

## **Newport's Budget Challenge**

### **Budget Saving Proposals for 2022-23**

The following report summarises the results of the consultation surveys on the budget saving proposals for 2022-23. This process took two forms:

- An online Public SNAP survey open to all citizens; and
- A shortened survey involving users of the free bus Wi-Fi.

The consultation ran from the 14 January 2022 until the 11 February 2022.

A total of 983 responses were received including 97 through the online consultation survey and 886 through the bus Wi-Fi survey.

Regarding the online consultation survey respondents were asked their opinions on the overall proposed budget investments; proposed increase in Council Tax; proposed fees and charges; and any other additional comments on the draft budget being considered by Cabinet. For the bus Wi-Fi survey, the focus was on gathering users' views on the proposed increase in council tax, while promoting the full online survey and where to access. The summary of the results including a selection of the received comments are shown below.

In addition, during the consultation period we separately received feedback from the National Association of Head Teachers (Newport branch).

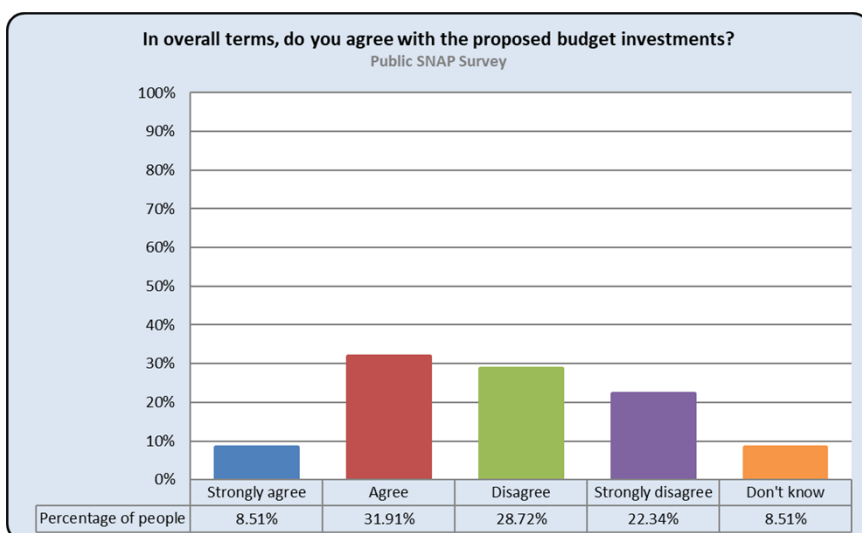
## Budget Consultation Survey

The results from the budget consultation are shown below:

**In overall terms, do you agree with the proposed budget investments?**

Public SNAP Survey		
Agree	Number of people	Percentage of people
Strongly agree	8	8.51%
Agree	30	31.91%
Disagree	27	28.72%
Strongly disagree	21	22.34%
Don't know	8	8.51%

NB: There were 3 no responses.

