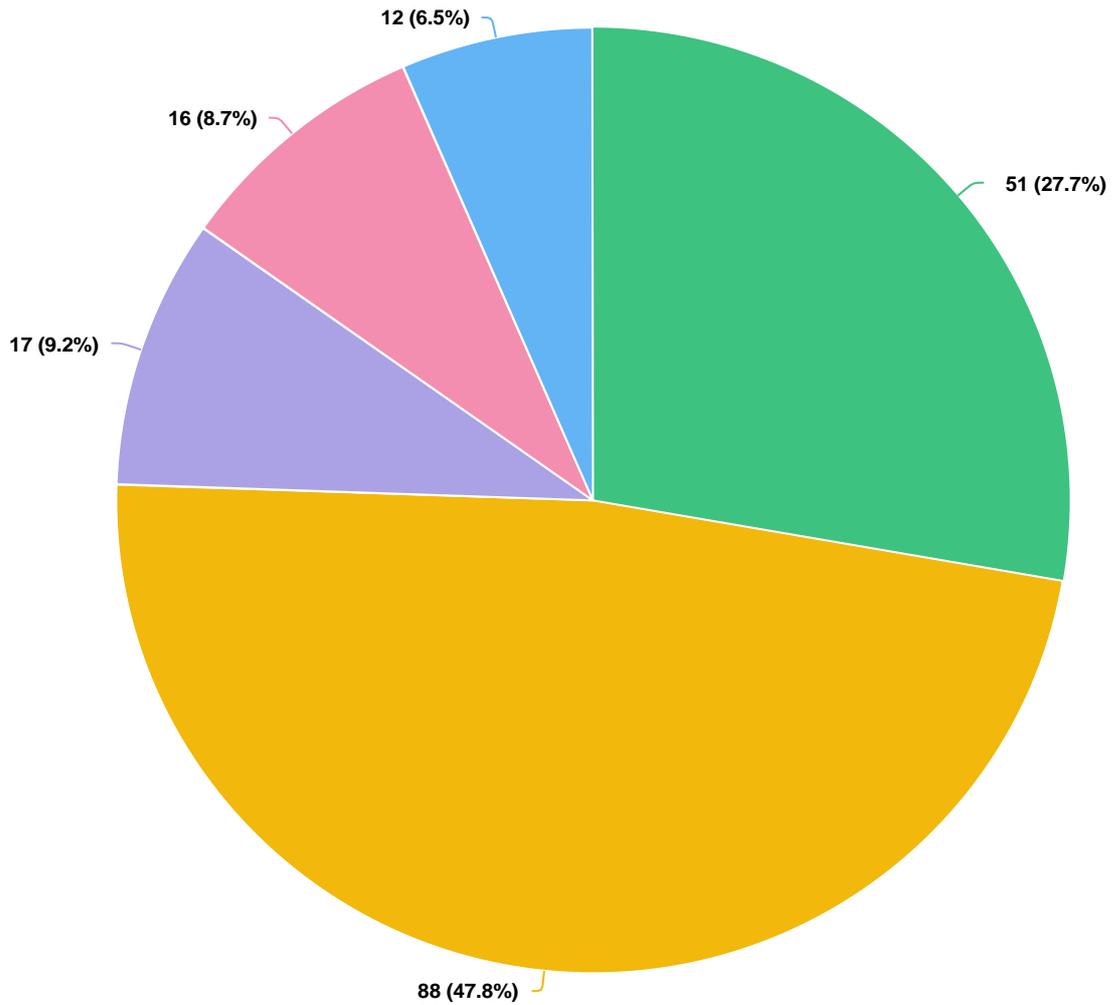

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

28 June - 16 July 2023

PROJECT NAME:

Plan with us! Kitchener's Strategic Plan 2023-2026

Q1 | In general, do you agree that these draft goals and actions will help our city change in the right direction?



Question options

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Optional question (184 response(s), 3 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q2 | We are most interested in hearing whether you think we are on the right track. Please share any related comments you have about the draft goals and actions.

Anonymous

6/29/2023 04:36 PM

I think that we are on the right track. From what I've seen in the meeting (resident panel), the plan only gets better and better, to fit our goals better.

Anonymous

6/30/2023 12:08 PM

Does the final section, "Stewarding a Better City Together" involve me or just city employees?

Anonymous

6/30/2023 12:48 PM

Innovation procurement

Anonymous

6/30/2023 01:53 PM

Like the connected and green initiatives, think we could do more. Would love to see more community gardens, etc. Would like to know more about actions to address housing and encampment issue.

Anonymous

6/30/2023 08:51 PM

Consider connecting suburbs and townships transportation. Encourage cycling. Hydrogen buses. Manage costs to keep property taxes flat to help struggling households.

Anonymous

7/01/2023 09:39 AM

The citizens did not have an opportunity to vote. This radical change that will effect each citizen has to be put on the ballot. It must be put on by each section not as one massive plan.

Anonymous

7/01/2023 11:38 AM

Focusing on transit, reducing vehicle through traffic on residential roads and better caring for our canopy cover are high priorities in my view.

Anonymous

7/02/2023 08:41 AM

The leisure facilities master plan should address the development of at least 8 more dedicated pickleball courts. Kitchener is lagging behind Hamilton, St Thomas, Kenora etc.

Anonymous

7/02/2023 01:29 PM

Some of these seem ambiguous, but perhaps that's just the description here, and many more seem unambitious. For a region that wants to change course, there's an awful lot of "continue doing X" and "implement the unambitious plan we already have"

Anonymous

7/02/2023 10:16 PM

Action: Ensuring that all stakeholders are at the table when city staff start "modernizing" centers and changing related policy guidelines.

Anonymous

7/04/2023 11:43 AM

Corporate climate action should be more ambitious. Some things are to ensure festivals align with other categories. For instance, could neighbours day (which is wonderful), include a greening your space initiative?

Anonymous

7/04/2023 01:25 PM

reducing red tape for the development of smaller, more affordable stand-alone homes (not condos and apartments) is a step in the right direction for Kitchener. Multi-use pathways as opposed to separate bike paths is a better use of space.

Anonymous

7/04/2023 01:37 PM

Yes you are on the right track

Anonymous

7/04/2023 04:48 PM

I am most excited at parks and trails being accessible to all ages and abilities in the winter.

