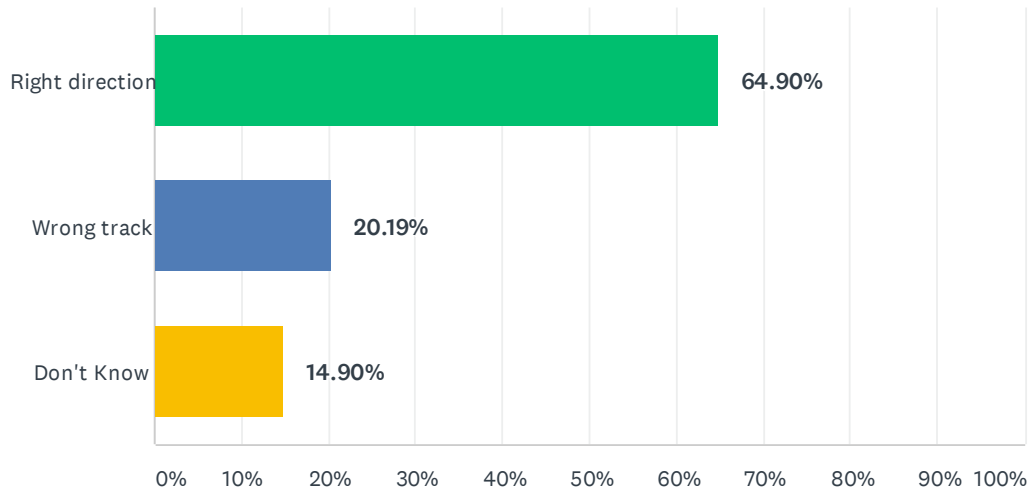


# Q1 Do you feel that things in Kirkland are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

Answered: 416 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Right direction	64.90%	270
Wrong track	20.19%	84
Don't Know	14.90%	62
TOTAL		416

## Q2 What do you think are the two most important problems facing Kirkland today?

Answered: 382   Skipped: 36

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Most Important	100.00%	382
Next Most Important	92.15%	352

## Potential Fire and Emergency Medical Services Ballot Measures for Kirkland - Question 2

	A	B
1	<b>What do you think are the two most important problems facing Kirkland today?</b>	
2	<b>Most Important</b>	<b>Next Most Important</b>
3	Affordable housing	Traffic management/street maintenance
4	Congestion / overbuilding	Drugs (in schools) and general lax attitude to anything not liberally 'cool' (straws, bikes, plastic bags, etc)
5	COVID-19 safety and reopening plans.	Traffic and development.
6	Traffic	
7	Balancing growth with existing infrastructure maintenance	Traffic control
8	Cost of housing	Safe walk routes
9	Sidewalks	Streets
10	Gentrification with giant houses for high-income folk	Traffic congestion and removal of public transit options
11	neighborhood noise	traffic
12	Over development	Traffic
13	Safety	Growth
14	Overdevelopment of large houses, resulting in tree/habitat reduction and limited affordable housing	Traffic congestion
15	excessive growth	excessive traffic
16	racism--African Americans and other POC are facing discrimination and feel unwelcome	lack of affordable housing
17	Convos-19 containment	Emergence/medical infrastructure
18	Income disparity especially in geography (i.e. downtown and Houghton versus the north end of the city NE 116th North to City limits	Zoning issues that benefit wealthier areas of the city
19		
20	Pedestrian safety	Traffic flow
21	COVID-19 response	sustainable development
22	the virus	what happens after
23	Traffic/infrastructure	Supporting small businesses
24	Making the most of our tax dollars without more tax burden.	Reducing spending on unnecessary items. Take a serious look at reducing fluff. For example, it is not necessary to have so many bronze statues around the city of Kirkland when we could spend those \$ on Fire and Safety.
25	Managing through pandemic	Equity
26	Rapid growth	staggering traffic
27	Keeping small businesses	Law enforcement
28	Traffic - Pre-Covid	Public Safety
29	Theft	
30	High cost of property taxes	Traffic congestion
31	Affordable housing	

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32	COVID 19 and the corona virus pandemic	Diversity and Inclusion of all groups in our city in our response to the pandemic
33	Housing affordability	Parks and green space accessibility
34	Biking lanes	Fixing roads
35	Aggressively opening businesses and schools is the #1 priority, by far. Included in this would be smart protections for nursing homes	Anything to attract businesses and ensure home values stay high. Basically, Kirkland needs to be the place to start a business and raise a family
36	Covid-19 health	Covid-19 economic impact
37	Open up businesses	Let kids go back to school
38	Affordable housing	Safety and crime
39	City Council needs to be replaced	Don't lie to people
40	Price of living	Taxes
41	Overdevelopment	Future Traffic infrastructure
42	Over development	over taxed
43	Affordable housing	Traffic
44	Traffic !	Over spending!
45	Traffic	Crime
46	Property crime	Pan handling
47	Uncontrolled growth	Loss or tree coverage by new developments
48	affordable housing	traffic
49	Raising property taxes	Overbuilding on small lots and not consider traffic congestion
50	Lack of parks ng	
51	Schools	Pushing out middle class
52	Response to COVID 19	Public Safety response times
53	Climate change (multiple aspects)	Transportation.
54	Public Safety	Economic diversity (jobs)
55	Services for the elderly	Cost of living for the elderly
56	Traffic	Taxes
57	Compliance with fire codes.	Excessive spending a lack of building code enforcement.
58	Need for sustainable development	
59	Small businesses adversely affected	
60	Getting Businesses back up an running	Not using resources in our best interest and finding pet projects to fund at our expense
61	pass-through traffic - commuters that don't live here	loss of tree canopy
62	High Taxes	City take citizens input then do what they want anyway
63	Covid (unemployment, closed businesses)	Lost city & county revenue
64	Too much tree cutting	Too many houses in small tracts of land - loss of open spaces
65	Multiple tax requests - city, schools, county, hospital	Budget priorities
66	Increasing cost of housing	Traffic

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67	Financial impacts from covid to businesses and citizens	Growth challenges
68	Lots of new housing being built but lots of redtape and restriction for existing homeowners to be able to modify homes	Our taxes are high and i dont see the benefit towards the people living here.
69	Too many high density apartments	Traffic
70	COVID-19	Traffic bottlenecks
71	Expansion of multi dwelling areas like Totem Lake	Lack of consideration of the tax increases on older residents
72	Traffic/Congestion	High property taxes.
73	COVID-19	Helping residents survive near term economy.
74	High residential property taxes	Getting Kirkland better Metro bus service
75	Fiscal issues in light of pandemic.	Continuous improvement of fire and EMS services
76	roads and streets	more pickleball courts
77	Growing crime	Expanding homeless population
78	Traffic	
79	covid19	budget concerns due to covid19
80	safety	economy
81	Too much construction ruining neighborhoods	Loss of bus routes that go directly to downtown Seattle
82	CRIME	
83	unified immediate action plan for next disaster	do above without question, our lives depend on it
84	Fire and Police Service	Taxes
85	congestion	King County/Seattle actions
86	over building	traffic
87	Opening up business, getting back to work	Pandemic
88	Street people	zoning variances given to developers
89	recover from Covid-10 impact on the city, its businesses & citizens	
90	traffic	economy
91	overcrowding and effect on school enrollment/boundries	traffic on 108th
92	Impacts of coronavirus on health and safety	Impacts of coronavirus on families' finances
93	Poor conditions of roads/infrastructure	
94	Lack of downtown parking.	Traffic through downtown.
95	response to COVID-19	budget problems
96	Traffic - From Non-Kirkland Citizens	More Traffic - From NEW BB CONST. - Multi-Family Apts.
97	Protect our small business folks folks and their struggle.	Carefully allocating the funds on hand to make sure spent toward those DIRECTLY affected by the virus thing. Future can wait.
98	Bringing fire department up to date.	
99	Homelessness - lack of homes	Climate preparedness
100	affordable housing	traffic

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101	Keeping businesses, families and organization functioning	Defining and implementing the NEW normal.
102	Affordable Housing	Rapid population growth
103	Taking care of firefighters and EMTs	
104	High density w/o roads to manage the growth.	Not enough parking to allow folks to visit a businesses and park a reasonable distance from the location.
105	traffic	new apt buildings with few restrictions that we are aware of
106	consequences/opportunities related to pandemic	disparate treatment of people of color by KPD
107	Covid	High property taxes
108	The task before our current leadership to re-imagine our 2-3 year future because of the need to recover from this current health challenge and the economic shift that will occur as a consequence.	The ability of all of us to resist the temptation to try to "go back to normal" because that will not be possible, in fact may not even be desired. We must take stock of and advantage to be found in the thinking outside the box we have used in this extraordinary time to stay in creative thinking which will support the new paradigm we MUST build to effectively govern in our future. Take heart - this can be exciting!
109	Could use more police roaming our neighborhoods.	Homeless and mentally ill people who might hurt us.
110	Downtown Kirkland should keep the downtown feel and not make it just an extension of Bellevue.	The southbound 405 toll lanes does nothing for us getting on at 85th St. Almost to Bellevue before we can get in. Should open open Lane sooner.
111	Density/ population growth	Traffic - bad roads
112	cannot think of any one thing... kirkland seems to be in the right direction	
113	People ignoring COVID-19 recommendations	Budget?
114	noise from gas leaf blowers and construction til 8 pm and Saturdays	coxt of living
115		
116	Budget changes required in response to dropping revenue	High Taxes
117	Density, growth, preservation of single family neighborhoods while still being affordable for long time residents to stay here. (Like me, a single retired from UW Medical Center RN).	
118	Resources for first responders to do the best job possible	making sure all parks and waterfront areas are safe for safe for families to use
119	School over crowding	Traffic in downtown
120	taxation	growth of government
121	Cost of living is driving out service level residents.	Development is outpacing local road capacity.

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122	Slow to share with taxpayers the COVID-19 Pandemic financial impact to City's operation	Lack of respect for higher income, large taxpayers
123	covid 19	getting back to work and business
124	political correctness	green agenda
125	unemployment	small business failures
126	New senior services and senior center	Traffic
127	Encourage more development	Business opportunities
128	Not enough attention given to Juanita residents, the largest part of Kirkland.	Too many police officers. I don't see police as often anywhere else. Why are three officers needed to approach a vagrant?
129	Corona-affected economy	Which affects homelessness, food insecurity and more
130	covid19	covid19 budget impact
131	For my us in senior housing, it's the wonderful 911 EMTs	All the other emergency assistance
132		
133	Housing Cost	Services for low income Seniors.
134	Lack of diversity	Traffic
135	Traffic bottlenecks, esp near Totem Lake; lack of walkability	EMS response time and equipment
136		
137	Emergency services	Speeding drivers
138	Being over built	Traffic congestion from being overly pedestrian friendly
139	Traffic	Loss of trees and green spaces
140	Sustainable development	Environmental concerns
141	Traffic	Public schools - LWSD
142	Aging infrastructure.	Insufficient personal to meet our needs.
143	Traffic	Cost of living
144	Lack of security	Money over spending
145	tax base health	economic recovery
146	Lack of affordable housing	
147	Need more non-vehicle connections	Need an aquatic center
148	Overcrowded schools	Over taxing
149	Affordable Housing	Allowing denser zoning for housing
150	Too much development of expensive housing and shops	Cutting down trees
151	city government not charging sufficeint development fees to pay for the impact to infrastructure, maintenace and services	Traffic volume and lack of enforcing speed and noise laws
152	Traffic	over taxation
153	traffic mitigation	population density
154	Employment	
155	budget-excess employees and promises	development and regulation to death
156	traffic impact from new development	
157	Too many high density apartments.	Too many taxes

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158	Over-building/downtown congestion	Widening gap....haves & have-nots
159	covid 19 stay at home stay safe response	affordability for residents and workers
160	Traffic	Taxes
161	traffic	theft
162	Housing affordability	Climate change
163	Too many apartments	
164	Improved fire response times city wide	
165	traffic	crime
166	Homeless	Lack of contiguous sidewalks
167	Real Estate Taxes	Schools
168	County and City and RTA taxes	North Kirkland has very poor bus service
169	lack of affordable housing	economic damage from pandemic (especially small businesses)
170	Overtaxation	Poor quality police
171	Covid-19	Increased petty crime
172	Coronavirus	Housing affordability
173	Too much development with not enough infrastructure contributions by builder and developers	Traffic
174	COVID-19	Housing costs
175	Bad City Policies	High Taxes
176	sidewalks for safety, especially on Finn Hill. Seniors.	Traffic mitigation on Juanita Drive
177	Support for those who lives check to check- renting a home in Kirkland is unattainable	Cyclists taking over the roads is dangerous for pedestrians and disrupts traffic
178	Increased traffic due to high density developments	
179	saving money	outreach to citizens to exercise to avoid heart/health problems
180	Traffic	
181	COVID-19	Needs to be more walkable
182	Food insecurity	High cost of living/rent
183	Over-development	Failure to focus on our unique waterfront "downtown"
184	High property taxes	Urban development
185	overcrowding	urban density, traffic
186	Covid 19 response	Rebuilding Kirkland after Covid to be more pedestrian friendly,
187	traffic	growth
188	Economics	Public Safety
189	Response Time	Adequate/Safe facilities
190	Response Time	aD
191	Budget cuts that need to be made in the light of CV19 unemployment and business closures.	prioritize waht must be funded and what can be defunded in light of the tax revenue reductions.



