



Street Tree List update survey

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

15 September 2023 - 05 March 2025

PROJECT NAME:

Street Tree List Update

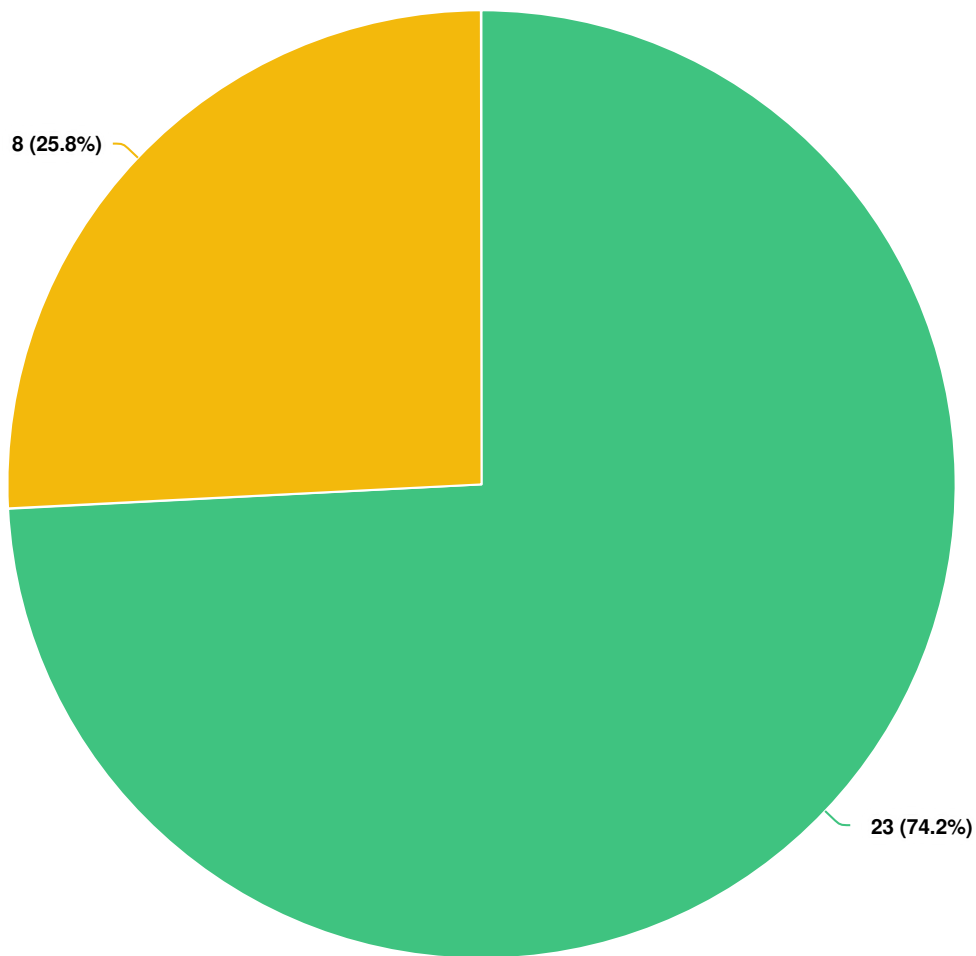
SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 | We have a number of criteria we look at when adding trees to the Street Tree List. Which characteristics of a tree are the ...

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Climate adaptability	2.42
Resilience (health or strength)	2.86
Native species	2.90
Tree size at maturity	2.90
Aesthetics (how it looks)	3.69

Optional question (31 response(s), 3 skipped)
Question type: Ranking Question

Q2 In the past, we have added resilient trees of any origin to the Street Tree List. For future additions, should native species be prioritized over non-native species?



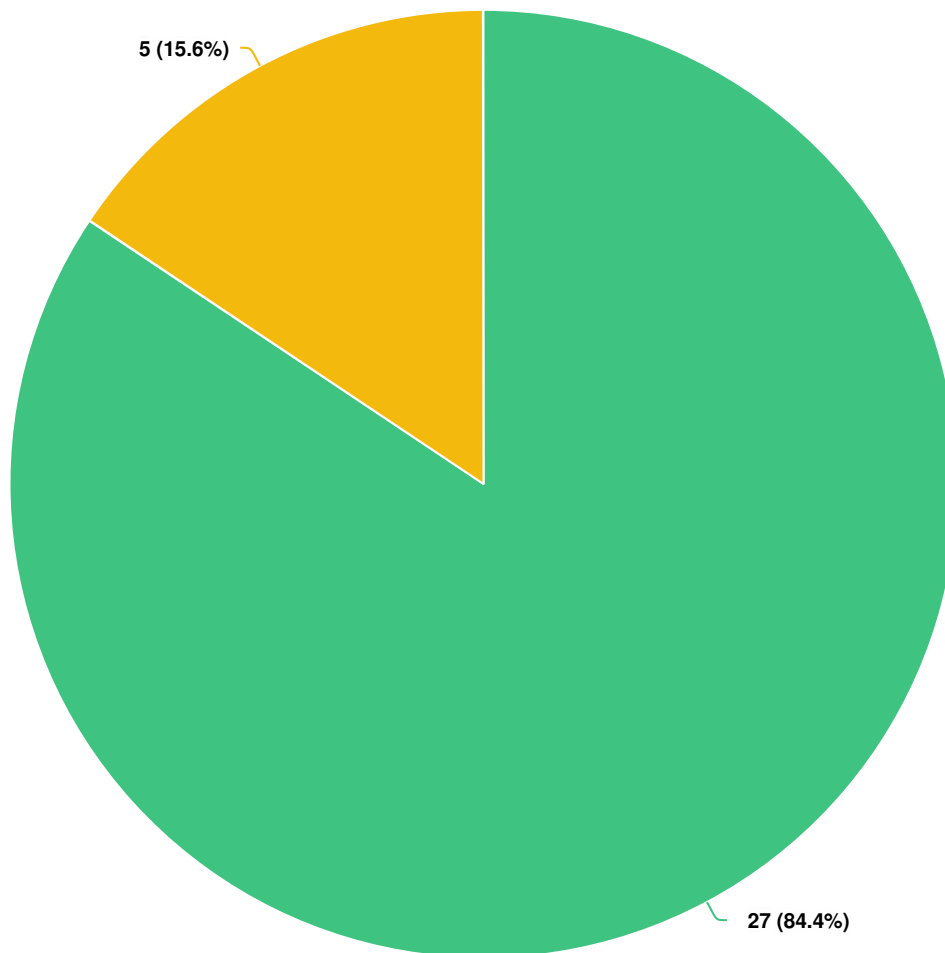
Question options

- Yes, native species should be prioritized.
- No, native species should not be prioritized.

