

Survey Report

07 July 2019 - 22 August 2019

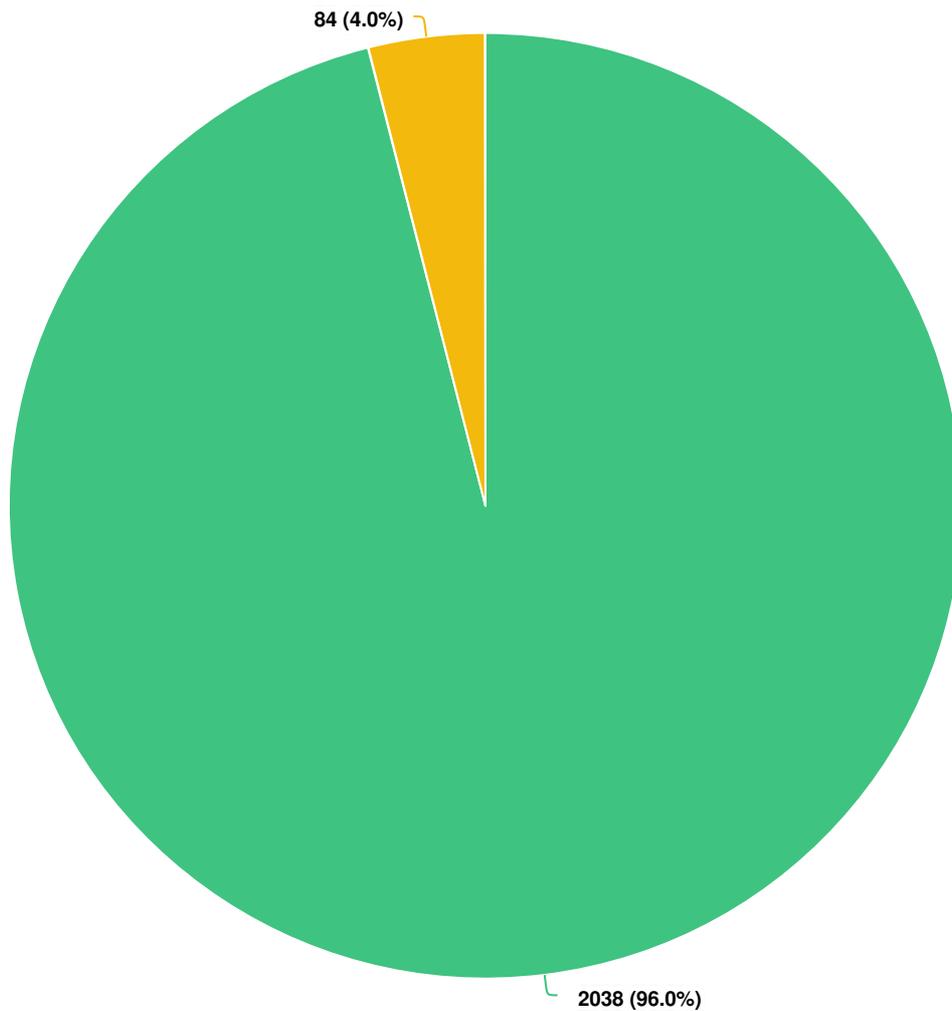
Resident and Visitor Survey: Single-Use plastics and Polystyrene/Styrofoam™

PROJECT: Single-Use Plastics Regulation Survey

Speak Up Fayetteville

engagement 
by Bang the Table

Q1 | Do you support reducing litter in Fayetteville's streams and waterways, as well as reducing trash that goes to landfills?

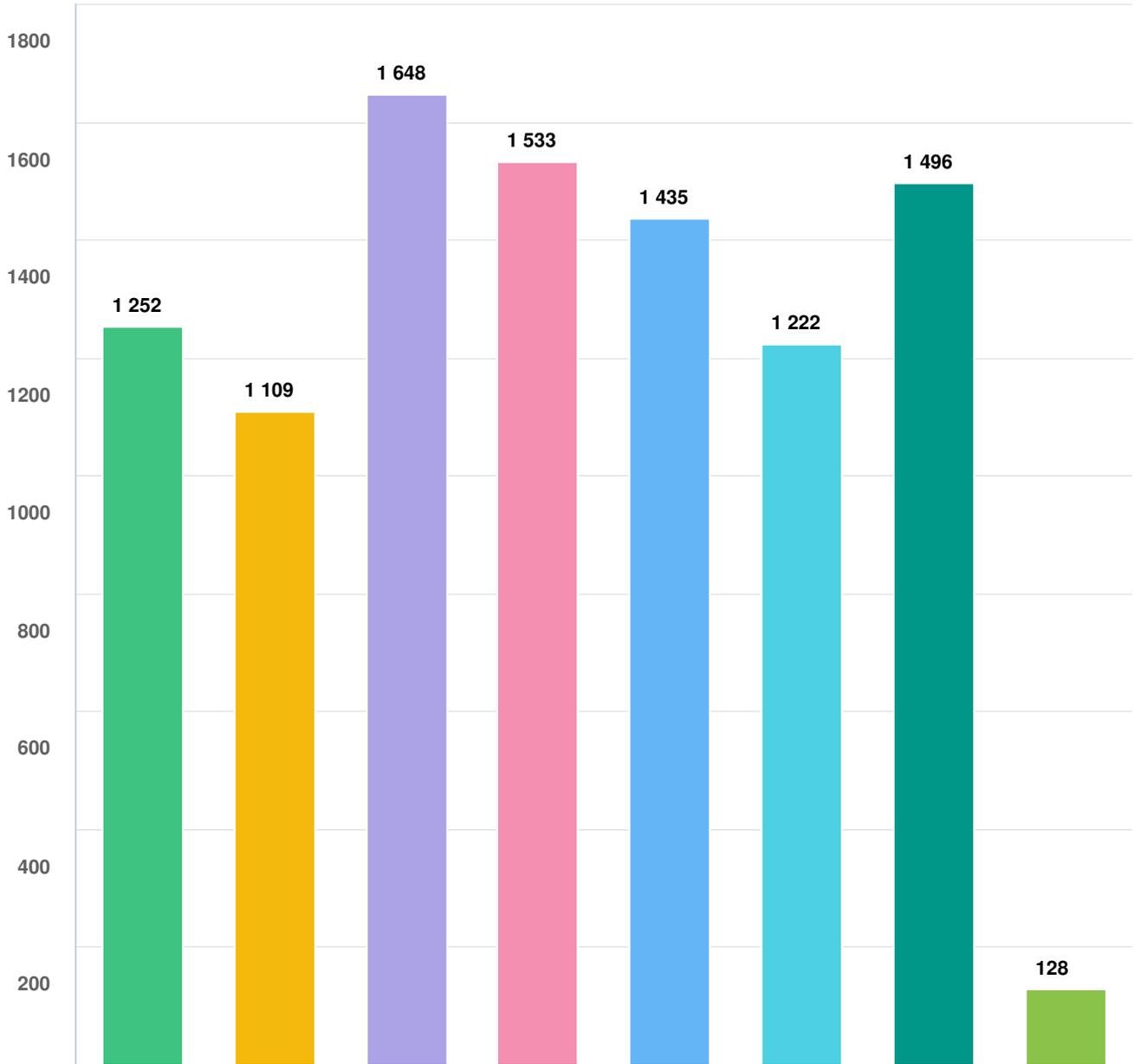


Question options

- Yes
- No

Optional question (2122 responses, 28 skipped)

Q2 The City of Fayetteville is interested in reducing litter and waste generated from single-use disposable bags, plastics and Polystyrene / Styrofoam™. Which of the following programs or policies do you support in furthering this effort? (Check all ...



Question options

- Citywide ban on plastic bags
- Check-out fee (5 or 10 cents) for each disposable paper & plastic bag used (a portion of the fee goes toward litter clean-up)
- Additional drop-off locations for plastic bag recycling
- Greater customer access to reusable bags or free reusable bags
- Ban Polystyrene / Styrofoam™ citywide
- Ban plastic straws, stirring sticks and other single-use disposable plastic items citywide
- Provide educational materials and resources to businesses about where they may purchase cost-effective compostable/recyclable products
- Other

Optional question (2115 responses, 35 skipped)

Q3 Please specify

Anonymous

7/08/2019 04:11 PM

Ban styrofoam, encourage businesses to use paper products over plastics (except straws)

Anonymous

7/08/2019 06:18 PM

Rather than discourage businesses even further in investing in Fayetteville, why not work with the UA, Cram A Lot, and recycling business to come up with innovative ways to collect and recycle these single use items. Invest and encourage innovation and business to be leaders-offensive leader, not common place reactionaries.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 06:43 PM

Tax businesses with their logos on collected from streams and roadways.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 07:51 PM

Quit trying to regulate the shit out of us!