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	A	B
192	costs of maintaining city properties and services	limiting property tax increases
193	Too many taxes	City council not listening to residents
194	unemployment	changed or closing businesses
195	Wide disparity between those who can afford to live in Kirkland and those who cannot because of high taxes	
196	Traffic congestion	Too much residential construction
197	Over Crowding on all aspects (property, schools, homes)	The loss of our small lake town and parking
198	too much spending, too much controlling.	
199	Rising taxes	Homelessness
200	Public safety during times of crisis	Environmental issues
201	budget shortfall	
202		
203	Maintaining growth in a conscience way	Keeping the "small town" feel
204	over building	affordability
205	housing affordability real estate escalating \$\$ and tax	pedestrian/ wheelchair safe pathways
206	Public health, maintaining science-based COVID-19 protocols	Providing equitable financial support for residents who need it
207	Lack of enough funds for emergency personnel.	Police and fire department spread a bit thing.
208	Expenses must be cut since the good Economic times are now the bad economic times with less tax revenue.	Poverty as unemployment sweeps through our city.
209	Over-development	Traffic
210	Covid-19	Covid-19
211	high cost of living	teen mental health
212	Infrastructure Funding	Addressing Impacts of Growth
213	support Kirkland businesses to protect our local economy from recession as much as possible	support Kirkland residents in need of assistance for food, housing and supportive services
214	Affordability	Maintaining Character of the city
215	Cost of living	Too many people , crowded
216	traffic	people who work here can't afford to live here
217	Traffic	Traffic
218		
219	Leadership not engaged	More money for parks
220	Fire and police personnel	Resources for seniors
221	Pedestrian and bicyclist safety	traffic operations
222	Traffic	
223	Preserving small business, unique Kirkland quality of life through pandemic	helping vulnerable citizens
224	services for youth	housing for homeless
225	Traffic	Crime

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226	Too much development which is destroying the environment and wildlife habitat	The push for mass transit and the NE 85th St. bus transit station is crazy expensive and will destroy the character of a neighborhood
227	Crime	
228	Budget losses due to Covid-19 impacts	Traffic
229	High taxes	Always looking for ways to create more taxes. Work within your budgets.
230	lack of citizen involvement and community cohesiveness	divide between various groups: haves and have-nots, etc
231	Lack of citizen involvement and community cohesiveness	Divide between haves and have-nots
232	Taxes	Taxes
233	Taxes	Idk
234	Shortage of number of fire and police in areas for faster response times and presence around schools especially. Seems like number of various types of incidents/ crime much higher now and worry that with such a high number of kids walking to and from school alone while parents work it's not as safe. Would be nice to have fire station again closer to Kamaikin and John Muir or back near Kingsgate shopping area again.	Along the lines of presence and safety, clearer plan/ resources/ prep for residents in case of natural disasters so residents hopefully can be better prepared
235	maintain quality of life	do not overbuild
236	Traffic in downtown	No regular shops - no place to buy underwear or a screwdriver
237	More housing and upzoning!	Reducing the city's carbon emissions
238	Density	Crime
239	Traffic	Density
240	Health	Crime
241	high taxes	boxy new homes
242	Traffic	Parking
243	the imminent recession due to coronavirus	affordable housing
244	Rising Property taxes	Pro-build(er)ing city government
245	Maintaining a vibrant community accessible to all	Traffic
246	systemic racism	wealth inequality
247	Stay healthy, stay safe	Traffic
248	Over development	Homeless on the streets by bus station
249	Getting through this pandemic	A Vaccine
250	Growth (and associated traffic)	Housing costs (ownership and renting)
251	Reduce tax burden on citizens	Improve business climate
252	Recovery from impacts of pandemic	Loss of annexation credit from State
253	Adorable housing	Transportation
254	Property Crime	Poor roads, too small for population
255	Traffic	High density housing

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	A	B
256	Healthcare	Loss of revenue
257	traffic	crime
258	Covid	Sustainable development
259	Cut thru traffic	Too much spending
260	Development on every square inch	Losing our wild spaces
261	Lack of affordable housing	Lack of bike lanes and sidewalks
262	Lack of off leash park space for dogs	property taxes
263	Continuous increase in taxation, although the tax base is going up considerably anyway	Sustained development
264	Economic recovery	Maintaining core city services in a recession
265	Lack of police presence	Over reaching regulations
266	traffic	cost of living
267	High taxes	Out of control regulations
268	Pandemic	Urban Growth
269	Protecting businesses from economic effects of Covid19	maintaining current infrastructure
270	Homeless population increasing	Property Crimes increasing. IE: Mail and Package theft
271	Traffic congestion	Parking downtown
272	Too crowded	
273	Traffic mitigation	Better transit
274	Covid 19	Dropping tax revenue
275	Covid	Covid
276	Covid 19	Declining Revenue
277	Increasing population and managing associated issues	The many issues related to increasing population
278	Fiscal balance (budget shortfall)	Affordable housing
279	Speeding traffic and lack of charges when drivers kill people	Deterioration of city services since Kirkland expansion
280	Out-of-touch council and city management	Excessive city taxation, taxes, fees
281	Traffic and way too much priority given to bike lanes	Density and cheap, unsightly residential construction adding to traffic pressure
282	affordable housing	
283	Maintain our First Response - people & support	Maintain our infrastructure - above and below ground
284	Accommodating increasing population density	Preserving green spaces including trees and recreation
285	Traffic	Roads
286	property taxes	traffic
287	City council not enforcing laws related to many things that we pay for such as off leash laws, poop laws, noise laws, speeding, break ins, vehicle prowls, mail theft, homeless sleeping in parjs, RVs parked on streets for months, and lack of ability to decide on changing city code to protect our city *ex. Tree code.	City council being developer focused instead of residents focus and doing all of these big changes in the name of affordable housing and being focused on making all welcome when current long time residents do not feel welcome because the city council does not listen to current residents concerns.

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288	Public Safety	Infrastructure working
289	Support for low income/homeless residents	Affordable housing
290	Opening up our schools	Opening up our businesses
291	Traffic	Support for city center businesses
292	Housing affordability for service workers	Property crimes
293	Traffic	Crime
294	Housing affordability for service workers	Property crimes
295	City Budget for next two year	Caring for parks and areas that will have high use.
296	excess growth	traffic
297	Property taxes are too high, and increasing too fast	Overdevelopment without increased infrastructure or planning
298	Growing population	Overcrowded roads and schools
299	lack of law enforcement	growing problem of homeless
300	Maintaining quality of life against constant commercial development	Maintaining and expanding parks, green spaces
301	Having resources needed to address public health and safety demands resulting from high-paced growth	Fast-paced urbanization of the City affecting traffic, parks/open space, and affordable housing
302	Quality of schools	Socioeconomic inequality
303	Polarization / Nastiness of the citizenry, especially as related to government	Effect of COVID-19 closures on small businesses
304	Extremely high property taxes	High density housing
305	too much development, too many people, too much traffic.	property taxes are too high
306	Traffic congestion	Safety
307	COVID 19 Outbreak	North- South traffic on Market Street
308	Congestion due to density	
309	Population density increase	Parking availability
310	Looking to much like Bellevue	Lost its lakeside charm ... to crowded
311	The rapid growth.First responders need upgrades	Streets and roads
312	Growth	Homelessness
313	Property taxes	Building, housing density
314	Small business survival	Crime
315	Crime	Traffic
316	Crime	Environment
317	traffic (people traversing Kirkland rather than using 405)	too many special tax levies
318	Lack of bike lanes/sidewalks	Traffic
319	Traffic	Taxes
320	Providing essential workers with the safety and protection they need to do their jobs well and to stay healthy	To provide affordable care or food to those who need it. Especially children or people in unsafe, unstable home environments

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321	Adding too much housing too quickly and without infrastructure (mass transit, roads etc).	Not working with our neighboring cities well and creating separate approaches in each city for things such as police, fire etc
322	Walkability/bike ability of the whole city	Income inequality re: housing options
323	Spending and tax increases are growing too fast. At t his time we need to do what is required but cut out the extras like those of us living in the city need to do. No pet projects.	Over regulations on local businesses, we need to let them grow not get in the way
324	Poor infrastructure	Growth is moving too fast
325	Traffic	Community
326	cost of living	crime and safety (including traffic safety)
327	Managing growth fairly vs keeping Kirkland "Kirklandy" (housing density, zoning, etc)	Infrastructure and infrastructure funding (roads, utilities, recreation)
328	Overdevelopment	Traffic
329	Environment and climate change	Income inequality
330	Slow pace of bureaucracy	Cost of housing
331	traffic due to multiple housing on formerly single lot. Destroying neighborhoods and removing ranch style housing for older people. At the current rate of 2-1 new homes to old on same lot has an exponential increase in traffic and infrastructure	term limits for council members.
332	job security	taxes
333	Bad City Policies	High Taxes
334	Covid response	secondary incidents/disaster
335	Evergreen Hospital earthquake retrofitting	Downtown parking difficulty
336	Higher taxes	Too much government
337	Public safety	More roads for automobiles
338	Public Safety	Maintaining roads and streets
339	Traffic	Cost of Living
340	Too many cul de sacs, not enough pedestrian/ bike shortcuts	No public transit along Juanita drive
341	High property taxes	High property taxes
342	Not enough dedicated Engine Companies...more staff and more Dedicated Engine Compaines in the city	Move Ladder 127 to Station 21, so is more centralized
343	Traffic	Growth
344	Crime/theft	Dangerous Drivers
345	Keeping people healthy while enabling small business to restart	Affordable housing
346	financial impact of Virus	fiscal responsibility
347	Dealing with the fallout of the Covid Virus and impact on families	Maintaining as best as possible city resources and programs.
348	Economic recovery of businesses and government in Kirkland	Timing for doing the ballot for new taxes does not appear to be now. Instead postpone to 2021.