Optional question (31 response(s), 3 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q3 | Should the City be allowed to make exceptions to the list if a City arborist gives approval?



Question options

- Yes, the City should be allowed to plant a tree that is not on the list if they have arborist approval.
- No, the City should not be allowed to make exceptions to the list.

Optional question (32 response(s), 2 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q4 | Do you have a tree(s) to suggest for inclusion on the Street Tree List? Please give us both the common and scientific names of the tree(s) (if you know it). Tell us why it would be a good addition on the list?

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1) Green Giant Cedar - Thuja 'standishii' x plicata (Fast growing, only 8' wide at maturity) 2) Excelsa Cedar - Thuja plicata 'Excelsa' (Maintains its density, 15' wide) 3) Rocky Mountain Juniper - Juniperus scopulorum (Lovely silvery blue foliage, compact, 8' wide) 4) Slender Hinoki Cypress - Chamaecyparis obtusa gracilia (Slow growing, 5' wide) 5) Vanderwolf Pine - Pinus flexilis 'Vanderwolf' (Tolerates hot summers, wet winters; 15' wide) 6) Gold Rider Leyland Cypress - Cupressocyparis leylandii 'Gold Rider' (Golden-green, 15' wide) 7) Columnar Black Pine - Pinus nigra 'Arnold Sentinel' (Tolerates extreme weather conditions, 7' wide) 8) Oregon Green Black Pine - Pinus nigra 'Oregon Green' (Tolerates pollution, 10' wide) 9) Eastern Redcedar - Juniperus virginiana (Dense, compact, hardy, slow-growing, 12-15' wide)

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No specific trees, but the taller the better. Shoreline has destroyed the habitats of so many birds. just planting small trees for appearances sake, do very little to try and offset the number of mature trees the city has destroyed. Small trees also do not provide much shade, something that will continue to grow in importance as climate change worsens.

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Please add large native conifers!! Shoreline has allowed the removal of much of the city's mature tree canopy, and it continues to deteriorate. We need to restore it!!

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Arbutus manziesii, or Pacific Madrone

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Maple Washington maple and Madrona.

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Juniperus scopolorum, calocoderus decurrens Both native to Shoreline and being actively planted and promoted by the City of Shoreline "Community-trees" program.

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2/21/2025 02:21 PM
Mountain Hemlock (Tsuga mertensiana). One of the rare conifers that tolerates pruning. Green all year and good for habitat. Pacific Yew (Taxus brevifolia). Unusual appearance, wonderful for habitat, can be pruned. Vine Maple (Acer circinatum). Beautiful small tree that can be pruned to suit the site.

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2/22/2025 08:59 PM
Only native trees

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2/24/2025 10:28 AM
Alaskan Green Arrow Cedar. Tall, lovely, doesn't spread, beautiful droop when mature.

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2/24/2025 11:59 AM
Please consider saving all of our mature native trees, plant trees that can withstand warmer climates. Plant evergreen as it takes up more carbon (year round). Incense Cedar (a cedar from California and good for drought and rot resistant. I planted some on my property. Never watered and are thriving. It is more narrow and smaller than the western red cedar. Birds love this tree. Redwoods. Evergreens from California that will thrive here in a warmer climate as PNW becomes California weather due to climate change.

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2/28/2025 11:31 AM
720 N 179th Street

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3/01/2025 03:26 PM
Dwarf Hinoki cypress. , weeping blue atlas cedar, weeping Norway spruce, weeping white pine, weeping cherry weeping Japanese larch, weeping crabapple , little gem magnolia, emerald green arborvitae, rose of Sharon weeping juniper, rose bud tree, chaste tree weeping forsythia weeping mulberry

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- In general, the list is very light on specific cultivars. Many tree species that are listed include no cultivars or only a few. If intentional, this should be evaluated. If the list is meant to be inclusive of non-listed cultivars, that should be noted. Examples would be cultivars of Liquidambar, Nyssa, Liriodendron, Lagerstroemia, Pyrus, as well as

Acer and Quercus. Seek out the urban tolerant cultivars. Cross check with commercial PNW tree nurseries about tolerance and availability.

Screen Name Redacted little gem magnolia, dwarf magnolia.

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Optional question (17 response(s), 17 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q5 | Is there a tree(s) on the current list that should be removed? Please give us both the common and scientific names of the tree(s). Tell us why it should be removed from the list.

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Screen Name Redacted Non native plants

2/21/2025 12:22 PM

Screen Name Redacted Not sure, but not a fan of so many deciduous trees that release so much pollen and drop their leaves in the fall.

2/21/2025 12:36 PM

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Screen Name Redacted Just remove enough to make lots of space for native plantings, OK?

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Screen Name Redacted The trees which are bad for the native trees

2/22/2025 08:59 PM

Screen Name Redacted Big Leaf Maple is a weed; it would need to be a sterile species if one exists.

2/24/2025 10:28 AM

Screen Name Redacted Any tree that grows to 75feet or taller should not be on the list. They endanger buildings and homes in the area. We are now stuck with 80-90 year old trees that have grown to over 100ft and are next to or in close proximity to homes. This is dangerous. It is a shame that people before us did not consider what the trees they left would do to homeowners' safety as they grew. My home is two plots away from trees that are ~130ft. If they fell, it is estimated the top 20 feet of the

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trees would fall on my home! This should not be!

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There are plants on the current list that I would consider to be shrubs and not trees, like the serviceberry.

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Leland cypress. it is outlawed in England.

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- Consider if *Betula jaquemontii* (Himalayan Birch) is climate adapted. Its need for summer moisture and insect susceptibility make it questionable. - Consider if *Magnolia denudata* is available in the commercial nursery trade widely enough, and urban tolerant enough, to be listed as a street tree.

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Taxodium distichum 'Mickelson' (Shawnee Brave Bald Cypress)
Taxodium distichum (bald cypress) All *Acer saccharum* (Sugar maple)
Pyrus calleryana (Cambridge pear) *Acer palmatum* (Japanese maple)
Parrotia persia (Persian Parrotia)

Optional question (12 response(s), 22 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q6 | Do you have any other comments or questions you would like to share?

