

Growth Management Survey Results

Total Respondents: 217

Survey Hosts:



Survey Duration

Start Date: September 14, 2020

End Date: October 14, 2020

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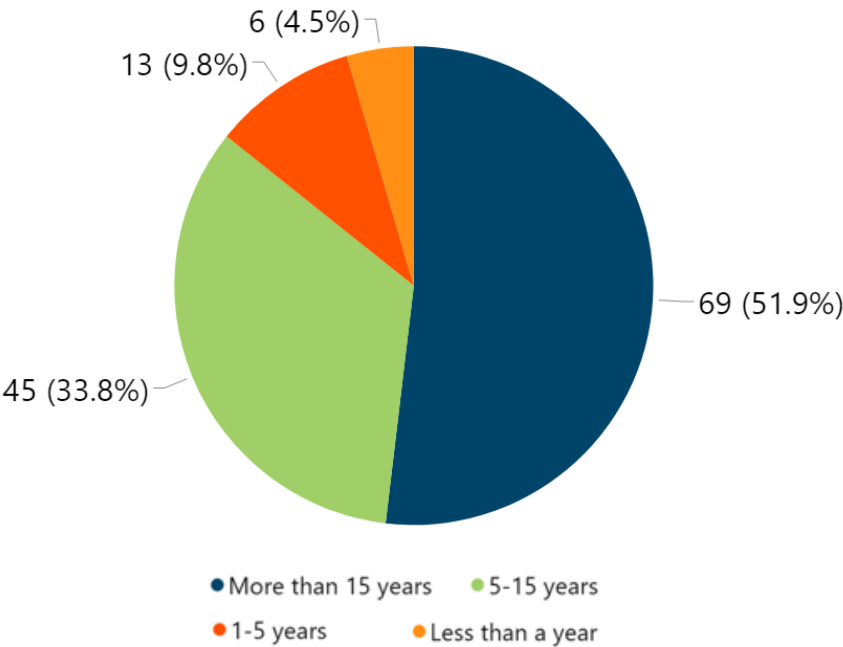
Respondent Demographics

Total Respondents: 133

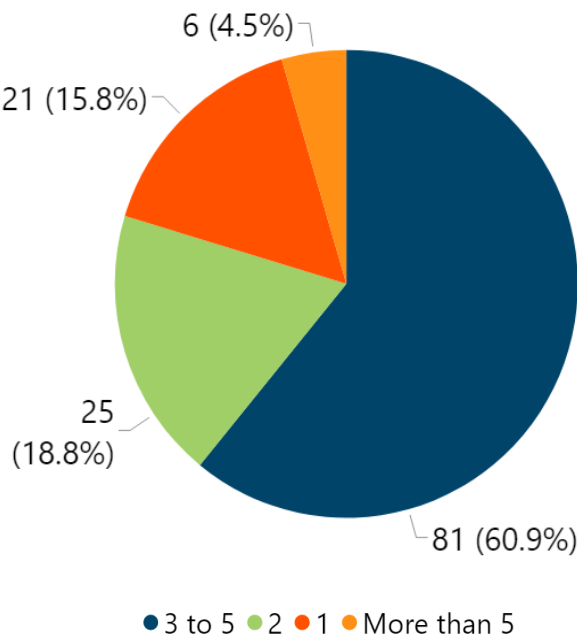
Important Notes:

- This was a voluntary and anonymous survey.
- Respondents could choose to answer all or some of the survey questions.

How long have you lived in Niagara?



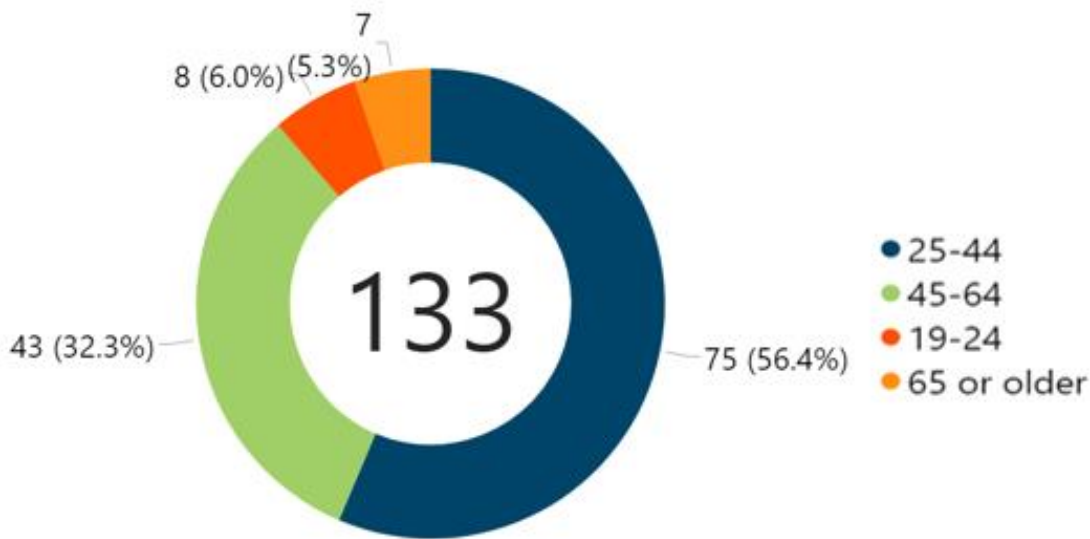
How many people live in your household?