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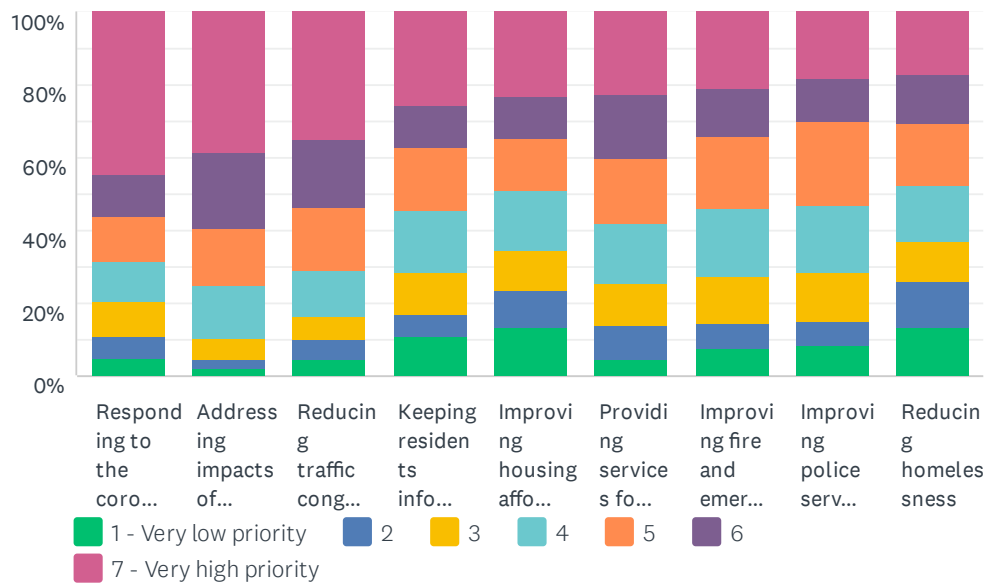
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349	High taxes	To much density
350	Transit challenges	Property crime
351	Having resources needed to address public health and safety demands of high-paced growth	High-paced growth impacts that exceed infrastructure capacity relative to traffic, parks, and affordable housing
352	Population growth	Infrastructure
353	Coronavirus response	Housing affordability
354	Inequity between neighborhoods	Lack of leadership in social issues
355	too much money spent on bike/pedestrian ease	too much money spent on public art and arts programs
356	Overbuilding/ traffic impact	Affordability
357	Mail theft	Car break ins
358	Crime	Pedestrian safety
359	Insufficient new housing construction	Low walkability outside of downtown core (partly due to low density)
360	Traffic congestion (pre COVID-19)	Lack of safe walking routes
361	Homelessness	Cost of living
362	Overwhelming development, with not enough infrastructure (roads) to support	Homelessness/camping in vehicles
363	homeless people	low income housing
364	Job loss	housing costs, inability to live where you work
365	Lack of affordable housing	Unsafe to get around many parts of town by bike or on foot
366	Uncontrolled growth	Transportation infrastucture
367	Housing Costs	Increase in petty crime
368	housing affordability	access to quick and reliable transit
369	Traffic	No new roads
370	Rapid growth	Insufficient support resources for life safety
371	turf field locations	aquatic center
372	Traffic	Overbuilding
373	Traffic congestion	Lack of parking, which impacts local businesses
374	don't know	don't know
375	Growth	Taxes
376	inadequate police protection & growing crime	population density increase through higher zoning levels
377	Traffic	Financial disparity
378	Road safety	Over-development
379	Budget shortfall	Continued revenue sources
380	Rebounding from the pandemic	Helping businesses and home owners weather through this
381	traffic management	public transportation options (or lack thereof)
382	Covid 19	Cost of Living

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383	too great a reliance on transit options that don't exist or aren't built out (and now won't be) such that there isn't near enough parking and too tight of parking that exists to serve Kirkland mixed use areas	Safety--mail/package theft even from locked boxes--no enforcement/consequences.
384	Lack of infrastructure	Traffic
385	Traffic	Food security
386	Personal and business impact of COVID	Growth and associated traffic
387	Continuing pandemic response over a long period of time	Keeping first responders and essential workers safe as they protect our public.
388	COVID-19 crisis	Affordable housing for young adults

**Q3 Recognizing the unique situation we are experiencing, we would like you to rate a variety of potential issues facing Kirkland, both current and long term. Please rate each one using a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 means you feel that issue should be a very low priority and 7 means that you feel that item should be a very high priority for the City of Kirkland.**

Answered: 384 Skipped: 34

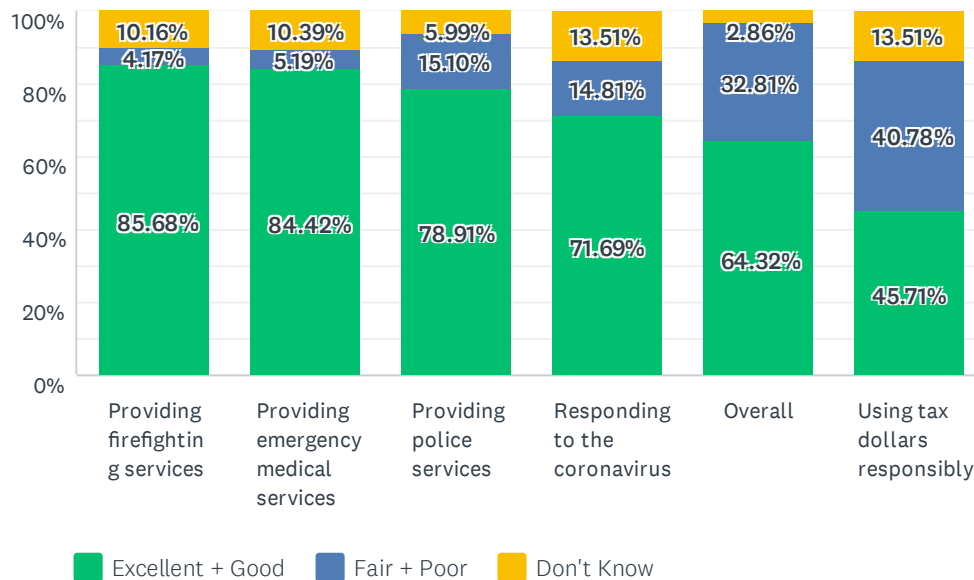


	1 - VERY LOW PRIORITY	2	3	4	5	6	7 - VERY HIGH PRIORITY	TOTAL
Responding to the coronavirus	5.22% 20	5.74% 22	9.40% 36	10.97% 42	12.53% 48	11.75% 45	44.39% 170	383
Addressing impacts of growth	2.09% 8	2.35% 9	6.01% 23	14.36% 55	15.67% 60	21.15% 81	38.38% 147	383
Reducing traffic congestion	4.46% 17	5.77% 22	6.30% 24	12.34% 47	17.59% 67	18.37% 70	35.17% 134	381
Keeping residents informed about the coronavirus	10.94% 42	5.99% 23	11.72% 45	16.67% 64	17.45% 67	11.98% 46	25.26% 97	384
Improving housing affordability	13.35% 51	10.21% 39	10.99% 42	16.23% 62	14.92% 57	11.26% 43	23.04% 88	382
Providing services for people in need	4.70% 18	9.40% 36	11.23% 43	16.71% 64	18.02% 69	17.23% 66	22.72% 87	383
Improving fire and emergency medical services and response times	7.29% 28	7.29% 28	13.02% 50	18.49% 71	20.05% 77	13.02% 50	20.83% 80	384
Improving police services and response times	8.36% 32	6.79% 26	13.58% 52	18.28% 70	22.98% 88	12.01% 46	18.02% 69	383
Reducing homelessness	13.58% 52	12.27% 47	10.97% 42	15.93% 61	16.97% 65	13.32% 51	16.97% 65	383



Q4 Please rate the job the City of Kirkland is doing on a variety of issues.  
Use a scale of excellent, good, fair, or poor for each of the following.

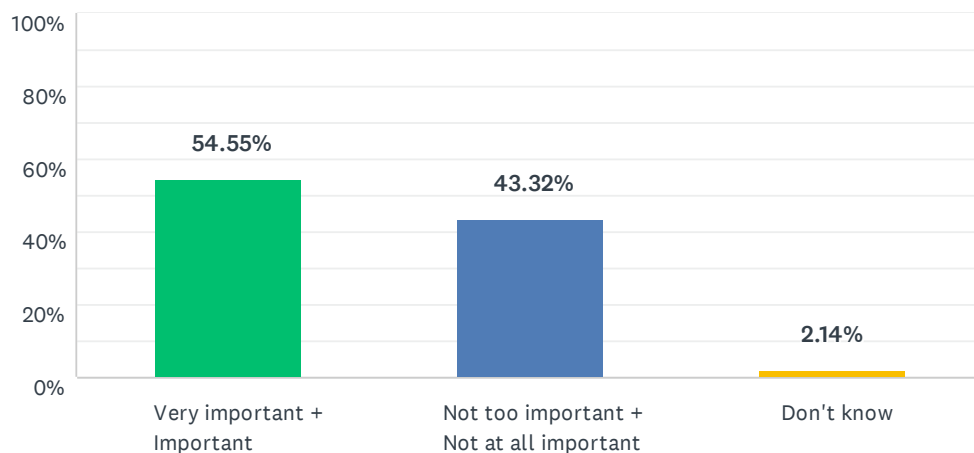
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	EXCELLENT + GOOD	FAIR + POOR	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Providing firefighting services	85.68% 329	4.17% 16	10.16% 39	384	1.45
Providing emergency medical services	84.42% 325	5.19% 20	10.39% 40	385	1.47
Providing police services	78.91% 303	15.10% 58	5.99% 23	384	1.39
Responding to the coronavirus	71.69% 276	14.81% 57	13.51% 52	385	1.69
Overall	64.32% 247	32.81% 126	2.86% 11	384	1.44
Using tax dollars responsibly	45.71% 176	40.78% 157	13.51% 52	385	1.95

**Q5** The City of Kirkland is considering two potential ballot proposals. The first one is a potential \$60 million-dollar, 30-year bond measure to fund capital improvements for Kirkland's fire services. If approved, this measure would fund the construction of a new fire station near Totem Lake and a new training center to improve fire and emergency response times. The measure would also fund seismic renovations of the existing Forbes Creek, Houghton, and North Rose Hill fire stations to improve firefighter health and safety. This measure would be funded by an estimated property tax of \$0.105 cents per \$1,000 dollars of assessed valuation, and would cost the owner of a \$730,000 home about \$6.50 a month or roughly \$77 dollars per year. Do you personally think this potential measure is very important, important, not too important, or not at all important?

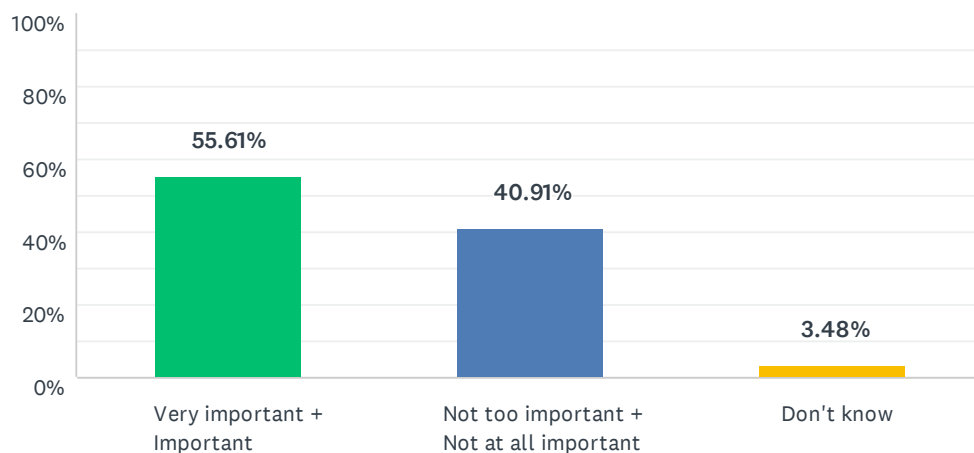
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important + Important	54.55%	204
Not too important + Not at all important	43.32%	162
Don't know	2.14%	8
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>374</b>

**Q6** The next ballot measure the City of Kirkland is considering is a potential \$4.4 million-dollar per year levy to fund the hiring of additional fire and emergency medical staff. If approved, this levy would fund the hiring of twenty-four new firefighters who are also trained as emergency medical technicians to fully staff Fire Station 24 in North Juanita and improve response times throughout the City for both fire and medical 9-1-1 calls. This measure would be funded by an estimated property tax of \$0.14 cents per \$1,000 dollars of assessed valuation, which would cost the owner of a \$730,000 home just under \$8.50 dollars per month or about \$102 dollars per year. Do you personally think this potential measure is very important, important, not too important, or not at all important?

