



2026-2030 Sustainable Bellevue Plan Update

Phase II Engagement Report



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Introduction

The Sustainable Bellevue Plan, adopted by City Council in December 2020, is Bellevue's plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for the impacts of climate change. The plan sets goals and targets for 2030 and 2050 with strategies and actions in five sustainability focus areas: Climate Change, Energy, Mobility & Land Use, Waste & Materials, and Natural Systems. To help the city stay on track for these long-term goals, the Sustainable Bellevue Plan is set to be updated every five years.

Phase II Engagement for the 2026-2030 Sustainable Bellevue Plan update was conducted from April 2025 until early September 2025. During this time, the Environmental Stewardship team made over 500 connections with community members over a variety of outreach activities, including a focus group, surveys, community events, classroom visits, and partnerships with Community-Based Organizations.

Major takeaways from input received during Phase II Engagement include:

The Bellevue community faces significant barriers to more sustainable transportation, most commonly around a lack of transit access and convenience.

Cost of electrification and renting are the most significant barriers to home electrification

Community members expressed a strong desire for a continued emphasis on equitable engagement and access to sustainability programs



Project Scope and Timeline

City Council initiated the 2026-2030 Sustainable Bellevue Plan update in October 2024. The goal for this update is to build upon the existing Sustainable Bellevue Plan to refine Bellevue's goals, targets, strategies, and actions in the five sustainability focus areas.

The update is broken down into four phases, with many opportunities for community members to provide input, and multiple touchpoints with stakeholders and boards and commissions.

This engagement summary covers outreach activities and input collected during Phase II of the Sustainable Bellevue Plan update. The 2026-2030 Sustainable Bellevue Plan is expected to be adopted by City Council in November 2025.

Project Timeline



Plan Update Launch
October 2024



Phase I: Draft Goals and Targets
November 2024–May 2025



Phase II: Draft Strategies
March 2025–June 2025



Phase III: Draft Plan
July 2025–October 2025



Expected Plan Adoption
November 2025 (subject to change)



Key Phase II Engagement Topics

The first Sustainable Bellevue Plan was developed with extensive input from community members, stakeholders, and city staff. To build upon past engagement for this update, staff identified key engagement topics to bring to the community to guide updates to the strategies and actions in Phase III.

Sustainability Priorities

What are the sustainability priorities of the Bellevue community? How well does the draft Sustainable Bellevue Plan reflect these priorities?

Sustainability Barriers

What prevents the Bellevue community from living more sustainably? How well does the draft Sustainable Bellevue Plan address these barriers?



Overview of Phase II Outreach

Phase II engagement began in April 2024 and concluded in early September 2025. Activities included a mix of in-person events, presentations, and online opportunities for participation.

Phase II Outreach Goals

- Inform the community of the Sustainable Bellevue Plan Update.
- Bring in new community members not previously involved in the first Sustainable Bellevue plan development or implementation work, particularly underrepresented community members.
- Assess and understand community sustainability priorities.
- Assess and understand community barriers to sustainability
- Ensure 2026-2030 Sustainable Bellevue Plan is addressing community sustainability priorities and goals identified in Phase I outreach.

Outreach activities during this phase included:

3 visits to classrooms

1 Market Fair event
(co-hosted with Little Master's Club)

1 community convening workshop (co-hosted with Eastside for all)

1 Sustainable Bellevue Open House

1 focus group in Cantonese

1 community survey

During Phase II Outreach the team connected with:

6 focus group participants

90+ Bellevue students

120+ participants at in-person workshops or townhalls

120+ community members at pop-up tabling events

280+ survey respondents

800+ visitors to our online engagement hub

Supporting Diverse Participation

Bellevue is a diverse community of multilingual residents. The Environmental Stewardship team is committed to prioritizing diverse participation from across Bellevue's community, and, in particular, supporting participation from historically underrepresented community members. To help with this effort, the Environmental Stewardship team partnered with two Community-Based Organizations serving underrepresented communities in Bellevue to co-design engagement opportunities for the Sustainable Bellevue Plan Update. Details on the CBO partnerships and related engagement activities can be found later in this section of the report.

Additionally, the Environmental Stewardship team worked with Bellevue's Cultural Outreach team to conduct outreach in Spanish, Mandarin, and Korean. The Cultural Outreach team provided critical support in promoting the in-language Community Surveys and tabling at community events.

The Environmental Stewardship team was also particularly interested in supporting youth participation in engagement, as the Sustainable Bellevue Plan has long-term 2030 and 2050 goals that may be of particular interest to younger generations in Bellevue. The team connected with teachers in classrooms across Bellevue and gave in-person presentations on the plan update to three classrooms at Jing Mei Elementary School during Phase II engagement.

Reporting on demographic information of participants in engagement can be challenging. The format for in-person or pop-up activities does not allow for easy data collection. Additionally, participants are never required to provide demographic information, either for in-person or online activities, and some participants decline to share personal details.

Survey Demographics

The online Community Survey provided the most structured opportunity for collecting demographic data, which allows staff to understand how participation in that activity compares to citywide demographics.

In general, participation in the Phase II Community Survey improved upon surveys conducted during engagement for the 2021-2025 plan in terms of engaging community members more representative of the Bellevue community as a whole. However, the Phase II Community Survey was substantially less representative of the Bellevue community in comparison to the Phase I survey. 17% of survey respondents were people of color, compared to 59% of Bellevue as a whole. Only 15% of survey respondents were renters, compared to 47% of Bellevue as a whole.

Race and Ethnicity

People of Color in Bellevue

59%

People of Color survey respondents

17%

Homeownership Status

Renters in Bellevue

47%

Survey respondents who rent

15%



Community-Based Organization Partnerships

The Environmental Stewardship team widely distributed a public request for proposals from Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) that serve underrepresented community members in Bellevue. CBOs were invited to submit proposals for partnering with the Environmental Stewardship team to co-design, facilitate, and coordinate engagement opportunities for the Sustainable Bellevue Plan Update. The team selected two proposals, from Eastside for All and Little Master's Club. The selected CBO partners and the Environmental Stewardship team collaborated to co-design final scopes of work. Details of the CBO partner co-designed engagement models can be found below, and each CBO partner will provide a full report of engagement results for the Sustainable Bellevue Plan Update following the conclusion of their work.

Eastside for All Community Convening Workshops

Eastside for All was founded in 2019 to advance racial equity and social justice in East King County. The organization supports people of color and immigrants who are most impacted by racial disparities and inequities. Eastside for All proposed an event-based engagement model with one Phase II event focused on under-represented communities. Eastside for All emphasized the importance of community engagement processes that bring community members back from initial feedback collection to review drafts and see how input is being used to shape decisions.

Eastside for All invited five other CBO partners to participate and bring community members to provide feedback on Sustainable Bellevue Plan draft strategies and see how CBO feedback from Phase I engagement was incorporated into the plan update and provide feedback. These organizations were Muslim Community Network Association, Global Social Business Partners, Chinese Information Services Center, United Hub, Africans on the Eastside.

The event was held virtually in English with community members and representatives from Muslim Community Network Association, Global Social Business Partners, Chinese Information Services Center, United Hub and Africans on the Eastside on May 28.

Little Master's Club Market Fair

Little Master's Club is a non-profit organization that seeks to provide an encouraging environment and open platform for young people, helping to build leadership skills and encouraging them to flourish in a multicultural society. They primarily serve the Chinese community in the greater Seattle area, but have regular programming targeted toward many underrepresented groups, including children with special needs, low-income families, new immigrants, and seniors.

