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Project Overview

Today, climate change disproportionately affects communities of color and low-income residents, threatening the stability of their surrounding environment, available resources, and socio-economic conditions. Passed in 2018 by over 65% of Portland voters, the Portland Clean Energy Fund (PCEF) was created to help frontline Portland communities fight against current climate crises, representing the first environmental initiative in Oregon led by communities of color.

In 2022, City Council called on PCEF officials to create the PCEF Climate Investment Plan, a 5-year climate investment initiative focused on achieving major carbon reductions that advance racial and social justice. This plan will receive between \$80-90 million a year in funding and seeks to benefit all Portland communities by centering on the effects climate change has on communities of color, low-income residents, and people with disabilities. Through an outreach and intentional program, PCEF plans to create avenues for the local community to voice their opinions, experiences, and related concerns, which includes an Accessibility survey conducted by Lara Media Services (LMS). These proceedings will then be used to make changes to PCEF's engagement processes and serve as a future guide for engaging community members. Officials hope to have a plan drafted and ready for consideration by the PCEF committee and City council by the summer of 2023. This report is focused on analyzing and disaggregating data from: PCEF's Climate Investment Plan's Accessibility Survey.

PCEF created the accessibility survey with the intent to measure the community's concerns and interests regarding climate change and their needs for effective participation. With over 170 participants, it will lay the foundations for PCEFs' continued engagement plan and inform their continued attempts to keep the communities needs and concerns at the head of their proceedings.

LMS is a certified MBE, WBE, DBE, and ESB firm (Certification #7923), and B-Corp is known for its just, equitable, inclusive, and culturally responsive approach and research techniques. LMS is Latina-owned, and 100% of the team is multicultural and multilingual; our vision is to create an equitable world where everyone can be seen, heard, and treated as valuable and necessary members of society. LMS is committed to amplifying the voices of communities that have been underserved and marginalized by regional governments. Every opportunity to engage with the communities their clients want to serve is a valuable gift.

Methodology

PCEF requested that LMS coordinate, conduct and facilitate a community survey to measure the community's concerns and interests regarding climate change and their needs for effective participation.

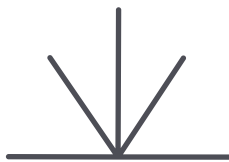
PCEF identified priority audiences and essential considerations when developing the survey. The research focused on connecting with frontline community members identified as low-income, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC), and/or living with a disability and youth identified as those under 21 years of age. The survey was open to all community members residing within the Portland Metro Area.

The initial survey was created by PCEF in English and was transcreated into Spanish by the LMS team using linguistically relevant connections to authentically engage participants in their native language. This method presented an opportunity to gather initial impressions and observations from priority audiences that would later inform and support continued community outreach and engagement strategies for PCEF's Climate Investment Plan. LMS's background in community engagement and data analysis helped engage a diverse group of participants and capture the sentiment of multiple perspectives by allowing facilitators to build trust with the communities they intend to engage with and developing a safer space for participants to actively and authentically contribute and share both their needs and concerns. The first 50 people to complete the survey in Spanish were compensated, with participants receiving \$15 through CashApp, Venmo, Check or or an Amazon gift card paid upon completing the Spanish survey. This helped promote the Spanish survey and reach marginalized communities by incentivizing participation.

The survey was available to community members from December 14th, 2022 - January 6th, 2023. PCEF conducted outreach through their website, three community engagement consultants, and hosted a virtual kick-off meeting on December 14th for all interested community members to launch the PCEF Climate Investment Plan development process, which began with the Accessibility Survey. LMS recruited priority audiences through strategic social media posts and existing relationships with the community built over the last 20+ years. Together, LMS and PCEF gathered a total of 179 survey responses from local community members.



The following report analyzes the information gathered in the survey, organized by key topic and demographic grouping:



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identified as Portland community members who are low-income, Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC), and/or living with a disability.

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Youth ,

identified as Portland community members 21 years of age and under.

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8

All Communities,

encompassing all Portland community members who engaged in the Accessibility Survey.

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Findings

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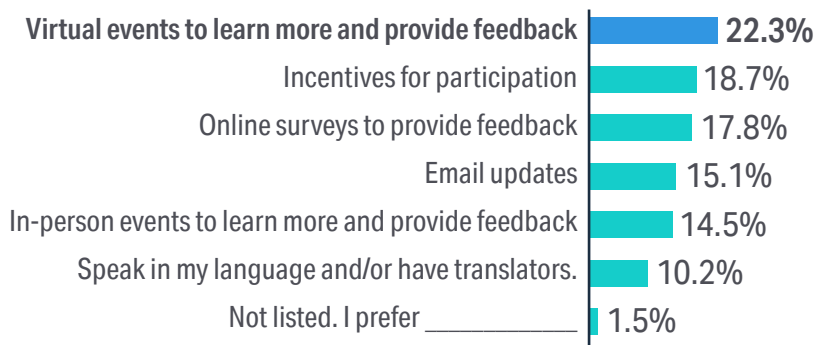
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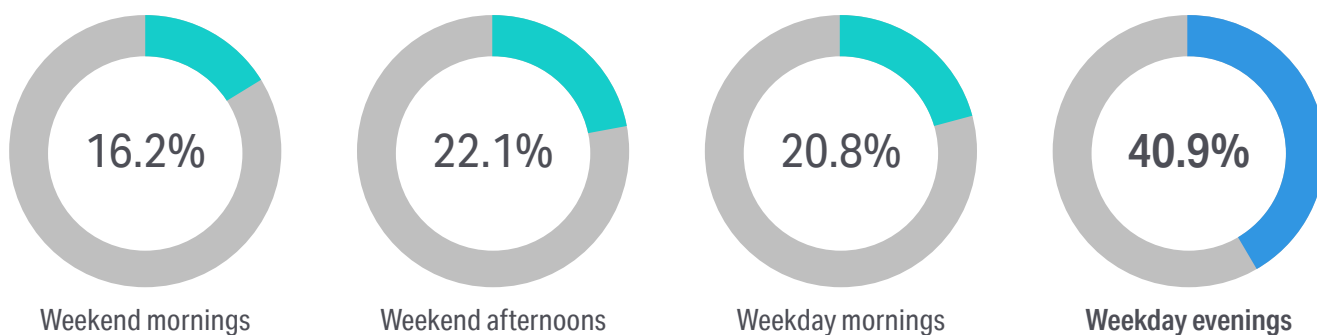
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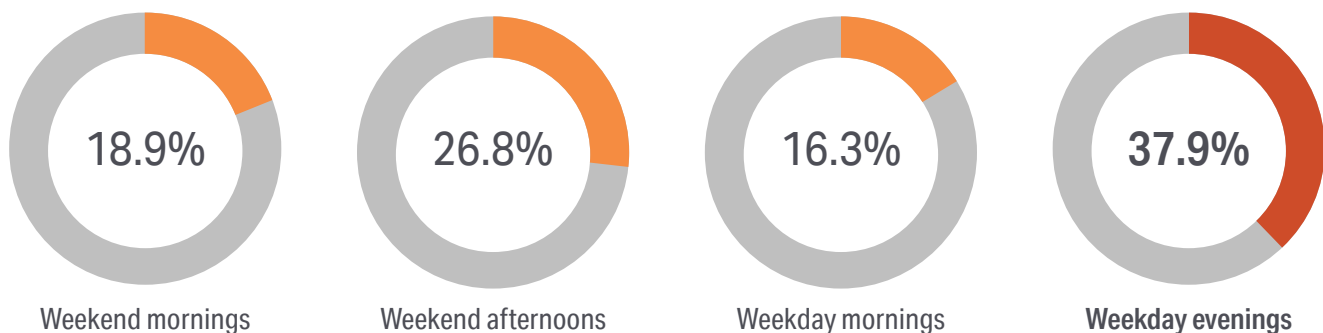
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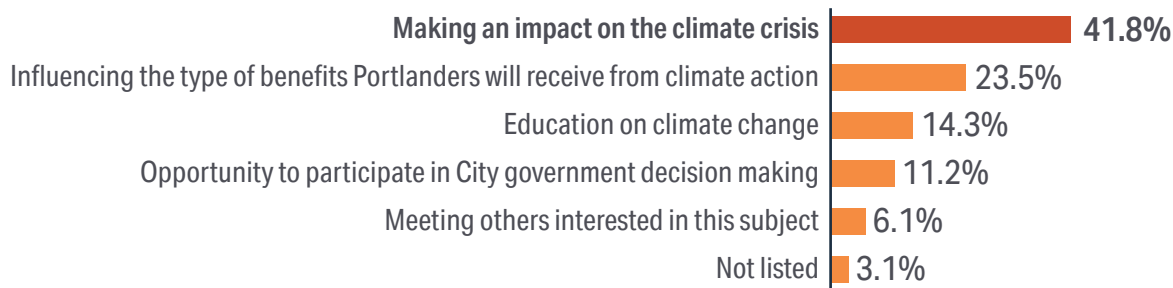
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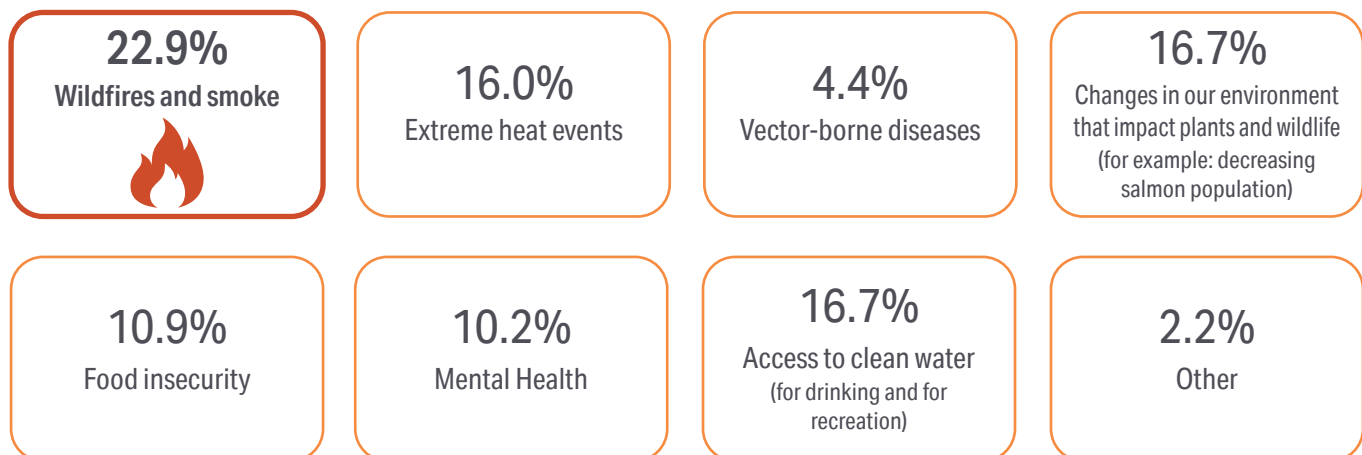
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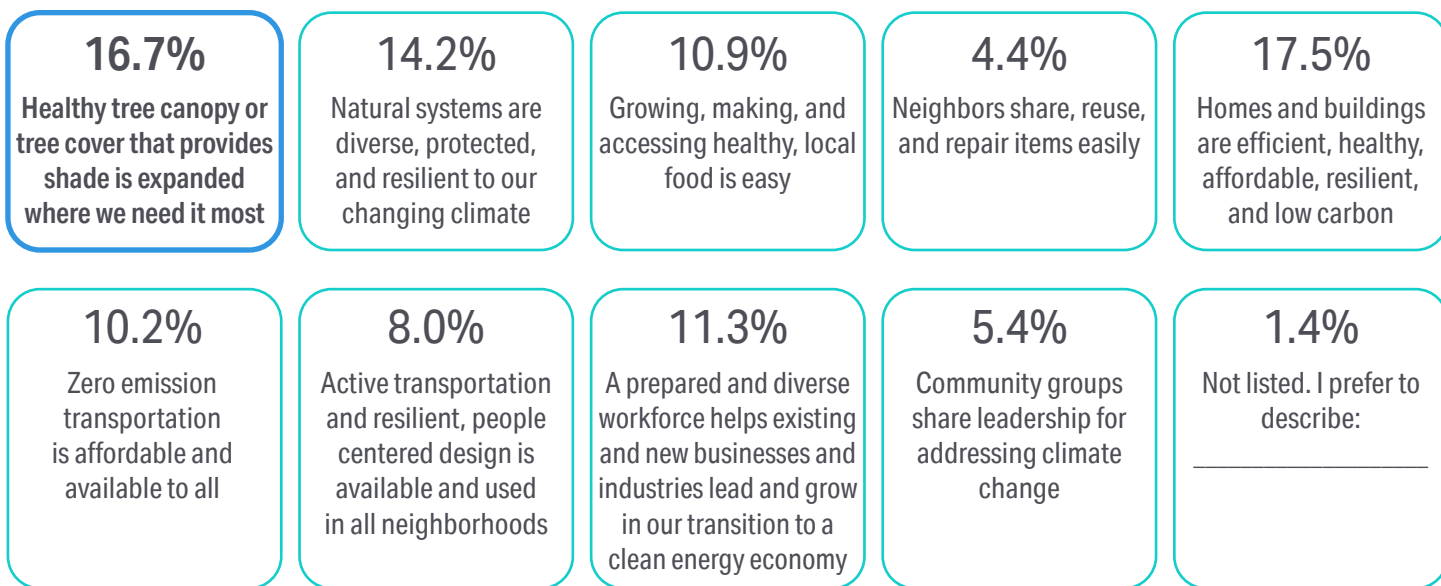
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- "Application process is difficult and created through a white lens."
- "Minority organizations are only being used as a check mark but don't receive funding."
- "Funding, oversight and accountability to implement."
- "I feel that more climate action needs to be taken by large corporations, especially in the enemy sector and the military industrial complex, since their impact in climate change is the gratest."
- "Too cumbersome, too slow".
- "Only people in the "club" will be able to benefit, too many hoops to access benefits, recieve job training, opportunities, etc. I hope that the barrier for small groups and individuals to access support from PCEF is low."
- "1) insufficient civic engagement to understand what is most impactful to most vulnerable 2. Financial efficiency is considered secondary to centering priority population, instead of holding both as priorities, w recognition that financial efficacy/efficiency is a tool to better support more of the priority populations w same amount of money 3) somehow CIP will be used to co-opt the initial intent of PCEF and direct funds towards projects deemed important by government not public."