Anonymous

7/08/2019 08:16 PM

Going thru chemo therapy and have to use plastic ware and drink from straws. As regular silverware has a bad metal taste.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 08:29 PM

Invest more money in recycling program.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 08:57 PM

Stop encouraging homeless drifters from setting up camp here. That will keep our streams cleaner and crime lower. Less tolerance for panhandling and loitering is a good start. No more funding for "feeding programs" taken from tax coffers.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 04:39 AM

Need to focus on teaching people not to litter. Recycle more maybe even explore incinerator type produced energy the technology is available We need avoid over regulation it's getting ridiculous

Anonymous

7/09/2019 04:56 AM

This survey is ridiculous. It is full of loaded questions designed to support a predetermined outcome. Plastic use is often the most environmentally friendly way to accomplish a task. Theoretically recyclable materials are often more expensive in both money and environmental impacts in total life cycle terms, even if recycled. If not recycled they are horrible.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 05:09 AM

Improve city's recycling plan.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 06:31 AM

I wanted to comment that whatever the city decides to do, paper bags should not be treated the same as disposable bags. I shop at a grocery store that uses paper bags, and I recycle them every single time, as it is so simple to do so. They are not the same thing as plastic bags. Also, it's important to note that plastic bags are not 'single use', as they are used after the store purchase as trash can liners, to carry items when traveling, dog poo bags, etc.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 06:37 AM

make it easier to properly dispose of waste.

Anonymous

finding ways to recycle at apartment complexes, finding ways to consolidate

7/09/2019 06:49 AM

Anonymous

7/09/2019 07:14 AM

the recycle for residents that live in homes to make it easier (not sorting through our own trash to recycle), bigger bins for consolidated recycling. Offer one-time free or low cost non plastic/foam replacements.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 08:14 AM

Increase the types of plastic that can be recycled. Tulsa accepts ALL plastics for recycling. Fayetteville only takes 1 and 2, but only if the curbside sorter chooses to take them. We've had a number of 1 and 2 plastics where we circled the number and even wrote it larger, that were cleaned before recycling, but still left in our bin. So those wind up in the trash when they could've been recycled.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 11:46 AM

Allow consumers and business to continue with the current practices of what they feel works best. If a customer wants to use a reusable bag than they should do that. If a business will not allow a reusable bag and a customer desires to use one than they should patronize businesses that allow this practice. Likewise, if the customer wants a plastic bag than they should shop at places that provide them. This needs to be a personal choice and not an example of government interference. Plastic bags are not free for the businesses that purchase them for use by customers and an appropriate consumer response would be to not use them if they do not want to. Disposable plastic bags are rarely disposed of in our home without seeing a secondary usage. Most often, they are used as trash can liners that would need to be replaced by a more expensive product that would not work any better and would not serve multiple roles.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 12:36 PM

Breaking even on the resources used and the emissions created by a reusable bags requires years of daily use. Citizens who aren't as well off aren't going to be using reusable bags anyway, so this measure will slightly decrease the quality of life for many people in Fayetteville.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 02:19 PM

While not included in this survey there are other single use plastics and non-recycled plastics that end up in our landfill. Could a community terra-cycle program also be considered for more availability to divert more from our landfills. Also, hoping this would include plastic produce bags as well. They are the worst and hard to get out of water ways!

Anonymous

7/09/2019 02:53 PM

Please do not enforce a check-out fee for plastic bags! Fayetteville has a ridiculously high tax-rate and is an expensive city for people who don't have a lot of money. I appreciate how lefty this town is, but y'all need to keep the working poor in mind before you hit the entire town with another fee.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 03:08 PM

It will be tough but I think we should focus on fast food, where basically everything is single serve.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 04:10 PM

Curbside residential plastic bag recycling

Anonymous

7/09/2019 04:53 PM

Start with a volunteer ban. Educate businesses and individuals in best practices. Give businesses a chance to get alternates to the undesirable plastics so we can purchase them. Recognize businesses, the University of Arkansas, churches and others who reduce the single use plastics and other bad things. Evaluate how this works before you pass a ban. Make this a

Anonymous

7/09/2019 06:37 PM

positive. The citizens of Fayetteville are great people. Thank you.

I do not support any bans or fees. Let the market decide. I hate the plastic shopping bag, but I don't want to see the city start regulating what we use everyday. Where does it stop?

Anonymous

7/09/2019 07:16 PM

The carbon footprint of plastic alternatives is much larger than the footprint from plastics. While litter is annoying, nothing is more important environmentally than reducing greenhouse gas emission. I will not condone replacement alternatives for plastic that add to CO2 load. Plastic is a waste byproduct of fuel refinement, and in itself adds no carbon; it will exist whether used for anything or simply dumped unused. And, plastic will keep its carbon out of the atmosphere for a very long time. Compostable alternatives release much of their carbon as CO2, or even worse, as methane. Plastic bans may reduce landfill waste, and may reduce litter in our parks and creeks, but their replacement products accelerate climate change. Any kind of plastic reduction ban needs to ensure that no disposable products are allowed to replace the plastic. Paper cups, straws, and stirrers are much worse for the environment than plastic. Banning single use plastic bags is fine as long as single use paper bags do not become an alternative.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 07:51 PM

Ban single-use plastics that the city is unable to recycle. Nothing wrong with single-use that can be recycled, but it's infuriating to buy packaged foods at the grocery in recyclable plastics that aren't recyclable in Fayetteville and find those items dumped back in the recycle bin or trash. At the very least, they should be labeled at the grocery as "not really recyclable even though they appear to be".

Anonymous

7/10/2019 05:36 AM

Bans increase cost to citizens. Fayetteville is not a "rich" city and every time you drive up cost to live and shop here, the decision to go to other cities in NWA increases. While everyone cares about the environment and clean streams. Plastic bottles from water and drink manufacturers is far more impactful than plastic bags - if you are going to tax people, then you should target plastic bottles over the poor lady buying groceries to eat. Plastic pop and water is a convenience while food is a necessity. If she forgets her bags, she has to pay, while if she does not buy single use plastic bottles, she would not. While 5 cents or 10 cents is not much, your privilege is speaking and not your concern about lower economic citizens. If you are passionate about single use - Ban all single use plastic drinking bottles for soda, water, etc.

Anonymous

7/10/2019 07:56 AM

Use billboards on side of roads to inform the public about the issue of plastic pollution.

Anonymous

7/10/2019 08:27 AM

Tax the rich

Anonymous

7/10/2019 08:48 AM

Any of the measures above would be a move in the right direction. Maybe even rolled out in phases with citywide bans as final stage.

Anonymous

7/10/2019 09:50 AM

Have restaurants use compostable/biodegradable paper to-go containers.

Anonymous

7/10/2019 10:29 AM

check-out fees for plastic straws, stirring sticks, and other single-use disposable plastic items citywide, as well as polystyrene and styrofoam. I do not believe in banning these items, just make them less desirable to consumers.

Anonymous

7/10/2019 12:52 PM

I would also support a citywide effort to reduce industrial plastic waste (e.g., large plastic sheets used to wrap boxes, etc). I would also like to see the city try to give support to local breweries that make an effort to reduce plastic packaging waste (e.g., hard or soft rings used to package six-packs).

Anonymous

7/10/2019 02:19 PM

Create incentive program for businesses that do not use these items. Create an incentive for an entrepreneur or a manufacturing/recycling company to come to /start in Fayetteville opportunity for plastics and styrofoam -- see these examples of beautiful high-end clothing made from recycled plastic: <http://rothys.com> and <https://londrebodywear.com/>

Anonymous

7/10/2019 04:47 PM

Before banning styrofoam and single use plastic we need viable solutions. Money should go into research/etc

Anonymous

7/10/2019 05:07 PM

Instead of charging a check out fee for plastic bags, give a checkout discount for NOT using them. Encourage the desired behavior not punish the undesirable

Anonymous

7/10/2019 08:12 PM

Ban all styrofoam except for my Sonic drink! - so maybe styrofoam for drinks/liquids only? I'm fine w the alternatives to styrofoam for take-out containers.

Anonymous

7/11/2019 12:51 PM

Eliminate the noisy recycling trucks sitting there idling away as a guy stands there and sorts in the wind, rain and snow. Go to mixed use residential recycling as all the other cities in this area have done. That would prove the city is interested in recycling rather than a useless feel good ban that would hurt businesses.

Anonymous

7/12/2019 12:24 PM

Mandate recycling of items that can be recycled. Outlaw plastics that can not be recycled.

Anonymous

7/12/2019 06:36 PM

Citywide ban on plastic bags seems to be a bit extreme unless I'm unclear. I'm very conscious about the environment but plastic bags have its place for certain things...to pick up dog poop (it would be hard to do with paper bag), to put produce in (I've tried using reusable bags but I run the risk of raw meat bacteria from a previous customer left on conveyor belt at checkout touching my produce that I eat raw; bacteria is not seen to the naked eye). What about plastic trash bags we put in our kitchen? I think having permanent signs in recreational areas stating "no plastic or styrofoam allowed or will be fined \$?" will be beneficial and stating those expectations on websites. Maybe an app to report irresponsibility...everyone has a smartphone these days (take a picture of the people then license plate). I realize some people are irresponsible yet I think in such fun activities people do get carried away and not pay attention when the wind blows plastic away. Most people aren't going to run after it. Perhaps start small by announcing the problem in the news, checkout places in grocery stores so give people a chance to step up BUT if it's a serious problems, perhaps a ban is necessary. But if you choose to ban citywide, then one will need to provide a fair economical way to pick up dog poop, protect the fresh produce, kitchen trash bags. By the way, my produce

last longer in the fridge when it's in plastic. Perhaps tell everyone that you'll recycle plastic at trash pickup but really dispose of it properly. In regards to the next question, it's unclear when asking "reusable bags"...the bags I carry my groceries in or the reusable bags for produce. I shop at Natural Grocers, Whole Foods, and Ozark Natural Foods...if I forget to bring my reusable bags to carry all my food in, they use paper bags or cardboard boxes which I recycle.

