 12:14 PM

There is a critical need to improve roads .There are dangerous dips on Eastdowne & areas where water accumulates. It is sufficiently poor that some of these areas require that you steer around them. Carnarvon park buildings are a disgrace. Demolish them ,or build decent paths around them .

Anonymous

10/09/2021 02:56 PM

please keep a careful watch on Oak trees that can become hazards with global warming

Anonymous

10/09/2021 11:25 PM

Add dedicated bike lane to McNeill to flow to new Richardson bike lane. Remove some parking that causes congestion near Foul Bay and McNeill intersection. Increase dedicated bike lanes near schools. Add signage on Windsor that warns people that it is only 2 way stop when crossing.

Anonymous

10/09/2021 11:37 PM

I would love to see Oak Bay governed by visionary leadership concerned with the healthy growth, happiness and sustainability of our community in full awareness of the changing times we live in. Instead we have a corporate board that seems to believe that if it does without argument what's always been done, somehow that is enough. It isn't. Our community is failing on your watch.

Anonymous

10/10/2021 08:33 AM

Where is our outdoor public pool? Our ocean isn't swimable, oak bay beach hotel is only for the Uber wealthy, oak bay Rec is limited. We need an outdoor public pool. I strongly feel that funds need to be redirected to this. Carnation or the oak bay marina are both good spots for this. In my humble opinion, this is an essential service that is sorely missing from our area. My husband who was born and raised here says his childhood was spent at the outdoor pools. Beacon hill park would also be a great place for one (not in oak bay).

Anonymous

10/10/2021 08:56 AM

Lived here a decade and all attention is always on the richer areas of oak bay. Half the time I can't park in front of my own home and nothing gets done for those in the "cheap seats". Great to have pricey art but maybe a playground upgrade? Especially at willows.

Anonymous

10/10/2021 09:21 AM

We bike to and from work downtown and we have kids that bike to school. We need added safe bike routes. Look to Vancouver for ideas. We also do not have enough green space and parks here and would desperately like to see an increase.

Anonymous

10/10/2021 09:55 AM

Safe cycling from ob to Victoria

Anonymous

10/10/2021 10:42 AM

Walking infrastructure like wider sidewalks is also great to have if possible. It's so great to be able to walk all around oak bay for daily errands and needs.

Anonymous

10/10/2021 11:12 AM

Please increase support for all active/all access transportation

Anonymous

10/10/2021 11:19 AM

Investing in bike lane infrastructure reduces the need for parking, reduces carbon emissions, promotes active lifestyles, builds community and encourages hesitant potential cyclists to take up cycling. I would love to see Oak Bay take advantage of it's topography and climate and make the shift to become a more bike friendly community.

Anonymous

10/10/2021 11:36 AM

Oak Bay will never be "affordable" and please don't ruin it by trying to make it something it's not. Density is a win for developers only.

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10/10/2021 01:19 PM

It's pretty hard to "increase" cycling infrastructure when there is so little of it. Oak Bay is a perfect neighbourhood for cycling and yet there is so little infrastructure for it. It's a total disgrace in the capital regional district.

Anonymous

10/10/2021 01:24 PM

There is a greater need for dog free outside space lime willows beach all year. and more enforcement of current on leash only areas. Consider supporting hydrolands park in building a dedicated off leash space. All other areas should be no dogs, or leash only depending on environmental impact and foot traffic.

Anonymous

10/11/2021 11:12 AM

Way more bike lanes! The amount of cycling infrastructure in oak bay is pathetic. Cycling is good for the environment and for local businesses, it should be encouraged as much as possible and infrastructure (not paint on the road, actual physical infrastructure) is the best way to accomplish that. Most people's reason for not cycling is safety, build it well and they will come!

Anonymous

10/11/2021 11:27 AM

1. The district must have a financial plan that includes borrowing for capital assets so that infrastructure— sewers, drainage, roads, sidewalks— are brought up to 21st Century standards within the next 5 years. We cannot address the impacts (foreseen & unforeseen) of climate change with 100 year old infrastructure. It is NORMAL to borrow for such projects. Further, there is federal \$\$ available to municipalities for such work. We need to access that now. 2. I saw nothing in this survey about public transport. Does the municipality consider transportation?

Anonymous

10/11/2021 12:48 PM

This community depends too much on self-regulation (ie complaints). When Council passes a by-law it must also debate the costs of enforcement, otherwise it is a waste of council's time. Given the demographics of Oak BAy, there is too little attention paid to road safety for seniors (e.g. crosswalks). While recognizing Council is trying to be supportive of businesses affected by Covid, the apace taken by restaurants on city streets is excessive: Pedestrians are hindered by businesses taking more than their fair share of sidewalks and now traffice is further congested. Council must communicate to Businesses that the current arrangement is TEMPORARY. Illegal suites in Oak Bay are getting out of hand. We have had a major increase in suites in our area; street parking is congesting traffice and we live on a "Fire Route". Council needs to pay far more attention to this aspect of public safety.

Anonymous

10/11/2021 12:57 PM

Bylaw Enforcement should not be complaint based. Damage to infrastructure caused by heavy equipment during construction activities should be paid for by the builder!

Anonymous

10/11/2021 04:14 PM

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Anonymous

10/11/2021 08:56 PM

Since all Oak Bay ratepayers financially support the Oak Bay Municipal Yard, pedestrians should have access, not just those with vehicles. This could easily be accomplished with shorter access times/a marked path for foot traffic.

Screen Name Redacted

10/11/2021 09:47 PM

Time to amalgamate, let's consolidate our resources already!

Anonymous

10/12/2021 07:07 PM

The Planning Dept. is overstaffed and overpaid. The Planning Dept. should be self sustaining. The Fire Dept. and Police Dept. salaries are too high. Too many Sr. level administration for the size of the community. Austerity in all areas except infrastructure renewal is needed.

Anonymous

10/12/2021 07:24 PM

Everything possible should be done to increase funding available for infrastructure.

Anonymous

10/12/2021 08:56 PM

Do your job and don't spend money you don't have.

Anonymous

10/13/2021 05:20 PM

Hard work to make everyone happy. I love living in Oak Bay.
Thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Anonymous

10/14/2021 03:34 PM

Please deliver on Carnarvon park upgrades without delay. Please coordinate with neighbouring municipalities and invest heavily to enable long continuous protected (physically separated) bike lanes across the region.

Anonymous

10/15/2021 01:35 PM

More bike lanes and engagement for bikers.

Screen Name Redacted

10/15/2021 02:04 PM

Very impressed/grateful for OB governance and investments. Including application/review process for Turkey Head, and support for deer project. One blind spot that should be addressed asap: no effective regulation for fining re wandering cats. OB is seriously behind on that.

Anonymous

10/15/2021 08:44 PM

I would like to see more housing initiatives to support residents with a variety of incomes and increased density, with townhouses and infill housing

Anonymous

10/16/2021 01:03 PM

It is not clear if you are looking for comments only on Transportation (this page), or on all aspects of the budget. A clearer explanation would have been helpful.

Screen Name Redacted

10/16/2021 05:52 PM

I think we need to stop hitting up the taxes until we get things under control. We never seem to look at where we can make cuts...rather assume we can tax more, not spend more. We need to look at where we can save until we get the debt under control and give the property owners a bit of relief from ever increasing taxes.

Anonymous

10/16/2021 06:04 PM

Finding out about this questionnaire late on October 16th and it being open only until October 24th equals an 8 day window for preparation and participation. You have received my off-the-cuff answers to the questions. Oak Bay, in conjunction with its age, has old sewer and water. Residents need those services and we accept that repairs and replacements do not come cheap. Climate change runs a quick second. Third is ongoing quality of decent respectable life living in Oak Bay, whether we own a multi million dollar home or just living here temporarily. It's in your hands to achieve that for everybody.

Anonymous

10/16/2021 07:02 PM

I would have preferred to have comment space on all questions! many issues were too difficult to choose without more info.

Anonymous

10/16/2021 07:21 PM

More off-leash dogs areas and public parks/gardens. More community involvement. Defund the police.

Anonymous

10/16/2021 11:46 PM

Stop charging residents to repair the portion of drainage/sewage pipe located on the municipalities property. Oak Bay is the only

municipality in Greater Victoria that does this. Taxpayers already pay for the employees/equipment used to carry out these repairs and are often faced with a large bill for repairs outside their control, (pipe damage due to vehicle traffic etc)

Anonymous

10/17/2021 09:26 AM

Stop wasting time on issues like leaf blowers and 2ndry suites. Fill the potholes and keep the pipes flowing. Bare minimum required.

Anonymous

10/17/2021 01:15 PM

The world will need more charging stations for electric vehicles, but I don't see the need for municipal taxpayers to pay for stations in view of all the increases coming up!

Anonymous

10/17/2021 03:36 PM

As a property owner (Commercial / Residential) we are alarmed at the increases in the municipal portion of our taxes over the last few years. Being constrained by Provincial limits on residential rents and concern for the viability of our commercial tenants, the ability of our property to continue to have a reasonable return on investment hinges a lot on our property tax rate.

Screen Name Redacted

10/17/2021 05:28 PM

Our family would like to see less space devoted to parked cars, and more to cycling. We want to be safe while we're biking around our beautiful neighbourhood. The District's provision of space dedicated to cyclists is lagging behind the rest of the CRD; it's such a shame that good cycling infrastructure abruptly ends when it reaches the Oak Bay border.

Anonymous

10/17/2021 07:05 PM

EV charging should be provided on a cost recovery basis. The free service should be discontinued.

Anonymous

10/17/2021 10:04 PM

Amalgamation of fire with Saanich or Victoria. Invest in your building permit department - it is an embarrassment how long it takes to get approvals in this municipality.

Anonymous

10/18/2021 12:11 PM

Please ensure sidewalks are not obstructed by vegetation. In a number of cases a parent and child would be unable to walk abreast without one of them on the road or brushing against a bush or tree.

Anonymous

thank you for the opportunity to participate

10/18/2021 12:55 PM

Anonymous

10/18/2021 04:09 PM

Enhance the district's understanding of and commitment to public engagement. Council is there to serve the community and not to be the all-knowing "deciders." It's a job, folks, don't let it go to your heads.

Anonymous

10/19/2021 08:18 AM

We believe that the most efficient way to increase housing density is by having programs that can be monitored. eg. duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, laneway houses. These require new construction that can be monitored with fees by the municipality. Secondary suites are difficult to monitor and do not under present circumstances create any additional revenue for the municipality. Minimum lot sizes could dictate what housing is appropriate to each individual situation.