Anonymous

7/04/2023 08:34 PM

It will be great to move quickly on these goals

Anonymous

7/04/2023 09:01 PM

Yes, and making sure that all stakeholders are at the table before study begins, various perspectives considered prior to beginning the study/review of methodology is vital.

Anonymous

7/05/2023 08:40 AM

The statements are platitudes. The impact on community says otherwise & I see no recognition of what you hear during community engagement.

Anonymous

7/05/2023 08:45 AM

Appropriate housing planning is critical not only to deal with affordable housing, but to consider our aging residents that want to age in place in their community. Ensure there are bungalow condos and suitable "missing middle" types of homes.

 7/05/2023 12:27 PM

I am very pleased that these goals and strategies are very closely aligned with my personal values. I also appreciate the efforts to communicate your intentions to the general public. Well done !

Anonymous

7/05/2023 03:22 PM

I am missing the commitment to be an age-friendly community with the services, supports and advocacy needed to realize this.

Anonymous

7/05/2023 07:42 PM

Yes, I believe your are on the right track.

Anonymous

7/06/2023 09:29 AM

I fully agree with the housing for all initiative but instead of looking at affordable housing, look at rent-geared-to income housing especially for low income citizens

Anonymous

7/06/2023 10:14 AM

Great ideas. Can't wait to see them implemented.

Anonymous

7/06/2023 02:41 PM

I'm wondering why just "Collaborate with Conestoga College", no Wilfrid Laurier University and University of Waterloo.

Anonymous

7/06/2023 03:05 PM

Housing for all in crucial. people shouldn't be on the PATHs list for 10 years and still be without a home

Anonymous

7/06/2023 03:47 PM

It seems like most of our goals seek to grow the size and scope of the city rather than allowing our communities and cultures thrive independently.

Anonymous

7/06/2023 04:01 PM

it was organized and informative

Anonymous

7/07/2023 08:32 AM

Affordable housing for single occupancy. No more student houses being built.

Anonymous

7/07/2023 09:17 AM

Most of the city official plan's map is still yellow for "low rise residential". Missing middle should be allowed along all "major community collector streets" as of right, at least to start, at a minimum. This will have wide support.

Anonymous

7/07/2023 01:55 PM

More focus needed on lack of affordable housing

Anonymous

7/08/2023 09:40 AM

Our community centers are running well , with a good number of youth joining in and also they are filling about the membership forms

.. interested in volunteering too so as they get the reference for next year job ..

Anonymous

7/08/2023 09:41 AM

N/A

Anonymous

7/08/2023 09:52 AM

You are most certainly on the right track with a green city, you need to implement green spaces to make kitchener feel like it's worth living in

Anonymous

7/08/2023 10:00 AM

i think we are on the right track

Anonymous

7/08/2023 10:22 AM

I believe that implementing housing for all is a key step to making sure each individual who resides in the city can have somewhat equal opportunities. All the other draft goals and actions are clearly on the right track to make Kitchener a better place.

Anonymous

7/08/2023 10:24 AM

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Anonymous

7/08/2023 10:46 AM

None at this time. They seem very well thought out.

Anonymous

7/08/2023 04:21 PM

I think that they are all great goals, I'm just curious as to how the city will accomplish them.

Anonymous

7/08/2023 08:51 PM

I think that the Community Grants Review was very needed.

Anonymous

7/09/2023 08:28 AM

The draft goals seem realistic and attainable

Anonymous

7/09/2023 03:38 PM

I think that we are on the right track because all of the goals are community-minded.

Anonymous

7/09/2023 09:31 PM

none

Anonymous

7/10/2023 04:56 PM

Most def on the right track!

Anonymous

7/10/2023 06:44 PM

I would like to see specific language about hiring BIPOC & 2SLGBTQ employees and tracking efforts to make city staff reflect the beautiful diversity of our citizens

Anonymous

7/10/2023 09:40 PM

I love the idea about having connected trail and bike lanes, plant more trees, focus on middle housing and climate crisis.

Anonymous

7/11/2023 11:40 AM

A very ambitious plan – not much to argue with. I am a bit skeptical about the priorities.

Anonymous

7/11/2023 11:57 AM

active transportation, cycling routes

Anonymous

7/11/2023 01:42 PM

All of the strands above important, especially think more/better active transportation infrastructure across city important

Anonymous

7/11/2023 02:39 PM

Love the overarching message of "together". The first goal could be enhanced - so much more connects us in neighbourhoods. Don't think people really do "work together to ensure others have secure and affordable homes". this may set an ureal expectation

Anonymous

7/11/2023 03:50 PM

there should be more income based housing avaiable, even people who have a good income cannot afford to rent an apartment, we will continusouly see renovictions and homelessness

Anonymous

7/11/2023 08:39 PM

There is currently too much emphasis on increasing population without having the essential underlying services in place to support that kind of growth.

Anonymous

7/11/2023 09:18 PM

I don't believe ant of it is for our own good

Anonymous

7/11/2023 10:10 PM

Housing for all,

<p>Anonymous 7/11/2023 10:34 PM</p>	<p>Definitely on the wrong track/path. All this is going to do is make life even more unaffordable without actually accomplishing or achieving anything. We need a city that's liveable, affordable and that works. We need to attract amenities to the down.</p>
<p>Anonymous 7/12/2023 08:47 AM</p>	<p>More concentration on traffic flow</p>
<p>Anonymous 7/12/2023 11:20 AM</p>	<p>going woke has zero ROI. Climate hysteria neither an actual threat or worthy of focus.</p>
<p>Anonymous 7/12/2023 01:52 PM</p>	<p>Creating a more active city that has ways for both people and cars to both thrive, as well as proving access to transit.</p>
<p>Anonymous 7/12/2023 01:58 PM</p>	<p>Sounds the like the "NWO" one government plan - 15 minute city</p>
<p>Anonymous 7/12/2023 02:44 PM</p>	<p>The actions for housing and active transportation are positive, but need to be stronger to effectively meet the housing and climate challenges we face</p>
<p>Anonymous 7/12/2023 05:02 PM</p>	<p>I really don't see much language with respect to our national housing crisis, nor the issues with affordability. Please do better.</p>
<p>Anonymous 7/12/2023 05:09 PM</p>	<p>my comments are unnecessary, as they will be either ignored or disregarded</p>
<p>Anonymous 7/12/2023 05:49 PM</p>	<p>Only 255 characters to comment :(I do not think this is the right track. Too many goal statements & draft actions. Focus on a smaller set of stuff & be excellent at that. I feel strongly that 1 goals should be downsizing/seeking efficiency/streamlining</p>
<p>Anonymous 7/12/2023 06:11 PM</p>	<p>Your climate plan is a farce. History will judge you harshly.</p>
<p>Anonymous 7/12/2023 07:01 PM</p>	<p>You are cresting a pie in the sky approach using the high moral ground of social change to justify an esoteric planoach</p>
<p>Anonymous</p>	<p>Bigger and bolder action, not small and strategic" actions to build a</p>

7/12/2023 07:20 PM

connected active transportation network throughout the City. We do not need a new entertainment venue.