Anonymous

7/13/2019 12:40 AM

Who cares what "the city" is interested in! You are not rulers over the people. It is about what THE PEOPLE want!

shadow1537

7/14/2019 01:15 PM

Provide incentive to businesses to cut single plastic intake.

Anonymous

7/15/2019 08:15 AM

Address actual problems the city has instead of progressive feel-good projects. Why not take care of the constant harassment of our citizens by the homeless/pan handlers? Can the city make fixing our roads or infrastructure a priority? Please spend another few hundred thousand dollars on a study. This is why our family will be moving out of Fayetteville and taking our tax dollars with us.

Anonymous

7/16/2019 12:41 PM

Options to buy dry goods in bulk and fill reusable containers rather than plastic bags

Anonymous

7/16/2019 01:29 PM

Business incentivization to not use plastics by helping to levy the cost of paper/recyclable products.

Anonymous

7/16/2019 06:12 PM

Tax incentives for businesses who don't use plastic

Anonymous

7/17/2019 02:20 PM

provide re-usable funky cups "for purchase" and encourage vendors to offer \$?? discounted drink cost for use. Comment to other items below: Encourage me (vendor and customer) to use EF products, don't charge me or dictate EF behavior. Make it cool/funky to live in an Environmentally Friendly manner.

Anonymous

7/20/2019 03:41 PM

A ban on plastic straws, stirring sticks, and other single-use disposable plastic items seems too extreme for most people, so having an option that requires rapidly compostable options and a separate "trash" can for them would be an excellent idea to get more people on board. Whole Foods does this and it's awesome.

Anonymous

7/23/2019 09:59 AM

Another great idea is if big grocery stores, such as Walmart, had compostable containers to put fruit and veggies in. It would be nice if they also could provide reusable containers for customers, or have more dry ingredients to put in the containers rather than having a bunch of pre-packaged dry goods. One of the biggest problems is making sustainability easier for big corps and packaging plants, so that consumers can actually afford the more sustainable option.

Anonymous

7/23/2019 12:06 PM

I am interested to initiate a new business opportunity on bio-plastics (compostable and biodegradable) bags and other items can be manufactured and supplied to all local business. Further, solid waste management will become easier.

Anonymous

Any program implemented needs to take into considered unintended/adverse

7/24/2019 06:22 AM

affects on different constituencies. (i.e. the poor, immigrants, disabled)

Anonymous

7/24/2019 08:13 AM

Create a city communal effort with buyin from all and strong educational component in our schools.

Anonymous

7/25/2019 11:21 AM

How much do we recycle now that goes to the landfill? Isn't the uofa having issues also on there stuff going to landfills that they recycle?

Anonymous

7/26/2019 06:56 AM

I think the per bag fee should be closer to 3 cents. I think the fee will have the same effect whether its 3 or 5. And it allows those who want them for other purposes to to get them for close to what buy small trash bags cost. I also like places that actually give you a credit for bring you own bags as opposed to being charged for not.

Anonymous

7/27/2019 09:56 AM

Businesses should ask if customer wants a bag/straw/plastic fork. People should pay a 10-50c charge for a takeout home compostable container, this way business cant afford to switch to degradable. Dine in restaurants should not be allowed to use plastic silverware or one use cups for people eating in. Increase general recycling and accept recyclable items that your workers currently throw out of the bins and into our yards

Anonymous

7/30/2019 07:18 AM

All of the above and more

Anonymous

7/31/2019 06:48 PM

Anonymous

8/05/2019 11:13 AM

Don't ban paper straws, but do charge a Nickle for them.

Anonymous

8/06/2019 12:57 PM

Incentives for business who refill products. ie: shampoo, detergents, olive oil, etc.

Anonymous

8/06/2019 05:29 PM

the plastic the plastic bottles are wrapped is not recycle able

Anonymous

8/06/2019 05:30 PM

25- to 50-cent check-out fee for disposable paper and plastic bags.

Anonymous

8/06/2019 05:42 PM

More education on the subject.

Anonymous

8/06/2019 05:43 PM

More education on the subject.

Anonymous

8/06/2019 05:48 PM

Better residential recycling program - larger bins and ability to pick up more items. Current bin limits volume I can recycle & servicemen never pick up all my recyclables because it does not meet very specific guidelines on what is collected

Anonymous

8/06/2019 05:55 PM

Ability to recycle more items at your house

Anonymous

8/06/2019 06:00 PM

Stop government overreach. This is ridiculous snowflake agenda. Extorting more tax dollars to grow bigger and bigger.

Anonymous

What will happen after they are banned. I'm for the ban but our current City

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8/06/2019 10:22 PM

Council likes to pass rules and worry later. What is the plan after single use bags are banned. What educational opportunities will be available.

Allow capitalism to steer the direction. Remember when everyone wanted to ban paper bags?

Yaaaaasssss!

Some kind of encouragement to use compostable (made with non-polluting methods) items for occasional needs of disposable items.

Fine people found littering.

Stop fretting about plastics and worry about more important issues such as the increasing homeless & panhandling populations, better traffic law enforcement and taking care of kids in need. Wasting the time and money on this issue is useless.

None

Promotion of plastic straw replacements that are compostable (paper straws, avocado-based 'plastic' straws)

Community education!

Give up the whole stupid idea and quit pretending to be San Francisco

A free market based solution where the consumers choose to shop at stores that do not offer free bags i.e. Aldi's, Sams Club. Government regulation won't magically clean up streets — we have to have a strong social fabric in our community that supports cleanliness and less wasteful practices.

Check out fee for plastic bags (not paper).

I would like to city focus on ways to improve curbside recycling to accept more types of plastic for recycle. Curbside recycling is very limited as it is. Find ways to accept all types of #1 and #2 (not just bottles), and also accepting #5 plastic would be beneficial, as it is a common plastic that ends up in landfills.

Incorporate use of purchasing bulk items, with reusable containers.

Don't regulate anything.

1) Implement a city bottle bill for returning bottles for a portion of the deposit. (Possibly add an incentive to businesses by only allowing the return machines to be placed in stores that contribute to the cost of purchasing

Anonymous 8/07/2019 01:12 AM	them/setting up the program as "sponsors". They will draw business to the stores). 2) If plastic bag ban does not pass, offer tax (or other) incentive to businesses that voluntarily stop offering them. Do not limit the options people have.
Anonymous 8/07/2019 04:49 AM	Give me a break. I come to Fayetteville to shop for groceries. I will drive to Tulsa and burn more gas if you BAN plastic bags and straws come on. How about enforcing the littering statue and harshly. Ever been to Ireland? You don't see litter. So educate more aggressively in K-12 about littering and hammer the violators with max fines. A thrown cigarette butt it's littering and I see plenty of those all over the place. You gonna ban cigarettes? No you won't. Educate and enforce! Those of us who really care just simply don't litter and we recycle. Let's don't turn into a little San Francisco.
Anonymous 8/07/2019 05:07 AM	Nothing
Anonymous 8/07/2019 07:02 AM	Mixed use recycling containers
Anonymous 8/07/2019 09:09 AM	Organize MORE clean-up events, not only for creeks but also for Fayetteville streets. ENFORCE imposing fines on those who litter. USE the local TV news stations and radio stations to inform the population of any efforts for clean-up made and for the rules and their enforcement. It is only together and through education and effort that we will succeed in having a clean city. Fee for plastic bags should be more \$0.5-\$1.0/bag
Anonymous 8/07/2019 09:14 AM	
Anonymous 8/07/2019 09:47 AM	The only reason I hesitate at using reusable bags, is that Walmart has taken to inspecting bags at the door. This holds me up and takes up a lot more time than I have. If we implement something, please for the love of god, ban the inspections at the door. I'm not a criminal and they have cameras watching everything anyway.
Anonymous 8/07/2019 09:52 AM	Recycling of non-bottle #1 and #2 plastics as well as recycling options for 3-7. Encourage businesses to utilize product packaging in #1 and #2 plastics
Anonymous 8/07/2019 11:06 AM	Support package-reduction campaigns and policies.
Anonymous 8/07/2019 11:47 AM	Provide financial incentives to businesses that use sustainable or compostable single-use materials. (Then provide somewhere for businesses to compost these materials). Or, another idea, if they use metal forks, real plates, etc instead of plastic or Styrofoam, they could receive a small discount on their water bill for rewashing. Provide reusable bags that are not made out of plastic. Because they break so often at the strap or they're not easily washable, most of the plastic reusable bags are thrown away. And that doesn't solve any problem. Just shifts it to the land fill. Ask businesses to put up signage in the parking lot reminding people to bring in their reusable bags. Ask businesses to switch their produce bags to something that's not

Anonymous

8/07/2019 12:36 PM

plastic.

Brainstorming here... 1 - all business' share the cost to purchase metal cutlery. These could then be dropped in bins around the city and picked up at night for cleaning. Perhaps there are shelters that could take on these contracts so they have residents bringing in an income while they get back on their feet. 2 - Maybe along the same lines, the cutlery has a barcode. The cutlery is scanned as it is given to people. People are charged a fee and when they return the cutlery to a bin with a barcode, the charge is reversed. Encourage restaurants to use cardboard to go boxes.

Anonymous

8/07/2019 01:04 PM

Anonymous

8/07/2019 04:28 PM

Focus on renewable. Go back in to paper and require that reusable options be available at checkout. Most people will do what is right - if it is easy.

