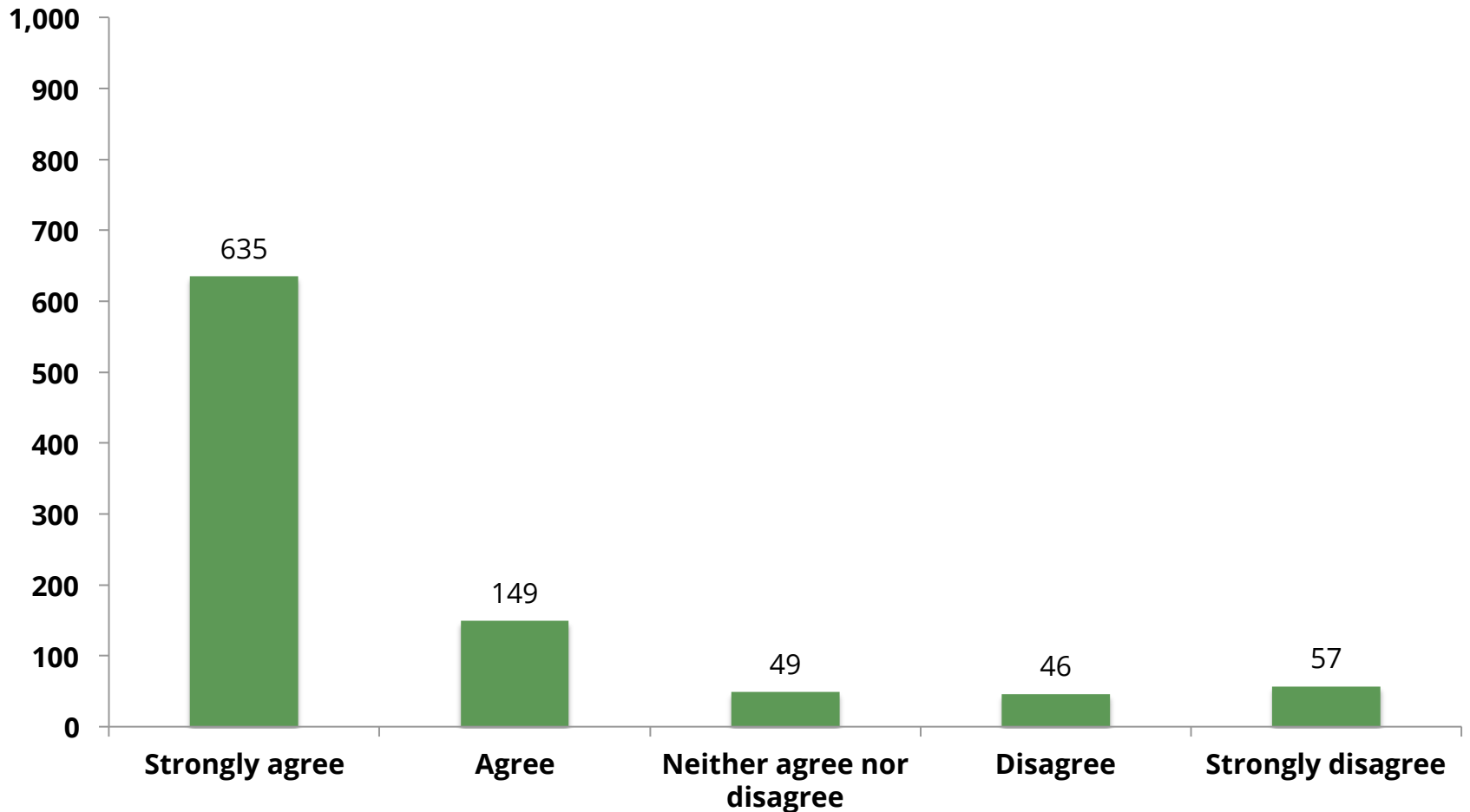


# CoMo Climate Action Community Survey Results

November 13, 2018

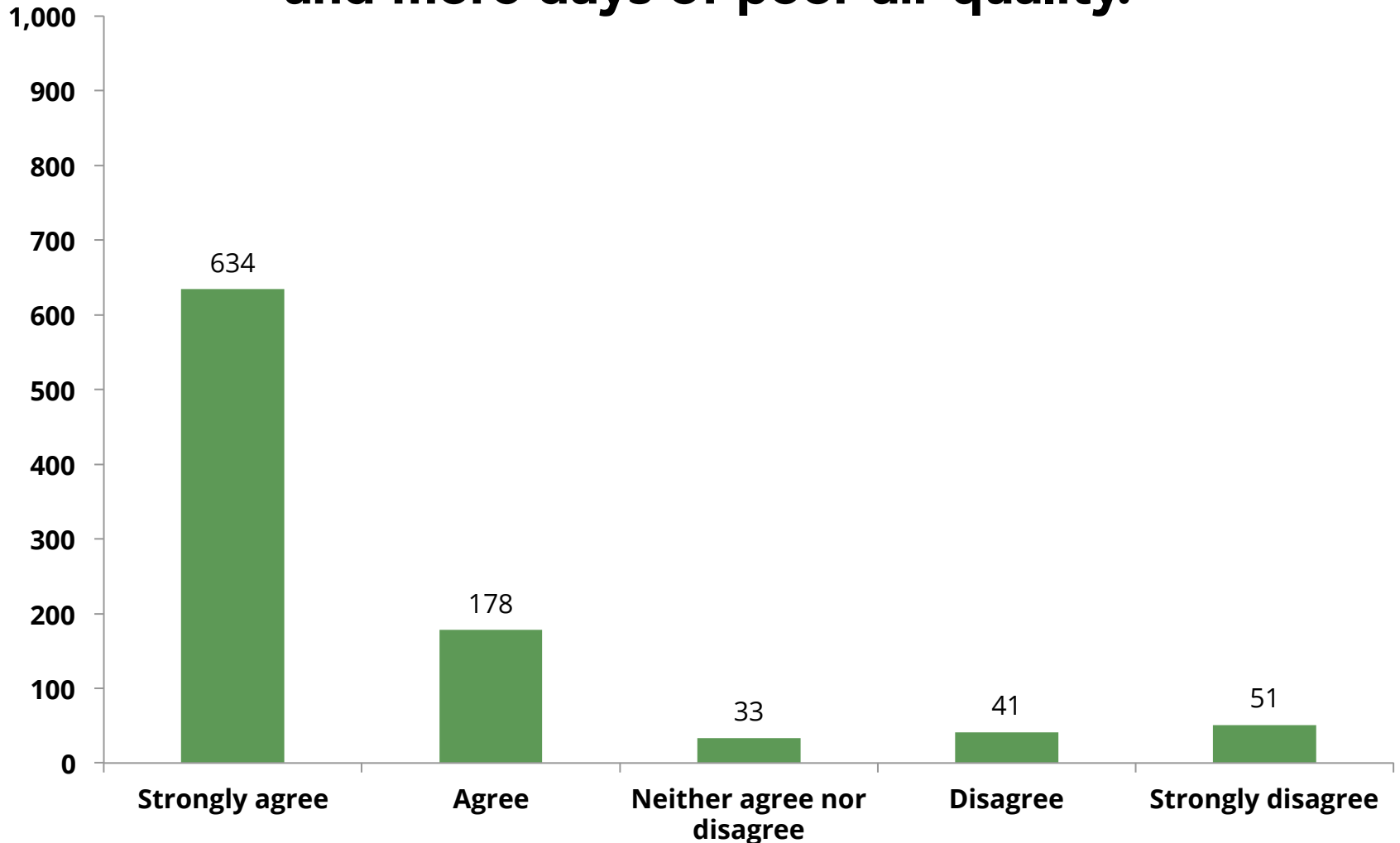
**Total Respondents: 946**

# It is important for Columbia to take immediate action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from energy use and land use.