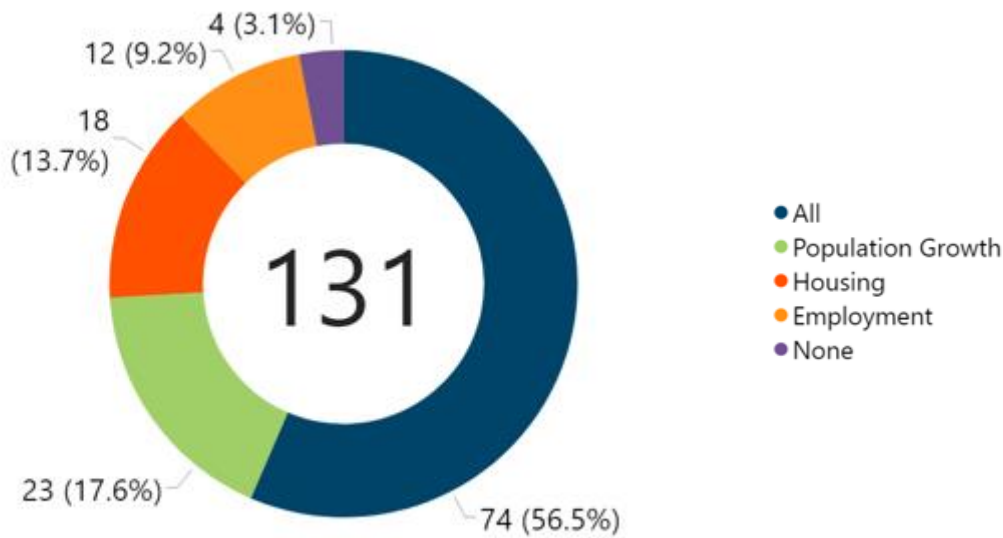
Respondent Demographics

Total Respondents:

How old are you?



Which issues are you most interested in?

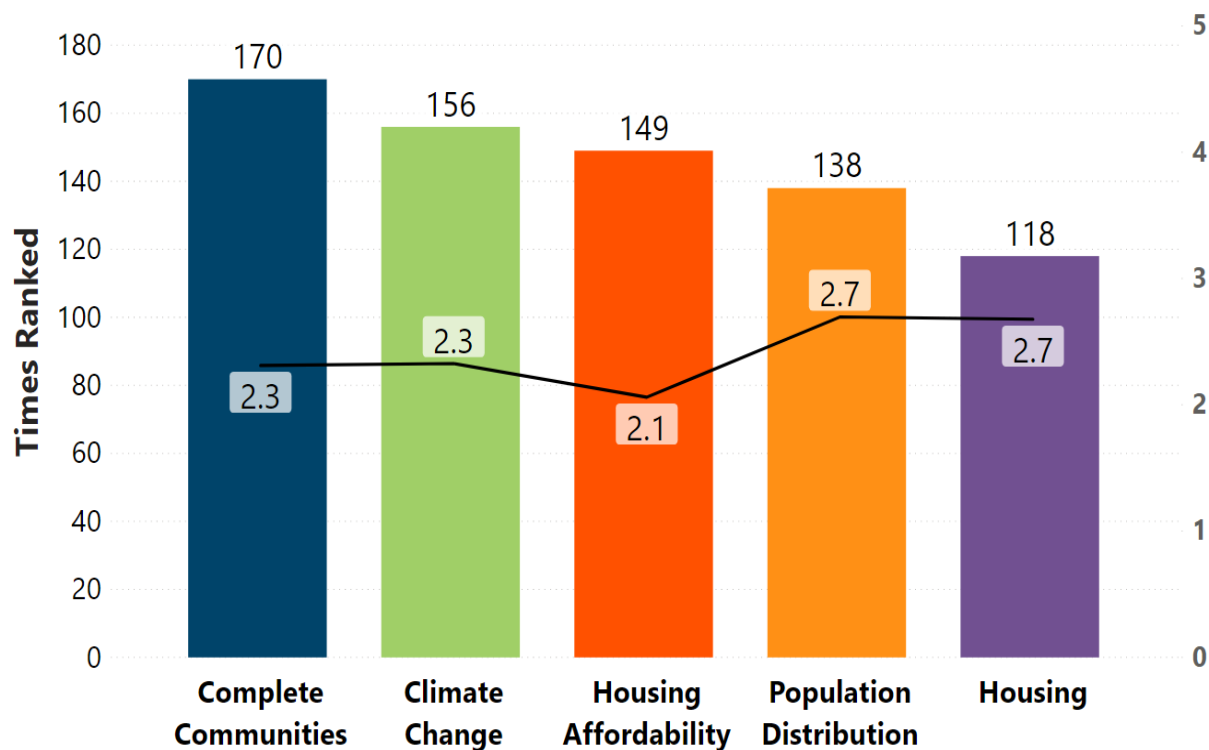


Growth Management Topics Priority Ranking

Important notes:

- 5 growth management topics were provided for respondents to rank by perceived priority.
- Respondents could rank up to a maximum of 3 growth management topics.
- A rank of “1” indicates highest priority. A rank of “5” indicates lowest priority of those ranked.

