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Summary

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) includes \$61.7 Million in direct local recovery assistance for Escambia County. The first half of the county's award has been received totaling \$30.9 million. The second half will be comparable and will arrive approximately one year after the first payment.

Escambia County's plan will follow the U.S Treasury Departments Interim Final ARP Rule including allocating all funds prior to Dec. 31, 2024 and completing all expenditures by Dec. 31, 2026 as required.

While we are still in the early program development stages, we recognize the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on our community and are committed to making investments for economic recovery and rebuilding.



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Use of Funds

Escambia County is gathering public input and assessing county needs to prioritize, design, and implement the American Rescue Plan funds. We want to ensure that our programs support our community and citizens and that our programs promote the below approved expenditure categories:

- a. Public Health
- b. Negative Economic Impacts
- c. Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities
- d. Premium Pay
- e. Water, Sewer and Broadband infrastructure
- f. Revenue Replacement

Community Engagement

While Escambia County is in the early stages of program development, we are taking the time to ensure we capture diverse feedback from citizens, community partners and constituents.

We have developed a web page (<https://myescambia.com/american-rescue-plan>) and email address (arp@myescambia.com) dedicated to the American Rescue Plan to ensure transparency and communication with the public.

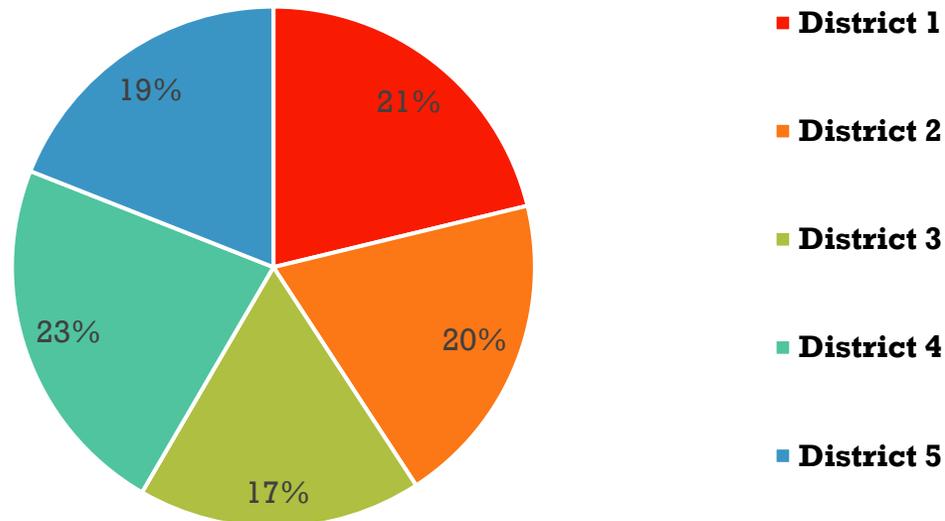
To engage the community, Escambia County developed and launch an ARP Survey to collect and review public input on citizen priorities for economic recovery. The survey was active September 17th through September 30th 2021 both online and at Escambia County's Libraries and Community Centers.



