

# Youth Programs Update

**MTC Policy Advisory Council**  
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ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS  
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

# Overview

- **Pathway to Government College Mentorship**
- **Norman Mineta Bay Area Summer Academy**
- **Expansion to meet workforce opportunities**



# Highlights

## 2023 Pathway to Government College Mentorship

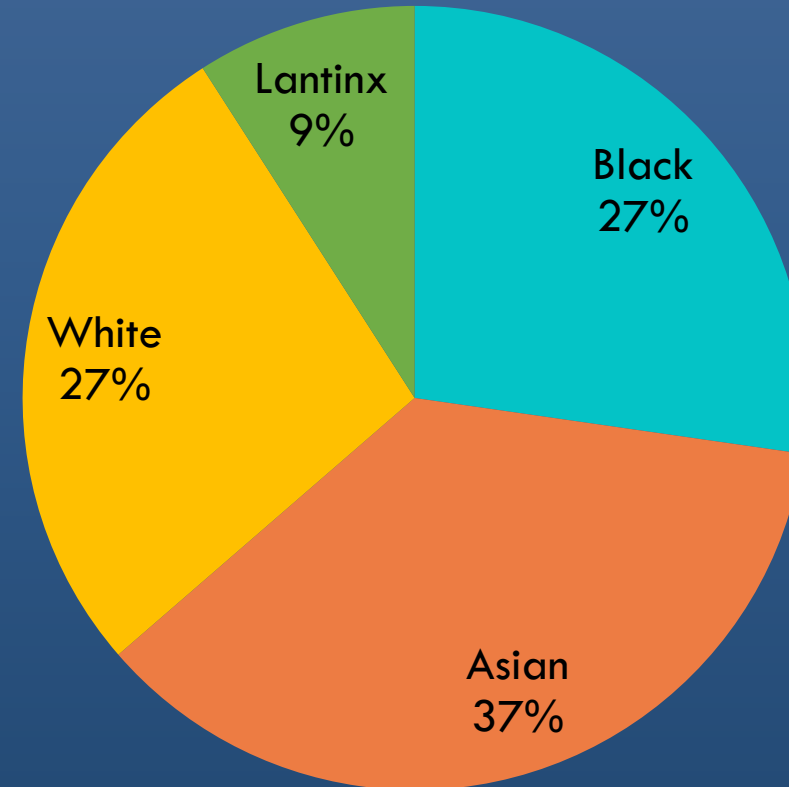
- **Mentee Demographics**
- **Schools Represented**
- **Survey results**



# 2023 College Mentee Demographics

## Program Demographics

- **Total participants: 11**
- **Gender**
  - 6 men, 5 women
- **Ethnicity**
  - Asian – 4
  - Black – 3
  - White – 3
    - One visually impaired mentee
  - Latinx – 1



# 2023 Colleges Represented

- Skyline College
- California State University – East Bay
- Cal Poly Humboldt
- University of California, Berkeley
- Johns Hopkins University
- San Francisco State University
- San Jose State University



# Mentees Had Positive Experience

The mentees had a universally positive experience, with 100% reporting either “excellent” or “very good” rating for their experience working with the mentor. 100% recommended the program to their peers.