Anonymous

10/19/2021 11:33 AM

I strongly support inter-community cooperation on community wide problem solving. It has always been a hallmark of human civilization that we cooperate and pull together to overcome our difficulties, rather than subscribing to devil take the hindmost. I say that from an Oak Bay perspective, with respect to broader community policing issues. Let's not allow civilization to slide backwards.

Anonymous

10/19/2021 11:09 PM

Consider a local improvement tax on homeowners to replace sidewalks on homeowners frontage.

Anonymous

10/19/2021 11:16 PM

Electric vehicle charging stations should require payment.

Anonymous

10/20/2021 04:19 PM

I appreciate that Oak Bay attempts to communicate with residents by FaceBook and Twitter - however I do not use either of these social media platforms. I would prefer a page in the local newspapers for monthly/quarterly reports - and/or monthly website updates sent to subscribers. Overall I am pleased with the level of service in Oak Bay with one exception - Dog Control - I live opposite [redacted] and as far as I am concerned there are far too many off leash dogs running along my street and sidewalk areas - I am unable to take my miniature dog outside for a walk on my own street due to off leash dogs, some of which are aggressive and the owners even more so. Last year I had 3 large off leash German Shepard dogs running across my property and tearing up

my back yard. Many dog owners walk their dogs across the road frontage of our properties and allow their animals to dump/urinate on our lawns and gardens. I've tried calling to report off leash dogs and I am told to take photographs - and if and when the dog catcher ever shows up you can guarantee it will always be at the wrong time. The efforts to keep dogs off Willows Beach are encouraging but there are still far too many off leash dogs - a couple of years ago my elderly neighbour was knocked over by an off leash dog at Willows Beach and she suffered a broken leg. People come to let their dogs run in the Oak Bay parks and beaches and many are not Oak Bay residents.

Anonymous

10/20/2021 07:44 PM

The roads are a mess all over oak bay.

Anonymous

10/21/2021 12:29 PM

There should be a comments box at the end of each major topic. In general, my feeling as a CPA is that the past council has failed in their ability to plan and be fiscally responsible. This lack of foresight has left the current residents of oak bay in a very difficult position of having to fund retroactively for services that have been ignored. As well, the many thousands of dollars spent on "studies" that go nowhere is almost comical. The one study that needs to be done ASAP is to determine by category or relative per capita spend on services starting with the largest budget items 1st. Thank you and have a good day.

Anonymous

10/21/2021 01:43 PM

Am concerned that the animal control by-law is focused only on dogs. Cats are known to be the biggest bird predators yet dogs seem to be taking the rap for this. Regulation of cats is needed if bird management is a concern.

Anonymous

10/21/2021 02:36 PM

We need to get Oak Bay on track with its infrastructure program. I expect affordability is a significant issue for citizens so I think the payment model choice needs to be based on evidence of what people can manage. Important to me are the maintenance of parks and other common spaces which are Oak Bay's crown jewels. I believe the public arts program (like pianos, sculptures, concerts etc.) are a great, low cost, and accessible way to add vibrancy and joy to citizens and visitors. Our community is home to many experienced, good-willed, and committed citizens who want to see it thrive. Is there an innovative way to harness this enormous potential to help our municipality?

Anonymous

10/21/2021 05:02 PM

More user pay EV charging stations, please. Fewer unnecessary "improvements" such as the removal of access lanes at Bowker and Cadboro Bay Road. (What an unfortunate waste of taxpayers' money).

Anonymous

10/21/2021 05:31 PM

For heaven sakes fix the walking path at each end of the arched pedestrian bridge over Bowker creek just west of Hampshire where large pools of water accumulate with every rain !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Anonymous

10/21/2021 06:50 PM

I appreciate that Council is addressing the shortfall in funding prudent replacement of infrastructure. For too long this has been put off by previous Councils and the cost of catch-up and of servicing/repairing existing infrastructure is more expensive and disruptive than having a proper well funded program in place that will carry us all into the future. Current citizens must contribute to this, rather than leave for future generations as we have been doing by underfunding the timely replacement of underground and surface infrastructure. I urge Council to not make the same mistake with Active Transportation and Protected Cycling infrastructure. We have no protected bike lanes and only very limited bike lanes as mentioned above and even those lanes are dangerous for users because of the unprotected and fragmented design. So, get on with funding appropriate infrastructure updates with a proper depreciation/replacement program. But also get going on Active Transportation. Fund it properly and set out a plan to get it done over the next 5-10 years. That means complete, not sitting on the shelf being studied for year after year. Yes, all this means tax increases but with climate change we owe it to the current AND future citizens of Oak Bay.

Anonymous

10/21/2021 07:18 PM

Stop tax increases except for public safety and health.

Anonymous

10/21/2021 07:29 PM

Actions on the housing crisis are needed. I will not vote for any member of council, including the mayor, if Oak Bay doesn't make strides (actions and policy, not surveys) to improve density, property owners' and renter's rights to do what they wish with their property. The number of un-related people living in the same house must be increased. Gardens suites, basement suites should be allowed. More town homes, etc. Density will improve budget issues. We should defund the bloated OBL. See recent OBL post comparing Colwood VFD to Oak Bay. Likewise for the police department. Non - unionized staff should be used wherever possible.

Anonymous

10/21/2021 08:13 PM

Don't follow Victoria's lead and screw up our roads. Cyclists are doing fine on the roads, as long as they adhere to the rules and common sense

Anonymous

10/21/2021 09:03 PM

It is not simply about WHAT services and budgets. It is HOW you spend the \$\$ and deliver those services. I would like to see more interdepartmental integration. An example was the repaving of the Rec Centre Parking lot: last summer: a six-figure expenditure to maintain the status quo (in a climate emergency), where many other positive outcomes (eg, active transportation, Bowker Creek stewardship, environment, water) could be have been accomplished currently with little or no cost increase. Yet the District's recreation dept went ahead and seemingly ignored the Bowker Creek Blueprint, watershed plan, Active Transportation Strategy and the District's Climate policies.

Anonymous

10/22/2021 04:03 AM

On street parking especially in South oak bay should be on one side of the road that would increase safety for cars and bikes

Anonymous

10/22/2021 10:42 AM

Cycling infrastructure MUST be coordinated more effectively with Victoria and Saanich for safety and efficiency.

Anonymous

10/22/2021 10:57 AM

I think the municipality is complacent when it comes to promoting environmental actions...renewable resources, encouraging innovation. I would also like to see further enhancement of community arts events that would include community members.

Anonymous

10/22/2021 11:14 AM

Over the passed few years, the addition of Public Art in the community has been extremely positive and well accepted. The art offers an additional level of value to our daily lives by making us think outside our usual routines and expanding our level of understanding of issues outside ourselves. The art compliments our surroundings. The ArtsAlive program has brought new interest to the community, more visitors which improves the economics of the area. It should be maintained at the very least.

Anonymous

10/22/2021 11:21 AM

Oak Bays surface infustructure is deplorable. Most roads are heaved and un drivable. I can only imagine the condition of the storm and sewer system that appears to be collapsing on every road. Your

policy on residential storm and sewer lateral lines is criminal , and is basically a form of organized crime. Charging a homeowner to fix a municipal issue on municipal property using only municipal workers, this is an abomination. No money is spent on parks or playgrounds and every municipal playground is laughable. Perhaps letting more denification on Oak bay ave could bring in more taxes to make Oak Bay great again. It is now no better than Saanich or Victoria. With services that are bottom of the barrel

Anonymous

10/22/2021 05:55 PM

Additional considerations for outflow and stornwater management, as well as sewage upgrading of any septic fields should be considered. Municipalities, including Oak Bay, who impact shellfish and traditional harvest beds of first nations are in violation of treaties and breaking law. Municipalities should petition provincial government for necessary upgrades or find themselves in a tenuous legal position regarding violation of Indigenous rights to fish as formally, particularly in BC. Oak Bay needs a storm water management plan akin to neighnours in Washington like Bellingham, where raingardens and other low cost filtration options managed sewage, stormwater and roadway run off into water ways. Why are our beaches closed to harvest (a federal decision) due to municipal impacts and how will that be considered considered your climate change and sewage plan?

Anonymous

10/22/2021 08:04 PM

Move power lines underground on beach drive near water. Establish cost sharing with residents who will financially benefit. Possibly allow residents to put up a portion of the cost that could be refunded in future taxes. By removing the wires the value of the properties will be increased and therefore taxes will increase.

Anonymous

10/22/2021 08:45 PM

more need to be done to limit motor traffic cutting through residential streets and steering it to collector streets. Follow and build on Victoria's example.

Anonymous

10/22/2021 09:06 PM

Why should municipally-run EV charging stations be free? Charge for the energy.

Anonymous

10/22/2021 09:20 PM

We can do much a much better job at leveraging our parks. Other municipalities have much nice parks. Better play structures. Sport courts, fields, etc. Why are we not doing more at Willows Beach? Can we not do better than the Kiwanis Tea House!? Where is the restaurant with live music, paddle board rentals, tacos and draft

beer, big patio, etc. It's one of the best beaches in Victoria and we should be investing in it for all to enjoy. Look at what's going on in Vancouver and how much enjoyment tourists and locals get. Let's pump some life into Estevan Village and give it an OB/Cook St feel. Why is there a developer allowed to hold prime commercial for a personal gym! Let's get a Penny Farthing like pub in there. Mixed use residential. I think there should also be some attention given to the peculiar intersection at Musgrave and Estevan. Lots of confusion and dangerous. My rant is over. Thanks for listening!

Anonymous

10/22/2021 09:23 PM

Council should prioritize increased space for walking, cycling and other alternatives to cars. Work to create people friendly environments rather than Oak Bay's historical approach which puts the needs of motorists above all else.

Screen Name Redacted

10/23/2021 08:29 AM

Bike lanes are important but should not as was done in the case of Richardson close off vehicular travel. It is time to develop sharing services with other municipalities - for instance sharing specialized public works equipment to reduce budget for acquisition of equipment. Also more fire and police sharing if services

Anonymous

10/23/2021 08:57 AM

We appreciate all of the garbage cans in Oak Bay. So very helpful when walking the dogs.

Anonymous

10/23/2021 09:06 AM

The District needs to address climate change and sustainability in all aspects of it services and functions - we need shift away from a car and fossil fuel based community and focus on infrastructure replacement and upgrades and environmental protection to help us adapt to climate change.

