



# Somerville Participatory Budgeting

## Participant Demographics

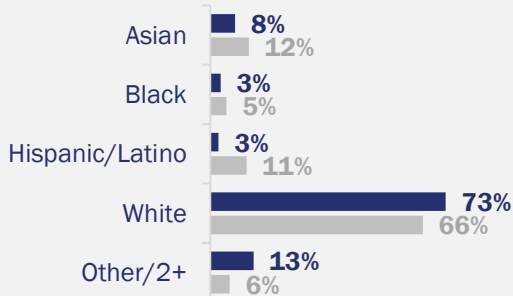
CYCLE 2, 2025

**416** constituents submitted **708** ideas.

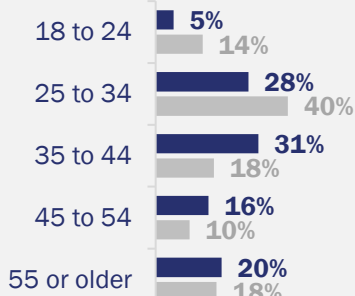
## Who participated?

■ Participants  
■ Somerville Population

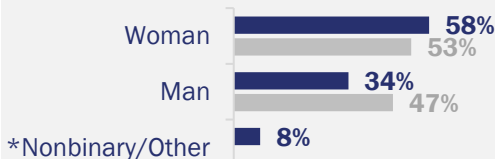
### By Race/Ethnicity



### By Age



### By Gender



### By Housing Status



\*The ACS does not estimate nonbinary residents.

Compared to American Community Survey 2023 1-year estimates.

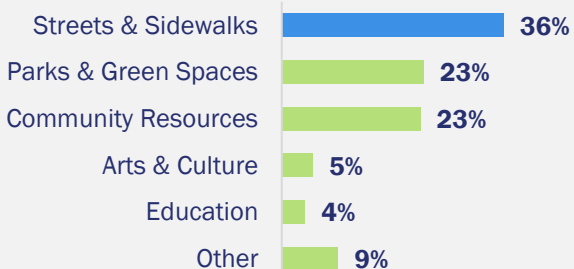
Hispanic/Latino and 18- to 34-year-old constituents were underrepresented compared to the Somerville population, while white and 35- to 44-year-old constituents were overrepresented.

Homeowners are overrepresented, while men and renters are underrepresented. However, more ideas per person were submitted by renters (2.0 ideas) than homeowners (1.4) on average. Nonbinary participants submitted 3.7 ideas per person.

People with disabilities were well-represented and submitted more ideas per person (2.2) than those who did not indicate a disability (1.6).

## What ideas did they submit?

### Ideas by Category



### Streets & Sidewalks Ideas by Topic



**Streets & Sidewalks** was the top category of ideas, with 62 ideas each relating to Road Safety and Pedestrian Infrastructure.

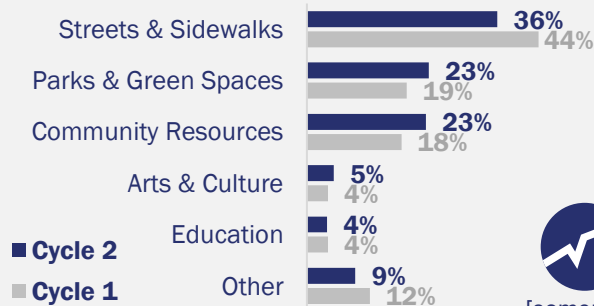
Participants also had ideas for **Parks & Green Spaces** about Green Spaces (32), Planting (22), and Sports Facilities (17), and for **Community Resources** about Bike Infrastructure (43) and Food (16).

## How does this compare to Cycle 1?

Proportionally, men and 25- to 34-year-olds were less well-represented in Cycle 2 compared to Cycle 1. Representation by race/ethnicity was similar in both cycles.

Streets & Sidewalks was the top category in both cycles, though it represented a smaller proportion of ideas in Cycle 2. The highest submitter gave 40 ideas in Cycle 2 and 36 in Cycle 1.

### Ideas by Category



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