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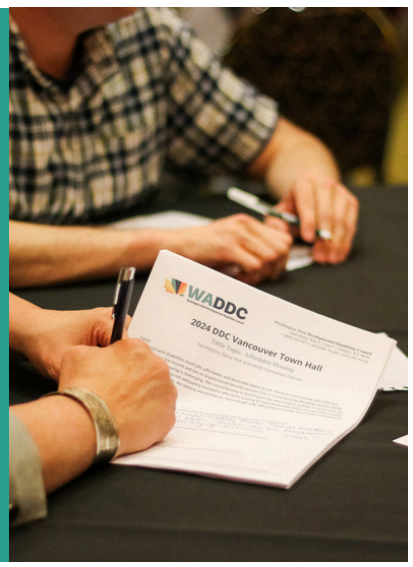
5 Year State Plan Survey

2026-2031



What We Heard: 2025 Five-Year State Plan

Survey Results

More than 1,100 people from communities across Washington shared what matters most for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

The feedback gathered through this statewide survey will help guide the Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council's goals, funding, and activities for the 2026–2031 State Plan.

Read the plain language summary at:

www.ddc.wa.gov/post/waddc-2025-state-plan-survey-results

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Who Responded

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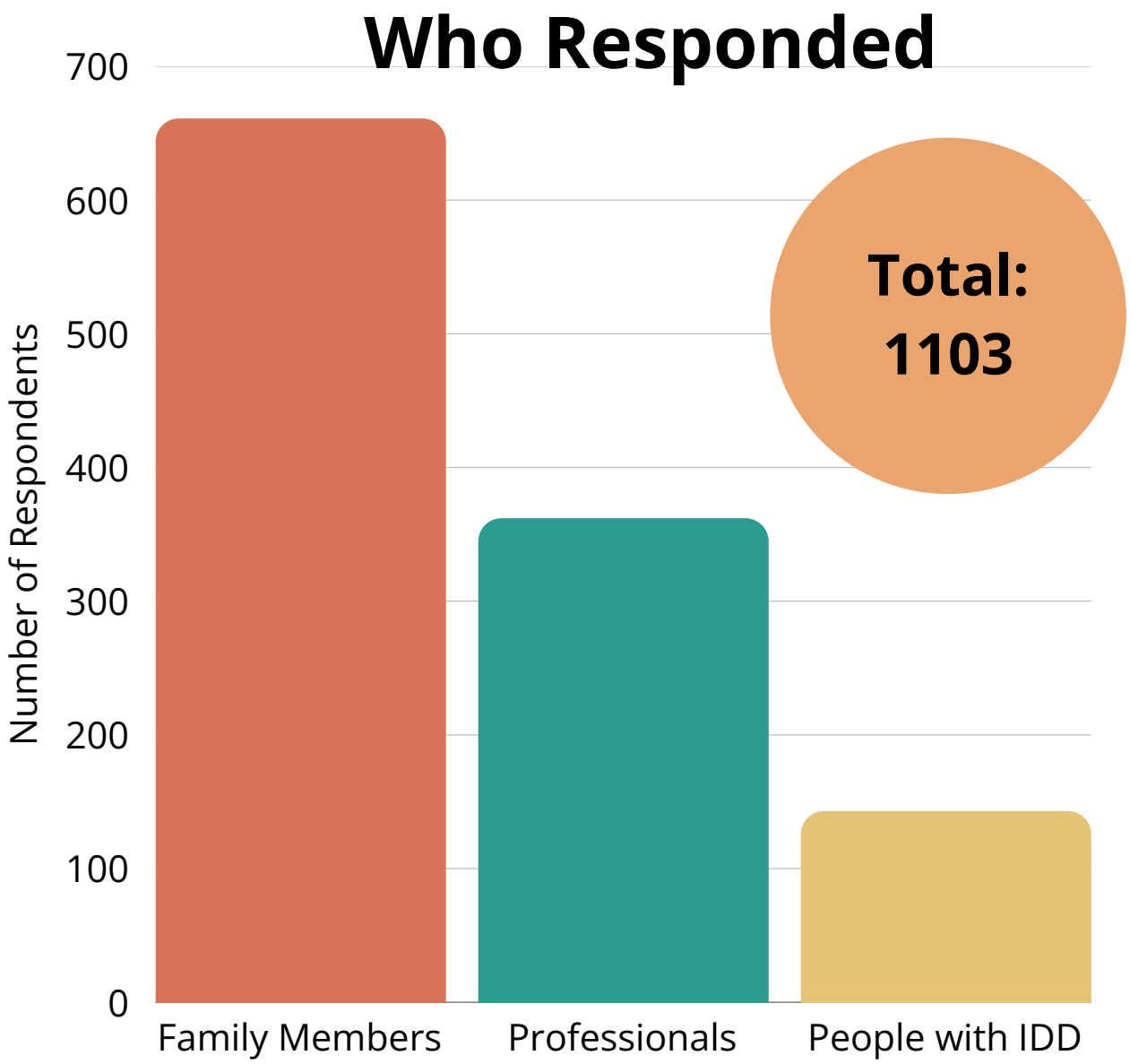
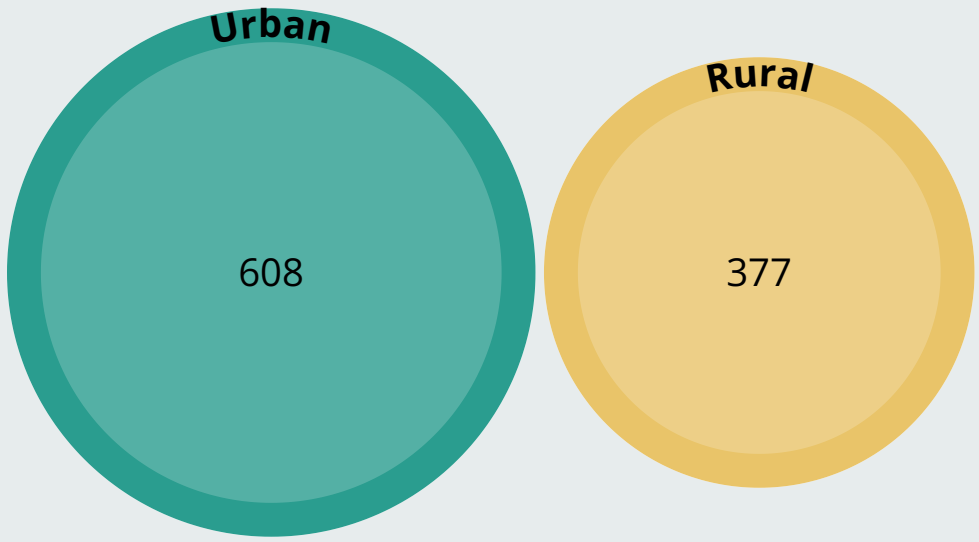
More than 1,100 people from across Washington took the survey. Most were family members of a person with a developmental disability, followed by professionals and people with disabilities themselves. Most respondents live in cities or rural areas, showing that people from all parts of the state shared their voices and ideas.