Anonymous

7/12/2023 10:51 PM

I totally disagree with the City's obsession with bicycle lanes on the roadways. I also have a beef at all the crazy traffic calming ideas being built into our roadways by making road junctions more difficult to manoeuvre through.

Anonymous

7/12/2023 11:37 PM

You're crazy to think I'd want to change heating from natural gas to electric which is the most expensive!

Anonymous

7/13/2023 12:45 AM

Not even close

Anonymous

7/13/2023 06:31 AM

Agree mostl but building hights in downtown core need to be reasonable (ie 55 stories is too high to jot impact everyone around it and wind becomes problematic). Keep building but do so responsibility without heavily impacting what is already here.

Anonymous

7/13/2023 06:32 AM

You have some great ideas and plans and I realize it's hard to prioritize and fund all these initiatives so make sure any money spent is used to its fullest. Maintaining our tree canopy is an example of poor follow through keeping young trees alive

Anonymous

7/13/2023 07:02 AM

I think the wording is broadly quite vague.

Anonymous

7/13/2023 08:49 AM

Goals are okay, but the interference on driving traffic is becoming an issue especially in the downtown core

Anonymous

7/13/2023 08:51 AM

We need much stronger by-laws preventing and discouraging citizens from cutting down trees on private property. Look to Toronto as an example of a more rigorous system.

Anonymous

7/13/2023 08:56 AM

A connected city is key to creating a place where people want to live. Being able to travel the city without getting into a car will help us experience and know our city, connect with people, and feel like we are the city.

Anonymous

7/13/2023 09:07 AM

A stronger statement is needed on provision of green spaces, especially adjacent to high rises, and also concerning potential strategic larger green spaces - Hidden Valley?

Anonymous

7/13/2023 09:09 AM

Really like that the goals and actions point towards a green city, that is caring, and connected. It's very hopeful for building a bright future!

Anonymous

7/13/2023 09:23 AM

This is all great, but seems to target incremental changes. To face today's challenges we need faster widespread implementation of everything on the list! A place to start could be road design standards (deprioritize fast moving traffic for human experience)

Anonymous

7/13/2023 09:29 AM

Love the initiative on housing, cycle lanes and parks. More needs to be done on fostering relationships with existing staff.

Anonymous

7/13/2023 09:42 AM

I love the direction we're heading with bike infrastructure, we could build off this to become a mountain bike tourist destination. Check out Bentonville for inspiration: <https://www.visitbentonville.com>. I'd be happy to advise more: drewbrend@gmail.com

Anonymous

7/13/2023 09:51 AM

Green energy plan should start with development approvals, not on natural gas. Force density, with mixed residential/commercial to reduce transit distances and improve efficiency whilst also creating affordable lifestyles. Mandate green buildings.

Anonymous

7/13/2023 09:59 AM

I am not convinced that there is a balanced approach between "Building a Connected City Together" and "Cultivating a Green City". At a recent neighbourhood planning meeting, the emphasis was all about intensification and not about protecting green space.

Anonymous

7/13/2023 10:20 AM

This sounds a lot like 15 minute cities and I am 1000% against being trapped, for better words, perhaps controlled is a better word. Either way, this plan sucks!

Anonymous

7/13/2023 10:36 AM

need more detailed plans for cycling and pedestrian infrastructure and associated timelines

Anonymous

7/13/2023 10:44 AM

I love everything. I wish there would be more done to increase the greenness of overall neighbourhoods and main roads, like adding

more trees, or lanterns with hanging baskets, similar to downtown.
Just overall increasing the appeal of our city.

Anonymous

7/13/2023 10:46 AM

Not sure how AI really needs to play into our goals? Also beware alienating older residents with over-reliance on apps and digitized services that they might not be able to use

Anonymous

7/13/2023 10:46 AM

Too much focus on Truth and Reconciliation

Anonymous

7/13/2023 11:08 AM

Growing up in a different city made me realize how important youth programming is. I think the city is doing a great job with the youth programming and it's something I WISH I had access to as a youth. Community starts with youth and the city nailed it

Anonymous

7/13/2023 11:17 AM

I think that you are on the right track and I don't have much to add.

Anonymous

7/13/2023 11:34 AM

I believe that the goals listed above is a comprehensive plan in leading us to become a better city.

Anonymous

7/13/2023 11:43 AM

Community centre operating model: In recent years an audit and a major project focused on renewing community centre operations. How will you set this process up for success in leading to needed transformation? Recent processes failed to produce results.

Anonymous

7/13/2023 11:44 AM

Ambitious goals. I like the inclusion of green alternatives. Really liking the Green Canopy initiative

Anonymous

7/13/2023 12:11 PM

I believe that "Housing For All Implementation" and working on transportation in the city is very important. Working on these goals will help foster a better city and community

Anonymous

7/13/2023 12:18 PM

It seems that there is a lot of explanation on what you are going to do and not how you are going to do it. For example it says you will complete the Kitchener Utilities clean energy transition strategy but does not explain how this will be done.

Anonymous

I appreciate the focus on housing and active transport. The zoning

7/13/2023 12:21 PM

amendments are very much needed. And the work to upgrade cycle infrastructure is also a great way to plan for the future.

Anonymous

7/13/2023 12:55 PM

Agree with some, not all. We need housing/apartments not meant for the extreme rich or poor, but those that are average! Planting more trees, yep, green energy, nope, the trees take care of the carbon, more biking trails, yep, but not taking away cars!

Anonymous

7/13/2023 01:00 PM

Focusing on people, programs and process.