Survey Results

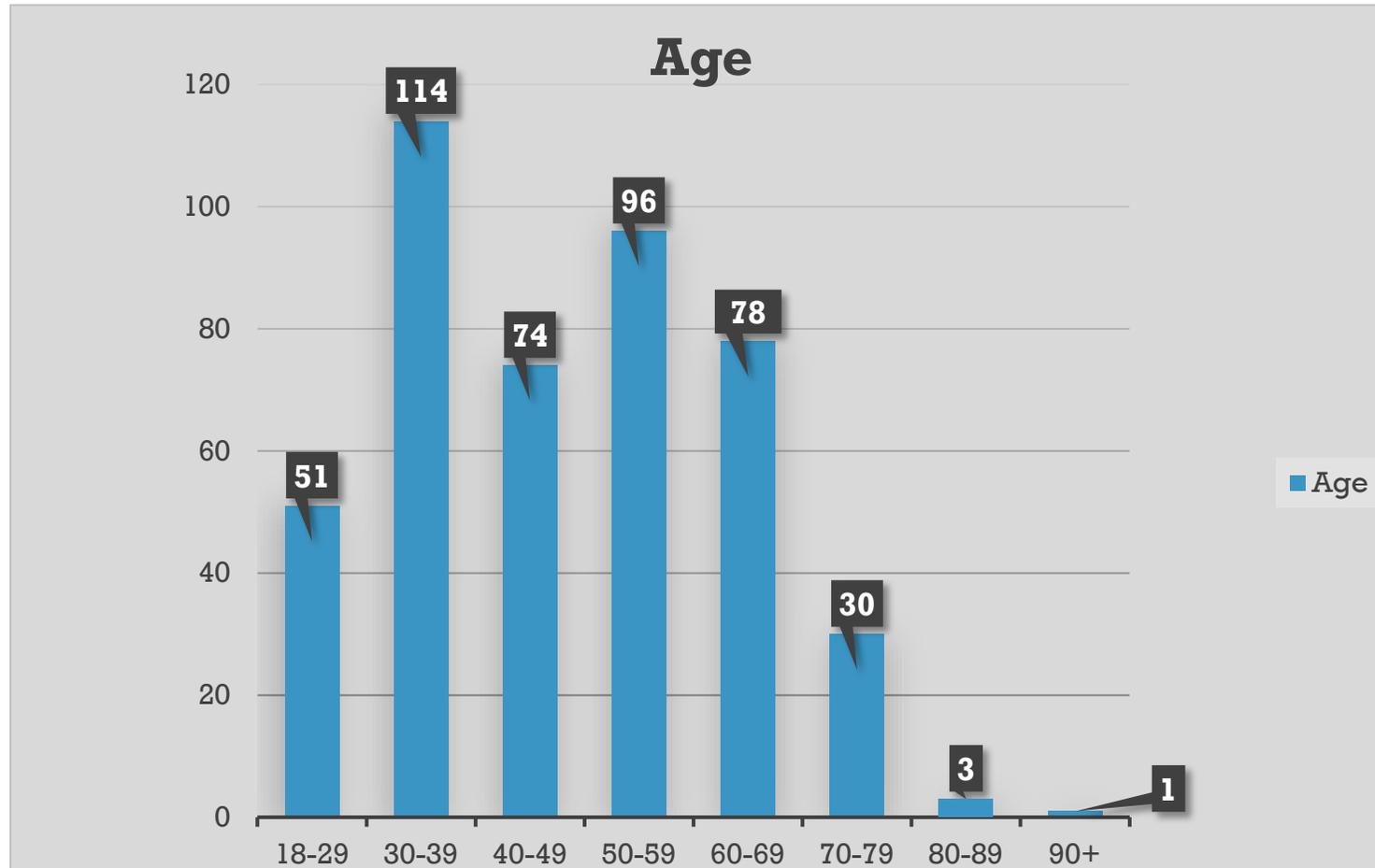
Escambia County received a total of 495 responses to our ARP surveys through online, libraries and community centers.