Please rank three of the following growth management topics by order of importance.



Growth Management Statement Rankings

Important notes:

- After selecting and ranking topic priorities, respondents were asked to rank statements associated with their indicated areas of interest.
- A “1 Star” ranking indicates the respondent strongly disagreed with the statement, while a “5 Star” ranking indicates the respondent strongly agreed.

3 Agreement Rating

SCENARIO RATING

Housing Complete Communities Housing Affordability

More about this

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Providing affordable housing, is an important part of creating a complete community.

Agreement Rating
What to do

Let us know how strongly you agree with each of the following statements in your indicated areas of interest. (1 Star indicates you strongly disagree with the statement, 5 Stars indicates you strongly agree. Leave a comment to tell us what you think!)

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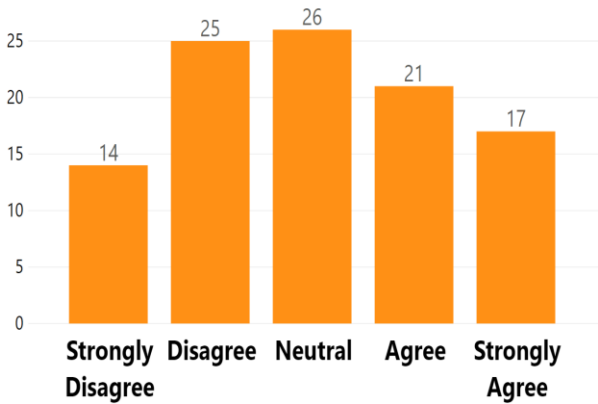
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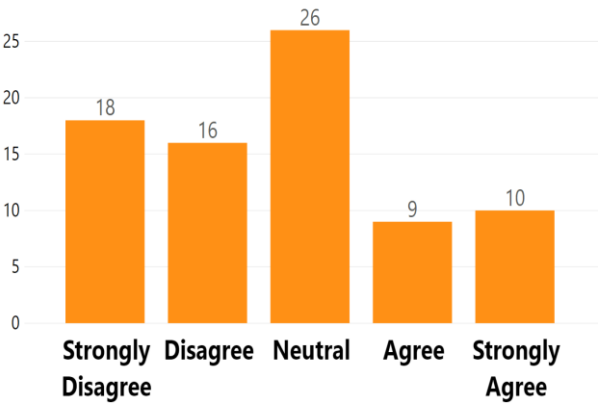
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“Population Distribution” Priority Responses

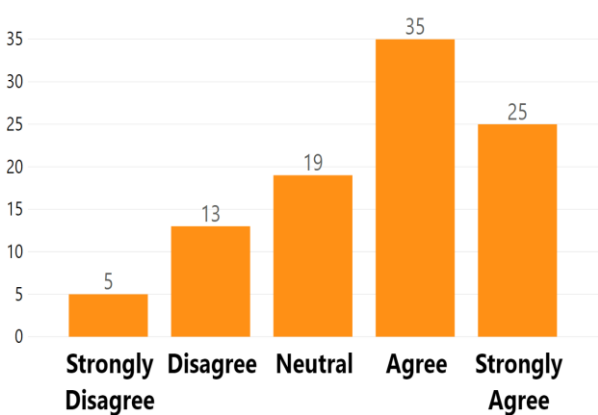
Population growth has a positive impact on the community.



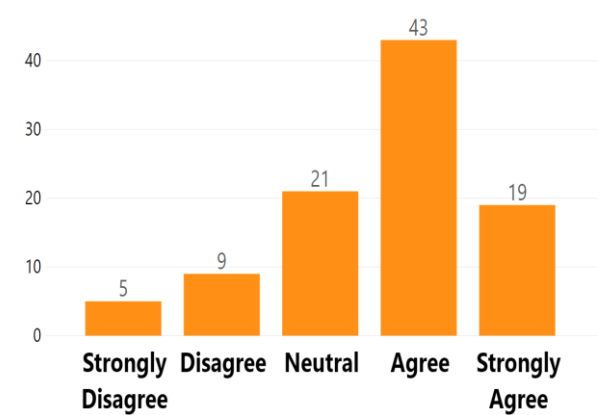
The Region should plan for municipalities to receive the same number of new housing units to accommodate its future population.