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Our evergreen conifers are being removed in droves. These trees provide their health benefits year round. They should be replaced by evergreen conifers and replaced with 10' tall trees. Above, the 'Moonglow' Rocky Mountain Juniper, Mountain Hemlock, Oregon Green Black Pine, and Slender Hinoki Cypress are all slow growing and 20' or less tall at maturity. They could be planted in many amenity zones. There are some medians that would accommodate the others listed above. All of them would be lower maintenance than deciduous trees.

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Although I'm a biologist and avid gardener, the list is so comprehensive that only a botanist or arborist could evaluate it. I yield to the experts.

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2/21/2025 12:22 PM

Restore our tree canopy!! Shoreline has allowed the removal of much of the city's mature tree canopy, and it continues to deteriorate. We need to restore it with large tall native conifers!

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2/21/2025 12:26 PM

Please prioritize native trees. Thank you!

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2/21/2025 12:36 PM

Please reduce the number of trees that release excessive pollen. Those of us with allergies are having a lot of trouble breathing due to the increase in high pollen count days throughout the year. Also, I took the survey initially via my phone and did not see that the ranking was 1 = most important, and 5 = least important. So I am retaking the survey to ensure my preferences are recorded correctly.

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2/21/2025 01:47 PM

Large adult trees are critical now more than ever in hotter, longer summers. They provide much needed shade and counteract global warming. Our day workers who walk the sidewalks and wait on public transportation need these trees to keep them cool from hot asphalt. It makes no sense to cut the trees in order to expand or create more "heat islands." Witnessing this in the mass development and transit construction is criminal and heartbreaking. Make a change!

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Thank you for inviting our ideas. Seattle DOT has a pretty good tree list. Might have some good ideas for Shoreline.

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2/22/2025 04:53 AM

I hope that you will save as many mature conifers as possible because the benefits they provide can never be replaced by planting small deciduous trees, many of which die due to lack of care in their first years. The summers are getting hotter with little if any rain, so it's vitally important to make sure any trees planted are watered. And I would hope that the trees you plant actually provide some shade to help combat the heat island affect that is getting worse as the mature conifers are cut down. We can save large trees by installing elevated sidewalks like the one that was put in on Dayton Ave. There are newer kinds of sidewalks today so if roots become an issue in the future, these modern sidewalks can replace the old ones without the need to remove the trees. Thank you.

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When considering street tree replacements, please prioritize evergreen trees. The reduced leaf litter from evergreens, like 'Green Arrow' Alaskan Yellow Cedar or Skyrocket Juniper, translates directly into lower maintenance demands for city crews and less cleanup for

homeowners. This is a cost-effective approach that also ensures consistent green cover year-round. For budget-conscious and practical street tree choices, narrow evergreens like these are the superior option.

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I would love to see more trees, particularly live native oaks and maples which are the biggest carbon sinks.

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City of Shoreline staff seem concerned when someone wants to have a tree taken down without looking at the reason for the tree removal. Also, they seem to forget that we replace the trees three times over. That as the tree replacements are planted, we will have three times the number of trees we have now. Even the utilities are concerned about how much the trees here are growing. They are cutting back branches that are touching lines and sometimes topping trees that are entangled in the utility lines. Partly, I am sure, for prevention of fires and electrical outages. City of Shoreline looks at how close to homes the trees are, but they should also consider how tall the tree is. Whether damage will occur if the tree should fall. All trees with fall eventually. We will lose all the tall trees in Shoreline eventually. The skyline will change. That is how Nature works. A tree starts from a seed, it grows, then eventually it dies. It either dies because it is at the end of its life and needs to be removed, OR branches fall and endangers people living close by and the owners want to remove it proactively to prevent human injury or home damage, OR nothing is done with the tree that has branches falling and someone is injured or dies when the branches fall on people or property. Look at the reasons people are having trees removed. Most of the trees in Shoreline are very tall and old. It is frustrating when people don't look at the whole picture.

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I feel the 1st priority is to preserve our native trees that have proven themselves to be survivors. Then diversify with cultivars and west coast natives from warmer climates that will do well in our summer drought conditions. Finally, it's important to recognize the contribution to quality of life that evergreens bring. Our evergreen canopy is a significant reason people want to live here and we should respect that.

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2/25/2025 10:41 PM

Please allow some of the large trees from the unimproved right-of-way list on improved rights-of-way. Traffic circles and chicanes greater than 20 feet in width could accommodate a Douglas fir or western red cedar, for example.

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2/28/2025 11:31 AM

Yes, as great of a program this is, for whatever reason there has been silence or resistance to planting trees at local school playgrounds and their surrounding play areas. With climate change, the equipment gets hot and needs shade, and kids who live in apartments have little access to trees in general. As parents/guardians, we would certainly organize volunteers to water the trees during their early stages in the summer, and kids could help during the school year; this is a great education tool as well. This can be worked out, we just need some effort on the city's part to spearhead this. Thank you for your consideration.

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There ought to be exceptions for the homeowner to the lists if there is nothing appropriate for the property. Also, replacing inappropriate tree with a better alternative only makes sense. There needs to be a procedure for that to occur.