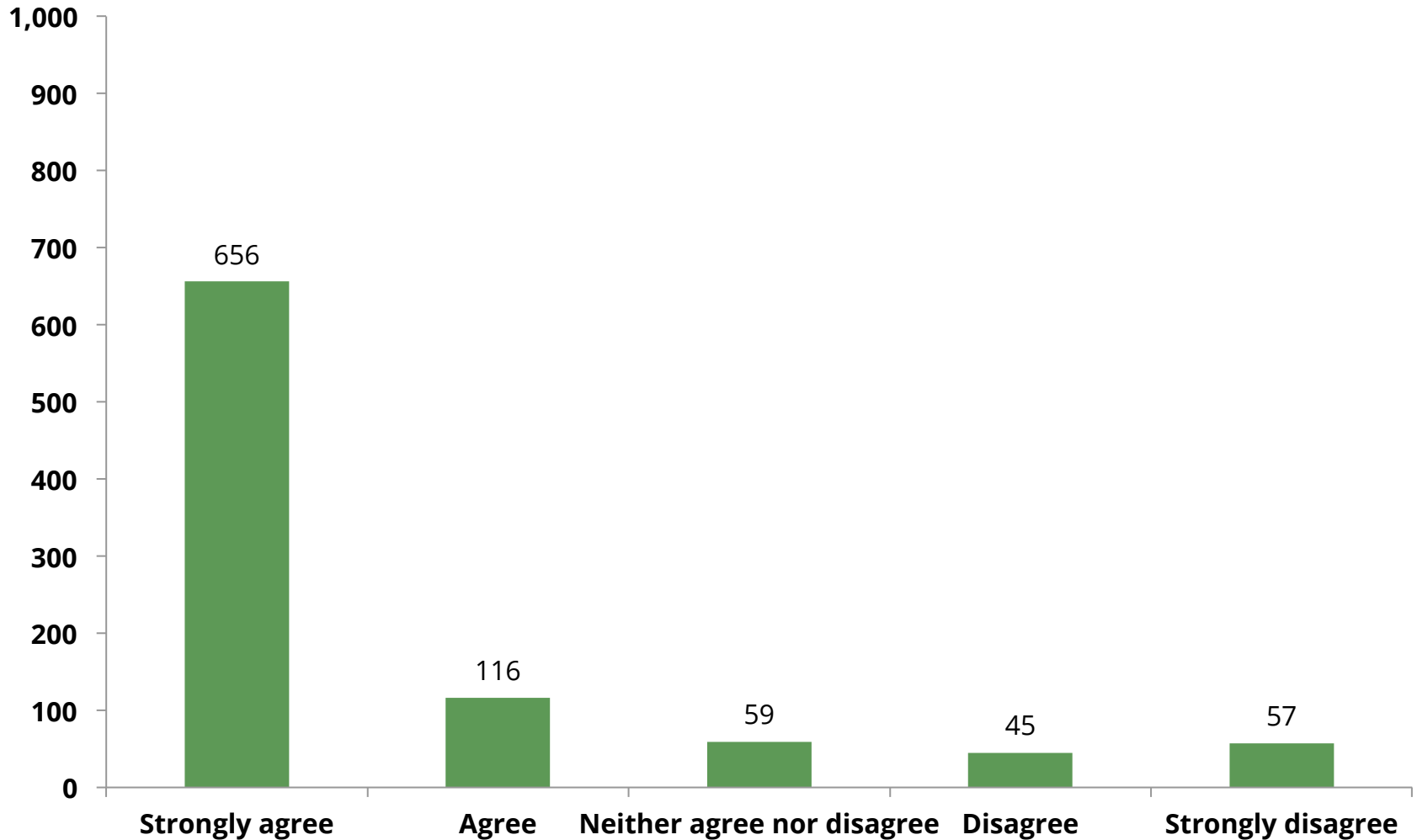
Response Rate: 98.94%

**It is important for Columbia to take action to prepare for and manage the projected impacts of climate change such as more heat waves, heavier rain events, and more days of poor air quality.**