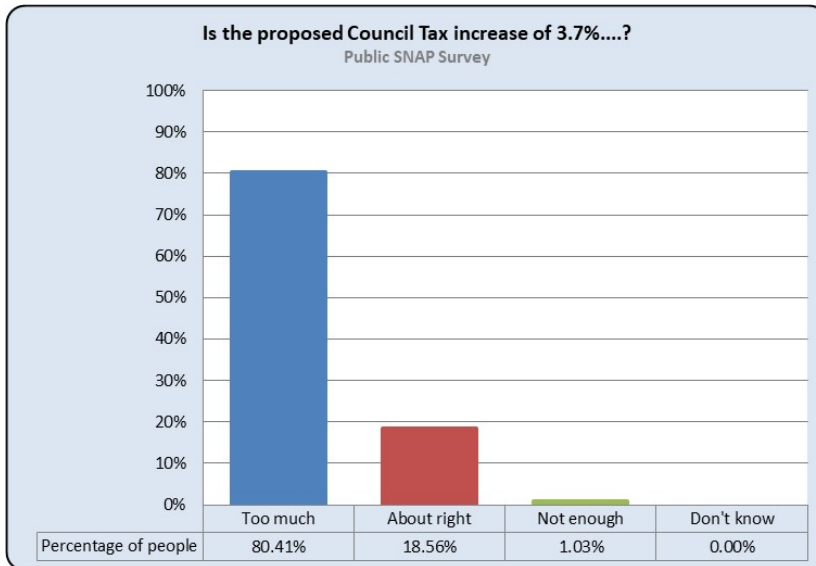


**A selection of the 34 total comments received were as follows:**

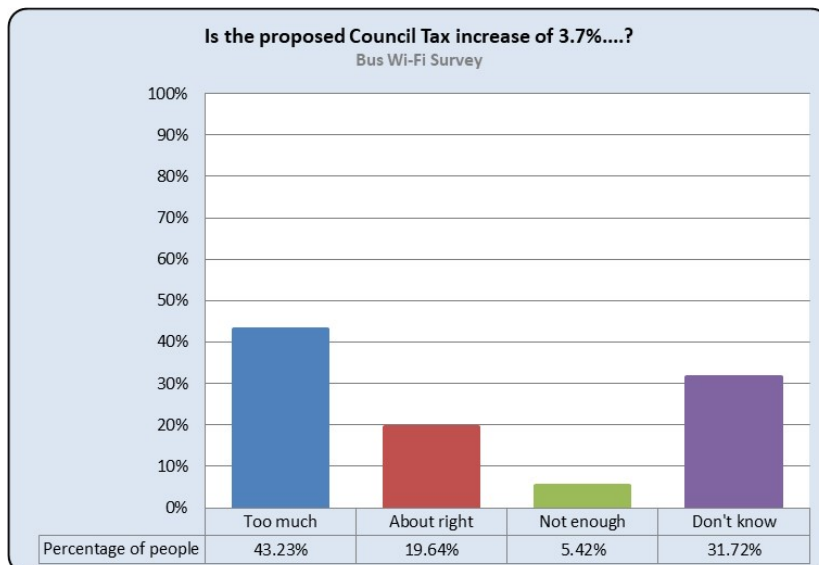
- Need to invest more in making the streets cleaner and improving the roads.
- More is actually needed to support children getting back their lost education, due to Covid.
- EDU 1 generally positive regarding education investment spend but keep in perspective Welsh Medium education. not everyone wants it. Some people who move from other areas need to be given a wide choice of good English medium schools as well. STR10 due to closure of asbestos cell could this result in illegal dumping? STR11 is a second HWRC really necessary as we encourage people to be less wasteful? RH1 good to learn that homelessness is to be tackled, hopefully proactively to avoid people living on the streets well into the future.
- Schools have suffered and need investment in buildings and facilities.

## Is the proposed Council Tax increase of 3.7%....?

Public SNAP Survey		
Council Tax is?	Number of people	Percentage of people
Too much	78	80.41%
About right	18	18.56%
Not enough	1	1.03%
Don't know	0	0.00%



Bus Wi-Fi Survey		
Council Tax is?	Number of people	Percentage of people
Too much	383	43.23%
About right	174	19.64%
Not enough	48	5.42%
Don't know	281	31.72%



A selection of the 60 total comments received were as follows:

- Don't mind an increase so long as it's spent on improving the place and not on other stuff.
- Households will be struggling with increased gas and electricity prices along with fuel and shopping increases. Wage increase do not mirror the expected raising ongoing costs. This will be a huge burden on many families.
- With the cost of living in general rising, it would have been good to see Newport consider this even if no other council and/or government are and if not reduce at least freeze council tax.
- Families are already struggling with increased food and energy costs.

Do you have any comments on the proposed fees and charges?

A selection of the 20 total comments received were as follows:

- Sounds reasonable.
- The fees need to be made clearer and reduced if necessary.
- I have read Appendix 4 and I am concerned about the increase to payment for those in some care settings as these people are on a limited income.
- Fees same to be increased for services that people really use and not for things such as Building control, these should be increased same as meeting & conference rooms as well as equip hire.

Do you have any additional comments on the draft budget and medium-term financial plan?

A selection of the 26 total comments received were as follows:

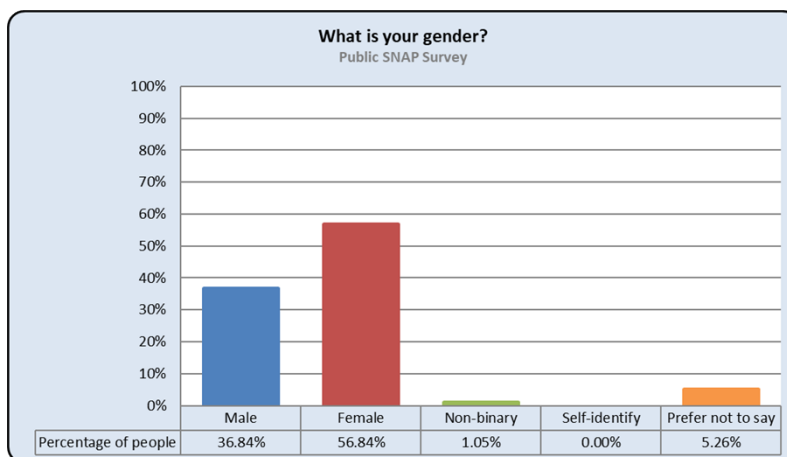
- Make sure the money is spent on the right things to make people proud to live in Newport. Let's clean the place up and get more shops in city centre.
- City centre investment is crucial in order to encourage businesses to Newport and maintain / increase property values. It will give the people of Newport their pride back in Newport which in turn will improve how they look after their city.
- More spending needed on cleaning the streets and making the city more desirable.
- While investment in schooling and social services is always good, it seems to be at the expense of everything else.