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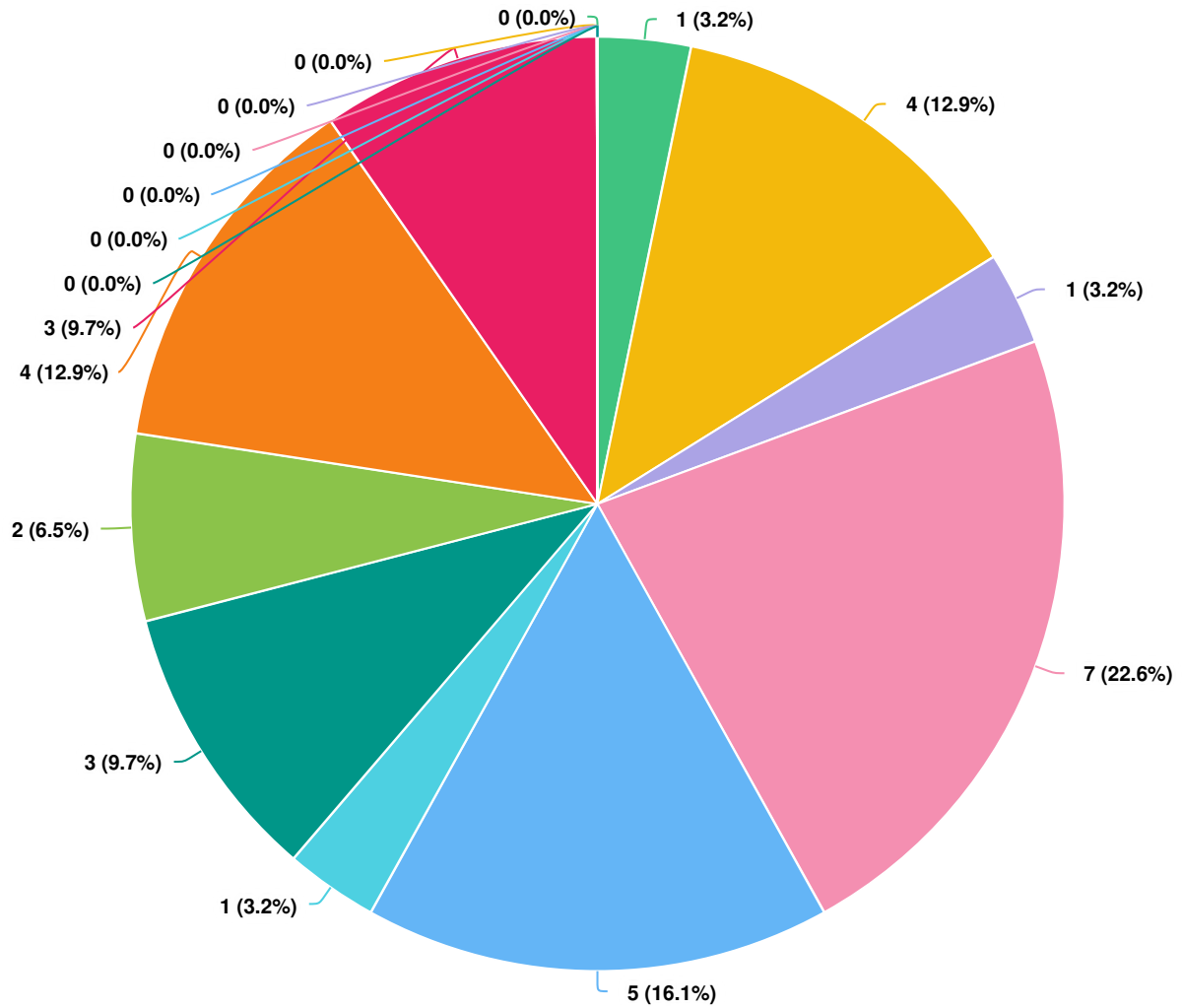
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- Suggestion to emphasize urban tolerance as much as climate adaptability. Include a definition of climate adaptability in the street tree list. - Suggestion to include an index at the end of the street tree list of all species listed alphabetically so that a user can search for a certain species and see where the city has placed it in terms of size/planting zone. - Evaluate if the sizes of planting area that the trees are grouped by in this list are accurate and meaningful - for example, is there a difference in performance between 5' and 6' wide for specific tree species? - Ensure tree spread and form are being taken into account - cross check some of your data. There is a columnar tree in the 6' planting strip category which says in the comments that 'its good close to buildings' but according to nursery catalogues, that cultivar has a 20' spread. (Acer nigrum 'Green Column') - Reconsider emphasis on Great Plant Picks as the only resource referenced in this list. While wonderful, many of their plant selections have a home garden emphasis. - Evaluate the benefit of including a general 'comments' column. The comments included are all over the place. Who is the audience and what information do you think they need here? - Consider adding a drought tolerance column or other guidance regarding need for supplemental water beyond establishment period. Also consider a raingarden tolerant column if raingardens are being promoted by the City in the right of way.

Optional question (17 response(s), 17 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q7 What neighborhood do you live in?