Anonymous

8/07/2019 04:46 PM

I would prefer a higher check-out fee/tax on all single-use disposable plastic items, some of which could be used to give a rebate to businesses who face higher costs because of the ban.

Anonymous

8/07/2019 05:08 PM

Go back to using paper and glass products and having refunds like they use to with pop bottles. There wasn't the litter like there is now when these were used.

Anonymous

8/07/2019 09:06 PM

Provide City-sponsored bins at grocers so people can share extra reusable bags - or take one when they forget!

Anonymous

8/08/2019 05:59 AM

Leave people alone

Anonymous

8/08/2019 10:45 AM

Invest in technology that breaks down plastics into reusable(organic) matter.

Anonymous

8/08/2019 04:06 PM

Add plastic bags to the current city pickup routes to be recycled. The most recent study I've seen has shown the carbon footprint to produce paper bags are greater than plastic bags. Convince is a major factor to get people to recycle. If you plan on adding a fee or banning, then free reusable bags need to be given to help prevent impact on middle class and low income households.

Anonymous

8/08/2019 08:34 PM

Stop being California

Anonymous

8/09/2019 03:56 AM

I'd consider an intermediate phase to make the transition easier before banning products. Personally, I fully support banning, but many consumers and businesses still need introduced to the idea in a warm way, not a striking demand that everyone has to quit using plastic. Phasing into a ban could be an option.

Anonymous

8/09/2019 11:34 AM

Add option for free paper bags.

Anonymous

8/09/2019 03:23 PM

You will not reduce this until the City can recycle all plastics and other containers, which it does not now. Fix what is broken instead of compounding the problem. You Liberals never get anything right!

Anonymous

While recycling sounds great, currently the system is so broken that the

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landfill is actually the best option and plastic bags are better for the environment than an organic cotton reusable bag. In cities that have banned plastic bags, plastic trash bag sales have increased dramatically, which is also counter to the intent and worse for the environment.

Anonymous

things are fine the way they are

8/10/2019 06:21 AM

Anonymous

stay out of it

8/10/2019 10:29 AM

Anonymous

Drinking straws should still be available for those who may need special accommodations, but they shouldn't automatically be handed out at restaurants.

8/10/2019 05:42 PM

Anonymous

All the city wants to do is "impose fees" instead of offering incentives to businesses to go green. le Fascism instead of capitalism. Fayetteville will take that money and not fix the issues... If Fayetteville chooses to "impose fees" how about do so and also send the citizens and business owners an audit of where the money is used annually. Perhaps you will spend it to buy rubber and put on a road to make a bike lane out of a road built for vehicles. Also, why are visitors included in this survey? They don't have to pay the tax, UNLESS BUSINESS OWNERS PASS THE COST ON TO THEM! Which they will, and citizens and visitors will go to other places or order online for shopping and then, there goes the neighborhood. Instead, incentivize businesses to INVEST in paper and get a break on a tax, THEN MAYBE YOU'LL SEE PROGRESS! WAKE UP! Learn how to work with business instead of demonize it and you'll grow bigger. Or, get 2nd to bentonville in everything and forever overshadowed because you ruined your city continuing not only down this road, but all others with this same theme of tax the hell out of everyone to "create" a city worth living in. CITIZENS create the city, not the city government! This isn't how stuff gets done effectively. CHANGE YOUR MINDSET! You grow and be better for it.

8/10/2019 07:47 PM

Anonymous

2-5% discount for patrons bringing their own reusable cups/bags

8/12/2019 03:03 PM

Anonymous

a BAN on anything is basically forcing a decision. Give options, not BANs.

8/13/2019 11:48 AM

Anonymous

a ban is insulting. it will show how much city council members believe that they are so much smarter than the common man that they need to make decisions for them. a bag fee is obviously a TAX. Call it a bag TAX like it is. stop finding stupid ways to tax citizens of fayetteville more.

8/13/2019 07:22 PM

Anonymous

Plastic straws by request only as some people with certain medical conditions need straws to drink

8/16/2019 09:53 AM

Anonymous

Discounts for bringing your own reusable cup to bars / restaurants. This could incentivize people to move towards a more sustainable future.

8/18/2019 01:53 PM

Anonymous

Wider range of plastics that can be recycled or more drop off locations for plastics/materials that can't be recycled within Fayetteville but that can be

8/19/2019 08:20 AM

Anonymous

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outside (ex. The #5 plastics box at Whole Foods which is constantly overfilled).

Recycling facilities available on student housing on campus and off campus. Ensure that the housing offices on off-campus have a recycling facilities on their apartment complexes.

Anonymous

8/19/2019 08:45 AM

Nothing is free. "Free multi-use bags" means "I pay for someone else's shopping bags." 5 cents seems like a large fee for a single [Wal-Mart] plastic bag. If a fee is instated, I suggest that the City produce bags cheap (or better yet, recycled!) bags that can be sold at [Wal-Mart] checkouts. For a year or two, Fayetteville could instate a campaign in which checkers/baggers offer customers to either pay the fee for the standard plastic bags, or apply the fee toward the reusable bags. (The economic human should opt for the reusable bags since, 1. he is now being forced to pay some fee anyway, and 2. the reusable bags offers the chance to avoid the fee next time.) I would support restaurants no longer giving straws *unless requested*. A strict ban on these plastics is too harsh, at the moment. Educational videos should be shown in grocery stores, demonstrating just how strong plastic bags are. Hopefully, this will educate store checkers/baggers to use fewer bags, as well as educate customers to request/expect fewer bags, if both parties can understand the strength of them. (For example, most people do not realize that a single Wal-Mart bag can easily carry at least 3 2L beverages without breaking.) A TV near the Wal-Mart checkout lanes (or even at a free-sample-type location elsewhere in the store) could play a short informational video on repeat: In scene 1, iron masses of known weight are added to a standard plastic bag until it breaks/tears. (I expect that one could put 10-20 lb in a single bag... they are quite strong.) Then, in scene 2, the same type of bag is filled with typical grocery items until breaking. (Alternatively, both scenes 1 and 2 could stop before breaking/tearing occurs, demonstrating, "These bags can hold [this much stuff] without breaking!") This video need not be more than 10-20 seconds.

Anonymous

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Educational videos for Fayetteville residents how they can be more environmental friendly

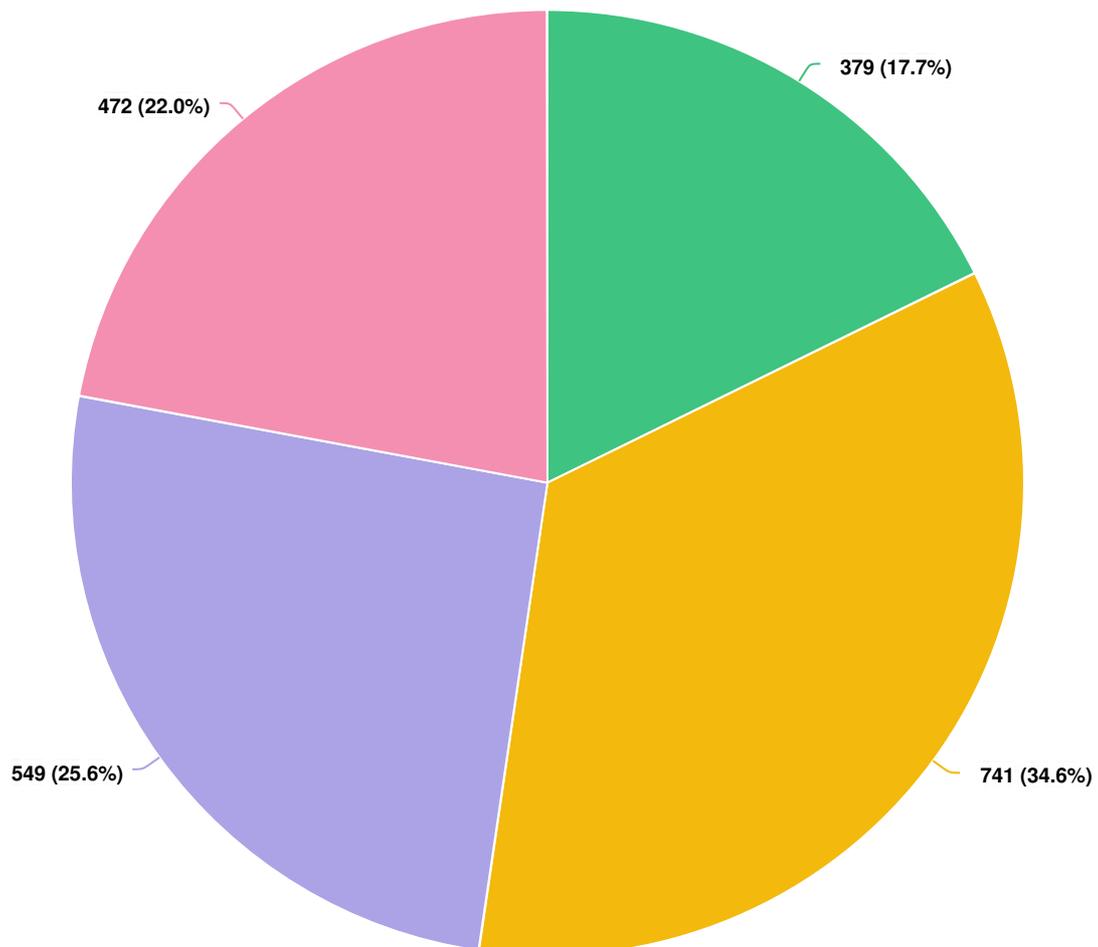
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Restaurants could encourage customers to bring their own to go boxes. Businesses could provide an incentive for customers who bring their own reusable straws. Advertise recycling centers and provide an incentive for doing so. Encourage businesses to participate in mindful advertising. For example, include metal straws instead of plastic ones in photographs. Instead of depicting plastic razors with shaving cream, advertise the shaving cream with a metal, reusable razor. Advertising shapes the world around us, and I think it's important to encourage advertisers to participate in decreasing plastic waste.