# Bay Area High School Summer Academy

## Highlights

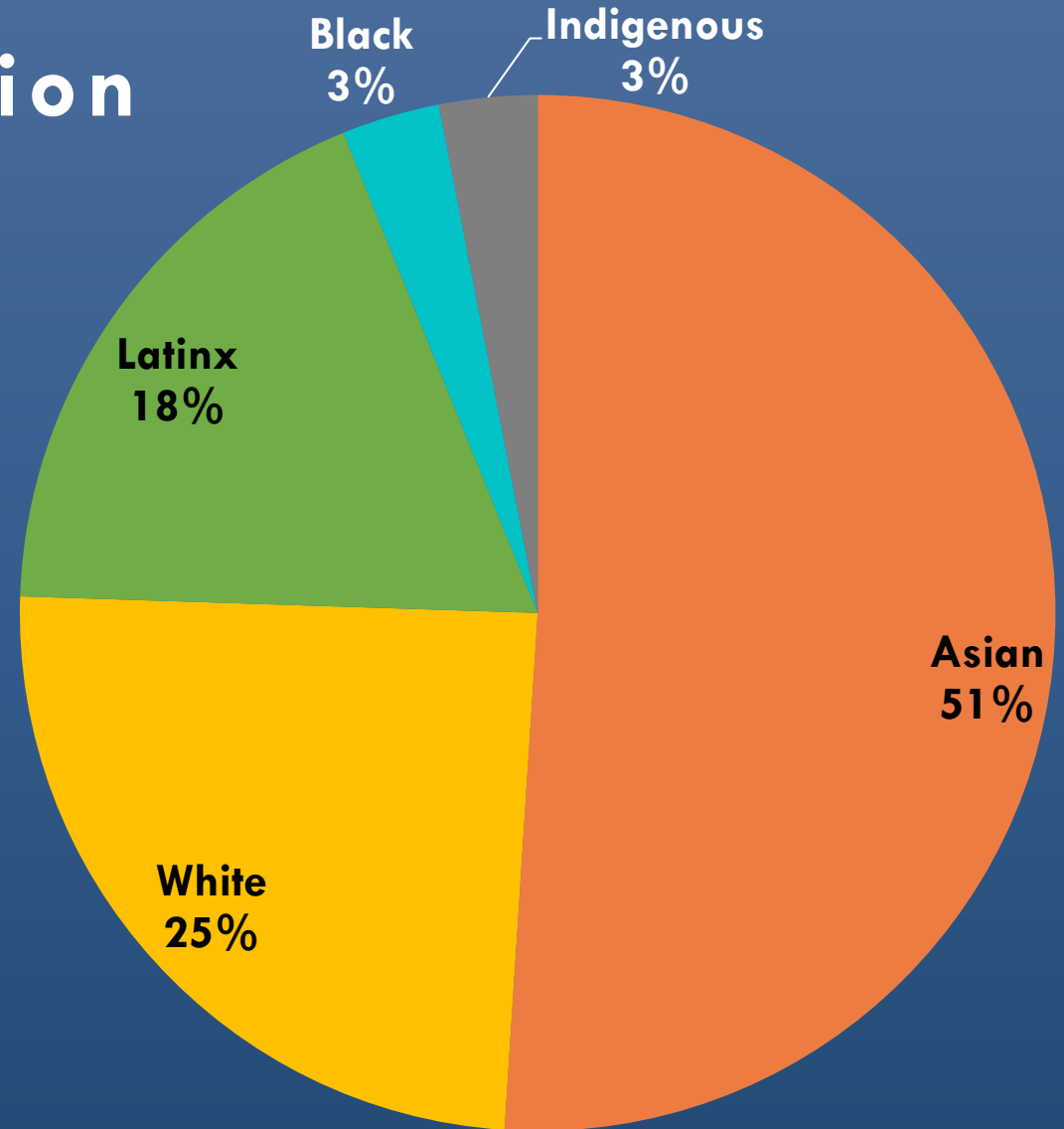
- Doubled number of applicants/participants
- Recruited from schools serving Equity Priority Communities