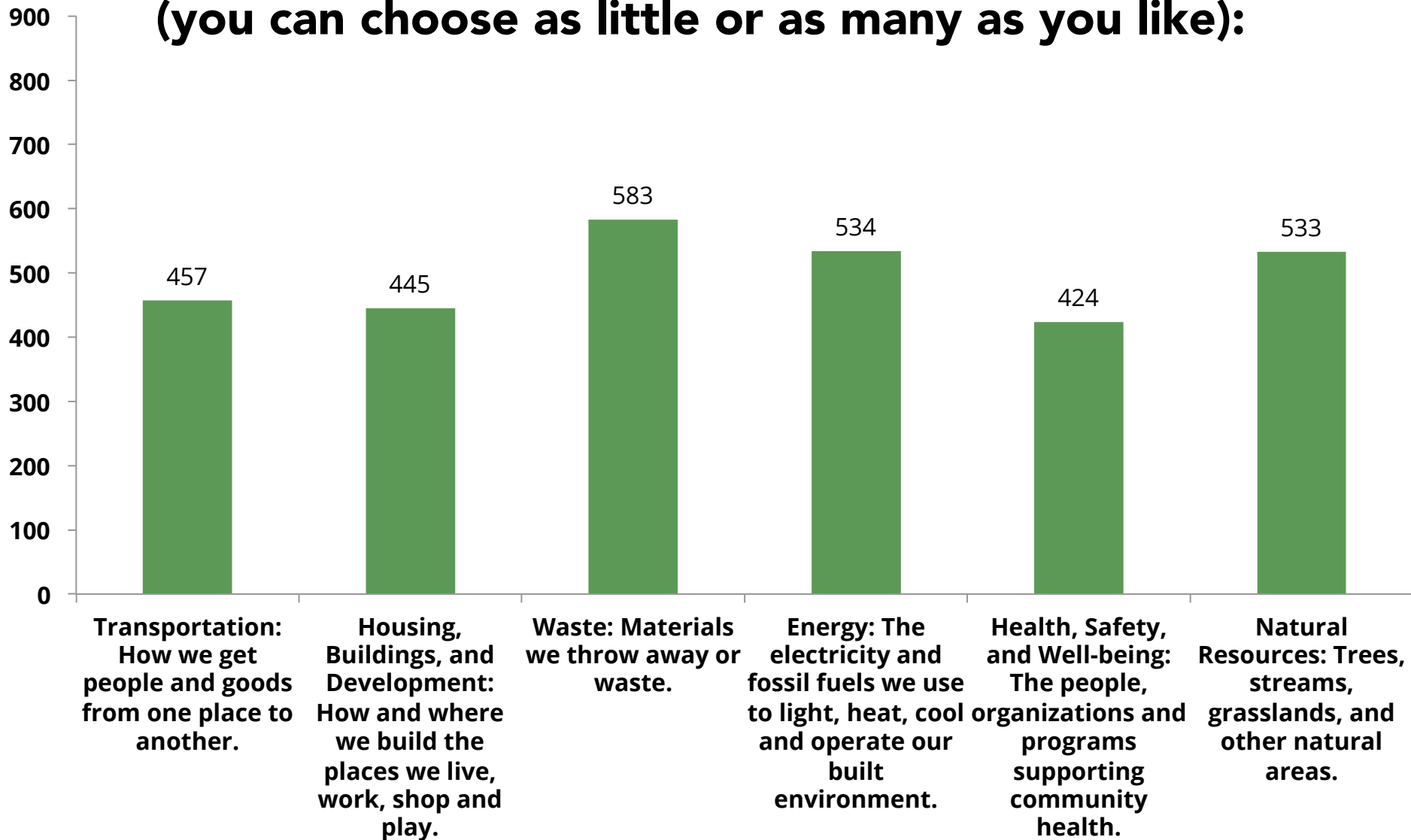
**Response Rate: 99.04%**

# Columbia should be a leader when it comes to proactively addressing climate change.



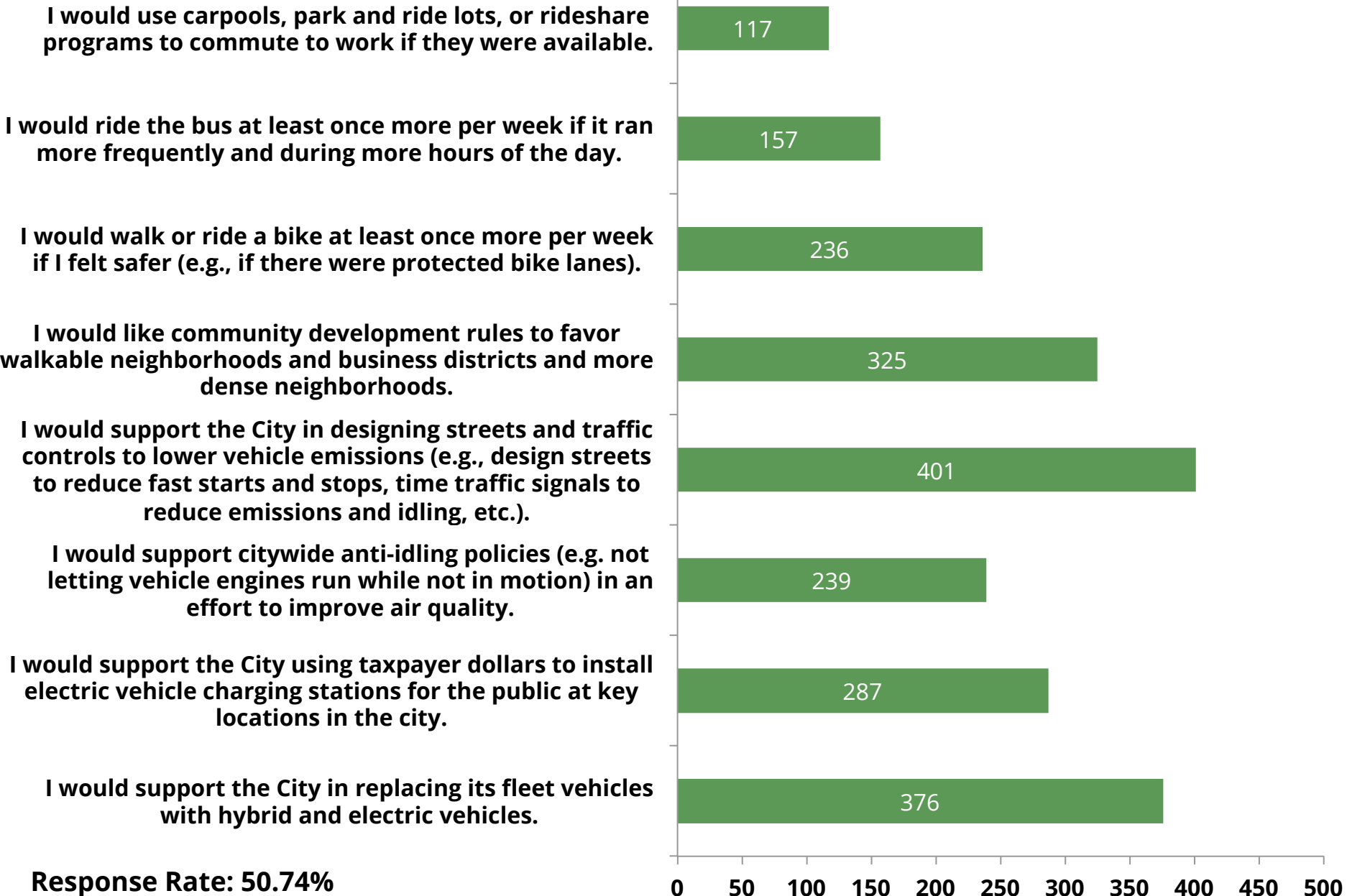
Response Rate: 98.63%

**From the list below, please choose the action areas you would like to give feedback on (you can choose as little or as many as you like):**



