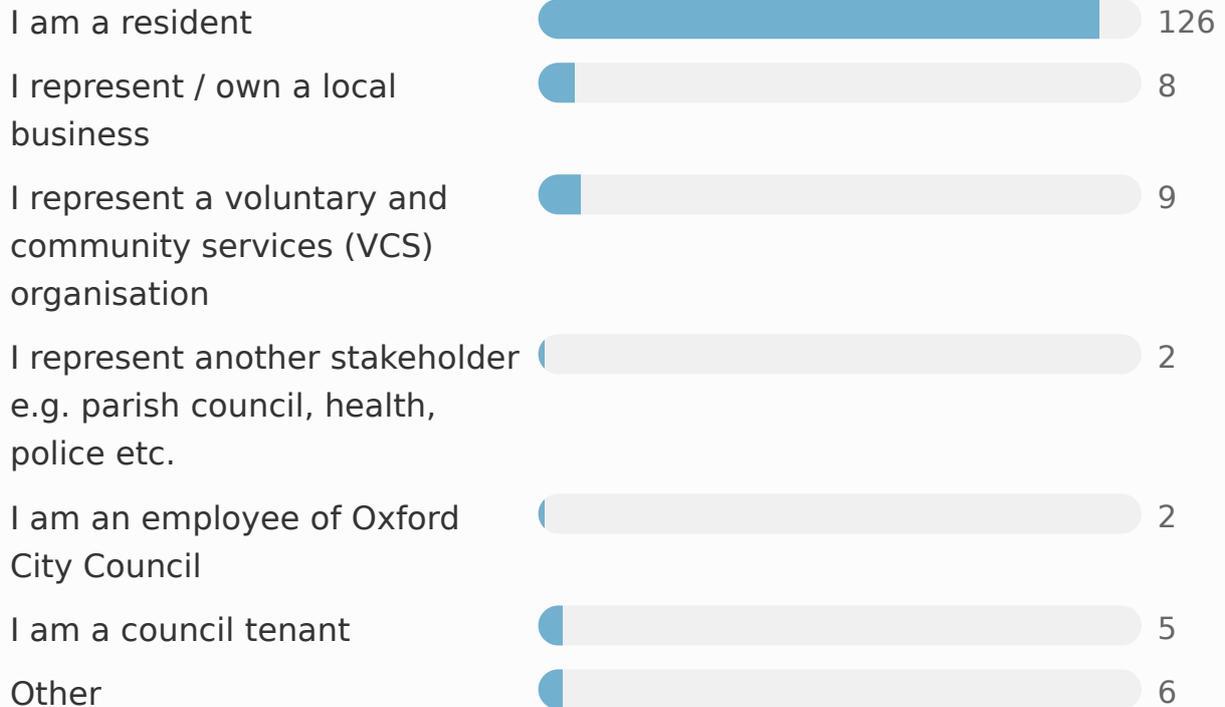


# Summary of Responses

## 1

In which role are you responding to this survey? Please tick all that apply.



## 2

### Approach to Budget Setting

The City Council’s approach to setting it’s Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy includes a number of elements which are listed below. Other organisations undertake alternative approaches to this exercise

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the **City Council approach** set out below?



	Agree				Disagree
Using our wholly owned company, Oxford Direct Services Ltd to generate more income from external trading	48	53	19	3	8
Using our wholly owned company Oxford City Housing Ltd to develop social and market housing	54	45	21	2	9
Increase council tax by the maximum level permitted (1.99% per year) to safeguard services	49	33	22	10	18
Reduce office space and remote working by admin staff	48	37	36	7	2
Go cashless- withdrawing the ability to pay for council services by cash and cheque in favour of card, electronic	29	23	23	29	26

banking or Paypoint					
Use balances and reserves to meet one-off costs of the pandemic	42	56	28	4	2
Maintain current service levels and continue to support with annual efficiencies and increased fees and charges	34	52	29	13	4