Anonymous

10/23/2021 09:15 AM

Council needs to find ways to increase our population density. Land costs are by far the biggest cost of homes and it is high time that Oak Bay recognized that putting single family homes on huge lots is problematic for housing costs and a host of environmental reasons.

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10/23/2021 09:21 AM

There is something wrong with your math in question 4. a 10% increase (first option) is shown to raise more money than 2 10% increases (second option)??

Anonymous

10/23/2021 09:42 AM

I believe more regulation and adherence to present bylaws re building and development in Oak Bay needs to take place, in our neighbourhood I notice that new builds are filling the lots often negatively impacting their neighbours, trees are regularly removed to increase the square footage of the new build and that previous marked public laneways that lead to the beach are being integrated into private property, this trend is very disturbing as those lovely pathways all through the Uplands and Oak Bay are gradually disappearing and public property is becoming private thank you

Anonymous

10/23/2021 09:58 AM

Thank you for the information provided and for the questionnaire. On the whole, I am happy with service levels in Oak Bay and would like to see them maintained. I am aware of aging infrastructure problems and support Council's plan for gradual replacement and modest increases to taxes. One on-going concern I have is the increasing number of dogs in the municipality and the requests by what appears to be a vocal minority of dog owners to have more off-leash areas. I fully support the requirement that dogs be leashed at all times on public property, especially in parks and on beaches (except in a few designated off leash areas). Willows Beach, in particular, should not be an off leash area at any time. I have observed many incidents of off leash dogs intimidating children, adults and other dogs, as well as numerous failures to "pick up" after off leash dogs. I believe there would be more families and seniors using Willows Beach if on leash requirements were enforced. More signage would be helpful. I have stopped pointing out on leash and summertime rules to dog owners because of the unpleasant and abusive responses I have received.

Anonymous

10/23/2021 10:01 AM

Too many of our parks look derelict, especially the small ones. Flower plantings would spruce things up dramatically.

Anonymous

10/23/2021 10:54 AM

Taxes are too high, especially staffing per capita. Cut staff at City Hall, especially in the Planning Department. Instigate more user pay. Cut "frill" programs; maintain essential services.

Anonymous

10/23/2021 12:30 PM

With the average house price in Oak Bay being shown as \$1.2 million, I fail to understand why they average Oak Bay household only pays \$3000 in property taxes.
<https://www.statista.com/statistics/647969/single-family-house-prices-in-victoria-bc-by-suburb/>

Anonymous

10/23/2021 12:42 PM

Oak Bay is being turned into a giant parking lot. Cadboro Bay at Oak Bay High and again at Bowker are great examples of useless spending while complaining that there is not enough money for infrastructure.

Anonymous

10/23/2021 06:42 PM

Less frou frou, focus on boring basics.

Anonymous

10/23/2021 08:50 PM

Priorities should be climate change action and missing middle housing and bike lanes.

Anonymous

10/23/2021 10:03 PM

Put a staffed information centre in a neutral location to enable collection of Oak Bay Residents Opinions. Data on Oak Bay Business Management could be provided and explained. Hold Public Meetings Chaired by Facilitators, not associated by Oak Bay Council, on any contentious matters as identified by Oak Bay Residents. Consider amalgamation with Victoria.

Anonymous

10/24/2021 12:30 AM

The scope of questions were very uneven. For example a question about the recreation centres, a huge and complex budget item, was followed by one about the issuance of permits for organized social actives (block parties, festivals, etc) which has got to be trivial budget item. If the purpose of the questionnaire is to identify areas might be scaled back in order to help address necessary infrastructure spending, the questionnaire does not appear to be useful.

Anonymous

10/24/2021 01:20 PM

I support higher taxes and higher levels of community services (especially the library and those that provide for greater social equity), environmental sustainability and climate change planning. Infrastructure planning should be built on the goal of improving Oak Bay's environmental sustainability and resilience and bolstering the protection of the natural environment.

Anonymous

10/24/2021 01:55 PM

-Consider senior transportation -More transparency and honouring of public information

Anonymous

10/24/2021 04:09 PM

1) Your bike lane infrastructure is dismal. Riding in Victoria and Saanich we have safe bikeways. You have only painted 500m of bike lanes in over 12 years. We need dedicated, safe routes through Oak Bay that connect with key routes in Victoria, Saanich.

Key arteries should have physical dividers. Myself and my good friend have both been hit by cars and almost killed (both requiring surgeries) - both 100% fault of the drivers. Cycling for recreation and commuting has exploded and you have not addressed proper infrastructure support over the last decade. You punt this down the road and it is a crisis of safety now as volumes increase (and with Richardson now spitting us all out into no-mans-land). 2) Recent Dog restrictions for beaches are way too onerous for what are urban beaches. We have to have some reasonable compromise with bird sanctuaries. We live in Oak Bay for the connection to the ocean with our entire family - including dogs. Providing a few 200m stretches of beach for dogs to run, swim, play off-leash is not unreasonable. Restrictions for key areas for nesting are understandable - but the entire coastline is now shut down and you need to negotiate with the feds for a reasonable balance on areas that are essentially urban beaches. 3) Outdoor Cats - your animal control is ticketing dogs off-leash but NOT cats running feral and doing way more damage to nesting areas than dogs. Cats are not licensed and should be! Cats are completely unattended and left to hunt prey endlessly with no controls or ramifications. 4) Speed control measures on King George / Beach Drive ocean roads. Speed humps (and not the ones that high-end cars can still absorb at 80kms) and traffic circles should be installed. We are plagued with late-night speeders ripping at over 100km knowing enforcement is a game of luck and odds in their favour on getting caught. We need to create physical impediments to slow people down. 5) Garbage/recycling service - I would be happy to keep levels the same if the garbage and recycling bins were bigger. The small bigs are NOT reasonable for 2 weeks - this results in people taking domestic trash to public garbage cans at beaches/parks. Let's get a system that manages proper load. Thank you for taking yard cuttings now too!!!!

Anonymous

10/24/2021 04:26 PM

I understand the need to invest in core infrastructure such as sewer and water, and these should be council's priority. Initiatives such as adding EV charging stations should only be done if users cover the full costs. We have lived in Oak Bay for 35 years and are very concerned about the increases in property taxes and other fees levied through water bills. I would like to see council critically look at current programs and trim expenses to focus on core services. Public art is nice, but not essential. We survived without it in years gone by. If council wants to support this program it should be completely covered through private sources. This includes installation etc. I am a cyclist and do not think we need more bicycle lanes in Oak Bay.

Anonymous

10/24/2021 04:36 PM

Most of the very large number of seniors won't be able to use the cycling space. Increase of cycling lanes at the expense of car lanes is not good. Many of the seniors will be caught in traffic jams that increase pollution and the carbon footprint.

Anonymous

10/24/2021 05:11 PM

RE #26 and #1: Off-leash dog areas need physical separation from pedestrian and play spaces. An increase in off-leash dog areas should occur only if accompanied by substantially increased enforcement of animal control bylaws at all times of day, but particularly in the early mornings and in the evenings along Willows Beach. Put up signs and collect some fines! The owners of dogs using our beaches and parks are all residents of Oak Bay. #33: Proactive enforcement of violation of short-term vacation rentals, rather than complaint driven enforcement, please. #34: Some public education regarding removal of noxious and invasive plants in neighbourhoods close to parks where volunteers and city staff put in hours and hours to remove the same plants. Also, more attention to removal of rubbish and yard waste along lanes and paths. THANKS.

Anonymous

10/24/2021 09:31 PM

The time has come for legal secondary suites and tiny houses in Oak Bay (as long as the home owners also live on the property). This would allow our adult children to remain in and contribute to our community.

Anonymous

10/25/2021 12:59 AM

Communication with Council is very frustrating.

Anonymous

10/25/2021 01:13 AM

Public input is questionable with OB Municipality's skewed "surveys" & we the public feel that it's pointless to submit our opinions as the info will be manipulated in whichever ways staff & counsel feel it fits their agenda.

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10/25/2021 03:34 PM

A couple of years ago a speed camera and digital display was installed for a few weeks on Monterey between Brighton and the Avenue. St. Patrick Street would benefit from the same idea, between Windsor and the Avenue, close to Brighton. Cars come through too quickly and there's a lot of pedestrian and cycle traffic crossing at Brighton (part of the Centennial Trail). Any chance of this being considered? Thank you.

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10/25/2021 03:49 PM

Secondary suites must have on site (off road) parking and owners live on site. Start removing parking restrictions (white posts) on Oak Bay Ave. The sidewalks are and always have been sufficient.

Screen Name Redacted

10/25/2021 04:26 PM

Place more benches around Oak Bay, to encourage walking and socializing. Often, people need a place to sit for just a few minutes (e.g., when carrying groceries or other purchases home or walking with a small child). Re: Parking, use more "restricted parking for 2 hours" and way fewer "residential parking only" signs. The latter signs are rarely needed, except in a very locations.

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10/25/2021 04:40 PM

Allow dogs off leash on beaches. In regard to anti-noise bylaws, garden tools - electricity [illegible]. Prosecute noisy cars + motorcycles [illegible].