Little Master's Club proposed a multiple touchpoint engagement model leveraging their extensive network of Eastside families, centered around a community interest in waste. Little Master's Club hired a local artist, Ying Chen, to facilitate multigenerational workshops in Phase I in which participants would transform garbage and discarded plastic into vases. In Phase I, Environmental Stewardship team members or trained Little Master's Club Ambassadors presented on the Sustainable Bellevue Plan update in each workshop, facilitated short discussion on sustainability priorities, and collected input on the plan. This effort culminated in a Market Fair Event during Phase II engagement on April 26.

The event featured 15 booths with local artists displaying art made from reused or recycled materials, including from artists who participated in the Recycle and Re-Create Workshops in Phase I. Youth Ambassadors who participated in Phase I outreach assisted in staffing the event. All attendees were given tickets to vote for their favorite booths. The Sustainability Team and Bellevue's Cultural Outreach Assistants staffed a Sustainable Bellevue Plan Update booth with activities from EarthFest in English and Simplified Chinese.

Cantonese Focus Group

On April 2, 2025, Plan Update partner Chinese Information Services Center facilitated a focus group in Cantonese of 6 senior community members in Bellevue. The focus group sought to understand sustainability priorities among these community members as well as barriers to accessing sustainability programs or preparing for extreme weather events.



Other Engagement Activities

Jing Mei Elementary School Workshops

Following up on extensive youth engagement in Phase I, sustainability staff visited three 4th grade classrooms at Jing Mei Elementary School on May 19. Staff did a short lesson on the causes of climate change and solutions that can be taken by local government to address climate change and help Bellevue achieve its sustainability goals. Students then participated in a group workshop activity that asked them to imagine what a sustainable future for Bellevue in 2050 would look like. Students drew this future on posters and provided labels and descriptions for their drawings.



Sustainable Bellevue Open House

On July 14, 2025, Sustainability staff hosted an Open House event in Crossroads Park from 5:30-8:00 p.m. featuring boards with draft strategies for the Sustainable Bellevue Plan update and context on the Plan Update. Attendees were given dots to prioritize three actions they found most important for the city to implement, and were encouraged to write sticky notes with additional comments on the draft strategies. Staff were available to answer any questions about the draft strategies, and attendees were given handouts with a full list of draft strategies and actions upon request for additional details. Kid-friendly activities included sustainability trivia and lollipop prizes. Attendees were also encouraged to take the Phase II Community Survey and were given a one page handout on the Plan Update with a QR code to the survey.



EarthFest & Tabling

The Sustainability Team partnered with Bellevue Botanical Garden to host a second annual EarthFest celebration at the Garden on Saturday, April 19. Over 2,000 Bellevue community members dropped by to tour the Garden and learn from more than 20 environmental education and resource booths hosted by partners including Sound Transit and the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society. The Sustainability Team set up a Sustainable Bellevue Plan Update installation where visitors could learn about the plan update, participate in sustainability trivia and games, and provide input on barriers to participating in high impact greenhouse gas reduction behaviors related to home energy and transit. Similar tabling was additionally done at several more events and locations in the city through Phase II.

Phase II Community Survey

During July and August, community members were invited to participate in the Phase II Community Survey. 286 Bellevue community members responded to the survey, which focused on barriers and opportunities to sustainability as they relate to the draft strategies and actions. In the appendix, survey results are presented with unweighted and weighted averages by race/ethnicity, age, and tenure in buildings where applicable. Survey weighting is a statistical technique to adjust survey results to ensure results accurately reflect the survey's target population. Applying these weights ensures survey results accurately reflect the input of target demographics.



Stakeholder Engagement

In addition to the resident and community-based organization engagement throughout the plan update process, the Environmental Stewardship team also engaged with business and organizational stakeholders in Bellevue, including the Bellevue Chamber, the Bellevue Development Committee, the Sustainability Leaders Group, 2030 District and the People for Climate Action.

People for Climate Action

Staff and members of People for Climate Action engaged in several discussions throughout the plan update process. During these conversations, PCA shared their 12 priority actions and staff walked through touchpoints between these actions and the draft plan to illustrate how the PCA 12 actions align with the draft plan actions. PCA members noted that many of the most effective emissions-reducing actions are slow-moving and should therefore be implemented as soon as possible. Because of this, one of their main concerns was with securing program funding for the 2027-2028 biennium and scaling up implementation quickly.



2030 District

Stakeholders within Bellevue 2030 District discussed how Bellevue's goals could align with and support existing programs led by county and organizational stakeholders. Key priorities identified included leveraging and combining multiple types of incentives to promote sustainable growth. Members also recommended giving more attention to how the plan addresses embodied carbon and construction waste.



Bellevue Development Committee (BDC)

On July 10, 2025, Environmental Stewardship staff presented to the Bellevue Development Committee, providing an overview of the plan and relevant strategies and actions. Discussions mainly surrounded transit-oriented development. Priorities identified included increasing housing density near transit and providing assistance for developers to meet changing state building standards. On parking, several participants emphasized the need to let the market determine parking demand. However, in the case of building affordable housing, some participants suggested lowering or eliminating parking minimums. Participants also noted the overall high costs of development and concerns around any additional requirements impacting costs and affordability.

Sustainability Leaders Group (SLG)

Staff shared an update on potential actions with the Sustainability Leaders group on July 22, 2025. The SLG is a broad cross-section of organizations, representing various perspectives on climate action and the proposed strategies and actions. Most of the discussion focused on buildings and transportation strategies. The group expressed support for scaling Energy Smart Eastside to cut energy emissions. Members emphasized a need to create a clean, resilient energy grid that can take on extra demand associated with electrification. Participants also underscored a need for collaboration with the local utility to build grid capacity, and noted that electrification must come in tandem with grid resilience. Staff and SLG members discussed how resilience might be built into new buildings and homes, such as through rooftop solar installations.

Bellevue Chamber of Commerce Permitting, Land Use Sustainability and Housing (PLUSH) Committee

On August 26, staff presented to the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce PLUSH committee to provide an overview of the draft plan and highlight strategies and actions most relevant to the group, primarily in the Buildings and Energy and Mobility and Land Use focus areas, related to development and transportation. The committee's primary concern centered on the need for greater clarity around what specific policy actions would come out of the outlined strategies as well as the costs associated with those actions. Committee members also highlighted the need to assess the return on investment for developers, particularly in relation to strategies around green building for commercial and residential buildings, noting concerns around development costs and affordability in Bellevue.

Summary of Input

Through the various Phase II outreach activities, the Environmental Stewardship team received nuanced and varied feedback from many members of the Bellevue community with unique perspectives. The Engagement Report appendices provide more detail on input collected via the Phase II Community Survey and Open House event. However, input received can still be grouped into major themes, many of which appeared repeatedly across engagement activities. These themes are summarized in this section of the report.

Sustainability Barriers

One of the goals of Phase II engagement was to assess and identify barriers to sustainability in the Bellevue community and how the 2026-2030 Sustainable Bellevue Plan can best address these barriers.

Transportation

Throughout Phase II engagement, community members expressed significant barriers to using more sustainable mode of transportation around Bellevue. Community members at the focus group, Market Fair, and Eastside for All events, and attendees at tabling events including EarthFest and the Town Hall specifically identified a lack of transit accessibility and that the city's transit network does not meet their transportation needs. For many community members, particularly the city's disadvantaged community members, access to transit was identified not just as a convenience but as a necessity for trips such as visiting family and travel for medical needs.

"I would like to send my daughter to Interlake High School by bus. But there is no direct bus from Spirtridge neighborhood. I would also like my parents to be able to go to downtown or Overlake hospital, but no direct bus.

