



City of Brooklyn Park Commissioners Survey Results 2022

About Commissions

The City of Brooklyn Park depends on the volunteerism of approximately 65 residents to serve on six different commissions. Commissions are included in the City Charter, are integral to city processes and serve as advisory groups to the City Council. The commissions included in the survey were:

Budget Advisory Commission

Human Rights Commission

Charter Commission

Planning Commission

Community Long-range Improvement
Commission

Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission

The Cable Commission and Watershed Commissions members were not surveyed in 2022.

About the 2022 Commissioners Survey

Brooklyn Park 2025 community goal 6b is “Elected officials, commissions, and City staff reflect the diversity of the community and are culturally competent.” To measure this goal, the city conducts a voluntary biannual survey.

Methodology

Responses were collected in two ways. In April 2022 commissioners were sent a link via email to complete the survey via Microsoft Forms. We did not receive a large enough sample to report out on. Therefore, in August 2022, commissioners were given the opportunity to complete a paper survey at the Joint Council and Commissions meeting. Consequently, the data should be interpreted as two incomplete snapshots in time reported together.

Response rate

Sixty-one commissioners completed the voluntary demographic questionnaire. Not all commissioners answered every question.

Comparison data

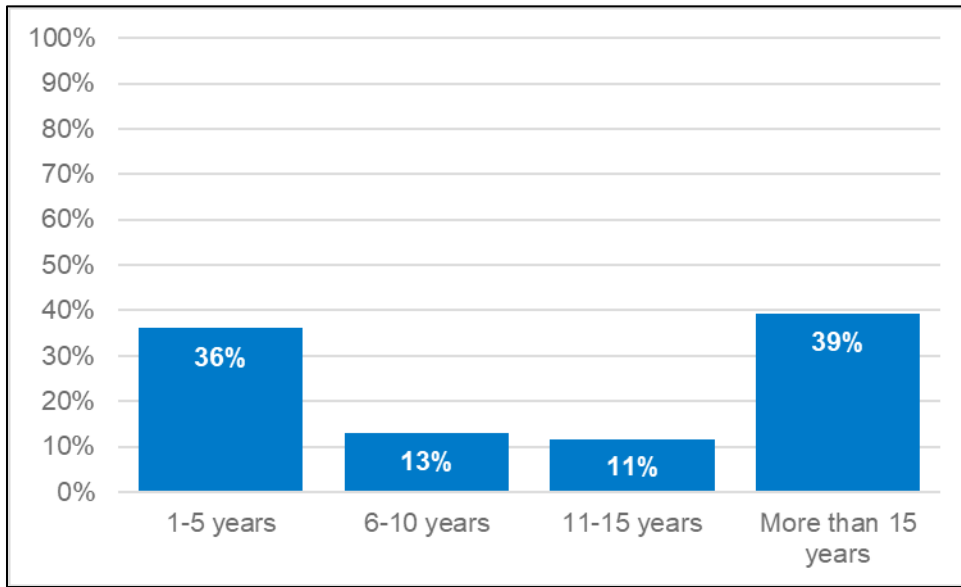
All data describing the city of Brooklyn Park are 2016 American Community Survey 5-year estimates unless otherwise noted.

Findings

The findings are listed in the order the questions were asked.

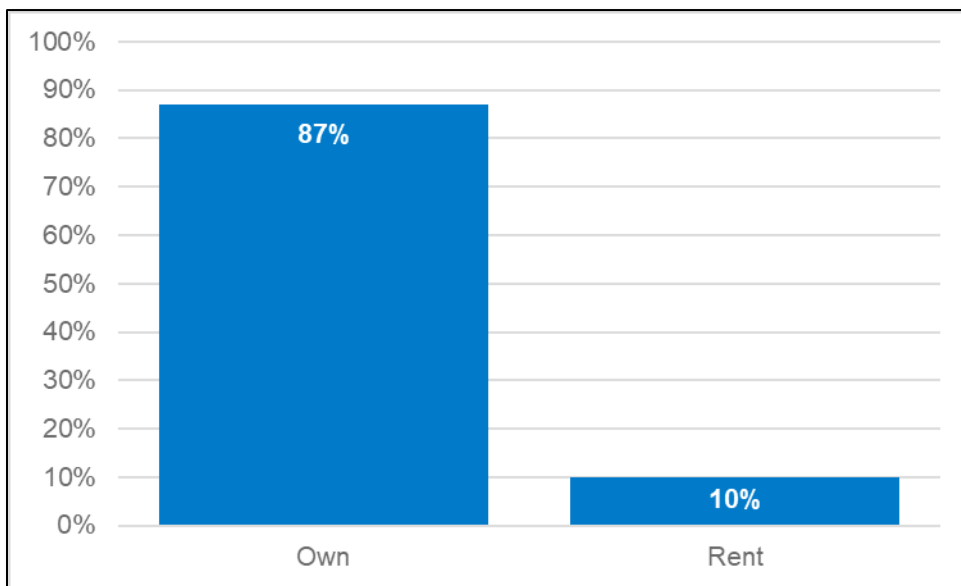
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How many years have you lived in Brooklyn Park?