-  *"Concerned the objectives will be too broad, and have less of an impact."*
-  *"I am concerned about the efficiency of community nonprofits use of public funds. A climate fund should be directed toward making the city's emissions cleaner, egregious administrative costs are unacceptable."*
-  *"To keep the process transparent and the information accessible through the process so communities understand the path we are on."*
-  *"Pollution."*
-  *"People, refugee and immigrants need to be included in the decision-making process as they are the most vulnerable groups."*
-  *"I am not local but I still want to be involved and support."*
-  *"That currently marginalized groups will continue to be marginalized; that the main problem (human consumption) will continue to be seen as the solution (produce more things to consume)."*
-  *"That the process will not be centered and guided by Native peoples and knowledges; that it doesn't consider replacing systems of Indigenous erasure."*
-  *"Our Govt making decisions that impact us without us."*
-  *"Diversity in the meetings, decision making process is not emphasized."*
-  *"Make it easier to participate."*
-  *"Lack of inclusivity."*
-  *"Que exista un comité que represente a nuestra comunidad."*
-  *"That I don't know what to expect."*
-  *"Whether people are going to want to join or do something to solve this."*
-  *"I want to thank you for including transportation access in this. It is huge. As mass transit was designed for preference to a "City Core," we have limited transportation options since the pandemic. First for health safety reasons, and now for personal safety and a decreasing number of bus times/ routes, more people who used to take transit have learned to drive and/or bought a car. It has a huge impact on our immediate air quality and on the broader climate."*
-  *"If participating prohibits ones accessing funds?"*
-  *"Having time to participate."*
-  *"Talk to middle school and high school kids, in person. They will be dealing with the most impacts."*
-  *"All Portlanders in poverty will not have infrastructure built in their neighborhoods."*
-  *"A lot of dispersed and expensive efforts without a coordinated and systemic strategy."*
-  *"Vulnerable population."*
-  *"Sometimes climate change goals can seem so huge. I'd like help knowing how our community will share it's impact. I want to publish articles in academic journals about our work. How can we access funding to simply amplify our voices and impact? Black and Brown leadership exists but we don't have the time to share our stories and our impact."*

-  *"I am concerned that communities of color and senior citizens might be excluded from the conversations. Minority groups in Portland need access to these conversations."*
-  *"That the money will be spent for political/performative purposes and will not make a real difference. Inability for enough people to meet in person."*
-  *"I think we need to consider more than just 3 points as many of these issues are interconnected and are all extremely important."*
-  *"Timeline."*
-  *"Certain perspectives may not be considered from a holistic approach compared to others."*
-  *"It doesn't acknowledge innovation or forward-thinking approaches. Limited to a "rear view" rather than a regenerative perspective, especially regarding BIPOC business owners being able to represent community interests. Yet another "savior" example where we can't legitimately build wealth unless we get a paycheck from a non-profit or government job."*
-  *"...that the funded projects optimally fill the need -- rather than duplicate (or fail to synergize with) other regional or Federal initiatives."*
-  *"The lack of opportunities for in-person meetings and workshops."*
-  *"Government actors dominating the ideas and decisions."*

8. What other groups should know about this process?

Participant Responses:

-  *"Every community development organization, schools, and elected officials."*
-  *"Estudiantes de Highschool."*
-  *"Black Girls Pdx, Black People Do Live Portland Oregon."*
-  *"Todos."*
-  *"Debe ser expresado a todo nivel y todo grupo."*
-  *"Community centers and gardens."*
-  *"Safe haven organizations and those serving under-represented groups (ex. churches, transition housing orgs, counselors, hospitals, etc.)"*
-  *"People in rural areas."*
-  *"Elders."*
-  *"Everyone receiving some kind of state benefit - ebt/ohp etc."*
-  *"Las escuelas."*
-  *"Niños y Jóvenes."*
-  *"Niños y adolescentes que son el futuro."*
-  *"More directly involve energy producers and construction firms in decision-making."*
-  *"Toda la comunidad."*

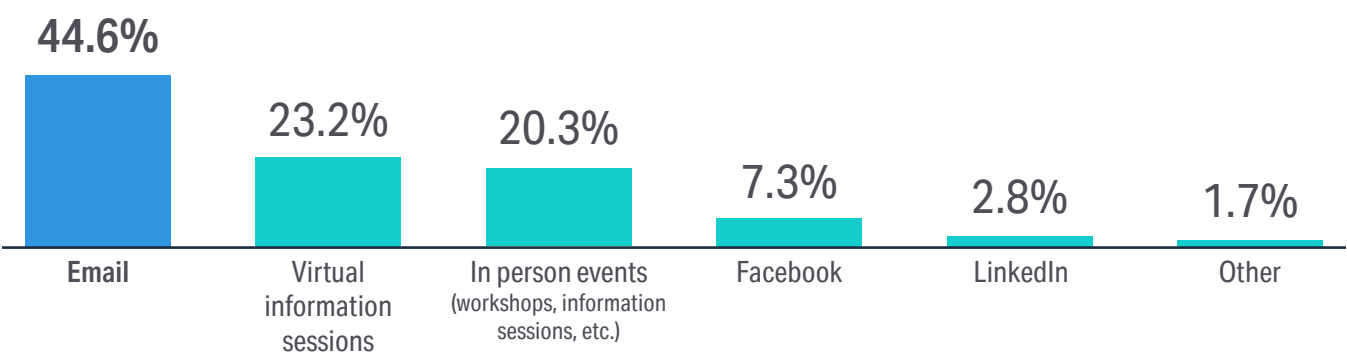
-  *"Word Is Bond, Community Of Black Men (COBM), Blacks In Tech (BIT), POIC RAHS, Kairos kids and parents, Black Oregon Land Trust (BOLT), Black Food Fund (BFF), The Number (FM radio station), Imagine Black, Bratton Construction, Blueprint Foundation, Constructing Hope,*
-  *"Nonprofits within our communities handling community challenges such as but not limited to housing and mental health."*
-  *"Maestros de niveles básicos y universitarios."*
-  *"Native American groups, nonprofit organizations, LLC."*
-  *"Schools."*
-  *"Groups of color."*
-  *"Every group."*
-  *"Juventud."*
-  *"Any other group who's already made an impact."*
-  *"Every group."*
-  *"Oregon Food Bank; Friends of Trees; Watershed Councils; Brown Hope; Equitable Giving Circle; Camp Elso; BUESINESSES and Business Groups; Ecotrust; League of Minority Voters; Center for Diversity and the Environment; B Local PDX; Blueprint Foundation; Brown Girl Rise; 4th and 5th graders throughout the 5 Portland School Districts."*
-  *"African-Americans."*
-  *"Housing providers, medical providers, mental health professionals."*
-  *"Children, schools, parents."*
-  *"Anti-poverty nonprofits and other groups serving and feeding the most vulnerable including seniors."*
-  *"Friends of groups."*
-  *"All minority groups should know about this process."*
-  *"Any allied groups that can provide ancillary support."*
-  *"All community members especially ones most effected by the recent heat waves."*
-  *"There are lot of layers to climate change and the preferable outcome would be for all aspects of communities to be involved at every stage."*
-  *"What other groups don't yet trust this process is a better question."*
-  *"Every Portland sustainability or public interest nonprofit, or other organization that has a codified sustainability mission -- as well as every licensed organization that has a climate action plan."*
-  *"The Moorish American Community & the faith based communities & all students in The country!"*
-  *"Unhoused, houseless, immigrant and refugee, people under 30."*

