



# LCCMR 2024 Strategic Planning: Preliminary Public Survey Results

June 10, 2024



# Public Engagement Process

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- ❑ Public Survey (1,641 responses)
- ❑ Subject Matter Expert Survey (360 responses)
- ❑ Listening Sessions (101 Participants)
  - Remote (March 26)
  - St. Paul (April 26)
  - Brainerd (May 3)
  - Detroit Lakes (May 3)
  - St. Cloud (May 4)



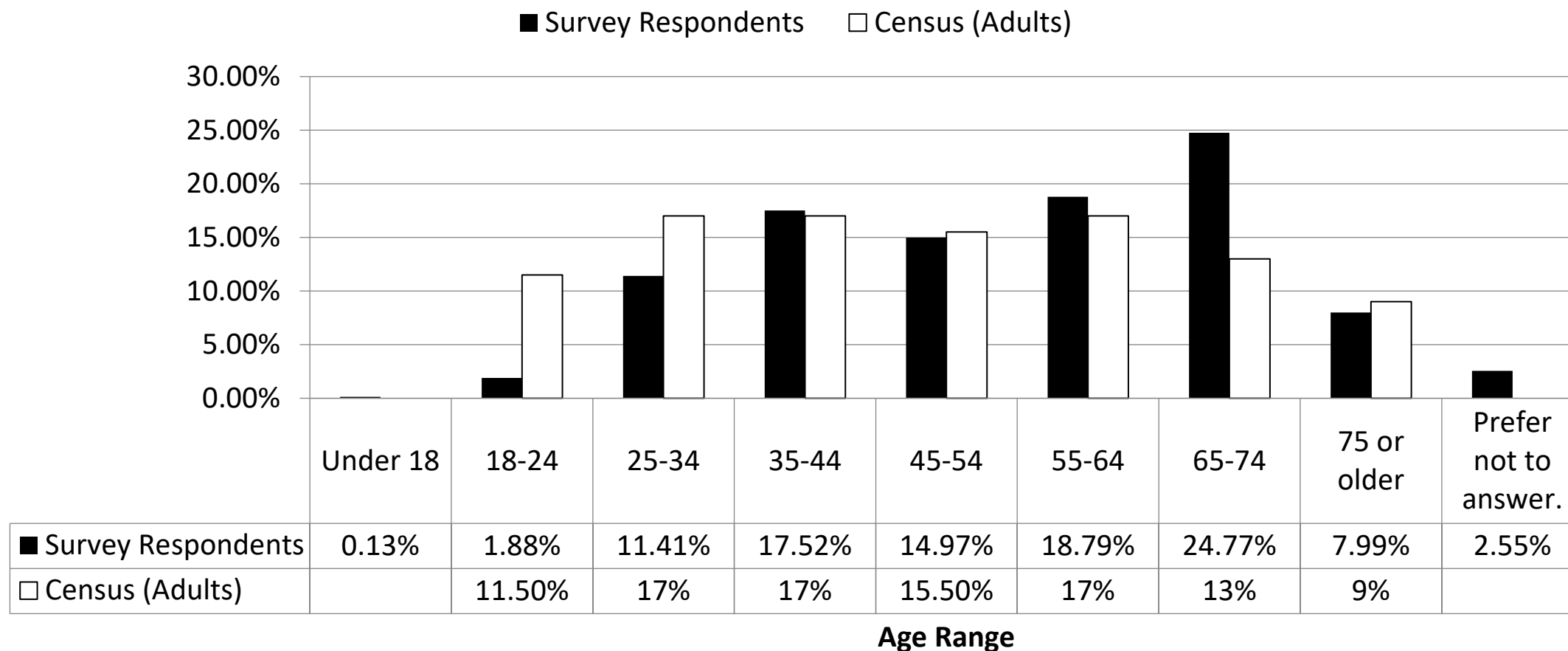
# Public Survey Outreach Efforts

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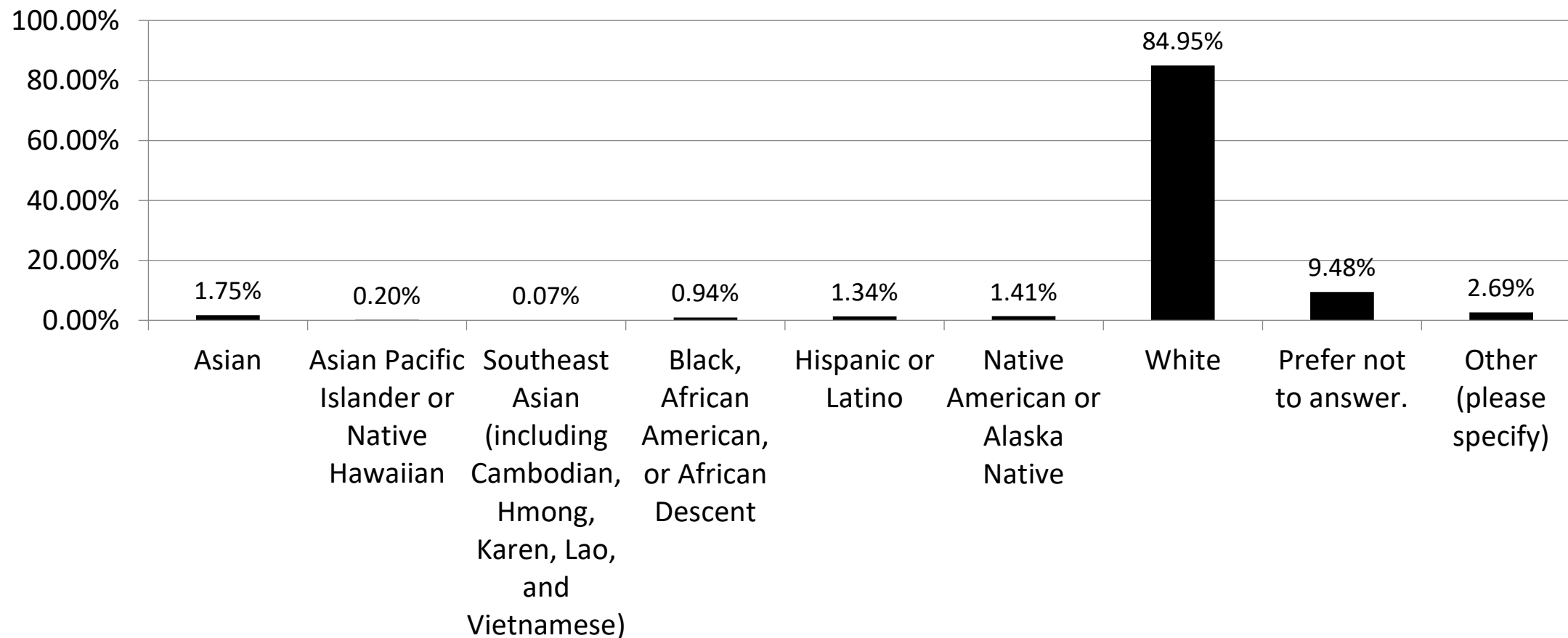


- ❑ Emailed directly to nearly 400 organizations across Minnesota, including environment, natural resource, recreation, agriculture, energy, economic development, government, university and colleges, non-profits, for-profits, community, and tribal groups
- ❑ Emailed to all state legislators and their staff
- ❑ Posted to LCCMR webpage and social media accounts
- ❑ Sent to everyone on LCCMR GovDelivery list
- ❑ Press release
- ❑ Requested all entities share with their networks
- ❑ QR Code distributed at listening sessions
- ❑ Translated survey into four other languages (Spanish, Hmong, Somali, Karen)