—Phase II Community Survey Free Responses

Buildings

When discussing barriers to making more sustainable homes, community members identified cost as the key barrier to electrification at home. Participants noted that upgrades at home such as heat pumps can be significantly more expensive than their gas or oil counterparts. In addition to cost, a major barrier commonly identified was that many members of the Bellevue community rent their homes, rather than owning, making it very difficult or often impossible to make changes to their residence. In the Phase II Community Survey, 50% of renters indicated they were not willing to discuss electrification with their landlord, with 80% indicating that they believe this discussion would not make a difference.

Support for Equitable Engagement and Programs

A common theme through in-person engagement, particularly through the city's CBO partners, Eastside for All and Little Master's Club, was a desire for more equitable engagement and sustainability programs. Focus group members specifically stressed that Bellevue should do more outreach to underrepresented community members in languages other than English to increase participation and improve access to city sustainability programs. CBO partners at the second Eastside for All event expressed that draft strategies and actions should more clearly prioritize engagement and collaboration with underrepresented communities in Bellevue, and that communities should be more involved in co-design of programs and implementation.





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Respondent	Do you have any other ideas, priorities, or concerns about Bellevue's plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for climate change?
1	Adopt a "No Idling while parked rule", adopt electric blowers and blow less days per week, request, require, amazon, FedEx, UPS, post office, to use electric delivery trucks vs. big gas trucks. With so many new and higher buildings, the unintended consequence is that air cannot blow the noise and exhaust out of the city. It's trapped so it would be good to limit it where possible.
2	Gas powered lawn equipment pollute a lot more than a car does.
3	Bellevue needs to provide far more financial and targeted personnel support for EV charging infrastructure in the apartment communities and condo communities in Bellevue
4	My home has good exposure for solar but I am apt to sell within 5 years and don't think it would pay. Would need an OBJECTIVE evaluation of cost savings and added value at resale
5	More public transportation that is frequent, efficient and goes to all places/areas people need to go to.
6	I'm happy to hear that, despite Trump's plan to unravel anything having to do with protecting the environment, Bellevue is pushing forward and doing what's right. Also, I'm the VP for my HOA, and I would



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	love to share materials with our owners about what they can do on a daily basis to protect the environment. Where can I find these materials?
7	Improve Bellevue's bike infrastructure and enforce parking laws on cars parking/stopping in bike lanes to make biking more accessible
8	limit or prohibit gas powered lawn equipment, prevent developers from including grass lawns in new build, limit and reduce bellevue park maintenance with gas equipment, increase natural landscape
9	Expanding the city, decreasing the tree canopy is going to negatively impact the city and area
10	Please keep working on this critical issue so everyone has access to information and to safe place to live in more extreme temperatures and weather. Thank you!
11	Would appreciate a DMV credit for hybrid-electric vehicle
12	2 stroke engines and even 4 stroke yard equipment such as leaf blowers and weed wackers produce an extremely disproportionate amount of pollution. At a minimum the city should stop using them. Ideally, they should be banned, as many communities have done already
13	Outlaw gas powered leaf blowers. Gas powered power washers, gas lawn mowers. They are very toxic in the emissions they emit, too noisy. How about persuade people to rack leaves instead, or leave their yards alone and allow a value of decomposing to happen in place.



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14	Stop wasting tax money.
15	기후변화..태풍 폭염 등등 대비 에코 인프라 필요
16	maintaining or growing the tree canopy will not only help mitigate greenhouse gasses, but also keep Bellevue a beautiful place to live
17	Too much development and subdivision. We need more tree canopy
18	Not allowing mega mansions to be built. Resources are wasted on rooms that families rarely use.
19	Stop allowing developers/home owners from mowing down trees to enable huge homes and property enhancements that reduce the open space for rain absorption and plants that can counter droughts, floods and air flow.
20	Greater emphasis on updating old buildings and placing effective limitations on the contribution of new development to climate change.
21	Stop letting people over build their lots and cut down all of their trees



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22	Trees trees trees! Keep all wild land undeveloped and keep all trees we have now. Fine anyone who chops trees down without a permit. The new permitting is much better, but I support stricter measures. We have no business cutting ANY trees down at this point. Live densely and let land rewild. Limit visitors. Require composting, charge more for certain garbage. Please do more.
23	more bike lanes on as many streets as you can. I see more and more people along northrup way in the spring district goint up to 148th and corsroads. also 8th from downtown out to crossroads. As more people have electric scooters and bikes, more people will want to use those fast streets. squeeze the car lanes to give them some room.
24	Nothing is said about maintaining and/or expandig tree cover. We used to take the bus into Seattle BUT someone changed the bus route to force me to use the train from the UW station. I will NOT put my wife at risk on the train on in the station
25	Continued investment into sustainable energy sources. Increase awareness of heat insulation technologies. Reduce heat island effect through tree canopy and green space investments.
26	More protected hike lanes to make cycling a safer alternative
27	Would love to support the city in significantly engaging the school district, especial through the Curriculum where the City's work can become an ongoing dynamic "Living Textbook."
28	PCA 12 Actions. ESI plan that includes funding requirements and funding source options. We have to move away from opportunistic funding to reliable annual funding



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29	Older adults (senior citizens) are 20% of Bellevue's population, and that number is on a steep trajectory. Roll, bike, and board sounds cool, but is wholly impractical for our age group. Convenient, accessible, and SAFE transit is one answer. AFFORDABLE ride-hailing service is an option.
30	More public transportation in residential areas
31	I am concerned that at some point I will not be able to use my gas cooktop and fireplace. If that happened I would likely move to a city where that wouldn't happen and that would be awful
32	My biggest concern is that city leadership/City Council is not committed enough to do/spend what it takes to meet the climate/emission reduction goals they have agreed to by 2030/2050.
33	(1) Fix the road and infrastructure so the roadway can handle the current population rather than idling and rolling at snails pace during the day or just idling for minutes in the same spot. (2) Remove traffic control methods which slow down the flow of traffic. Idling cars on the existing sized infrastructure is contributing to the majority of vehicle population. Imagine a Bellevue where people could efficiently get from point A to point B without waiting in traffic and having their cars idle on end. There would be far less pollution!
34	Stop allowing developers to tear down modest family homes, cut down the mature trees on the property and stuff 2 McMansions in the space. these houses are huge and will cost plenty to heat and cool
35	TREES ! TREES !! TREES !!! They make oxygen; they suck up Co2; they sponge-up excess rain; they provide cooling when it's too hot; and they beautify our streetscapes! Why were no questions asked re trees? I can think of many. Please respond with the city's official reason for ignoring tree questions. Thanks. Use email below. Duncan



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36	It's unfortunate that there are no school busses or good bus routes to high schools. Interlake high school has kids come there from all over the city and most have to drive. There needs to be better transit options to schools for kids and to hospitals for seniors who do not drive.
37	Reduce the size of City Government, thus reducing the city's carbon footprint. This option is never considered by city staff or their contractors. I dare you to add a question in your next survey if people feel the city could improve sustainability by eliminating city programs, staff and contractors
38	I'm concerned about density in Bellevue. We have many serious problems with too many people moving here.
39	Promote messages about planting: more trees, native/drought resistant plants, and doing away with green grass lawns. We need to start getting that message out now, as it will take a while for the message to take hold in our community.
40	Please ban gas powered leaf blowers! They cause noise and air pollution and are very inefficient. I have often observed people using them spend 5 minutes blowing one or two leafs or pieces of garbage into the street or gutter (which they shouldn't do anyway!)
41	I really like commuting by bicycle, but I admit that it does not feel safe to share roads with cars, and many of my coworkers say that they do not bike for this reason. I would appreciate quick completion of plans to add bike lanes and paths, such as completion of the Eastrail project, or completion of NE Spring Blvd between 124th Ave NE and 130th Ave NE, as these would make my commute safer.
42	We used the light rail for the first time to go to the 4th of July fireworks downtown. We can walk from our house to the station at Overlake (behind Safeway, near Aloft). It was great and easy; but generally there isn't a lot of other places I can imagine going on it (beside to an event in Redmond downtown area or to eat if I didn't want to worry about driving home after a drink or two).