9. Anything else you'd like to tell us?

Participant Responses:

- "Climate change es algo scary y me da miedo por mi futuro."*
- "While your efforts are appreciated, the process is not accessible for small organizations and not sustainable."*
- "Electric bicycles can be an awesome mode of transportation, but if you live in an apartment, where are you supposed to securely park the bike and charge the battery. Either better storage is needed for electric bikes where the electronics can stay out of the rain. Subsidising bikes with easily removable batteries could also be a plus."*
- "Debe de haber un proceso transparente y equitativo para la repartición de fondos y grants."*
- "I recognize these are people-facing supports to assist in the survival of a changing climate. We also need legislation, policy, and systems change to reduce the impact business/ capitalism/ industry has on climate change."*
- "I'm SO relieved you are looking at transportation as part of PCEF now."*
- "Inequity in the city around infrastructure for basic needs is evident. Making use of climate change funding to serve houseless, rent-burdened, seniors on fixed incomes, and medical debt burdened citizens seems essential."*
- "Need understanding of how to access disbursement of funding as reimbursement process can be lengthy with local government."*
- "Can documents be posted with meetings (visuals, presentations, etc.)"*
- "All PCEF-funded & completed projects should have visible signage, or other insignia/seal, to clearly & consistently identify it as "PCEF funded."*
- "Comunicar, ejecutar y participar todos juntos. información bilingüe."*
- "I wish that you would share this model with other states so they could follow your lead."*
- "More training and information."*
- "Sigamos estos procesos para hacer conciencia no solo a nuestro estado si no a todo el planeta."*
- "Thanking you giving us this opportunity. I'm happy to know that I could be educated more on what is impacting POC communities here in Portland and around the globe in general. Glad to have this to have our voices heard."*
- "I truly appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts on these important topics that impact the welfare of all Oregonians."*
- "Thank you for your hard work just would like to have this information provided in the schools and school districts."*
- "There's a typo on the "Finish" button at the end of this survey."*
- "Small COVID-certified businesses should be considered as CBOs, because we are: Community Based. Organizations."*