# Who did the survey reach? (Age)

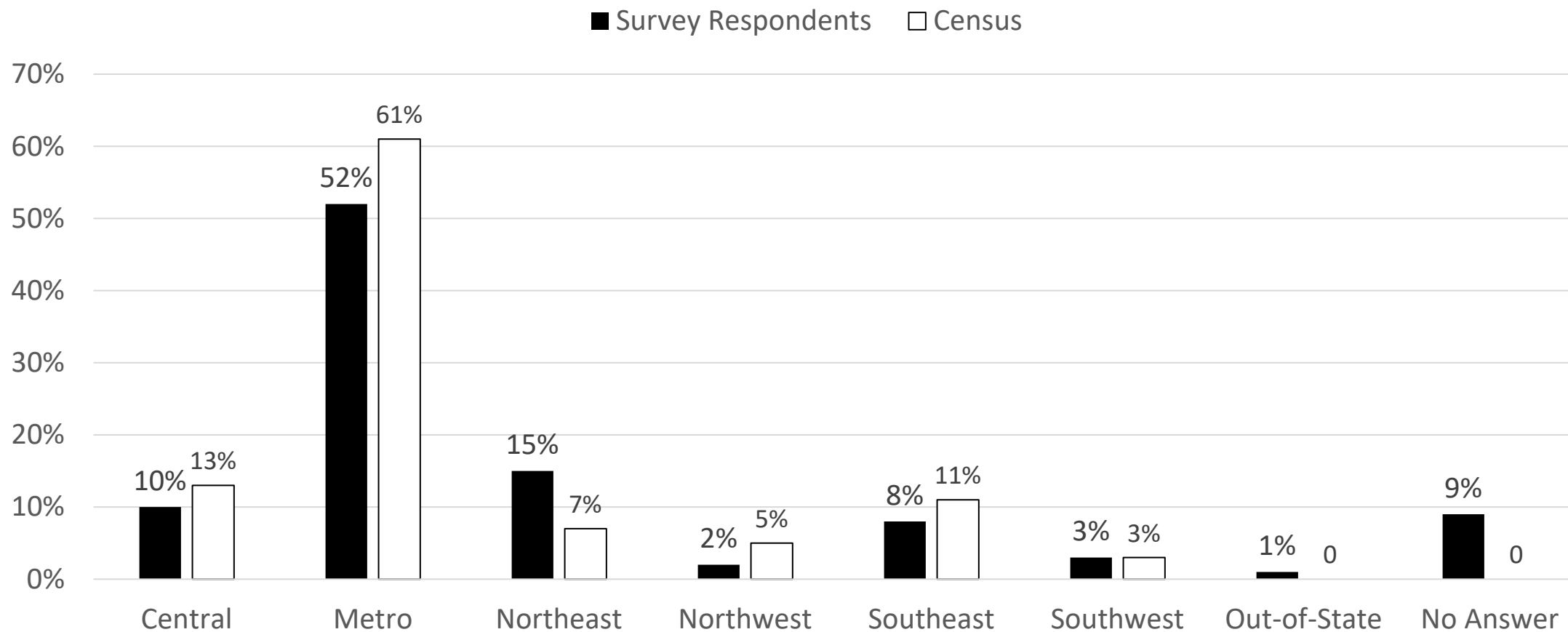


# Who did the survey reach? (Racial/Ethnic)