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43	Yes, yet I am not sure anyone would be interested.
44	This is only sort of about emissions, but it is about quality of life here. The loud leaf-blowers (and other yard equipment) going on into the evening, often for hours on end, are maddening. Sometimes up until 9:30pm in my neighborhood--past the bedtimes of children, elderly folks, and early workers. We finally get decent weather in the summer, the yard is lovely, it might be one of the few free evenings in a week, but it's impossible to be outside because of the endless roar from the yard crews--mostly blowing stuff around unnecessarily. I get that leaf blowing is efficient on occasion (like, when there are leaves) for short durations, during the day. Since people, and landscape-maintenance companies can't seem to figure out basic considerate behavior on their own, it would be lovely if we could mandate limited hours for this stuff. And maybe do a little education to get users to think about the impact. (I often see the crews rev up their machine just to blow an inoffensive leaf from one place to another--like, I have the tool, so I will use it, whether I need to or not. Also, it's OUTDOORS-- it's ok to leave some soil on the soil!) I realize it's hard to enforce but a few citations that impact the bottom lines of some of the yard companies might go a long way in changing behavior. If we can restrict construction hours, we can do this too. Also, how about banning firepits in urban/suburban neighborhoods, both for environmental and neighborly reasons. People seem to light them up on the hottest days, when so many of their non-AC-owning neighbors need open windows for ventilation but basically get smoked out of their own houses. Not to mention the pollution and fire danger. If you live on 20 acres in Duvall, knock yourself out with the campfire. In densely populated Bellevue, maybe not.
45	Implement the 12 critical city climate actions that People for Climate Action is proposing



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46	Bellevue needs to invest more in alternative transit options, such as better bike lanes and more reliable bus schedules
47	Please don't force me to move from natural gas. Electric heat even from the most up to date heat pumps just don't compare.to combustible heat sources.like natural gas. Natural gas burns very cleanly
48	Yes. I support the 12 critical climate actions being advocated by People for Climate Action
49	Make biking safer in Bellevue. More dedicated / protected bike lanes along major corridors, more awareness building for residents to yield to bicycles, more public bike racks along streets and parks.
50	Once light rail is open, more bus routes from NEIGHBORHOODS straight to a light rail station. As it sits, I will have very few options to use transit to get to a light rail station, but would LOVE to never drive into Seattle again!
51	PROTECTED BIKE LANES. seriously, it's been years since bike lanes were proposed, but have been continously pushed back. The primary reason why people don't bike, is because biking is not safe when driving unprotected next to 2-ton behemoth cars. We need bikelanes that make a driver feel safe. and we need bike lanes that _avoid_ the super-high gradient hills (like the one that was proposed next to the Chipotle/Trader Joes on 116th/4th. Electric charging infrastructure of course, both SLOW and FAST.
52	A total fear ridden SCAM. The earth has gone through cooling & heating for millions of years & we survived. I do not believe any of this CO2 scam
53	we need funding to scale to a level that matters. We need sustained action for 25 years. We need climate action to be as important as housing and growth. We need the decision makers to care enough to act.



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54	Develop walking friendly environment instead of car. Build more sidewalks encourage more people walking. Many areas have no sidewalks and dangerous to walk
55	I'd like to see more sustainable buildings, things like rooftop gardens, support for community solar in multi-family complexes
56	Building efficiency is the most important issue. Need to update building code to force developers to build high efficiency buildings. Especially in light of the new "middle housing" freefor-all
57	Open up the rebates and don't limit it by income. Go events where you invite condo people to come, especially older ones
58	getting heat pumps and EV charging into large and small residential and commercial buildings ensure apartment bldgs and condos have composting available
59	spend less money on ideas that do not track
60	Please continue making bike lanes available. I do ride a bike. Also, please keep and expand greenbelts and protected wetlands.
61	Concerned that Bellevue is only considering one point of view on this subject. The climate has always been changing. When I was younger, yes the world was supposed to end in 2012 and we are still here. CO2 is necessary for plants to live. We should let technology develop solutions (as it has been) without using scare tactics that the world is going to end. We should not be forcing people to give up their gas powered cars (consider the negative impacts to the environment of electric cars) and forcing mostly clean natural gas



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	from being used. The West Coast is getting rid of dams to force reliance on heavily subsidized and often unreliable wind and solar for electricity (while attempting to force everyone to get rid of natural gas). Listen to more points of view. Todd Myers is a local eastside expert on the environment who you may want to consider.
62	You mean the green scam, I have provided you w/ some facts before. I'm sure you do not have the guts or care to tell the truth. Again, a National Geographic study October 2023 in short, stated the following. Our atmosphere is 99% Oxygen & Nitrogen. OF THE REMAINING 1 %, CO2 IS 0.04%. a PLANTS NEED @ least 0.02% to survive. Anything less & they die! Also remember, that plants take in CO2 & exhale Oxygen. Rather than scam us w/ fear & additional taxes which we cannot absorb, give us a break & tell the truth. I might add that my personal survey indicated that the LOWEST amount my subjects stated was the CO2 level was 5%????? All their other figures were higher.
63	More education and awareness and in various languages
64	Increasing housing without taking precautions to increase or at least sustain tree canopy will contribute to increase in temperatures throughout Bellevue.
65	Keep working for this! Stop the landscape companies using gas powered leaf blowers!!! Gas emissions are toxic and they send out a lot! Noisy too! What a waste of gas, peaceful quiet residential areas. Outlaw leaf blowers! Make lawn care companies buy electric tools!
66	Sustainability as the city approaches it is a vanity project that will result in very little. There will be nothing more effective than paying our people more and making housing cost less, so that people arent commuting in from hours away. A green roof or heat pump in a corporate building does very little If everyone working in that building commuted in using their cars.



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67	shuttles to light rail and more ways to easily get to trains, bus stops; overnight parking at Bellevue park'n'ride; Less expensive ways to get from Bellevue to SeaTac airport
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69	keep actions within city owned property and leave the residents alone to manage their own affairs how they see fit individually.
70	As long as Bellevue continues to allow developers to plunder our city by tearing down modest houses and building huge houses that take up an entire lot and eliminate green spaces, houses that require more area to be heated and cooled, the City of Bellevue has no right to ask the rest of us to pay more or convert to a system that will increase our bills. It is a joke that you pretend to care about climate change when you are just catering to developers at the expense of the earth
71	It would be great if the city of Bellevue turned attention from residents to companies that operate or have properties in Bellevue. Most office buildings in downtown Bellevue have all lights on all night, although they are empty. This consumes electricity and creates light pollution for residents. Another issue is the leaf blowers that plague our streets every day, whether there is anything to clean or not. When is Bellevue going to ban gas powered leaf blowers?
72	More tree canopy in urban areas
73	I am concerned that the most vulnerable people in our community won't see the benefit of these resources.