Anonymous

7/13/2023 01:08 PM

Too many goals. When there are too many they won't happen. Also the goals are too wordy. Blah blah make it simple

Anonymous

7/13/2023 01:29 PM

Financing the renovating or removing older home stock to be replaced by multi-family dwellings.

Anonymous

7/13/2023 02:31 PM

Hello- Yes, in general this draft of the plan identifies some of the most important issues facing our community. As an example although it's not entirely within the City's scope more assistance financial assistance to assist all users of the transit system

Anonymous

7/13/2023 02:35 PM

There's a lot of good messages. What could be strengthened is more commitment to protect and enhance the environment, review city actions related to native/invasive species and linking this to housing and transportation strategies. Eg will the city contin

Anonymous

7/13/2023 03:21 PM

why conestoga college for creative industries? look at something that is closer to downtown core , eg. St. Louis Centre, evenings at high schools or another facility. Conestoga main campus too far away and campus on University Ave. is in waterloo

Anonymous

7/13/2023 03:38 PM

One thing that would be wonderful is a push for more family friendly condos in the downtown core. Many are 1 or 2 bedroom which don't encourage families to live in the new buildings (and no family amenities, like kid rooms, like gyms and theatres)

Anonymous

7/13/2023 04:05 PM

While they are all grand ideals. I wonder how long it will take to implement them and will new municipal leaders carry on the implementation?

Anonymous

7/13/2023 04:10 PM

I wonder if we have missed an opportunity to include negotiations with the Region to "green" our transit system.

Anonymous

7/13/2023 04:12 PM

Yes they are on the right track moving forward

Anonymous

7/13/2023 04:33 PM

The concept of affordable housing resonates deeply with my current situation. The green development standards plan is also a promising step to create a greener city.

Anonymous

7/13/2023 06:44 PM

Generally, I think we are on the right track. A few things I noticed: I thought we were changing the wording from affordable housing to housing affordability? And I still don't really feel that the term "green" is current and reflective of our goal.

Anonymous

7/13/2023 07:10 PM

Too much emphasis on "green, diversity, inclusion, sustainability". This is a burden on too many businesses, including large ones, focus and too many \$\$ are wasted on unproductive activities, which also affects price for customers.


7/13/2023 07:22 PM

yes you are on the right track. now lay out step by step how to achieve these goals and share with the public.

Anonymous

7/13/2023 07:53 PM

Nothing but woke theory

Anonymous

7/13/2023 08:06 PM

The inclusion of targets for housing, transit, conservation, economic growth, and community health in the new Strategic Plan, in my opinion, is a wise and necessary decision as it indicates a thorough approach to handling key municipal development issues.

Anonymous

7/13/2023 08:24 PM

Priorities seems to be the right ones for this time.

Anonymous

7/13/2023 09:11 PM

we need to move away from government making all the decisions. Your survey of people is too small to get a real feel of what people need or want!

Anonymous

7/13/2023 09:59 PM

Community safety

Anonymous

7/13/2023 10:03 PM

Absolutely not! We do not want any part of the 15 min city plan

Anonymous

7/13/2023 10:16 PM

You are on the wrong track with many of these globalist agendas

Anonymous

7/13/2023 10:35 PM

This is not your plan. It's the WEFs plan.

Anonymous

7/13/2023 11:16 PM

overall it sounds like a good plan. would love to see changes like this in the city

Anonymous

7/13/2023 11:15 PM

Continue to emphasize parks and trails not just for transportation, but for equity and inclusion.

Anonymous

7/14/2023 01:05 AM

Anything that helps people is great.

Anonymous

7/14/2023 07:30 AM

I like that you are thinking of the environment, reconciliation and planning to have more green spaces.

Anonymous

7/14/2023 07:53 AM

I don't understand many of the goals. They are very vaguely worded and non-specific in most cases. I like the plans to increase trails and biking accessibility, and to increase 'middle' housing.

Anonymous

7/14/2023 08:04 AM

Unfortunately there is no such thing as affordable housing and when government employees who have no practical experience in rental housing get involved as affordable housing and government employees, who have no knowledge of property management .

Anonymous

7/14/2023 08:05 AM

You should collaborate with UW's Longhouse Labs Project, an Indigenous-led initiative that advances Indigenous artistic practices, creative leadership, heritage preservation, Indigenous economic self-sufficiency, and robust community engagement.

Anonymous

7/14/2023 09:29 AM

As a city, we need to get away from the 2030 agenda which we seem to be in lockstep with.

Anonymous

7/14/2023 10:12 AM

Stop fighting against the car and drivers, the focus should be what the majority uses (vehicles).

Anonymous

7/14/2023 10:15 AM

I think the goals are on the right track. I think you will be challenged to implement them all without having them contradict each other. Green house goals and growth in the city are a challenge

Anonymous

7/14/2023 03:37 PM

I think Kitchener is on track. We wife and I vacationed in Rome and Barcelona this year. Kitchener needs to emulate what they have: pedestrian and cycling friendly streets, destination points, walk ability to needs (markets, groceries, hardware stores).

██████████

7/14/2023 04:28 PM

The overarching goals seem fine and most of the actions seem appropriate. Whether time, staff, and funds are actually allocated to these initiatives will be key. Climate action, including diverse housing and prioritizing non-car transportation are key.

Anonymous

7/14/2023 05:30 PM

I think you're on the right track! A lot of these sound like awesome goals. One thing though I think could help is maybe adding examples - a number of these are pretty general. Mentioning what issues they're addressing could also help? Otherwise, awesome!