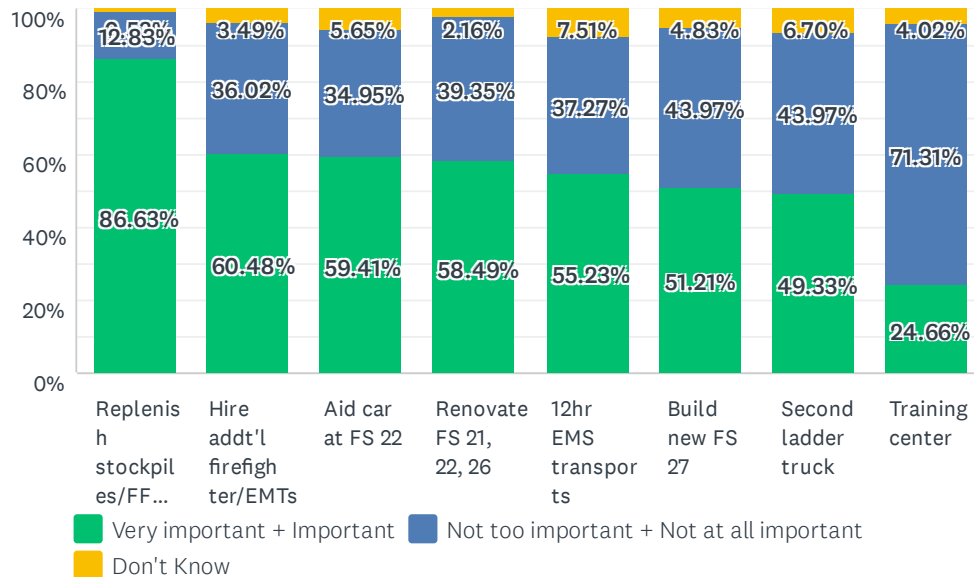
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important + Important	55.61%	208
Not too important + Not at all important	40.91%	153
Don't know	3.48%	13
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>374</b>

**Q7 Please read this list of potential investments which could be included in the City of Kirkland's ballot measures. For each one, please rate whether that investment is very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important to you.**

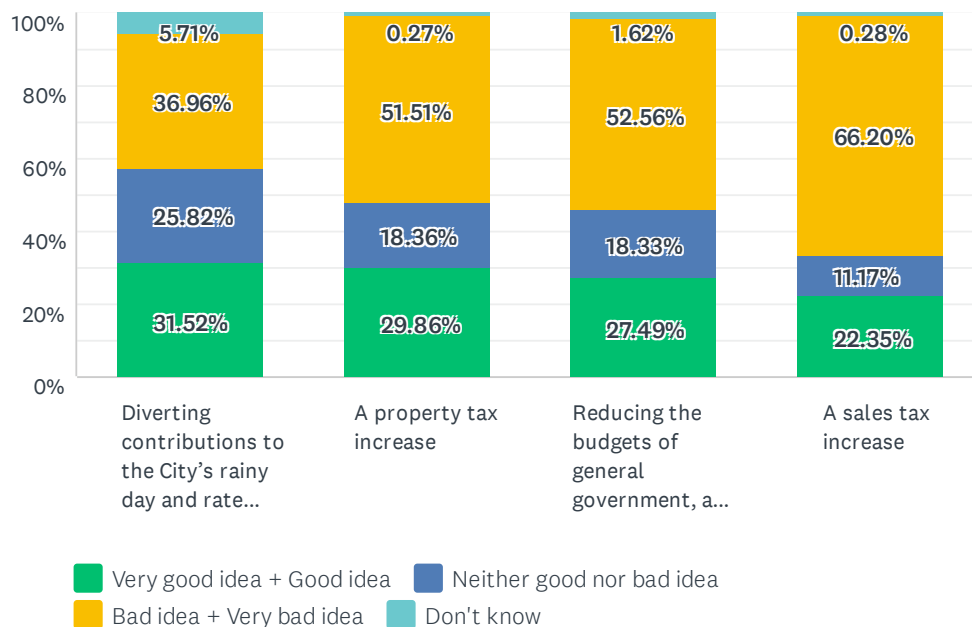
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	VERY IMPORTANT + IMPORTANT	NOT TOO IMPORTANT + NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
Replenish stockpiles/FF health & safety	86.63% 324	12.83% 48	0.53% 2	374
Hire addt'l firefighter/EMTs	60.48% 225	36.02% 134	3.49% 13	372
Aid car at FS 22	59.41% 221	34.95% 130	5.65% 21	372
Renovate FS 21, 22, 26	58.49% 217	39.35% 146	2.16% 8	371
12hr EMS transports	55.23% 206	37.27% 139	7.51% 28	373
Build new FS 27	51.21% 191	43.97% 164	4.83% 18	373
Second ladder truck	49.33% 184	43.97% 164	6.70% 25	373
Training center	24.66% 92	71.31% 266	4.02% 15	373

Q8 There are a number of different types of revenue sources which could be used for funding the fire and emergency medical services investments and fire station projects. For each of the following, please rate whether you feel it is a very good idea, good idea or a bad idea, a very bad idea or neither good nor a bad idea to use that revenue source to fund fire and emergency medical services investments and fire station projects.

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	VERY GOOD IDEA + GOOD IDEA	NEITHER GOOD NOR BAD IDEA	BAD IDEA + VERY BAD IDEA	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
Diverting contributions to the City's rainy day and rate stabilization funds	31.52% 116	25.82% 95	36.96% 136	5.71% 21	368
A property tax increase	29.86% 109	18.36% 67	51.51% 188	0.27% 1	365
Reducing the budgets of general government, and programs such as parks maintenance and roads maintenance to free up funds to invest in fire and emergency medical services	27.49% 102	18.33% 68	52.56% 195	1.62% 6	371
A sales tax increase	22.35% 80	11.17% 40	66.20% 237	0.28% 1	358

## Q9 Is there anything else you would like us to know?

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1	<b>Is there anything else you would like us to know?</b>
2	I think the new fire station in Juanita is needed and should be a high priority!
3	<p>Yes there is. The cost of your tax increase are based on a home assessed at \$750,000. There are no homes in Kirkland at \$750,000. So be realistic in your estimates so that I have a better idea of how much it is going to cost me.</p> <p>Don't use the elderly as a reason to increase EMTs/firefighters/buying a new aide car etc. Because then it sounds like you will only use the new resources on a call for aide to an elderly person.</p> <p>Wouldn't the aide care be available to everyone?</p>
4	How does Kirkland tie in with surrounding cities that collaborate on fire and emergency medical services? Are there good resources in surrounding cities?
5	I believe we have *much* bigger priorities in this city.
6	Closing existing Fire Station 27 is an incredibly stupid and shortsighted idea. Keep it open, even if a new station is successfully built near Evergreen Hospital. Each could then back up the other. This would be especially useful under the current dumb-ass method of staffing only 3 firefighters per station which allows only one emergency response per station.
7	We appreciate the hard work and the hard decisions being made. Whether or not we believe in them, we respect those who are making them.
8	It is important to provide geographic equity in Police and Fire. Folks in the north end of the city are less likely to complete this survey, but the population of families and seniors in this area is as significant as in the central and south end. Please use an equity lens when making these decisions.
9	No quantifiable data was provided to support an objective, informed response. For ex, how do I know if adding 24 personnel is doubling? Or adding just 10%? Therefore the value of all replies on this survey is questionable. Also, the City Council C-19 info has been regurgitated from other sources, so of little value. C-19 info is extremely important, but more specific info for Kirkland would be better than redundant repeats.
10	it is when to do this???
11	Thanks to all the first responders and to the city during this unprecedented crisis.
12	I consider fire services to be very valuable and understand they are a service that needs to be paid for. I don't know that my neighbors will all agree when their wallets are impacted but we all know this is an important service.
13	I am sure this is a more complex issue, and while I gave an opinion, I wonder if any of us outside the loop know enough to give educated input.
14	Please ensure you hire firefighters and emergency personnel who are bi-lingual and who represent the minority populations living in Kirkland.
15	Many of the more important question in this survey are worded vaguely, thus leaving the answers (and resulting stats) up for debate. Many of the questions were worded in a way that makes it feel like saying 'no' is bad or heartless AND many of the questions were worded in ways that implies much of the fire/EMT plans you have are 'chrome plating' and not really needed. Basically, I'm a supporter of Police/Fire/EMT and don't mind spending tax dollars on that. What I don't think we need are new 100ft hook and ladder trucks, new fire stations right down the street from existing ones and seemingly unneeded training facilities. Kirkland is small. Bellevue and Kenmore are literally right down the road.

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16	I work(ed) and commute(d) to Kirkland, but depending on how life pans out, I may not be there as much. We have been given the option of working from home till the end of the year. If there are fewer office workers in buildings with multiple floors, how necessary is a new ladder truck? Would a single truck be able to handle a theoretically reduced load?
17	Stop over developing! Stop over taxing!
18	Often times when something is running smoothly, like a program or police and fire service for example we don't feel that it needs any more investments made to improve it - because it's running smoothly right? What we don't see is that 2 of our busiest fire stations were built in the 70s. They lack current health standards and our firefighters suffer long-term effects of living in these stations. Another 2 of our current fire stations were built in the 90s, right before the national standards are firefighter health and safety were published. We don't want to feel the effects of not investing in these essential government services when it's our lives on the line.
19	Yeah you guys are terrible at managing my money correctly. Your wasting taxpayers dollars on your own interests and you are creating added density and not accounting for the traffic your creating. The taxes her are getting so high that a family that makes 250,000 a year will not be able to live here when they retire if they retire. It's gotten so bad that you dont care about your residents. You just want to bring in more people to pay your terrible taxes! So many people are moving to Snohomish because they already cant afford to live into his congested wanna be Bellevue disaster of a shit hole
20	Are you trying to solve a problem that doesn't exist. It's my understanding that Kirkland Fire has excellent response times. Stop with the taxes! Very bad timing on this.
21	Really appreciate the firefighters they are amazing
22	Leave well enough alone
23	<p>This city has finally started to grow in an appropriate manner. The density is appropriate. Build your infrastructure to match the city that has been built. This includes public safety as well as roads. Stop trying to choke all the roads down and force me to ride a goddamn bike.</p> <p>My wife and I are glad to see the development. We're tired of spending all of our money and our time buying the things that we need and want in Bellevue or Bothell.</p> <p>Keep giving us more opportunities to shop and get the things we want in our life here in Kirkland.</p> <p>I would love for my children to be able to move into this community. But the types of jobs they or after aren't here in sufficient quantity. I got a wonder why we don't have a section of town with high-rise buildings like Bellevue does.</p> <p>We are 2/3 the size but yet we don't have any true high-rise buildings here in Kirkland. This provides opportunities for young people like my children to work and live in this community.</p>
24	It's already too expensive for seniors who have lived in Kirkland for decades to continue to maintain their homes and afford the cost of living. So when you ask us to support increases in taxes for services that may be beneficial for seniors, you're asking us to make a decision between keeping our homes or improving essential services.
25	Stop the frivolous spending of tax dollars and focus on the basics.
26	Before we start taxing people more lets use what we have to get back to normal and build from there. This is not the time to try for special pet projects. We need to get back on our feet first.