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74	I think public education is key so that folks will understand the problem of fossil fuels, and then will seek assistance converting their lives off fossil fuels
75	I think it's so important to be educating the public about the changing climate and the connection to fossil fuels.
76	Costs should be proportionally shared by businesses as well as residents / land owners
77	I would like to see the COB fully implement the 12 critical city climate actions that People for Climate Action is proposing.
78	Promote multimodal transportation options (including bike/scooter share) to reduce single-occupant vehicular trips
79	Ban glass blowers for resident use. I can't believe that it wasn't mentioned in this survey or maybe I missed it. People will blow endlessness for hours because they are getting paid by the hour so they blow regardless.
80	Growing Bellevue to accommodate tens of thousands of people living here at the expense of our tree canopy is NOT a smart climate change solution.
81	Fuel-efficient gasoline vehicles may actually have a smaller overall impact on the environment than electric cars—especially when you consider the environmental cost of mining raw materials and manufacturing lithium batteries. Additionally, the disposal and end-of-life management of EV batteries poses significant ecological risks—often more harmful than those associated with traditional petroleum-based vehicles. I'm concerned about surveys like this one that frame questions in narrow or misleading ways, effectively



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	steering participants toward predetermined conclusions. This kind of bias undermines meaningful dialogue and appears to serve an agenda rather than seeking balanced, informed input.
82	How are you bringing up this plan to the community and engaging them in taking action?
83	Yes. Please do not force people to do things with only one option--electric cars. Already, other types of clean cars are being developed--fuel cell vehicles (FCVs), which use hydrogen to power an electric motor. Additionally, some vehicles with internal combustion engines can be considered "clean" due to their high fuel efficiency and low emissions, especially when compared to older vehicles. Moreover, fossil fuels are still being used to generate electricity. Depending solely on electricity is not a good option.
84	Make it easier for micro mobility users. Current it is nearly impossible to safely get around the city on a bike/scooter etc. With the explosion of this way of transportation Bellevue should strive to be ahead of the curve in providing safe paths throughout the city.
85	Tree canopy - increase as much as possible! Do not let people cut down trees
86	Stop building mega mansions you are removing trees and destroying our environment, destroying good homes and filling the landfill
87	Reduction of developers building in open spaces. The city/ state should purchase the property at the price a developer would pay to set the land aside. Never take the property from the owner!!!
88	Yes, do it without increasing taxes.



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89	stop chasing commercial construction
90	Making it affordable to all
91	E-bikes for local commutes, composting a bit, and otherwise making transit an appealing option are nice, but I'm not hearing anything about dealing with climate change's harmful effects, like storm damage or power outages. We need to be able to gracefully resist such harms. Putting select power lines underground, local battery grid storage of power, encouraging homes to have solar and local batteries. Same for water supplies and other essentials.
92	Help families and older people who need to drive have better transit options - closer to home and more often to get more cars off the road. Assist families and businesses understand and with vendors to be more ecological in their homes and buildings. Introduce ecological buying of clothing in malls.
93	Yes, more studies
94	For any new builds of houses, apartments and other dwellings there should be mandates that they be very energy efficient. Stop allowing gas furnaces as replacements in existing housing and ban gas furnaces in new housing and businesses. Offer more incentives for people to purchase electric vehicles in Bellevue. Insist that King County do a better job with its energy saving incentives
95	I hope I will learn more at the July 14 open house. I vehemently oppose converting traffic lanes into dedicated bike lanes. What folly! Bellevue isn't designed for non-automobile use. Increasing transit, let alone frequent transit, throughout the city, to go where everyone lives, is an impossibility. I probably can't ride a bike anymore due to both wrists being partially fused - they don't bend too much anymore. I've



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	always been eco-conscious and an environmentalist, hence owning a Tesla, and a Prius before that. I live in Eastgate, and even though my house is 1 block south of Newport Way and 150th Ave. SE, I cannot foresee how I could ever live sans a vehicle
96	I would like to see schools become an integral part of our resilience strategy. They should have solar panels and batteries to provide power and shelter if a natural disaster threatens residents and their families. We need to be prepared for weather events or a large earthquake that damages our grid and infrastructure
97	Hybrid/electric vehicles, solar/panels, grey water, big companies allow people to work from home, more trees/plants, cool paint colors
98	Plant as much vegetation of all kinds and encourage good Horticulture practices, such as leaving tree and shrub litter on the ground.
99	Continue to improve biking infrastructure!
100	Power outages, cost, fairness for all
101	Stop destroying livable homes and replacing mega mansions which make home ownership unattainable for many
102	Teach conservation. Reduce use when storm comes, be an early or a late consumer. Use less additive in dish soap and laundry soap. No pods



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103	I would like to see the City, in partnership with PSE, provide stronger incentives for residential rooftop solar, such as low-interest financing or a guarantee to buy excess power from the homeowner. I keep hearing the City's Transportation Department talk about projects to widen roads and expand car infrastructure. Through these projects, we're literally spending millions to subsidize car travel, to further harm our environment, and to ensure our own failure to reach our VMT and emission goals. It doesn't cost any money to simply stop pursuing these awful plans. It will save money. You can use that saved money to electrify old buildings.
104	Let's close some streets to vehicles. Create neighborhood centers people can walk to. It's a lifestyle change so it could take people a while to get there...be patiently persistent and provide options. Thank you for the work you're doing on behalf of the city.
105	How can we plant more trees? How can we get ridwell to be more affordable? How can we get solar panels to be more affordable?
106	legalize housing and neighborhood amenities in currently exclusionary-zoned SFH-only areas, so that those areas can support more frequent transit and people don't have to drive as much
107	Base information on actual science and address it rationally and not with a knee jerk reaction
108	Speaking up and holding our govt. leaders accountable.
109	Make it easier to remove trees that prevent solar, esp. when on someone else's property.



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110	10,000 years ago we had 5,000 feet of glacier above us. Let's try to find out what caused it to disappear
111	Reduce / eliminate use of gas powered lawn equipment. Much higher pollution than cars - have to breath and put on head phones daily
112	Do you realize that when surveys are done, climate change comes in at about 20th on the list of what people are concerned about? Please give this up. Do not let Bellevue go in the same direction as Seattle and other large cities in this state have gone.
113	Bellevue needs to fund the 12 Critical City Climate Actions proposed by People for Climate Action
114	I think that adopting sustainable technology such as FindIt, the AI-powered lost-and-found, would help reduce waste, greenhouse gas emissions (especially from manufacturing companies), and climate impact.
115	1. increase safe biking and pedestrian pathways 2. build out EV charging seatings in existing multifamily buildings
116	Prioritize Bike Bellevue
117	Climate change impacts those of middle to lower income most. Need to have access to manage climate concerns for those that aren't wealthy. Time to start taxing the wealthy amongst us because they aren't going to assist the community as a whole without government making them contribute to society



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118	Tree canopy is a big deal, but it seems that the city focuses on tree giveaways to owners of single-family houses (probably because more often than not we, condo residents, have no space to plant trees). This is great, but trees on private property benefit only those who live there. The city should focus instead on tree canopy where many people gather or go through: parks and streets. I don't understand why most of the park areas are basically lawns! And the stupid humongous parking lots should go away for sure.
119	Building denser communities that have access to apartment buildings, condos, townhouses. Giving builders tax breaks on building these denser communities. We can't keep building single-family housing, not if we expect to change our mindset about what impacts we have on this earth.
120	Transportation is the largest component of greenhouse gases and yet Bellevue is committed to being the best place to drive. All this "sustainable" talk is great but it doesn't address the real problem: city council's fear of angering drivers.
121	Provide direct bus routes to Interlake High School from South Bellevue, including Somerset and Newport Hill areas.
122	Stopp allowing contractors to clear-cut trees for their ugly McMansions. They are breaking the law but they get away with it since they're paying fees.
123	I would like to see PSE actively engage with the built environment to accelerate even more energy resilience and perhaps ecodistricts that would allow Kemper and other developers easier access to develop sustainable projects for the city. I would also like to understand that city of Bellevue's EV Charging strategy.
124	Congestion pricing, turn some streets into bike pedestrian corridors



