

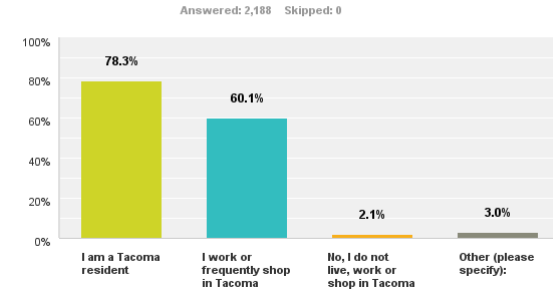
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**Q1. Do you live, work or shop regularly in the City of Tacoma? (check all that apply)**

Answer Options	Percent	Response Count
I am a Tacoma resident	78.3 %	1714
I work or frequently shop in Tacoma	60.1 %	1316
No, I do not live, work or shop in Tacoma	2.1 %	47
Other (please specify):	3.0 %	66

answered question 2188  
skipped question 0

**Q1 Do you live, work or shop regularly in the City of Tacoma? (check all that apply)**

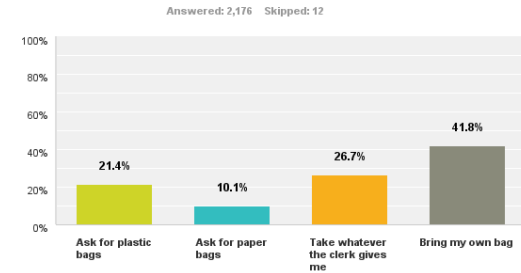


**Q2. When you shop for groceries, do you usually:**

Answer Options	Percent	Response Count
Ask for plastic bags	21.4 %	465
Ask for paper bags	10.1 %	220
Take whatever the clerk gives me	26.7 %	581
Bring my own bag	41.8 %	910

answered question 2176  
skipped question 12

**Q2 When you shop for groceries, do you usually:**

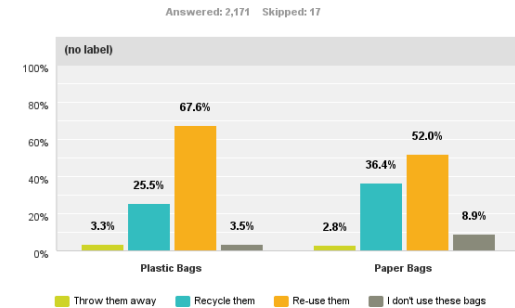


**Q3. What do you normally do with your disposable shopping bags?**

Answer Options	Throw them away	Recycle them	Re-use them	I don't use these bags	Response Count
Plastic Bags	3.3%	25.5%	67.6%	3.5%	2153
Paper Bags	2.8%	36.4%	52.0%	8.9%	2041

answered question 2171  
skipped question 17

**Q3 What do you normally do with your disposable shopping bags?**

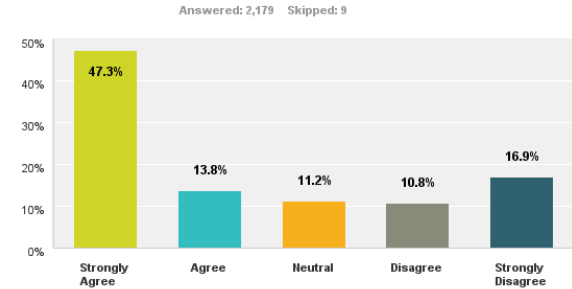


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**Q4. Please rate the following statement: I am concerned about the amount of litter and waste plastic bags create.**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	47.3 %	1030
Agree	13.8 %	300
Neutral	11.2 %	245
Disagree	10.8 %	236
Strongly Disagree	16.9 %	368
	answered question	2179
	skipped question	9