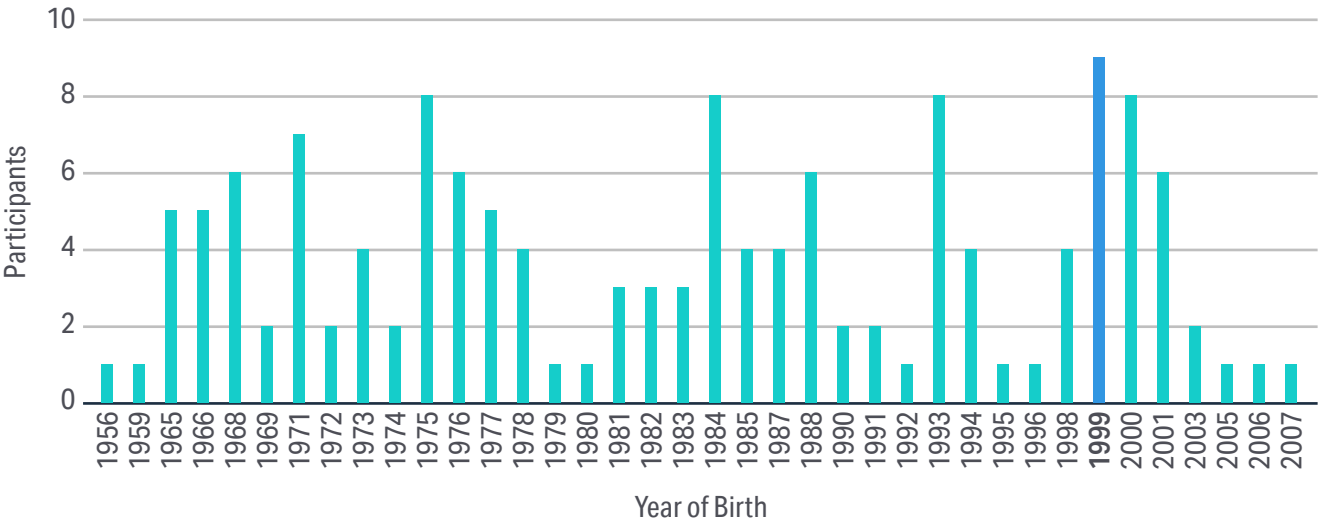
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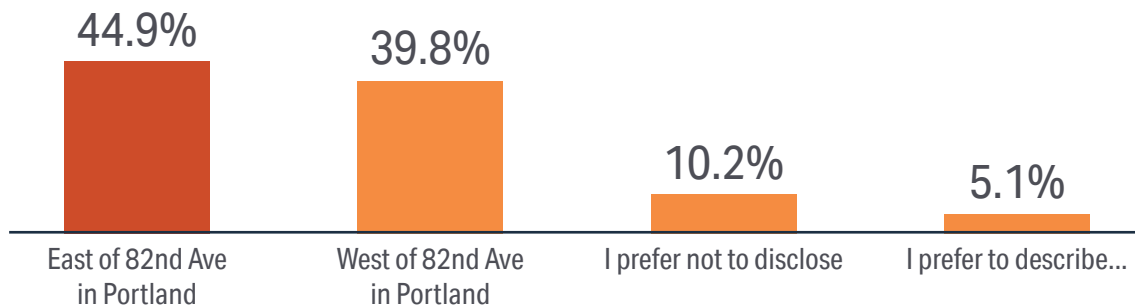
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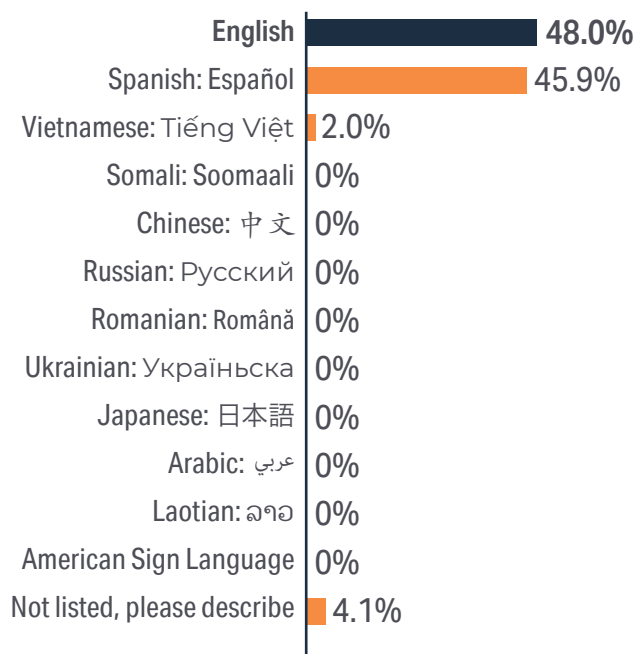
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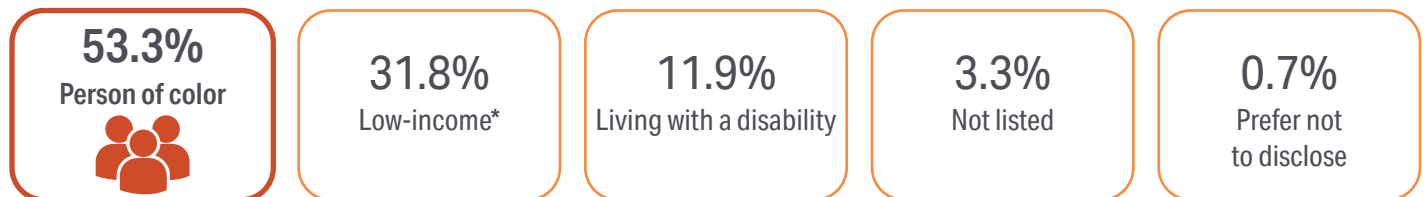
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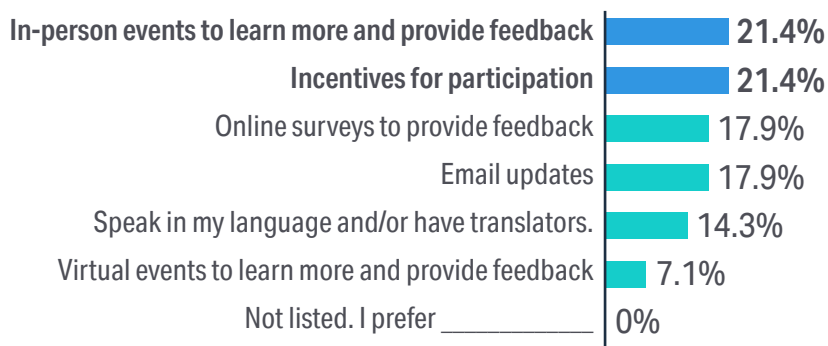
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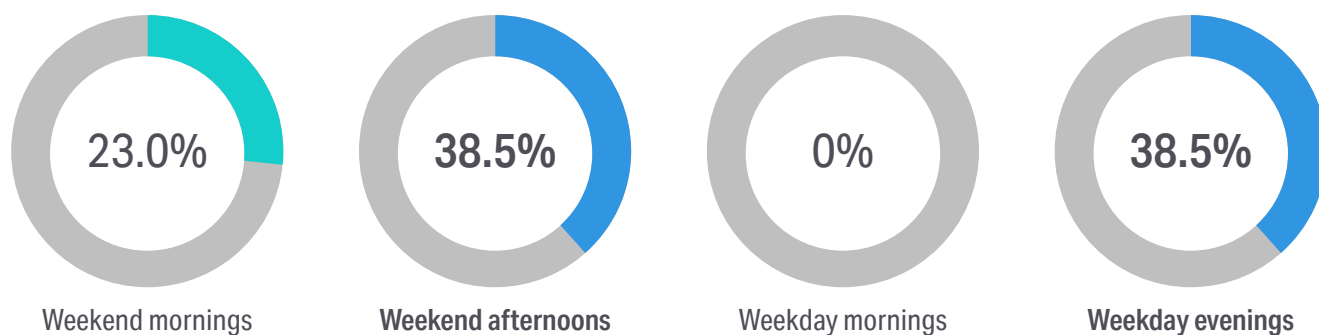
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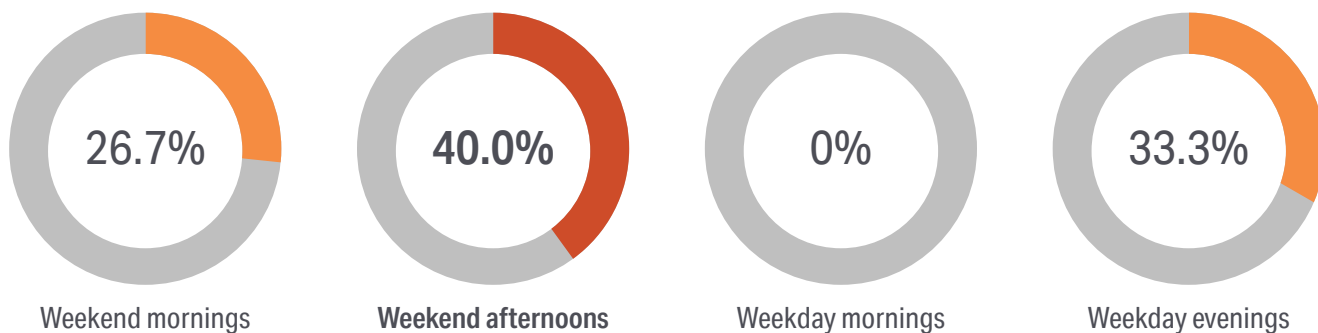
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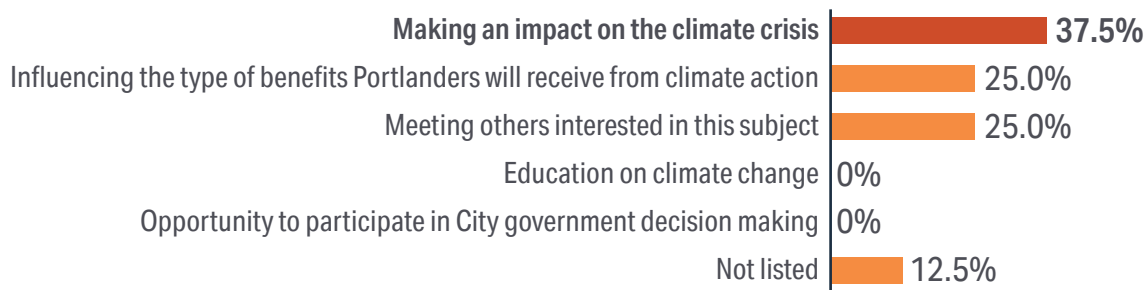
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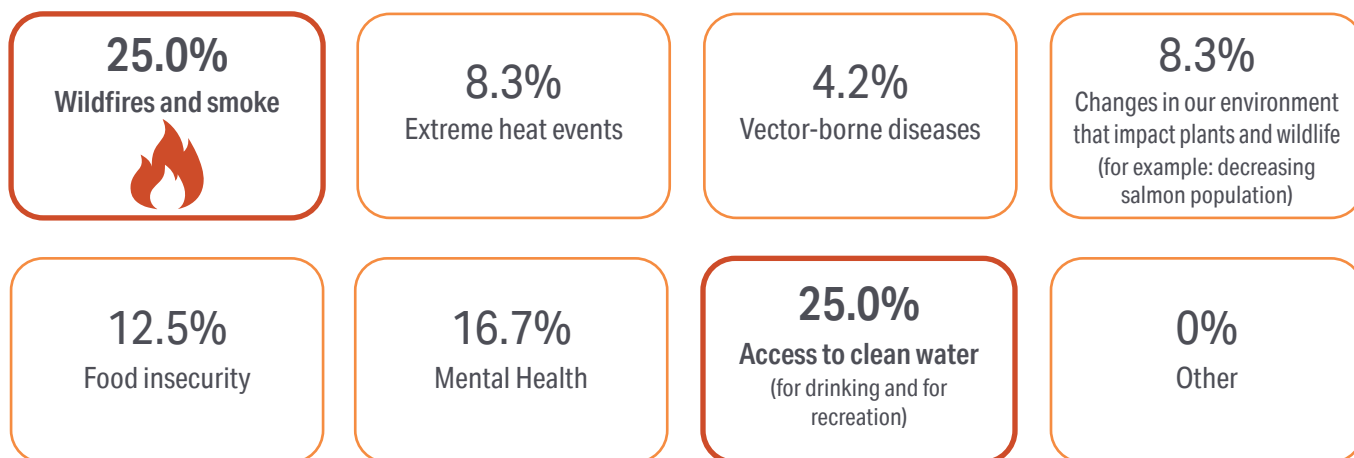
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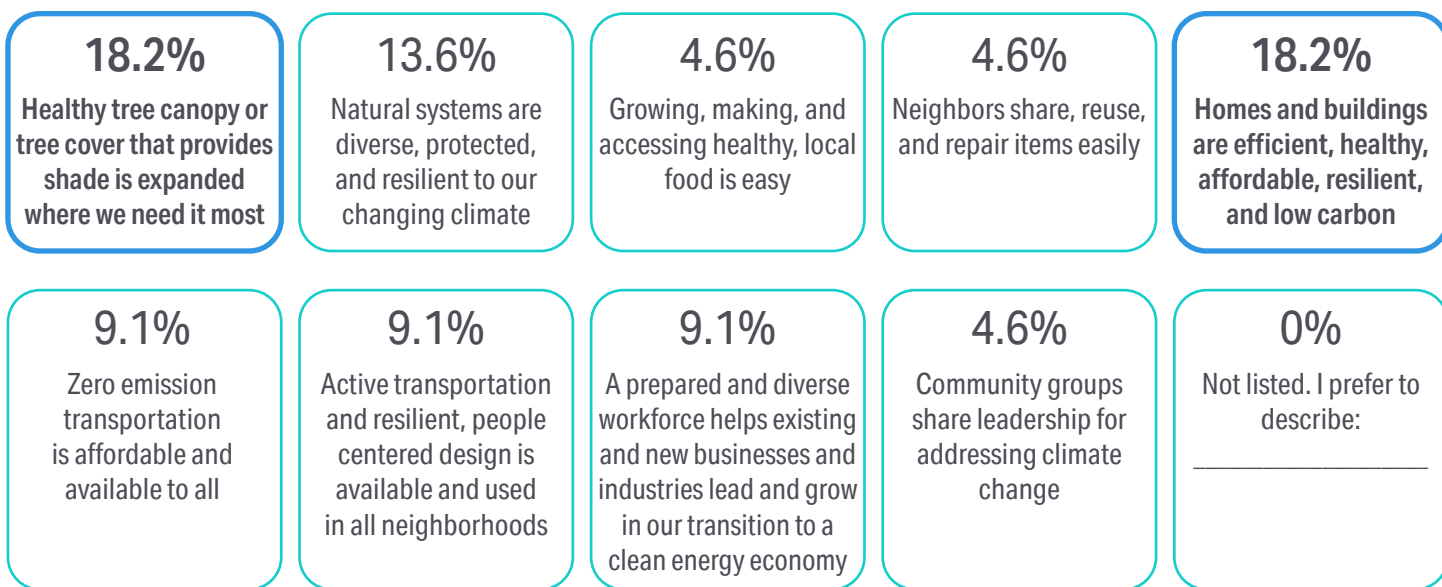
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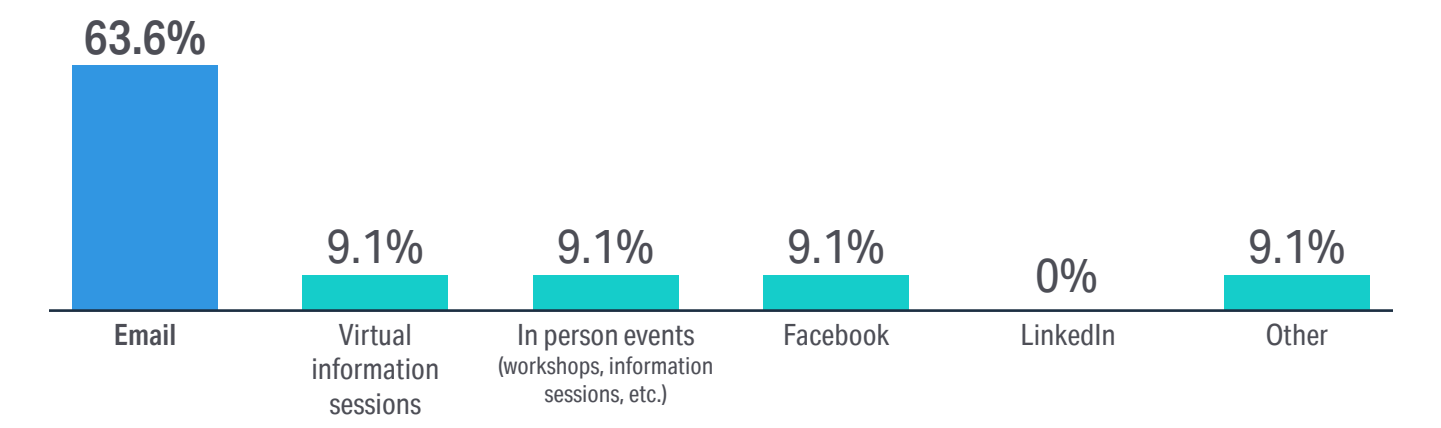
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9. Anything else you'd like to tell us?

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- “Climate change is scary and I’m worried about how it will impact my future.”
- “PCEF is a program that is incredibly technical. The way it is currently being presented limits the ability of its target communities to understand how it works. As a youth who has been doing work on legislation across the state for a year, I can barely keep up, and if PCEF does not make itself more understandable it will not be able to reach that target population.”