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125	Implement the 12 critical city climate actions that People for Climate Action is proposing
126	Address urban heat zones. Trees. White roofs. Etc
127	Middle housing possibilities for my 1959 era house, has me paused with energy upgrades. Despite middle housing progress in city code, CCRs in Surrey downs may slow down my ability to consider middle housing improvements. That makes me hesitant to do major energy upgrades...
128	Install 'community solar' on large building walls & rooftops. eg. schools & warehouses, flat roof businesses. connect to grid. make power available to home owners
129	ban gas-powered leaf blowers, hedge trimmers, weed whackers, lawn mowers, with only chain saws larger than 18 inch blade allowed to be gas. Quiet Portable generators designed for campground use are allowed.
130	We need to get far more aggressive on reducing ghg emissions. We are not on track and we need a REAL plan to make the 95% goal that the Council formally adopts and funds. We need to find new sources of revenue to be able to bring down emissions at a rate that will matter. We need to implement PCAs suggested Critical Climate Action Steps. Along with the ESI Plan Update, there should be an accompanying budget for what it's going to take to get it done AND a proposal for how the funds will be raised to fund it with a reliable and adequate funding mechanism such as a climate tax. That's what the Council should be approving rather than an I wish or I hope this will happen
131	Keep trees and regulate over development that will strain resources



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132	I appreciate the city's Free Tree program. Also the cities policies on retaining tree, canopy and limitations on tree cutting for developers, although - call me cynical - I suspect more than one of them is willing to ignore the rules and just cut down the tree and pay the fine. If that's the case, I hope the city finds them to kingdom come & shuts down their projects. More trees = good.
133	Need a robust tree maintenance program that doesn't shift burden of tree care onto individuals. Seattle's tree plan is producing anecdotal counterproductive results.
134	I am grateful that Bellevue is working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for climate change. I hope that the government also takes into consideration that there is a large part of Bellevue's population who do not qualify for the programs that are being offered to low income people/families. The people/families in the middle who can't afford to convert their homes to energy and or purchase a hybrid or electric vehicles. For many of our families it's not an unwillingness to make the change it's due to affordability.
135	Be rationale. Avoid doomsday scenarios. Consider transition approach rather than forced usage.

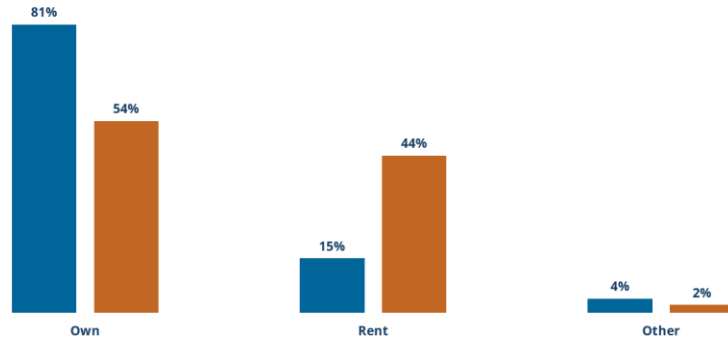


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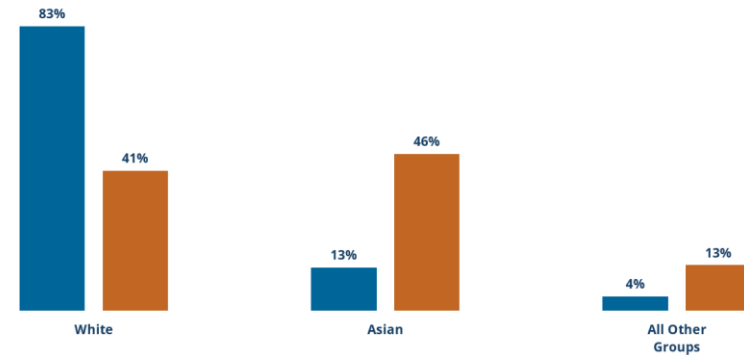
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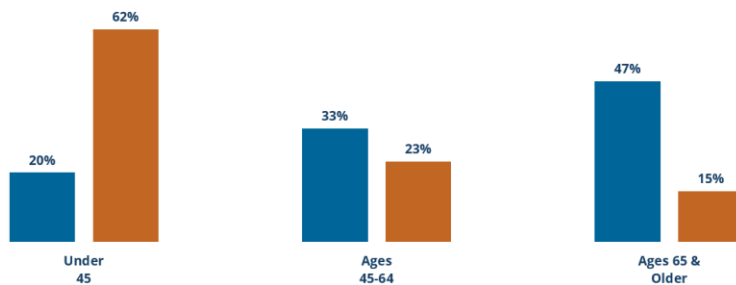
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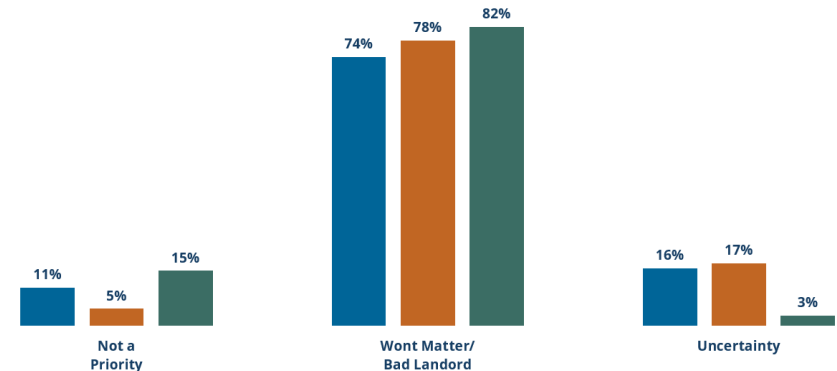
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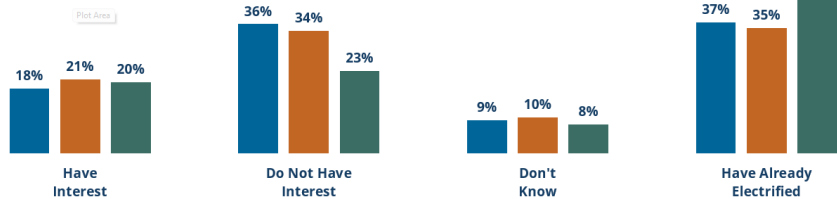


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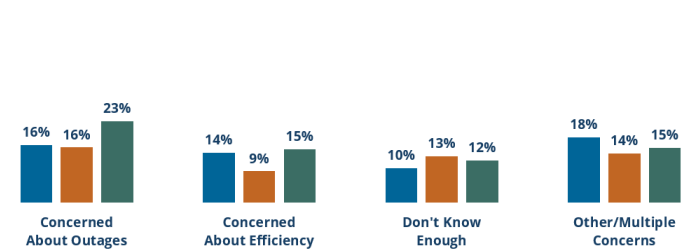
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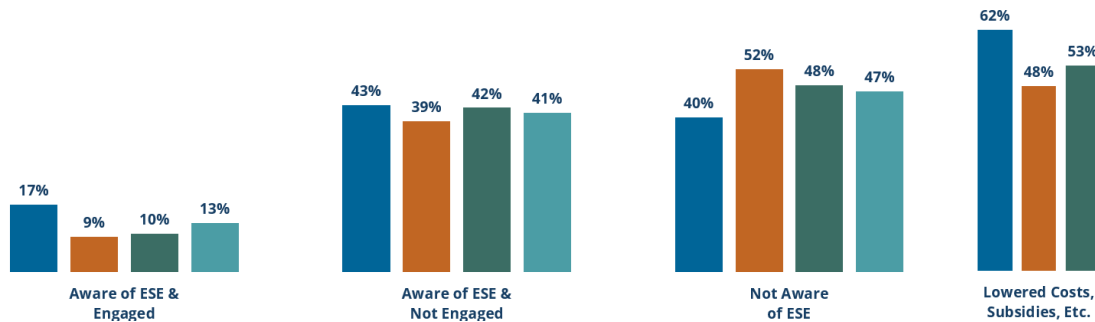