# High School Representation Ethnic/Racial Identity Breakdown

151 Applicants from 8 of 9  
counties:

- 50% Asian
- 24% White
- 18% Latinx
- 11% Black
- 3% Indigenous

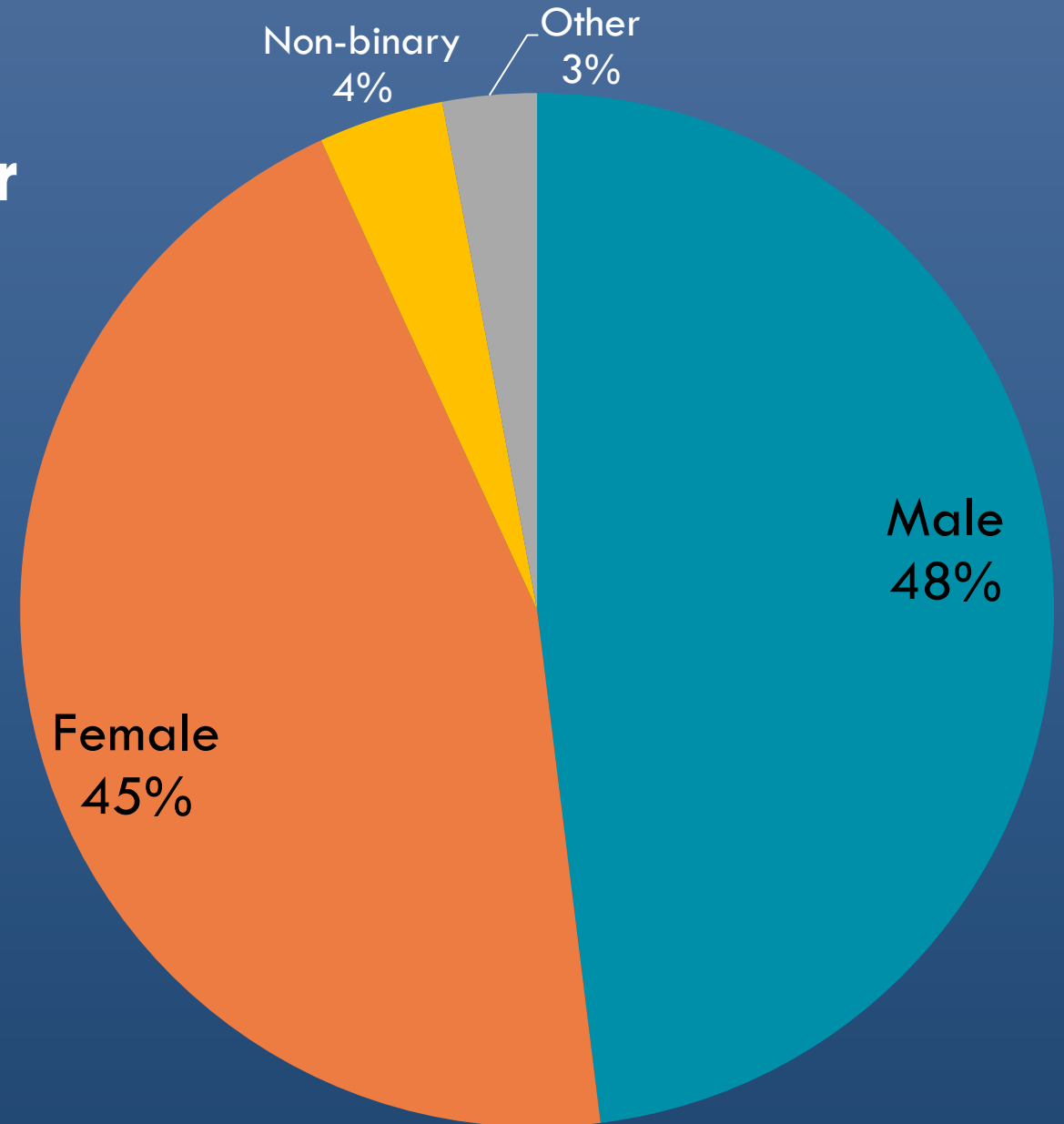




# High School Representation Gender Identity Breakdown

151 Applicants from 8 of 9 counties:

- 49% male
- 46% female
- 4% Non-binary
- 3% Other



# Curriculum

- Introductions to Bay Area's four regional agencies
- "My pathway"
- Plan Bay Area
- Climate Tech
- Gentrification and fair housing
- Environmental Justice
- Video storytelling
- Capstone Project