**Q4 Please rate the following statement: I am concerned about the amount of litter and waste plastic bags create.**

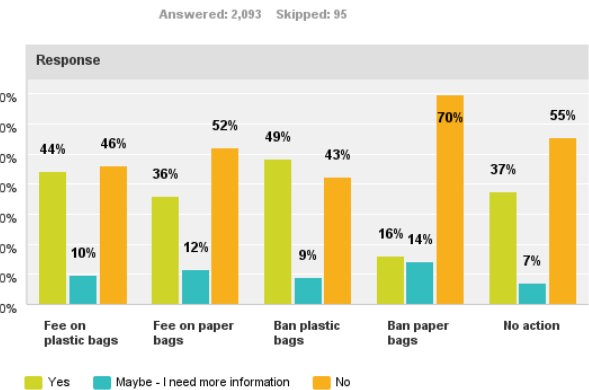


**Q5. Do you support a fee or a ban on disposable plastic and/or paper bags?**

Response

Answer Options	Yes (%)	Maybe - I need more information (%)	No (%)	Response Count
Fee on plastic bags	44.3%	9.8%	45.9%	2024
Fee on paper bags	36.1%	11.8%	52.1%	2034
Ban plastic bags	48.6%	8.9%	42.5%	2039
Ban paper bags	16.0%	14.1%	69.9%	2018
No action	37.4%	7.1%	55.4%	1766
	answered question			2093
	skipped question			95

**Q5 Do you support a fee or a ban on disposable plastic and/or paper bags?**



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**Q6. Would you support the following fee options for paper and/or plastic bags?**

**\$0.05**

Answer Options	Yes (%)	Maybe - I need more information (%)	No (%)	Response Count
Plastic bags	42.6%	6.2%	51.2%	1869
Paper bags	38.6%	6.8%	54.6%	1873

**\$0.10**

Answer Options	Yes (%)	Maybe - I need more information (%)	No (%)	Response Count
Plastic bags	34.7%	5.0%	60.3%	1264
Paper bags	31.8%	5.7%	62.5%	1264

**\$0.25**

Answer Options	Yes (%)	Maybe - I need more information (%)	No (%)	Response Count
Plastic bags	28.0%	4.9%	67.1%	1211
Paper bags	22.3%	6.2%	71.5%	1195

**\$1.00**

Answer Options	Yes (%)	Maybe - I need more information (%)	No (%)	Response Count
Plastic bags	19.2%	4.3%	76.5%	959
Paper bags	11.0%	4.4%	84.6%	935

answered question 2041  
skipped question 147

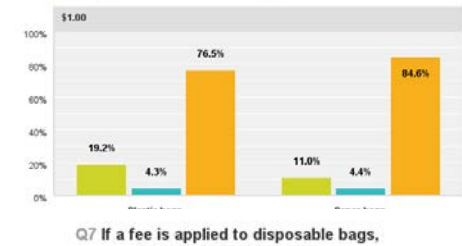
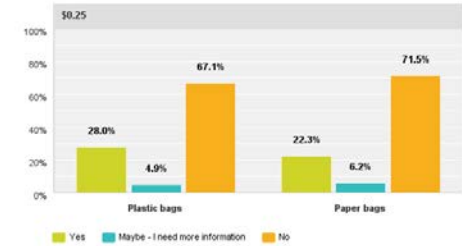
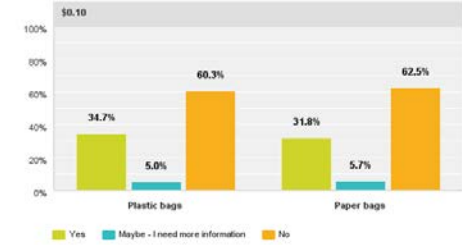
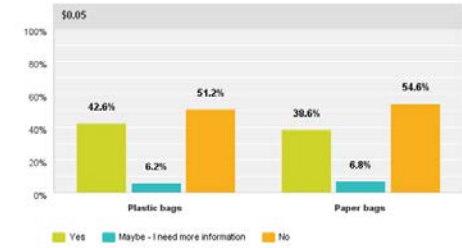
**Q7. If a fee is applied to disposable bags, how should it be used?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Given to retailer to offset increased bag costs	8.1 %	170
Given to a community environmental clean-up organization	31.7 %	662
Split between retailer and other organization	18.9 %	395
No fee	34.7 %	725
Other (please specify):	6.6 %	139

answered question 2091  
skipped question 97

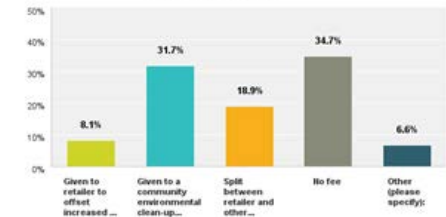
**Q6 Would you support the following fee options for paper and/or plastic bags?**