HOUSING

Do you currently own or rent your home?



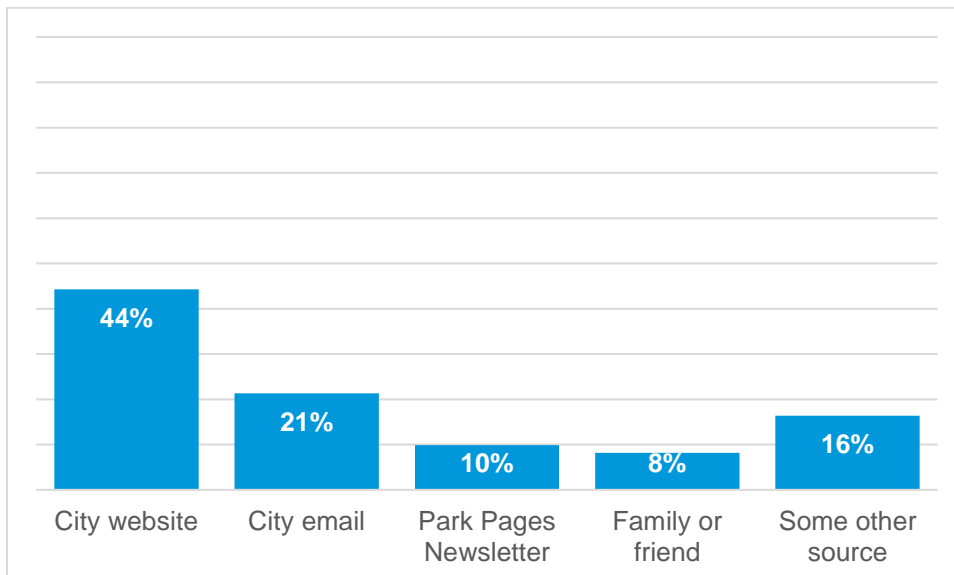
READINESS

2022 results	Not at all	Somewhat	Mostly	Very well
How well do you understand your role and responsibilities as a commissioner?	1	11	23	25
How well prepared do you feel to serve on your commission?	0	9	22	30
How connected do you feel to the City Council?	4	26	15	16
How connected do you feel to the city departments?	11	24	11	15

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How well do you understand your role and responsibilities as a commissioner?	--	9	13	23
How well prepared do you feel to serve on your commission?	--	6	14	25
How connected do you feel to the City Council?	2	18	16	9
How connected do you feel to the city departments?	7	20	12	6

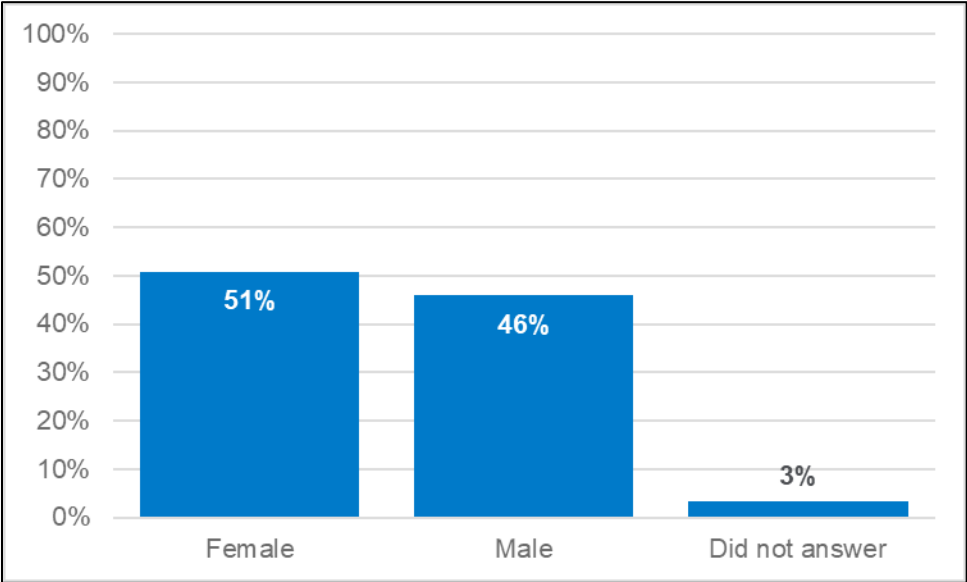
OUTREACH (How respondents heard about becoming a commissioner)