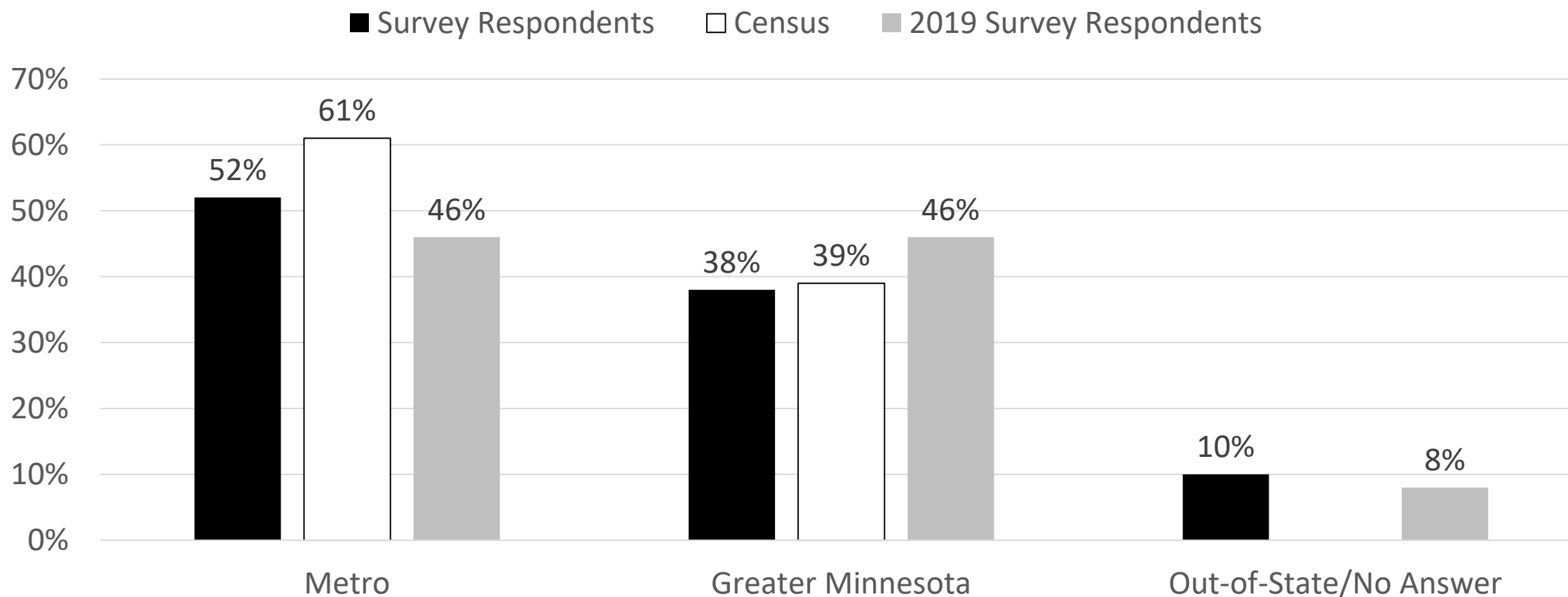


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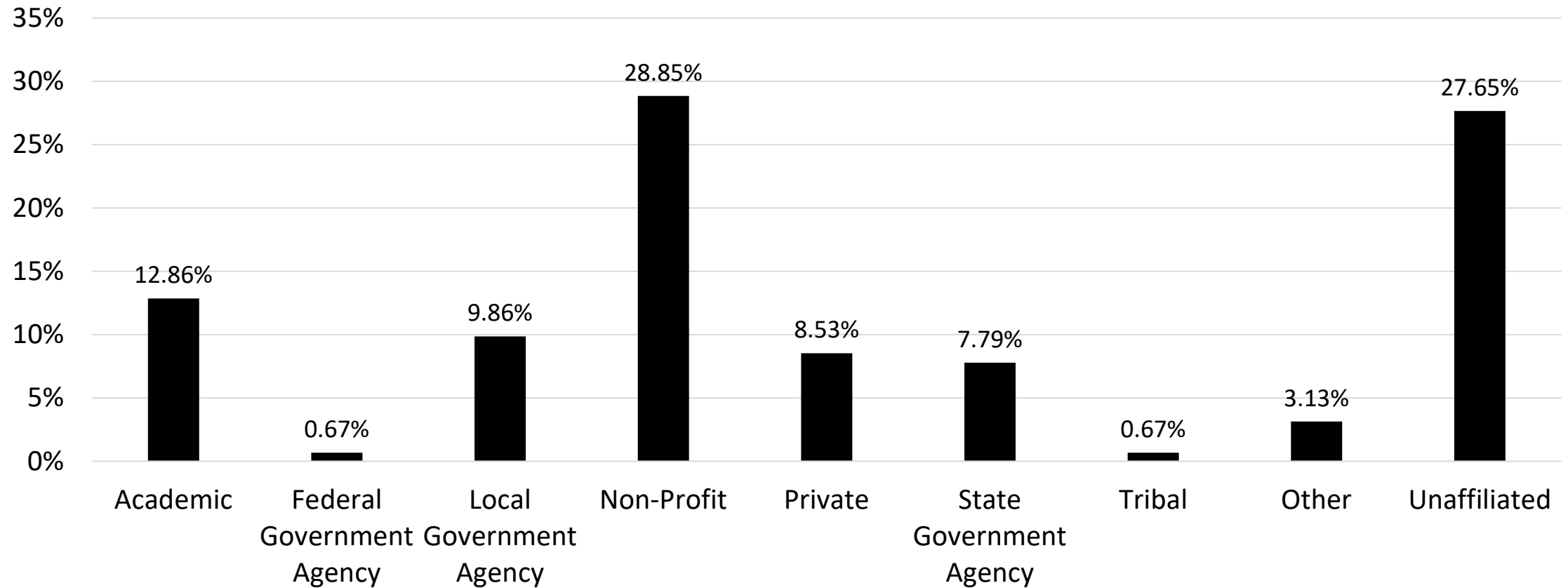


