

## Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2025 Consultation

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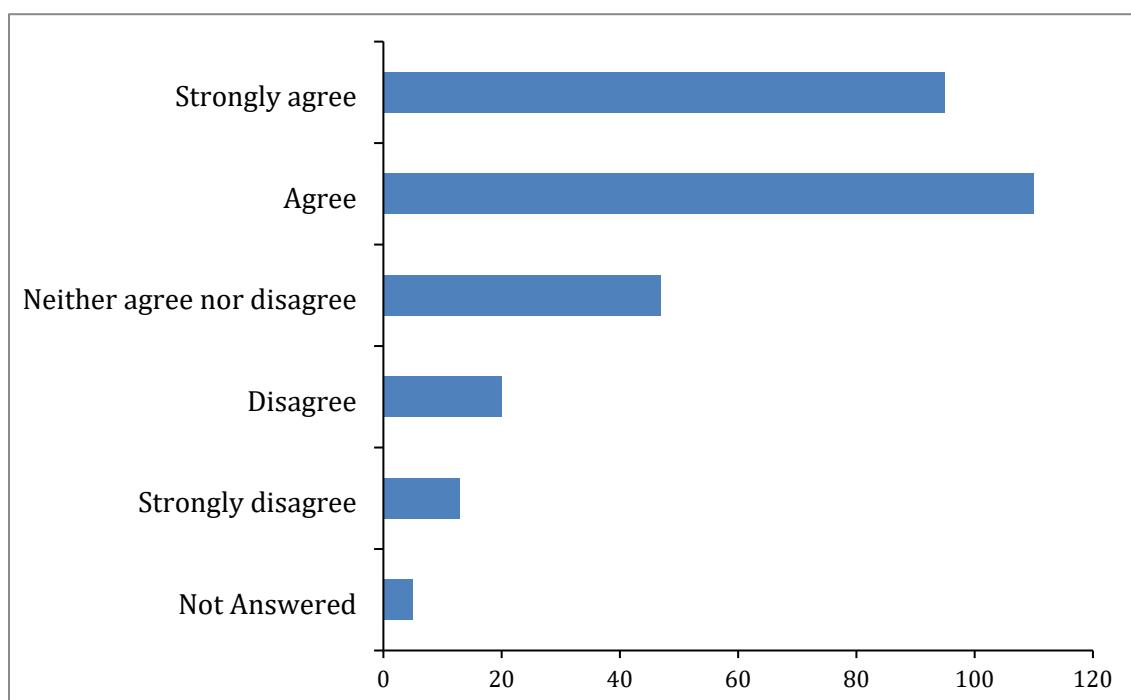
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Responses to this survey: 290

**1: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the principle of using income bands for deciding how much support people get in paying their Council Tax?**

### Agreement with Income-based Support

There were 285 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Strongly agree	95	32.76%
Agree	110	37.93%

<b>Neither agree nor disagree</b>	47	16.21%
<b>Disagree</b>	20	6.90%
<b>Strongly disagree</b>	13	4.48%
<b>Not Answered</b>	5	1.72%

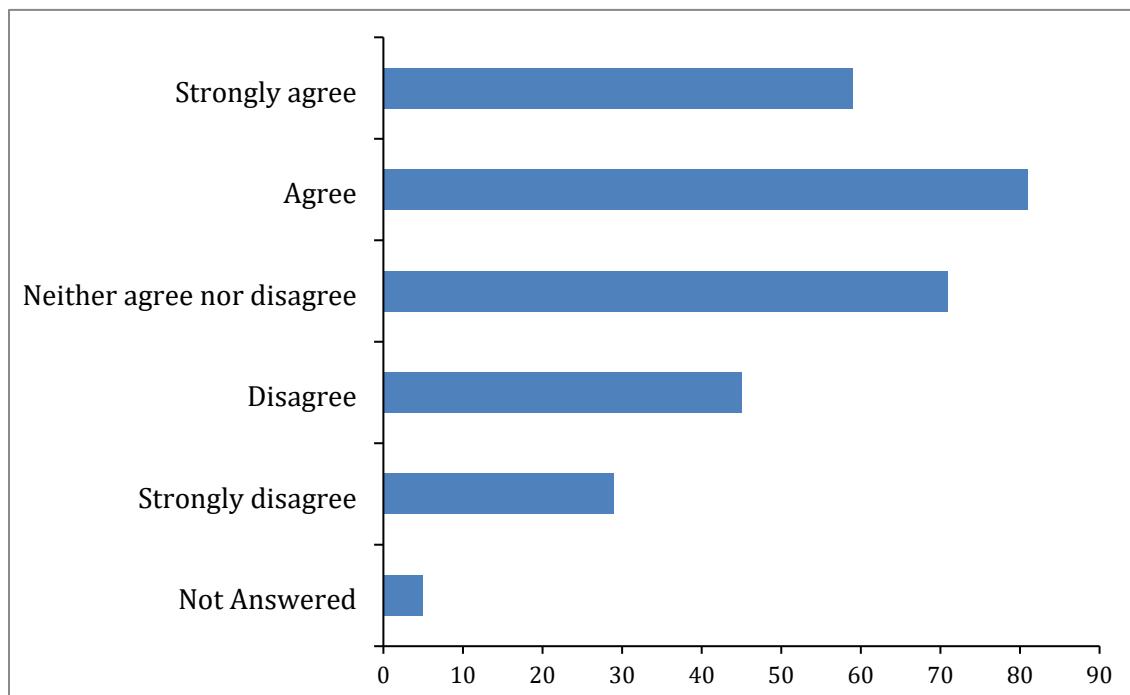
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There were 75 responses to this part of the question.