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10/25/2021 04:57 PM

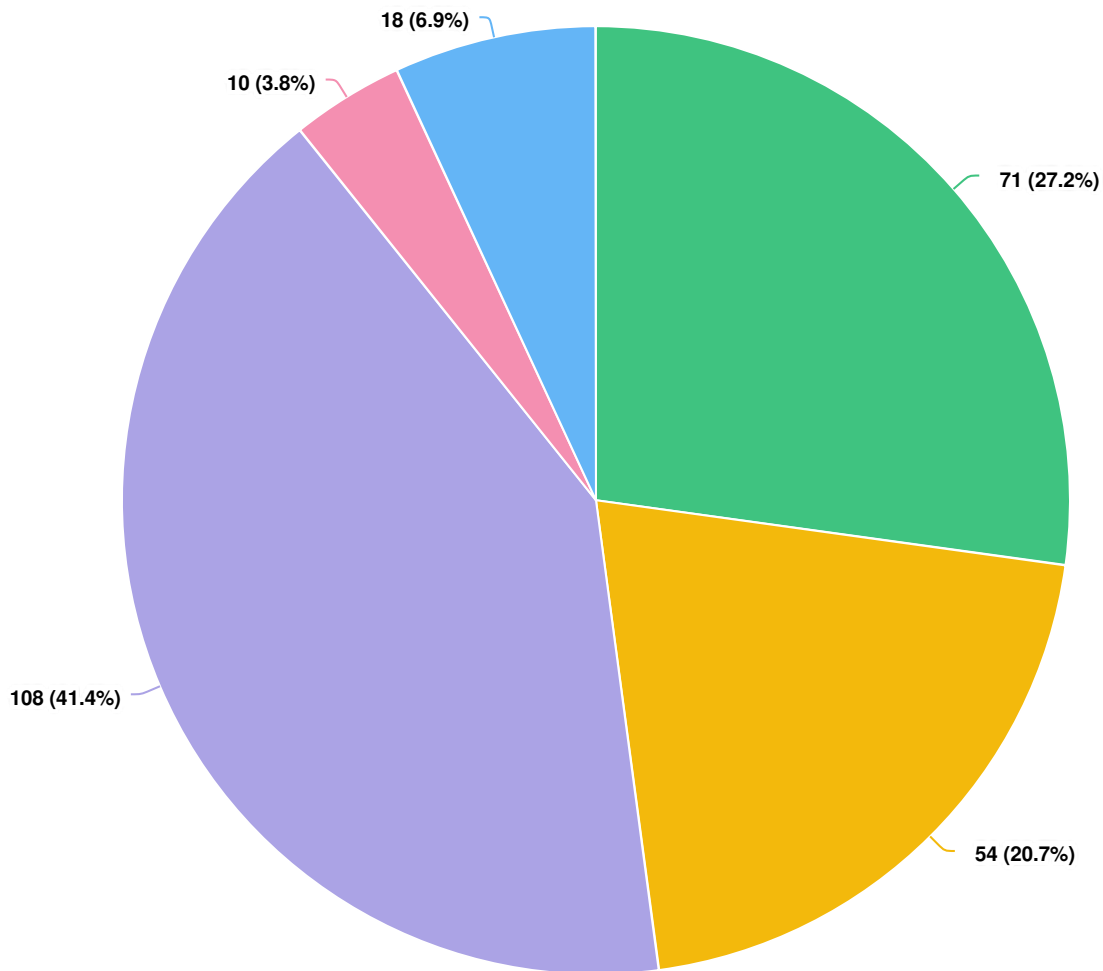
Maintain control of domestic dogs, increase control of domestic cats. Why are cats allowed to go off leash? Cats roam in other residents gardens. Why do cats not have licenses? Dogs are being discriminated against. Re: deer population, no more money spend until effectiveness is ascertained. Re: sustainable annual funding for sanitary sewer: program review needed- trim the fat. Re: tax-funded infrastructure: please look at program review first. In order to accommodate large swimming dogs such as Labrador Retrievers there must be a designated dog beach, such as Willows Beach Oct - May. We should not have to drive dogs out of our municipality in this climate change era, using up valuable fossil fuel. I think Oak Bay needs to bring some common sense to a federal regulation created in 1923 to control the hunting of birds. Council needs to show leadership, engage with the federal government and work out a compromise. We live here and need to be able to enjoy life. Re: charging stations: Citizens can pay to charge their own vehicles. Please do not require Oak Bay citizens to drive to Sooke or Cordova Bay in order to allow dogs off leash on a beach. How does this fit into climate mitigation plans for the world? I recognize that we all have to share space and be respectful of one another but we need to be fair.

Optional question (136 response(s), 131 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Filtering by: Location of residence North-of-Oak-Bay-Avenue , South-of-Oak-Bay-Avenue

Q39 | Diverse Housing Ensure access to diverse housing options within the built environment by reviewing and planning for community needs while reflecting Oak Bay’s unique character



Question options

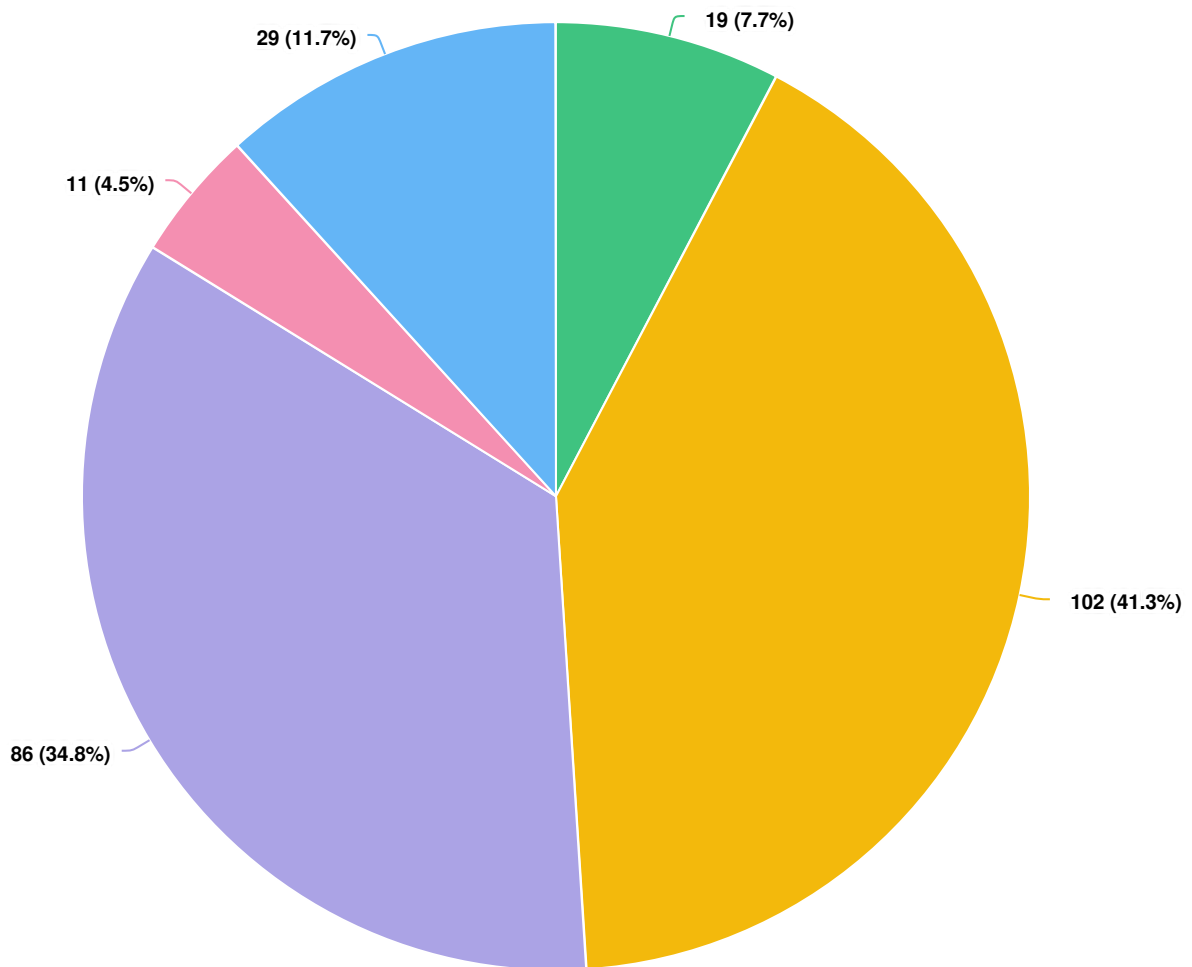
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- I agree with this being a priority and feel enough is being done by the District

Optional question (261 response(s), 6 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Filtering by: Location of residence North-of-Oak-Bay-Avenue , South-of-Oak-Bay-Avenue

Q40 | Sustainable Service Achieve sustainable service delivery by integrating an Asset Management Program within a long-term Financial Plan



Question options

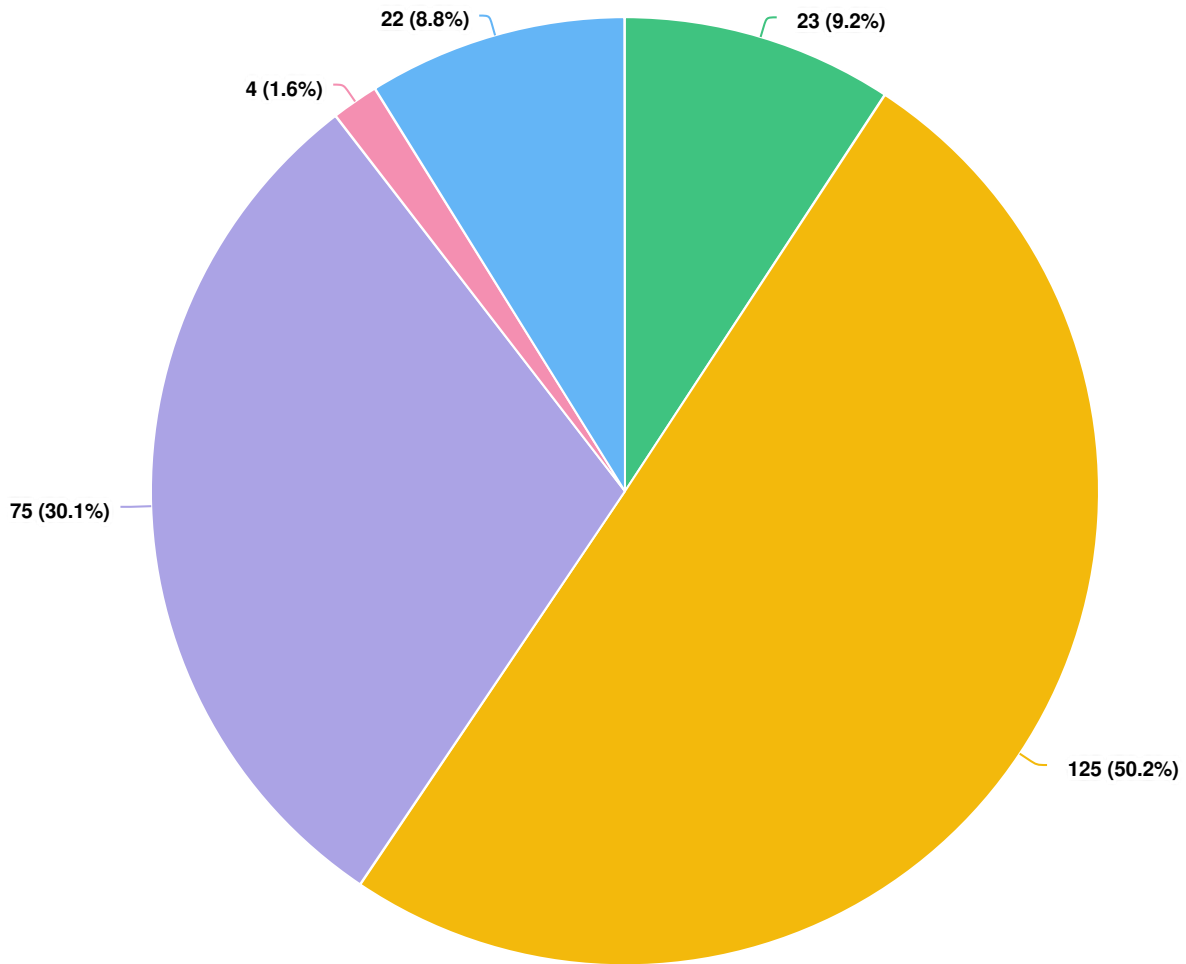
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Optional question (247 response(s), 20 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Filtering by: Location of residence North-of-Oak-Bay-Avenue , South-of-Oak-Bay-Avenue