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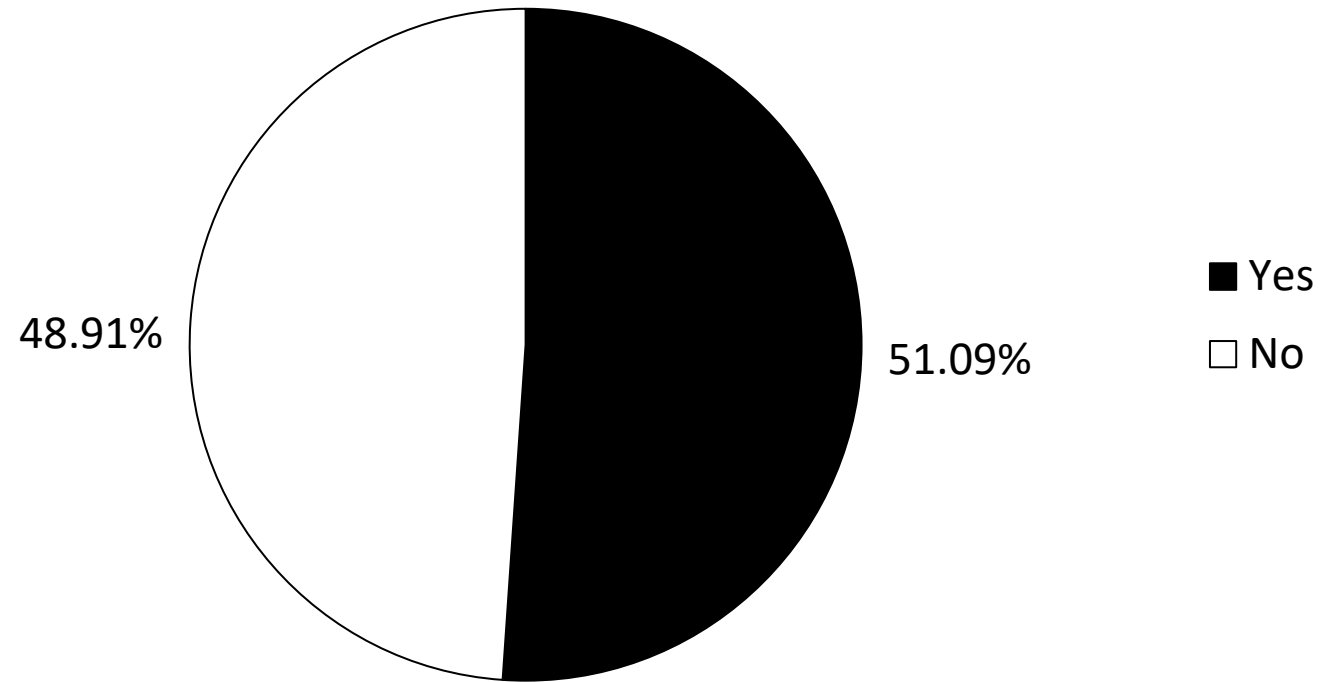
# What types of agencies, organizations, or programs were respondents affiliated with?





