

Town of North Hempstead
Climate Smart Communities

Task Force Virtual Zoom Meeting #6

Tuesday October 11, 2022, 2 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Mindy Germain, President Eco Leap

PRESENT:

Town Staff and Consultant	CSC Task Force Members
Meagan Fastuca - Environmental Specialist; Planning and Environmental Protection Joe Canzoneri - Plan Examiner Building Department Victor Thomas - Commissioner of Department of Public Works Eileen Kraneburg - Executive Assistant to the Parks Commissioner Mindy Germain - CSC Consultant Sarah Oral -PE, LEED AP BD +C, Civil Engineering Director Cameron Engineering & Associates, LLP	Patricia Katz Rosemary Mascali Carol Frank Harriet Becker

- I. Meagan Fastuca, Town of North Hempstead Environmental Specialist welcomed the task force to the sixth meeting, and reported Councilwoman Lurvey had a conflict, requiring her to postpone a report on the Town's new tree policy.
- II. Meagan Fastuca provided the following updates on in-progress CSC actions:
 - a. Public engagement
 - i. The Public Engagement Plan was passed by resolution at the September 1st Town board meeting. A press release was issued along with social media posts on September 27th. The plan is posted on the Town's Climate Action website under planning.
 - ii. The Community Climate Change Survey is still active and available in multiple languages under the "get involved" section of the Town's Climate Action website until the end of the year. Mindy Germain reported on responses to date (see presentation following minutes) by zip code, age, language, income, and thoughts and feelings about climate change. More discussion ensued on how we can reach out to areas with lower response numbers, including another stakeholder email and emails sent out by Town Board members that represent those districts.
 - iii. Mindy Germain reported the town earned first place among all municipalities on Long Island for Car Free Day Long Island pledging among employees. A certificate is ready to be presented to the Town.

- b. The Town's Climate Action Plan is still being reviewed internally and once this is done it will be shared with the task force for comments.
- c. Meagan Fastuca reported locations for the Town's EV charging stations are still being determined – as of now 8 spaces are planned in Port Washington Parking District's Lot 4, which is closest to the corner of South Maryland and Maple; the Town is also investigating PW district Lot 2 (Port Washington- North Bayles Ave), Mary Jane Davies Park, Town Hall, Tully Park, Clinton G. Martin Park and Town Dock.
- d. The final draft of the Town's Organics Management Plan has been distributed to the Town Board members. The next step is for it to be approved by resolution at an upcoming Town Board meeting.
- e. The task force field trip to Cornell Cooperative Extension Suffolk's oyster hatchery has been postponed to November 15 at 12 pm.
- f. Meagan Fastuca reported she will submit the Town's Climate Action Plan and Greenhouse Gas Inventory once it has been reviewed and approved by all necessary channels.

III. New Business:

- a. At the last meeting Carol Frank requested info about Town pesticide use. Meagan Fastuca reported the town's parks commissioner confirmed the Town will no longer using neonics (which are harmful to beneficial insects including pollinators) on the Harbor Links golf course and are looking into alternatives. The parks department also reported the golf course uses irrigation sensors, handheld moisture meters and native plants to save water.
- b. Sarah Oral reported on expanded services being offered by her firm (Cameron Engineering) through the DEC to support municipal climate action work on the Climate Smart Communities program. The Town will explore these options with Sarah.
- c. Sarah Oral reported that the Inflation Reduction Act will offer tax breaks for governments on solar and EV's. This is supposed to begin January 1, 2023, and Sarah Oral will continue to keep the Town updated.

IV. The next meeting is scheduled for January 10 @ 2 pm

V. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

COMMUNITY SURVEY ON CLIMATE CHANGE



Response Update
October 11, 2022



Discussion

- **Survey outreach:** Stakeholders, Tabling, Social Media, Emails, Newsletters, Press Releases, Councilmembers, Newsletters
- **Timing:** Survey will close at end of 2022
- **Goal:** 500 responses, broad representation of Town
 - Responses to date: 334
 - Representation: Review results to date/ identify gaps
- **Early trends**
- **Next Steps**