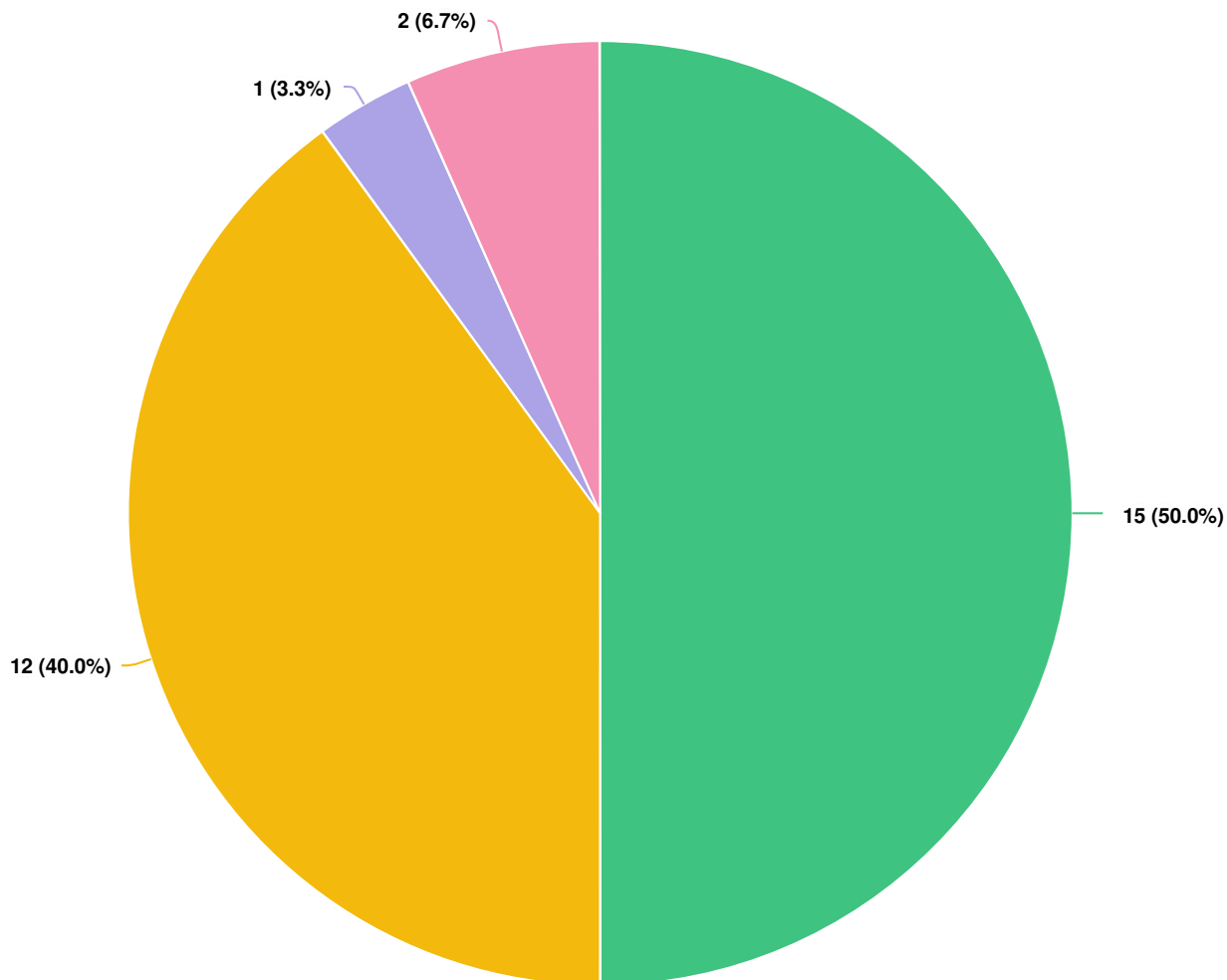


Question options

- Ballinger
- Echo Lake
- Highland Terrace
- Hillwood
- North City
- Parkwood
- Richmond Beach
- Richmond Highlands
- Ridgecrest
- I don't live in Shoreline
- Briarcrest
- The Highlands
- Innis Arden
- Meridian park
- Westminster Triangle
- I don't know
- I prefer not to answer

Optional question (31 response(s), 3 skipped)
Question type: Dropdown Question

Q8 Gender Identity

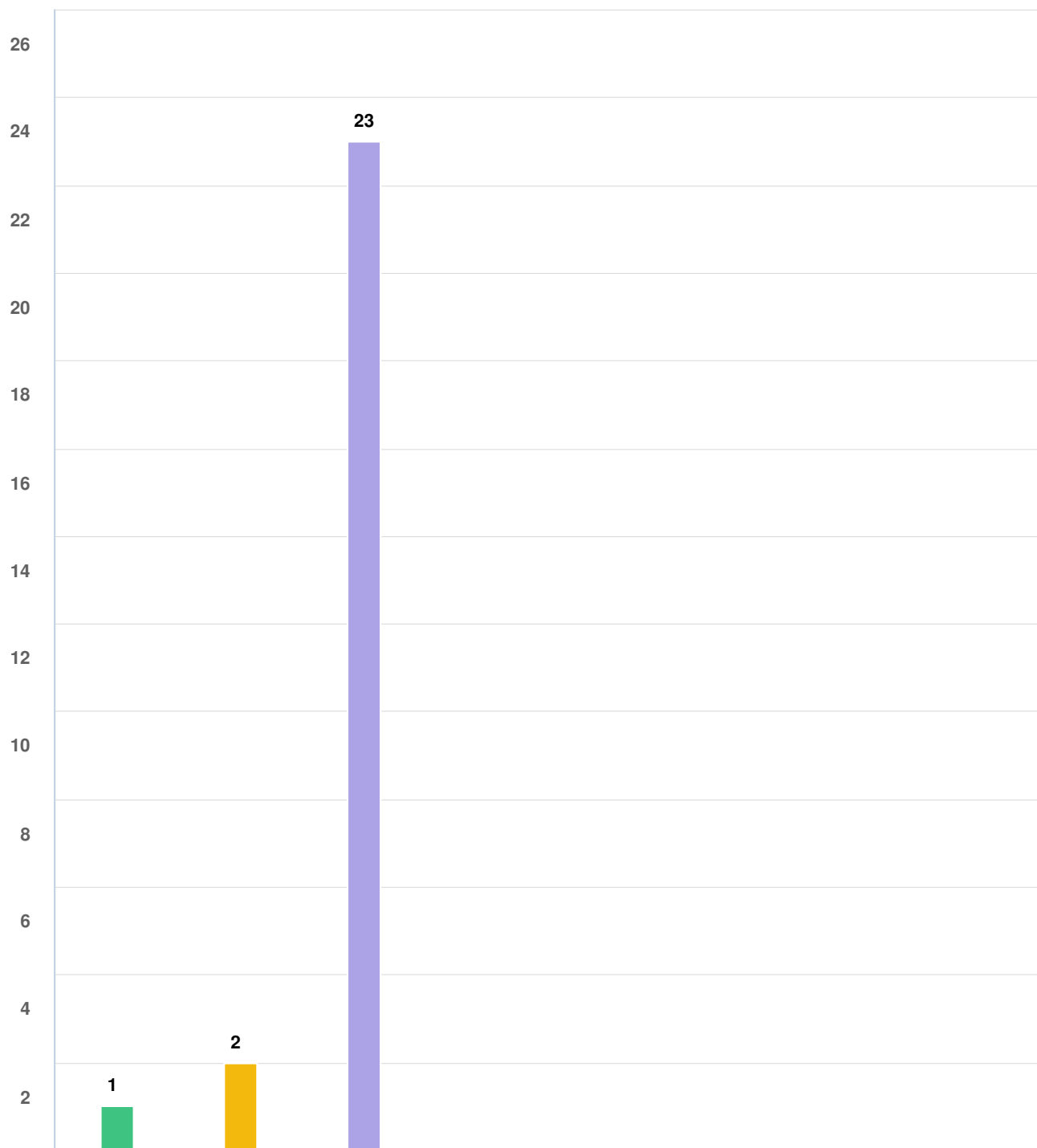


Question options

● Female ● Male ● Non binary/Other ● I prefer not to answer

*Optional question (30 response(s), 4 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q9 Which of the following best describes your race/ethnicity? (Check all that apply)