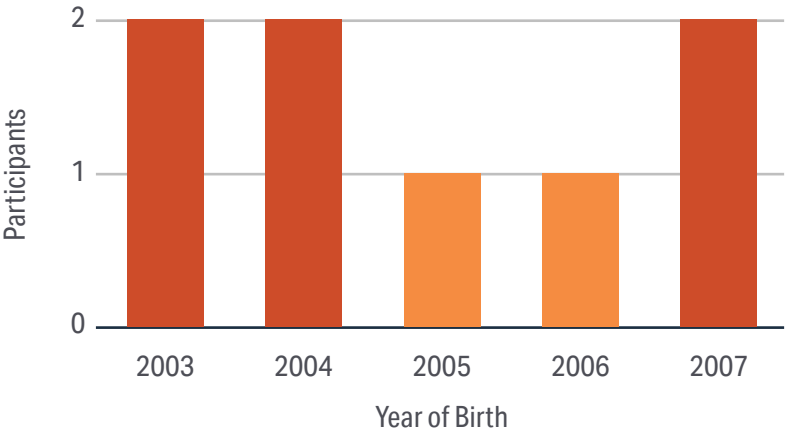
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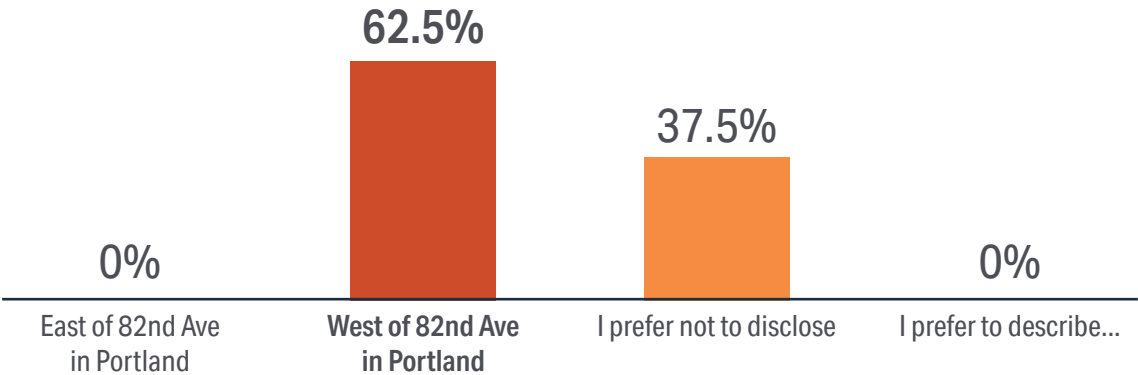
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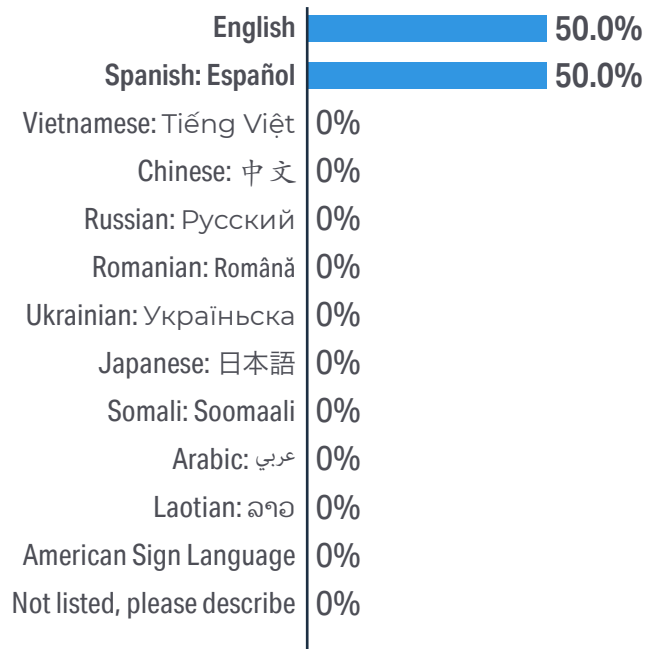
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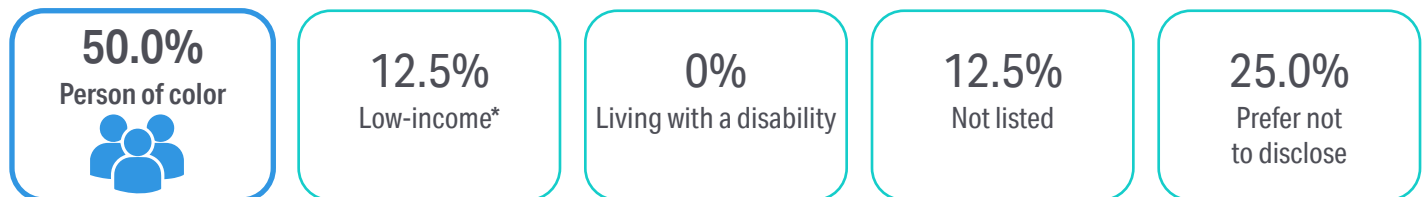
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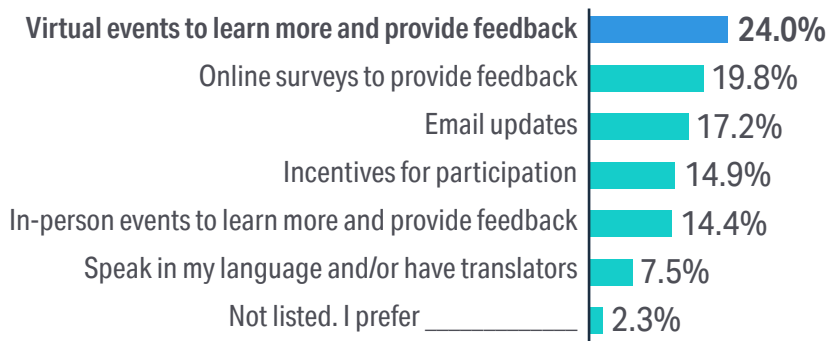
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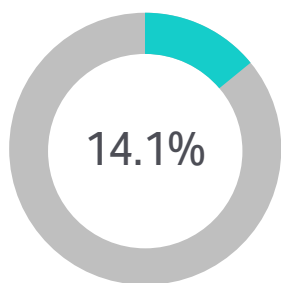


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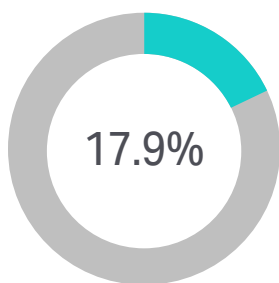
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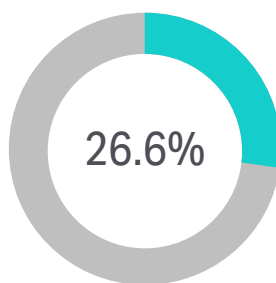
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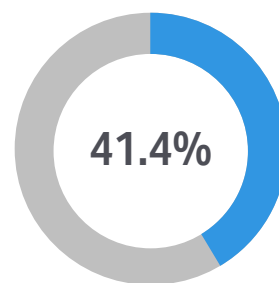
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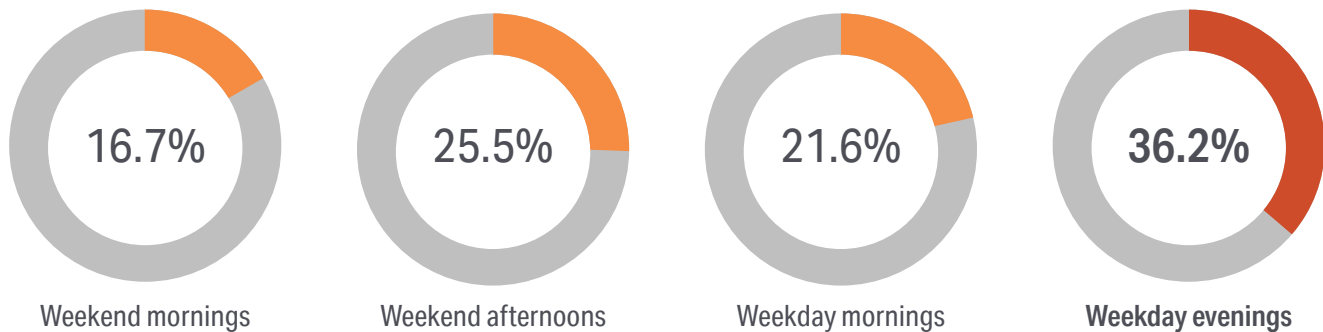


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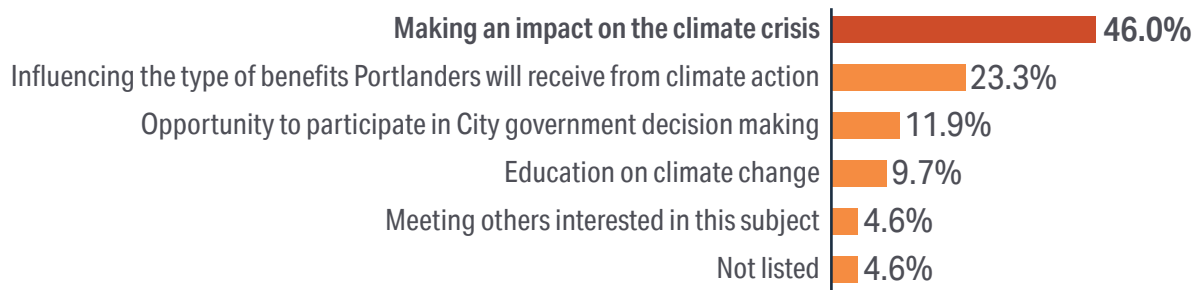