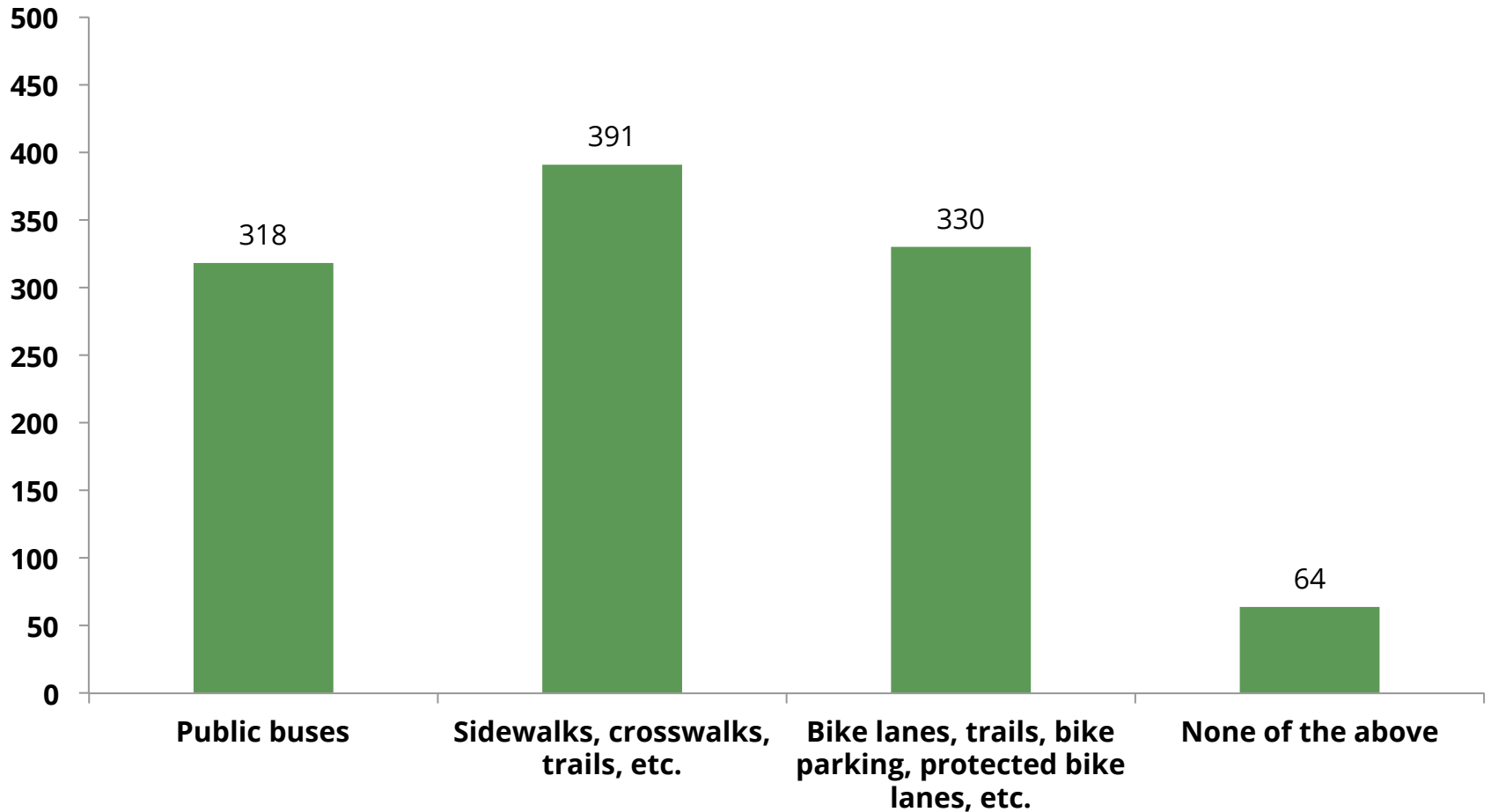
**Response Rate: 86.47%**

# TRANSPORTATION



Response Rate: 50.74%

# I support the City in allocating more taxpayer dollars for: (select all that apply)



Response Rate: 52.64%

# HOUSING, BUILDINGS, AND DEVELOPMENT

**I think the City should require all rental properties to meet energy efficiency standards that reduce energy bills (even if the cost of rent slightly increases).**

283

**I think the City should continue to adopt energy efficiency building codes that reduce energy bills (even if the new home costs slightly more to build/purchase).**

378

**I think it would be beneficial for me to know the energy score of a house before buying it.**

371

**I think the City should offer incentives for energy and water efficiency, solar readiness, and stormwater management that go beyond code.**

417

**I think all businesses over a certain size should be required to make their energy use publicly available.**

267

**I would support Water & Light in expanding incentives for customers switching from using gas to electricity.**

245

**I would support using taxpayer money to reduce the climate impact of City buildings and operations. City facilities should be examples of sustainable resource management.**

342

**I think how and where we build should take into account expected future climate conditions (increased heat, heavier rain events, etc.).**

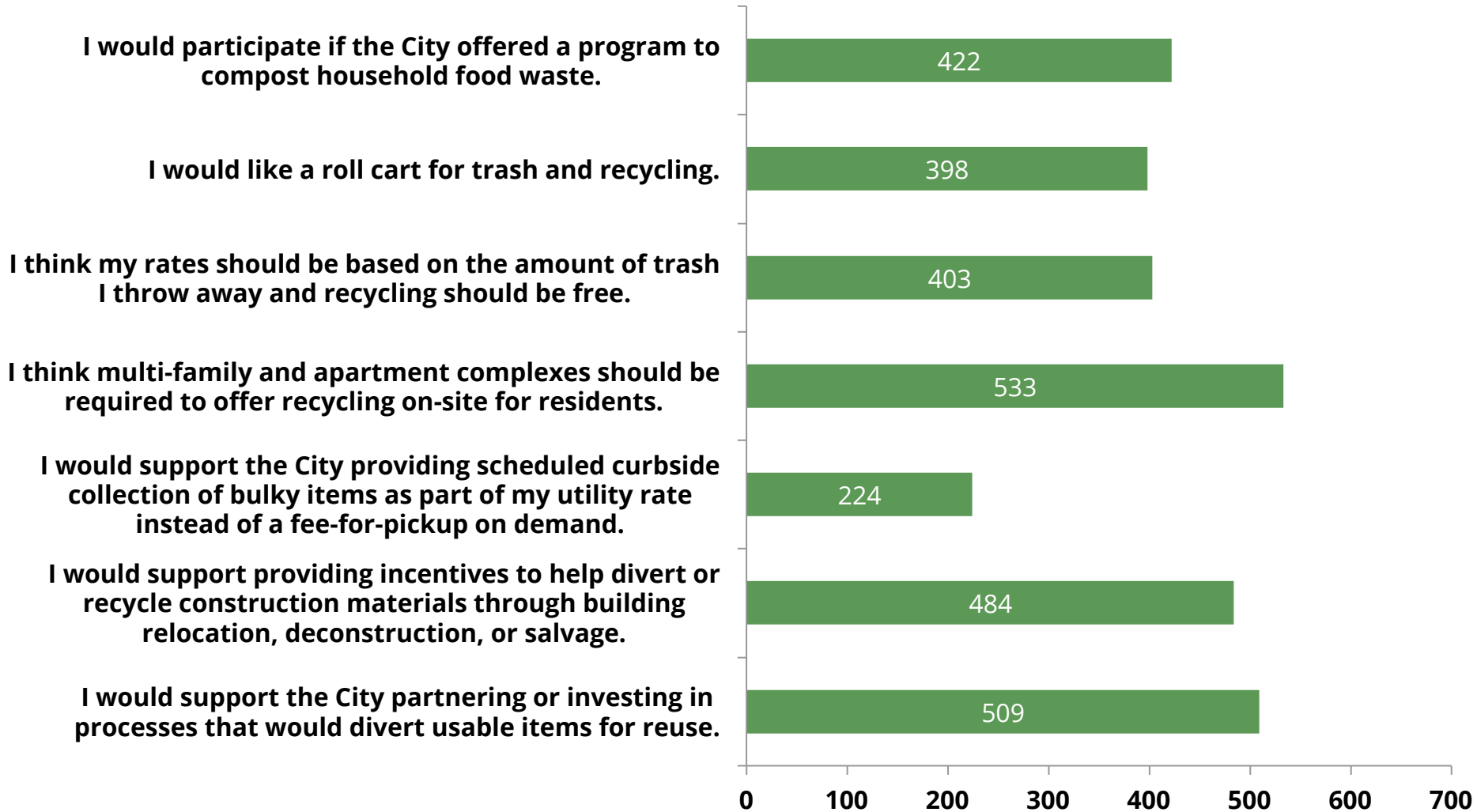
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**Response Rate: 49.58%**