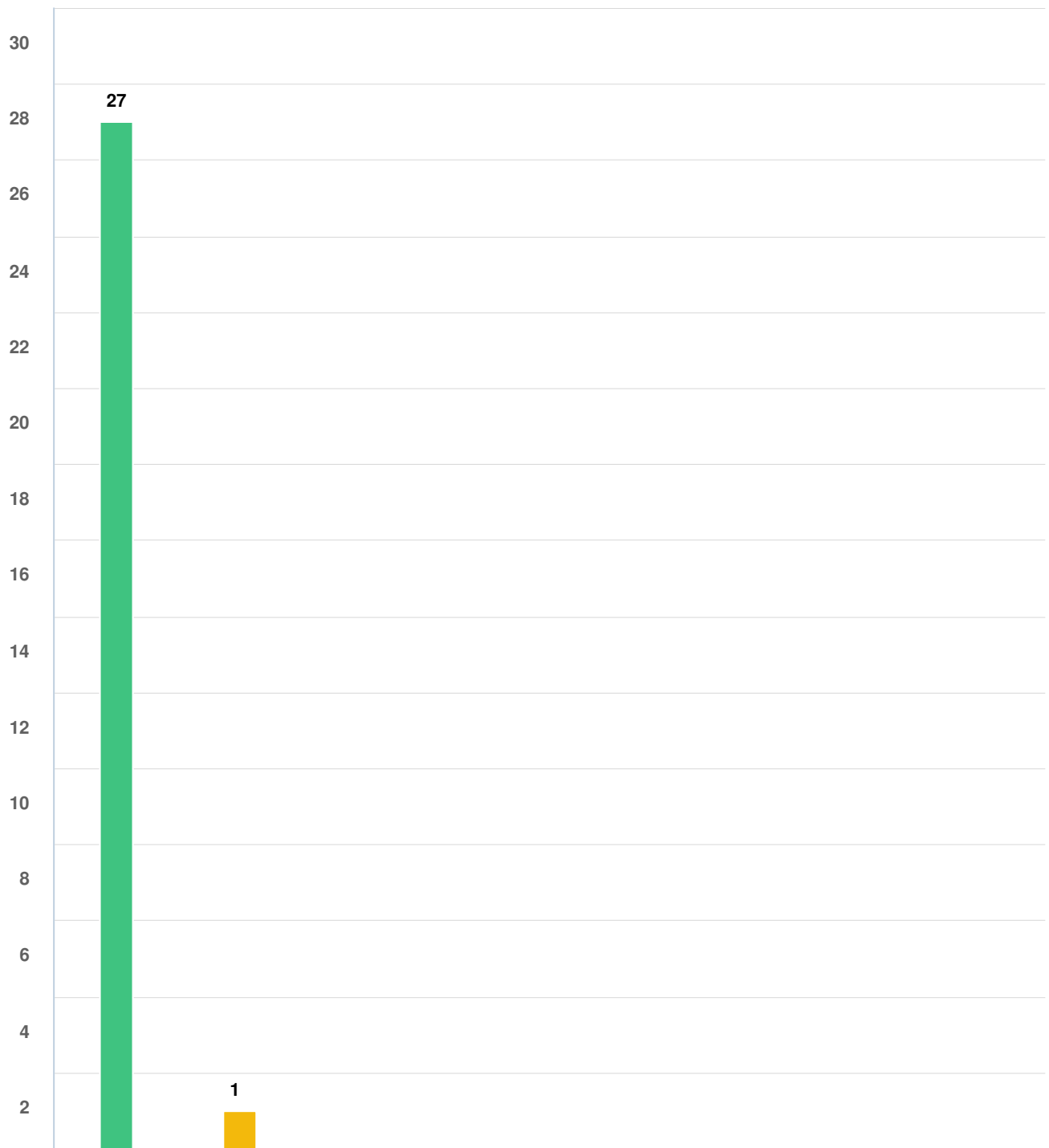


Question options

- Asian
- Hispanic/Latino
- White/Caucasian
- African American/Black
- Middle Eastern or North African
- Native American/Alaskan Native
- Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (24 response(s), 10 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q10 What is the primary language(s) spoken in your home?

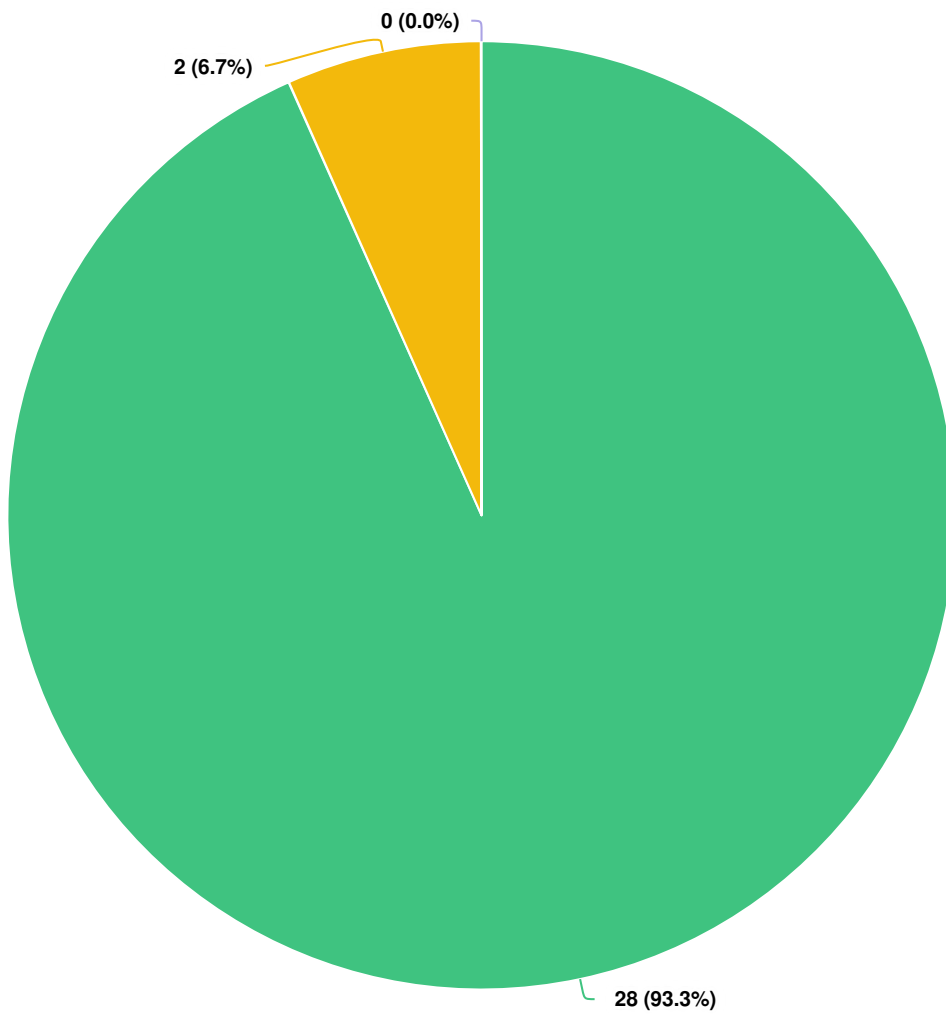


Question options

- English
- Other (please specify)
- Spanish
- Amharic/Tigrinya
- Korean
- Mandarin/Cantonese
- Tagalog
- Vietnamese

Optional question (28 response(s), 6 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q11 | Do you own or rent your current residence?