Response By District



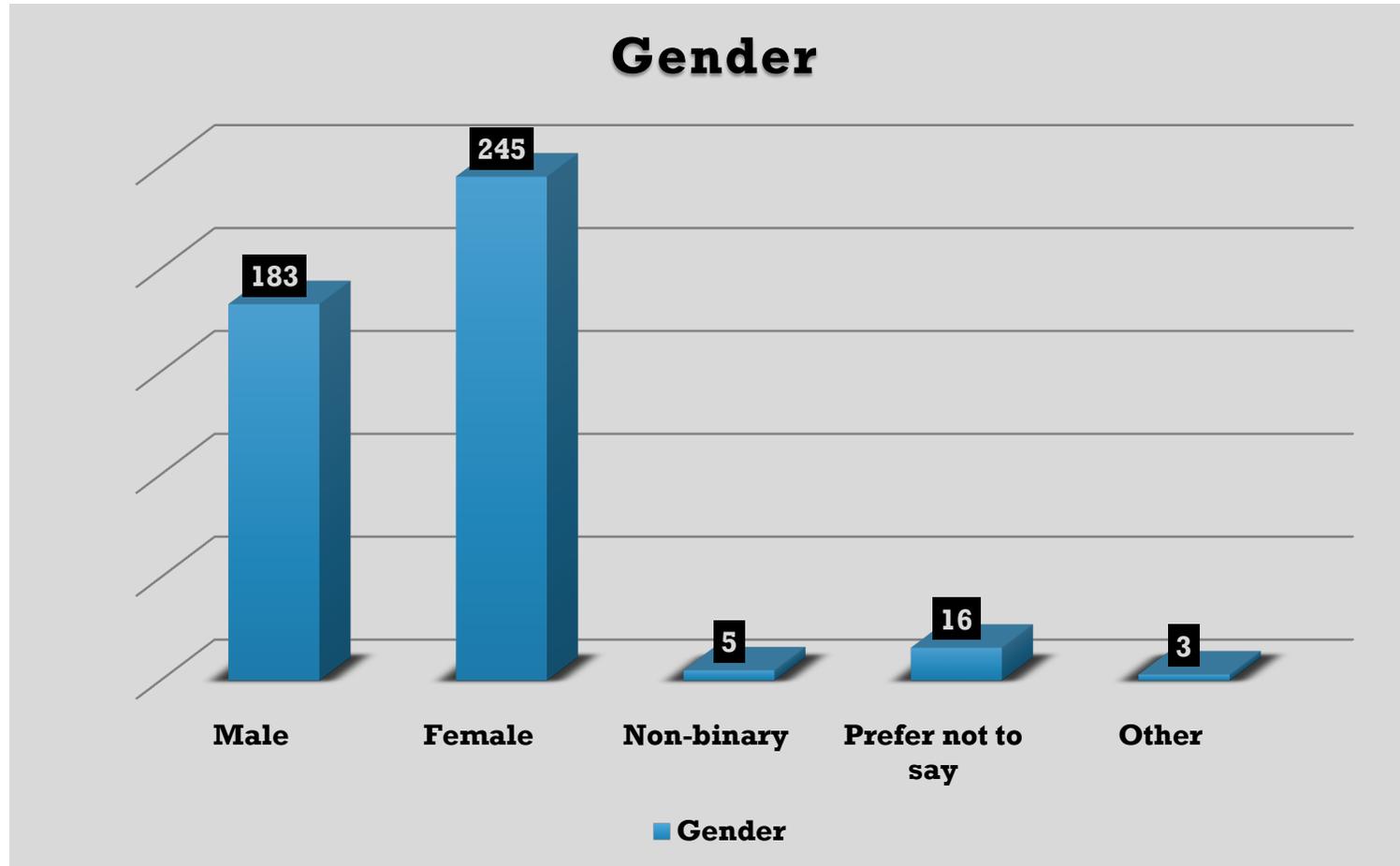
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Survey Results – Age Reported by Respondents