## Equalities Monitoring?

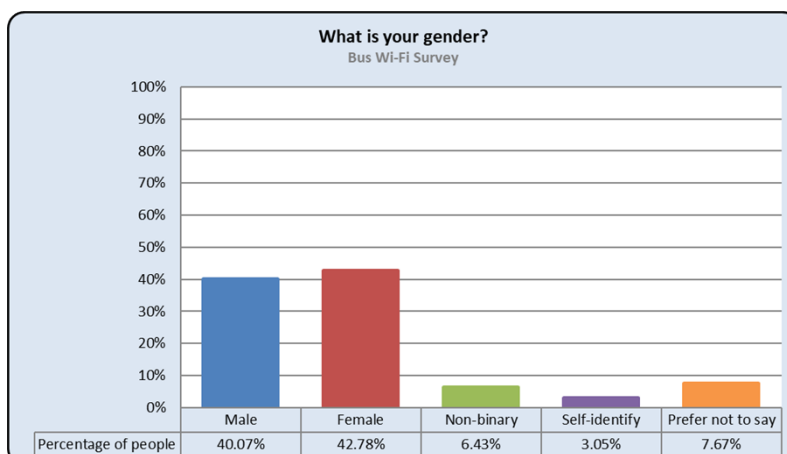
### What is your gender?

Public SNAP Survey		
Gender?	Number of people	Percentage of people
Male	35	36.84%
Female	54	56.84%
Non-binary	1	1.05%
Self-identify	0	0.00%
Prefer not to say	5	5.26%

NB: There were 2 no responses.

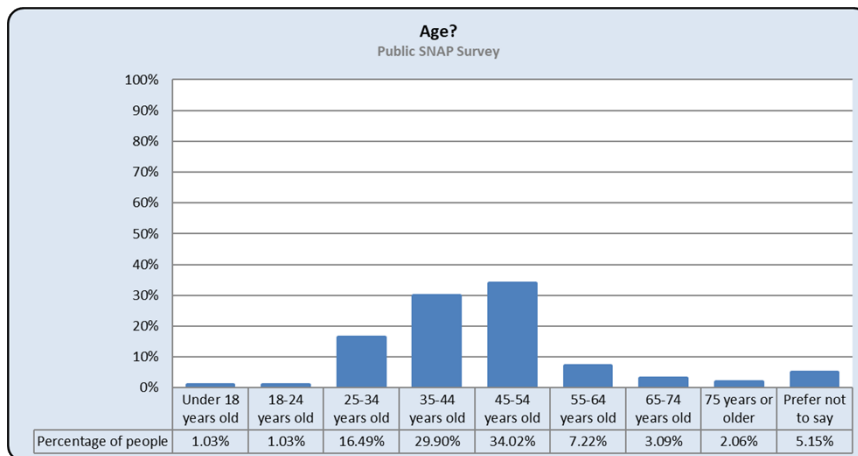


Bus Wi-Fi Survey		
Gender?	Number of people	Percentage of people
Male	355	40.07%
Female	379	42.78%
Non-binary	57	6.43%
Self-identify	27	3.05%
Prefer not to say	68	7.67%

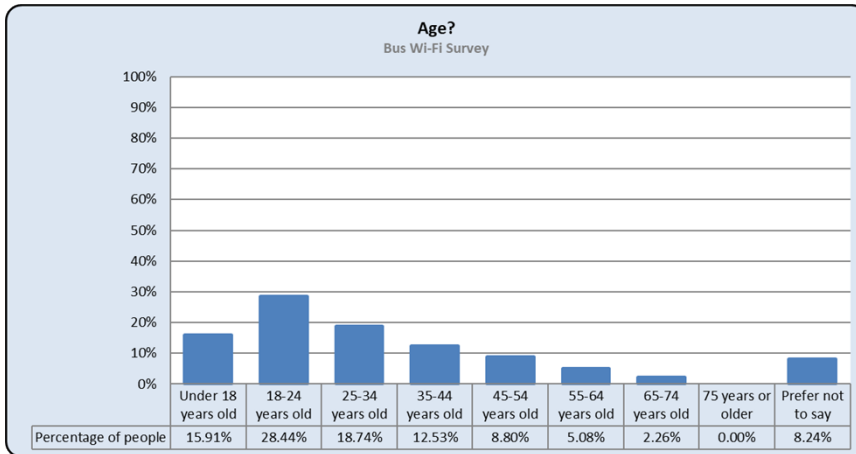


## Age?

Public SNAP Survey		
Age?	Number of people	Percentage of people
Under 18 years old	1	1.03%
18-24 years old	1	1.03%
25-34 years old	16	16.49%
35-44 years old	29	29.90%
45-54 years old	33	34.02%
55-64 years old	7	7.22%
65-74 years old	3	3.09%
75 years or older	2	2.06%
Prefer not to say	5	5.15%