**2: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal to uprate the income bands from 2025/26 in line with inflation?**

**Agreement with Uprating income bands**

There were 285 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
<b>Strongly agree</b>	59	20.34%
<b>Agree</b>	81	27.93%
<b>Neither agree nor disagree</b>	71	24.48%
<b>Disagree</b>	45	15.52%
<b>Strongly disagree</b>	29	10.00%

<b>Not Answered</b>	5	1.72%
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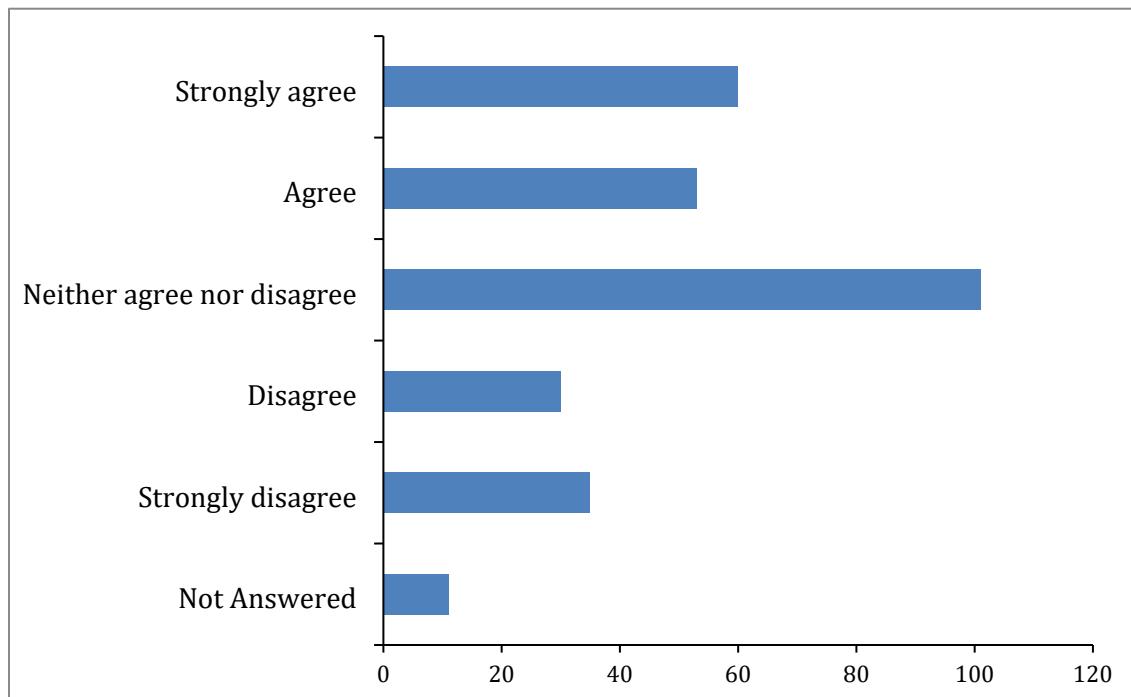
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There were 54 responses to this part of the question.

**3: To what extent do you agree or disagree that the income bands should be reduced?**

**Agreement with reduction of income bands**

There were 279 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Strongly agree	60	20.69%
Agree	53	18.28%
Neither agree nor disagree	101	34.83%
Disagree	30	10.34%
Strongly disagree	35	12.07%
Not Answered	11	3.79%

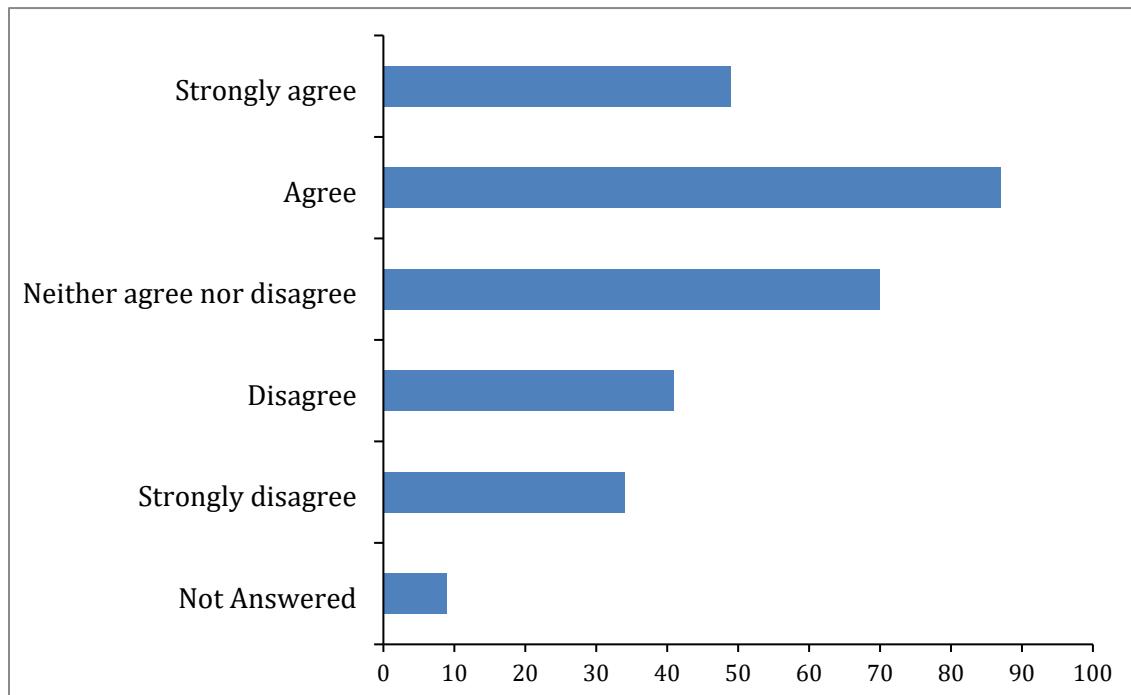
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There were 48 responses to this part of the question.