Maddy Ruvolo, SFMTA

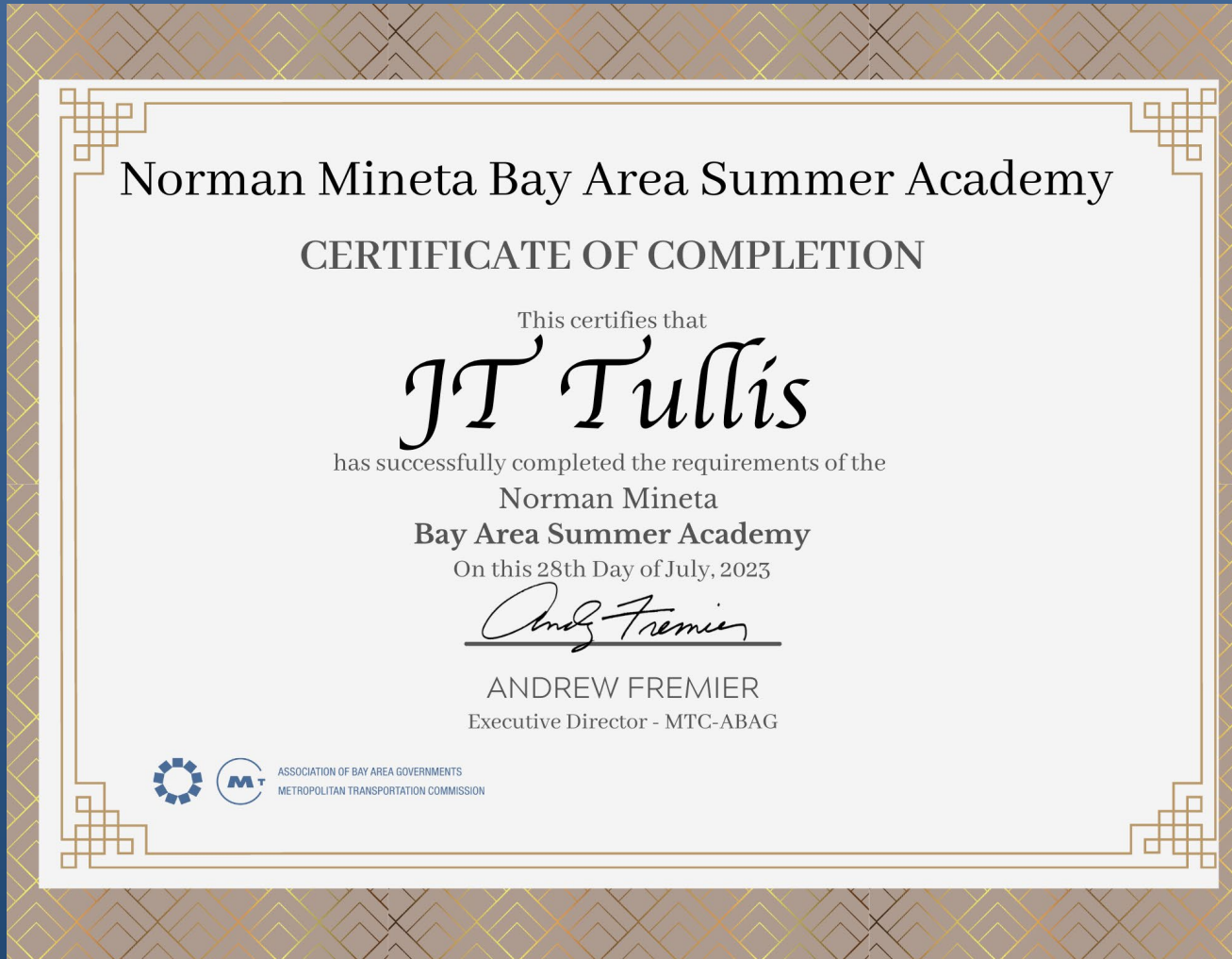


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Andrew Fremier, MTC  
(high school)