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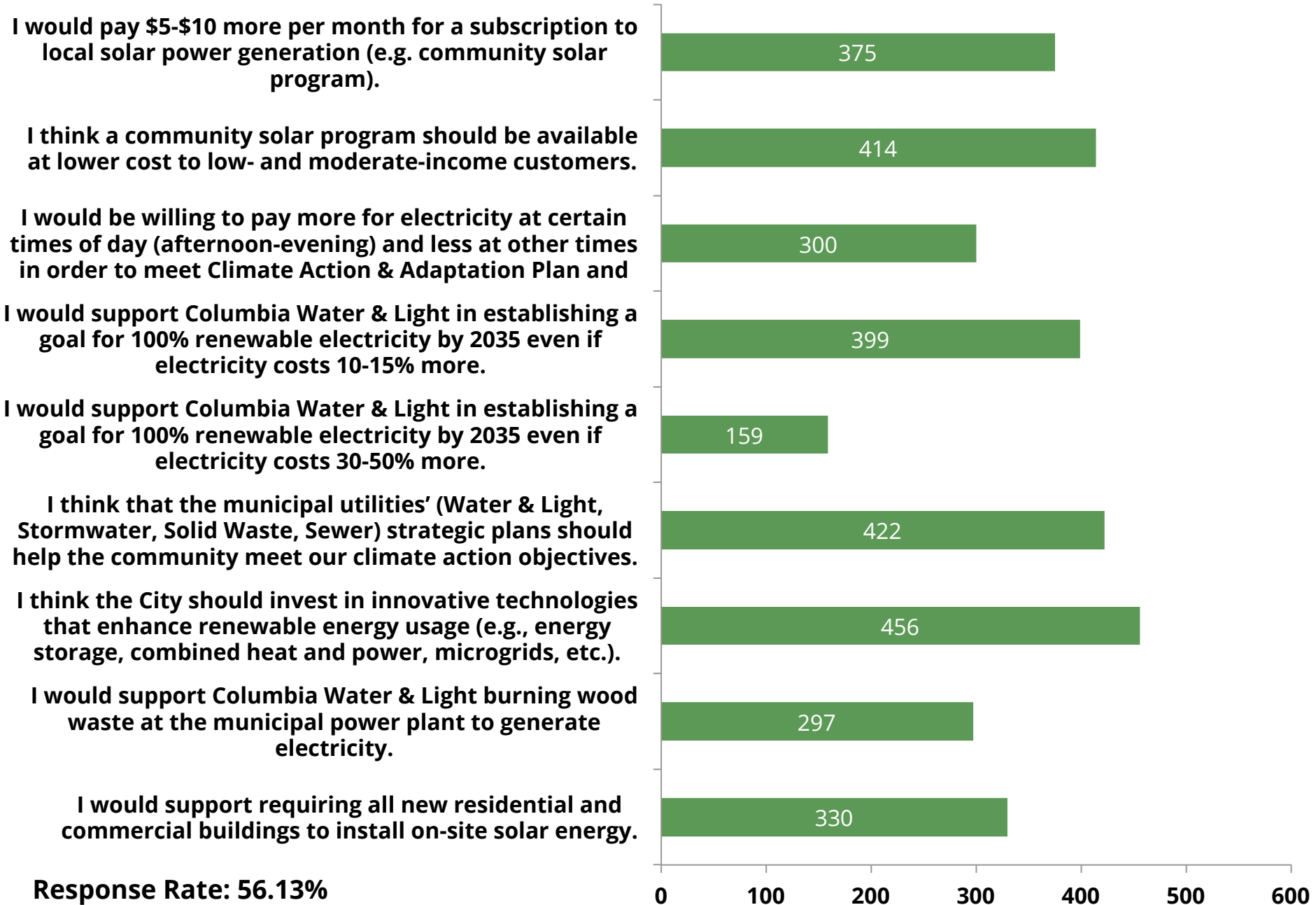


# WASTE



**Response Rate: 63.74%**

# ENERGY



# HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELL-BEING

**I would support the Health Department developing and monitoring climate change-related illnesses and communicating the results to the community.**

313

**I would support anti-idling policies (e.g. not letting vehicle engines run while not in motion) citywide to improve air quality.**

231

**I would actively participate if the City developed programs that improve neighborhood resilience such as, workshops, events, manuals, etc. to develop neighborhood cohesion and readiness for emergency response.**

256

**I think the City should develop a sustainable funding source for utility assistance programs.**

303

**I think it would be useful and I would opt-in to a community-wide alert system that sends notifications of heat waves, poor air quality, vector-borne disease outbreaks, etc., and that directs residents to available resources.**

289

**I would support an ordinance requiring landlords to manage and mitigate mold and fungus in rental units.**

377

**Response Rate: 44.50%**

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# NATURAL RESOURCES

**I think increasing native tree cover on public and private property is a good idea.**



**I think the development code should require trees and vegetation to be planted to shade parking lots, streets, and sidewalks.**



**I think protecting soil and surface water quality, trees, and wildlife habitat should be prioritized during development activities.**



**I would support a water rate structure that encourages using less water.**



**I would support a change to the City weed ordinance to encourage the use of native plants in landscaping and lawns, understanding that yards might look different as a result.**