**4: To what extent do you agree or disagree that adult family members living in the household should be expected to contribute towards the Council Tax charge?**

**Agreement with adult's contribution to CT**

There were 281 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Strongly agree	49	16.90%
Agree	87	30.00%
Neither agree nor disagree	70	24.14%
Disagree	41	14.14%
Strongly disagree	34	11.72%
Not Answered	9	3.10%

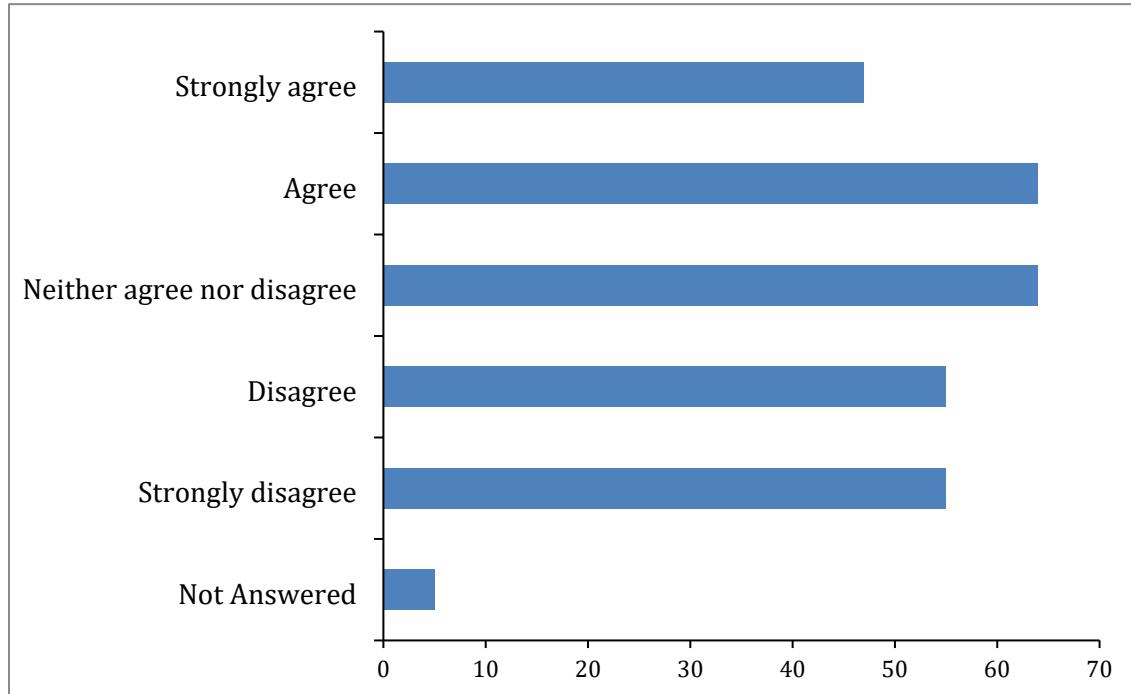
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There were 79 responses to this part of the question.

**5: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the principle that all forms of income should be considered when assessing Council Tax support?**

**Agreement with all income inclusion**

There were 285 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Strongly agree	47	16.21%
Agree	64	22.07%
Neither agree nor disagree	64	22.07%
Disagree	55	18.97%
Strongly disagree	55	18.97%
Not Answered	5	1.72%