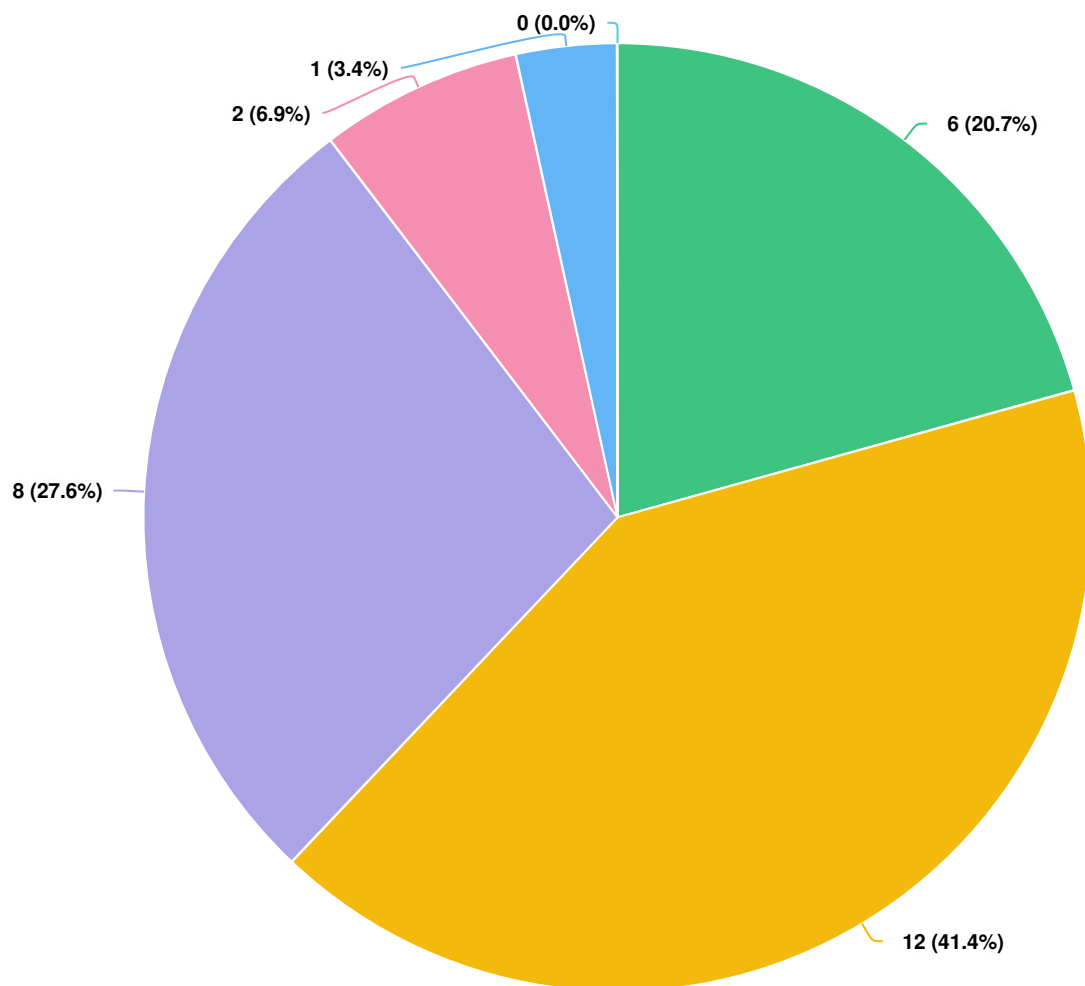


Question options

- Own
- Rent
- I prefer not to answer

Optional question (30 response(s), 4 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q12 Counting yourself, how many people live in your household?