How did you hear about this commission vacancy?

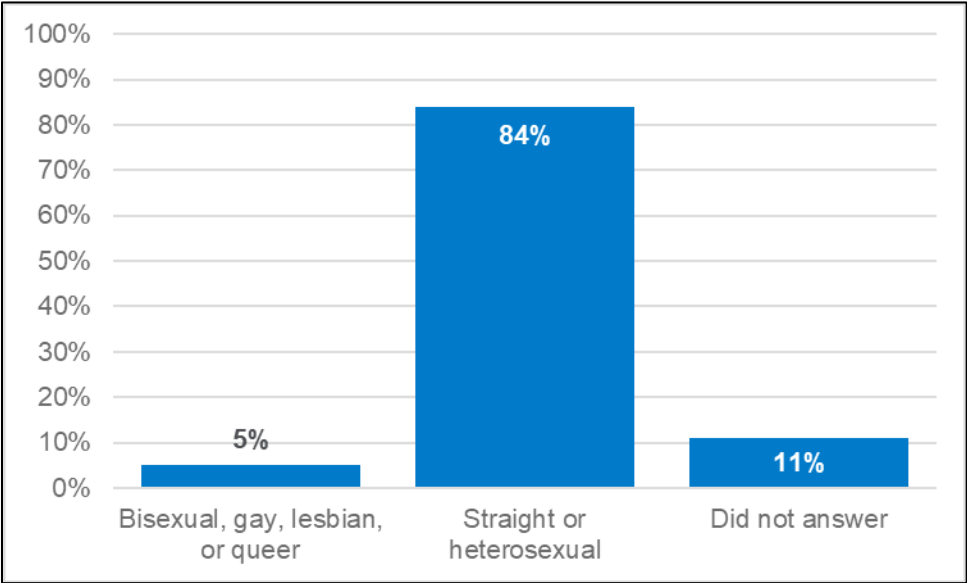


GENDER AND SEXUAL IDENTITY

How do you identify your gender?

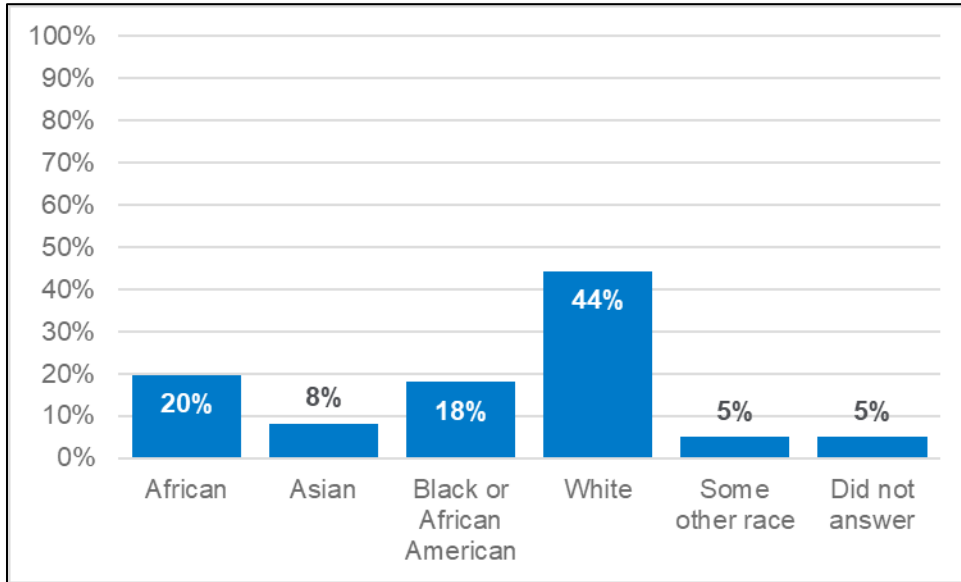


How do you describe your sexual identity?