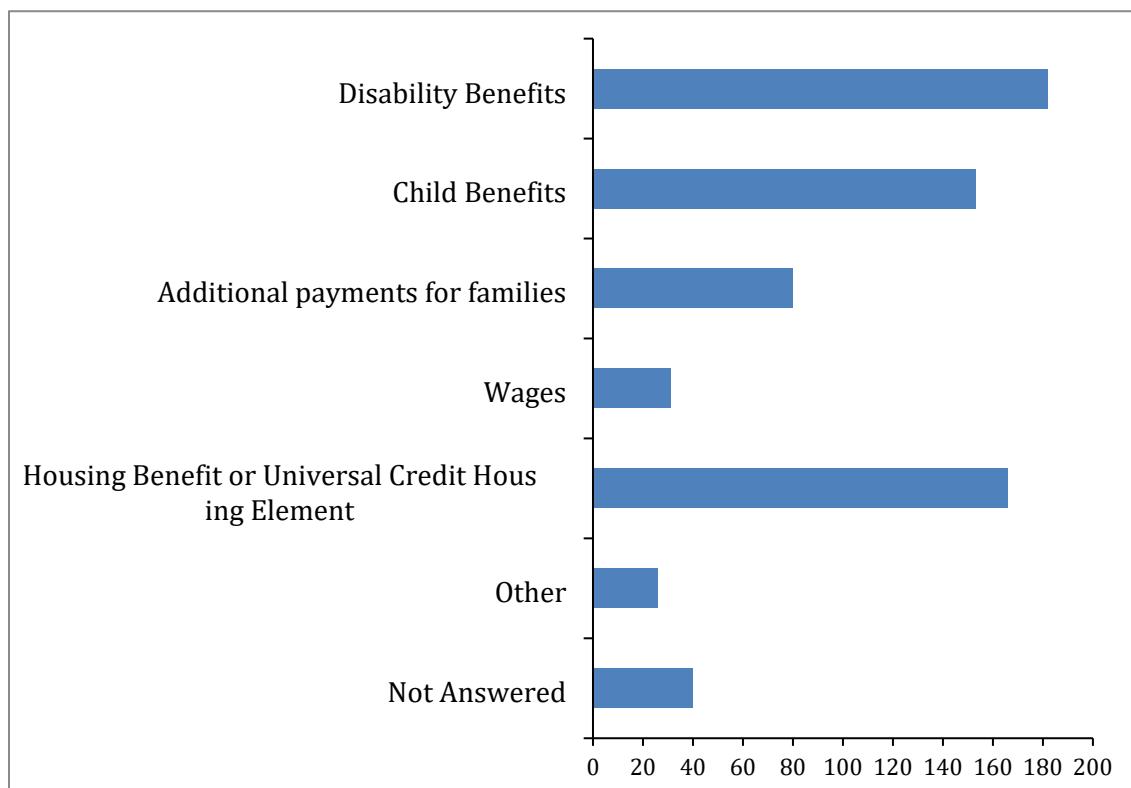
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There were 66 responses to this part of the question.

**6: If you believe some types of income should not be counted, which income type(s) should that be? (Please select all that apply)**

**Income types not to be included**

There were 250 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Disability Benefits	182	62.76%
Child Benefits	153	52.76%
Additional payments for families	80	27.59%
Wages	31	10.69%
Housing Benefit or Universal Credit Housing Element	166	57.24%
Other	26	8.97%
Not Answered	40	13.79%

**If you selected 'Other', please specify:**

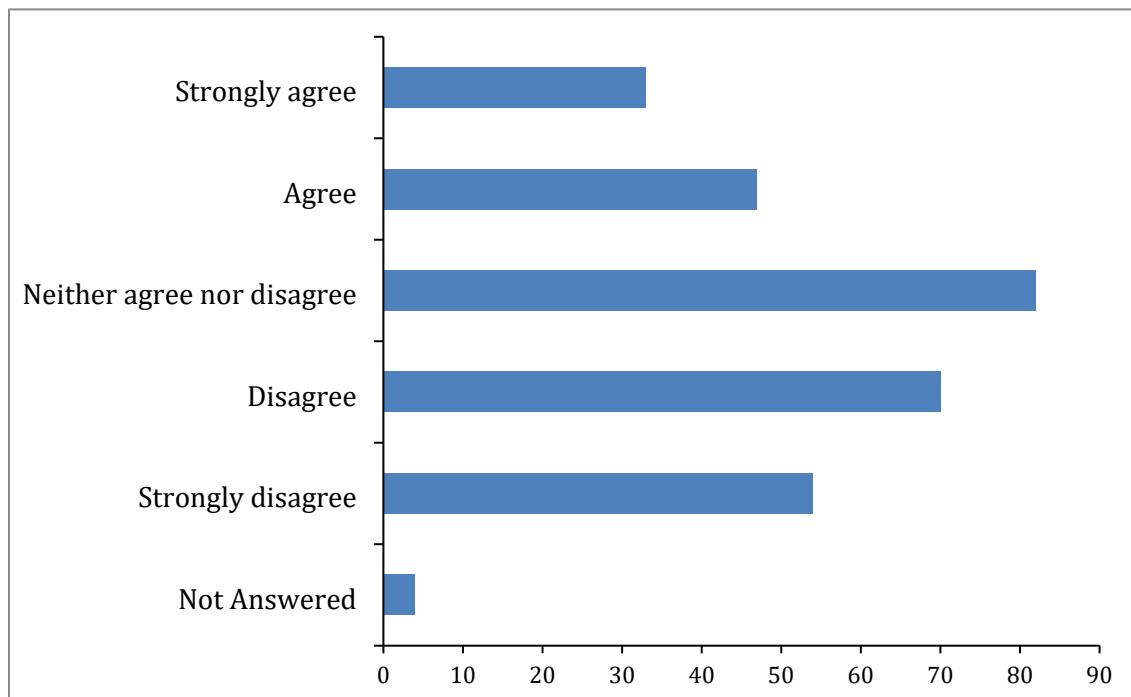
There were 29 responses to this part of the question.