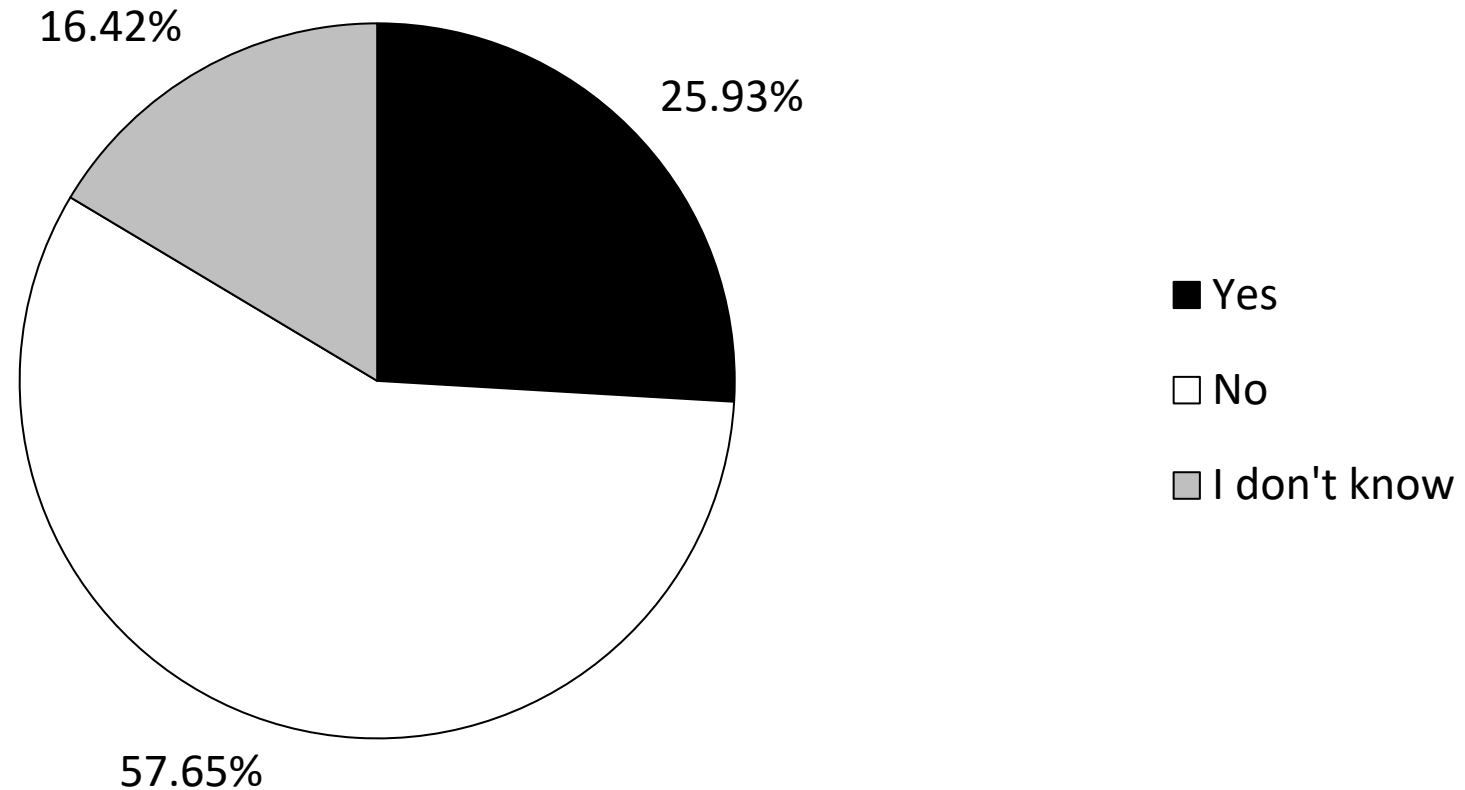
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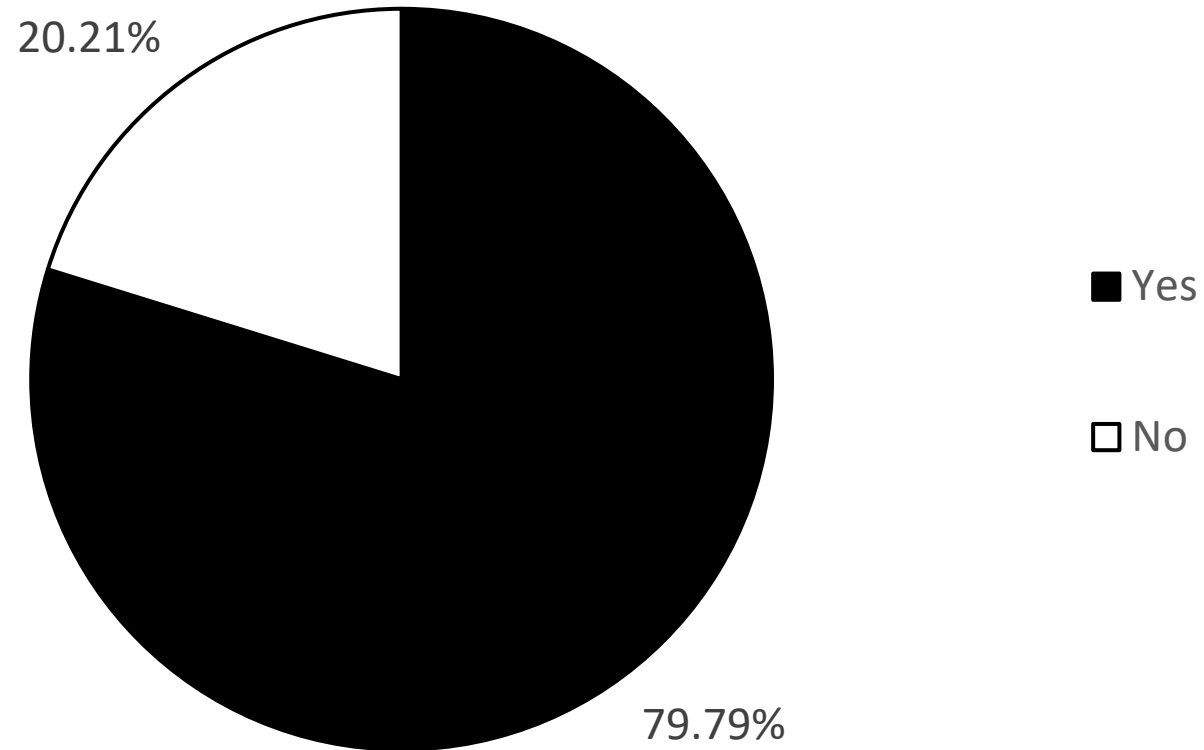
# Were respondents affiliated with an agency, organization, or program that has received funding from the ENRTF?