Q41 | Service Excellence Provide service excellence by optimizing operational effectiveness and fostering public engagement



Question options

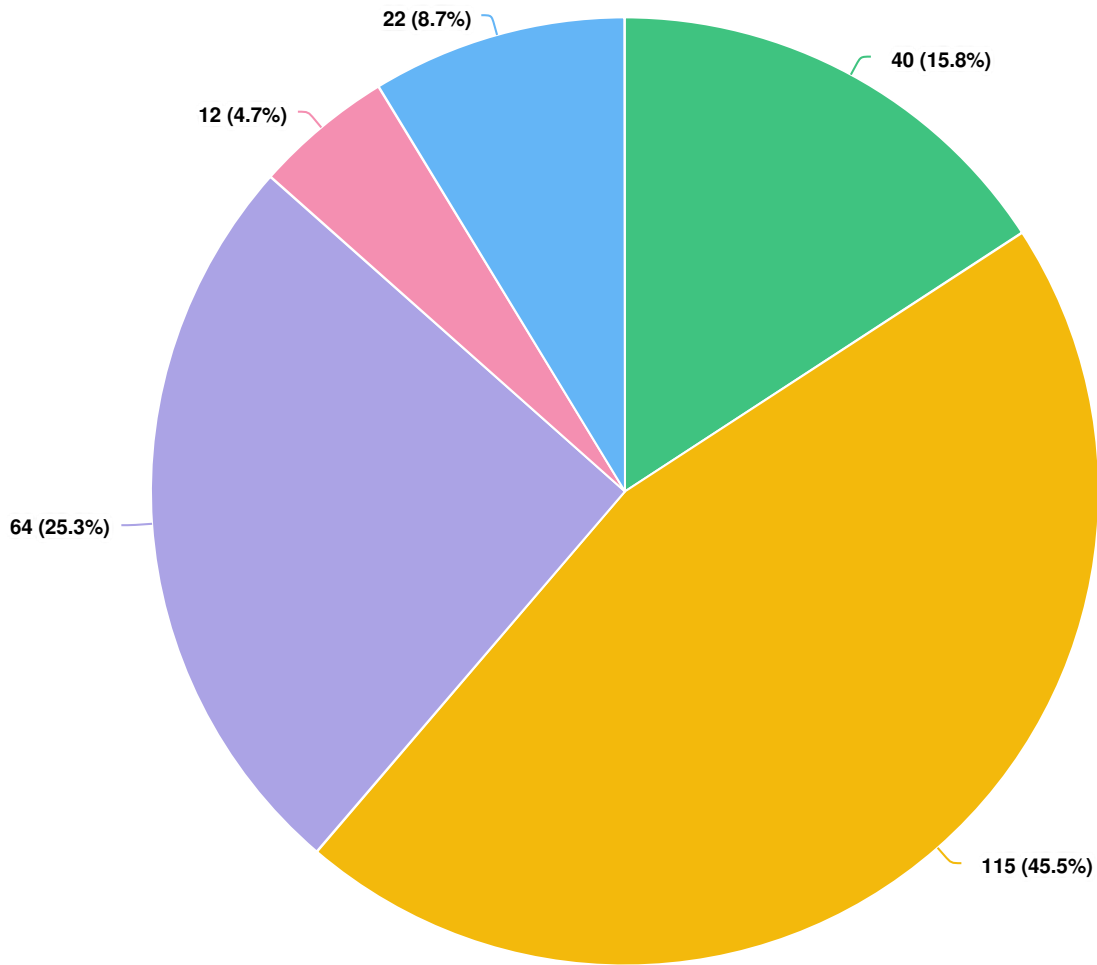
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Optional question (249 response(s), 18 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Filtering by: Location of residence North-of-Oak-Bay-Avenue , South-of-Oak-Bay-Avenue

Q42 | Quality of Life Enhance and promote quality of life and sense of place by stewarding the community's history, landscape, culture and amenities within the context of Southern Vancouver Island



Question options

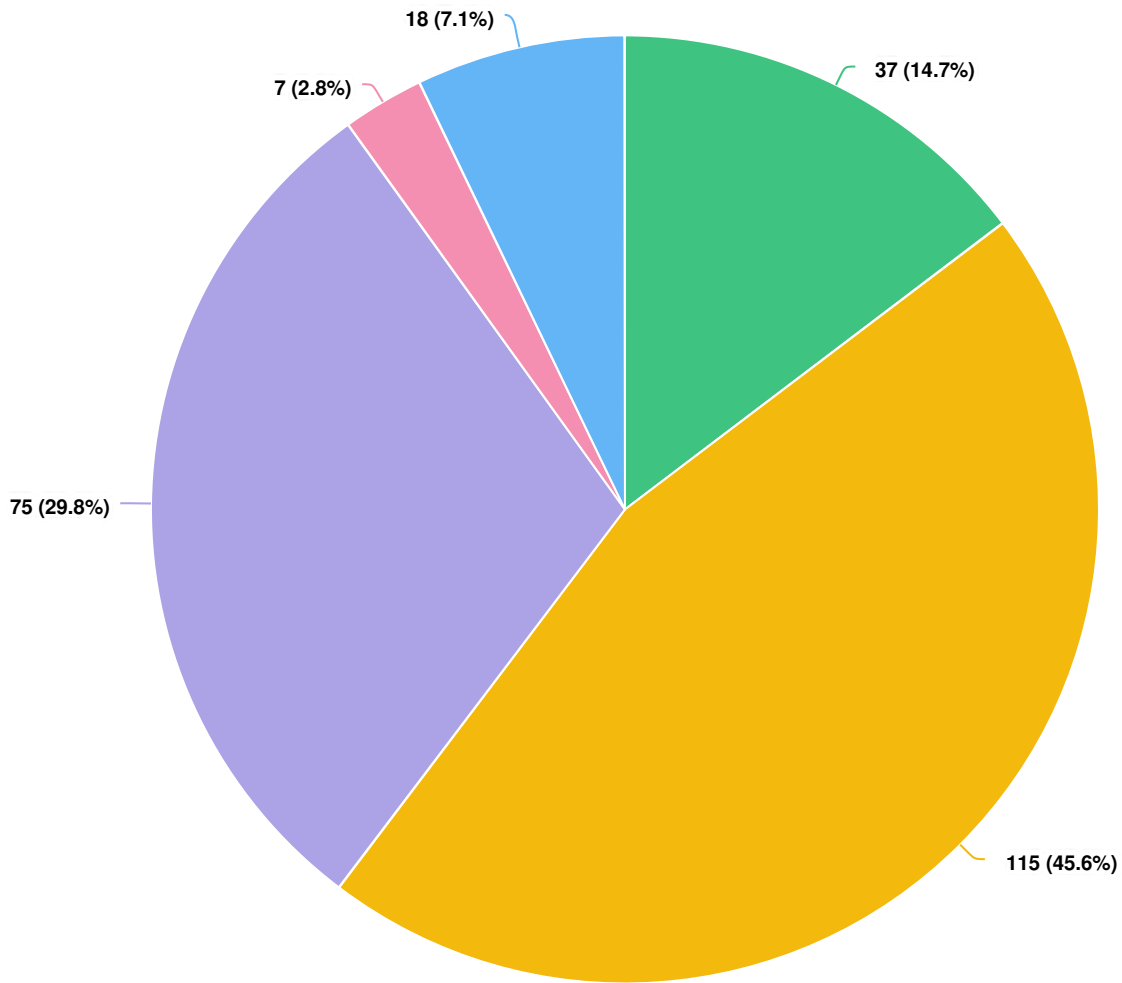
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Optional question (253 response(s), 14 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Filtering by: Location of residence North-of-Oak-Bay-Avenue , South-of-Oak-Bay-Avenue

Q43 | Health & Resilience Demonstrate leadership in fostering community health & resilience by committing to economic, environmental and social sustainability within the District’s operations and decision-making