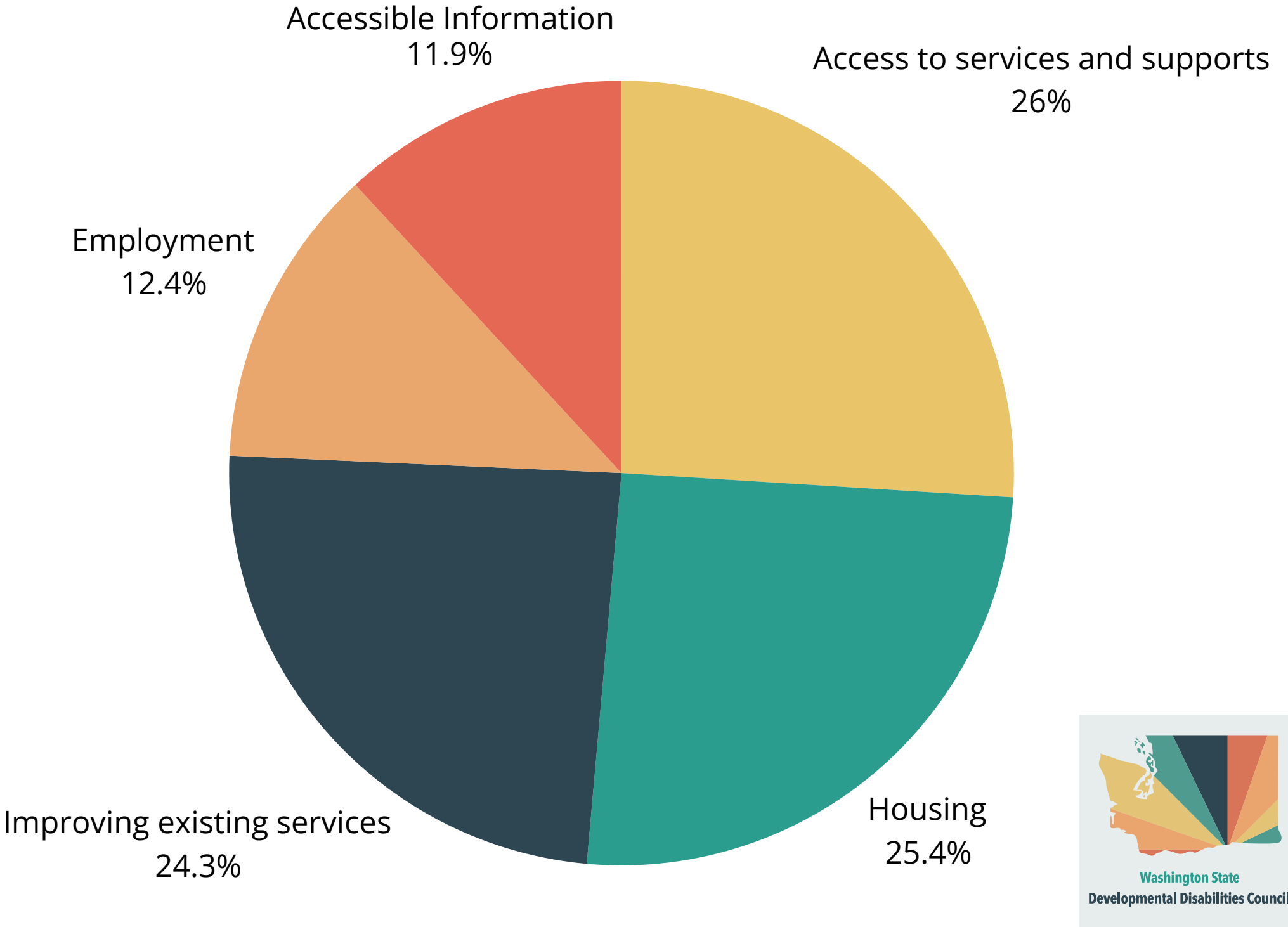
Where people live



What Matters Most for the Next 5 Years

"Supports are needed for school, recreation, childcare, afterschool clubs, and community activities — anything a nondisabled person can do, a person with a disability should be able to do."