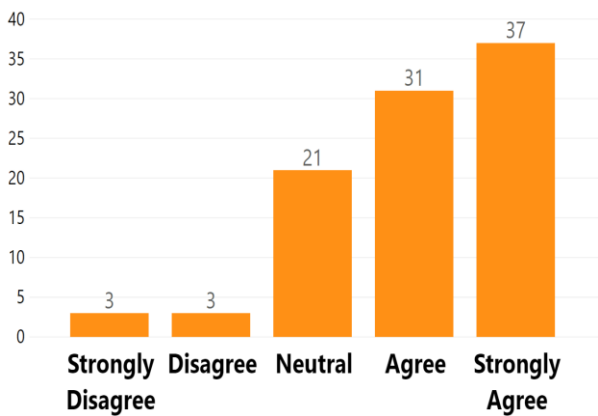
Population growth should be directed to areas that make better use of existing services and infrastructure.



Specific areas within municipalities should be identified to accommodate a majority of future population growth.

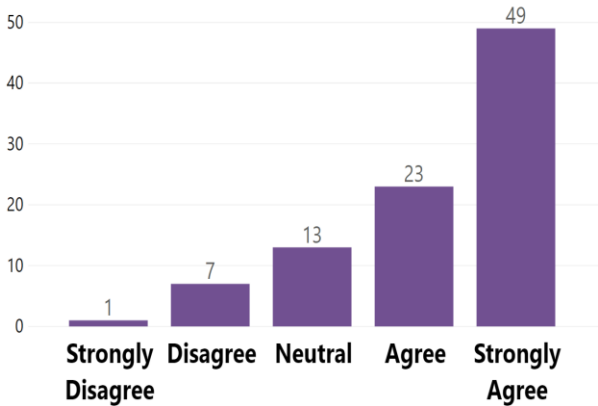


Detailed planning studies, such as secondary plans, should be undertaken to direct growth in the context of local priorities.

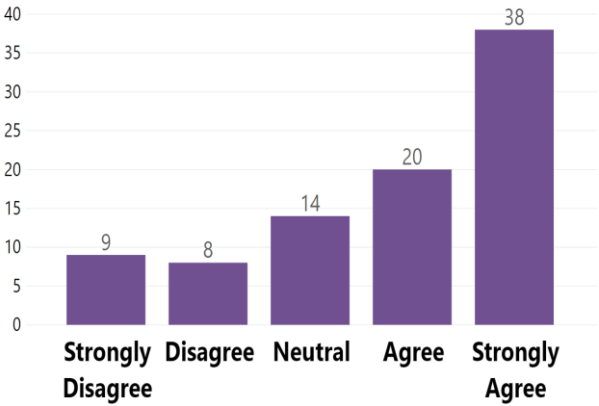


“Housing” Priority Responses

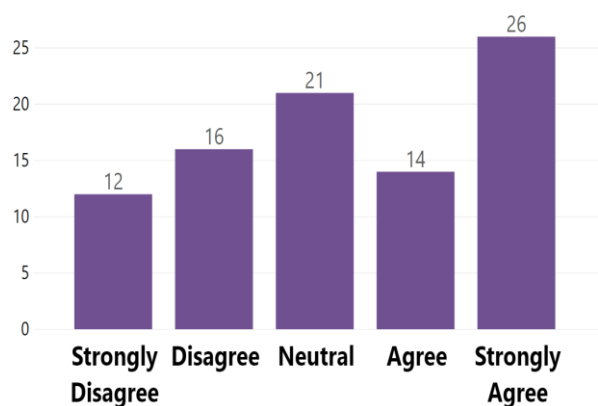
Neighbourhoods should contain housing for people at all stages of life and economic levels.



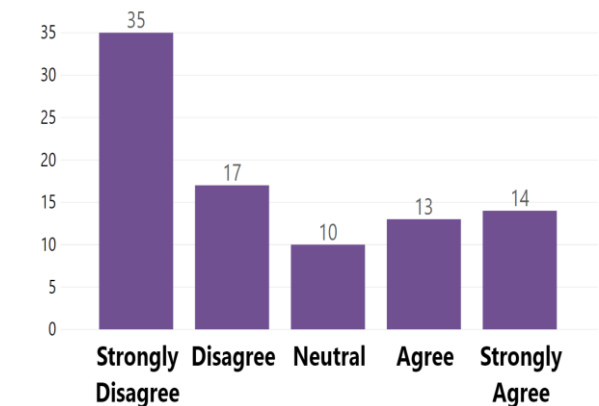
Neighbourhoods should contain a mix of housing types, including single-family detached dwellings, townhouses and apartments.