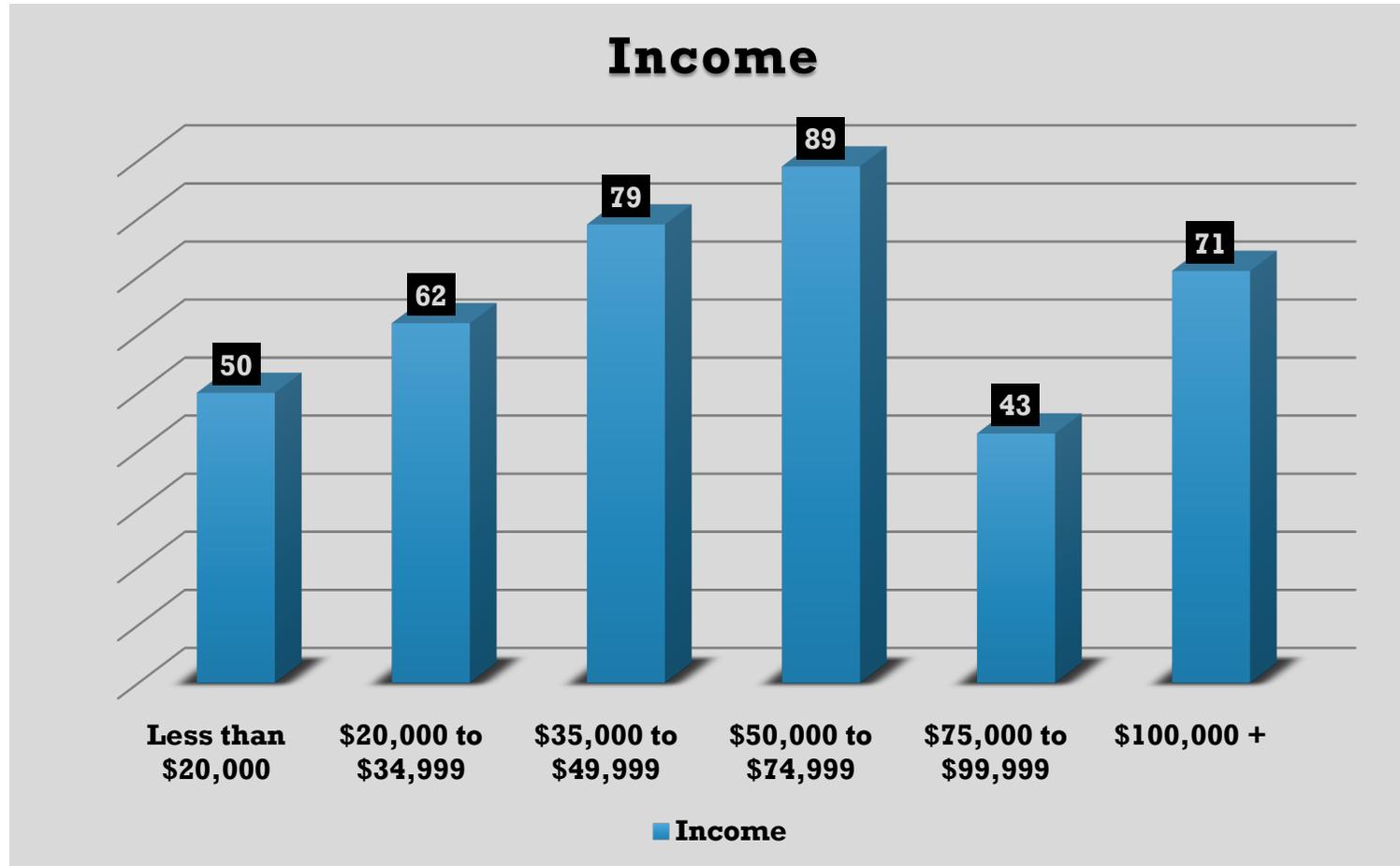
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Survey Results – Gender Reported by Respondents



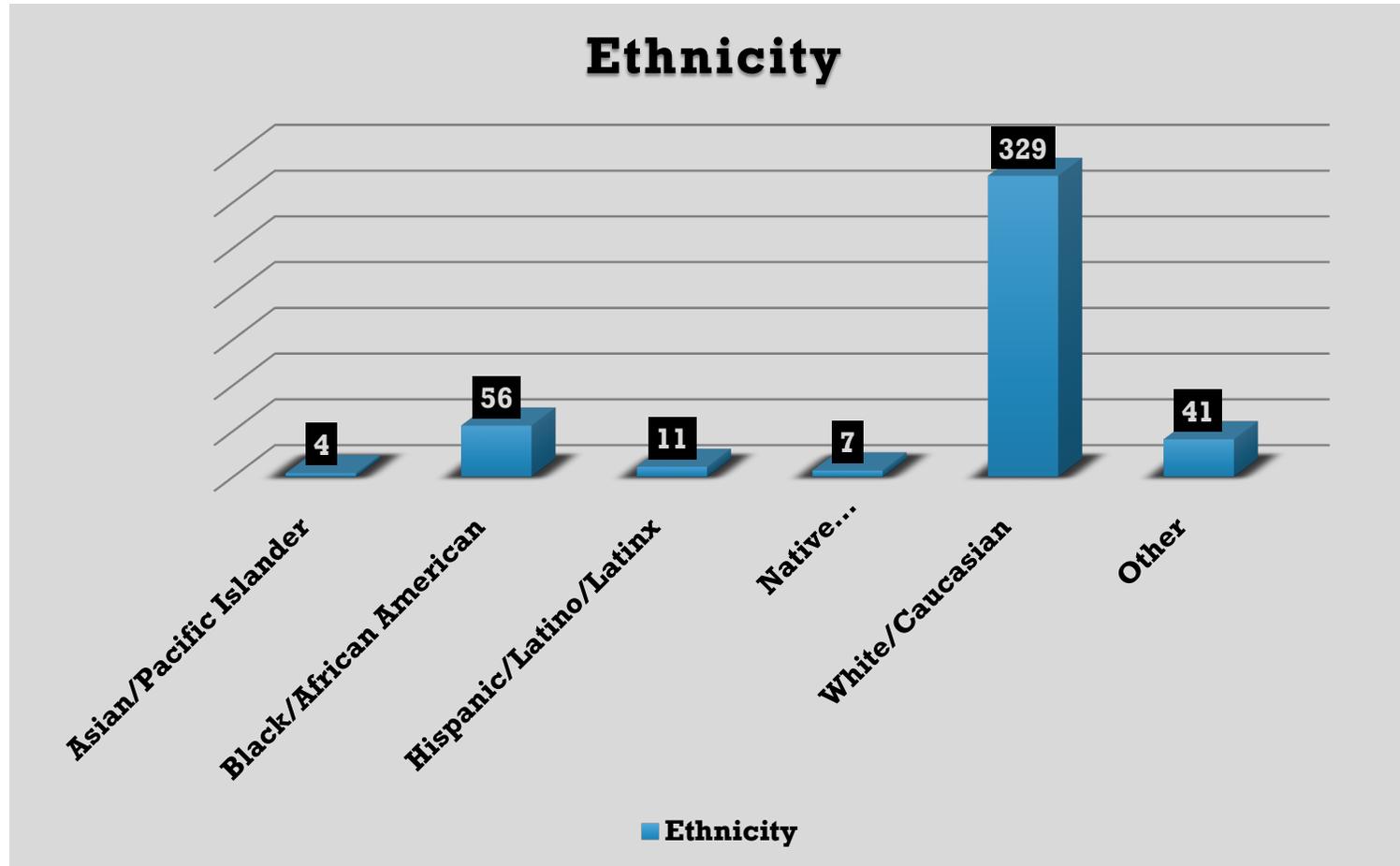
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Survey Results – Income Reported by Respondents