**I think the City should prioritize and invest in protecting and conserving natural habitats.**



**Response Rate: 57.40%**

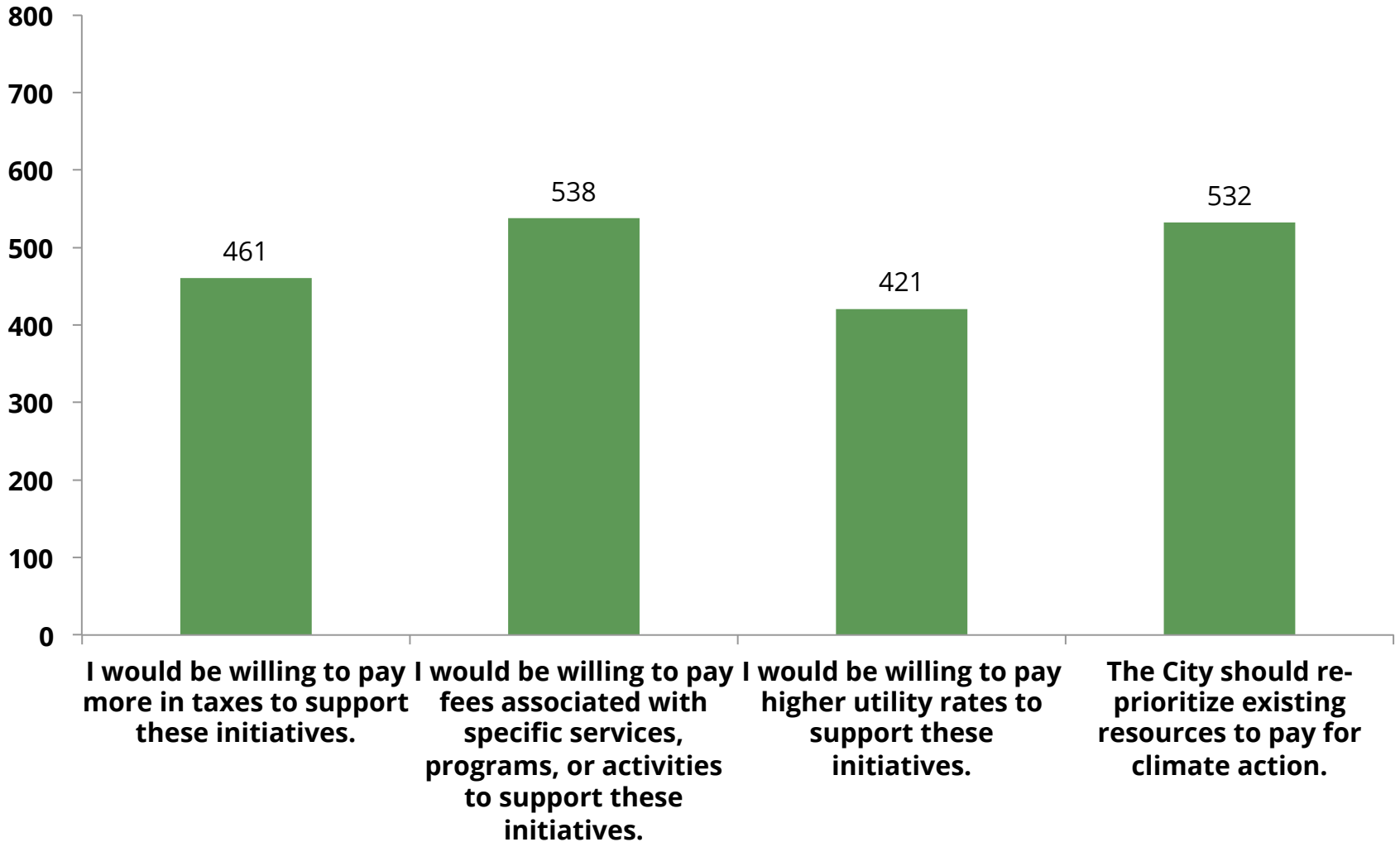


# **Do you have any concerns about how any of these potential actions could affect historically marginalized and vulnerable populations?**

- Many people want to see more safe, affordable, energy efficient housing. Many people are concerned that associated costs will be passed on to the renter.
- Many people are concerned that particular actions could cause the cost of utilities to increase, which could affect historically marginalized and vulnerable populations.
- Some people feel that acting on climate change will only help historically marginalized and vulnerable populations.
- Some people mentioned an option to provide financial assistance for those struggling to pay for increasing utility costs.
- Some people did not understand the question or did not think it was an issue to be concerned about.
- A few people mentioned the need to target systematic changes rather than individual changes in order to combat this issue.

**Response Rate: 40.17%**

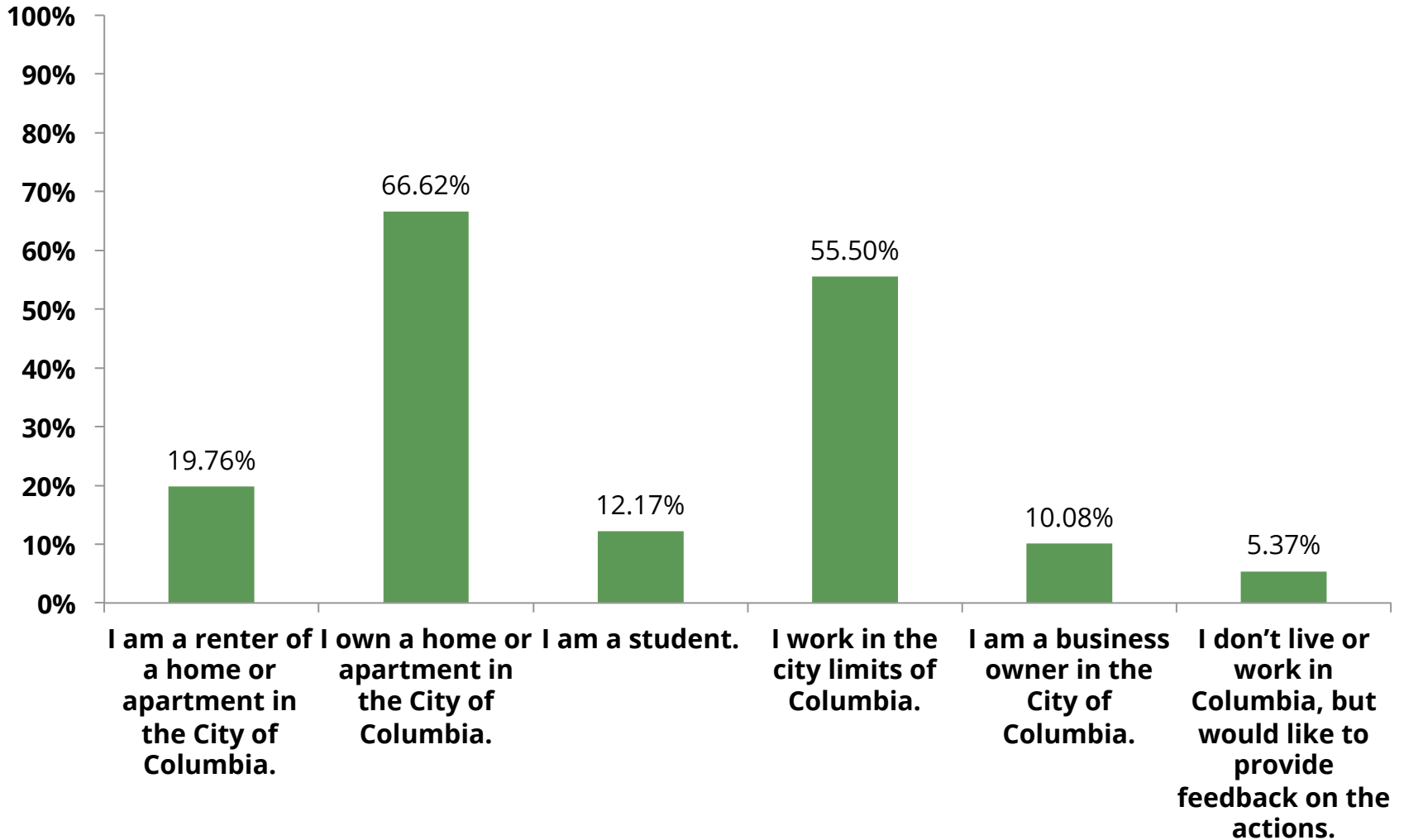
# For the City actions where you have shown support, please indicate funding strategies you support: (check all that apply)