### 3

#### **Alternative Approaches to Budget Setting.**

These are strategies the City Council is not proposing, but upon which we would welcome your views. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following options:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Maintain all services but offer less of each service	5	33	32	46	14
Stop delivery of less important	10	27	25	40	28

services and cut jobs and expenditure accordingly					
Reduce capital investment in community centres	8	15	23	42	44
Reduce capital investment in social housing	11	6	11	41	64
Reduce capital investment in combatting climate change	18	19	7	31	58
Hold a referendum to consult on increases in council tax above the 1.99% cap	25	31	23	22	30
Freeze Council Tax and cut services	14	11	13	28	66

## 4

### **Our Priorities**

In terms of meeting its overall objective of 'Building a World Class City for Everyone' the Council's key aims are to:

- **Enable an inclusive economy:** Council staff are skilled and confident in delivering services our residents want and the workforce as a whole better reflects Oxford's diverse population; The Council's supply chain supports more local businesses, including social enterprises and cooperatives, promoting wider benefits to the local economy
- **Deliver more, affordable housing:** The Council have increased the supply of high quality, energy efficient housing with a balanced mix of homes for sale and to rent at different price points; The Council's Blackbird Leys regeneration delivers high quality homes and a better use of space; More Council and private sector tenants are supported to stay in their homes where they face the prospect of eviction
- **Support thriving communities:** The Council's services, grants, community and leisure facilities, parks and cultural events have helped reduce inequality, increase cohesion and improve health and wellbeing across Oxford's communities; Children and young people's resilience and confidence is increased through the educational and recreational activities we offer; The Council's public spaces remain clean, safe, well maintained and are more accessible
- **Pursue a zero carbon Oxford:** The City Council making significant progress on the journey to reduce its own carbon footprint to zero; all new buildings by the Council progressing towards near or net-zero carbon standards; The Council's existing council housing is being made more energy efficient.

How would you rank the priority of the following services:

	Very High Priority	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Very Low Priority
Provision of affordable housing	66	38	21	2	5
Tackling Climate Change	61	29	18	14	9
Preventing homelessness	61	40	20	4	6

Providing and supporting community centres	33	44	32	16	5
Strengthening our local economy	33	47	40	7	4
Enhancing our city centre	24	24	50	19	12
Maintaining and improving recycling	36	41	43	4	6
Maintaining parks and open spaces	42	45	36	7	
Providing leisure centres and keeping them affordable	27	40	47	11	7
Providing services for young people	31	58	29	7	6
Helping with council tax for those on low income	27	45	39	13	7
Supporting community safety	31	43	48	7	1
Providing grants to voluntary and community	18	28	44	29	12

## 5

**Capital Investment**

The Council's capital investment programme over the next four years totals £314 million. Some of the more significant schemes are detailed below. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following schemes:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Covered market refurbishment £2.2 million	29	34	38	20	10
New hardware and software Information and communication technology to support services provision - £1.4 million	16	50	43	14	7
Refurbishment and new build Community Centres at East Oxford £3.8m	21	45	31	22	12
Refurbishment and new build Bullingdon Community	30	38	29	24	13

Centre £1.3 million					
Consolidation of the existing two works depots onto one site to reduce cost of delivering services:- £12million	42	40	32	11	6
New social housing- £218 million	64	38	11	7	11
Council dwelling kitchen/ bathrooms, heating, roofing, fire doors and electrical replacement, funded out of tenants' rents £22.6,million	54	45	27	2	3
Environmental improvements to estates, funded out of tenants' rents £7.2million	47	47	23	9	5
Loans to the Councils wholly owned Housing development company (OCHL) to deliver market	34	45	28	12	12

and affordable housing - £152 million					
Blackbird leys Regeneration - for the development of affordable and market housing, community centre, replacement shops and associated infrastructure - £21 million contribution	28	46	32	15	11

## 6

### Council Housing

Over the coming years of the Medium Term Financial Strategy we will acquire an additional 1,119 new homes, ensure that our existing homes are properly maintained (including meeting the new “Oxford Standard”), improve the environment on our estates (through the “Great Estates” programme), improve the energy efficiency of existing homes and provide particular support to the regeneration of central Blackbird Leys and Barton.