Bus Wi-Fi Survey		
Age?	Number of people	Percentage of people
Under 18 years old	141	15.91%
18-24 years old	252	28.44%
25-34 years old	166	18.74%
35-44 years old	111	12.53%
45-54 years old	78	8.80%
55-64 years old	45	5.08%
65-74 years old	20	2.26%
75 years or older	0	0.00%
Prefer not to say	73	8.24%

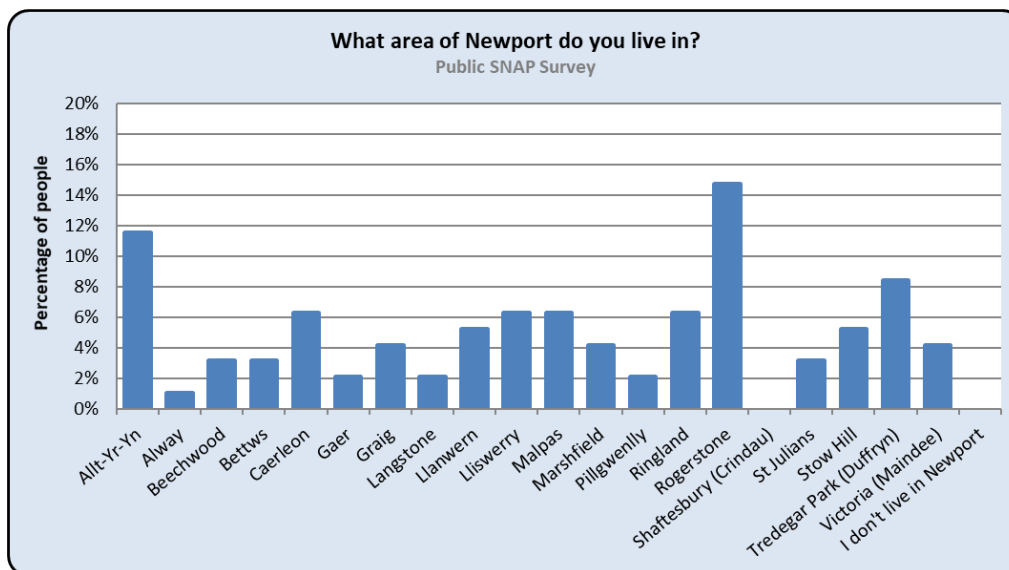


### What area of Newport do you live in?

Public SNAP Survey		
Ward	Number of people	Percentage of people
Allt-Yr-Yn	11	11.58%
Alway	1	1.05%
Beechwood	3	3.16%
Bettws	3	3.16%
Caerleon	6	6.32%
Gaer	2	2.11%
Graig	4	4.21%
Langstone	2	2.11%
Llanwern	5	5.26%
Lliswerry	6	6.32%
Malpas	6	6.32%

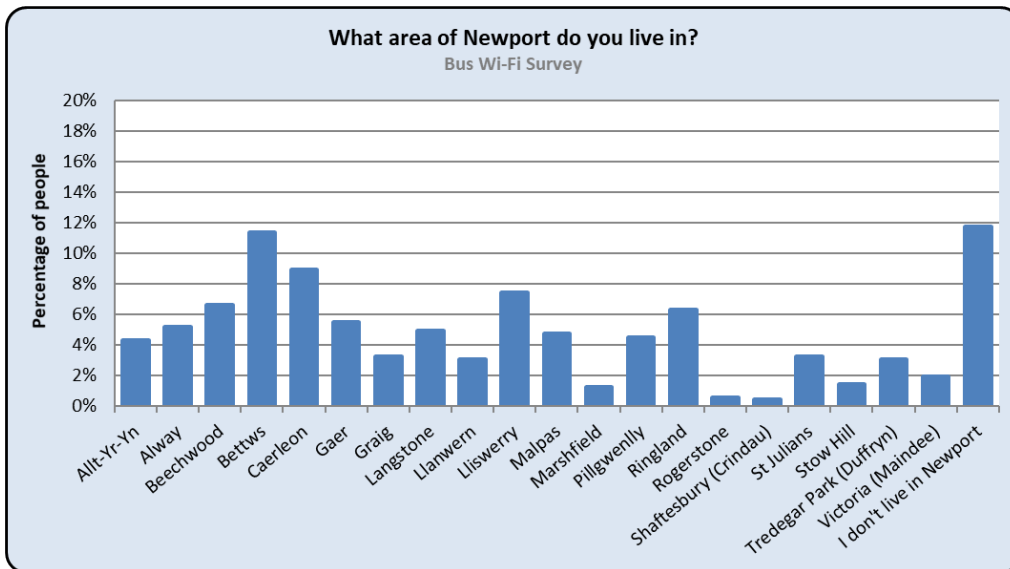
Public SNAP Survey		
Ward	Number of people	Percentage of people
Marshfield	4	4.21%
Pillgwenlly	2	2.11%
Ringland	6	6.32%
Rogerstone	14	14.74%
Shaftesbury (Crindau)	0	0.00%
St Julians	3	3.16%
Stow Hill	5	5.26%
Tredegar Park (Duffryn)	8	8.42%
Victoria (Maindee)	4	4.21%
I don't live in Newport	0	0.00%

NB: There were 2 no responses.