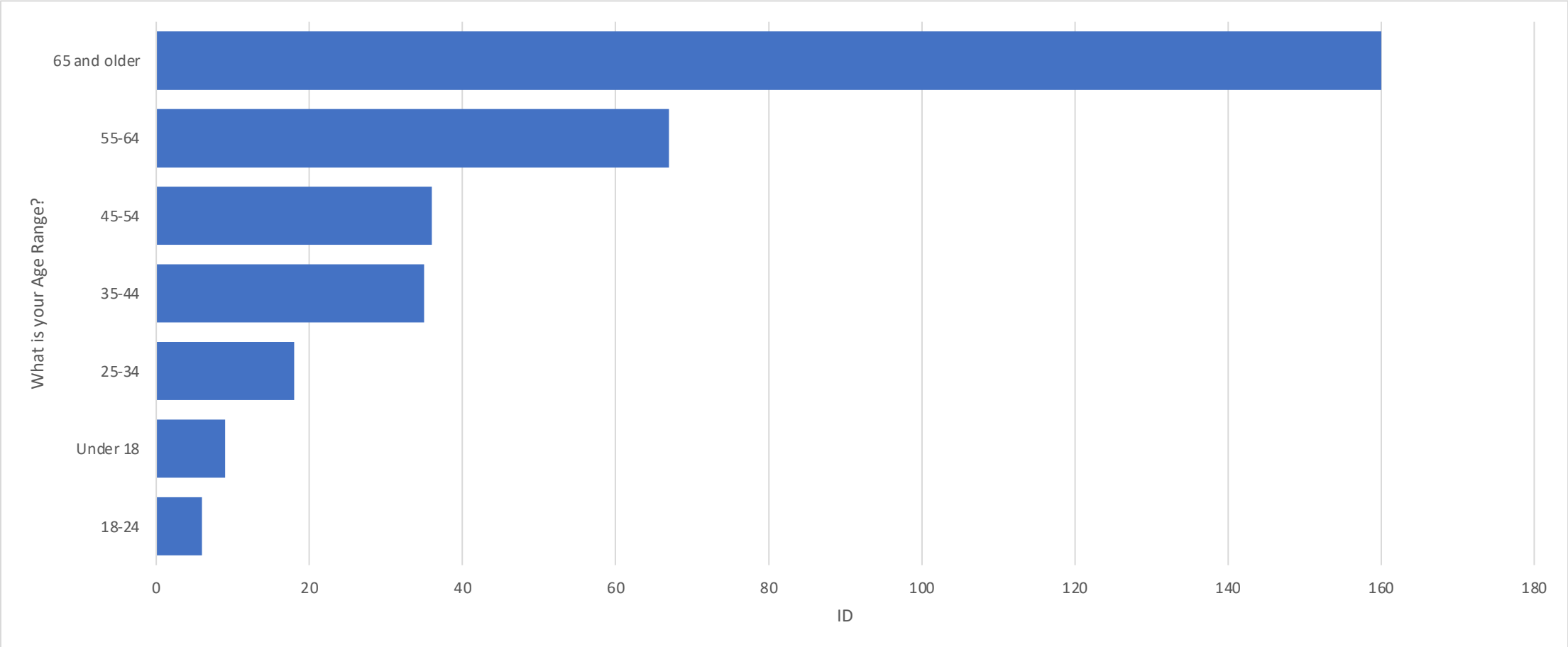
Demographics of respondents

Zip	Count	Community
• 11050	96	Port Washington
• 11040	69	Garden City/New Hyde Park
• 11030	48	Manhasset
•	27	Searingtown
• 11590	17	Westbury
• 11021	17	Harbor Hills
• 11596	13	Williston Park
• 11501	12	Mineola

Zip	Count	Community
• 11023	8	Saddle Rock Estates
• 11020	5	University Gardens
• 11024	3	Kings Point
• 11514	3	Carl Place
•	3	Floral Park
• 11548	1	Greenvale