Optional question (119 responses, 2031 skipped)

Q4 How often do you use reusable bags at the grocery store?

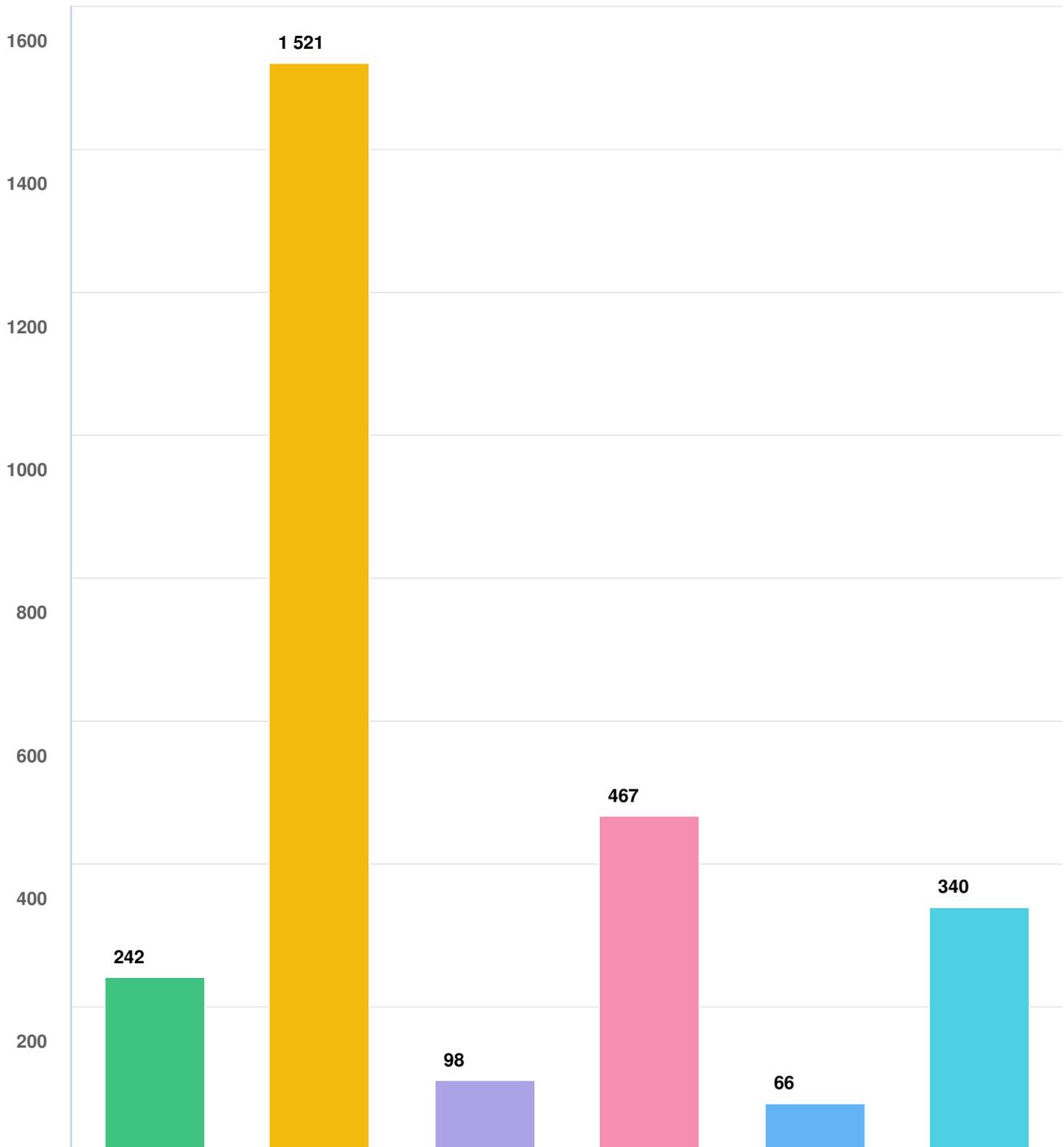


Question options

- Always
- Most of the time
- Sometimes
- Rarely / Never

Optional question (2141 responses, 9 skipped)

Q5 What prevents you from using reusable shopping bags?

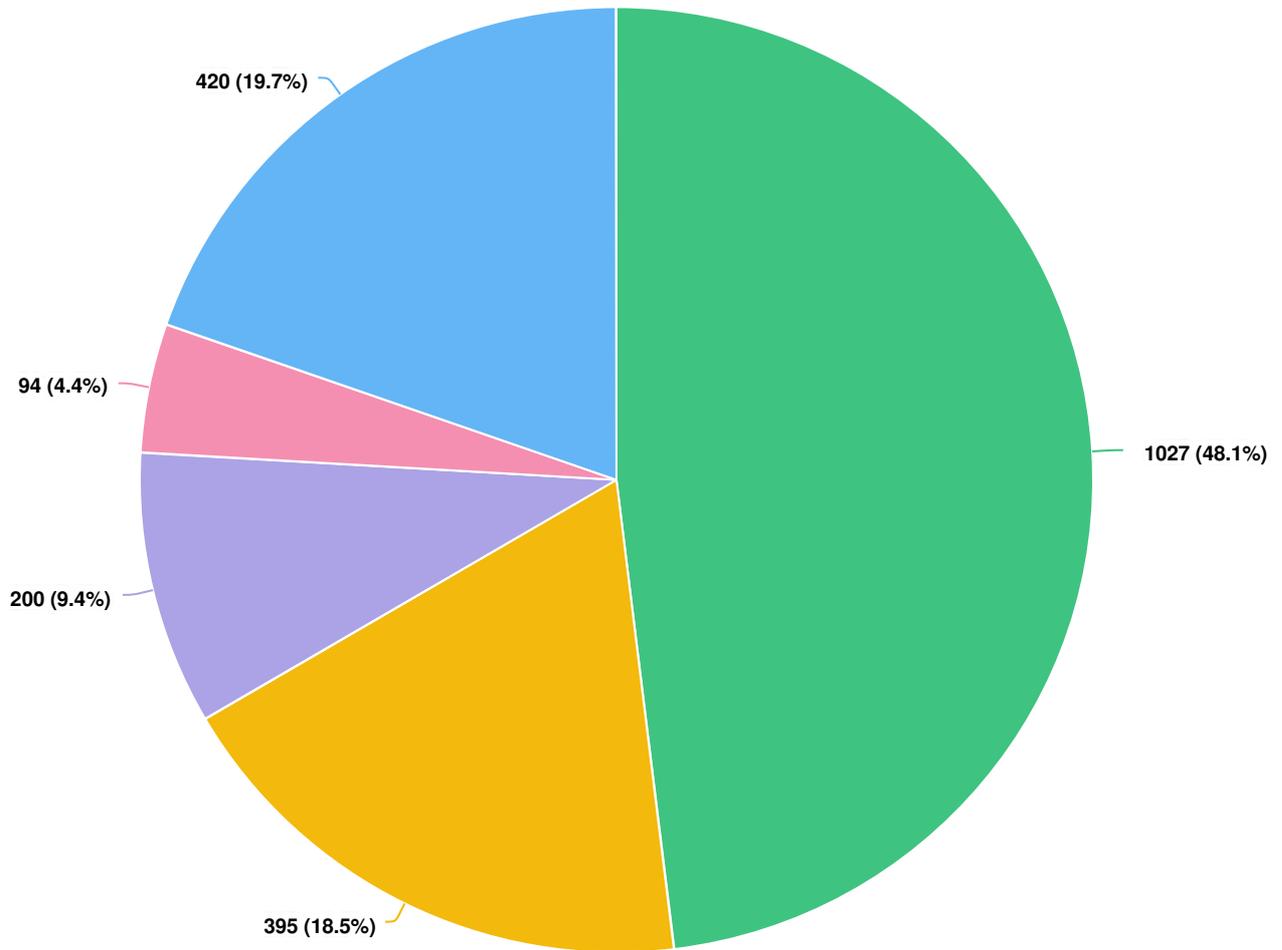


Question options

- They're too expensive
- I forget to bring them
- I prefer plastic
- I want plastic bags for other uses
- Unsure
- Nothing, I always bring my reusable bag

Optional question (2127 responses, 23 skipped)

Q6 How would a disposable bag fee in Fayetteville influence your behavior?