RACIAL IDENTITY

How do you identify your race/ethnicity? (Select one or more)



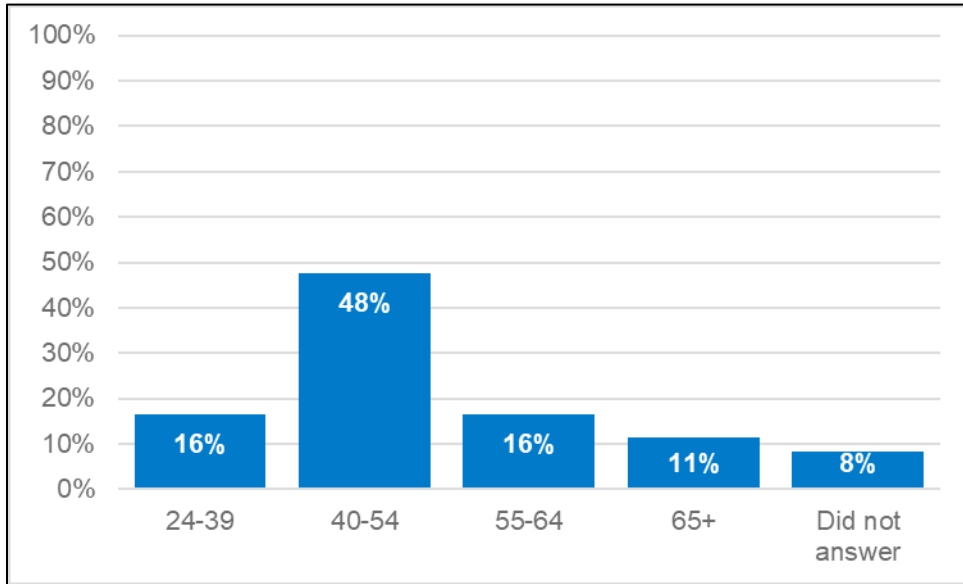
LANGUAGES SPOKEN

What language other than English do you speak at home?

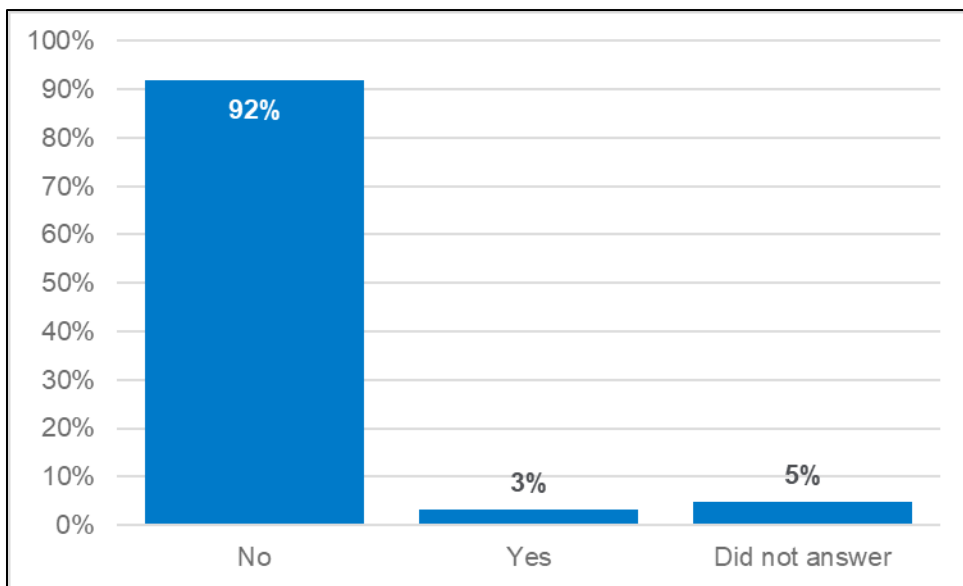
12 commissioners indicated they speak a language other than English at home. Those languages were:

- Spanish (2)
- Swahili and Kikisii
- Vietnamese
- Hmong (3)
- Bengali
- Igbo
- Annag
- 2 others did not specify the language