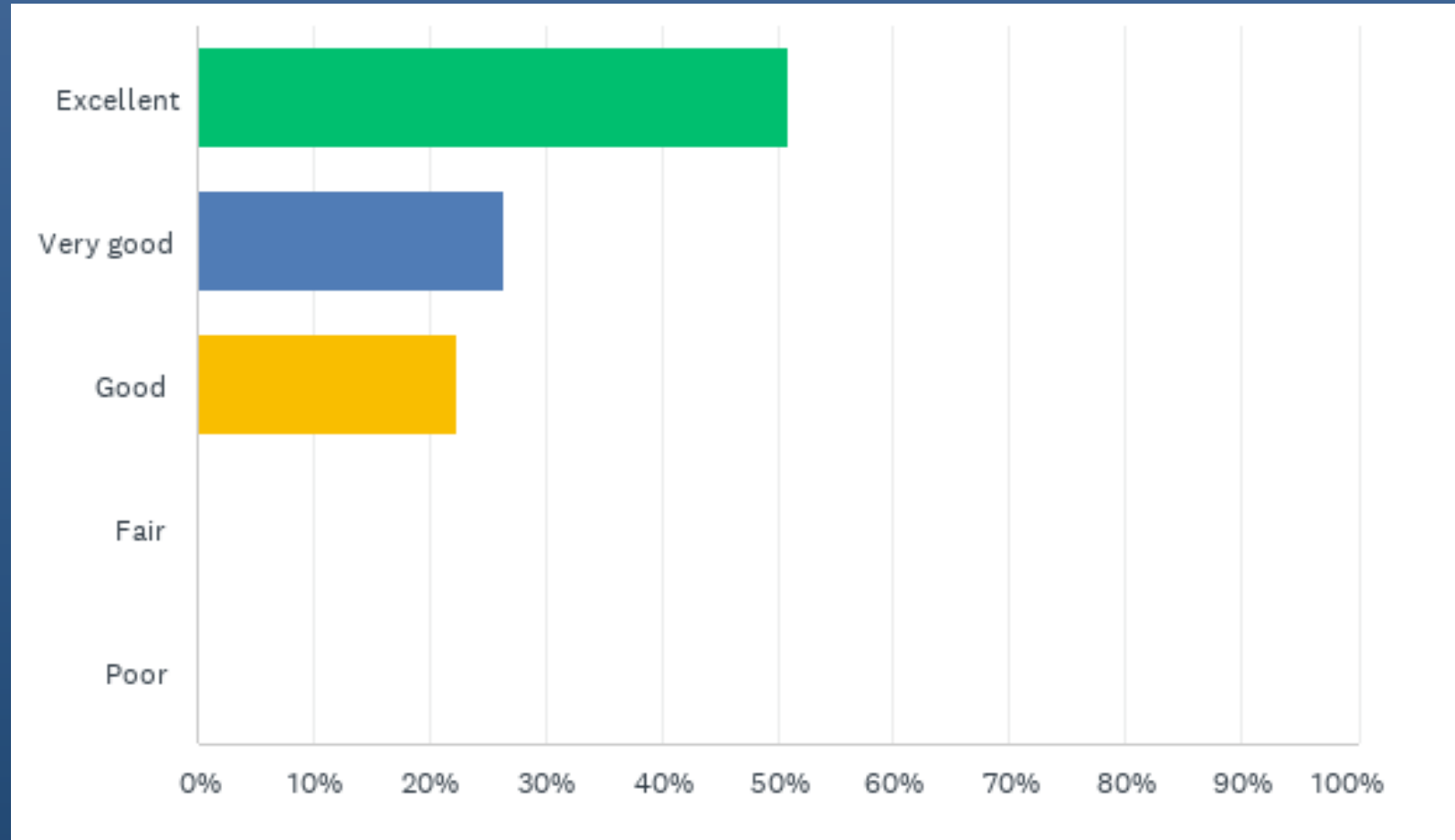
# Course Completion



- **113 successfully completed Academy**
- **Certificate of Completion for college and job applications**
- **Compensated at living wage (\$25 per hour)**