**Please explain your choices:**

There were 76 responses to this part of the question.

**7: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the council making details of the level of council tax reduction available only online?  
details available online**

There were 286 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Strongly agree	33	11.38%
Agree	47	16.21%
Neither agree nor disagree	82	28.28%
Disagree	70	24.14%
Strongly disagree	54	18.62%
Not Answered	4	1.38%

**Please add your comments if any:**

There were 80 responses to this part of the question.

**8: Do you have any additional comments on the council tax reduction scheme?**

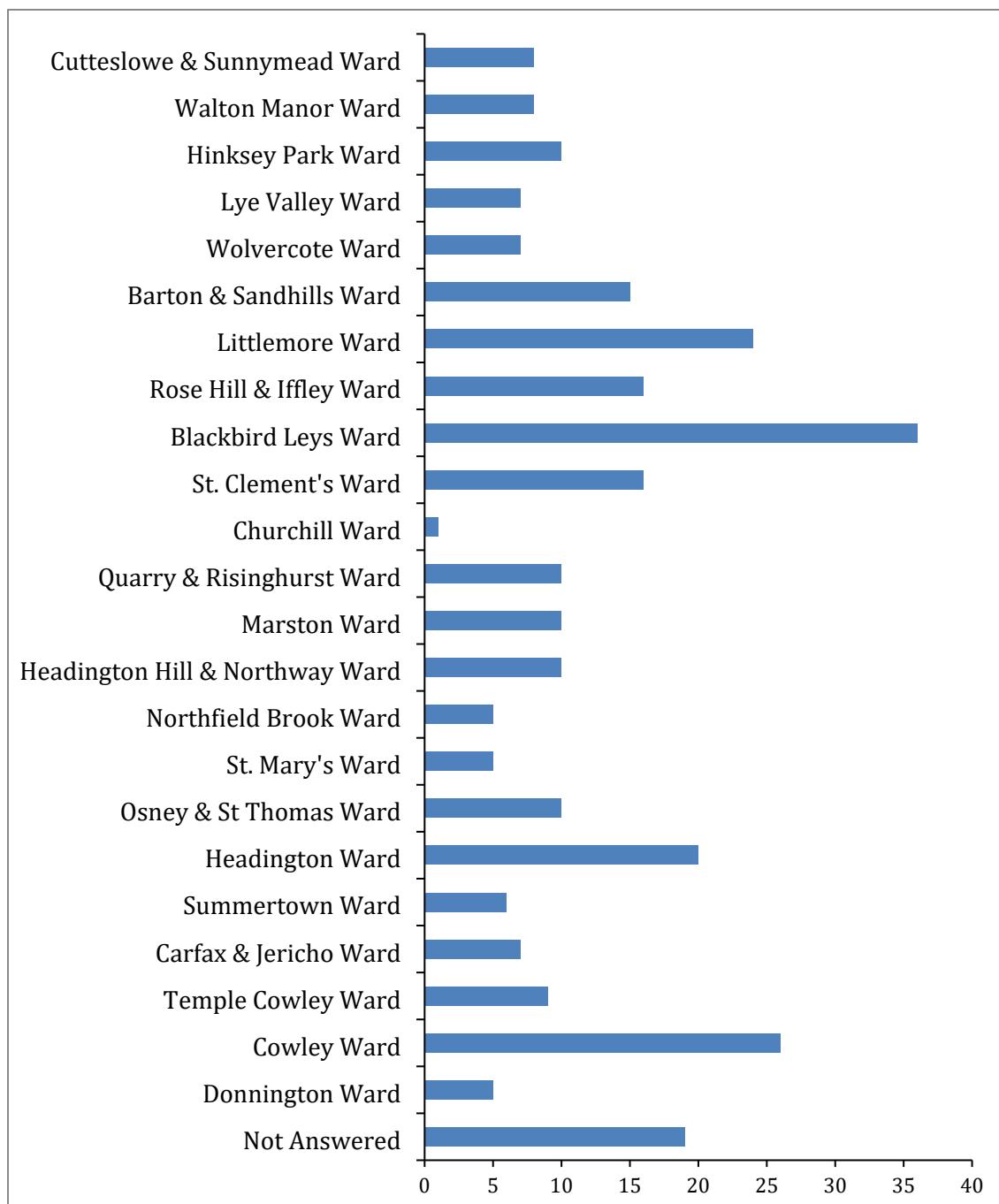
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There were 103 responses to this part of the question.