Answered: 2,041 Skipped: 147



**Q7 If a fee is applied to disposable bags, how should it be used?**

Answered: 2,091 Skipped: 97



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**Q8. If a fee or ban is adopted, which businesses should it apply to? (check all that apply)**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
All businesses	64.4 %	1239
Businesses over a certain square footage	10.4 %	200
Businesses over a certain revenue	17.3 %	333
Businesses of a certain type (please specify):	18.6 %	358

answered question 1925  
skipped question 263

**Q9. Please rate the following statement :The City of Tacoma should adopt an ordinance restricting the use of disposable shopping bags.**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	45.2 %	948
Agree	9.9 %	208
Neutral	4.5 %	94
Disagree	6.4 %	135
Strongly Disagree	34.0 %	712

answered question 2097  
skipped question 91

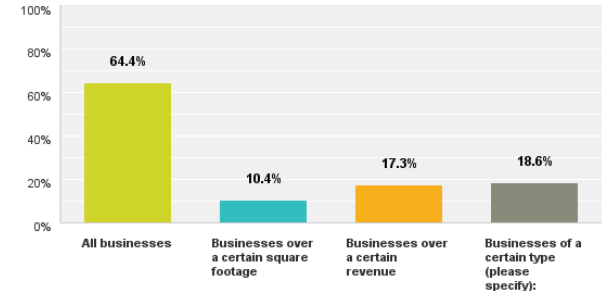
**Q10. What is the appropriate lead time for implementation of an ordinance if approved? In other words, how long should the delay period be between when a restriction is passed and when it goes into effect?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
3 months	23.4 %	477
6 months	23.5 %	479
9 months	5.3 %	107
12 months	18.9 %	386
Not sure	9.7 %	197
Other (please specify):	19.2 %	391

answered question 2037  
skipped question 151

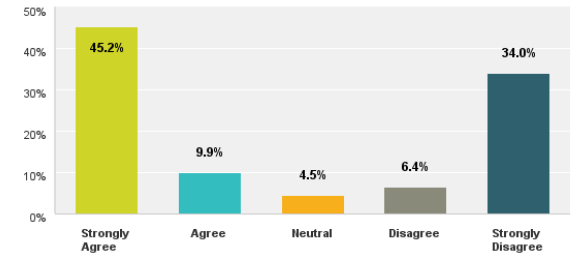
**Q8 If a fee or ban is adopted, which businesses should it apply to? (check all that apply)**

Answered: 1,925 Skipped: 263



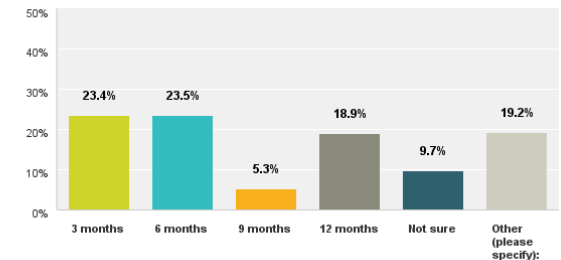
**Q9 Please rate the following statement: The City of Tacoma should adopt an ordinance restricting the use of disposable shopping bags.**

Answered: 2,097 Skipped: 91



**Q10 What is the appropriate lead time for implementation of an ordinance if approved? In other words, how long should the delay period be between when a restriction is passed and when it goes into effect?**

Answered: 2,037 Skipped: 151



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**Q11. Please use the space below to provide additional feedback about a possible disposable shopping bag restriction in Tacoma.**

Answer Options	Response Count
	1153
answered question	1153
skipped question	1035

**Q12. Optional: If you would like to receive updates on this topic, please provide your contact information below.**

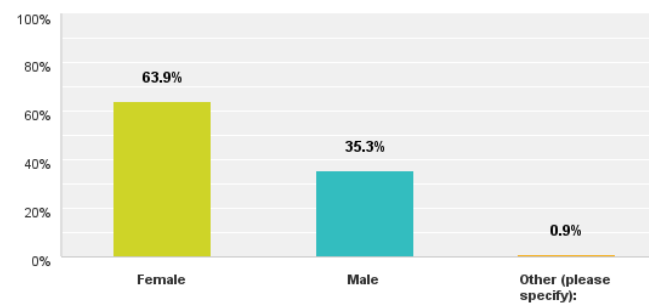
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Name	94.5 %	547
Company (if applicable)	14.0 %	81
Email Address	97.4 %	564
	answered question	579
	skipped question	1609

**Q13. What is your gender?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Female	63.9 %	1239
Male	35.3 %	684
Other (please specify):	0.9 %	17
	answered question	1940
	skipped question	248