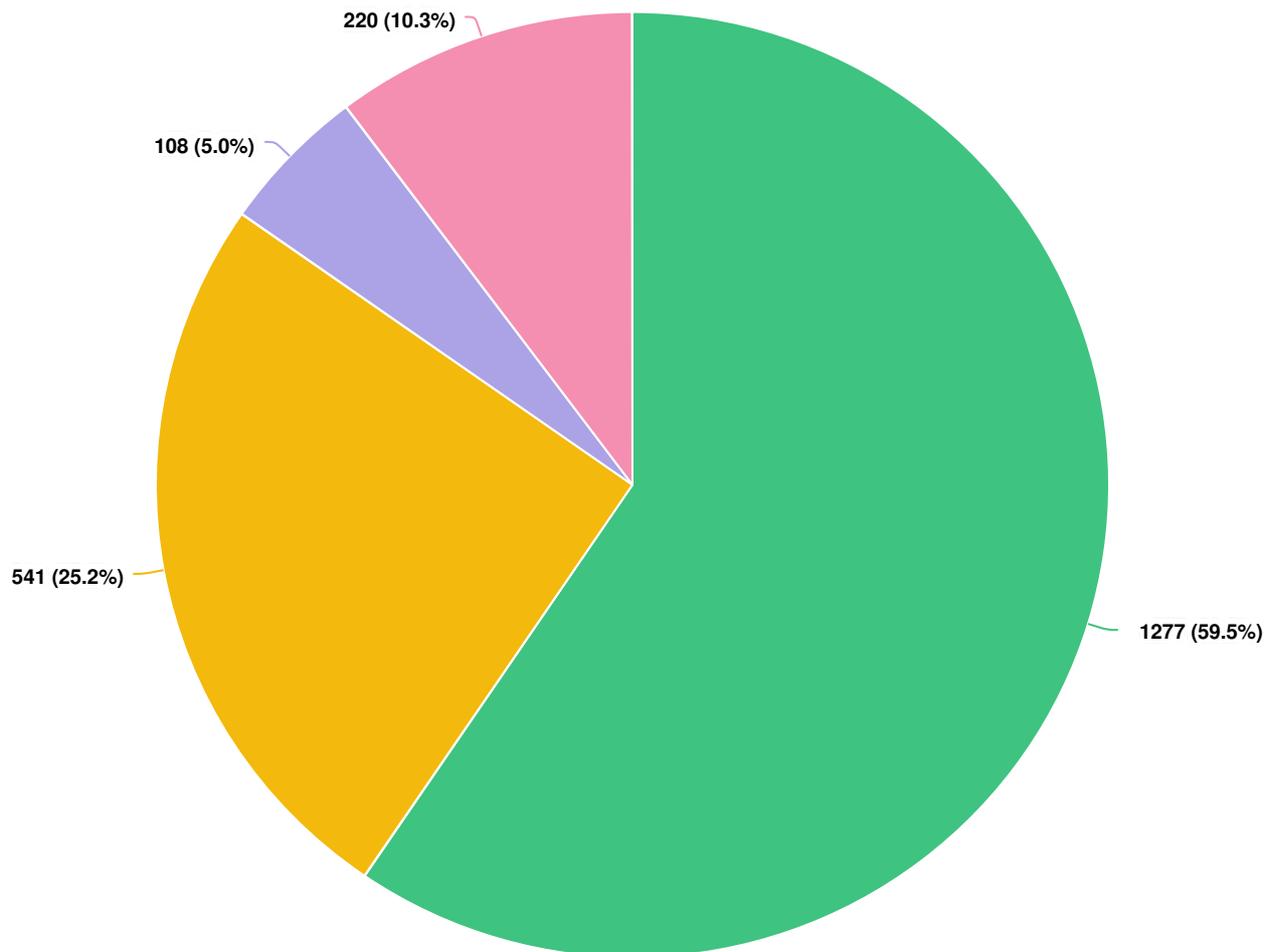


Question options

- I would bring a reusable bag more often
- No effect, I already bring reusable bags
- I would use fewer disposable bags at checkout
- I would pay the fee and use the same number of bags
- I would shop in another city

Optional question (2136 responses, 14 skipped)

Q7 | If the City of Fayetteville passed a plastic bag ban or disposable bag fee (5 or 10 cents for each bag used), would you support or oppose it?

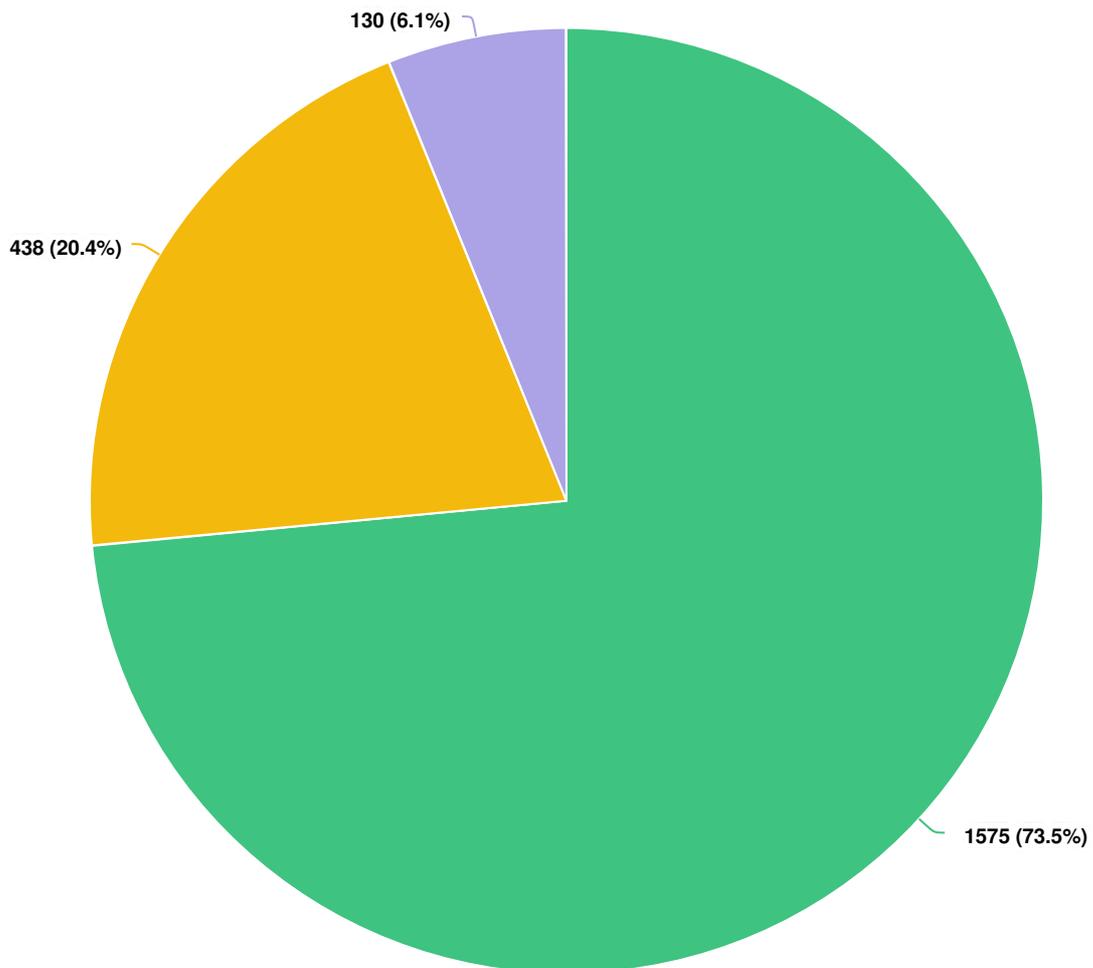


Question options

- Support
- Oppose
- Unsure
- I would support a 5-cent fee, but not a 10-cent fee

Optional question (2146 responses, 4 skipped)

Q8 | If the City of Fayetteville passed a ban on Polystyrene / Styrofoam,™ would you support or oppose it?