Anonymous

7/16/2023 10:06 AM

I am a cyclist BUT feel the bike route are basically useless and are costly. Basic lines on the roads are sufficient help with gilding cyclists BUT not barriers and eliminating car lanes

Anonymous

7/16/2023 11:10 AM

I wonder if forcing builders to agree to dedicate at least a percentage of units to be subsidized in order to grant permits would be beneficial in succeeding getting more subsidized housing

Anonymous

7/17/2023 08:43 AM

I believe the strategy as stands is good

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7/17/2023 11:11 AM

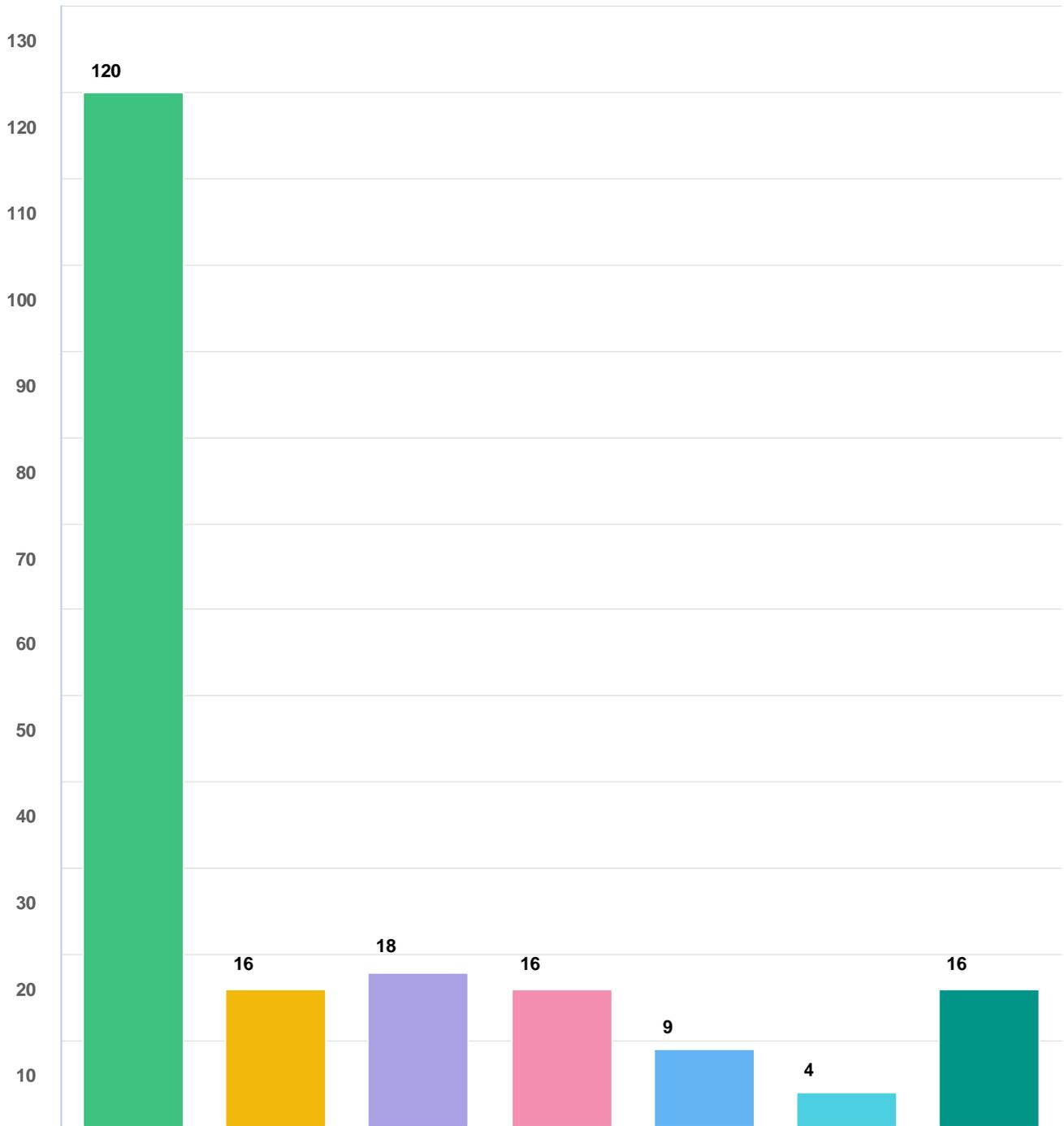
Most of the tree canopy is privately owned so greening requires Green City action 5 of 8. How many residents know about Kitchener's tax deductions for tree maintenance costs? Promotion of "protect a tree" should rival "plant a tree" but run parallel.

Optional question (134 response(s), 53 skipped)

Question type: Single Line Question

Data for this question is on the following page

Q3 Before today, how did you engage with us on the development of the 2023-2026 strategic plan? (check all that apply)