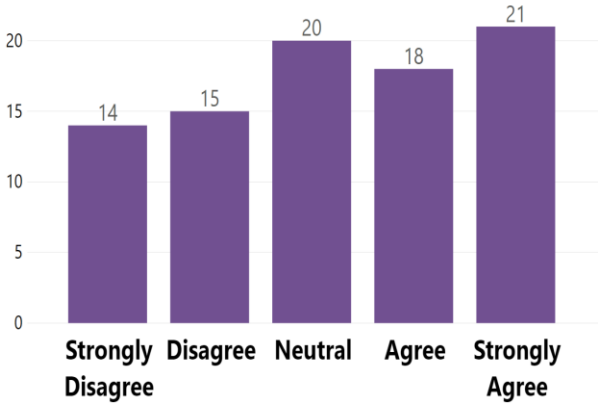
More dense forms of housing, such as multi-unit dwellings and apartments, is needed to house Niagara's future population.



My neighbourhood would benefit from the introduction of well-designed, denser forms of housing.

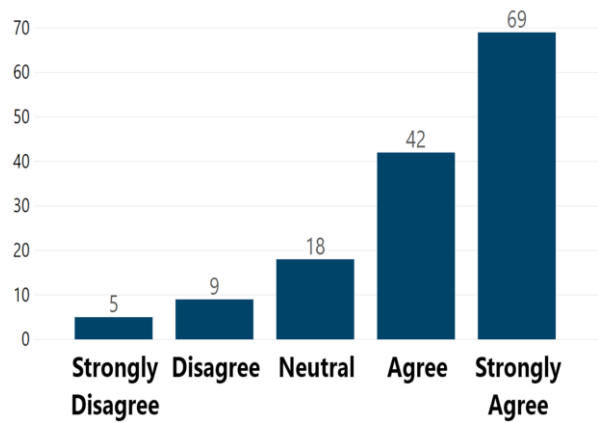


Adding new units to a basement, garage, or separate structure on an existing property is a good way to provide more housing options for the community.

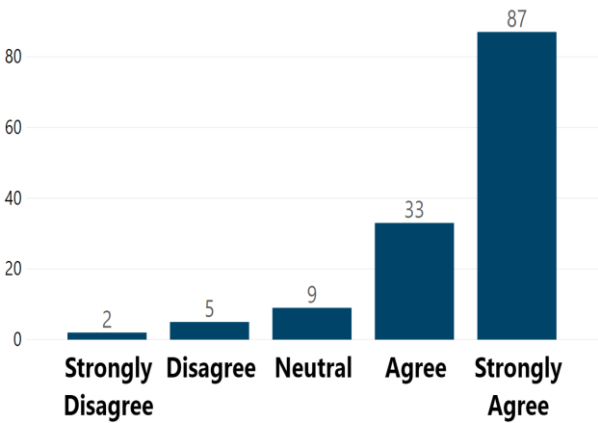


“Complete Communities” Priority Responses

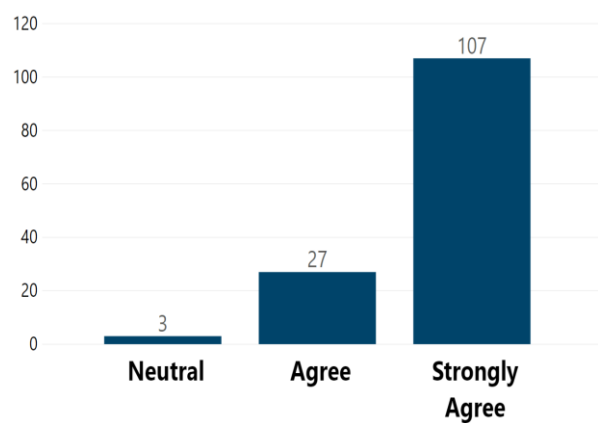
Providing a diverse mix of housing, including affordable housing, is an important component in achieving a complete community.



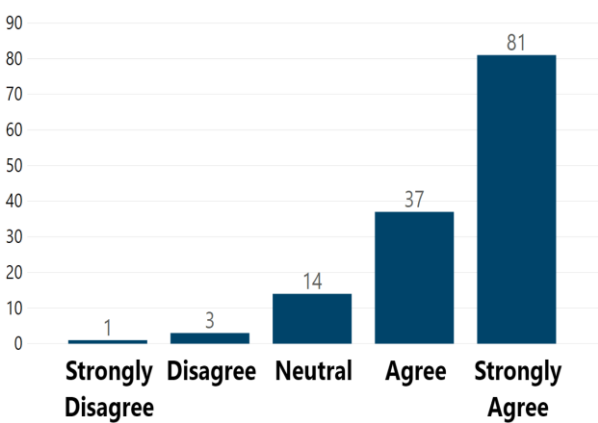
Providing a range of transportation options to reduce our reliance on cars is an important component in achieving a complete community.



Providing open space and recreational space is an important component in achieving a complete community.