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27	quite bring new people into the area if services are not here to provide for them.
28	Enough people, training & equipment for Emergency services is important. BUT this is the wrong time to ask for increasing property taxes. Look at our economy, unemployment, closed businesses.  Bonds are more effective when not in a presidential year. Hold off until mid-terms. Exhaust other funds/options first.
29	Forget the swimming pool idea. Reduce costs of bridge in Totem Lake and re-evaluate budget re: needs vs wants.
30	I grew up here. I can no longer afford housing here. This is incredibly upsetting
31	I don't have enough data on demand for emergency services and current response times across the city to make well informed selections on the survey. Generally my experience has been response times from emergency services in Kirkland to be very good so increasing expenditures in this area is not something I'd likely support at this time
32	We should look at how to effectively use the budget we have. I think our taxes is pretty high and if in company we have to come up with creative ways to solve budget issue why can't the city do the same. We can't assume that the automatic thing to do is to keep increasing the tax. It is a burden in this tough times.
33	This survey asks a lot of questions about matters that aren't necessarily known to residents. Unless one has had a fire or an emergency, how would one know about response times. The survey implies, without giving supporting evidence, that there are problems with response times? If you had provided metrics--Kirkland response times compared to similar cities--it would be easier to provide a meaningful response.
34	It appears that Kirkland is willing to spend a great deal of money for a pedestrian trail bridge at 124 and Totem Lake Blvd, so that walkers are not inconvenienced by a traffic light. What are you thinking. Spending the money on services that help all residents.
35	Please consider short term property tax reductions to help us all get through this!!
36	Supporting first responders for their health, safety and ability to do their jobs is critical as the area continues to grow in population.
37	Suburban firefighters are too expensive.
38	thank you! I appreciate what you do for me an my family
39	Not at this time.
40	no
41	Plan,train and respond as if the BIG earthquake hits tomorrow. it will make this covid-19 look like a walk in the park.we can not be caught flat footed again.we as a community are too good at taxing, collecting data, having meetings, going to conferences and seminars doing studies, writing rules and regs., but not good enough at immediate, committed, decisive, hard hitting boots on the ground action. In pro baseball every man on the field knows exactly what to do at the crack of the bat. We should expect no less from ourselves, our neighbors and our city professionals.
42	Additional property taxation in this chaotic environment is not a good idea.
43	Spend money on essential services first (police, fire emergency, roads, justice / legal system). Promotion of healthy outdoor activities via parks, trails, and beaches, is nice. If more funds are needed for any of those, then cut other programs.

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44	I know this isn't a high priority with Covid-19 BUT as a 5 year resident of downtown Kirkland, I am TOTALLY annoyed with the number of loud cars that are breaking the city's noise ordinance. When I can hear a car travel from downtown up to the freeway, it's MUCH too loud. Even before Covid, I never saw police downtown enforcing this noise ordinance.
45	Reforming our state's tax code must be a top priority. We have the worst tax code in the US. It unfairly impacts people of low and low-medium income (like my family). Property and sales taxes are NOT the answer. Do everything possible to make the system more fair and reduce the burden for lower- and middle-income families. I assure you we will appreciate it.
46	The ideas expressed in the survey are very important for the long term in Kirkland. If we don't do them now, please keep the heater on.
47	Look for ways to reduce spending on programs covered at the county and state levels. Focus on the most important functions of city government and not try to solve every societal problem.
48	City of Kirkland annexed in 38,000 taxpayers several years ago. This huge increase of taxpayers is paying for all and any new emergency services. If they're not!!!! Then where is all the tax current tax revenue going????
49	I'm unhappy that the City is sitting back while the State destroys our local tax base via COVID lockdowns. The City should be advocating for the survival of businesses in the city by pushing back at the state.
50	The notion of new fire house to service Totem Lake and all its new construction and tenants should be borne by those businesses not old folks that would seldom visit. The current fire house just over 405 from Totem Lake was rebuilt not that long ago why cannot that group service Totem Lake?
51	Loosen up the rules for cutting down trees.
52	If EMS services are adequate right now, let's delay additional taxation. Put a moratorium on growth until we stabilize the infrastructure and our budget.
53	We have talked about fire department improvements for years. It's time to move forward.
54	Spend with in the current tax rate means... the rest of us have to do it. Prioritize emergency response personnel, schools and infrastructure.
55	The city should reevaluate all planned projects with a back-to-basics lens. Funding for essential services, helping people in need should be prioritized. Projects which are amenity-focused such as the 132nd Square Park Redevelopment and Stormwater Retrofit should be delayed indefinitely. The desire of thousands of residents desire to play ball year round on synthetic turf should not be prioritized over meeting basic human needs, needs of the common good and providing a functioning city government.
56	Property tax increase during uncertain economic times are a bad idea
57	Thanks for serving in office in what is sure to be a challenging time ahead. In general, I support putting people first, with health and safety a priority and getting the most value for our dollar spent. Taking care of people today means a more harmonious tomorrow. Recent events have shown that the non flashy foundational preparations (like health care supplies) mean a lot when an emergency strikes. It is the same with the mental health of our citizens, the collaborations between cities and agencies and searching for creativity in municipal governing. Recent events have also shown how crucial well-presented, fact based communication is from leadership. Help Kirkland know WHY leadership is making the choices they are because when people understand they can get on board. You can only lead at the speed of trust!

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58	<p>The survey doesn't give very much information. It's difficult to give answers to such generalized questions.</p> <p>The Kirkland Fire department should partner with neighboring fire departments for training and sharing resources. What is the cost of hiring for overtime during training versus building a training center and the ongoing maintenance of the facility?</p>
59	The Kirkland fire, police and city should learn how to balance budgets without burdening residents with their poor handling of money. The city of Kirkland recklessly handles funds like they have access to a fountain of perpetual approved tax levies. Check your privilege and start balancing your budget like us residents have to.
60	not especially
61	I would like to see better enforcement of our noise ordinance - we're hearing more poorly muffled and boombox vehicles than ever. It really harms our quality of life to the point of thinking about selling and moving somewhere quieter.
62	the home valuations are 1 mil to 5 mil in down town kirkland. the increased property values should provide more than enough funds for any expanse of services. what are you doing with all the extra money? please explain before requesting tax increases for fire, etc
63	The last question about trading parks and road maintenance for fire safety is an unfair false choice. Parks and road maintenance are really important city services. There are plenty of unimportant low priority projects and budget areas where money is essentially wasted and that money could be re-directed if needed for Fire and Police. Further, new development provides new money for the City through property and sales tax receipts and the City needs to make sure that Fire and Police Operations gets a fair share of that money instead of spending wastefully.
64	These are investments in our community and no easy way to pay for them.
65	Providing honest and accurate information about the pandemic and putting people first over economy.
66	City government/services seem bloated.
67	Building a fire station at the base of Finn Hill is crazy. Very congested due to school across the street. Fire and Aid trucks can not get up or down the hill in snow when the road is totally blocked by multiple cars and trucks stuck in the snow or ice.
68	Bogus survey--you asked us to give input on whether you should put the tax measures on the ballot. There is no question for that. You asked if we think the issues are important. That's different than asking about the timing. What's going to happen is that you interpret people liking the concept with people wanting the ballot measure. That is government misbehaving.
69	Senior services and social activities are sorely lacking in Kirkland. I feel like the city of Kirkland has ignored seeing your needs in a very blatant way. To find a vibrant Senior Center I need to go to Bothell which would serve as a good example of a senior services center. I can't believe that Kirkland government places seniors health at such a low priority. It's shocking and I wish someone In the Kirkland Council would bring it up as a major issue. Mark Ozanich
70	Nothing further
71	Do NOT do both things at once. I'm on a fixed income and cannot stretch to TWO tax increases at this time.
72	Sales tax is regressive. Get some rent reduction and control so I can pay my part again. Govmt subsidizes landlords, puts me on government and charity programs.
73	I think Kirkland voters would need more information about the specific needs of the fire department and why they feel these additions are necessary.
74	no

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75	Health & Safety are the most important services a City should provide. Maybe Parks & Recreation expenses need to be limited in these difficult COVID times.
76	Reducing the risk to pedestrian crossing near 4th and Market by adding speed bumps would reduce the need for EMS to respond to incidents in this area
77	The response time of emergency services or the current skill level of the existing Fire and Emergency teams does not appear to be an issue. I do not read or hear of issues with either services.
78	no
79	Nothing.
80	Need to improve access to Goat Hill. Limited ingress and egress for emergency vehicles and / or residents in an emergency is becoming more urgent with increased development.
81	Until the financial impact to the city and its residents due to the Covid19 shut down is known, no new taxes should be proposed and a deep dive on cuts to the city budget should be taken. Time to focus on residents needs and eliminate the nice to have's.
82	No
83	Kirkland is not doing a good job. They have no conception of the long range impact of Covid Covid-19 in the population of this city. They are heading for disaster.
84	Horrible City management from the council to ask for more money for EMS services during a pandemic and economic crisis! Public Safety should be the very first thing my tax dollars should go to. The lack of funding for my current and future needs for public safety is very irresponsible management of tax dollars.  During an economic crisis the budget line items are not equal for trimming and the non essentials need to be trimmed first!
85	Hire the right amount firefighters needed with the money you have now!
86	it most likely will not pass on a ballot measure
87	Property tax increases in the time of a pandemic are a bad idea. especially for folks whose employment has been affected.
88	EMT and Paramedics--Ok Too many firemen who get early retirement. Too many fire trucks roll for medical--roll aid trucks Fire department keeps/makes its own stats
89	CHARGE DEVELOPERS for all the GROWTH city council allowed that now you feels requires additional service you all have ruined the charm of Kirkland. Not every city needs to cram 10 pounds or crap in a 5 pound bag.
90	bad time for property or sales tax increase due to COVID 19 Favor state income tax
91	We pay the highest taxes in the area. We do not need another fire station. Doesn't matter how many we have. Traffic is so bad.
92	Kirkland is over-policed. Dramatically reduce the size of the police force. Replace some with social workers and unarmed traffic enforcement staff/automated traffic enforcement cameras in a department separate from the police. Sales taxes are regressive—avoid using them as much as possible.
93	no
94	Maybe just that the Covid-19 pandemic did not affect me financially at all and my answers reflect that. I might not be so generous with my answers if I were struggling to pay my bills.
95	Hard economic times, make due with the resources you have. Not a good time for a ballot measure to increase taxes.

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95	It is important to work within the current city budget. Any new services need to be funded from increased revenue from growth not increased taxes
96	The council needs to take a more aggressive stance towards King County and Metro. Taxes collected in Kirkland are funding Seattle services rather than improving Kirkland.
97	Overall the city does a poor job, we are overtaxed and city government is bloated. Staff are ineffective, often arrogant, substantially overpaid and there are way too many of them. Our police are awful, rude, arrogant and their personal appearance with all the tattoos and militaristic/tactical-looking uniforms is highly disturbing. Public works and parks have the only city workers who seem like they are worth what we pay them. Triplett is a very poor leader and most of the council represent special interests or constituencies not the general citizenry. Nixon is the only one who seems effective and truly concerned about serving the voters.
98	I am a Kirkland resident, born and raised, active in the community in service projects, graduate of Juanita high school and UW. Although my husband and I both work full time in tech careers making 6 figures each, we cannot afford to buy a house here (we rent) and sadly I feel as though I am being priced out of my own neighborhood. My daughter will likely not be able to live in the same neighborhood as her grandparents if housing does not get more affordable in this area.
99	No
100	I fully appreciate the need for increased Fire and Emergency Medical Services, but it's wrong for the city to put "important to the public" services on the ballot for tax increases while continuing to fund completely improper programs without a public vote. This questionnaire is very flawed because it asked me to evaluate priorities and make trade-offs it gave very biased options: of course people would not necessarily want to de-fund parks in favor emergency services.  My annual property tax balance went up by over 25% year over year just now. Admittedly that's not directly the city's fault, but I recall the council's legislative agenda was in favor of the this and other increases in taxes. Until this Council stops acting like Seattle in its policies and budgets, I will not support this measure.
101	The ideas are good. Unfortunately, this is a very bad time to ask people to spend money when they are out of work and may lose their homes.
102	Communities could volunteer to support park upkeep - and other local needs I would be happy to donate time. Some of the improvements I have noticed provided little to no value - new sidewalk ramps was ridiculous - especially to replace what existed - such a waste.
103	I don't think our firefighters are very busy here in Kirkland. I actually don't think we get enough out of them now. They respond great! If anything, I like the idea of cross-training current firefighters to be EMT's and putting more of them in EMT positions and with more aid cars. How much firefighting do they do? Most of the firefighters I know have a lot of time off.
104	Thank you for prioritizing our first responders! They've shown us even more so now how important they are, and we need to support them so that they can do their job to keep us safe.
105	Don't raise taxes.
106	Not a good time to be increasing taxes. Put this off at least a year (from whenever your start point is) before wasting time and money promoting it now
107	There are a lot of seniors on fixed income who may have to sell their home due to high property taxes. Time to find other revenue sources.
108	Overall tax burden is getting difficult to maintain.
109	Not at this time.