**9: Which ward do you live in?**

**ward**

There were 271 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
<b>Cutteslowe &amp; Sunnymead Ward</b>	8	2.76%
<b>Walton Manor Ward</b>	8	2.76%
<b>Hinksey Park Ward</b>	10	3.45%
<b>Lye Valley Ward</b>	7	2.41%
<b>Wolvercote Ward</b>	7	2.41%
<b>Barton &amp; Sandhills Ward</b>	15	5.17%
<b>Holywell Ward</b>	0	0.00%

<b>Littlemore Ward</b>	24	8.28%
<b>Rose Hill &amp; Iffley Ward</b>	16	5.52%
<b>Blackbird Leys Ward</b>	36	12.41%
<b>St. Clement's Ward</b>	16	5.52%
<b>Churchill Ward</b>	1	0.34%
<b>Quarry &amp; Risinghurst Ward</b>	10	3.45%
<b>Marston Ward</b>	10	3.45%
<b>Headington Hill &amp; Northway Ward</b>	10	3.45%
<b>Northfield Brook Ward</b>	5	1.72%
<b>St. Mary's Ward</b>	5	1.72%
<b>Osney &amp; St Thomas Ward</b>	10	3.45%
<b>Headington Ward</b>	20	6.90%
<b>Summertown Ward</b>	6	2.07%
<b>Carfax &amp; Jericho Ward</b>	7	2.41%
<b>Temple Cowley Ward</b>	9	3.10%
<b>Cowley Ward</b>	26	8.97%
<b>Donnington Ward</b>	5	1.72%
<b>Not Answered</b>	19	6.55%

#### **10: What is your postcode?**

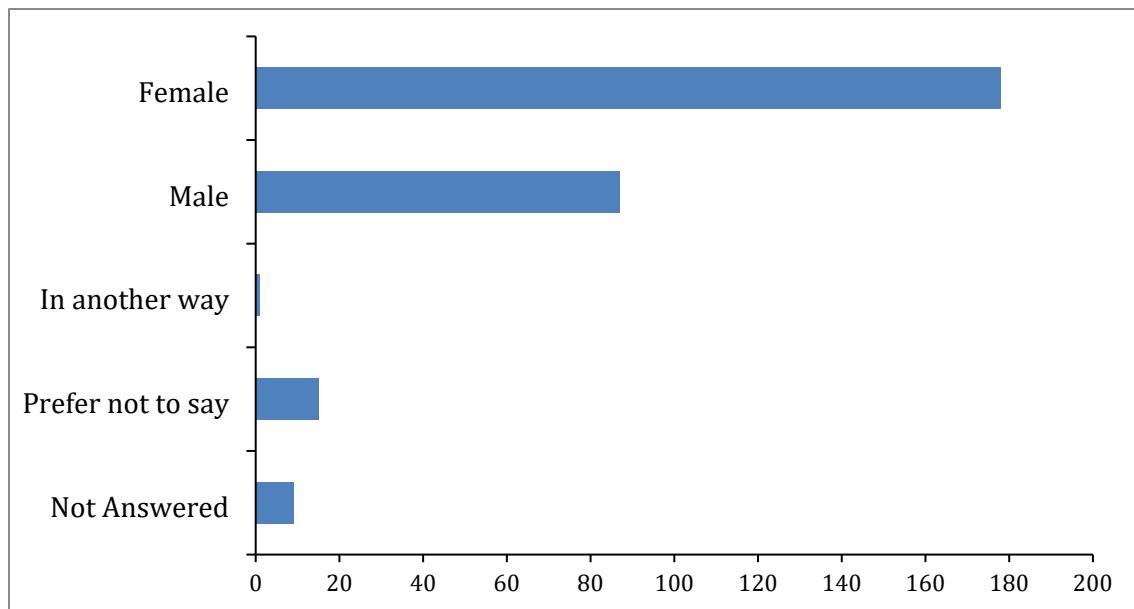
##### **Postcode**

There were 247 responses to this part of the question.

#### **11: Which of the following best describes how you think of yourself?**

##### **Gender**

There were 281 responses to this part of the question.