-Survey respondent



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Biggest Barriers

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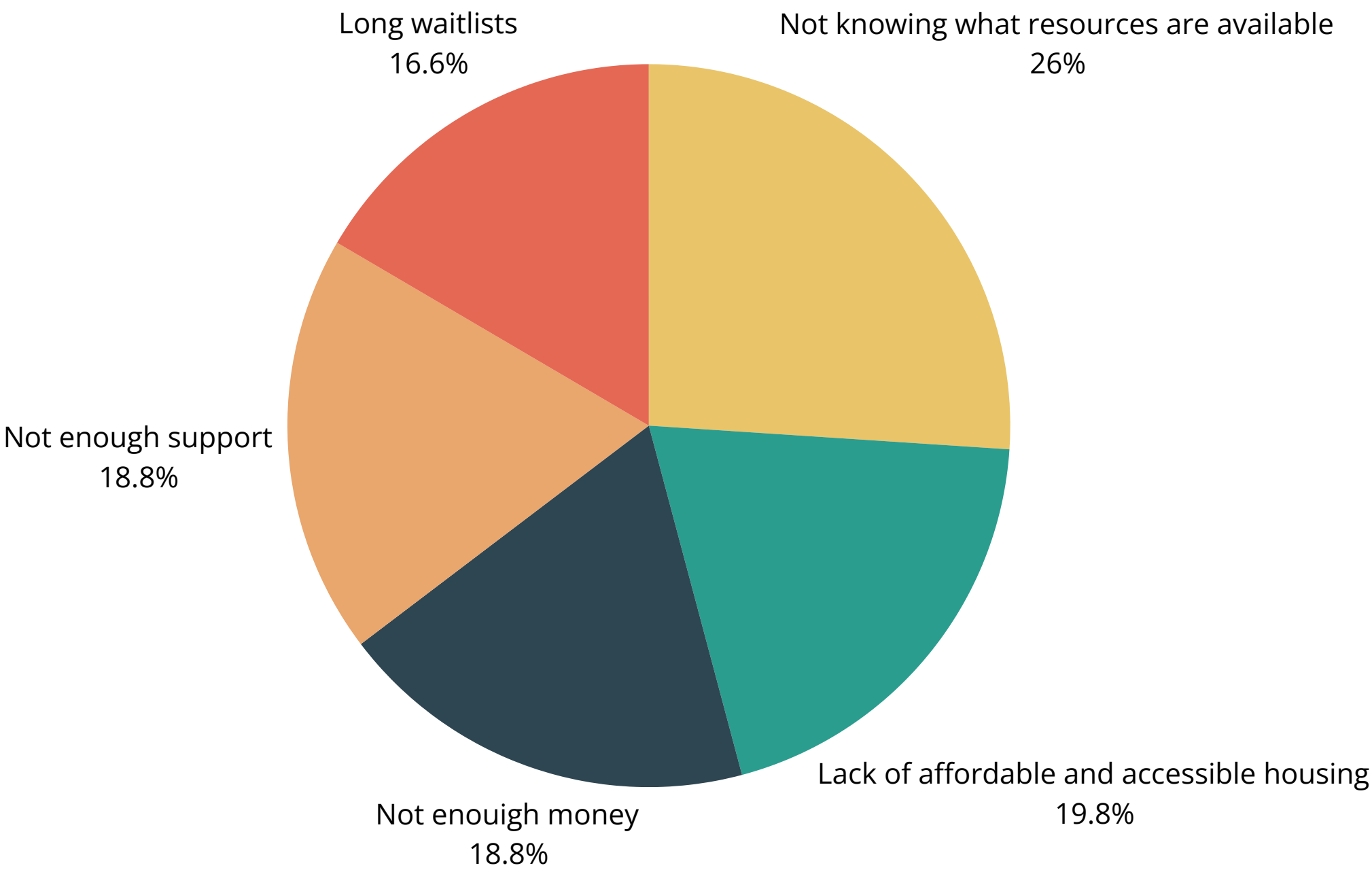
"I need help myself to understand all of this and the finances to survive and feed my son and my hubby and finally myself please—I'm begging, we need help."

-Survey respondent



The Path Forward

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The feedback from this survey will directly shape the Council's work for the next five years. What people shared will guide how we set goals, choose projects, and invest funding to make the biggest impact. It will also help us plan advocacy efforts and community activities that address the barriers people experience most often.

"Everyone should be able to get the help they need, no matter where they live"

-Survey Respondent

Together, this input will help the Council build a more inclusive, accessible Washington where every person with a developmental disability and their family has the opportunity to live, work, and fully take part in their community.