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110	Our elected leaders must re-open business and find a way to manage the coronavirus problems we will have until there is an effective treatment and/or a vaccine. Grinding the Economy into the ground and creating a vast pool of low-income citizens will result in MORE sick people not less.
111	Given the state of the economy and the impact the virus has had on the lives of everyone, wait a year to consider a ballot measure.
112	Kirkland needs to be reasonable in asking for money every single year to fund more and more crowding of our small communities. Don't fix things that aren't broken. Show longtime residents you care about THEM as much as you care about making \$\$.
113	I am being potentially taxed out of my modest home. Please consider a tax cut for the people on fixed incomes and the poor.
114	Sometimes EMT's take a person to the hospital but leave another person who needs someone to stay with them- like disabled and memory-impaired people. Is there some way to incorporate this need with the emergency response?
115	You've asked about the importance of these measures. Yes, they are important. You haven't asked about the TIMING of this action. I feel that these are worthy undertakings but this is not the year to do them.
116	Thank you for asking our opinion on this. Its an odd time. I'm very thankful for how the City has handled the COVID situation.
117	I think a good job is being done.
118	This isn't the time for this. Figure out how to do it without more tax increases. Divert tax dollars from the schools that already get 3/4 of my property tax dollars. Manage the money instead of finding new ways to spend more.
119	Property taxes are too high already, let's find another way
120	I'd like to see communications and content on the City website about property tax aid for people who cannot afford it.
121	The timing of the ballot measure is a concern due to the economic conditions we are faced with as a community
122	NO NO NO NO TAX INCREASES!!! Use the monies you already taxed us with wiser!
123	increase services for mentally ill

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124	<p>It is a waste of time and money to try to run a ballot issue at this time. The hospital ballot issue failed last year so there is no chance that people will vote for an increase in taxes now when they don't know how long they will live or whether they can go back to work. Also, you can not plan a ballot issue of assessed value of someone's house. We are going into a depression and house values may drop significantly. You may still be short funds in the long long if you undertake the suggested projects. If you have to run a ballot issue run it with the presidential election and not by itself. People will vote in droves. Levy ballots do not get enough voters when they are run as a single issue ballot. City of Kirkland has a policy of a balanced budget. Start slashing every aspect of the budget now. A lot of your dreams for Kirkland are going down the tubes so face facts and tighten your belt. Why would someone want to pay to help the homeless when they in fact might be jobless or homeless very soon themselves? One program you should encourage is finding ways to get more residents to be US citizens and therefore qualified to vote. What is the percent of residents in Kirkland that are actually qualified to votes considering many have come from Asia, or India or south of the border? You are a very white privileged council and need to think about the affect that cultural differences may change the way we do things. Do people from India and China feel a need to participate in our voting process and are they willing to fund projects that the city proposes? When the news talks about black and brown people it leaves out the situation in our community. The black and brown people that live or work in this region cannot easily be forced into the same pigeon hole. Is voting a privilege that not everyone recognizes as important. The percentage of young people that voted in the last presidential election was quite low. What percentage of young people or immigrants are actually registering to vote? How many of them are home owners and see the importance of voting for bond issues that are dependent on home ownership? You probably won't be able to get any bond issue to pass in the next 5 years. And those that are already in place may not be adequate if house values drop significantly. Scrap the rand plans and get the city down to bare bones if you want to balance the budget. Then work on encouraging the haves to help the have-nots out of altruism. The city will have to wait until we have a new president and see what the federal government does about the crisis before it can act.</p>
125	<p>People are tired of new taxes. New taxes contribute to the lack of affordable housing for the middle and lower classes.</p>
126	<p>I'm all for increasing services, just don't pay for it with property tax increases. Find another way to tax, I'll gladly pay it.</p>
127	<p>No new taxes. The cost of living here is more than most can afford.</p>
128	<p>If government wants us to stay at home for an extended period of time due to Covid, and have a very high probability of losing my job, our family has to make financial decisions that are difficult. The city has to do the same, reprioritize budgets. And if you want to let the all ready horrible roads deteriorate more and and punish tax payers more by cutting road maintenance so be it. Scrap the current budget and start over and cut waste and reduce your labor force by 10-15%, that I'm experiencing at my job and the are over 30 million unemployed. Not a good time for tax increases.</p>
129	<p>Taxes are too high in Kirkland.</p>

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130	In general, first responders are doing great but with growing community so there is a need for a larger number of first responders and more fire/ police stations spread out through Kirkland for more presence and faster response times. Love the ideas for improved natural disaster preparedness and would be fun for more community education and training. Again at least on 132nd Ave and Street so many kids walking and riding bikes so worry about safety. Heard of incidents of adults in cars approaching kids walking to and from school or near misses of elderly or kids walking or riding and almost getting hit be cars. Would love fire station closer to Kingsgate again near Safeway/ ice rink.
131	Consider working together with Bellevue, or Redmond on trainings, and additional expensive equipment. There is really no need for every city to repeat every item, training. ALSO, Important to upgrade current stations, but do not see a need for a new station at this time. response time is less than 7 min. Infrastruture is important, same roads, more density - pay attention to how this affects things.
132	The City should NOT use a sales tax or reduce funding for services to fund this measure. Sales taxes are inherently regressive, and we should avoid increasing them if at all possible to reduce the burden on our low income residents. In contrast, Kirkland has a lot of high-value property whose owners would not be significantly burdened by additional property taxes (regardless of how much of a fuss they may raise). Therefore, the City should fund the full range of proposed measure items using a property tax only.
133	Thank you
134	These questions almost all ignored the important question - should we do this right now, in November? No! Sure, many are important, but that doesn't mean I will vote for them. The economy will be depressed, and we have to deal with the annexation sales tax credit absence as well. Please wait until another election.
135	No
136	I generally approve of the way the city spends my tax dollars.
137	What about looking at city staffing levels s Ross all departments and making cuts? Implement higher performance based measurements, especially in over funded schools.
138	Better in 2021 than risk losing in 2020
139	Removing funds from a department such as Parks will lcost more money in the long run. This should be the last department to have funds taken away from and it is often the first. Leading to expensive, time consuming projects in the future to repair/correct neglect. You would be better off removing administration staff from all departments than taking money from a department that is essential for clean air, water, soil, not to mention improved physical and mental health.
140	I was always going to be a likely supporter. The hard work will be convincing people who are undecided.
141	Taxes are already too high. Review budget and find savings for essential services.
142	Thank you for all that you do.
143	With the City budget (close to) doubling over the past 3-4 years, just better allocate existing funds to these initiatives vs. looking for new taxation.
144	Now is not the time for a tax increase- property or sales. Folks need time to recover from the financial impact of COVID 19. Next Fall would be a better time for these ballot measures.
145	Thus household will not approve of ANY New taxes until you spend the money already given to you wisely. We have not seen that happen for over twenty years.
146	Improvements are desirable, but now is not the time.



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147	I would like to see the statistics showing the need to hire more firefighters. A training facility in the bordering city is hardly a strain.
148	I like pie.
149	Difficult time to do this. Perhaps it would be wise to wait a year.
150	It looks like NorKirk would be paying taxes AGAIN to improve services to other parts of city while simultaneously having our services reduced AGAIN. I would vote this down and work against it because you are eliminating services that support us in favor of other areas.
151	Government needs to learn how to cut and prioritize non-essential services before always asking for more taxes and fees. Garbage/water/sewer rates are outrageous. Why are EMS for the city and County special levies that have to keep being renewed. WHY ON EARTH isn't this in the core budget? What IS in the core general budget?
152	The 2nd ladder truck should be tall enough to reach the top of the newest complexes going up, especially in Totem Lake. With the pandemic uncertainties and the population increase, funds for roads, parks & recreation, and community/rainy day needs should be preserved and continue to be maintained. A small additional income source could be from increasing ticket fees and other fines. We also have a lot of very generous donors in this community. Consider a kickstarter or GoFundMe type of program or community drive to fund specific requests such as the ladder truck, PPE restock, or to sponsor a firefighter for a year while the tax takes care of the less glamorous maintenance and retrofitting tasks. This way the people who can afford it can donate while those who can't are protected from additional costs.
153	I think the firefighters are the best funded group at COK. Am curious how the FF budget per capita compares with other jurisdictions in the state?
154	City council needs to start spending our tax dollars in an efficient and effective way. Please stop using the excuse of being inclusive to all and in the name of affordable housing to make poor decisions esp with giving developers everything and not charging them high enough impact fees. And spending over \$21 million on a poorly designed overly priced pedestrian bridge in Totem Lake. Stop being partisan and trying to build up the Democrat party and think of current residents before your party affiliation.
155	This very important and unfortunately lagging with current standards for safety to the community and more importantly to our Firefighters.
156	I am voting No
157	We need to keep the commitment made to the residents of Kingsgate during the annexation campaign that the city could meet response time standards to the far northeast corner of the city.
158	Build it!
159	A hard loop at meaningful ways to trim the City's operational and capital spending across the board should be explored in conjunction with (or prior to) asking voters to approve a tax increase for fire & EMS (as worthy as it is). This should be achieved by establishing cost cutting goals among departments through technology, creativity, innovation, and incentive-based approaches.
160	This is just flat a bad time. Wait at least two years!
161	The need for new Emergency Response service seems to stem from the growth in the area. The resulting needs of the growth should have been foreseen and the costs rolled into the developments. Companies are making millions of dollars building and selling new building in Kirkland, and they should be covering much more of the cost for the resulting increased demand on infrastructure and services. I cannot afford a higher percentage on my income to go to the city.
162	As a resident I felt the public hasn't been informed about local hospital conditions, infected persons and local mortality rates. King County data encompasses much more than our city. I and other residents I spoke with felt very uniformed throughout these past three months.

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163	I'm glad you've initiated the survey for the ballot measure appears to opportunistic, playing on the current crisis to increase staff. I suggest you look for streamlining.
164	Before any monolith like the new buildings in Totem are approved, the city must ensure that they bring in sufficient taxes to pay for needs that they require. New fire station, etc. Do not put it on the backs of current residents.
165	Dealing with epidemics should be state and federal issue and not city issue. Population growth should be organically growing revenue needed to run basic services. If this is not happening than Kirkland needs to stop increasing density.
166	Separating parks and recreation out from road upgrades would be more realistic. Too much money is spent on parks and recreation and human services. We need to focus on priorities of survival and let the private sector take care of the rest. Also you've spent millions on the upgrades at city hall. The entry way light fixture is outrageously expensive and now the city has been diminishing the work of personnel in favor of online permits, etc. why such a grand city hall if there will be less people staffing it?
167	Not a good time to ask for tax increases. Some businesses may be lost as well as jobs. Live within your budget as we have to.
168	I think you should inform us before you ask as many of these questions. For example I have no idea what our response times are today. If I didn't response times I wouldn't have a good sense of whether those are "good" response times or not. Providing a little data in context here would help a lot.
169	No
170	Please stop using property tax levies like an ATM machine. It's time for the city to tighten its belt, just as all of its residents have to. Perhaps some staffing reductions would be in order.
171	As long-term residents of Kirkland, additional taxes are going to push my family out of the city very soon. My spouse and I both work, but our jobs are not keeping up with inflation. We have good paying jobs, but not in the Tech industry so it is hard to compete for resources.
172	Kirkland Fire/EMT needs to use their current budgets more effectively. It needs to be a cooperative effort with the surrounding communities rather than each city having its own infrastructure. A fire training tower? Ridiculous!!
173	I think Kirkland is doing a great job responding to these critical times. I'd like to see harsher measures like social distancing fines or non-mask compliance be considered to reduce the need for hiring more aid workers, exposing essential workers and the community at large.
174	Stop trying to create permanent levies to fund things the city should be paying for from general funds. I rated a number of the things as not at all important because I don't want you interpreting my answers to mean I agree with your efforts to trick the people of Kirkland into agreeing to ever increasing and permanent property tax levies to pay for these things. instead of Council doing the tough work necessary to prioritize and budget for spending according to the actual needs of the City and within its means. There is plenty of fat that can and should be cut and the City should remain focused on core basic services.
175	Nope!
176	It is interesting to note that the options for funding did NOT include reducing the overhead of the city staff. How long has it been since the city reviewed a zero based budget for each department?
177	Need affordable housing
178	It is hard to prioritize response times when we don't know what they are currently and what they would be after adding staff, vehicles and potentially a new station. We understand these are just relative projections and not necessarily perfectly reflective of real response times.