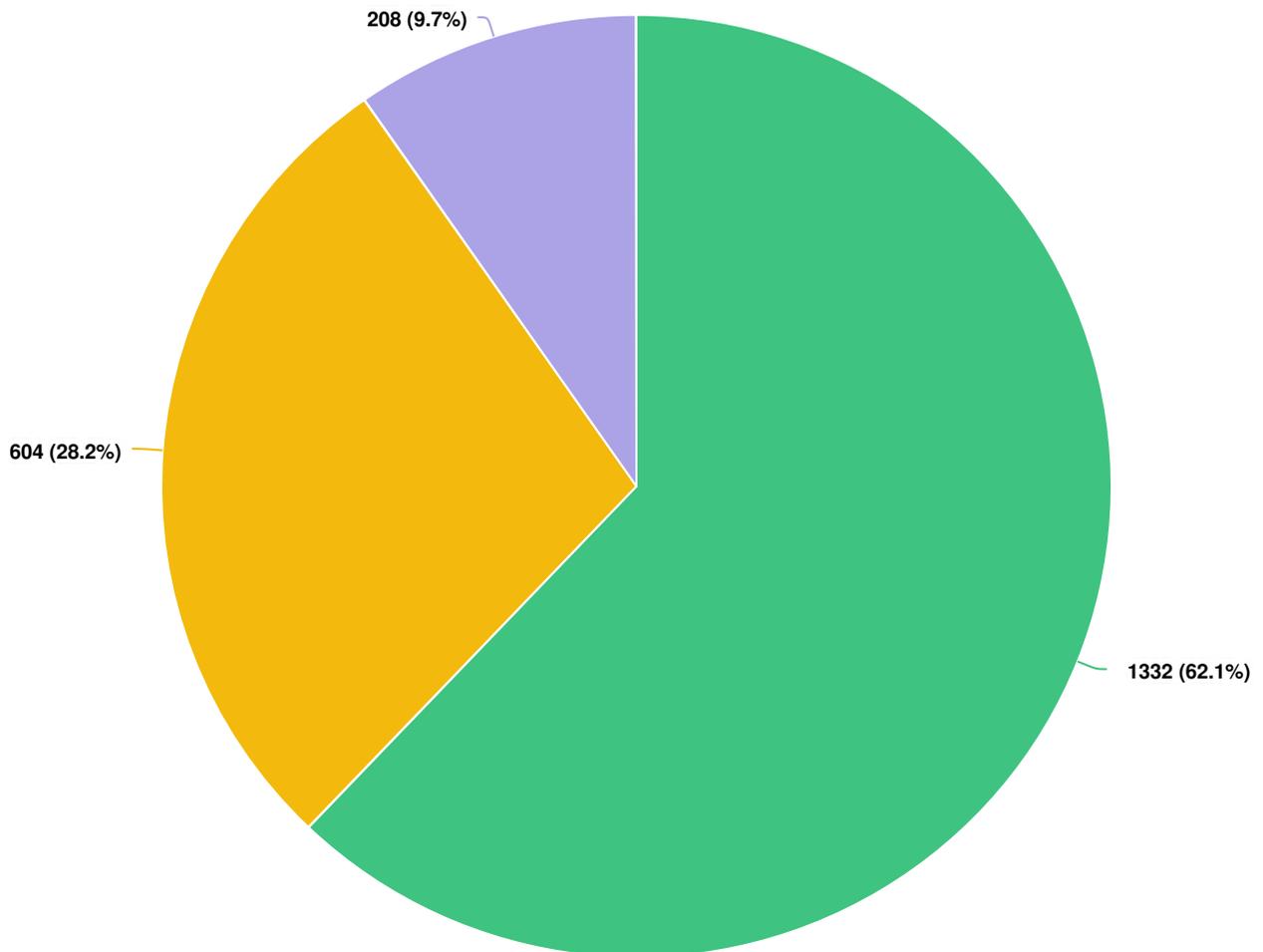


Question options

- Support
- Oppose
- Unsure

Optional question (2143 responses, 7 skipped)

Q9 | If the City of Fayetteville passed a ban on straws, stirring sticks and other single-use disposable plastic items, would you support or oppose it?

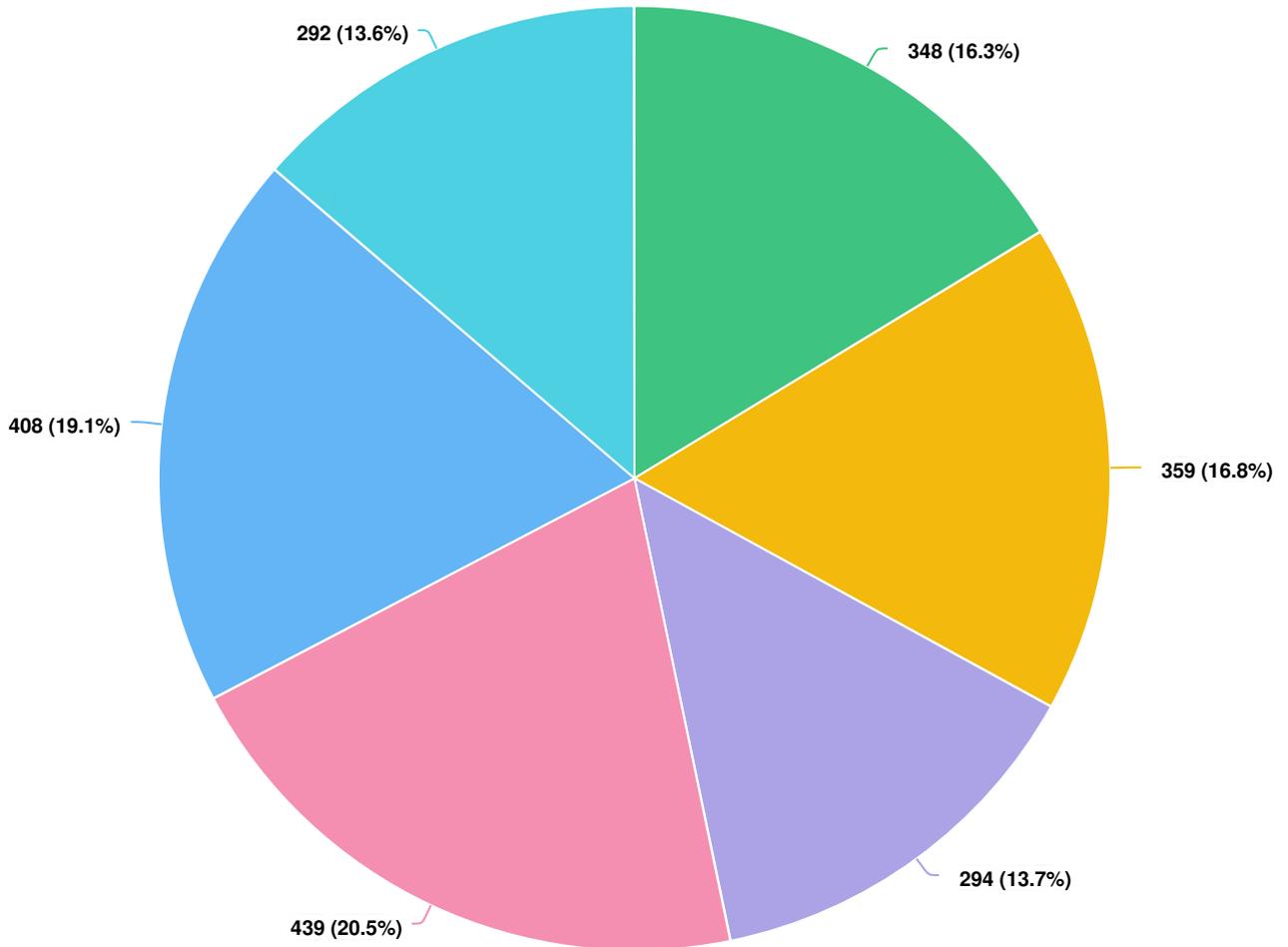


Question options

- Support
- Oppose
- Unsure

Optional question (2144 responses, 6 skipped)

Q10 | What Fayetteville Ward do you live in? If you're not sure, You can use this tool to find out what part of the city you live in.

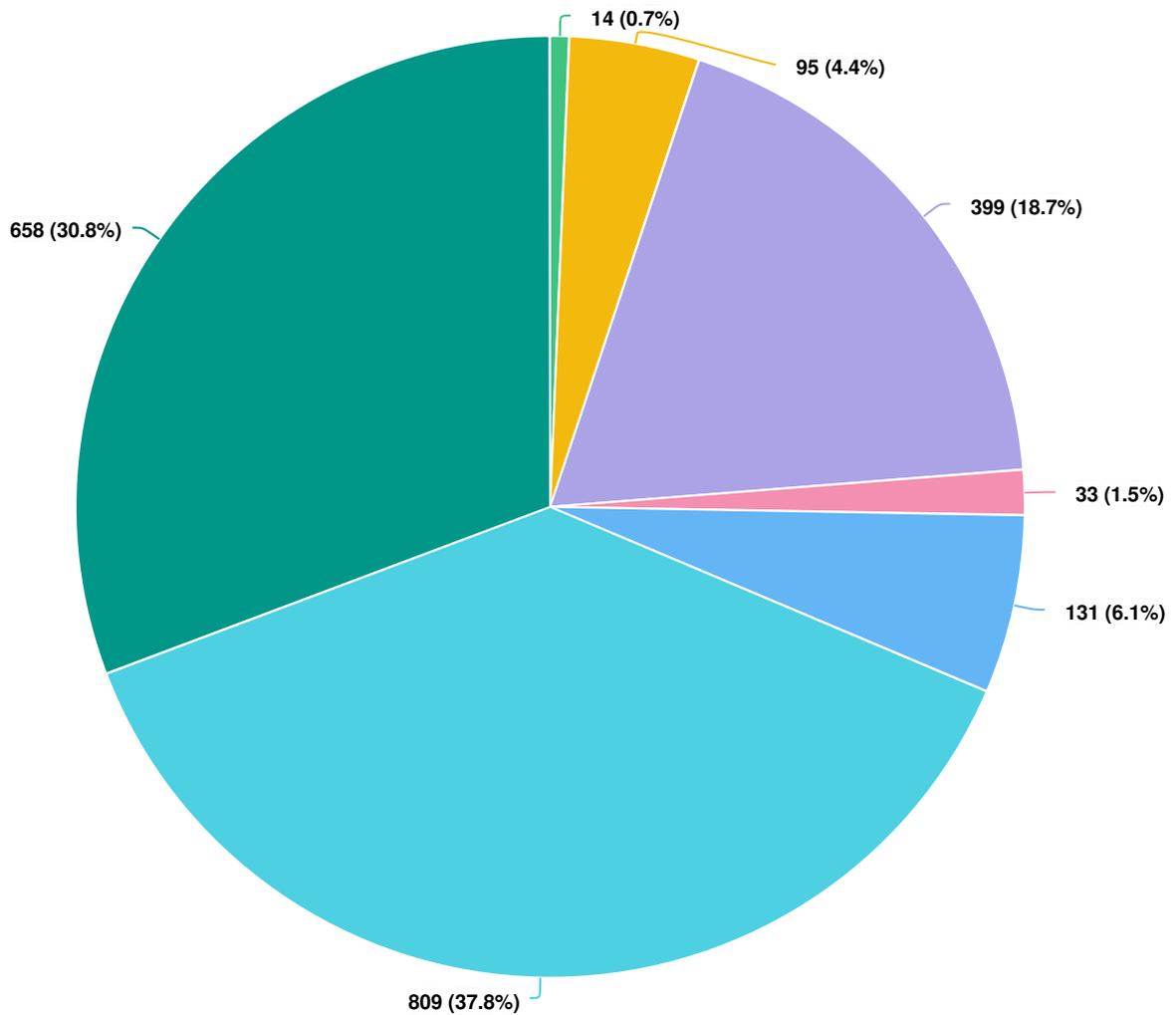


Question options

- Ward 1
- Ward 2
- Ward 3
- Ward 4
- I live outside the city.
- I don't know.