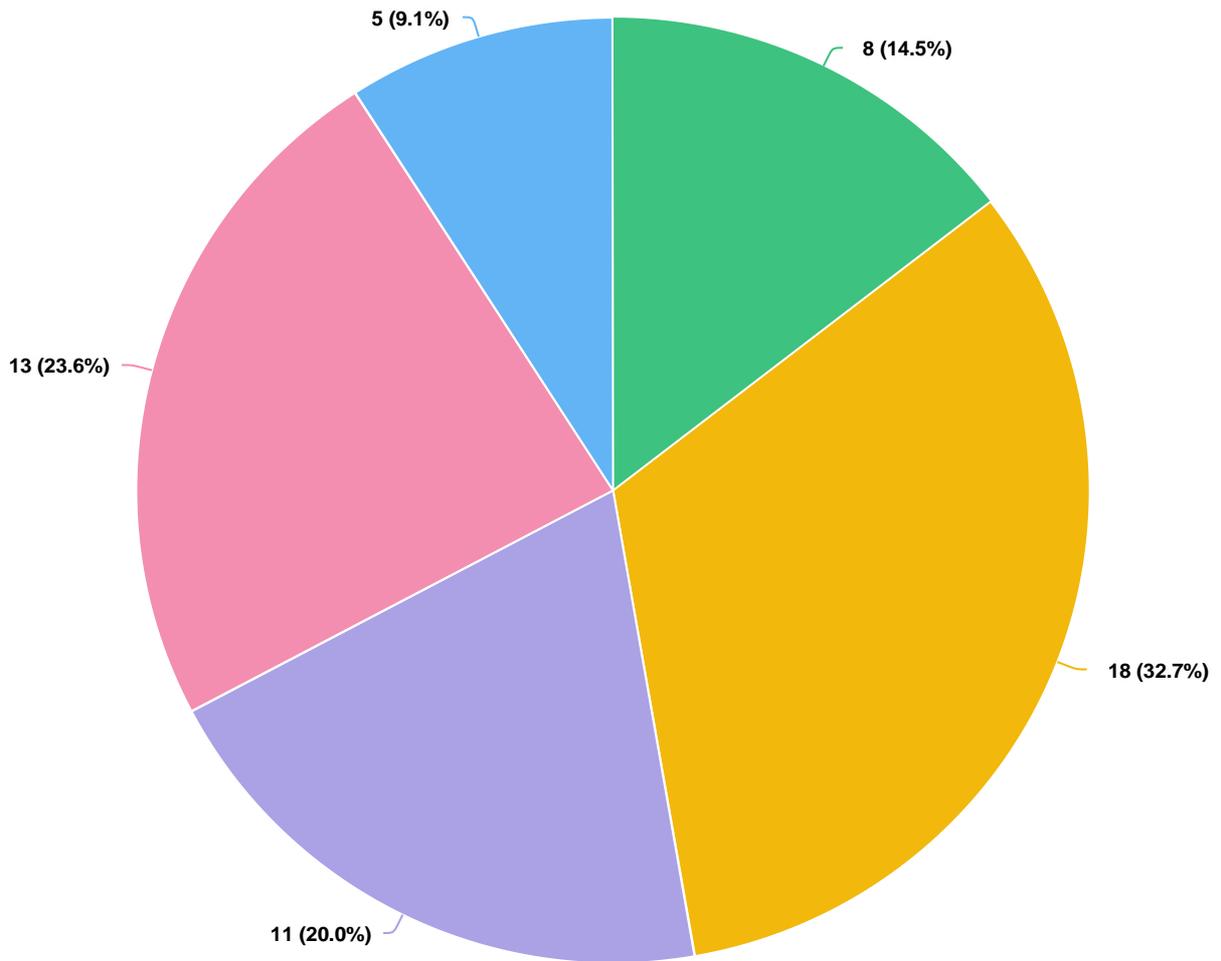


Question options

- Today is the first time I engaged on this project
- Contributed to the Ideas Boards
- Contributed to Share Your Vision
- Contacted City staff to comment or ask a question
- Took part in a street team interview
- Took part in a focus group
- Took part in the resident panel

Optional question (175 response(s), 12 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q4 In your opinion, how much did your input affect the final list of draft goals and actions?

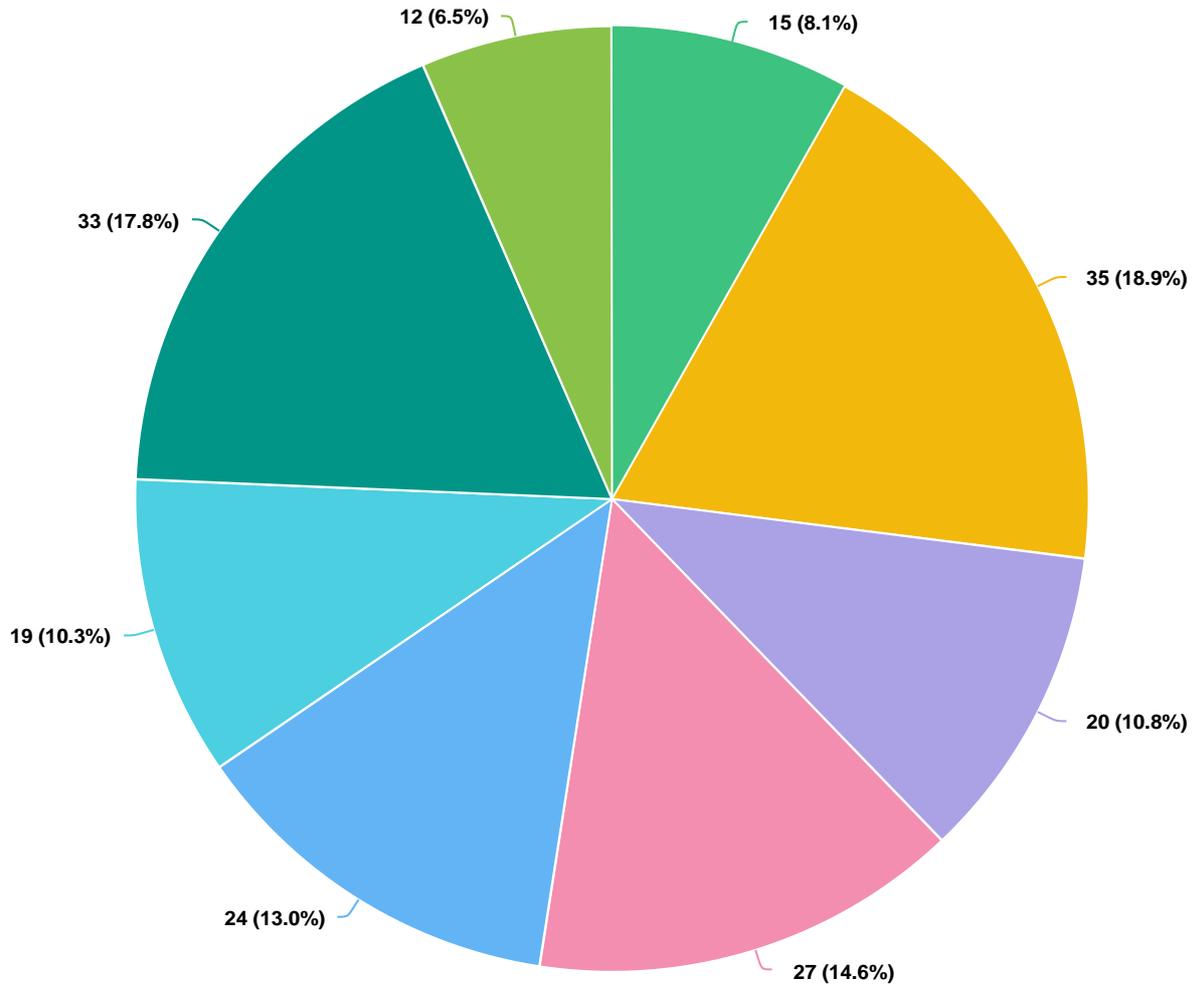


Question options

- A great amount A moderate amount A small amount Not at all Not sure

*Optional question (55 response(s), 132 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q5 What is your age?