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179	don't put both ballots together. 1st build the fire station and hire crew. get crews trained to handle critical care instead of waiting for redmond to respond(if this is still the case). Retrofitting should be secondary. it may not happen ever, we have more critical needs than to worry about earthquakes.
180	Until Kirkland's revenue stream is back on track, any non-essential programs (parks and rec.) and nice to have future investments need to be halted.  If a family's budget is depleted, they would look at what is necessary to live, vs. other wants. Kirkland should do the same.
181	Property taxes should be utilized over sales taxes, as sales taxes disproportionately affect lower-income residents.
182	Please, no more property or sales taxes! Our state is overdue for an income tax. It's the only fair way. With all the new tax income from new housing units, why isn't there enough to fund the fire department? It doesn't make sense to me.
183	emergency and fire improvements are called for but in this virus environment, it is not timely to add new taxes.
184	I appreciate this survey. Our tax burden is just way to high to support more taxes. Our property and sales taxes are absurd. I do want to properly fund these services but can't justify yet another increase in taxes when the money we are already giving must not be used efficiently. The property and sales tax revenue in this area must be off the charts with home values, population and sales tax all increasing every year. I see our city and county government building palaces with our tax dollars and just not using it wisely. I just can't get behind giving more when the ridiculous amount I'm already giving clearly isn't being used well if more and more and more and more is needed. We have MORE people giving MORE money in taxes, there should be some economy of scale. What I see is waste. I don't expect this to be fixed which is why I'll be leaving the area in 1-2 years but please consider this viewpoint when trying to interpret the lack of support for new taxes. It's not that we don't want improved services, but we believe there is more possible with the money we are already giving.
185	Public safety is very important and should be fully staffed and number one priority of the city. Public safety should come out of existing taxes first! Provide the proper level of police, fire personnel and then find the rest of the city.  Asking to raise taxes for public safety during a 100 year pandemic is absolutely insulting to the citizens who are struggling to stay employed and in their home!
186	This is the worst time possible to add more property tax. Covid-19 has caused a massive amount of federal and state funds to be spent on fighting the virus. Taxes at all levels are going to have to be raised to keep the different levels of government from going bankrupt. While I feel the city staff does a good job I also feel the numbers are bloated. I am not anti-government just against the continued growth.
187	Think the City has spent a lot of time, energy and funds on the Cross Kirkland Corridor (the new bridge in Totem Lake, for example). This is not part of the core services the City should be focused on, serves only a small portion of the City residents, and is a larger benefit to those who are not even City residents. Not sure why this became a project of such importance. I think before the City spent \$10 million to build the Kirkland Connector, they should have found some money for the Fire, Police and Emergency Services, rather than asking for more taxes.
188	Firefighters are the most overpaid people on the public payroll.
189	Pedestrian safety needs to be addressed!

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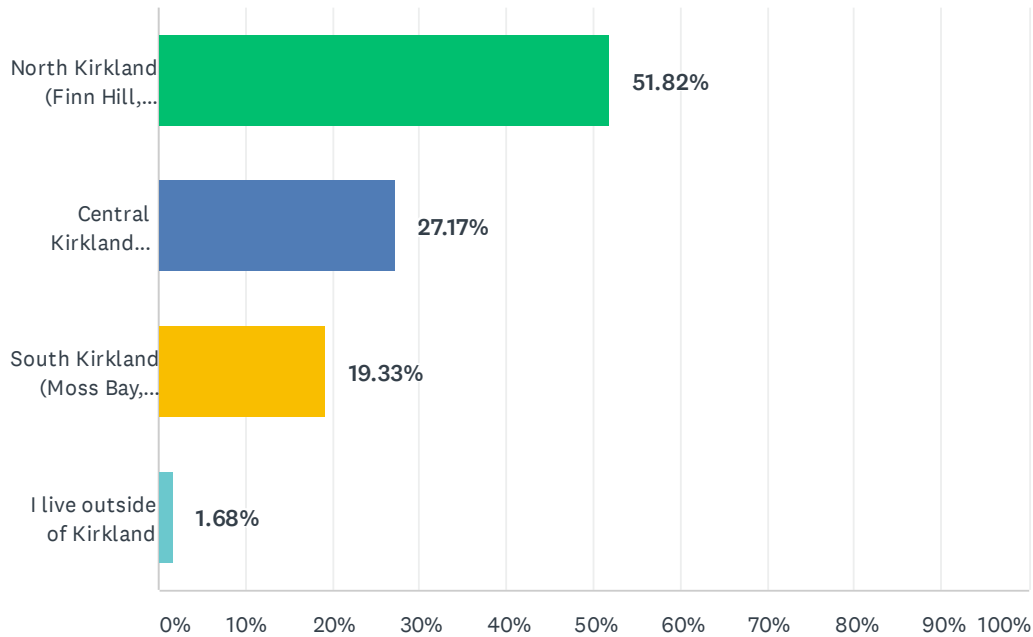
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190	No
191	Kirkland fire and police have done remarkably great service during the pandemic. The sacrifices in time are appreciated. The economic recovery is very much in question. Many Kirkland residents are already feeling anxious about their finances. Adding to already high real estate taxes at this time will be a hard sell.
192	I'm a senior, living on a fixed income. All my life I've voted for tax increases for improved services without hesitation. But my property taxes have become so onerous that I have recently voted against improvement initiatives funded through property taxes, very reluctantly. But I can't afford them any more.
193	I think the timing this November could prove to be difficult in getting these passed. With so many people struggling financially, adding to their tax bill when they got hit pretty hard this year could prove to me a hard sell.
194	Now is not the time to start taxing and spending additional money on items that are currently working just fine
195	No more government employee's are needed in these times of shrinking revenue!!!!
196	Don't be Seattle
197	Fix the roads and traffic issues first. We're building way too many apartments and by thinking people will start biking to take the bus is a ridiculous idea. Our emergency services team is already top notch and the community is struggling in so many other ways.
198	Property tax revenue for the city has been increasing rapidly as a result of higher property values. We are already paying more and more every year -- raising property taxes should be a last option. Find the money in other programs that have been added or grown in recent years.
199	Perhaps it would help the city "sell" this, if data were provided on the city's website, showing current staffing levels per station, and current average response times for each station.
200	when are red lights going to be better synchronized?
201	With the increasing value of Kirkland real estate, property taxes are placing large burdens on older citizens who have lived in Kirkland for a long time, many of whom are looking at retirement and living on a fixed income. Property taxes can have a huge negative effect on the ability to stay in a family home after retirement. And given that property values will undoubtedly continue to increase, which means total property taxes paid will increase even if the tax rates don't change, any additional property taxes need to be looked at very closely, or tied to tax relief measures for people on fixed incomes.
202	Stop increasing taxes for the people who live in this city! Find other ways to balance the budget of the city and get the funds needed through that.
203	Right now does not seem like the best time to be asking to tax home owners more in light of the pandemic and recent ballot measures that increased property tax already.
204	Don't forget the police
205	Yes. Thanks to the virus we are facing greatly reduced income. How are we going to get through this year? We don't know so how do I know if I can afford your ballot proposition or not. We all have things we want and even need but that doesn't mean we can afford them right now. We are retired & our adult son is disabled. Taxes are too high now. Don't tax us out of our home no matter how worthy the cause.

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	Now is not the time to ask for more money.
206	I think you need to think hard about how you're going to get people moving again in our city. And, for roads maintenance, I'd like you to explore out-of-city tolling on residential roads (get people off 124th Ave NE, off 132nd Ave NE, off 100th Ave NE where they should be using the freeway lanes, but are not to avoid tolling and congestion, but then they tear up Kirkland roads)
207	Kirkland is a great place to live!

## Q10 In which part of Kirkland do you reside? (Optional)

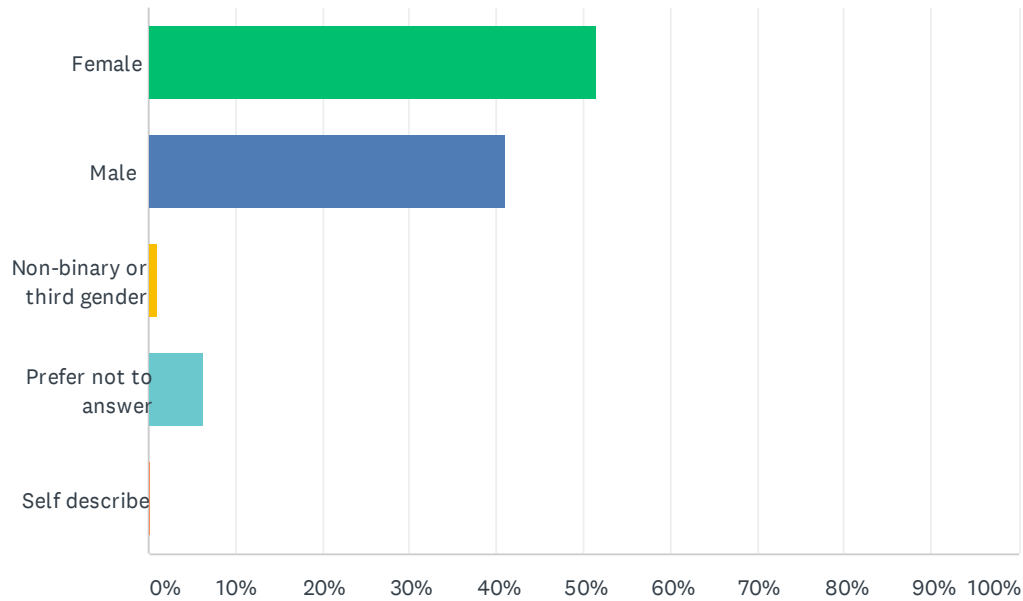
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
North Kirkland (Finn Hill, Juanita, Kingsgate, Totem Lake)	51.82%	185
Central Kirkland (Market, Norkirk, Highlands, North Rose Hill)	27.17%	97
South Kirkland (Moss Bay, Everest, South Rose Hill, Lakeview, Central Houghton, Bridle Trails)	19.33%	69
I live outside of Kirkland	1.68%	6
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>357</b>