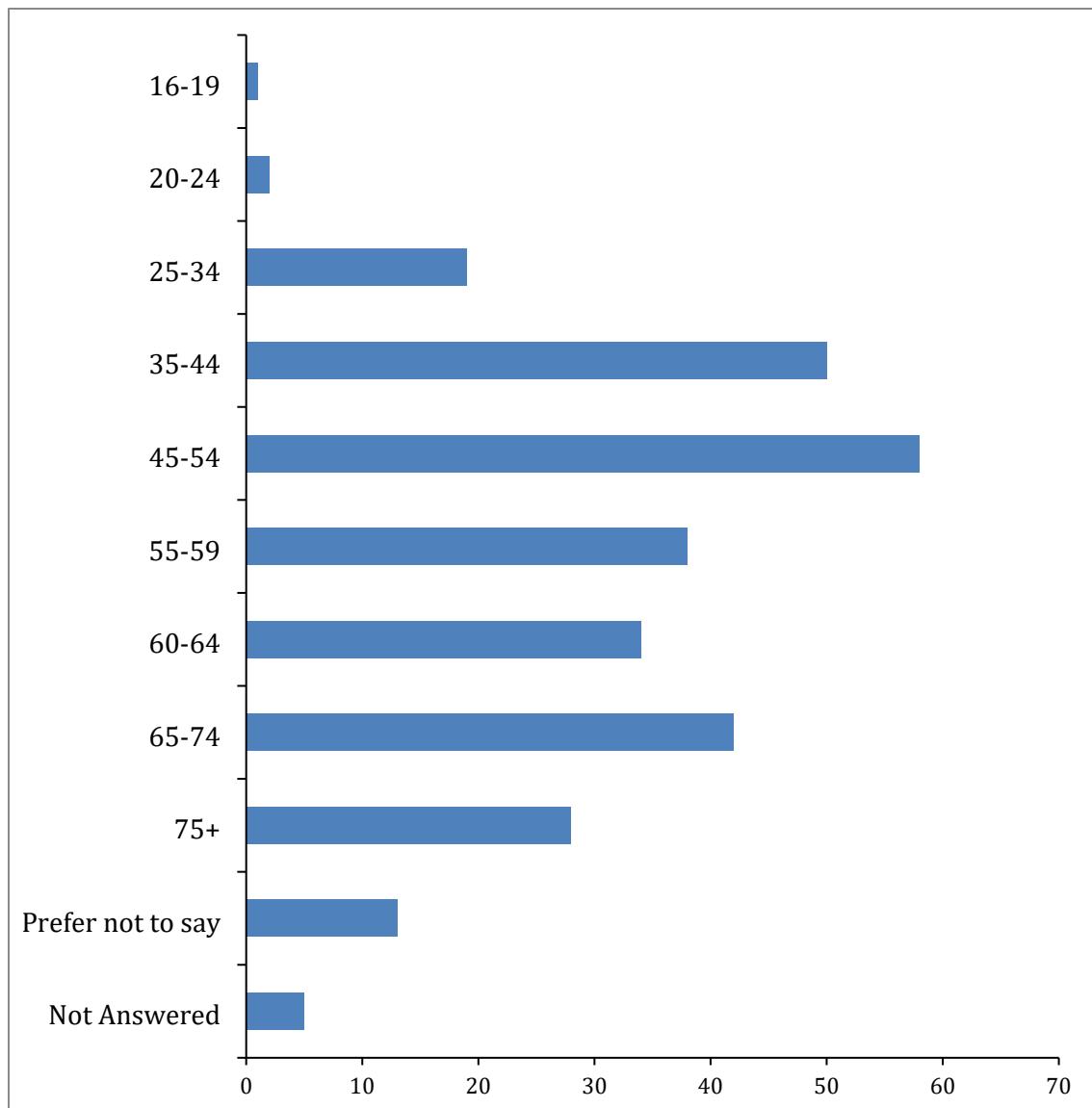


Option	Total	Percent
Female	178	61.38%
Male	87	30.00%
In another way	1	0.34%
Prefer not to say	15	5.17%
Not Answered	9	3.10%

## 12: Which age bracket do you fall into?

age

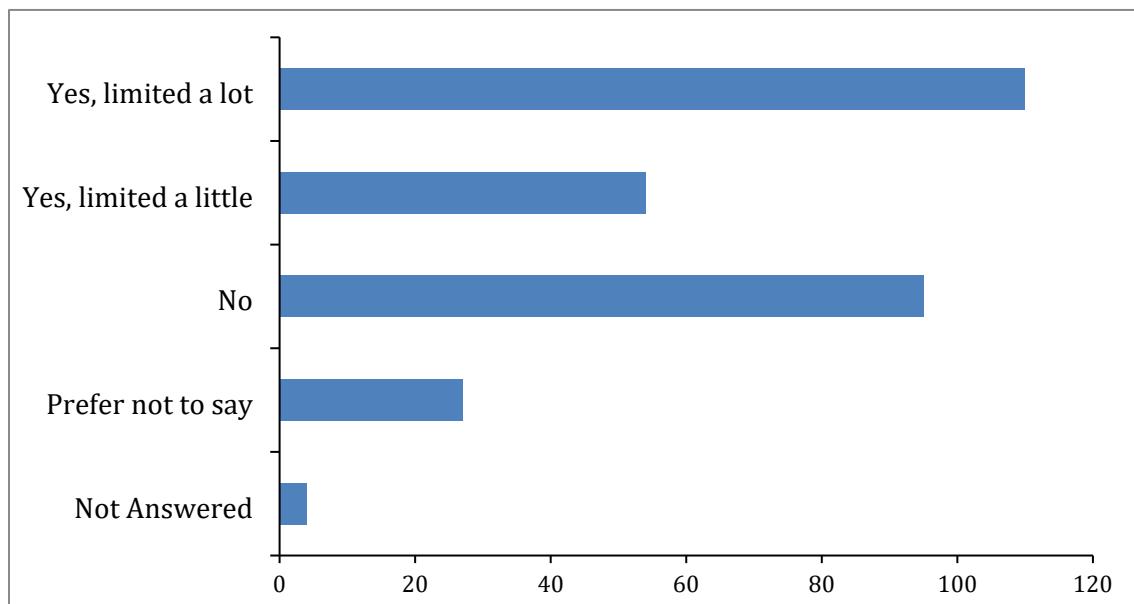
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Option	Total	Percent
<b>Under 16</b>	0	0.00%
<b>16-19</b>	1	0.34%
<b>20-24</b>	2	0.69%
<b>25-34</b>	19	6.55%
<b>35-44</b>	50	17.24%
<b>45-54</b>	58	20.00%
<b>55-59</b>	38	13.10%
<b>60-64</b>	34	11.72%
<b>65-74</b>	42	14.48%
<b>75+</b>	28	9.66%
<b>Prefer not to say</b>	13	4.48%
<b>Not Answered</b>	5	1.72%