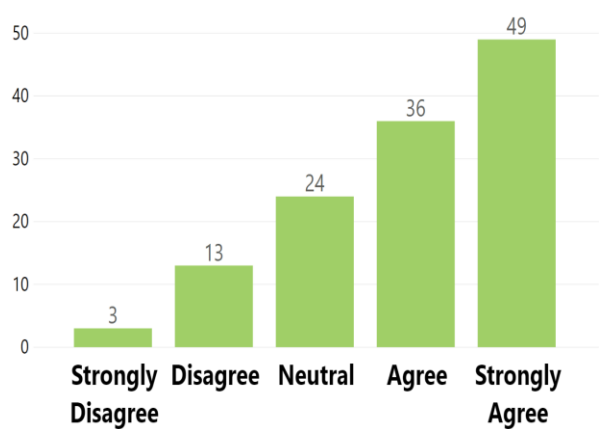


Having access to a variety of retail uses and public services and facilities is an important component in achieving a complete community.

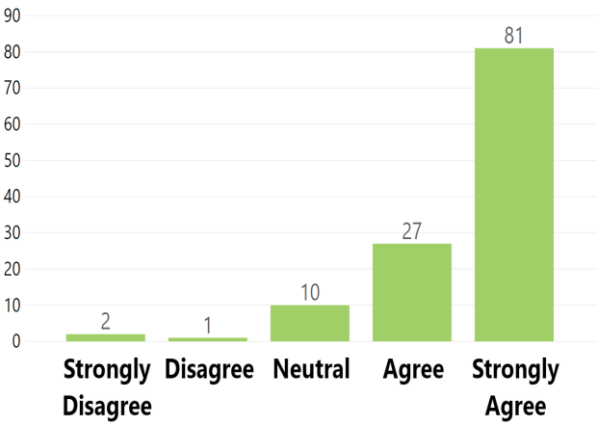


“Climate Change” Priority Responses

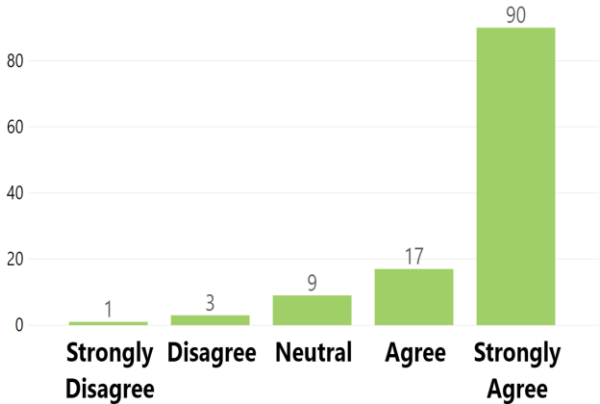
Population growth should be directed to built up areas to reduce the expansion of municipal infrastructure outside of urban areas.



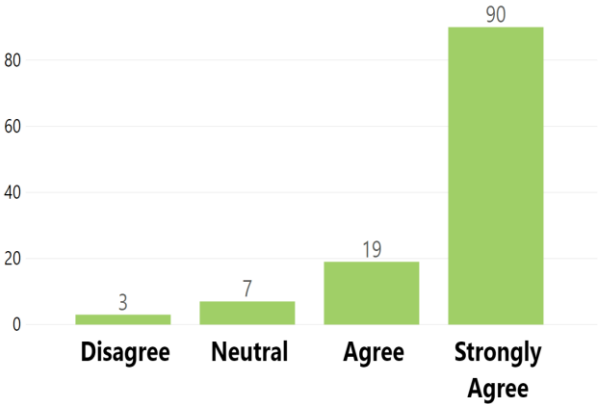
Communities should be planned with a mix of land uses and transportation options to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



Development should support the use of renewable energy systems in the community, such as geothermal, district heating, and solar power technology.

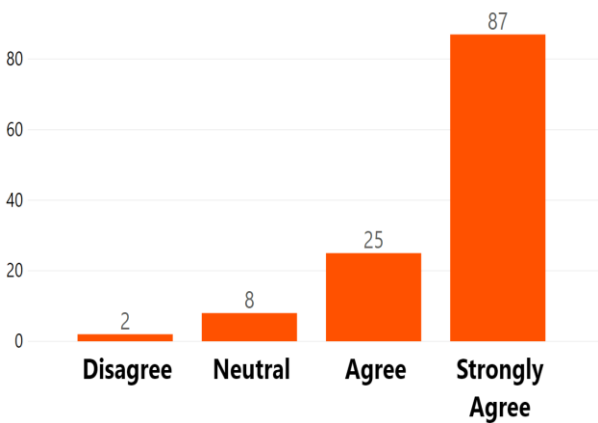


Development should utilize green infrastructure such as green roofs, permeable surfaces, natural channels, and increased tree cover, to reduce flooding.