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Prior to completing the survey, had respondents heard of the ENRTF or the LCCMR or recognize the ENRTF logo?

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# What did respondents think should be the biggest focus for funding from the ENRTF?



Answer Choices	Responses	
Land, Wildlife, and Wildlife Habitat (includes birds, pollinators / insects, reptiles, mammals, and plants)	803	48.93%
Lakes, Rivers, and Other Aquatic Habitat (includes fish and other aquatic species)	591	36.01%
Climate Change	581	35.41%
Water Quality	504	30.71%
Outdoor Recreation (includes hiking or biking trails, boat ramps, and other facilities)	351	21.39%
Agricultural Practices	312	19.01%
Invasive Species	289	17.61%
Environmental Justice	215	13.10%
Energy Use and Production (includes energy efficiency and renewable energy)	212	12.92%
Water Availability (includes flooding, drought, and drinking water)	190	11.58%
Recycling, Reuse, and Other Waste Management	177	10.79%
Other (please specify)	141	8.59%
Air Quality	114	6.95%

# Was the area of biggest focus the same for every region?



Answer Choices	Overall	Metro	Central	Southeast	Northeast	Northwest	Southwest
Land, Wildlife, and Wildlife Habitat	49%	51%	55%	44%	46%	55%	46%
Lakes, Rivers, and Other Aquatic Habitat	36%	35%	48%	30%	33%	46%	39%
Climate Change	35%	42%	30%	30%	26%	30%	17%
Water Quality	31%	29%	39%	36%	29%	21%	35%
Outdoor Recreation	21%	17%	22%	21%	34%	33%	21%
Agricultural Practices	19%	21%	20%	17%	13%	9%	29%
Invasive Species	18%	16%	24%	19%	20%	12%	25%
Environmental Justice	13%	16%	4%	11%	12%	12%	6%
Energy Use and Production	13%	13%	7%	10%	20%	9%	15%
Water Availability	12%	12%	9%	12%	10%	9%	14%
Recycling, Reuse, and Other Waste Management	11%	8%	11%	13%	16%	9%	15%
Other	9%	9%	5%	18%	10%	6%	4%
Air Quality	7%	9%	4%	5%	4%	6%	4%

# Did the area of biggest focus change if a respondent was affiliated with an agency, organization, or program that works on issues related to the environment or natural resources?



Response	Overall	ENR Affiliation	No ENR Affiliation	Did Not Answer
Land, Wildlife, and Wildlife Habitat	49%	51%	49%	38%
Lakes, Rivers, and Other Aquatic Habitat	36%	36%	36%	33%
Climate Change	35%	40%	30%	35%
Water Quality	31%	29%	32%	30%
Outdoor Recreation	21%	22%	21%	20%
Agricultural Practices	19%	19%	19%	20%
Invasive Species	18%	19%	17%	14%
Environmental Justice	13%	17%	9%	17%
Energy Use and Production	13%	11%	16%	11%
Water Availability	12%	11%	12%	10%
Recycling, Reuse, and Other Waste Management	11%	8%	14%	12%
Other	9%	11%	7%	6%
Air Quality	7%	5%	9%	10%



# What did respondents think were the best ways funding should be used?

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Answer Choices	Score	Ranking
Restore and enhance land and water.	5.15	1
Develop plans and designs for protecting, conserving, preserving, and enhancing natural resources, the environment, and outdoor recreation.	4.7	2
Acquire land for preservation, conservation, or outdoor recreation.	4.02	3
Increase education and public awareness.	3.93	4
Conduct research to better understand issues, measure progress on achieving outcomes, and develop new tools, practices, or solutions.	3.89	5
Ensure equitable funding distribution across all communities.	3.38	6
Construct facilities and other infrastructure like trails, fishing piers, campgrounds, and solar panels.	2.93	7

# Did the best ways funding should be used change depending on region?



Answer Choices	Ranking						
	Overall	Metro	Central	Southeast	Northeast	Northwest	Southwest
Restore and enhance land and water.	1	1	1	1	2	2	1
Develop plans and designs for protecting, conserving, preserving, and enhancing natural resources, the environment, and outdoor recreation.	2	2	2	2	1	1	2
Acquire land for preservation, conservation, or outdoor recreation.	3	3	3	3	5	3	6
Increase education and public awareness.	4	5	4	4	3	5	3
Conduct research to better understand issues, measure progress on achieving outcomes, and develop new tools, practices, or solutions.	5	4	5	5	4	4	5
Ensure equitable funding distribution across all communities.	6	6	6	6	6	7	4
Construct facilities and other infrastructure like trails, fishing piers, campgrounds, and solar panels.	7	7	7	7	7	6	7

# Did the best ways funding should be used change depending on affiliation with an agency, organization, or program that works on issues related to the environment or natural resources?



Answer Choice	Ranking			
	Overall	ENR Affiliation	No ENR Affiliation	Did Not Answer
Restore and enhance land and water.	1	1	1	1
Develop plans and designs for protecting, conserving, preserving, and enhancing natural resources, the environment, and outdoor recreation.	2	2	2	2
Acquire land for preservation, conservation, or outdoor recreation.	3	3	3	5
Increase education and public awareness.	4	4	4	4
Conduct research to better understand issues, measure progress on achieving outcomes, and develop new tools, practices, or solutions.	5	5	5	3
Ensure equitable funding distribution across all communities.	6	6	6	6
Construct facilities and other infrastructure like trails, fishing piers, campgrounds, and solar panels.	7	7	7	7