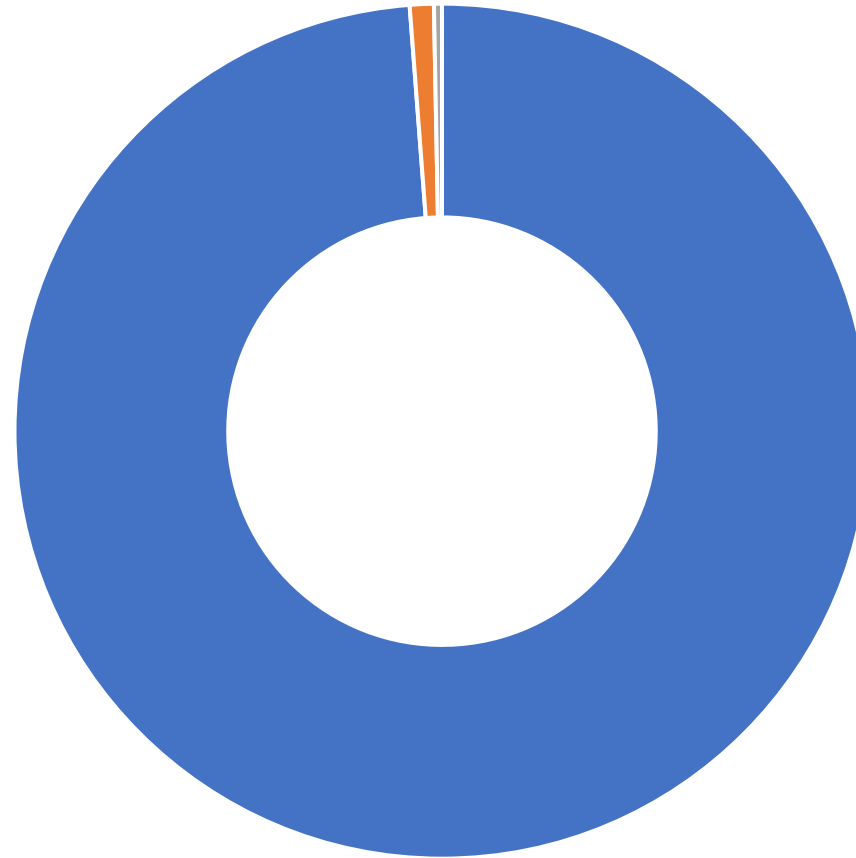
**Where can
we boost?**

Age range

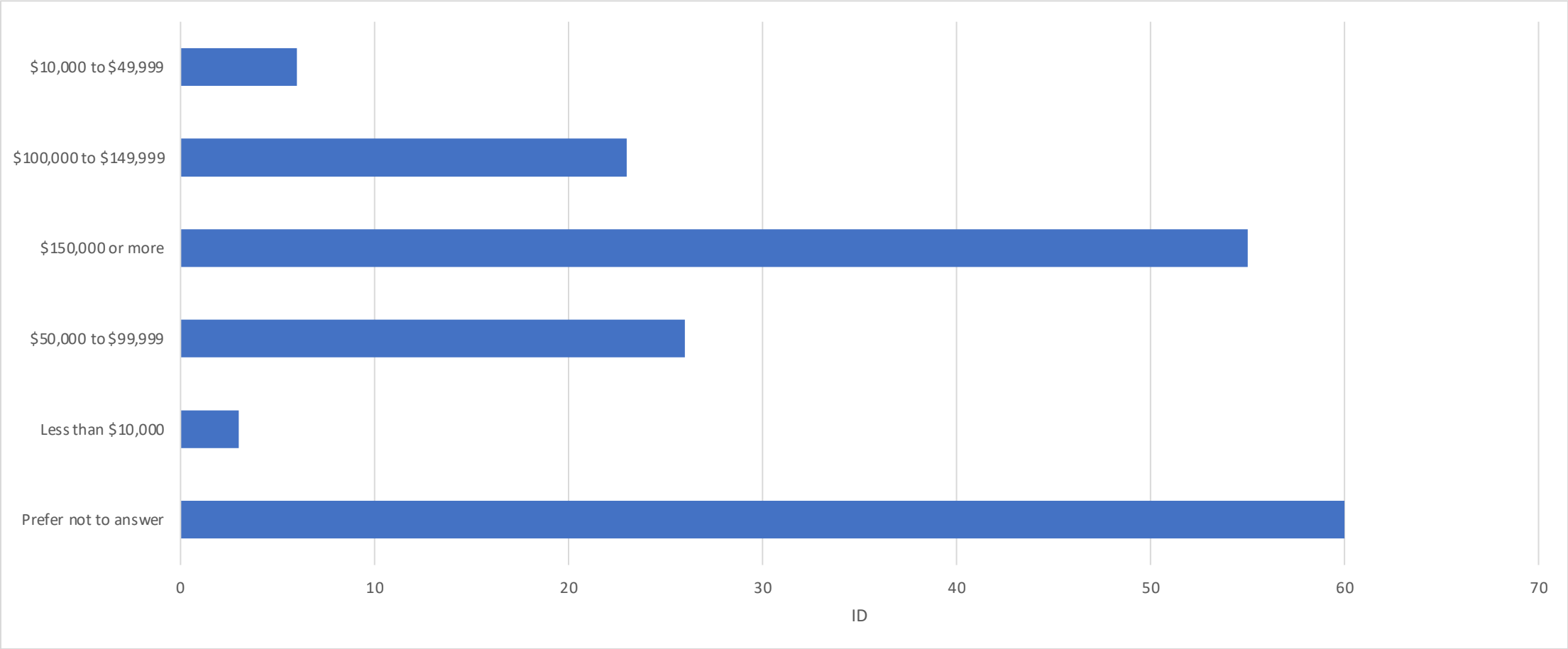


Primary language

English 327
Spanish 3
Urdu 1

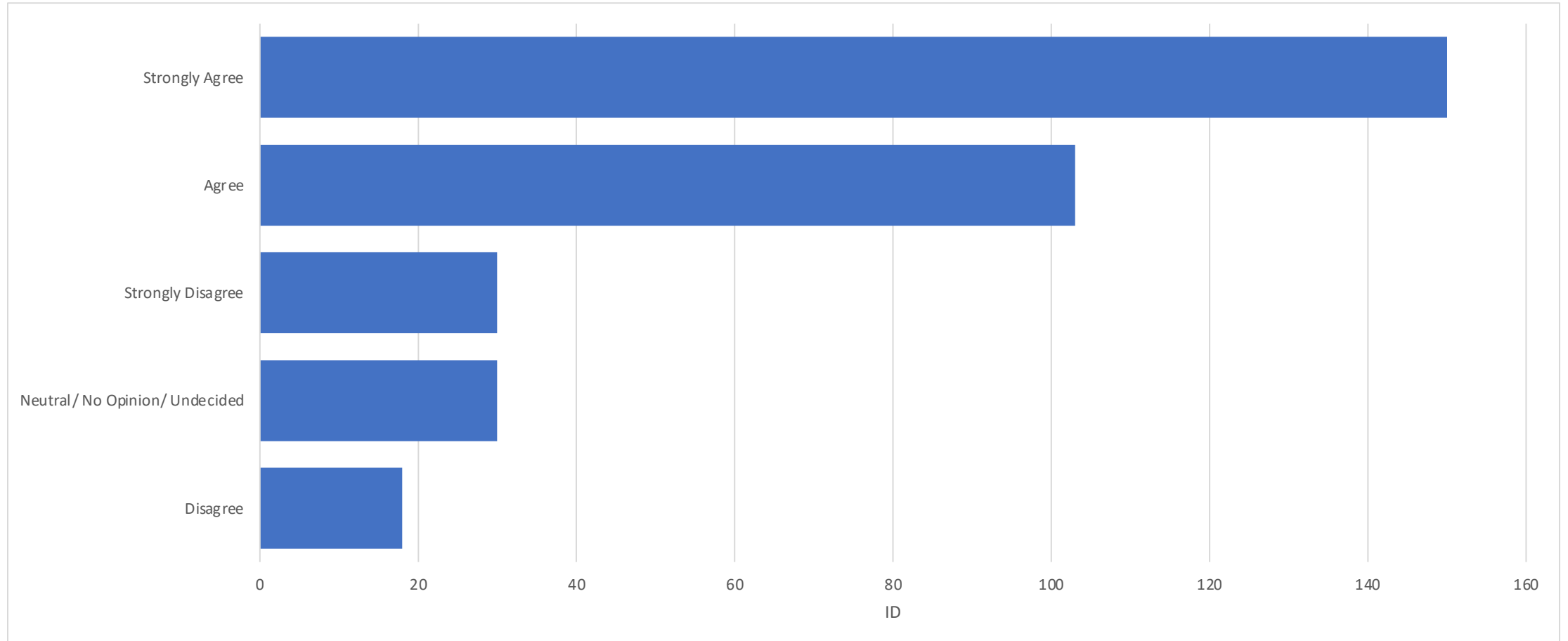


Annual household income



Preliminary findings show
climate action is a priority in
North Hempstead

I am worried about the impacts of climate change on my community over the next five years.



Thoughts and feelings on Climate Change

- Climate Change is an urgent problem; we really need to prepare.(265)
- Our children's future demands that I understand, act, and confront the problem. (265)
- Climate Change is a minor problem; I'm not very concerned. (34)
- I Don't really understand the science or issues to make an informed decision. (17)
- Climate Change is not real; I don't care. (9)
- There is nothing I can do about it; it is too late to change anything. (6)

Have you ever felt unsafe from...

- Extreme Storms (238 yes/93 no)
- Loss of power (238 yes/91 no)
- Gasoline shortage (180 yes/no 151)
- Extreme Heat/Cold (158 yes /173 no)
- Flooding (121 yes/209 no)
- Drought/lack of water (119 yes /212 no)

Do you have an interest in being part of the solution to climate change?