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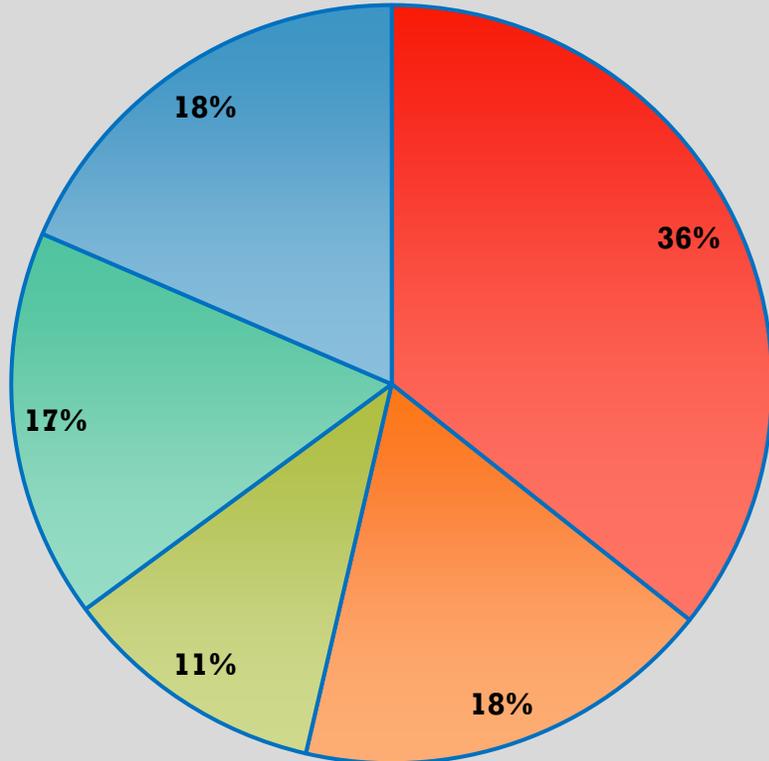
Survey Results – Ethnicity Reported by Respondents



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Survey Results – Respondents Priorities for Escambia County to invest in with ARP Funds.

Priorities



- **Support public health expenditure, by, for example, funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare and certain public health and safety staff.**
- **Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to our community.**
- **Replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent that were reduced due to the pandemic.**
- **Provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risk because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors.**
- **Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.**