Bus Wi-Fi Survey		
Ward	Number of people	Percentage of people
Allt-Yr-Yn	38	4.29%
Alway	46	5.19%
Beechwood	59	6.66%
Bettws	101	11.40%
Caerleon	79	8.92%
Gaer	49	5.53%
Graig	29	3.27%
Langstone	44	4.97%
Llanwern	27	3.05%
Lliswerry	66	7.45%
Malpas	42	4.74%

Bus Wi-Fi Survey		
Ward	Number of people	Percentage of people
Marshfield	11	1.24%
Pillgwenlly	40	4.51%
Ringland	56	6.32%
Rogerstone	5	0.56%
Shaftesbury (Crindau)	4	0.45%
St Julians	29	3.27%
Stow Hill	13	1.47%
Tredegar Park (Duffryn)	27	3.05%
Victoria (Maindee)	17	1.92%
I don't live in Newport	104	11.74%

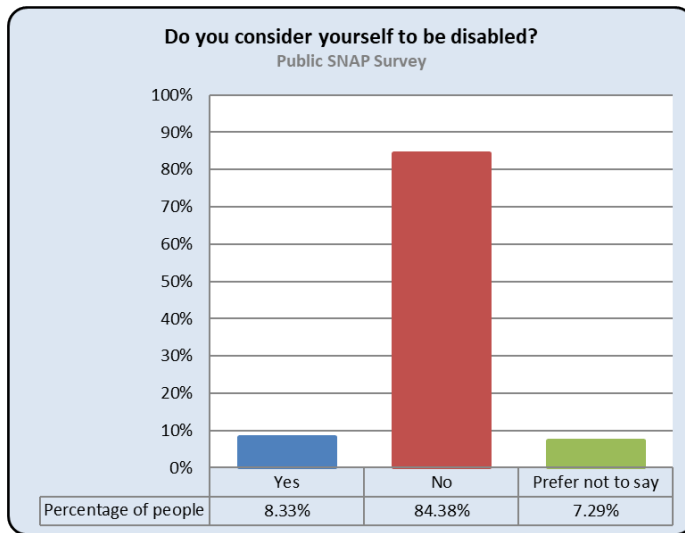




## Do you consider yourself to be disabled?

Public SNAP Survey		
Disabled?	Number of people	Percentage of people
Yes	8	8.33%
No	81	84.38%
Prefer not to say	7	7.29%

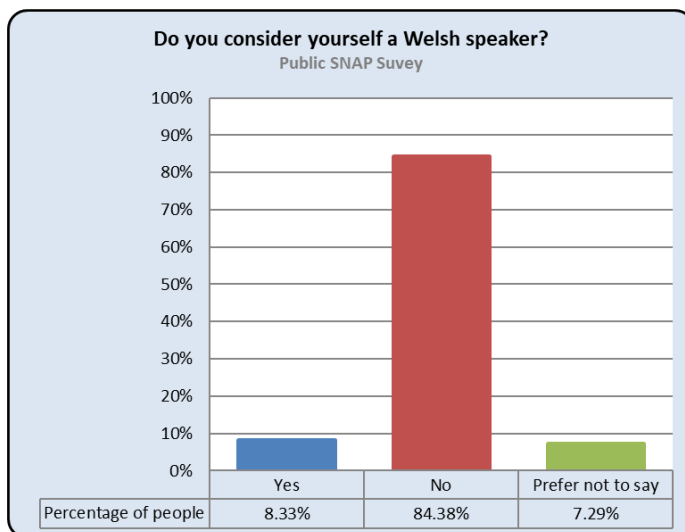
NB: There was 1 no responses.



## Do you consider yourself a Welsh speaker?

Public SNAP Survey		
Welsh speaker?	Number of people	Percentage of people
Yes	9	9.38%
No	83	86.46%
Prefer not to say	3	3.13%

NB: There were 2 no responses.