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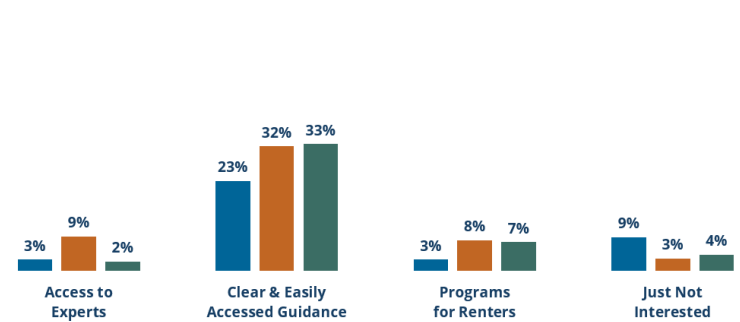
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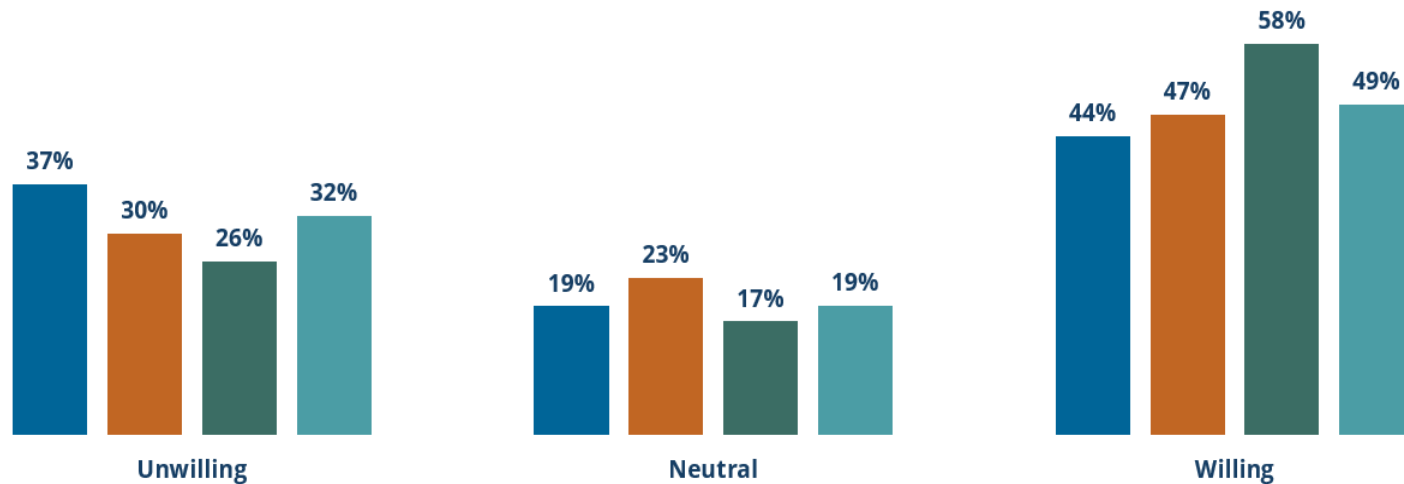


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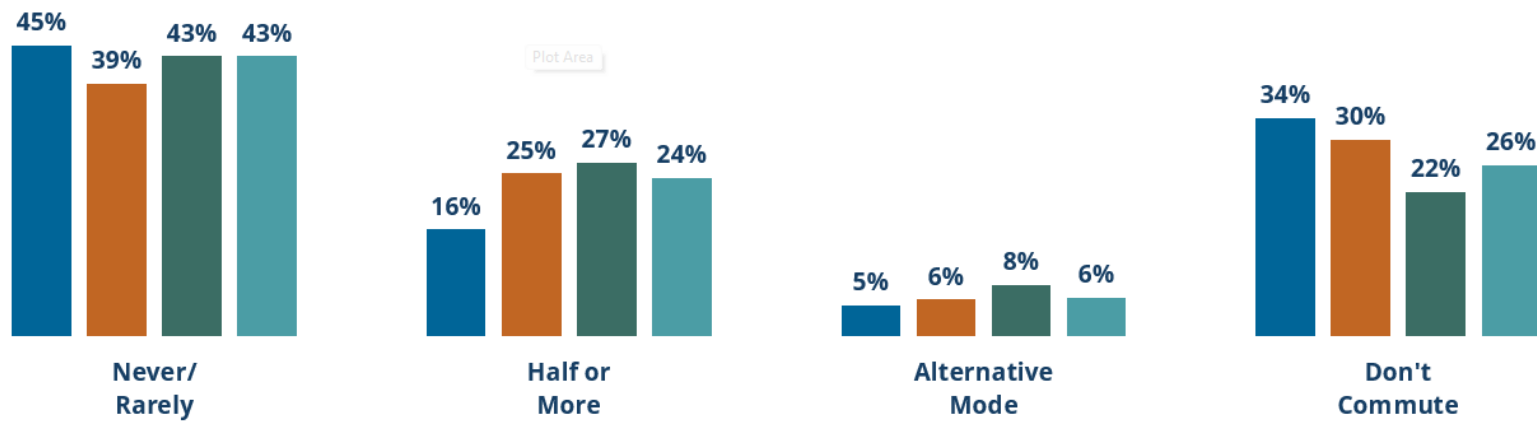


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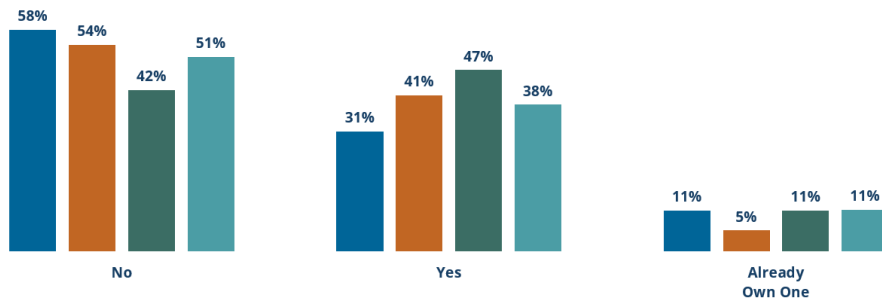


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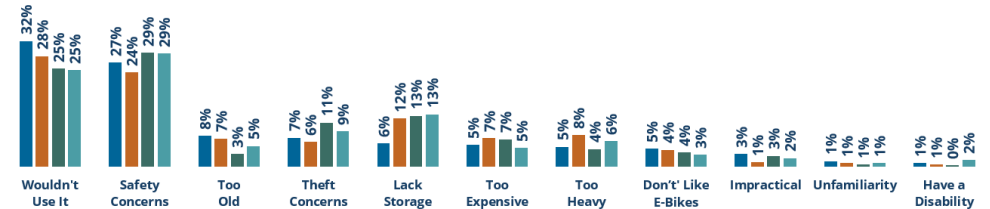
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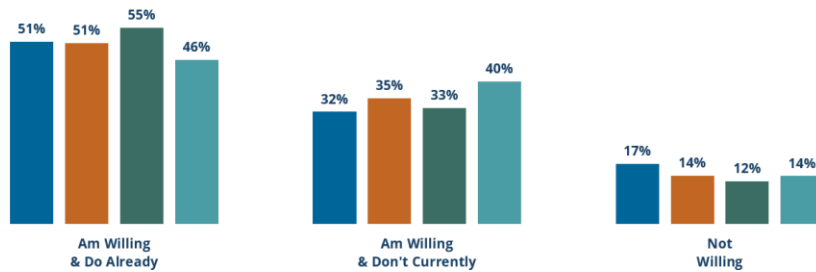