**Q13 What is your gender?**

Answered: 1,940 Skipped: 248



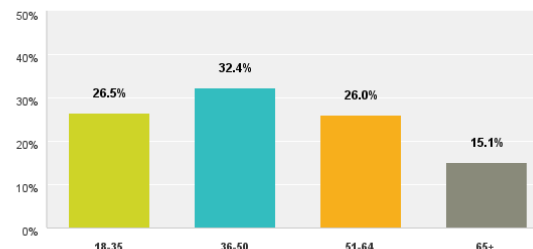
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**Q14. What is your age?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
18-35	26.5 %	514
36-50	32.4 %	627
51-64	26.0 %	504
65	15.1 %	293
answered question		1938
skipped question		250

**Q14 What is your age?**

Answered: 1,938 Skipped: 250

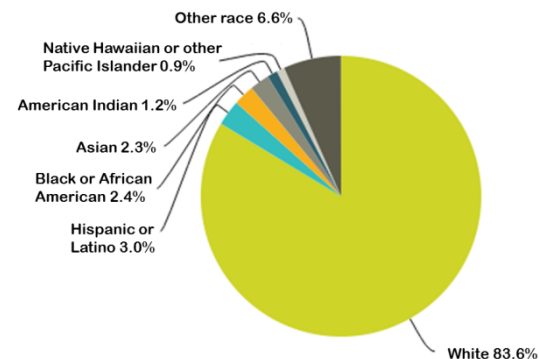


**Q15. Which race do you identify with?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
White	83.6 %	1550
Hispanic or Latino	3.0 %	55
Black or African American	2.4 %	44
Asian	2.3 %	42
American Indian	1.2 %	22
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.9 %	17
Other race	6.6 %	123
answered question		1853
skipped question		335

**Q15 Which race do you identify with?**

Answered: 1,853 Skipped: 335

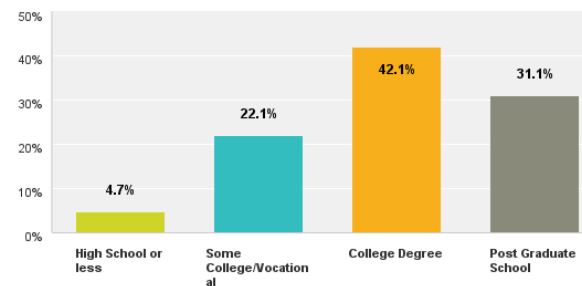


**Q16. What is the last year of schooling you completed?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
High School or less	4.7 %	91
Some College/Vocational	22.1 %	424
College Degree	42.1 %	809
Post Graduate School	31.1 %	598
answered question		1922
skipped question		266

**Q16 What is the last year of schooling you completed?**

Answered: 1,922 Skipped: 266



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**Q17. Which of the following best describes your employment at this time?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Self-employed or Business Owner	13.8 %	266
Employed in Private Business	30.4 %	585
Employed in Public Sector (government agency, educational institution, etc.)	29.6 %	568
Not Employed	6.4 %	123
Student	2.5 %	49
Retired	17.2 %	331

answered question 1922  
skipped question 266

**Q18. Which best describes your household?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Couple with children	35.0 %	664
Couple with no children	35.7 %	678
Single with children	6.5 %	124
Single with no children	22.8 %	433

answered question 1899  
skipped question 289

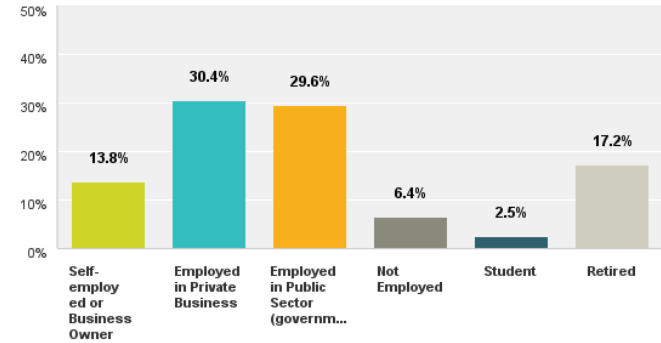
**Q19. Which best describes your home?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Single family house	81.5 %	1564
Condominium	4.2 %	81
Apartment	11.8 %	226
Other	2.5 %	48