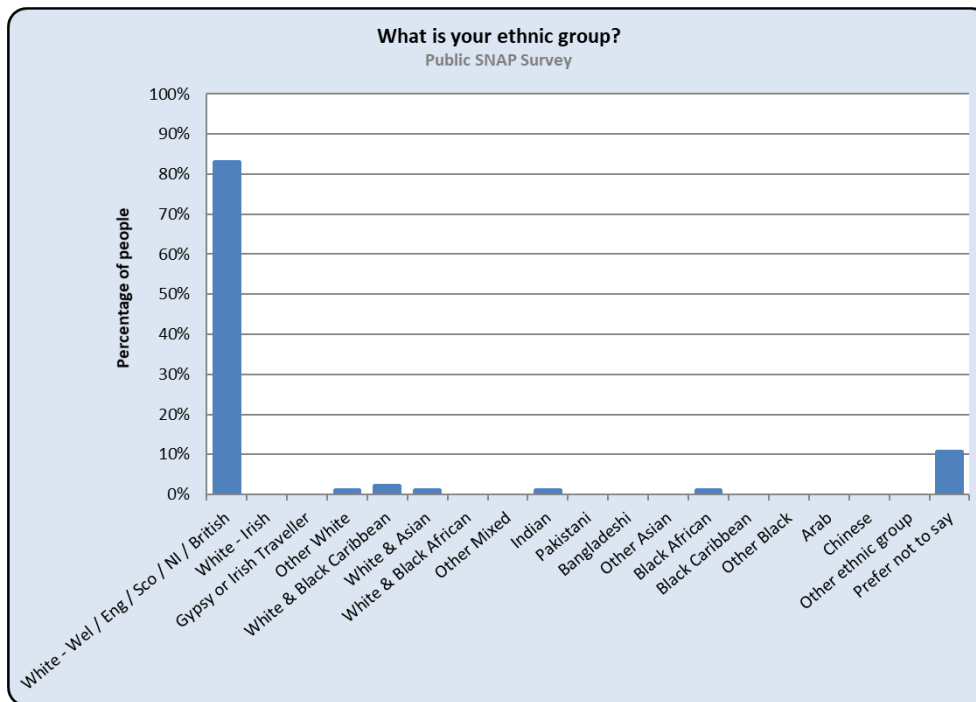
## What is your ethnic group?

Public SNAP Survey		
Ethnicity?	Number of people	Percentage of people
White - Wel / Eng / Sco / NI / British	78	82.98%
White - Irish	0	0.00%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0	0.00%
Other White	1	1.06%
White & Black Caribbean	2	2.13%
White & Asian	1	1.06%
White & Black African	0	0.00%
Other Mixed	0	0.00%
Indian	1	1.06%
Pakistani	0	0.00%

NB: There were 3 no responses.

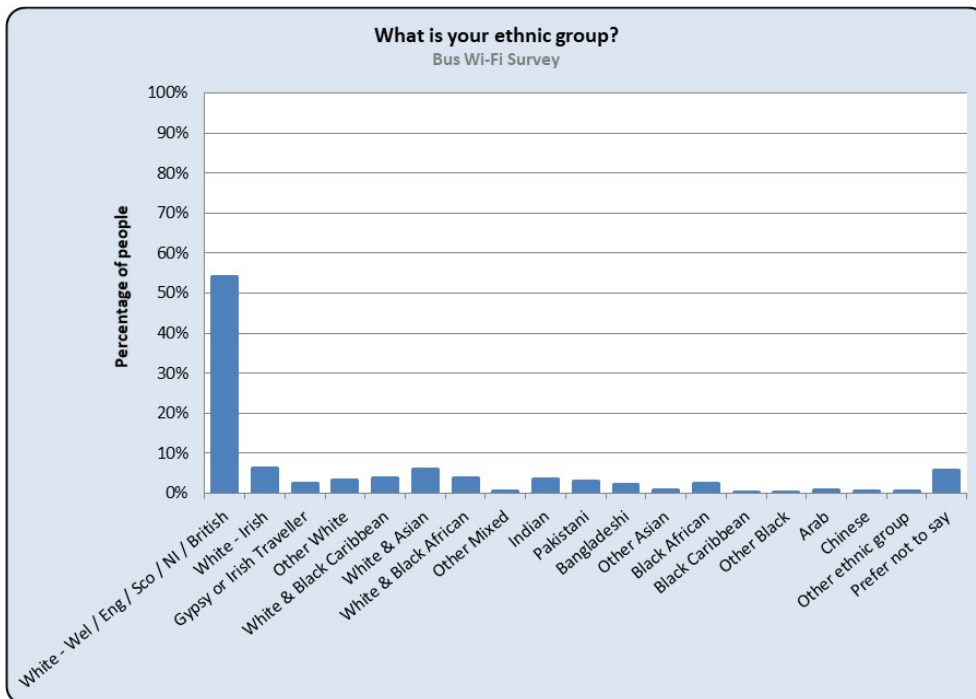
Other White - Slavic

Public SNAP Survey		
Ethnicity?	Number of people	Percentage of people
Bangladeshi	0	0.00%
Other Asian	0	0.00%
Black African	1	1.06%
Black Caribbean	0	0.00%
Other Black	0	0.00%
Arab	0	0.00%
Chinese	0	0.00%
Other ethnic group	0	0.00%
Prefer not to say	10	10.64%