Question options

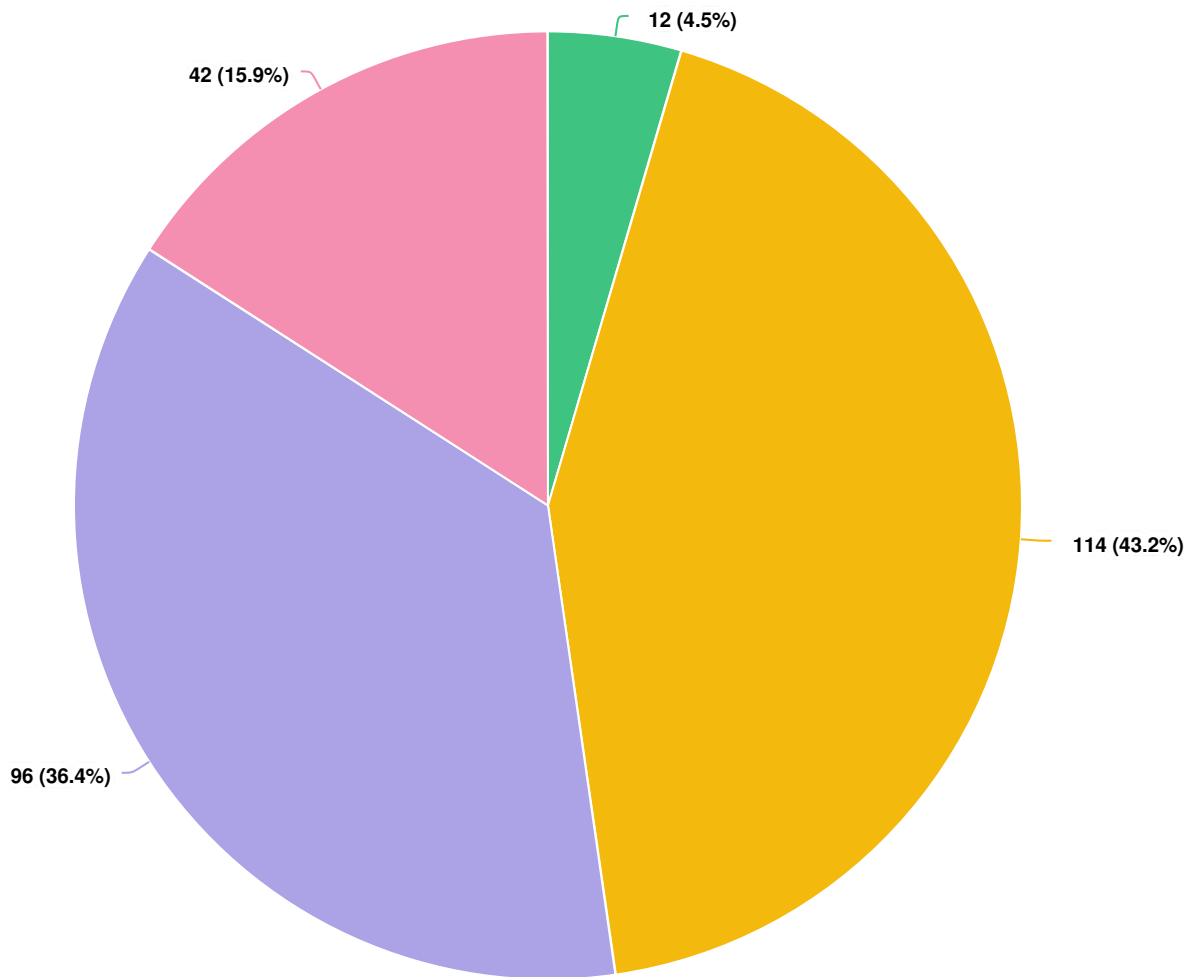
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Optional question (252 response(s), 15 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Filtering by: Location of residence North-of-Oak-Bay-Avenue , South-of-Oak-Bay-Avenue

Q44 How familiar are you with the District's operating budget?



Question options

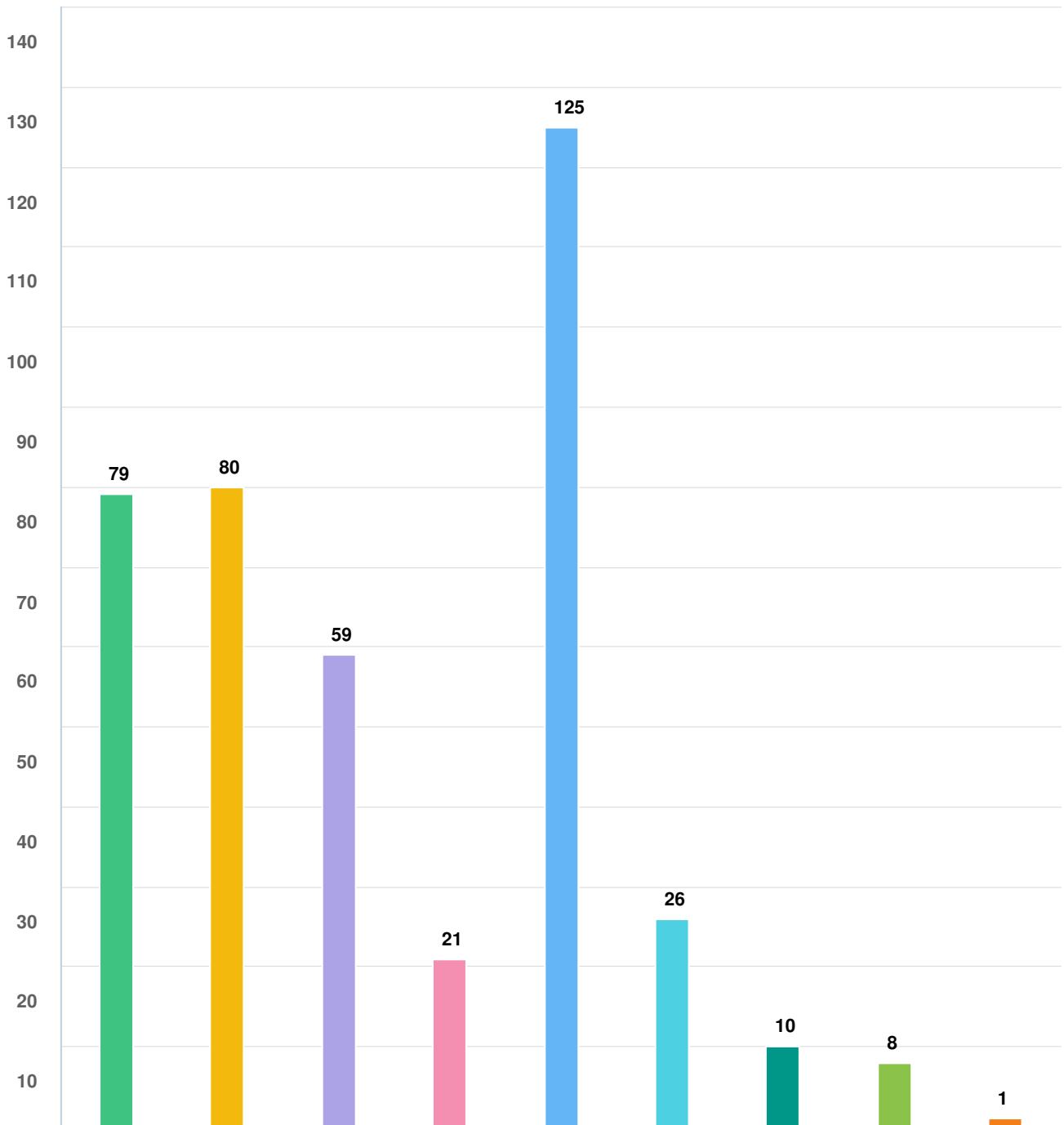
- Very familiar
- Somewhat familiar
- Minimally familiar
- Not at all familiar

Optional question (264 response(s), 3 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Filtering by: Location of residence North-of-Oak-Bay-Avenue , South-of-Oak-Bay-Avenue

Q45 Over the past year, how have you interacted with the District? (check as many as apply)



Question options

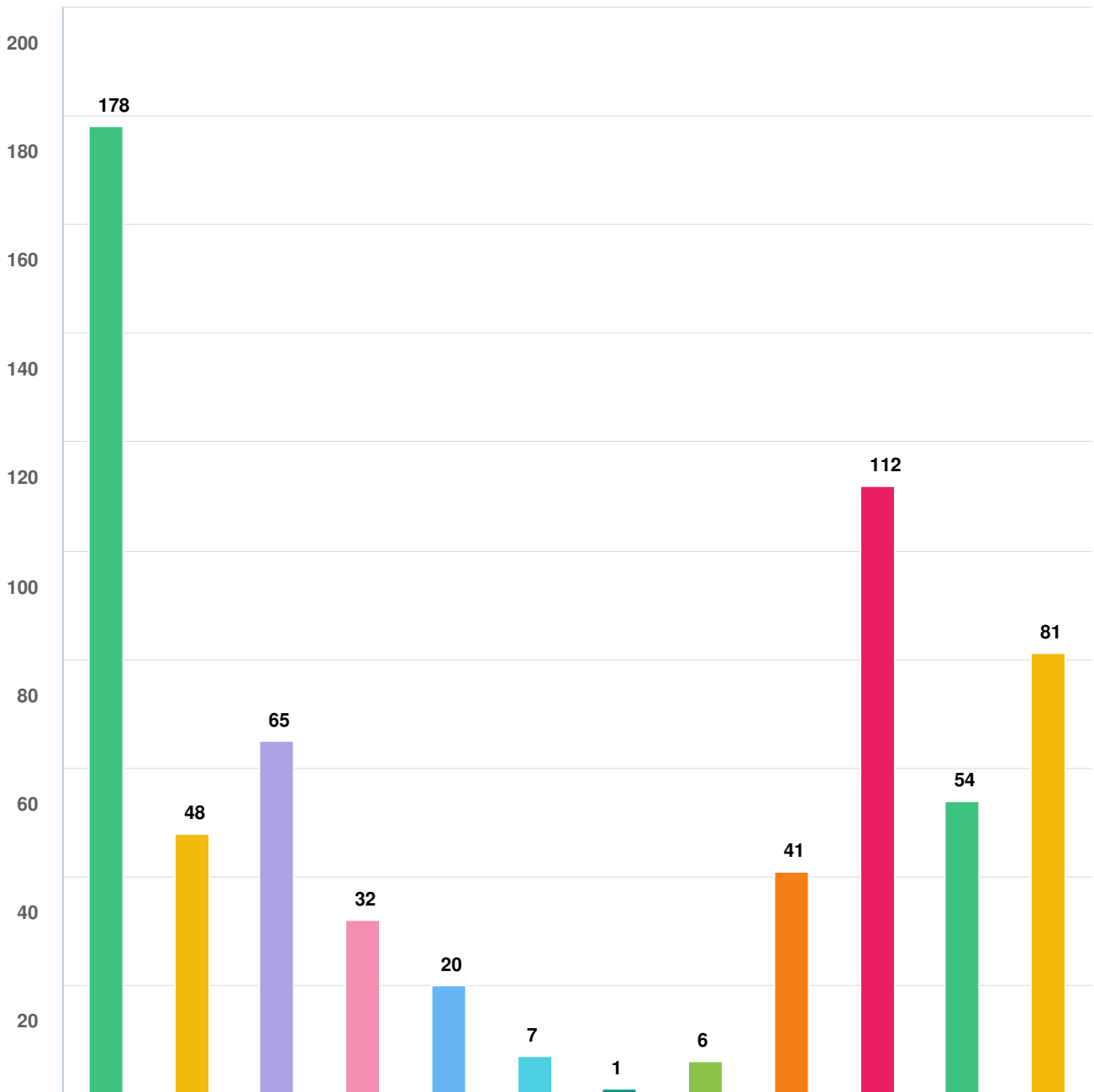
- Discussed an issue with a Council member (phone, in person, etc.)
- Corresponded with Council (emails, letters etc.)
- Attended a Council meeting
- Participated in a Council meeting
- Interacted with District staff
- Volunteered for the District
- Served on a Committee of Council
- Worked for the District
- Served on Council