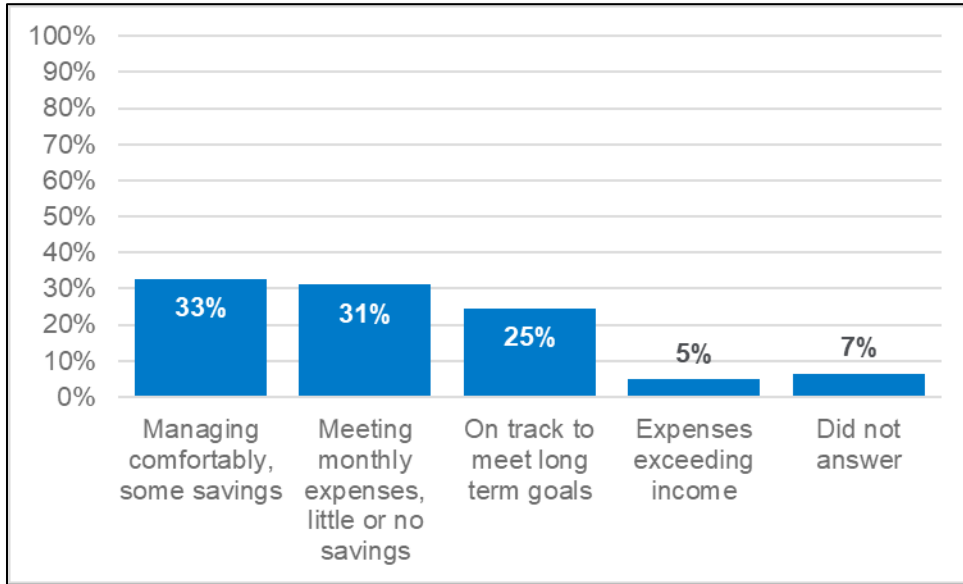
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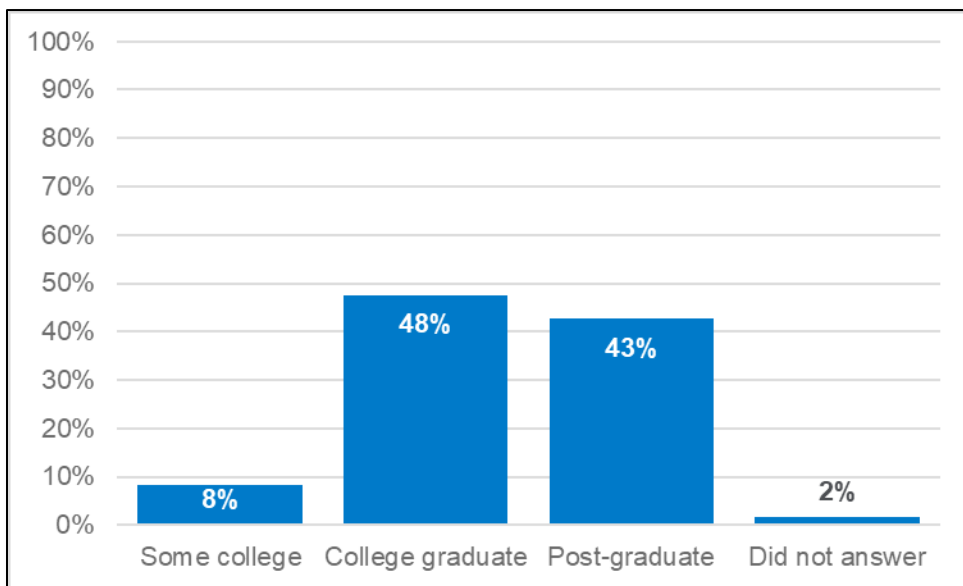
DISABILITY



FINANCIAL SITUATION



EDUCATION



Key takeaways:

There is a lot of diversity on the Brooklyn Park commissions, and the commission demographics match up with the city’s demographics in some areas. However, there are some groups that are over-represented, including adults ages 40-54, homeowners, residents with higher incomes, and residents with bachelor and graduate-level education. This suggests that our commissions may not be fully benefiting from the knowledge and experience of our widely diverse community.