Bus Wi-Fi Survey		
Ethnicity?	Number of people	Percentage of people
White - Wel / Eng / Sco / NI / British	480	54.18%
White - Irish	56	6.32%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	21	2.37%
Other White	28	3.16%
White & Black Caribbean	33	3.72%
White & Asian	53	5.98%
White & Black African	33	3.72%
Other Mixed	5	0.56%
Indian	32	3.61%
Pakistani	27	3.05%

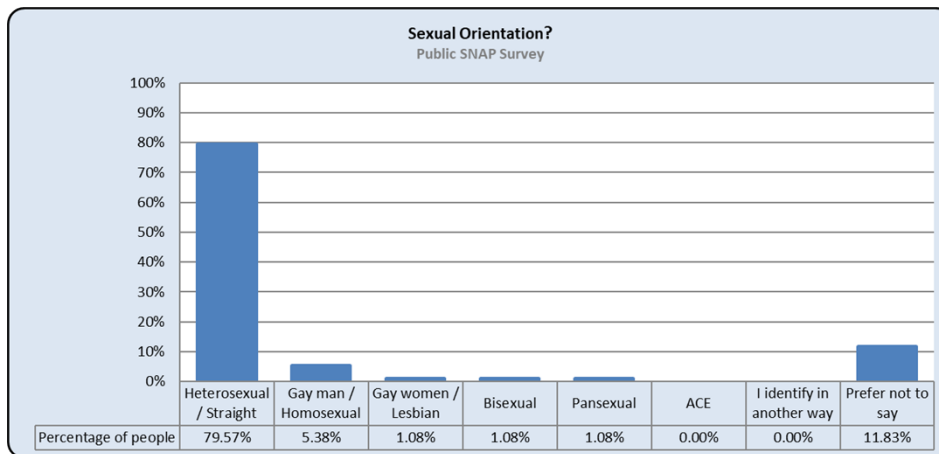
Bus Wi-Fi Survey		
Ethnicity?	Number of people	Percentage of people
Bangladeshi	20	2.26%
Other Asian	8	0.90%
Black African	21	2.37%
Black Caribbean	1	0.11%
Other Black	2	0.23%
Arab	7	0.79%
Chinese	5	0.56%
Other ethnic group	4	0.45%
Prefer not to say	50	5.64%



## Sexual Orientation?

Public SNAP Survey		
Sexual Orientation?	Number of people	Percentage of people
Heterosexual / Straight	74	79.57%
Gay man / Homosexual	5	5.38%
Gay women / Lesbian	1	1.08%
Bisexual	1	1.08%
Pansexual	1	1.08%
ACE	0	0.00%
I identify in another way	0	0.00%
Prefer not to say	11	11.83%

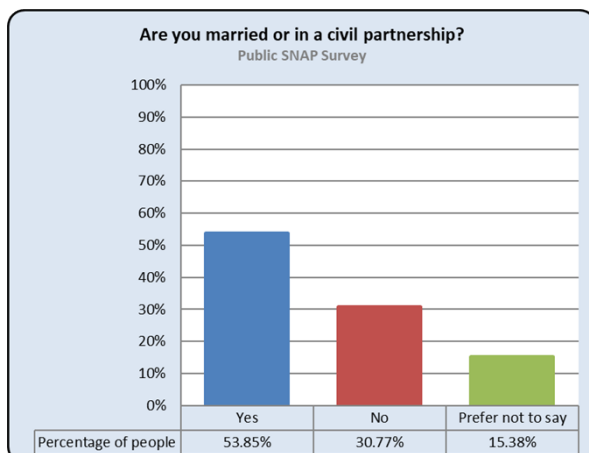
NB: There were 3 no responses.



## Are you married or in a civil partnership?

Public SNAP Survey		
Married	Number of people	Percentage of people
Yes	49	53.85%
No	28	30.77%
Prefer not to say	14	15.38%

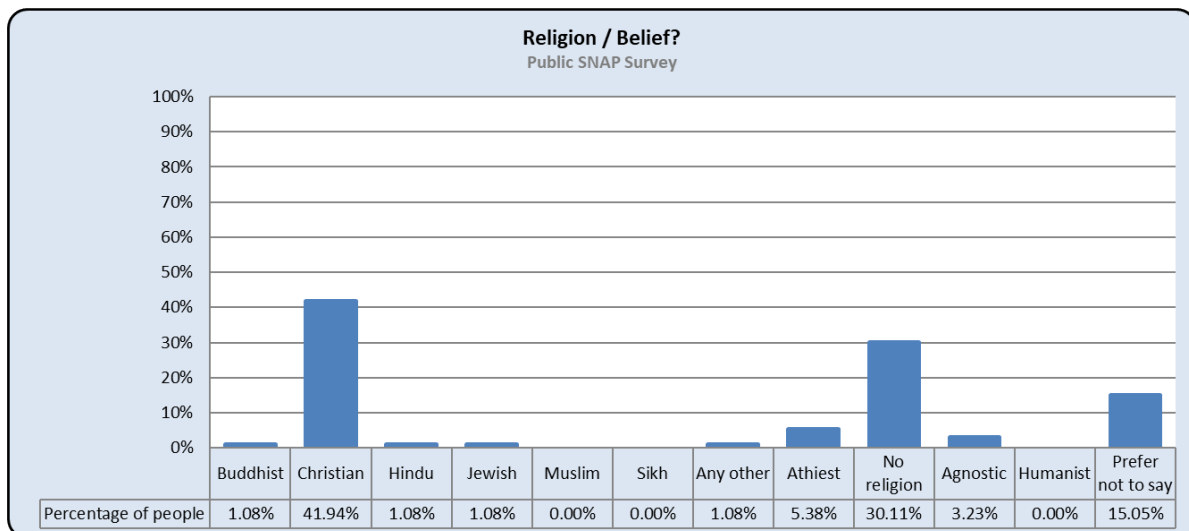
NB: There were 3 no responses.