Optional question (191 response(s), 76 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Filtering by: Location of residence North-of-Oak-Bay-Avenue , South-of-Oak-Bay-Avenue

Q46 How would you prefer to receive information from the District? (check as many as apply)



Question options

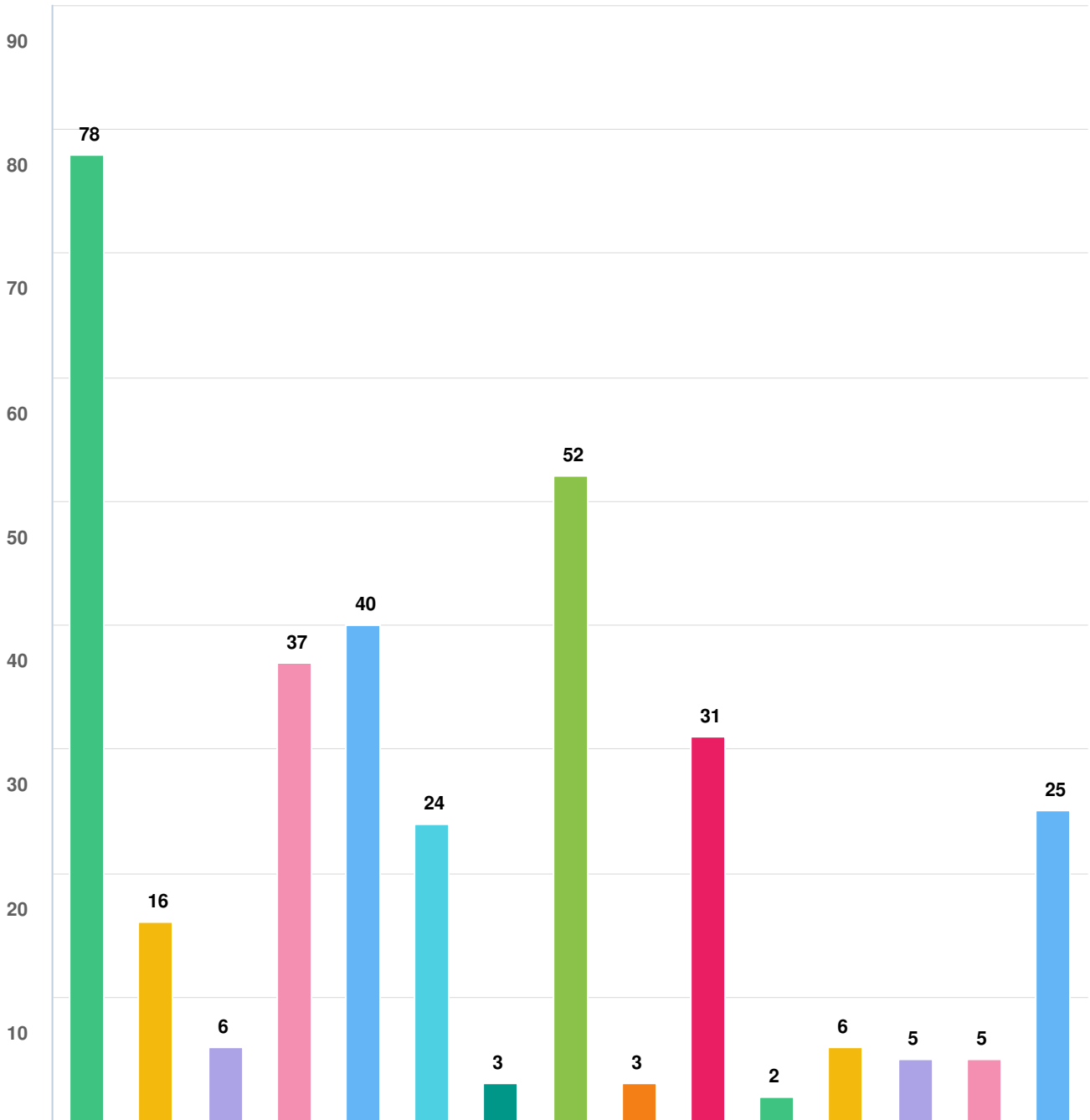
- Email Notifications (sign up at connect.oakbay.ca)
- News and Public Notices RSS feed
- Following the District on Facebook
- Following the District on Twitter
- Following the District on Instagram
- Following the District on YouTube
- Following the District on Vimeo
- Following the District on LinkedIn
- Getting notifications from the District's Civicweb Portal (https://oakbay.civicweb.net/Portal/Subscribe.aspx)
- Newspaper articles
- Newspaper advertisements
- Newsletters

Optional question (259 response(s), 8 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Filtering by: Location of residence North-of-Oak-Bay-Avenue , South-of-Oak-Bay-Avenue

Q47 Please indicate how you found out about this survey (select as many as apply)



Question options

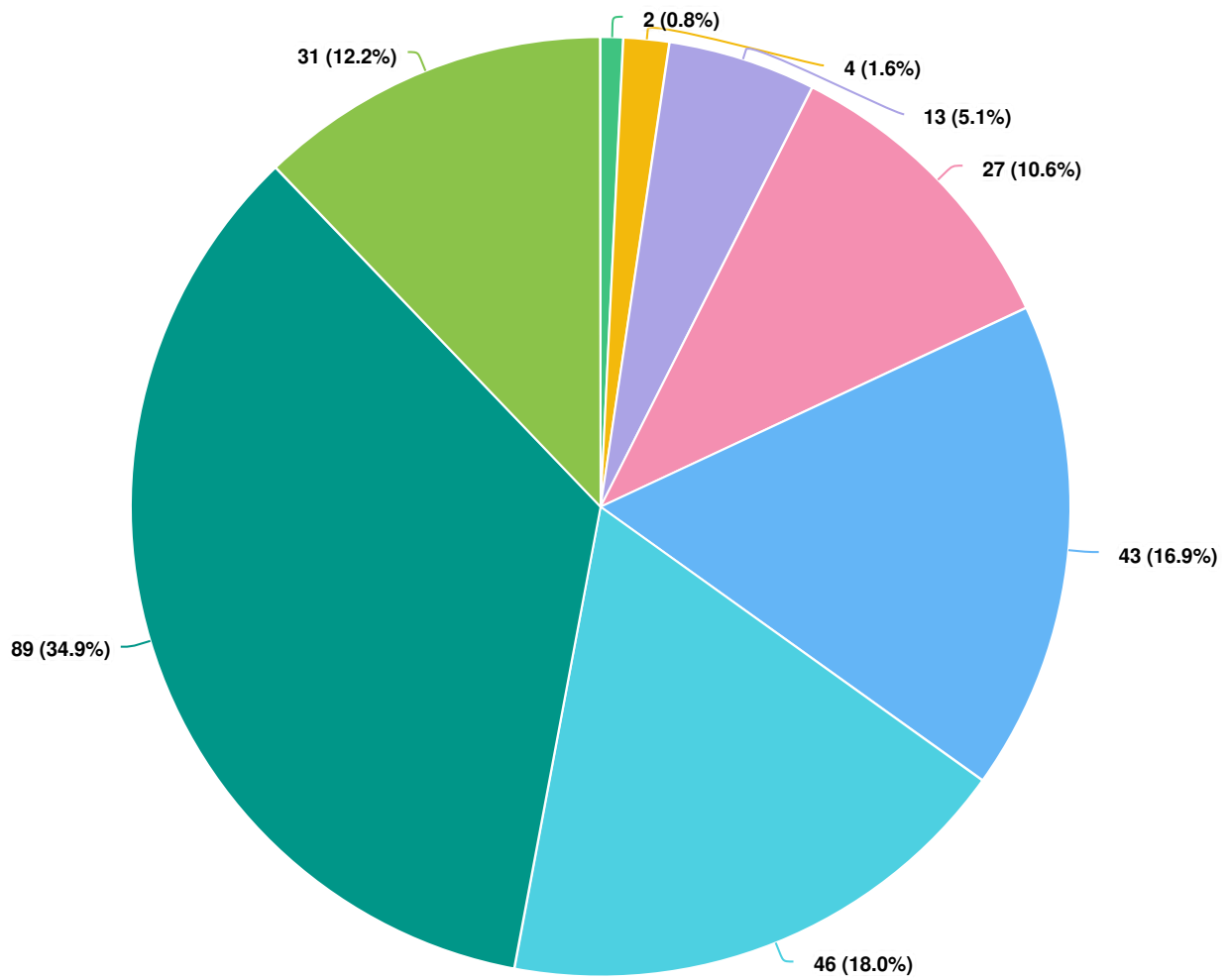
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- Community notice board
 ● Subscribed to connect.oakbay.ca
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- Word of mouth
 ● Google
 ● Community Association
 ● Posters/Signage
 ● School newsletter
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (260 response(s), 7 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Filtering by: Location of residence North-of-Oak-Bay-Avenue , South-of-Oak-Bay-Avenue