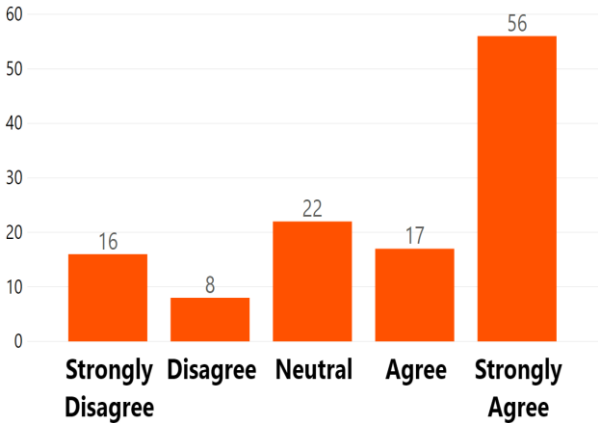


“Housing Affordability” Priority Responses

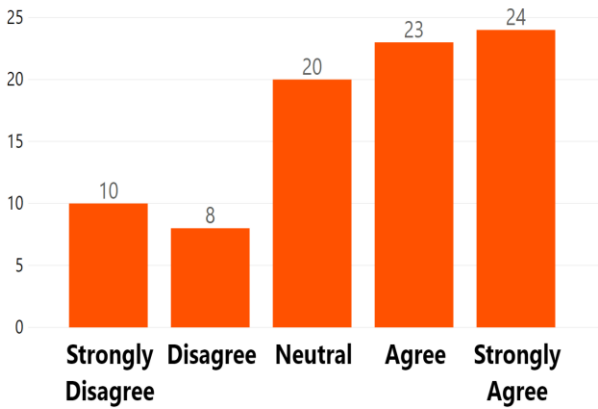
More affordable housing options are needed within my municipality.



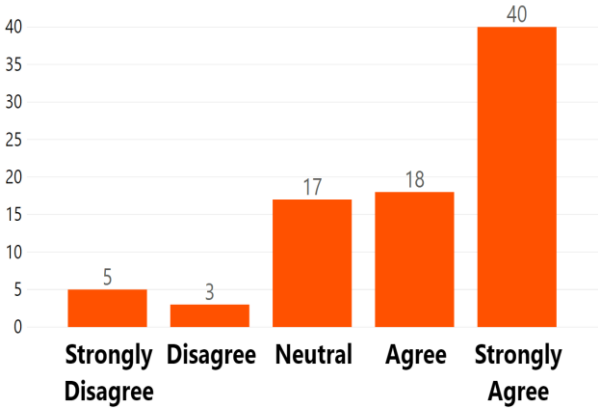
More rental housing options, such as multi-unit dwellings and apartments, are needed within my community.



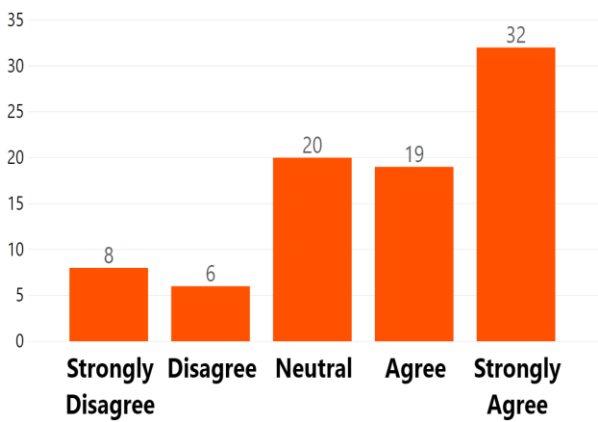
More dense forms of housing is required to enable seniors to live within my community.



A portion of all medium and high-density developments in my community should be dedicated to affordable housing.



Tax dollars should be used to develop or support the development of affordable housing.



Trade-Off Scenario Rankings

Important notes:

- The questions on the Trade-Off Scenario screen describe two opposing opinions on growth management planning.
- Respondents were asked to select the opinion they most agreed with. Selecting the arrow closest to the given scenario indicates strong agreement with that position.

4 Preferences

TRADEOFFS

Growth Density Distribution Housing Complete Communities

How should future growth be managed in the Niagara Region?
Choose the option that best shows which tradeoff you prefer

Develop at the edge of cities; higher servicing costs per home; more urban sprawl

Redevelop built up areas; lower servicing costs per home; less urban sprawl

Preferences
What to do

Indicate where you stand on each of the Tradeoff scenarios. Each image represents an opposing opinion in growth management planning.

Item 1 vs Item 2
Choose the option that best shows which tradeoff you prefer

« < Neutral > »

Show your position on each tradeoff.

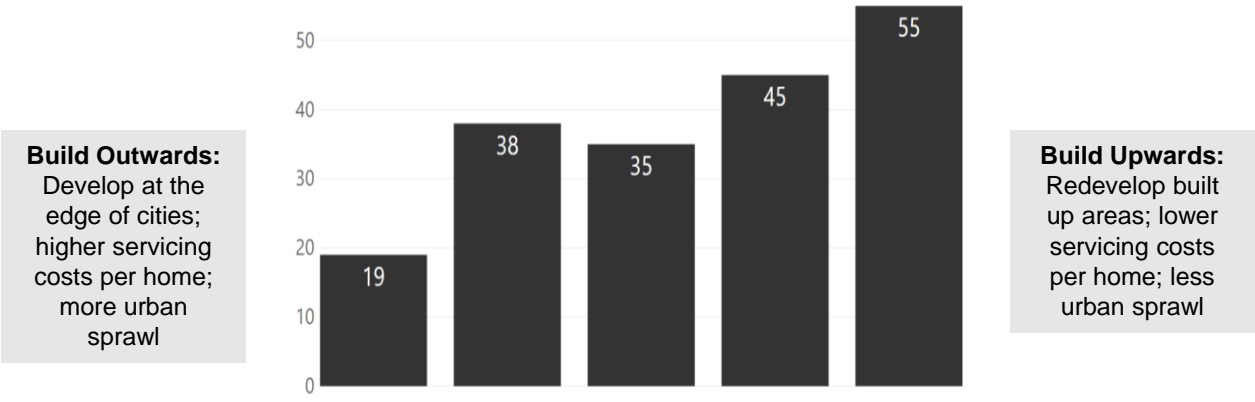
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Build Outwards Build Upwards