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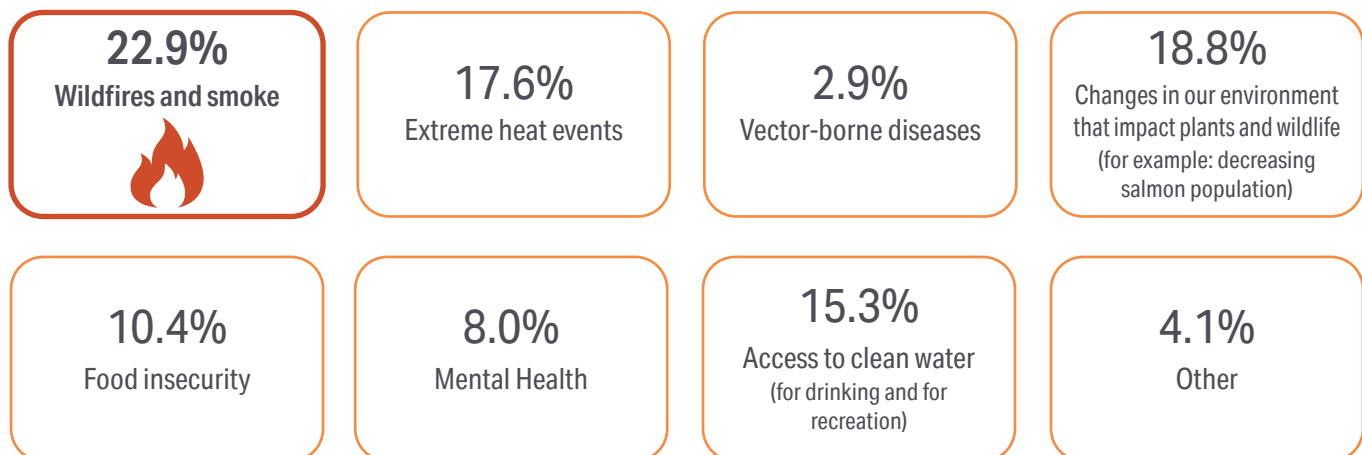
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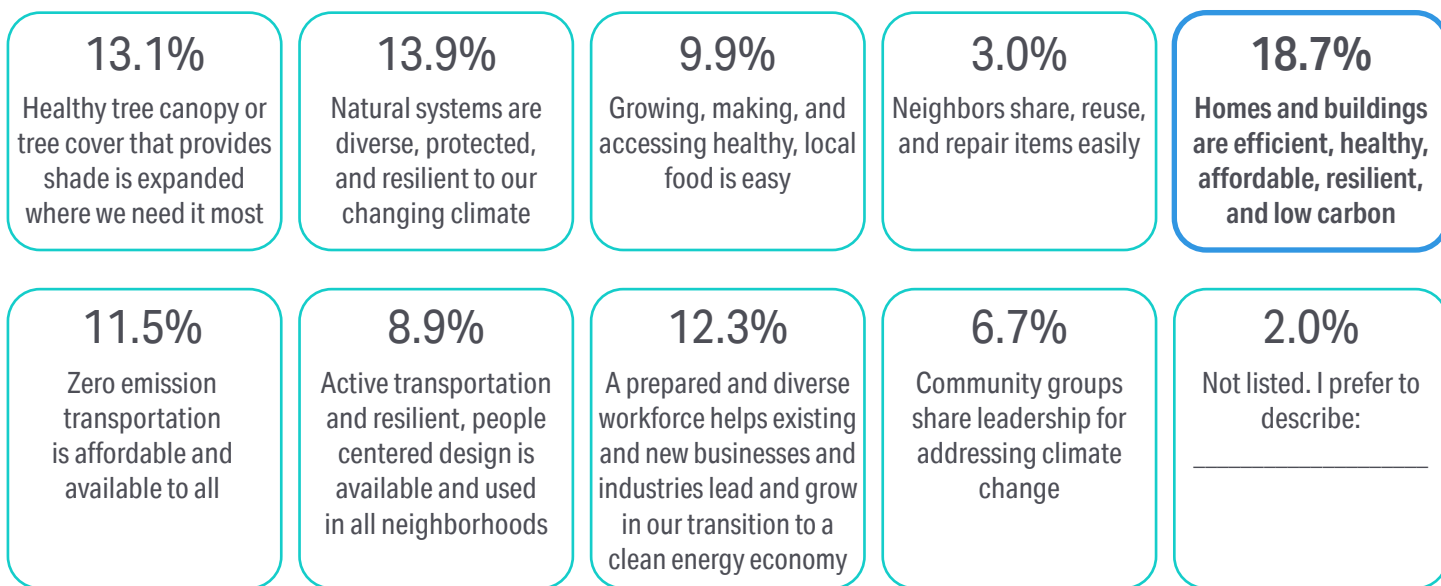
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- "Application process is difficult and created through a white lens."
- "Unclear what it is and how to access."
- "Meeting the needs for families who have not been able to benefit from prior climate change-related investments."
- "Minority organizations are only being used as a check mark but don't receive funding"
- "Funding, oversight and accountability to implement."
- "Don't let big business dominate the discussion."
- "I feel that more climate action needs to be taken by large corporations, especially in the enemy sector and the military industrial complex, since their impact in climate change is the gratest."
- "Protecting the intent of the PCEF measure that was approved by voters - that PCEF investments be led by and benefit the people most impacted by climate change. These are BIPOC and low-income people and organizations."

-  "Too cumbersome, too slow."
-  "That many of the most impacted Portlanders don't even know this is going on."
-  "City not listening, too hide bound."
-  "Only people in the "club" will be able to benefit, too many hoops to access benefits, receive job training, opportunities, etc. I hope that the barrier for small groups and individuals to access support from PCEF is low."
-  "1) insufficient civic engagement to understand what is most impactful to most vulnerable 2. Financial efficiency is considered secondary to centering priority population, instead of holding both as priorities, w recognition that financial efficacy/efficiency is a tool to better support more of the priority populations w same amount of money 3) somehow CIP will be used to co-opt the initial intent of PCEF and direct funds towards projects deemed important by government not public."
-  "Politics, barriers, equity, results."
-  "Concerned the objectives will be too broad, and have less of an impact."
-  "Ponder mas publicidad sobr el tema en mass media."
-  "We have felt left out in the past, although we have applied. In the past the climate impact did not seem to be factored into who was awarded funding."
-  "I have concerns on how PCEF has been used to not further economic justice and good standards for workers in the recent past, so I'm not sure PCEF will uphold good standards going forward."
-  "I am concerned about the efficiency of community nonprofits use of public funds. A climate fund should be directed toward making the city's emissions cleaner, egregious administrative costs are unacceptable."
-  "To keep the process transparent and the information accessible through the process so communities understand the path we are on."
-  "Only informed or privileged participate and we loose the opportunity to build community and just transition movements. It becomes all about profit and we sabotage ourselves, again."
-  "This is a lot of money that could be used for some big impact and I want to ensure it is used appropriately and on actionable items."
-  "Pollution."
-  "People, refugee and immigrants need to be included in the decision-making process as they are the most vulnerable groups."
-  "I am not local but I still want to be involved and support."
-  "That currently marginalized groups will continue to be marginalized; that the main problem (human consumption) will continue to be seen as the solution (produce more things to consume)."
-  "That the process will not be centered and guided by Native peoples and knowledges; that it doesn't consider replacing systems of Indigenous erasure."
-  "Our Govt making decisions that impact us without us."
-  "Diversity in the meetings, decision making process is not emphasized."

-  *"Make it easier to participate."*
-  *"Lack of inclusivity."*
-  *"Que exista un comité que represente a nuestra comunidad."*
-  *"None."*
-  *"That I don't know what to expect."*
-  *"Whether people are going to want to join or do something to solve this."*
-  *"Not enough people participate."*
-  *"It feels like it might already be limiting in some ways - for instance - there are other impacts of climate change other than what is on the list above; and there are other efforts to reduce the impacts of climate change not listed above."*
-  *"Educar a todas la generaciones. Deberia ser un tema crucial en las ecuelas. Incentivos para la reducción de energía en casa, campanas para reducir el consumo eléctrico sin cambiar la infraestructura, solo reduciendo el tiempo que utilizamos electrodomésticos, autos, agua etc."*
-  *"No concerns."*
-  *"Too much money and energy spent on things that don't directly move the needle with regard to climate change. Also, we need to define what climate change is. There are a lot of items in this question set that are not related to climate change as I see it. It looks like it could be a vehicle for income for non profits and low income folks. Nothing against welfare but can we define the goal at hand so that we can be confident the money is spent to solve the goal?"*
-  *"Private sector companies seem to be shut out, when we have many tools which could be helpful."*
-  *"Getting funds into the hands of people who can effect change."*
-  *"I feel I do not know enough about climate issues."*
-  *"I want to thank you for including transportation access in this. It is huge. As mass transit was designed for preference to a "City Core," we have limited transportation options since the pandemic. First for health safety reasons, and now for personal safety and a decreasing number of bus times/ routes, more people who used to take transit have learned to drive and/or bought a car. It has a huge impact on our immediate air quality and on the broader climate."*
-  *"Too many people who don't know what they are doing are putting this together."*
-  *"Slow, bureaucratic nature of Portland city governance."*
-  *"Money won't get out fast enough and benefits won't be visible."*
-  *"I am concerned about constant discussion and planning without concrete action steps, and about solutions focusing on individual responsibility rather than putting pressure on groups with power."*
-  *"If participating prohibits ones accessing funds?"*
-  *"Having time to participate."*
-  *"That ideas and proposals brought to PCEF will be rejected without a clear explanation of why they were ultimately not included."*
-  *"Talk to middle school and high school kids, in person. They will be dealing with the most impacts."*






















-  *"My participation is part of my job, I hope events can happen during the work day."*
-  *"All Portlanders in poverty will not have infrastructure built in their neighborhoods."*
-  *"Citizen/community involvement not having a major impact on decision making."*
-  *"This is a lot of money. There needs to be far more due diligence in the awarding of, and future administration of, grants."*
-  *"A lot of dispersed and expensive efforts without a coordinated and systemic strategy."*
-  *"Vulnerable population."*
-  *"It is captured by ill informed conclusions."*
-  *"Sometimes climate change goals can seem so huge. I'd like help knowing how our community will share it's impact. I want to publish articles in academic journals about our work. How can we access funding to simply amplify our voices and impact? Black and Brown leadership exists but we don't have the time to share our stories and our impact."*
-  *"Just want to be informed and have an opportunity to provide input, also concerned that folks who care only about the "bottom line" financial reports of companies will use their disproportionate power tactics to undermine this important opportunity to really address climate solutions. So I hope you have resources (or can use some from this fund) to make sure that doesn't happen."*
-  *"Still centers capitalism - building new. Need some focus on sustaining what we have."*
-  *"I am concerned that communities of color and senior citizens might be excluded from the conversations. Minority groups in Portland need access to these conversations."*
-  *"I am concerned a lengthy process will hinder the deployment of funds to make solar/energy efficiency/etc feasible in Bond Funded affordable housing projects being built now."*
-  *"I want PCEF to continue to ensure that the majority of PCEF funding goes to support the energy transition for disproportionately impacted communities, and the inclusion of those communities in delivering solutions. But I also don't want funds to sit idle while the world careens towards a climate crisis. So, PCEF and/or the City of Portland should establish programs to direct unallocated/unawarded funds towards immediate essential projects to reduce the impacts of climate change that are immediately implementable by firms that meet less stringent justice, equity, diversity and inclusion requirements."*
-  *"I'm concerned that there won't be enough focus on pursuing emissions reduction strategies that are most effective, such as applying a congestion charge/VMT and parking fees. PBOT and BPS are so siloed in their efforts, but the only real solutions to the climate crisis involve the marrying of transportation and land use. I worry that solutions will not be bold or imaginative enough to meet the scale of action needed to address the climate crisis. We must reimagine our land use patterns and communities, building denser more community-oriented places that have jobs, goods, services, and community/third places within walking biking and convenient transit distance."*
-  *"Need for accounting for uniqueness of applicant that do not meet grant criterion but are still very effective."*
-  *"That the money will be spent for political/performative purposes and will not make a real difference."*
-  *"Inability for enough people to meet in person."*


