In what order should the Council prioritise the following with 1 being your most important priority and 5 being your least important priority.

Select the most applicable option in each row. You can only select one option in each column.

	1	2	3	4	5
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Building and acquiring new council homes	50	14	16	9	23
Maintaining the quality of existing council homes	21	44	20	15	4
Investing to improve the environment on council estates	13	14	27	36	21
Improving energy efficiency of existing council homes	25	30	35	19	11
Targeted estate regeneration e.g Blackbird Leys and Barton	12	13	19	29	51

## 7

### Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL)

The **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)** is a planning charge, introduced by the Planning Act 2008, as a tool for local authorities in England and Wales to help deliver infrastructure to support the development of their area.

Some of the money gained by **CIL** will be passed on to local communities where the development is built. This is known as Neighbourhood CIL. In line with CIL regulations 15% of CIL received in unparished areas of the city, which do not have an adopted neighbourhood plan, are retained by the city council for allocation. This money is for the provision,

improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.

The City Council currently allocate £5,000 annually to ward councillors not within a parish or neighbourhood plan area. The ward councillors then allocate this on projects that they identify through ongoing engagement with their communities. This approach and allocation will continue. In addition, we are consulting as part of this budget, on a further allocation of NCIL as outlined in the table below.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following options:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Citizens Assembly Climate Change initiatives including Retrofit Summit, Youth Summit, Zero Carbon Organisation Summit and additional biodiversity work; -£142k	35	33	28	16	13
Tackling homelessness including Young People's Pathway Contribution (provides housing and supports 16 to	68	41	9	2	8

24 year olds, who are homeless or at risk of homelessness) and raising awareness around homelessness issues; -£216k

Investment to support for children & young people who need it; -£30k

Community Grants -£600k

Engagement in transport initiatives across Oxford including Connecting Oxford and Zero Emission Zone; -£78k

Support for city restart and economic recovery activity; - £88k

	50	53	12	3	8
	22	44	40	11	9
	44	37	16	10	19
	36	40	31	10	9

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**Other Comments**

Are there any other comments that you would like to make on Oxford City Council's draft Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022-25 and Consultation Budget 2021 -22?

This question has been answered 27 times.

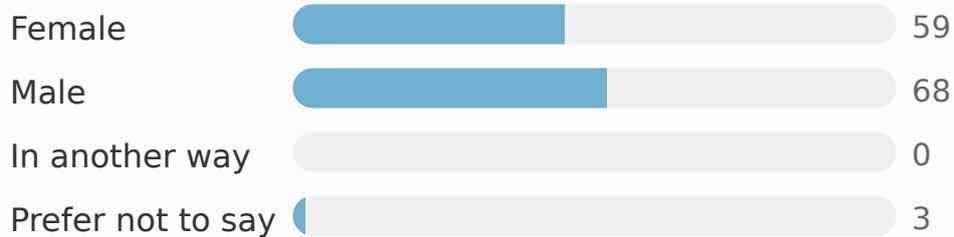
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What is your postcode?

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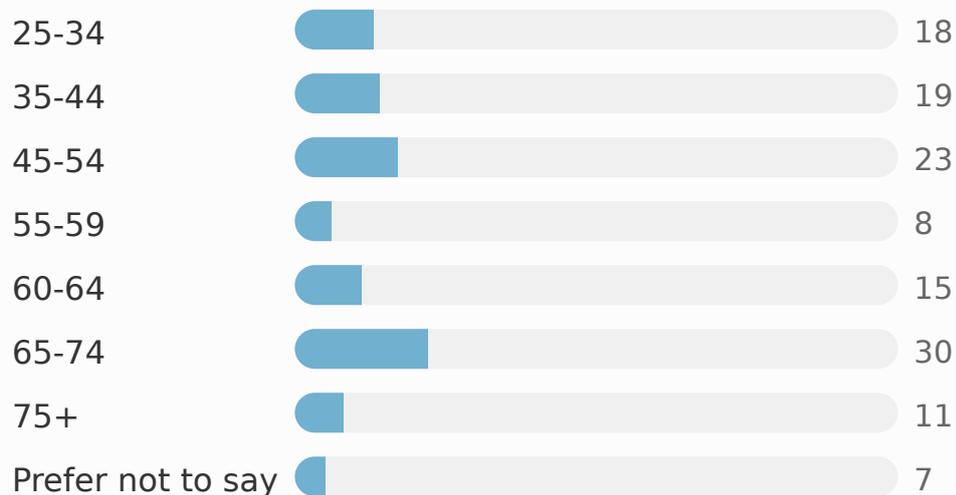
Which of the following best describes how you think of yourself?