Q48 Age



Question options

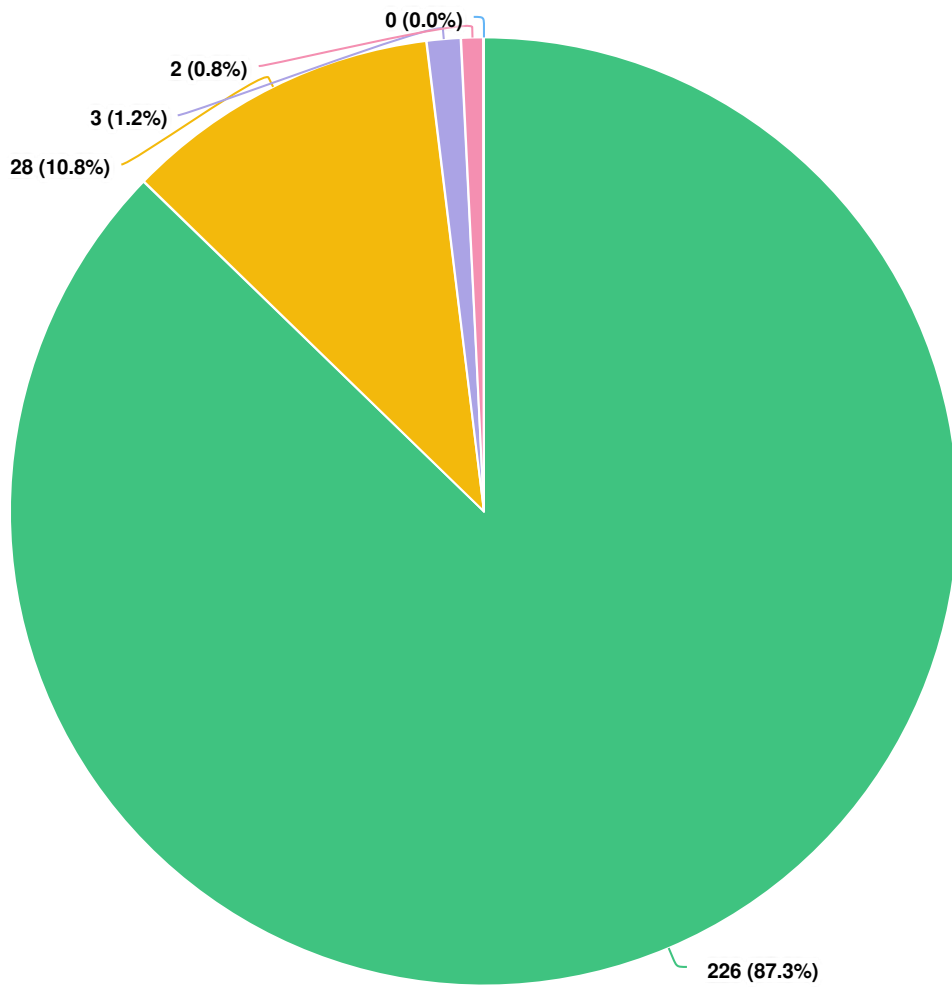
- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75+

Optional question (255 response(s), 12 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Filtering by: Location of residence North-of-Oak-Bay-Avenue , South-of-Oak-Bay-Avenue

Q49 | Type of residence



Question options

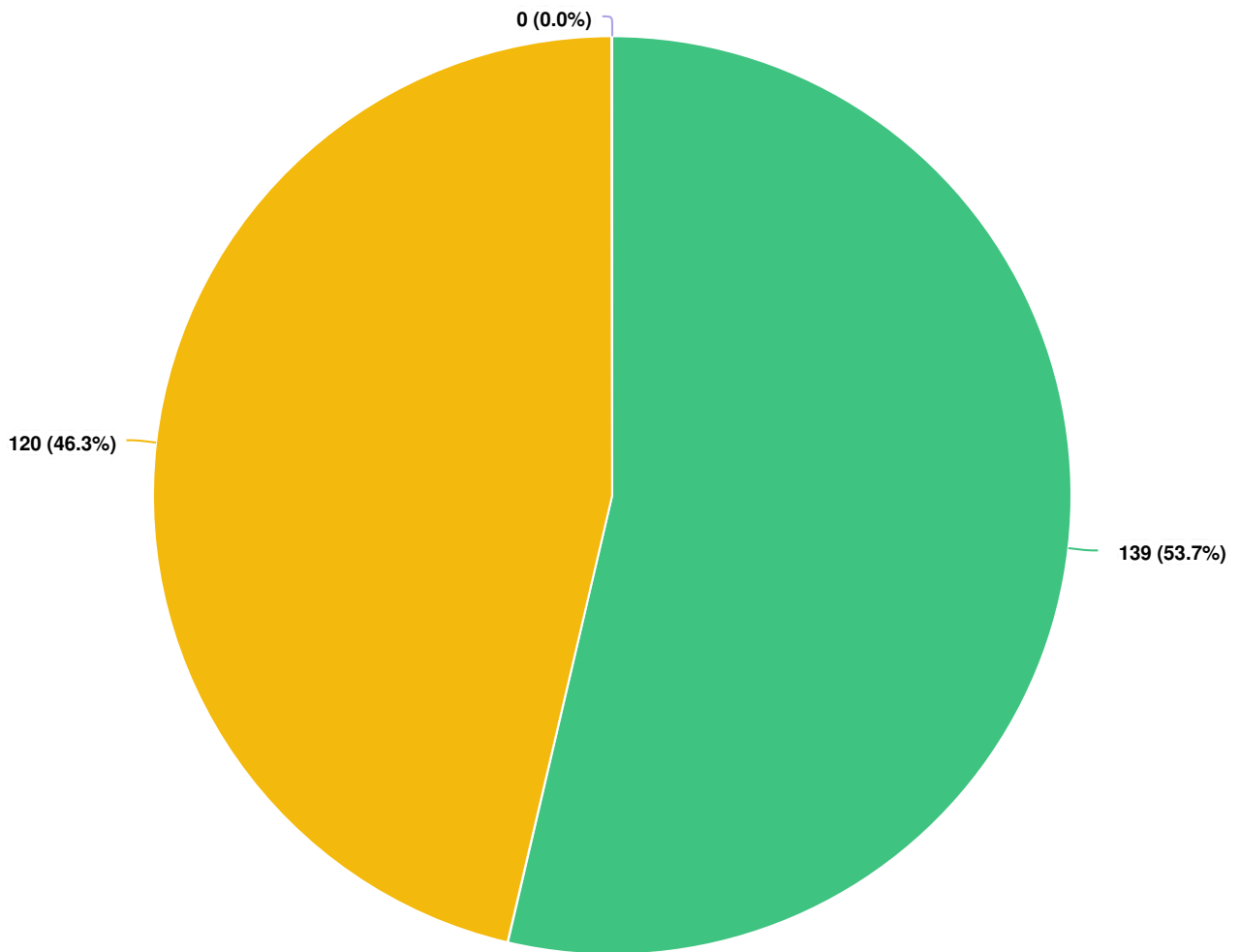
- House
- Apartment/Condo
- Townhouse
- Other
- Secondary Suite

Optional question (259 response(s), 8 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Filtering by: Location of residence North-of-Oak-Bay-Avenue , South-of-Oak-Bay-Avenue

Q50 | Location of residence



Question options

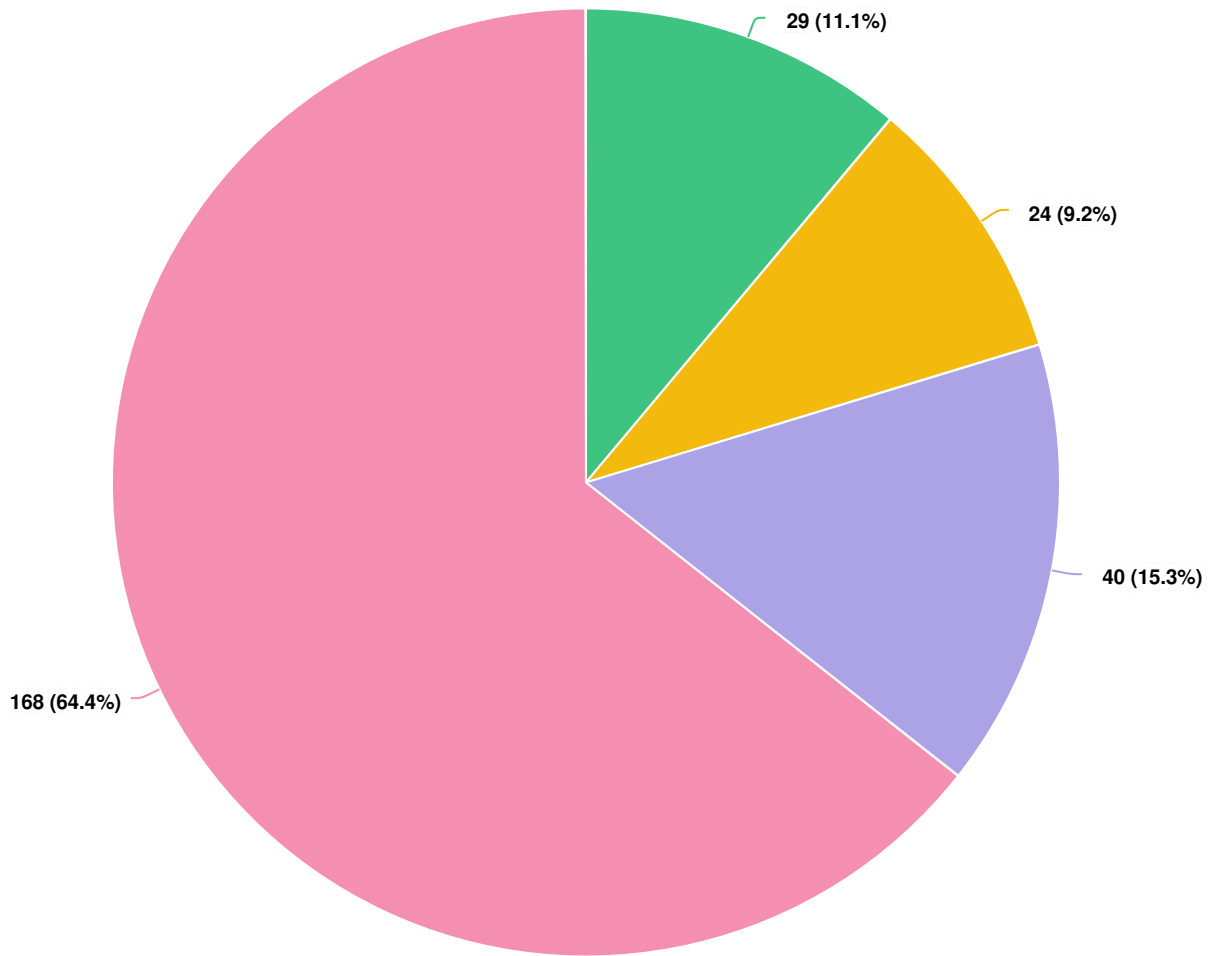
- North of Oak Bay Avenue
- South of Oak Bay Avenue
- Outside of Oak Bay

Optional question (259 response(s), 8 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Filtering by: Location of residence North-of-Oak-Bay-Avenue , South-of-Oak-Bay-Avenue

Q51 Length of residence in Oak Bay



Question options

- Less than 2 years
- 2-5 years
- 6-9 years
- 10 years +

Optional question (261 response(s), 6 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Filtering by: Location of residence North-of-Oak-Bay-Avenue , South-of-Oak-Bay-Avenue