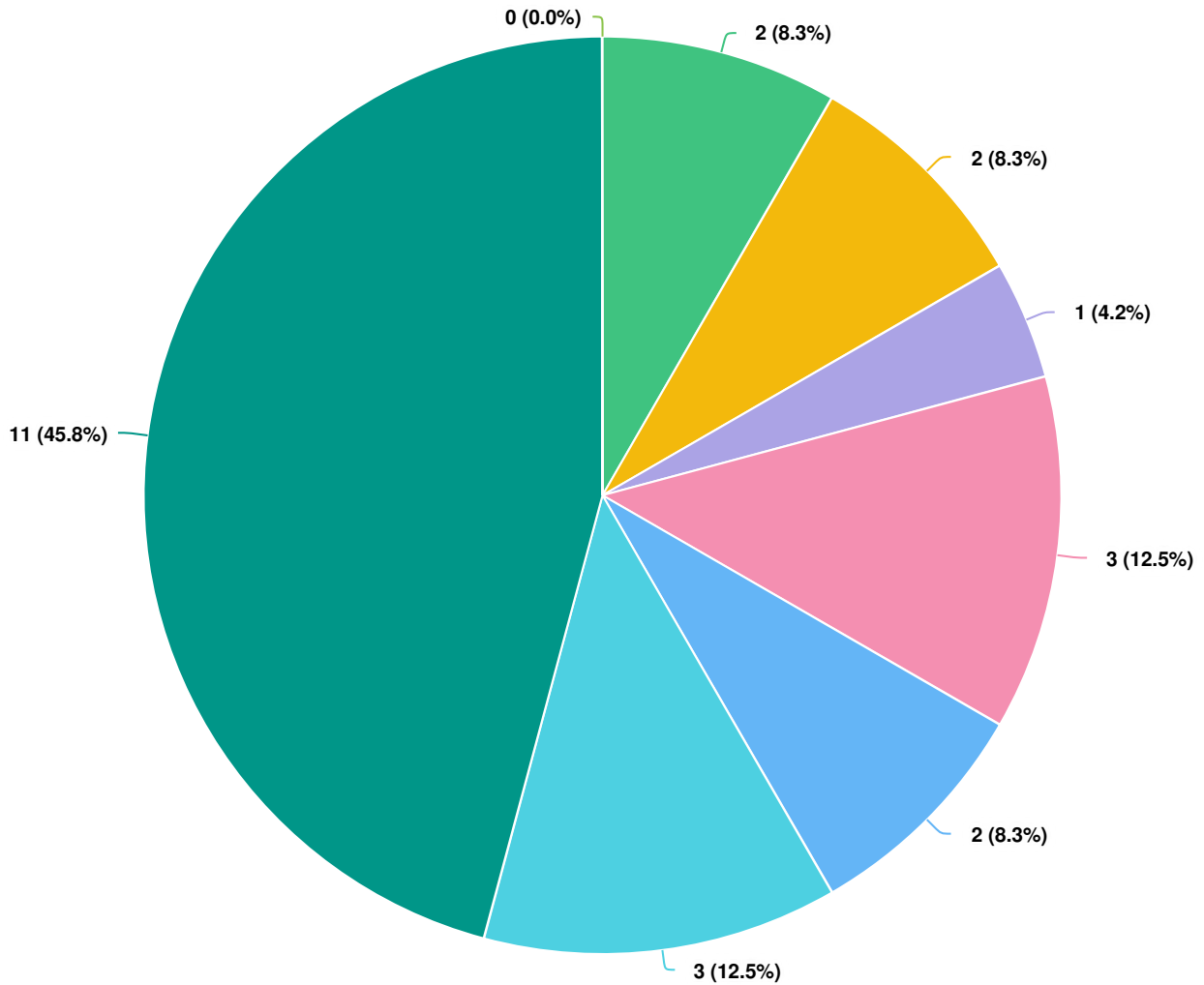


Question options

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6 or more

Optional question (29 response(s), 5 skipped)
Question type: Dropdown Question

Q13 | What is your total annual household income?

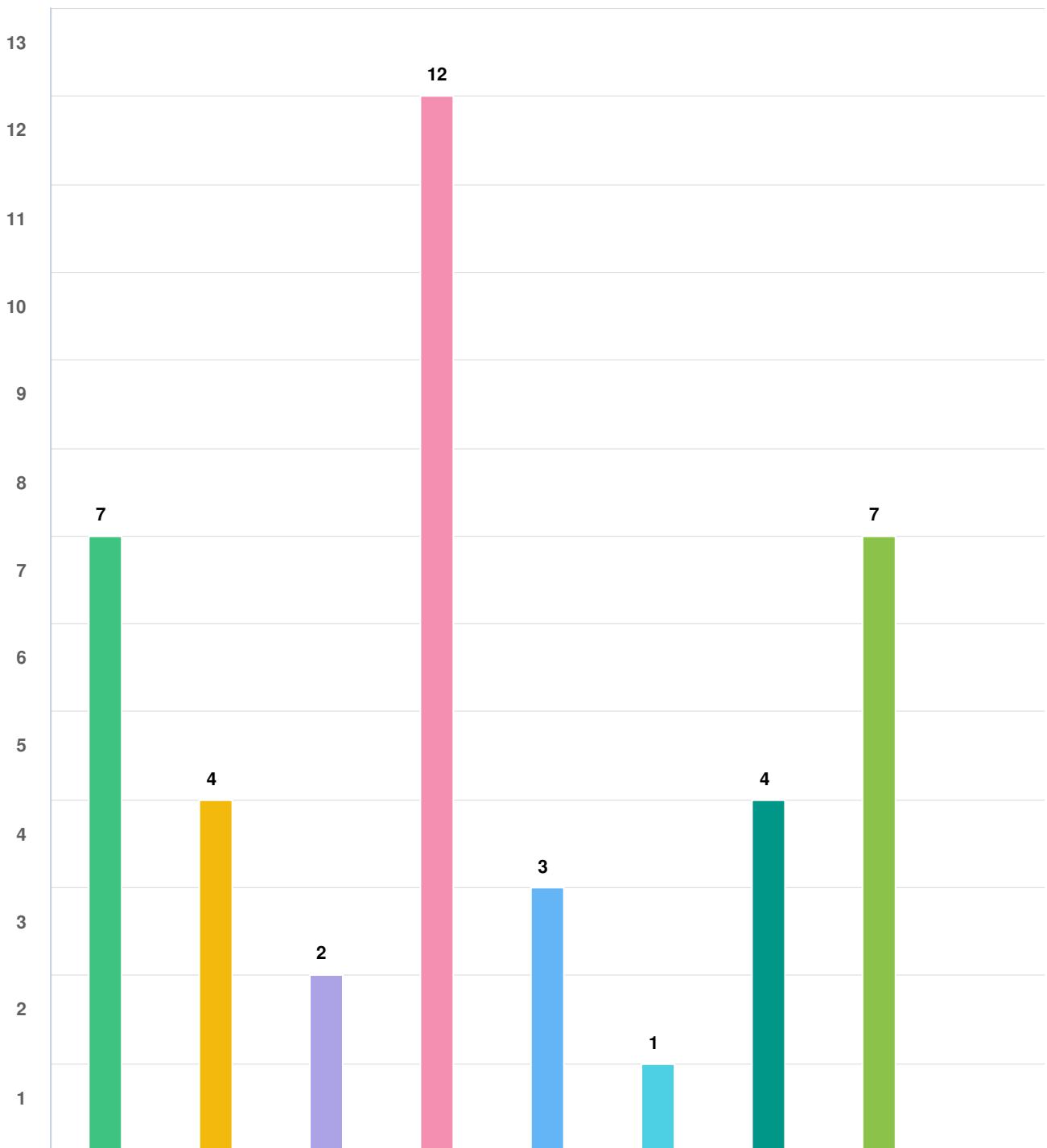


Question options

- \$20,000 - \$39,999
- \$40,000 - \$59,999
- \$60,000 - \$99,999
- \$100,000 - \$149,999
- \$150,000 - \$199,999
- More than \$200,000
- I prefer not to answer
- Less than \$20,000

Optional question (24 response(s), 10 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q14 How did you hear about this project/meeting/event? (Please check and/or list all that apply)



Question options

- Currents newsletter
- Neighborhood Association
- City webpage
- Email notification
- Social media
- Yard sign
- Friend/neighbor
- Other (please specify)
- Postcard

Optional question (30 response(s), 4 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question