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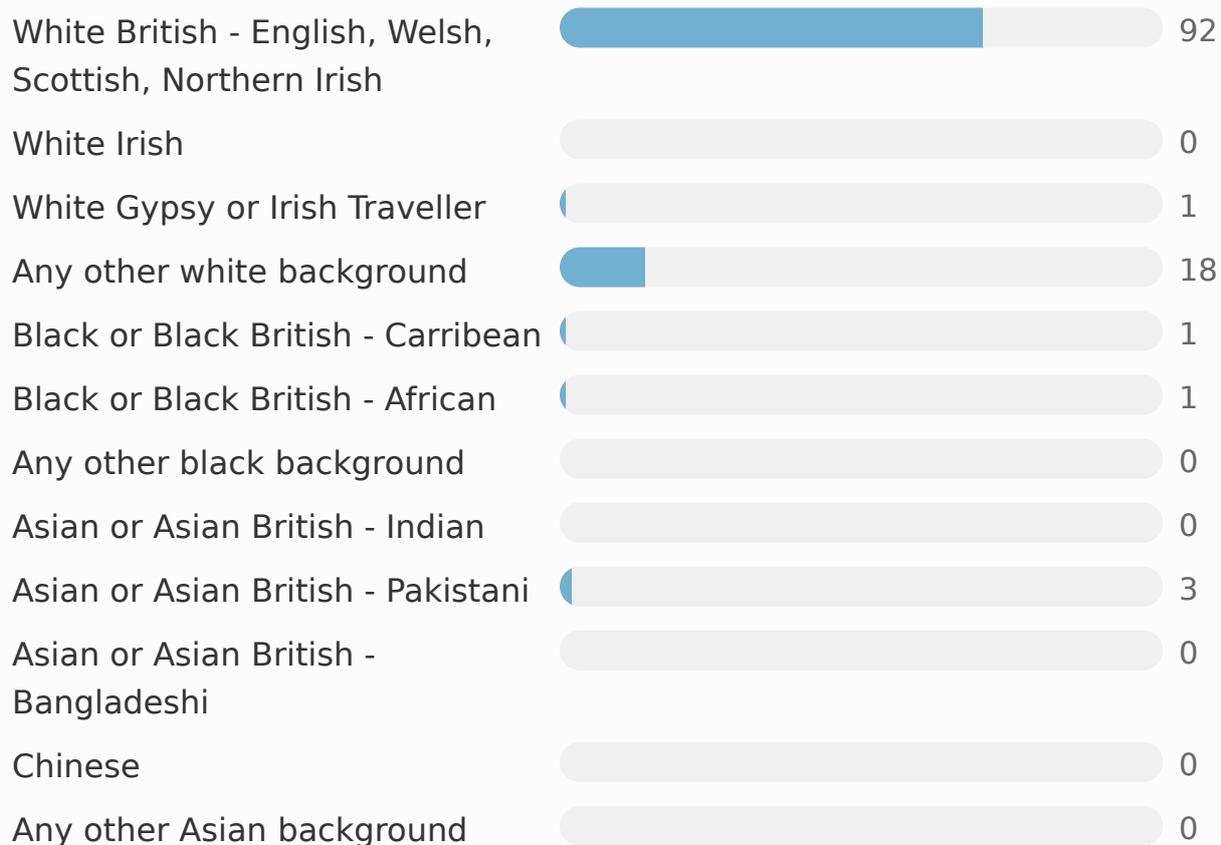
Which age bracket do you fall into?