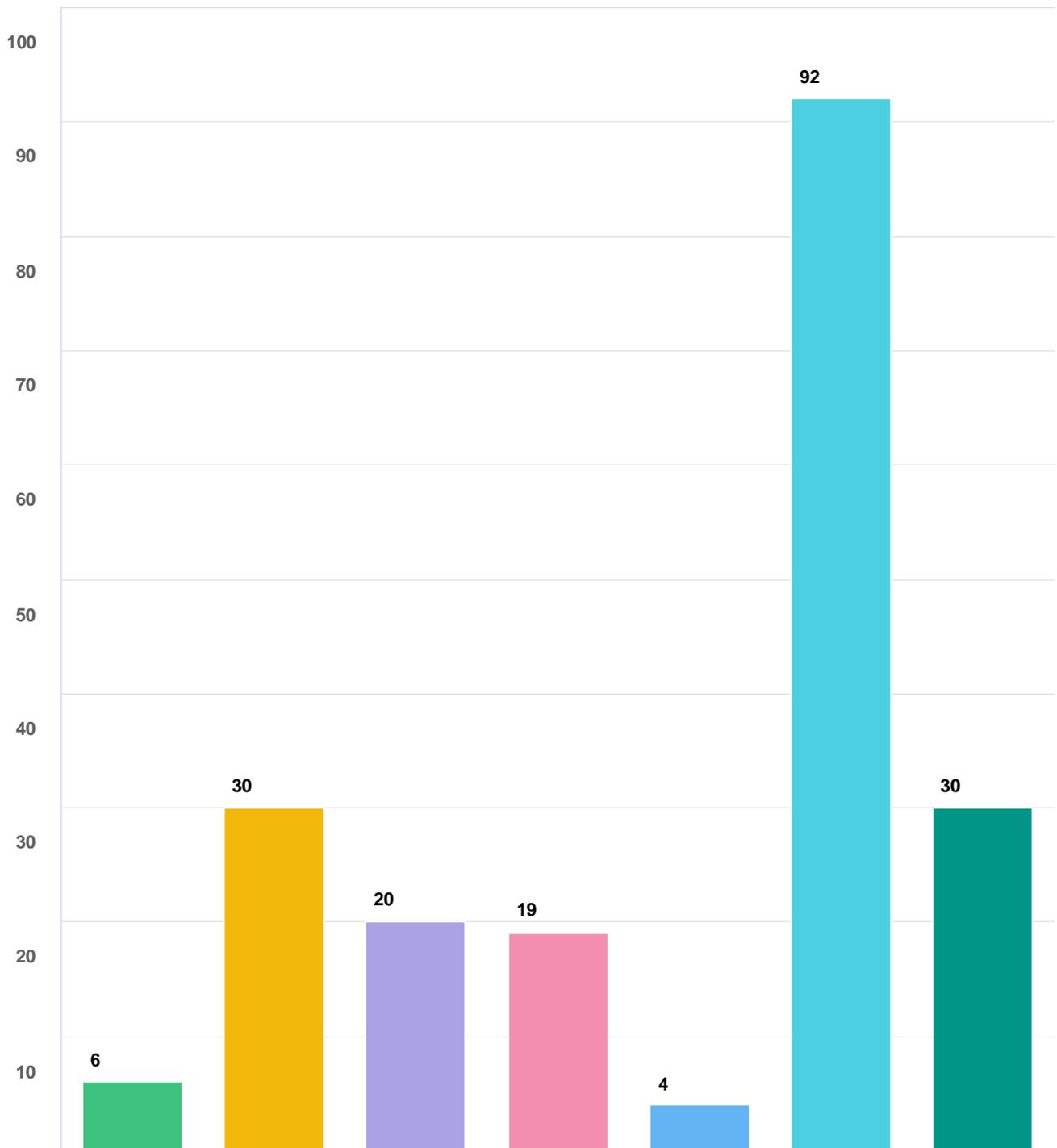


Question options

- Under 18 years old
- 18 to 29 years old
- 30 to 39 years old
- 40 to 49 years old
- 50 to 59 years old
- 60 to 64 years old
- 65 years old and above
- Prefer not to answer

Optional question (185 response(s), 2 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q6 Do you identify as a member of any of the following groups? (choose all that apply)