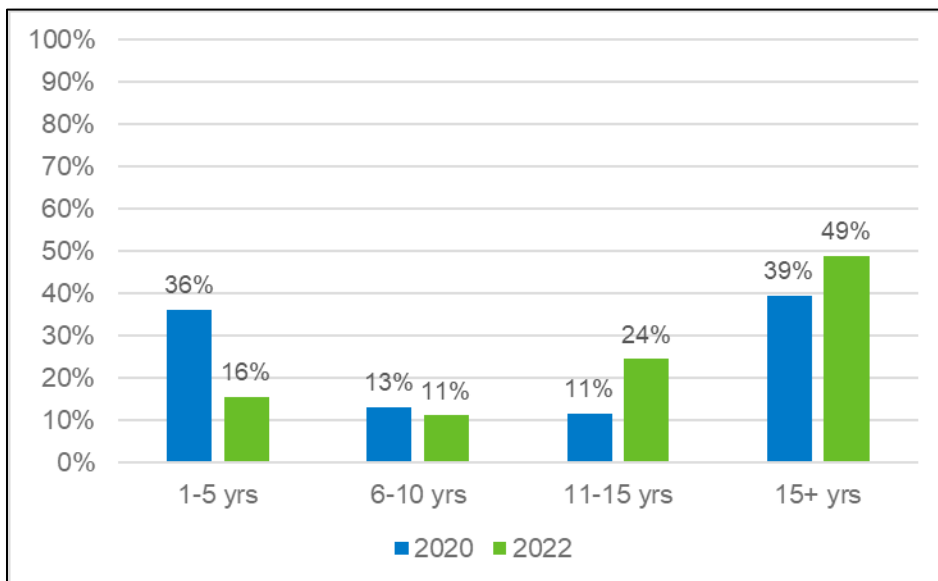
Regarding how commissioners feel about their appointment, there is still room for growth in helping the commissioners feel connected to city council and staff departments.

Historical data

The following charts detail how the makeup of commissioners has changed over time.