answered question 1919  
skipped question 269

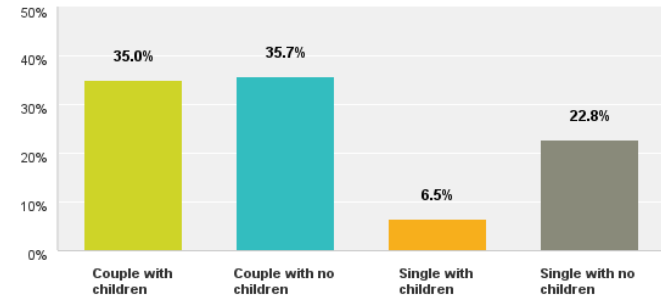
**Q17 Which of the following best describes your employment at this time?**

Answered: 1,922 Skipped: 266



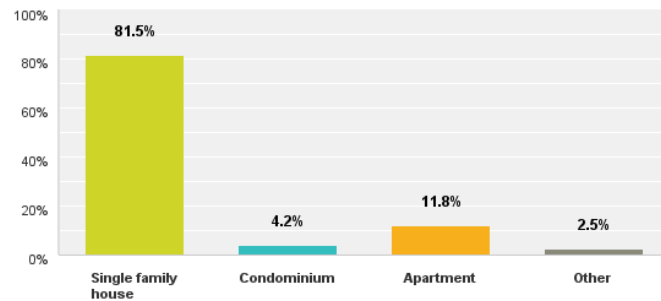
**Q18 Which best describes your household?**

Answered: 1,899 Skipped: 289



**Q19 Which best describes your home?**

Answered: 1,919 Skipped: 269



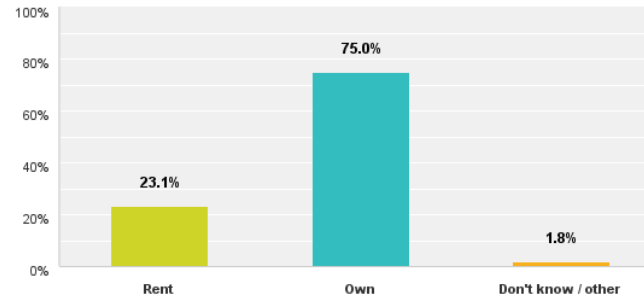
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**Q20. Do you rent or own the place in which you live?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Rent	23.1 %	441
Own	75.0 %	1430
Don't know / other	1.8 %	35
answered question		1906
skipped question		282

**Q20 Do you rent or own the place in which you live?**

Answered: 1,906 Skipped: 282

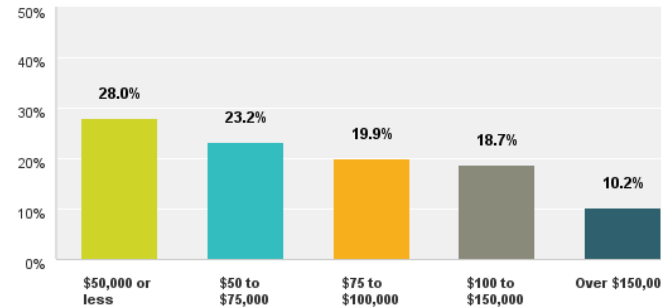


**Q21. What is your approximate household income?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
\$50,000 or less	28.0 %	490
\$50 to \$75,000	23.2 %	406
\$75 to \$100,000	19.9 %	349
\$100 to \$150,000	18.7 %	327
Over \$150,000	10.2 %	178
answered question		1750
skipped question		438

**Q21 What is your approximate household income?**

Answered: 1,750 Skipped: 438





Public Survey Comment Summary (1,143)	
Pro Action Reasons	Status Quo Reasons
Environmental Impacts: wildlife, waterways, soil, resource use, litter, carbon footprint, waste	Discourages shoppers, visitors, unplanned shopping (will shop elsewhere)
Low recycling rate of disposable bags	Already recycles and/or reuses disposables
Should assign cost to things with negative impacts	Unsanitary bacteria in reusable bags
Catalyst for environmentally responsible decisions, awareness	Hardship: low-income, disabled, elderly
Increase quality of life, health (plastic impacts), sense of pride	Perception that plastic is better for environment; reusables are resource intensive
In line with Tacoma’s environmental mission, community values	Reusable bags are hard to wash, remember, load items into, and don’t last
Clerks inefficiently bag items	Loss of manufacturing jobs