## Religion / Belief?

Public SNAP Survey		
Religion / Belief?	Number of people	Percentage of people
Buddhist	1	1.08%
Christian	39	41.94%
Hindu	1	1.08%
Jewish	1	1.08%
Muslim	0	0.00%
Sikh	0	0.00%
Any other	1	1.08%
Athiest	5	5.38%
No religion	28	30.11%
Agnostic	3	3.23%
Humanist	0	0.00%
Prefer not to say	14	15.05%

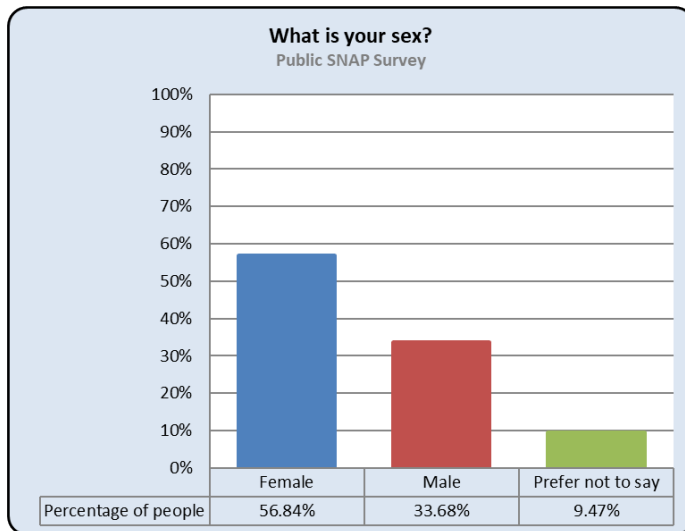
NB: There were 4 no responses.



## What is your sex?

Public SNAP Survey		
Sex	Number of people	Percentage of people
Female	54	56.84%
Male	32	33.68%
Prefer not to say	9	9.47%

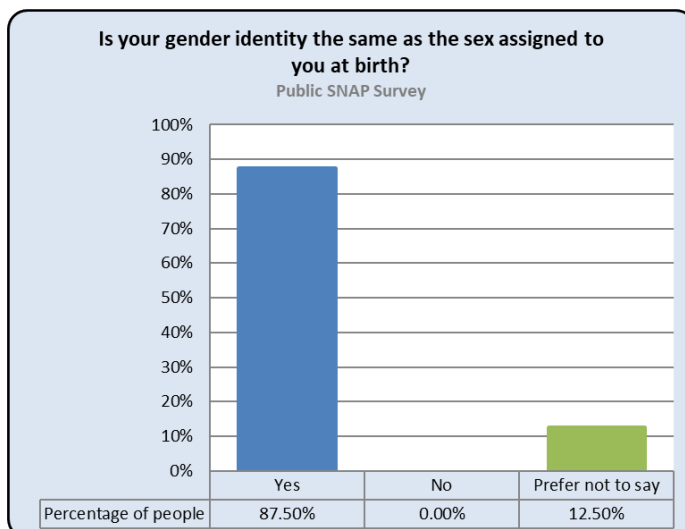
NB: There were 2 no responses.



## Is your gender identity the same as the sex registered to you at birth?

Public SNAP Survey		
Identity assigned at birth	Number of people	Percentage of people
Yes	84	87.50%
No	0	0.00%
Prefer not to say	12	12.50%

NB: There was 1 no responses.



## Caring Responsibilities

Public SNAP Survey		
School age?	Number of people	Percentage of people
Yes	51	55.43%
No	33	35.87%
Prefer not to say	8	8.70%

Pre-school age?	Number of people	Percentage of people
Yes	15	15.96%
No	71	75.53%
Prefer not to say	8	8.51%

Dependent adult	Number of people	Percentage of people
Yes	22	22.92%
No	66	68.75%
Prefer not to say	8	8.33%

NB: There were 5 no responses (School age) / There were 3 no responses (Pre-school age) / There was 1 no responses (Dependent adult).