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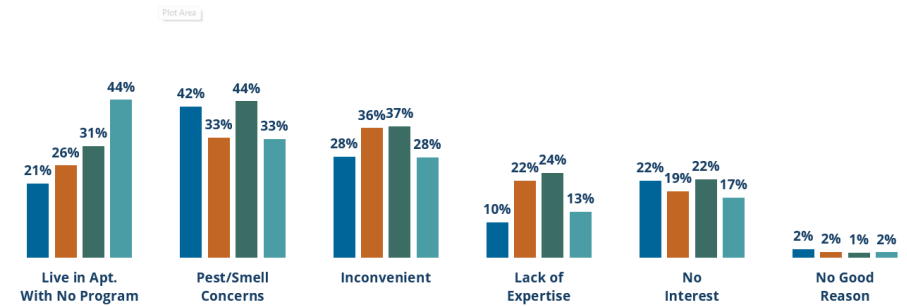
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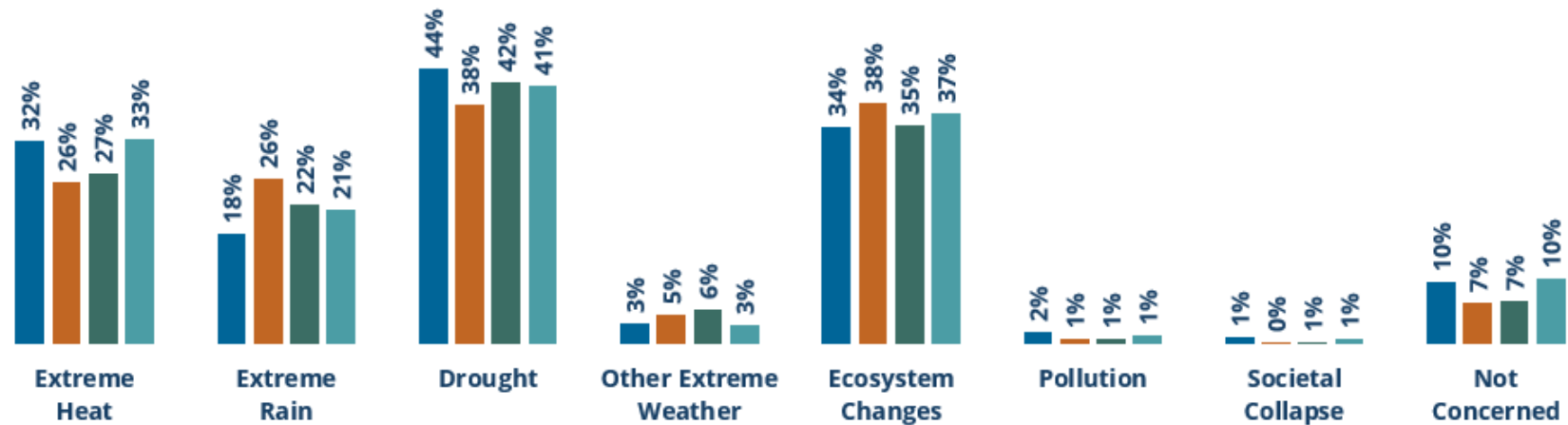


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Concerns About Climate Change (n=244)

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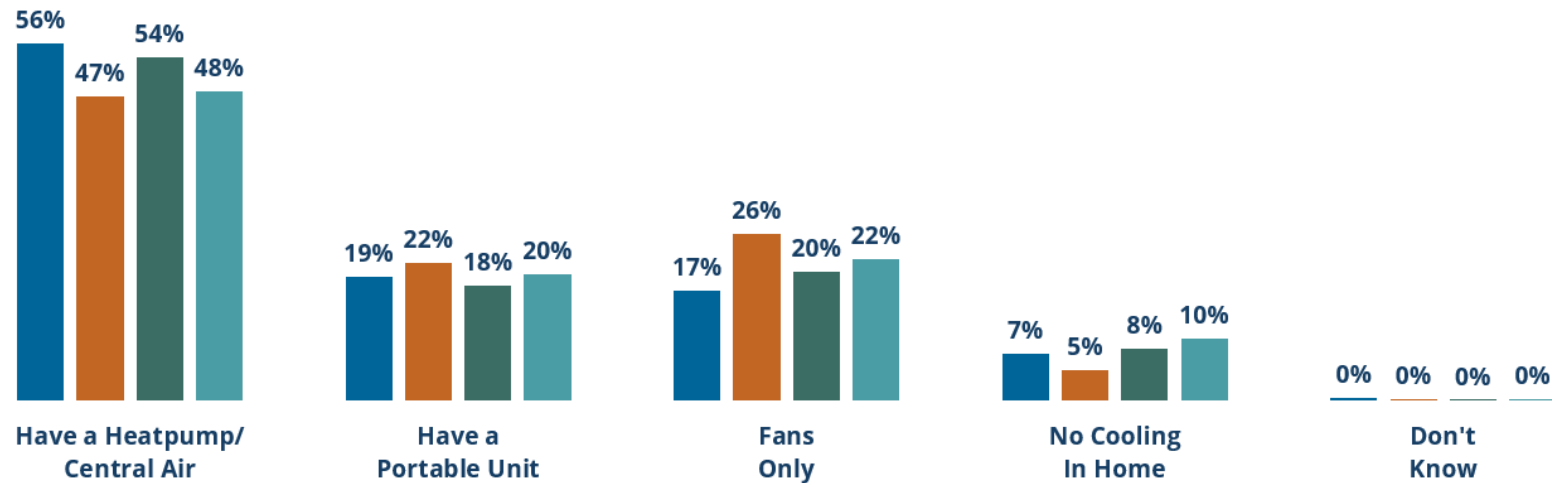


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Access to Cooling System (n=244)

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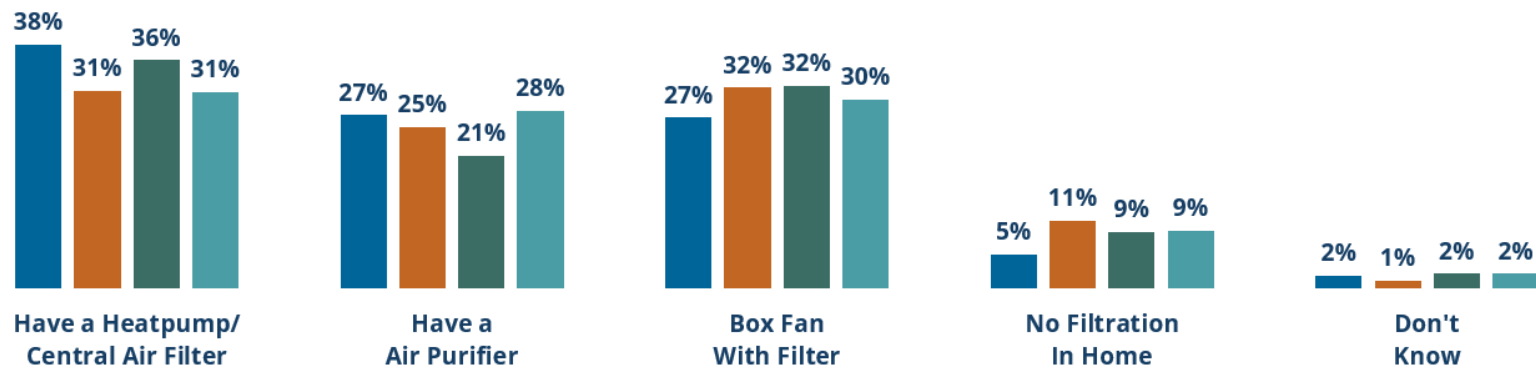


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Access to Filter System (n=244)

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Desired Tools to Assuage Climate Concerns (n=235)

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