Response Rate: 80.02%

# Survey Respondent Demographics

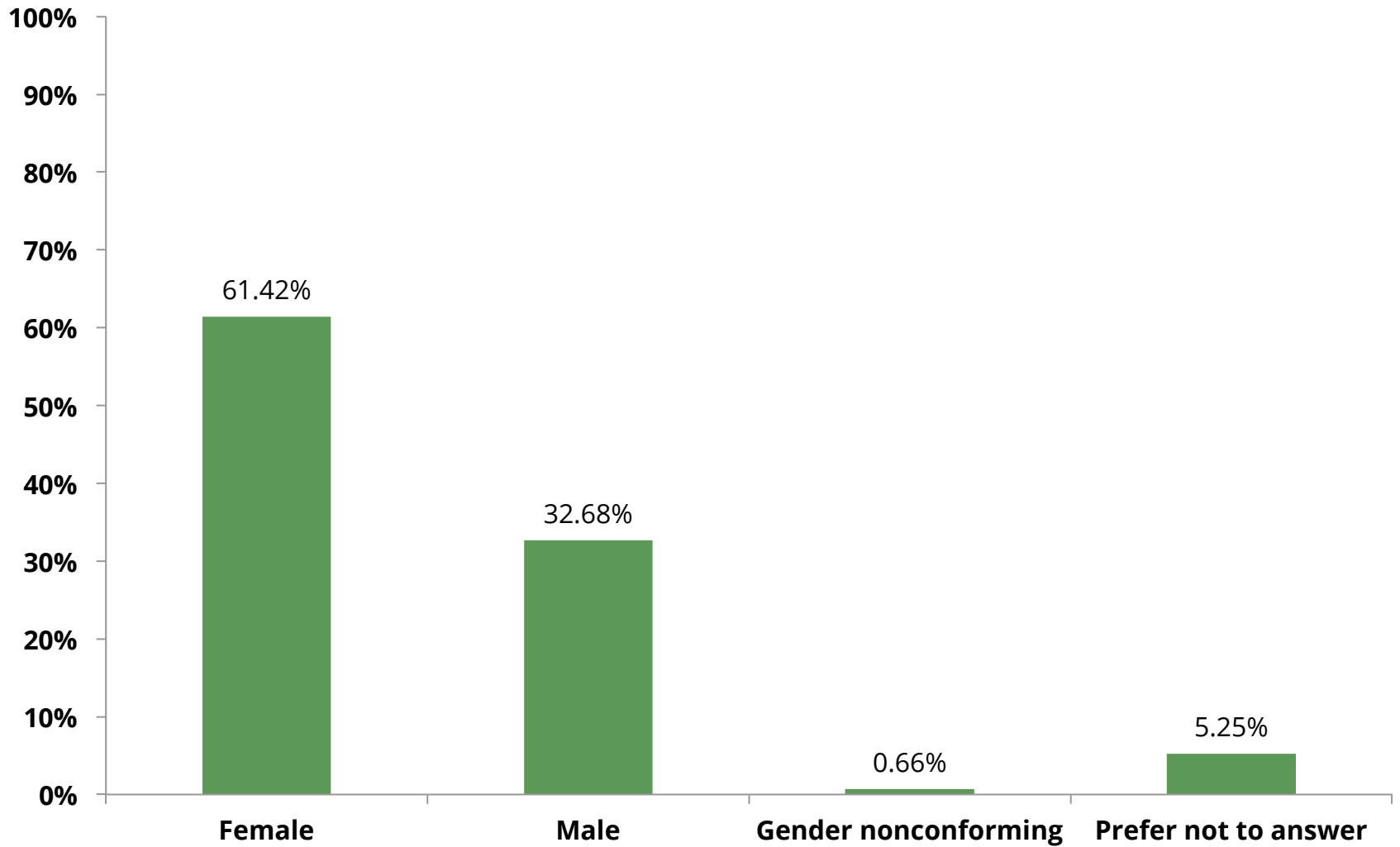
# Tell us from which of the following perspectives are you providing input: (select all that apply)