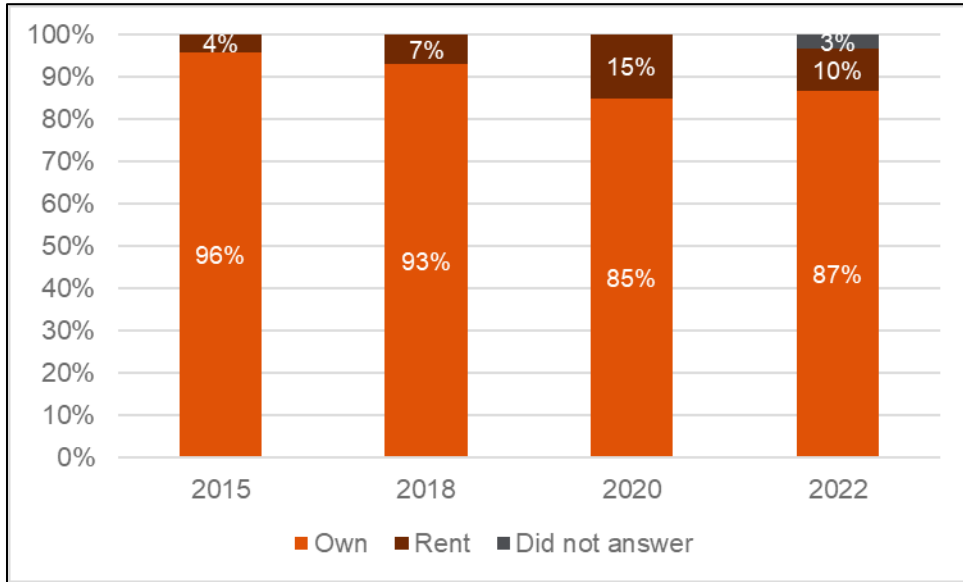
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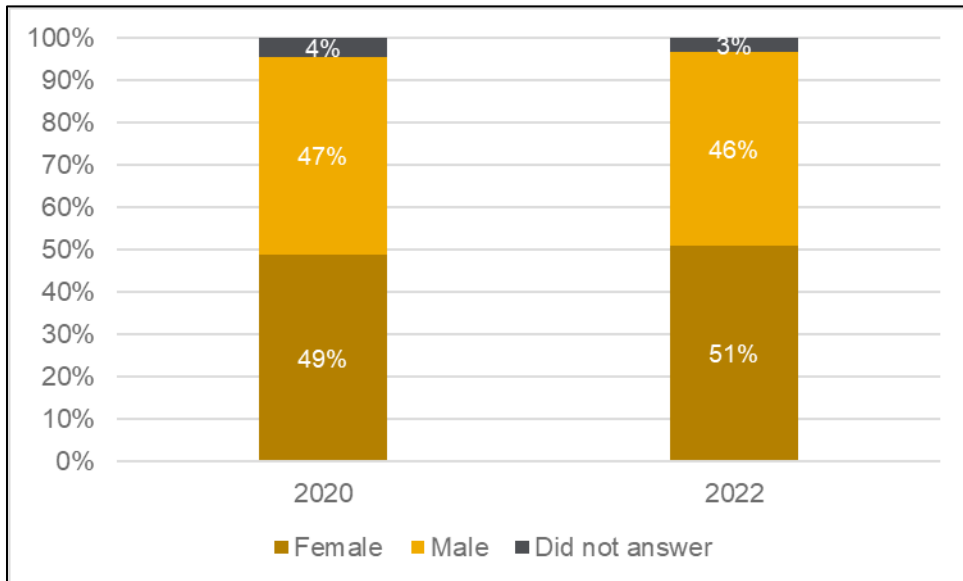
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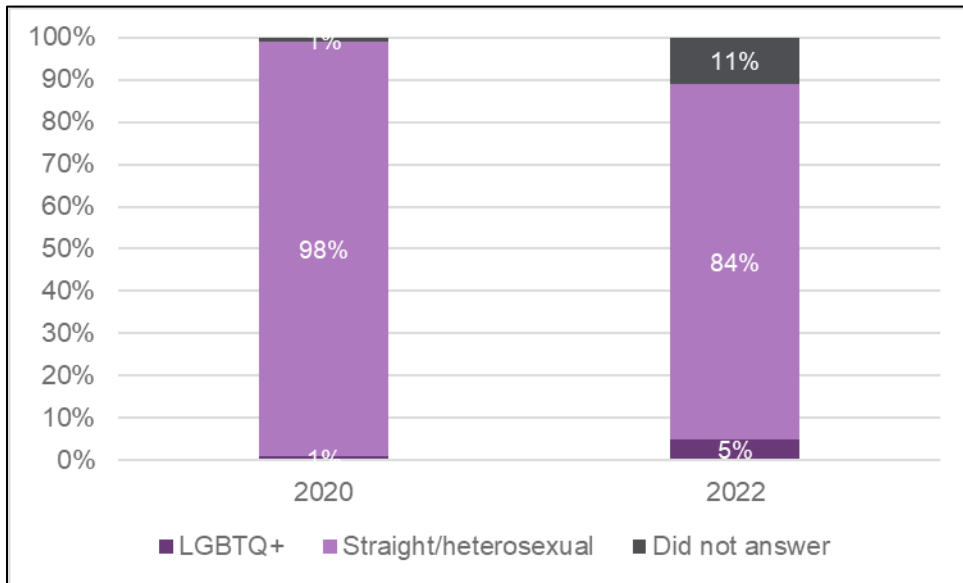


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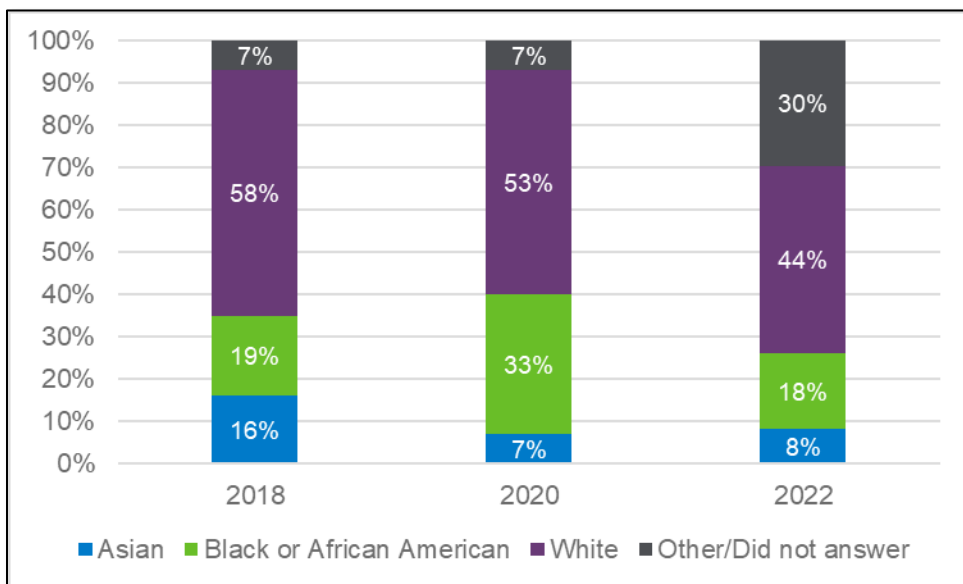