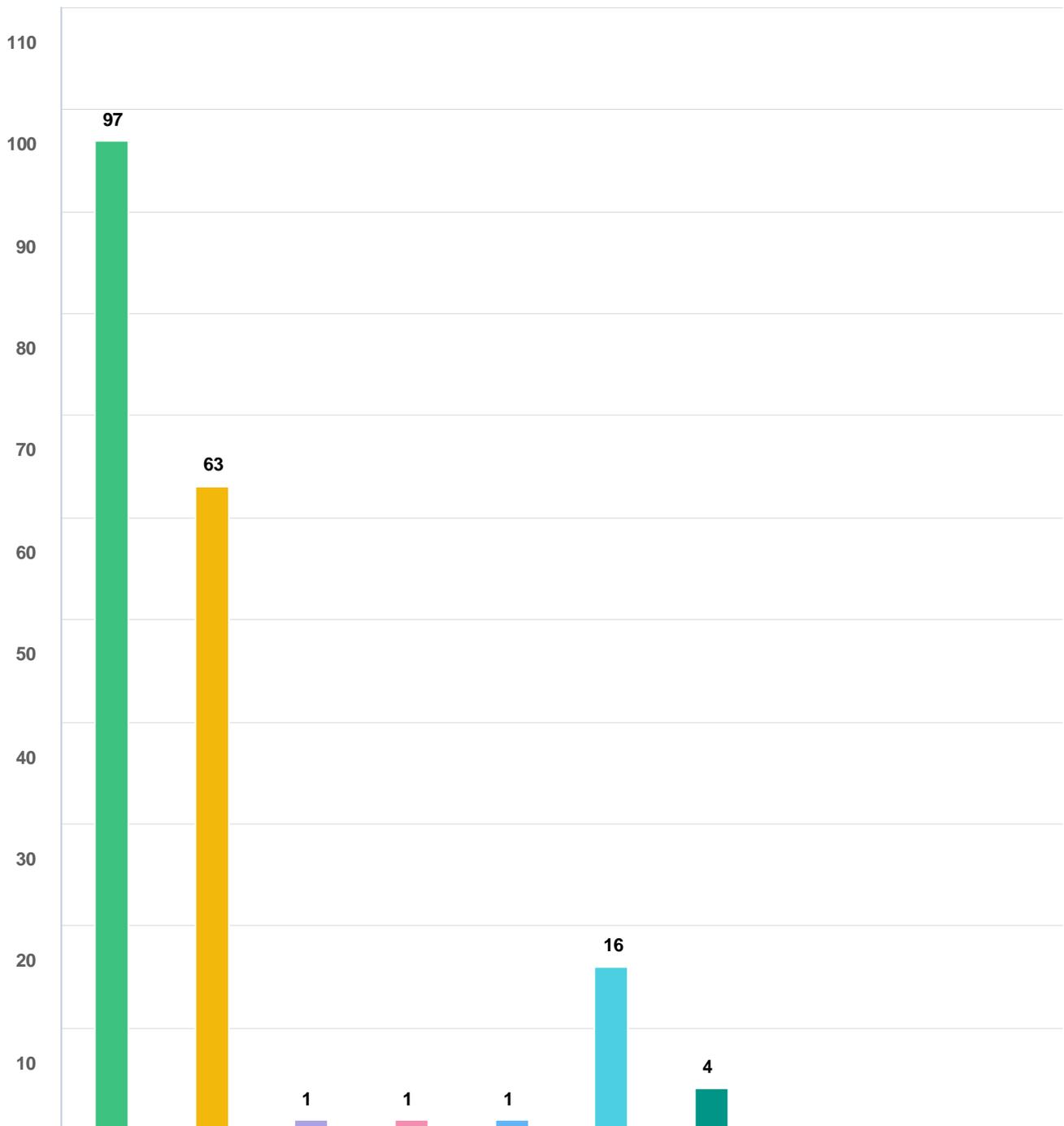


Question options

- Person with a disability
- Member of a racialized group
- Immigrant or Refugee
- 2LGBTQ+
- First Nations, Inuit or Métis
- None of the above
- Prefer not to answer

Optional question (182 response(s), 5 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q7 Which of the following best describes your gender identity? (choose all that apply)

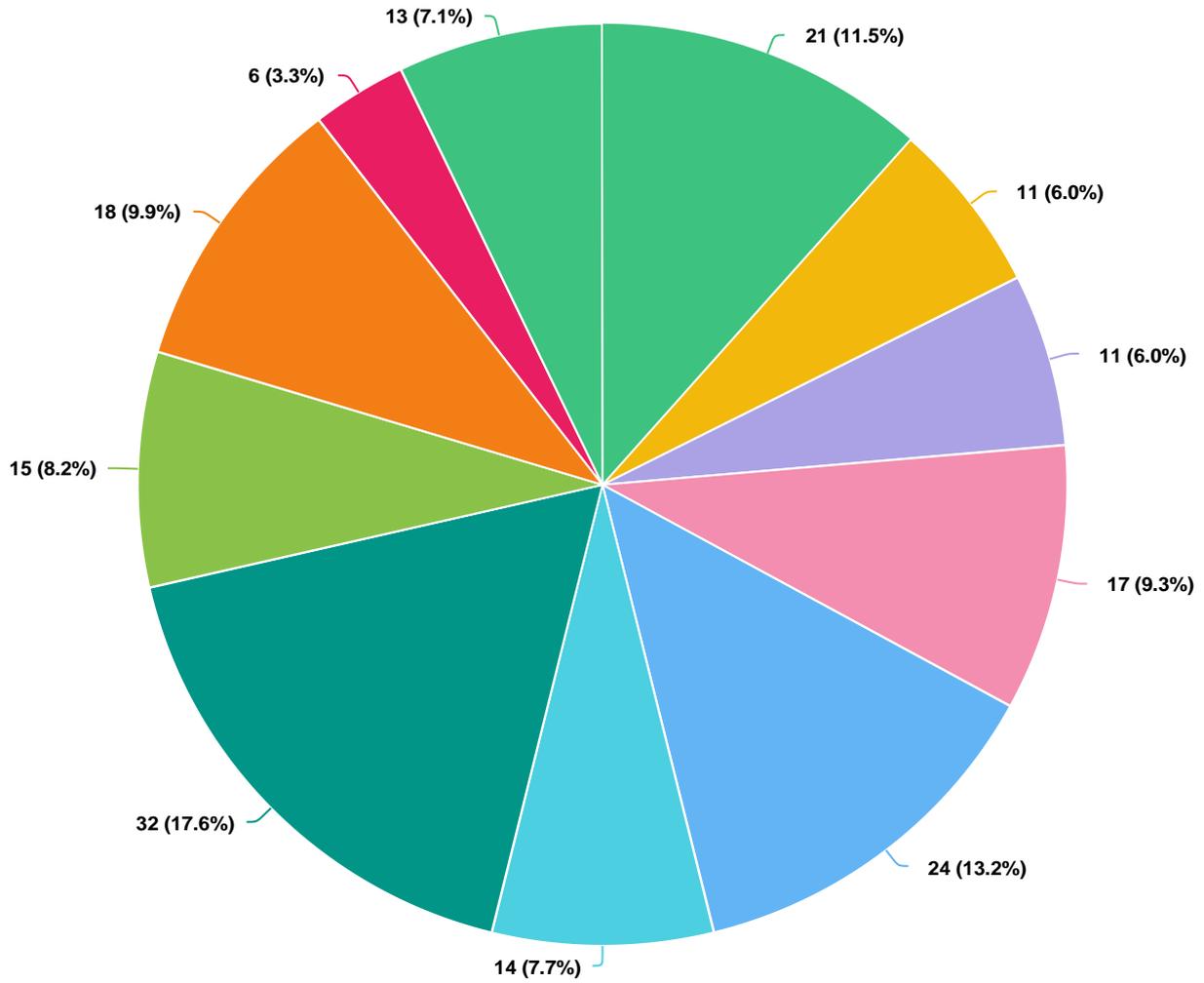


Question options

- Woman
- Man
- Trans Woman
- Trans Man
- Two-Spirit
- Prefer not to answer
- A gender not listed above (please describe):
- Gender Fluid / Gender Queer
- Non-Binary
- I do not identify with a gender

Optional question (183 response(s), 4 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q8 What are the first three digits of your postal code? (e.g., N2G)



Question options

- N2A
- N2B
- N2C
- N2E
- N2G
- N2H
- N2M
- N2N
- N2P
- N2R
- Other (please add your first three digits only):

Optional question (182 response(s), 5 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question