**Response Rate: 80.76%**

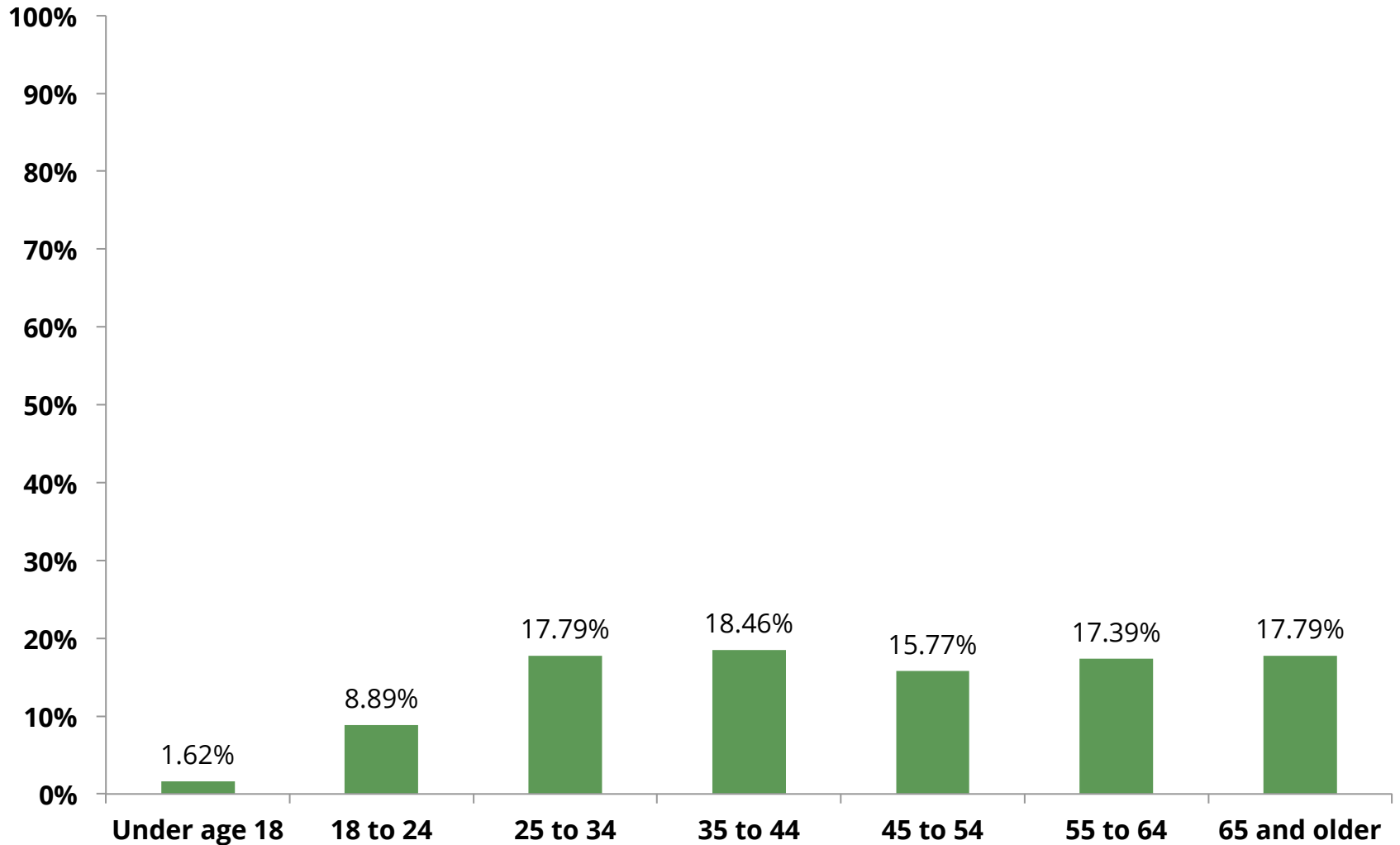


# Do you identify as...?



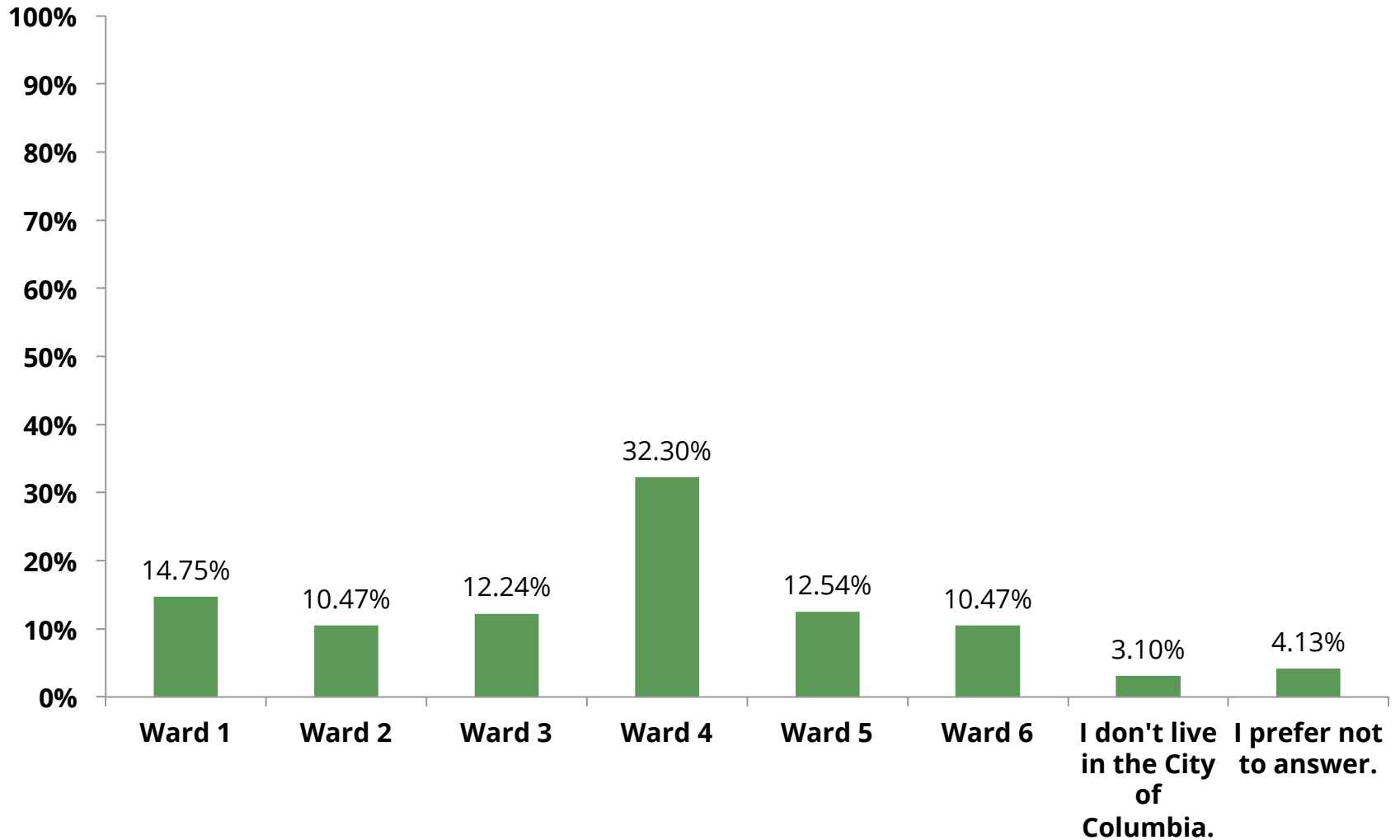
**Response Rate: 80.55%**

# What is your age?



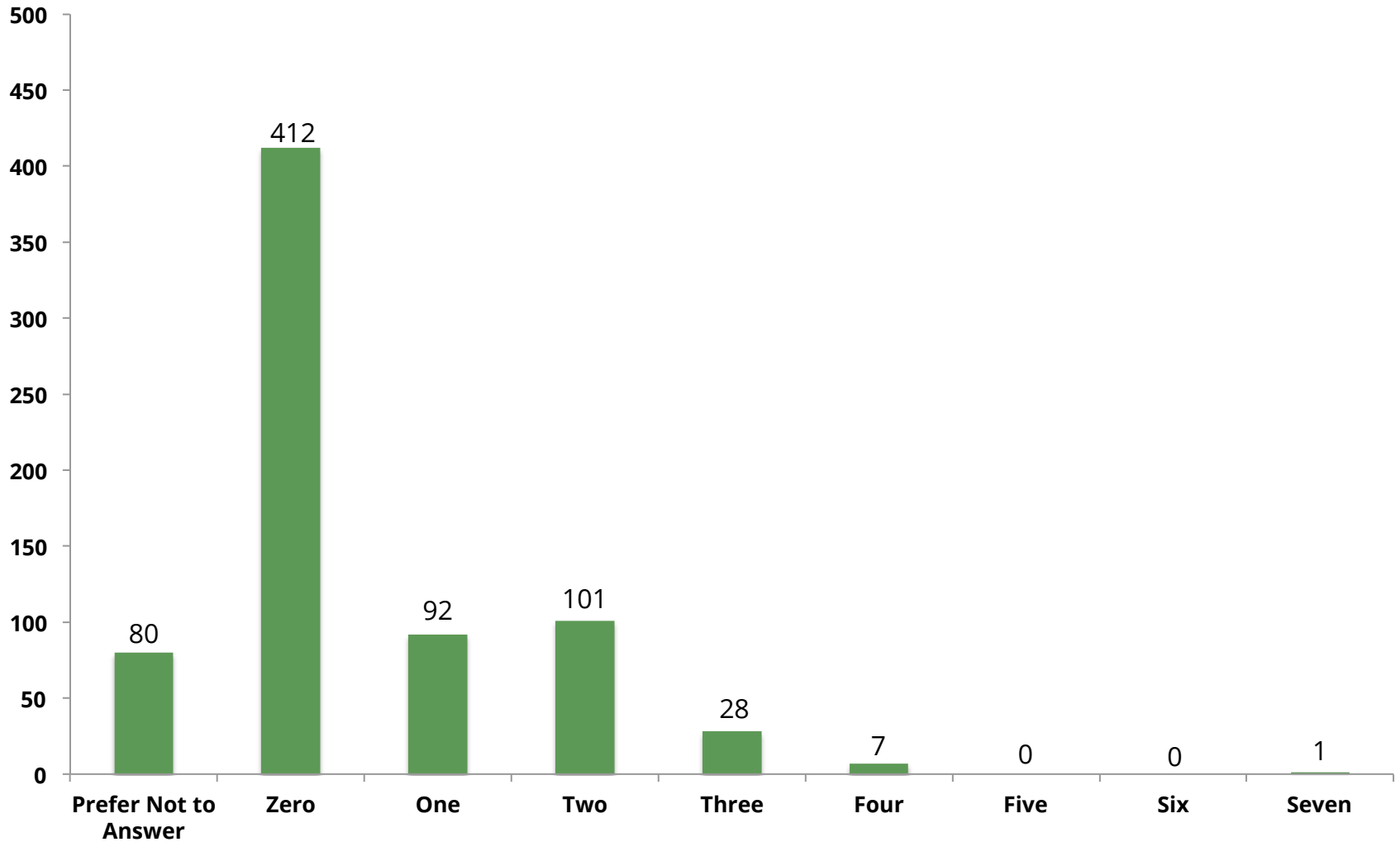
**Response Rate: 78.44%**

# If you live in the City of Columbia, in which ward do you live?



Response Rate: 71.67%

# How many children under the age of 18 currently live in your home?



Response Rate: 77.27%

## **Do you have any other feedback on the goals, strategies, or this planning process?**

- Many people thanked the City for embarking on this effort.
- Many people like the idea of implementing renewable energy sources, especially solar panels on homes.
- Many people are excited about the possibility of adding more curbside recycling options.
- Some people think the City should prioritize public transit.
- Some people voiced a concern that businesses and developers would oppose these policies or that the costs would be passed on to the community.
- A few people felt that the City should focus on crime and infrastructure before climate change.
- A few people voiced their opinion that climate change is a hoax.

**Response Rate: 27.17%**