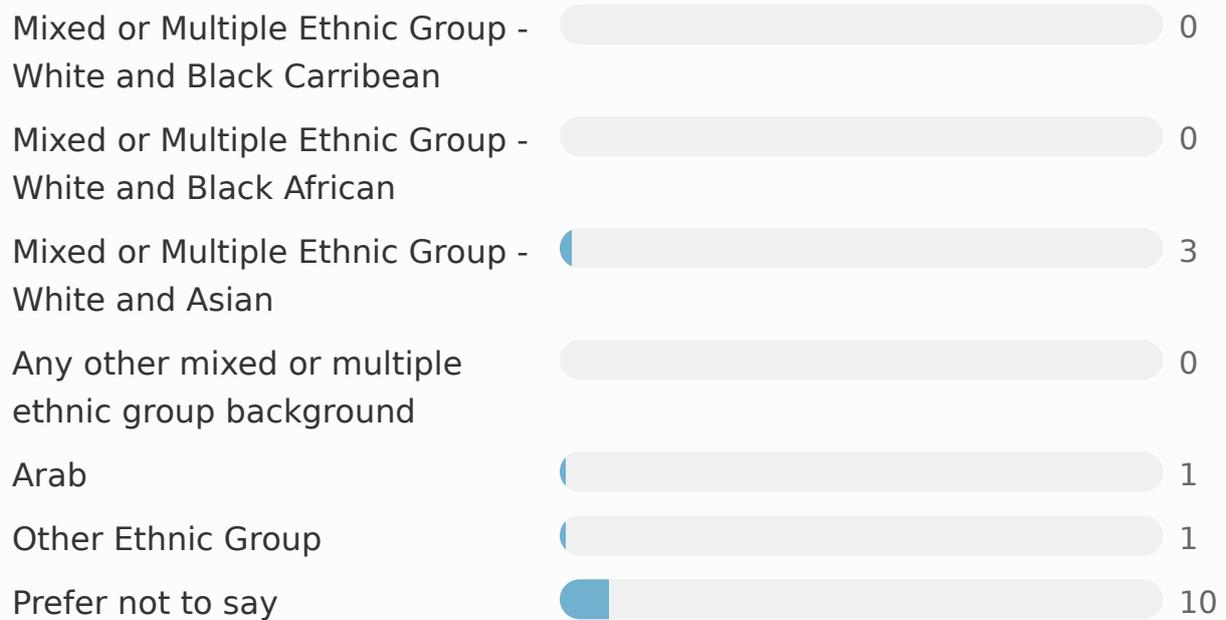




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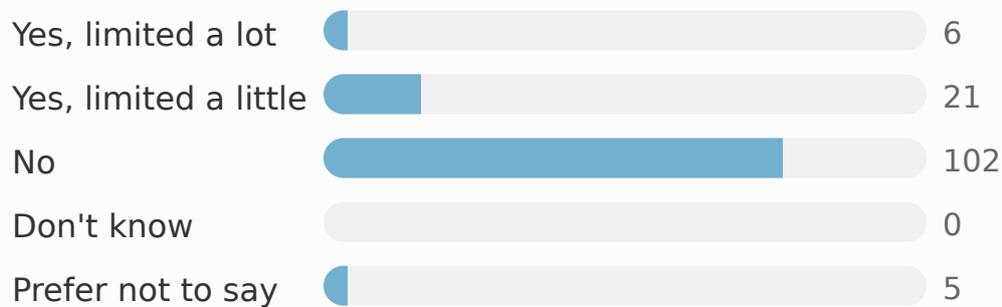
Which of the following best describes your ethnic group?





### 13.

Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted or is expected to last, at least 12 months?



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