Optional question (2140 responses, 10 skipped)

Q11 What is the highest level of education you have completed?

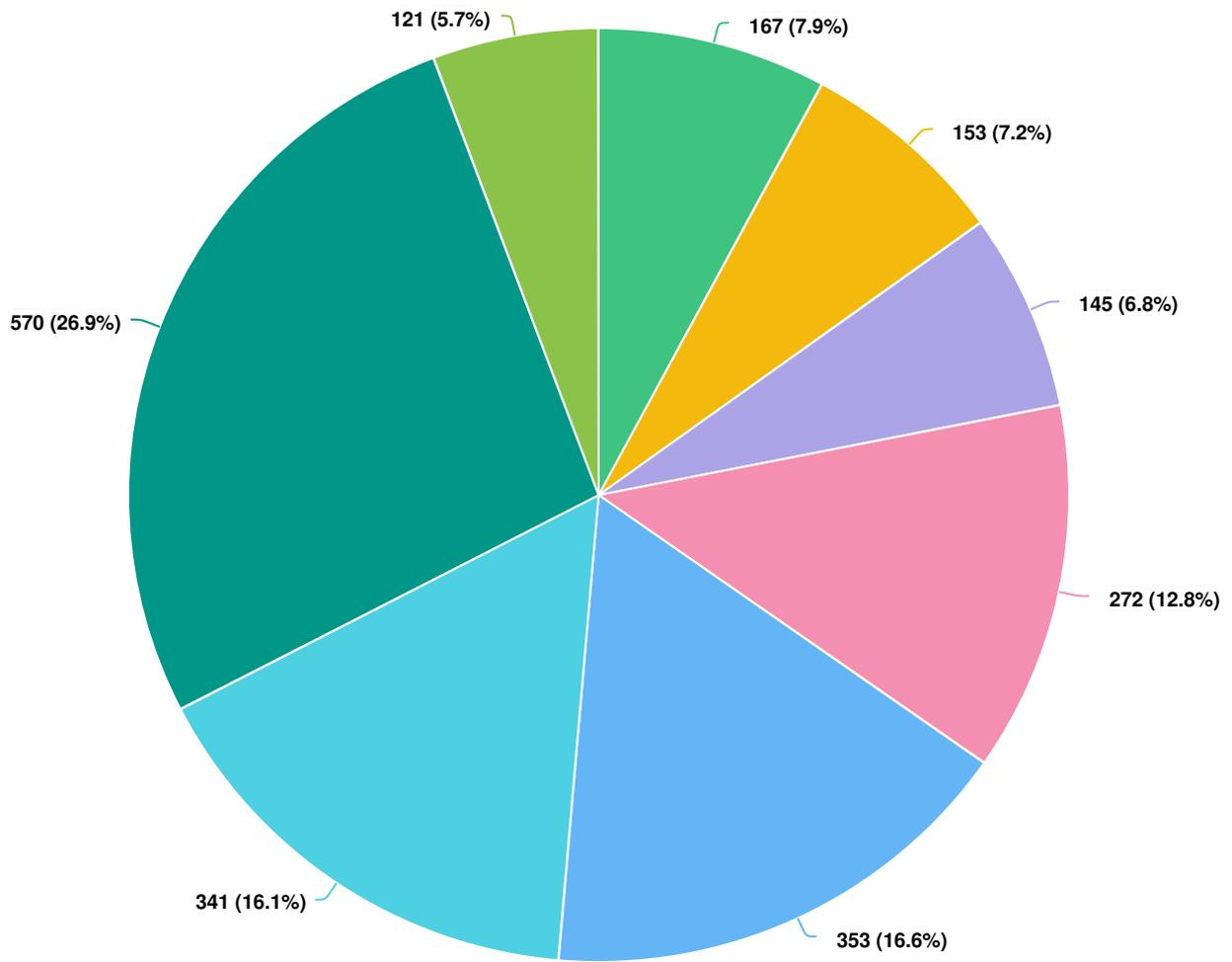


Question options

- 12th grade or less, no diploma
- High school graduate or GED
- Some college, no degree
- Some technical school, no degree
- Associate's degree (AA, AS, vocational school, or certificate program)
- Bachelor's degree (BS, BA, or AB)
- Graduate or professional degree

Optional question (2139 responses, 11 skipped)

Q12 What is your household income?

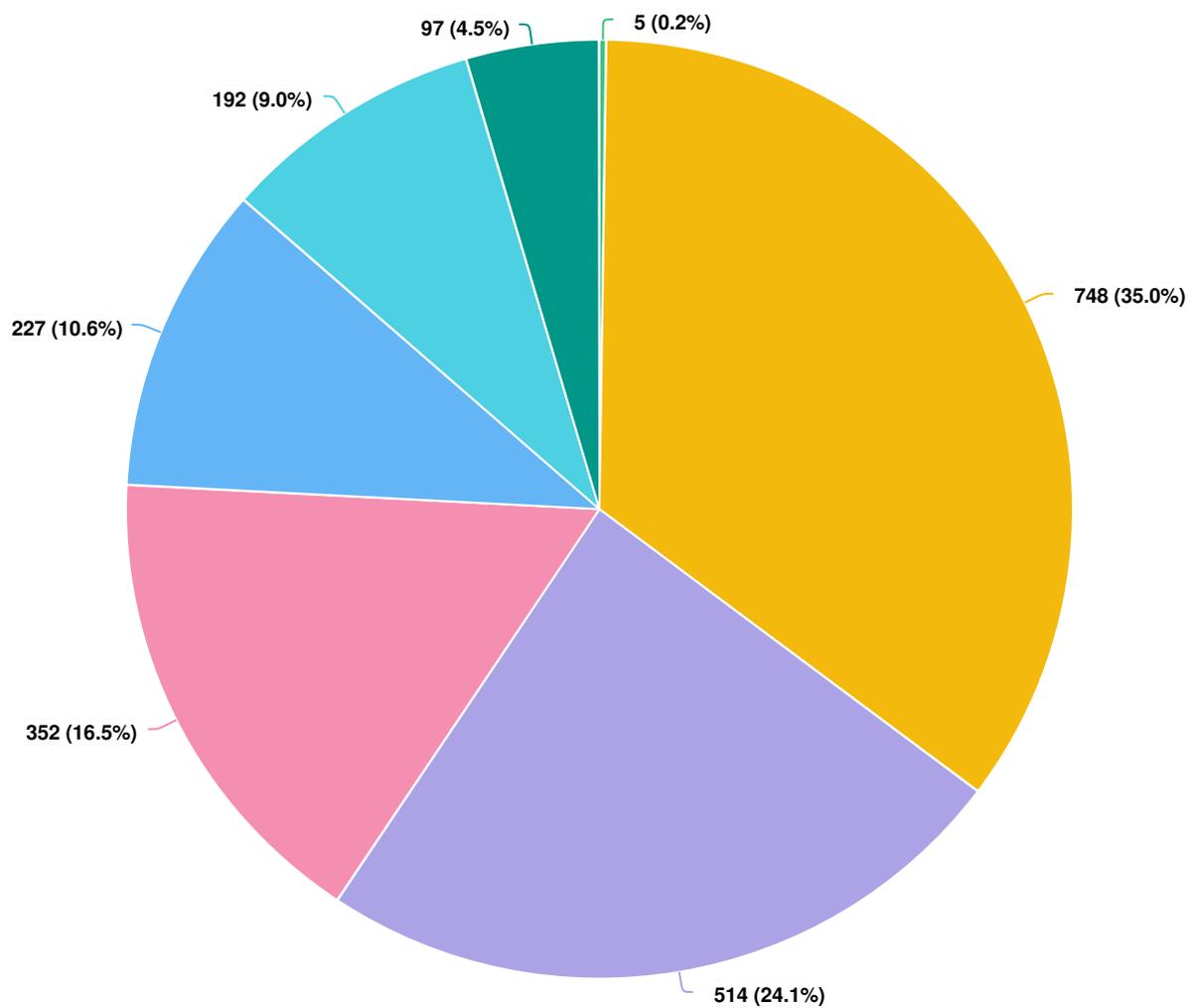


Question options

- Less than \$15,000
- \$15,001 - \$25,000
- \$25,001 - \$35,000
- \$35,001 - \$50,000
- \$50,001 - \$75,000
- \$75,001 - \$100,000
- More than \$100,000
- Don't know

Optional question (2122 responses, 28 skipped)

Q13 What is your age?



Question options

● Under 18 ● 18 to 29 ● 30 to 39 ● 40 to 49 ● 50 to 59 ● 60 to 69 ● 70 or older

Optional question (2135 responses, 15 skipped)