-  *"That my quiet voice will get lost. That extroverts and the loudest among us will be listened to."*
-  *"That it will diversify the workforce (lowest-paid jobs) without diversifying leadership; that it won't sufficiently center Indigenous knowledges or communities."*
-  *"We're all suffering mental changes from the pandemic that have reduced willingness to participate at the same time that a common narrative that it's not the job of individuals to solve the climate crisis. I worry there is not enough joy to encourage participation, and that the focus on being paid for our labor also reduces willingness to participate in the greater movement. I understand this is a grant so the focus is \$, I just want everyone to be able to be a part of this even if they're not working for a nonprofit or workforce development outfit etc."*
-  *"Business/industry interests will have outsize influence, as they tend to have in nearly all city decisions. I am also concerned that it will fail to reach Black, brown, and low-income Portlanders."*
-  *"That we were contacted the day of the last workshop, for the first time about this. When things are fast tracked, sometimes quality is sacrificed, despite staff's best intentions."*
-  *"I think we need to consider more than just 3 points as many of these issues are interconnected and are all extremely important."*
-  *"Timeline."*
-  *"I don't know if my input will be used. My organization's small, but important edits to the Climate Emergency Workplan were not used. However, most of our comments on the Pedestrian Design Guide draft were picked up - and I felt like we made a difference. I'm not sure how PCEF rolls yet."*
-  *"Certain perspectives may not be considered from a holistic approach compared to others."*
-  *"Difficulty of incorporating time of business owners, and understanding of the connection between climate change and small business."*
-  *"That communications be clear for all participants and attempts are made to actively engage BIPOC and low income populations."*
-  *"It doesn't acknowledge innovation or forward-thinking approaches. Limited to a "rear view" rather than a regenerative perspective, especially regarding BIPOC business owners being able to represent community interests. Yet another "savior" example where we can't legitimately build wealth unless we get a paycheck from a non-profit or government job."*
-  *"...that the funded projects optimally fill the need -- rather than duplicate (or fail to synergize with) other regional or Federal initiatives."*
-  *"The speed of the projects and roll outs--strategic planning takes time and when you rush things its going to get really messy and be less effective."*
-  *"The lack of opportunities for in-person meetings and workshops."*
-  *"Government actors dominating the ideas and decisions."*
-  *"I am concerned that PCEF will not equitably reach its target communities because they rarely have a central perspective or voice."*

8. What other groups should know about this process?

Participant Responses

-  *"Every community development organization, schools, and elected officials."*
-  *"Estudiantes de Highschool."*
-  *"Black Girls Pdx, Black People Do Live Portland Oregon."*
-  *"Todos."*
-  *"Debe ser expresado a todo nivel y todo grupo."*
-  *"Community centers and gardens."*
-  *"Maybe faith groups, schools."*
-  *"Labor unions, BIPOC-owned and women-owned businesses, BIPOC faith institutions."*
-  *"Safe haven organizations and those serving under-represented groups (ex. churches, transition housing orgs, counselors, hospitals, etc.)"*
-  *"Community newspapers."*
-  *"People in rural areas."*
-  *"Culturally specific organizations, community based organizations, faith communities and small businesses."*
-  *"Elders."*
-  *"Houseless population, small business owners, those navigating low-incomes."*
-  *"Neighborhood associations, churches."*
-  *"Everyone receiving some kind of state benefit - ebt/ohp etc."*
-  *"Youth, Seniors, Disabled, BIPOC."*
-  *"Las escuela."*
-  *"No sé."*
-  *"Niños y Jóvenes."*
-  *"Niños y adolescentes que son el futuro."*
-  *"Minorias."*
-  *"More directly involve energy producers and construction firms in decision-making."*
-  *"Kids, school teachers, parents, business."*
-  *"Toda la comunidad."*
-  *"Otros grupos que conocen del tema para poder a ser algún movimiento."*
-  *"En general todos debmo hacer conciencia de este gran problema."*
















-  *"Friends of Trees, Portland Fruit Tree Project."*
-  *"Seniors and newly arrived refugees."*
-  *"Todos."*
-  *"NWxlerator."*
-  *"Word Is Bond, Community Of Black Men (COBM), Blacks In Tech (BIT), POIC RAHS, Kairos kids and parents, Black Oregon Land Trust (BOLT), Black Food Fund (BFF), The Number (FM radio station), Imagine Black, Bratton Construction, Blueprint Foundation, Constructing Hope."*
-  *"Nonprofits within our communities handling community challenges such as but not limited to housing and mental health."*
-  *"Maestros de niveles básicos y universitarios."*
-  *"Native American groups, nonprofit organizations, LLC."*
-  *"Schools."*
-  *"Groups of color."*
-  *"Every group."*
-  *"La juventud y grupos escolares."*
-  *"Juventud."*
-  *"Any other group who's already made an impact."*
-  *"Neighborhood associations."*
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-  *"Everyone should know about this process. It affects everyone!"*
-  *"Toda la comunidad debe estar involucrada. Desde la educación ambiental en niños más pequeños, hasta la apertura de oportunidades laborales y capacitación para personas que quieran involucrarse en trabajos que tengan que ver con el sector de la Energía Limpia."*
-  *"Every group."*
-  *"Business, business and business. Portland leadership appears to be serving the well meaning, but unrealistic needs of activists. Responsible Oregon businesses have always provided the innovation that drives change. The activist crowd is part of the team but we certainly don't want them driving the decisions. We've seen where that's lead - frankly to the detriment of the Portland brand."*
-  *"Oregon Food Bank; Friends of Trees; Watershed Councils; Brown Hope; Equitable Giving Circle; Camp Elso; BUESINESSES and Business Groups; Ecotrust; League of Minority Voters; Center for Diversity and the Environment; B Local PDX; Blueprint Foundation; Brown Girl Rise; 4th and 5th graders throughout the 5 Portland School Districts."*
-  *"Unions, LWV, BIPOC communities."*
-  *"African-Americans."*
-  *"Housing providers, medical providers, mental health professionals."*
-  *"Children, schools, parents."*
-  *"Anti-poverty nonprofits and other groups serving and feeding the most vulnerable including seniors."*
-  *"APANO, OPAL, Street Trust, Portland Audubon, Willamette Riverkeeper, Depave, Verde."*
-  *"Business trade associations particularly those representing users now relying on fossil fuels."*
-  *"Friends of groups."*

-  *"Gosh the list is too long to add here - can you make a fresh survey for this? I could list hundreds of groups and it may be good to pull up all of the ones this committee knows about and have us check them off and then add more. I think this map of stakeholders is really missing and could be a tool for all of us to use whether we work in an NGO, a concerned citizen or student."*
-  *"All minority groups should know about this process."*
-  *"Young people, old/aging people, those living with disabilities, those with low incomes, those with high incomes, families with young children, people experiencing homelessness, BIPOC- we need to hear from a spectrum of voices about their needs and desires for climate action."*
-  *"Any allied groups that can provide ancillary support."*
-  *"Health care, including mental health. Communities adjacent to Portland—give them a chance to adopt programs, codes, etc that address climate change."*
-  *"Native groups (ATNI, NACAC); higher education partners."*
-  *"Green Lents, religious orgs, high schools, prosper Portland, food coop, democratic socialists of Portland, bars."*
-  *"OPAL, YEJA, Don't Shoot PDX, APANO, Community Energy Project, OPSR."*
-  *"All community members especially ones most effected by the recent heat waves."*
-  *"PCEF does an excellent job with outreach; I'm a big fan of Familias en Acción and also OPAL's Bus Riders United. I hope they have the capacity to participate."*
-  *"There are lot of layers to climate change and the preferable outcome would be for all aspects of communities to be involved at every stage."*
-  *"Chambers of commerce throughout the City of Portland."*
-  *"What other groups don't yet trust this process is a better question."*
-  *"Every Portland sustainability or public interest nonprofit, or other organization that has a codified sustainability mission -- as well as every licensed organization that has a climate action plan."*
-  *"The Moorish American Community & the faith based communities & all students in The country!"*
-  *"Unhoused, homeless, immigrant and refugee, people under 30."*
-  *"Youth, particularly high schoolers."*

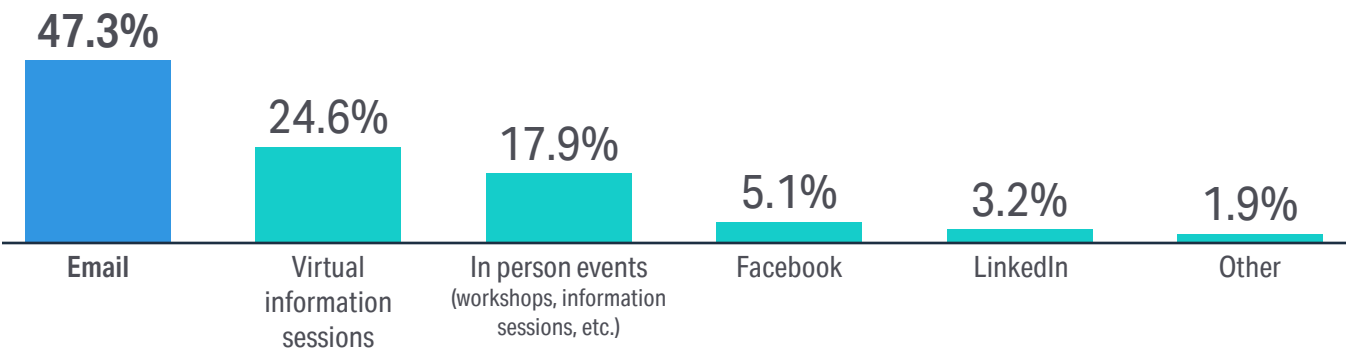
9. Anything else you'd like to tell us?