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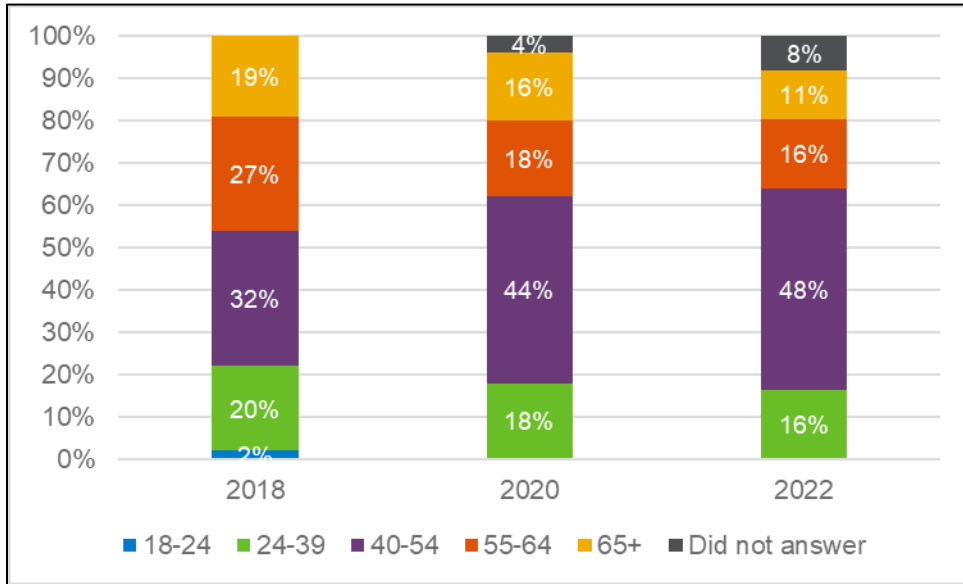


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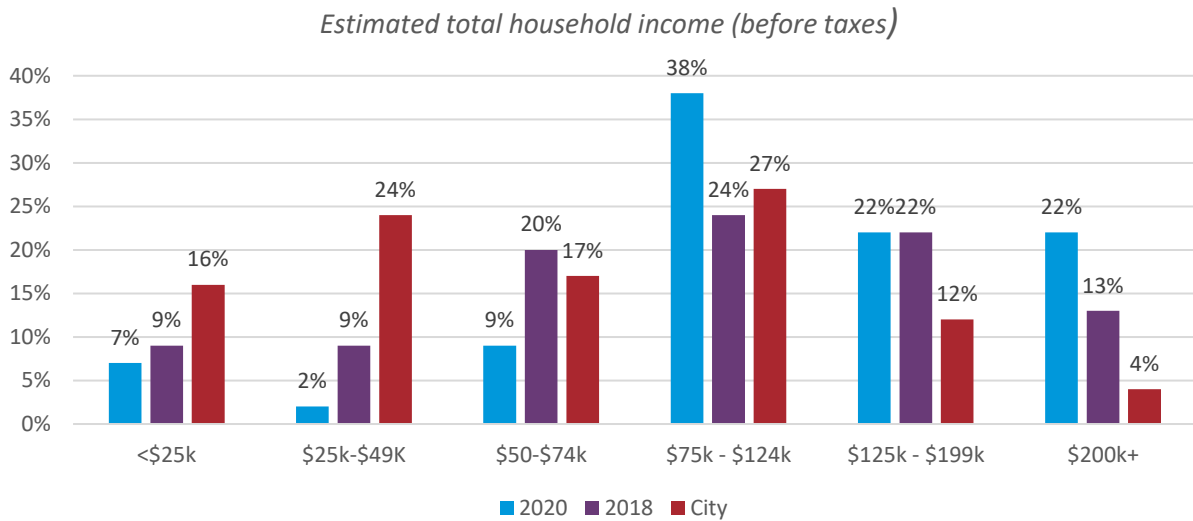
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