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

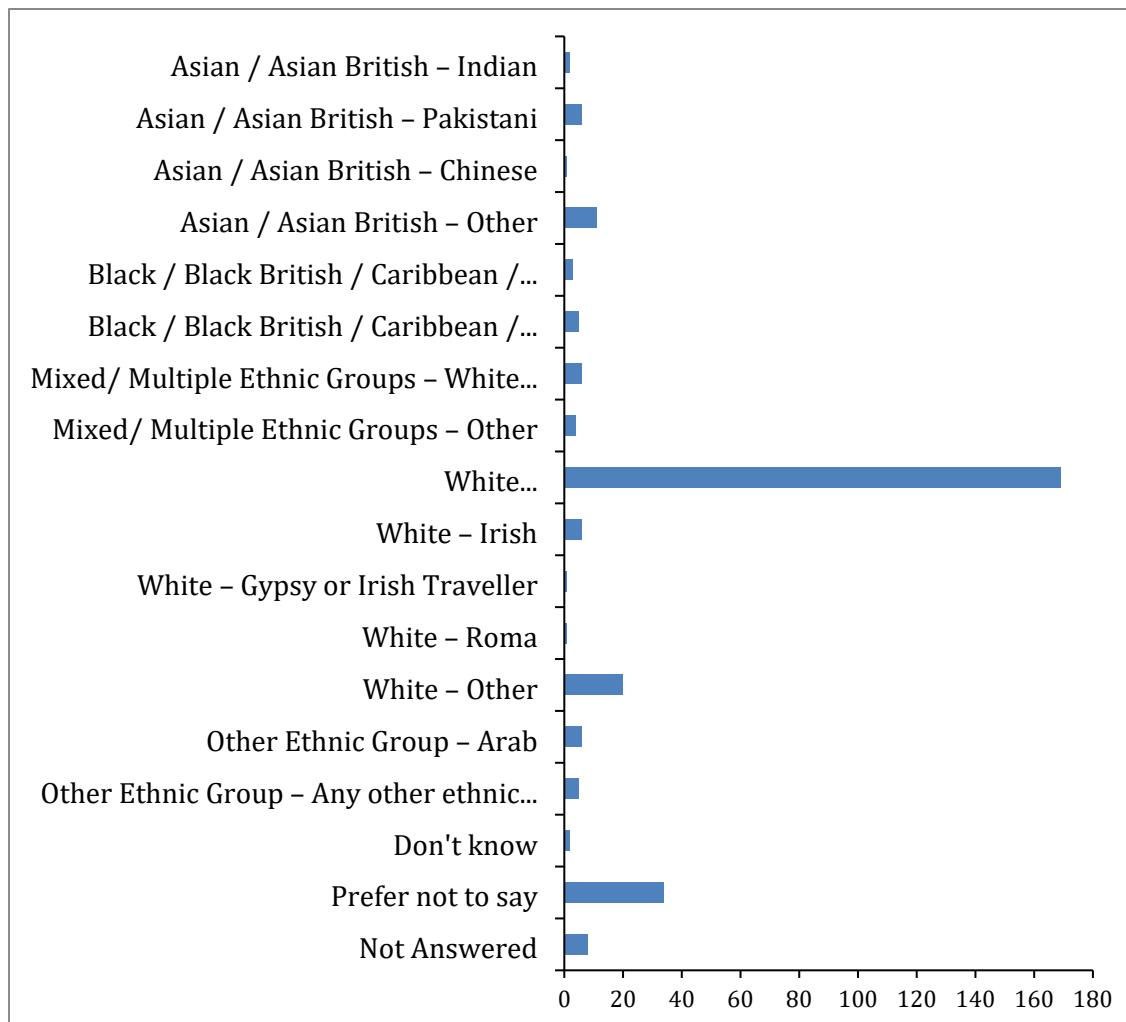
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Option	Total	Percent
Yes, limited a lot	110	37.93%
Yes, limited a little	54	18.62%
No	95	32.76%
Prefer not to say	27	9.31%
Not Answered	4	1.38%

**14: Which of the following best describes your ethnicity? ethnicity**

There were 282 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Asian / Asian British – Indian	2	0.69%
Asian / Asian British – Pakistani	6	2.07%
Asian / Asian British – Bangladeshi	0	0.00%
Asian / Asian British – Chinese	1	0.34%
Asian / Asian British – Other	11	3.79%
Black / Black British / Caribbean / African – Caribbean	3	1.03%
Black / Black British / Caribbean / African – African	5	1.72%
Black / Black British – Other	0	0.00%
Mixed/ Multiple Ethnic Groups – White and Black Caribbean	6	2.07%
Mixed/ Multiple Ethnic Groups – White and Black African	0	0.00%
Mixed/ Multiple Ethnic Groups – White and Asian	0	0.00%

<b>Mixed/ Multiple Ethnic Groups – Other</b>	4	1.38%
<b>White – English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British</b>	169	58.28%
<b>White – Irish</b>	6	2.07%
<b>White – Gypsy or Irish Traveller</b>	1	0.34%
<b>White – Roma</b>	1	0.34%
<b>White – Other</b>	20	6.90%
<b>Other Ethnic Group – Arab</b>	6	2.07%
<b>Other Ethnic Group – Any other ethnic group</b>	5	1.72%
<b>Don't know</b>	2	0.69%
<b>Prefer not to say</b>	34	11.72%
<b>Not Answered</b>	8	2.76%

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