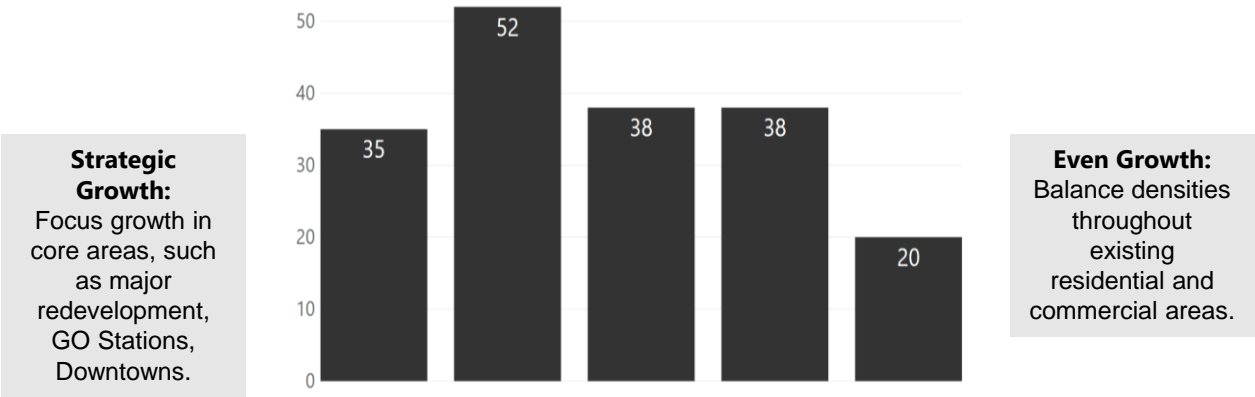
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Growth Management Trade-Off Scenarios

How should future growth be accommodated in Niagara Region?



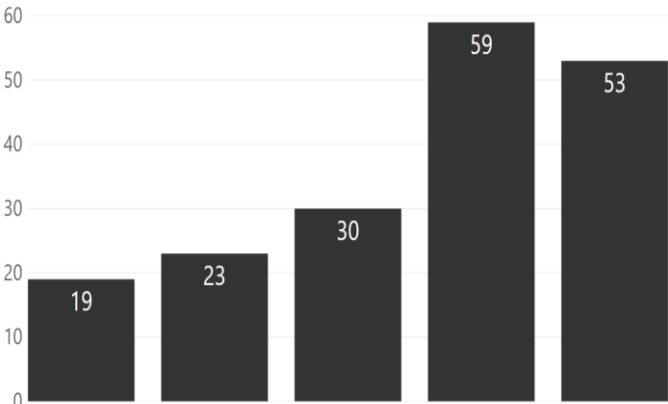
Where should population growth be directed in Niagara?



Growth Management Trade-Off Scenarios

Should neighborhoods contain a variety of housing forms and options?

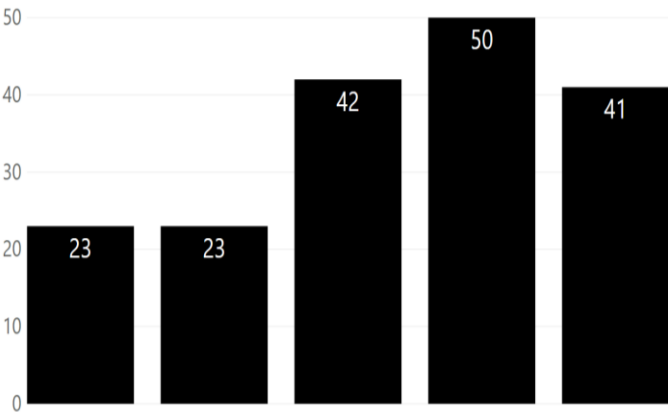
Maintain Housing Character:
Maintain form of existing communities; provides less housing options for residents



Increase Options:
Develop a variety of dwelling types; provides more housing options for residents

Should public funding be used to make our communities more attractive?

Development Implemented Public Realm:
Duty placed on private developments to invest in the public realm



Municipally Implemented Public Realm:
Duty placed on the Region and cities/towns to invest in the public realm