## Q11 Which gender do you identify with? (Optional)

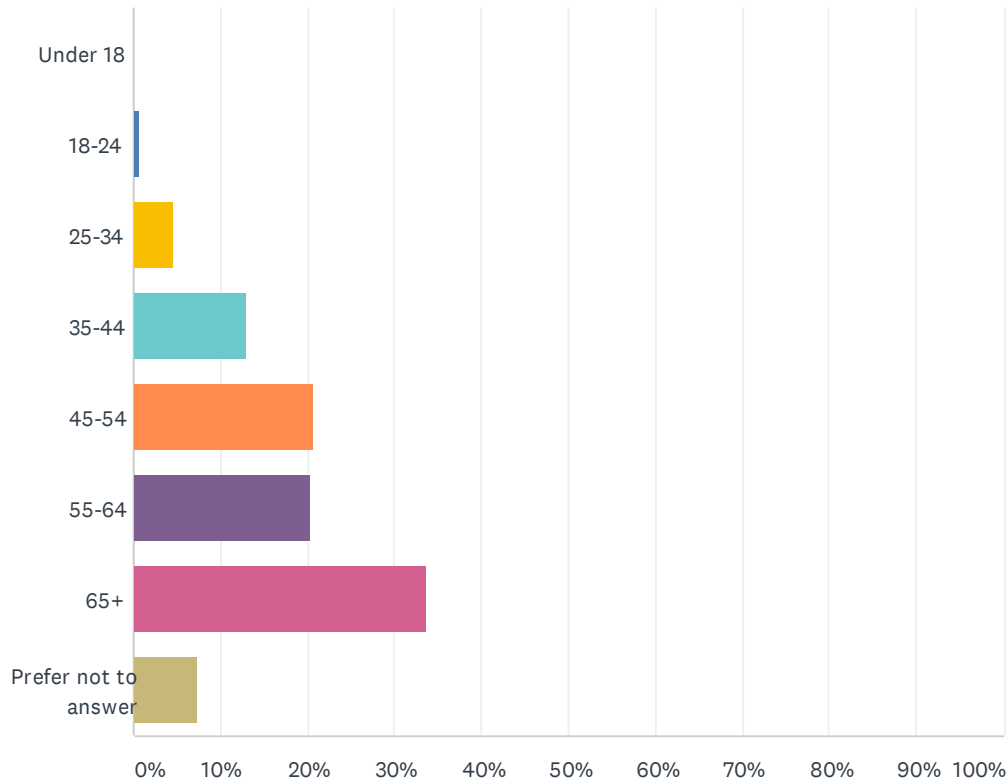
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Female	51.41%	182
Male	40.96%	145
Non-binary or third gender	1.13%	4
Prefer not to answer	6.21%	22
Self describe	0.28%	1
TOTAL		354

## Q12 What is your age? (Optional)

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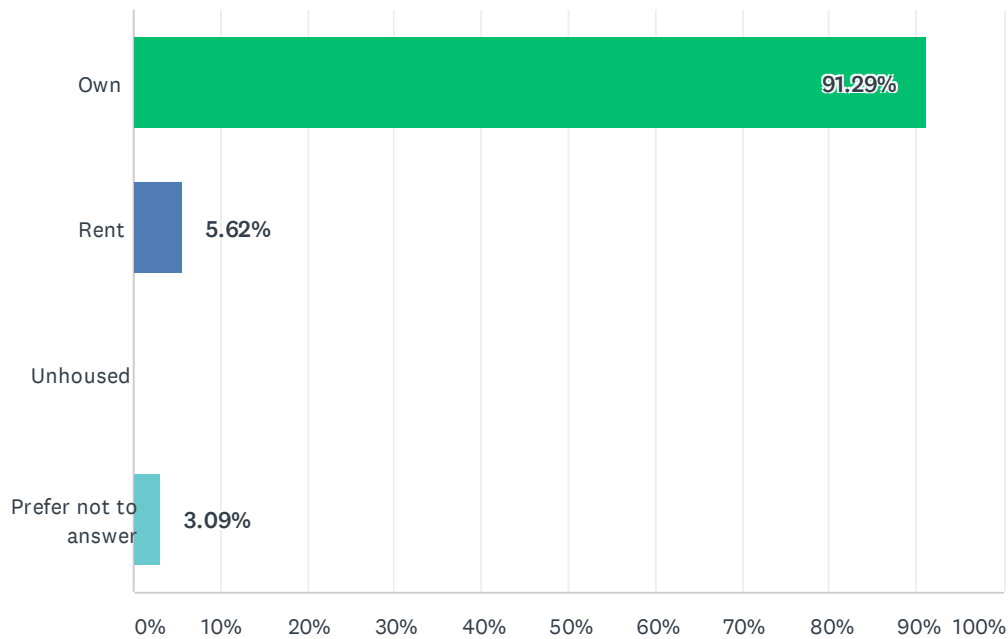


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-24	0.56%	2
25-34	4.52%	16
35-44	12.99%	46
45-54	20.62%	73
55-64	20.34%	72
65+	33.62%	119
Prefer not to answer	7.34%	26
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>354</b>



## Q13 What is your housing situation? (Optional)

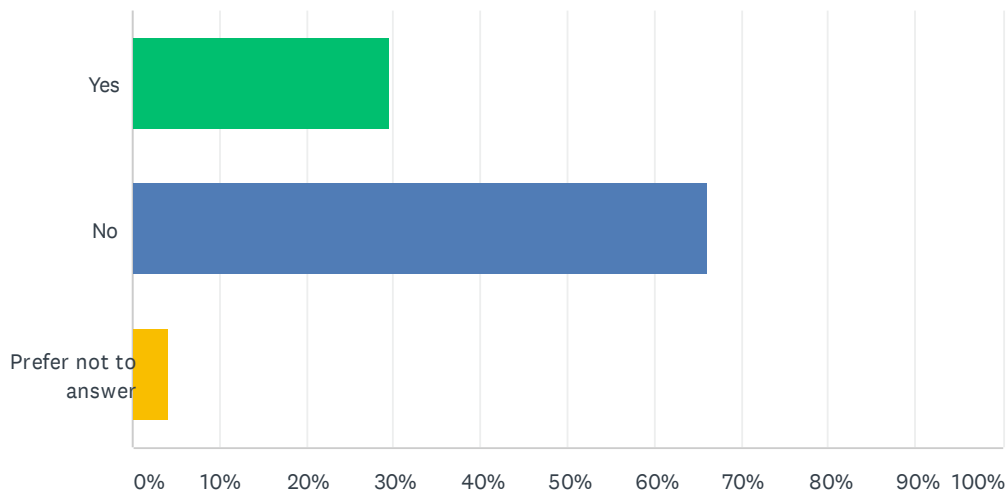
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Own	91.29%	325
Rent	5.62%	20
Unhoused	0.00%	0
Prefer not to answer	3.09%	11
TOTAL		356

## Q14 Are there any children under the age of 18 living in your home? (Optional)

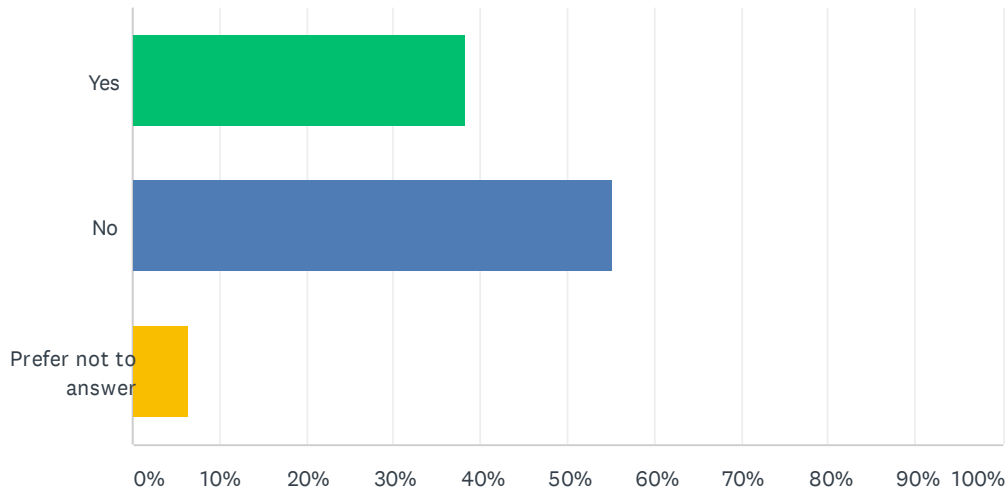
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	29.58%	105
No	66.20%	235
Prefer not to answer	4.23%	15
TOTAL		355

## Q15 Are there any seniors age 65 or older living in your home? (Optional)

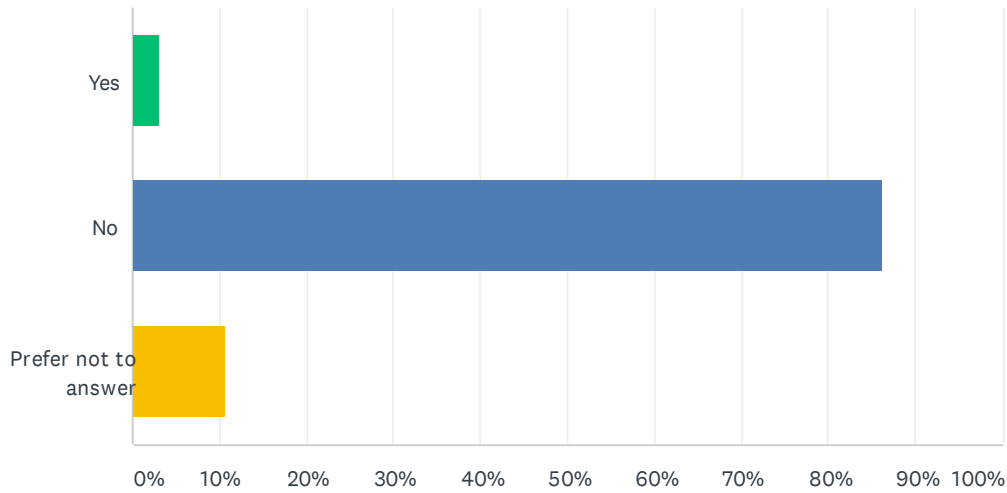
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	38.31%	136
No	55.21%	196
Prefer not to answer	6.48%	23
TOTAL		355

## Q16 Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic or Latino? (Optional)

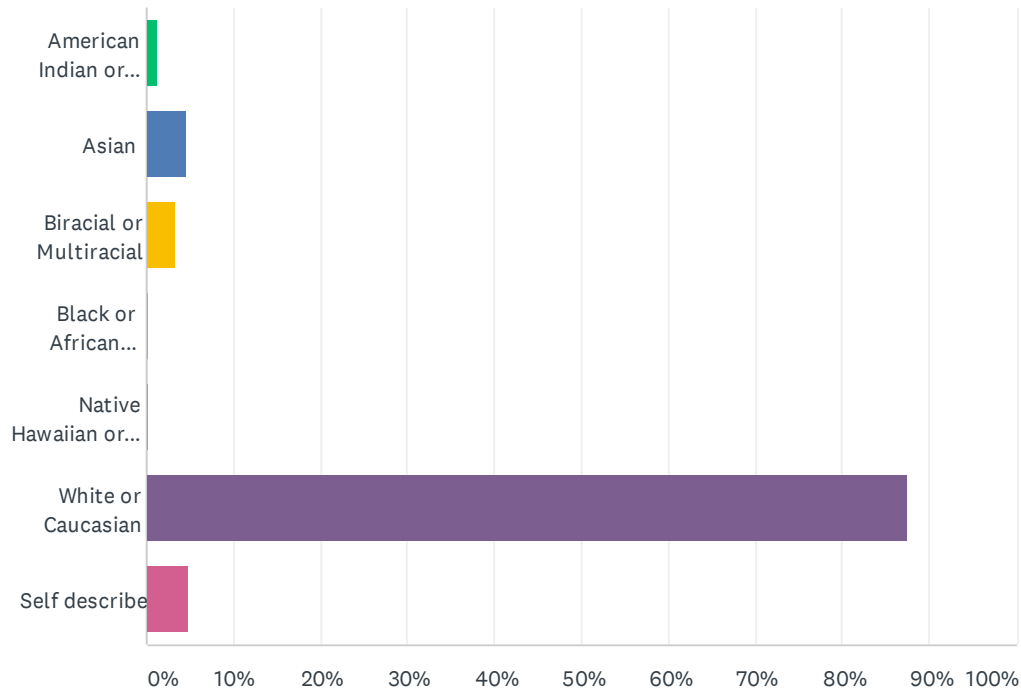
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	3.10%	11
No	86.20%	306
Prefer not to answer	10.70%	38
TOTAL		355

## Q17 Do you consider yourself... (select all that apply) (Optional)

Answered: 326 Skipped: 92



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
American Indian or Alaska Native	1.23%	4
Asian	4.60%	15
Biracial or Multiracial	3.37%	11
Black or African American	0.31%	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.31%	1
White or Caucasian	87.42%	285
Self describe	4.91%	16
Total Respondents: 326		