Participant Responses

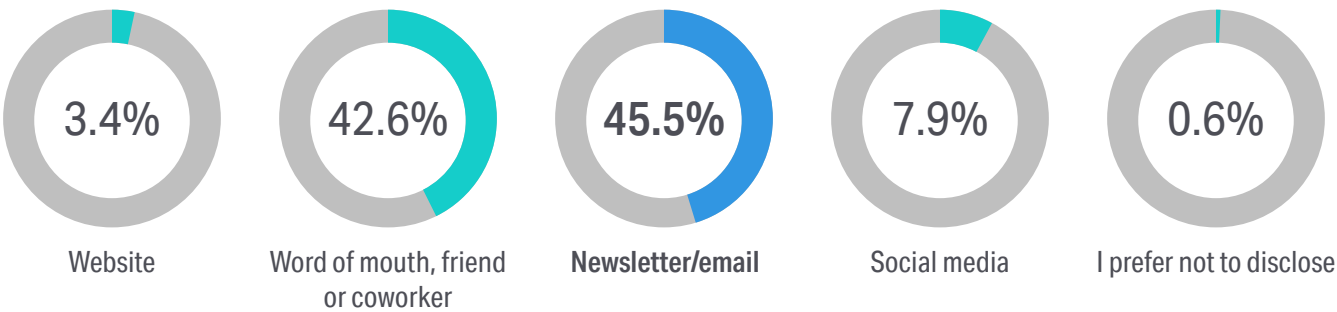
- "Climate change es algo scary y me da miedo por mi futuro."*
- "Thanking you giving us this opportunity. I'm happy to know that I could be educated more on what is impacting POC communities here in Portland and around the globe in general. Glad to have this to have our voices heard."*
- "Sigan estos procesos para hacer conciencia no solo a nuestro estado si no a todo el planeta."*
- "Alternatives to COBID certified firms. Alternatives for self identified minorites."*
- "While your efforts are appreciated, the process is not accessible for small organizations and not sustainable."*
- "We all need to work together to help make this unique program successful and a model for other cities."*
- "Keep it up and thanks for asking!"*
- "PCEF is an amazing opportunity for Portland and a national model for local action on climate change."*
- "I have been working for 5 years to try to get the city to remove heavy metal grates around trees that are actually killing the trees."*
- "Electric bicycles can be an awesome mode of transportation, but if you live in an apartment, where are you supposed to securely park the bike and charge the battery. Either better storage in needed for electric bikes where the electronics can stay out of the rain. Subsidising bikes with easily removable batteries could also be a plus."*
- "Need better engagement, BIPOC input."*
- "Comunicar, ejecutar y participar todos juntos. información bilingüe."*
- "Please have a clear matrix of criteria for deciding which applicants will be funded. We were advised two years ago to not apply by someone close to the committee and the past process has seemed as if it wasn't truly open to all and that it was inherently biased."*
- "I work for a Sustainability and Renewable Energy Company."*
- "More training and information."*
- "I wish that you would share this model with other states so they could follow your lead."*
- "There's a typo on the 'Finish' button at the end of this survey."*
- "Debe de haber un proceso transparente y equitativo para la repartición de fondos y grants."*
- "Informar a la juventud a tomar iniciativa hacia un mundo mejor>"*
- "Change the way we design things to a sustainable model where we don't design things that negatively affect the environment. Get a handle on recycling. Where is all of it going? Oregon needs a new bottle bill that is appropriate for the products consumers use today."*
- "How can Indow help out? We have one of the best product lines for increasing building energy efficiency while increasing comfort, reducing noise, and blocking polluted outside air."*

-  *"I recognize these are people-facing supports to assist in the survival of a changing climate. We also need legislation, policy, and systems change to reduce the impact business/ capitalism/ industry has on climate change."*
-  *"I'm SO relieved you are looking at transportation as part of PCEF now."*
-  *"Inequity in the city around infrastructure for basic needs is evident. Making use of climate change funding to serve houseless, rent-burdened, seniors on fixed incomes, and medical debt burdened citizens seems essential."*
-  *"Need understanding of how to access disbursement of funding as reimbursement process can be lengthy with local government."*
-  *"Thank you this is important work and let's make sure we are successful and inclusive!"*
-  *"I truly appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts on these important topics that impact the welfare of all Oregonians."*
-  *"Please don't be afraid to pursue big ideas--we need to pursue bold action to address climate change and need City Commissioners championing these causes."*
-  *"That we could make the biggest impact, both in terms of combatting regional climate crisis and national recognition/impact, by authentically centering Native communities."*
-  *"Can documents be posted with meetings (visuals, presentations, etc.)"*
-  *"I'm really excited about the idea of having a city manager, and having all bureaus coordinate and all get up to speed on good equity practice & community partnerships."*
-  *"Synergize wherever possible time business owners spend on this w/their other time demands; and also make impacts concrete and based on verifiable credible information."*
-  *"Small COBID-certified businesses should be considered as CBOs, because we are: Community. Based. Organizations."*
-  *"All PCEF-funded & completed projects should have visible signage, or other insignia/seal, to clearly & consistently identify it as "PCEF funded."*
-  *"Thank you for your hard work just would like to have this information provided in the schools and school districts."*
-  *"PCEF is a program that is incredibly technical. The way it is currently being presented limits the ability of its target communities to understand how it works. As a youth who has been doing work on legislation across the state for a year, I can barely keep up, and if PCEF does not make itself more understandable it will not be able to reach that target population."*

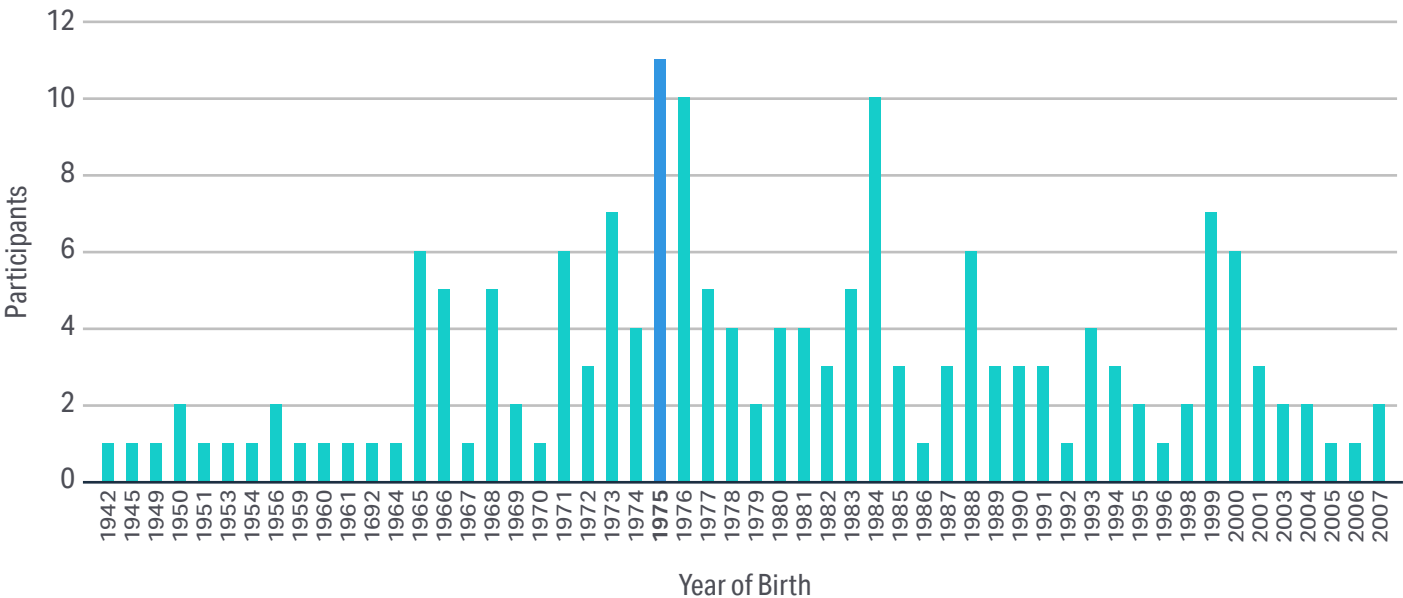
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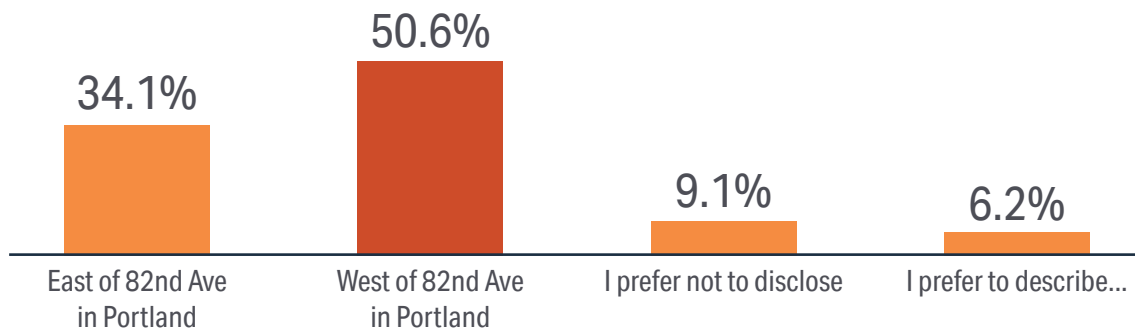
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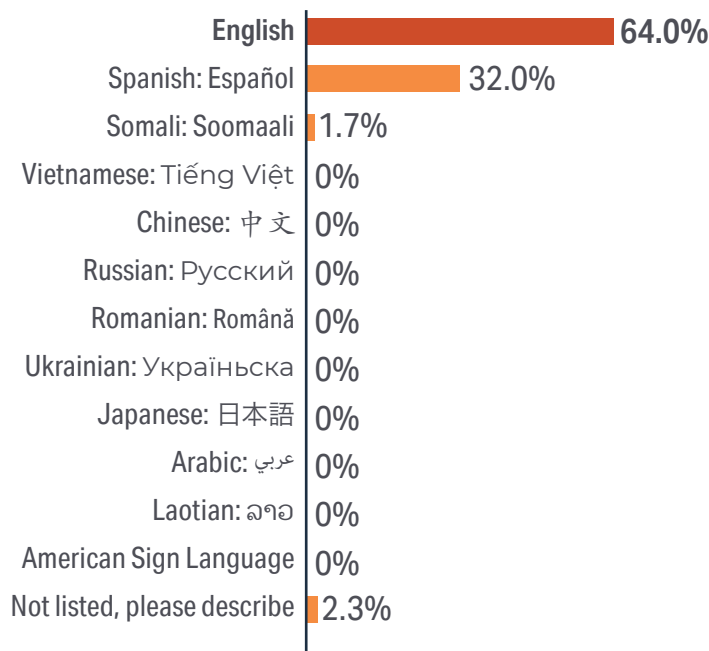
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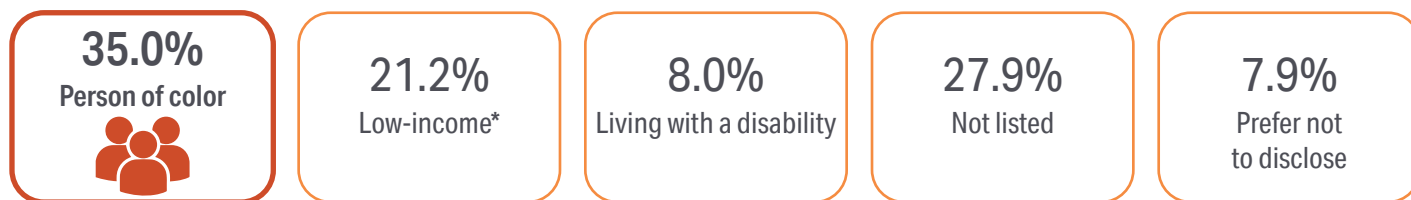
13. I live:



14. What is your preferred language spoken or signed at home? Please select one.



15. I identify as (check all that apply)



Note: We collect demographic data to improve our understanding of different communities' needs and priorities. Depending on the number of responses, we may share some findings by age, geography, person of color, low-income, and/or people living with a disability. We will share participation demographic information by specific percentages to show who participated in the survey. * (Defined for PCEF as individuals, or households with a gross household income below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), which is \$27,180 for an individual, \$36,620 for a family of 2, \$46,060 for a family of 3, and \$55,500 for a family of 4 (see here for additional guidelines))



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