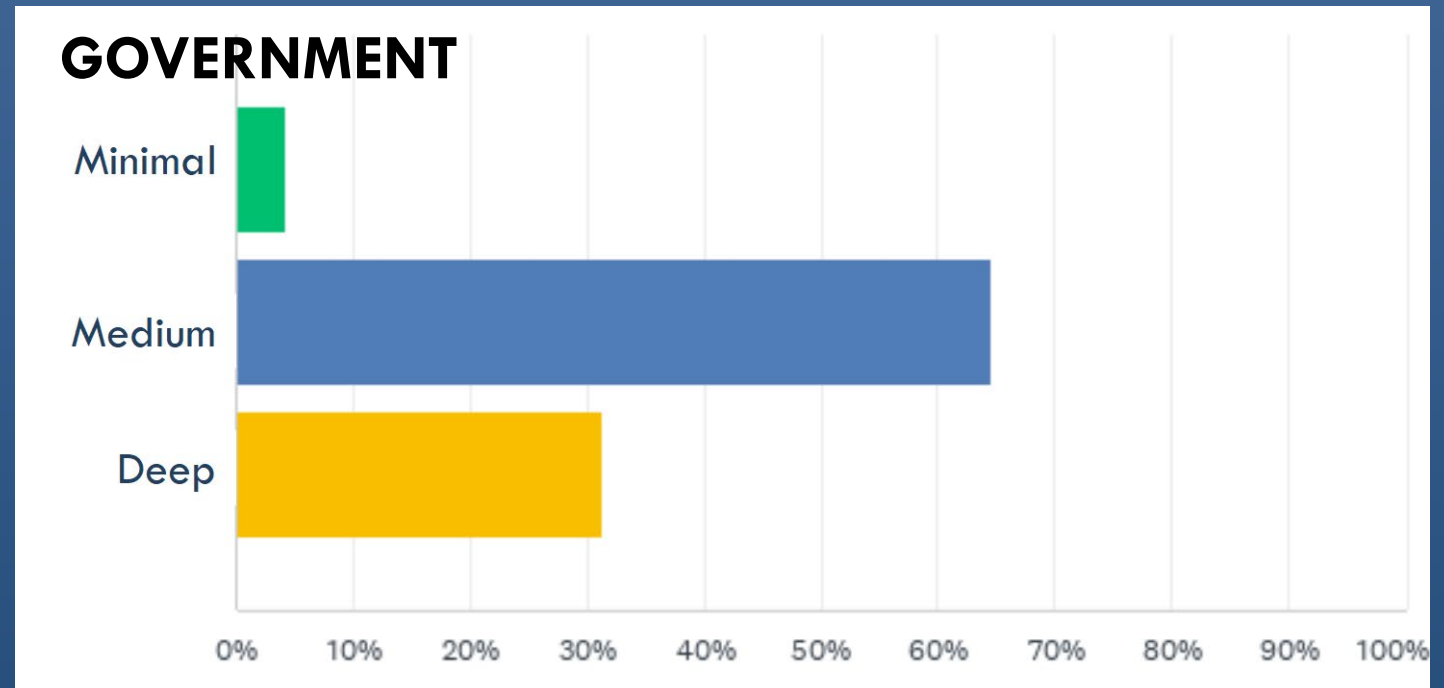
# Students Had a Positive Experience

Overall, 100% of the students rated Summer Academy positively. 50% said "Excellent," and received the highest scores so far.



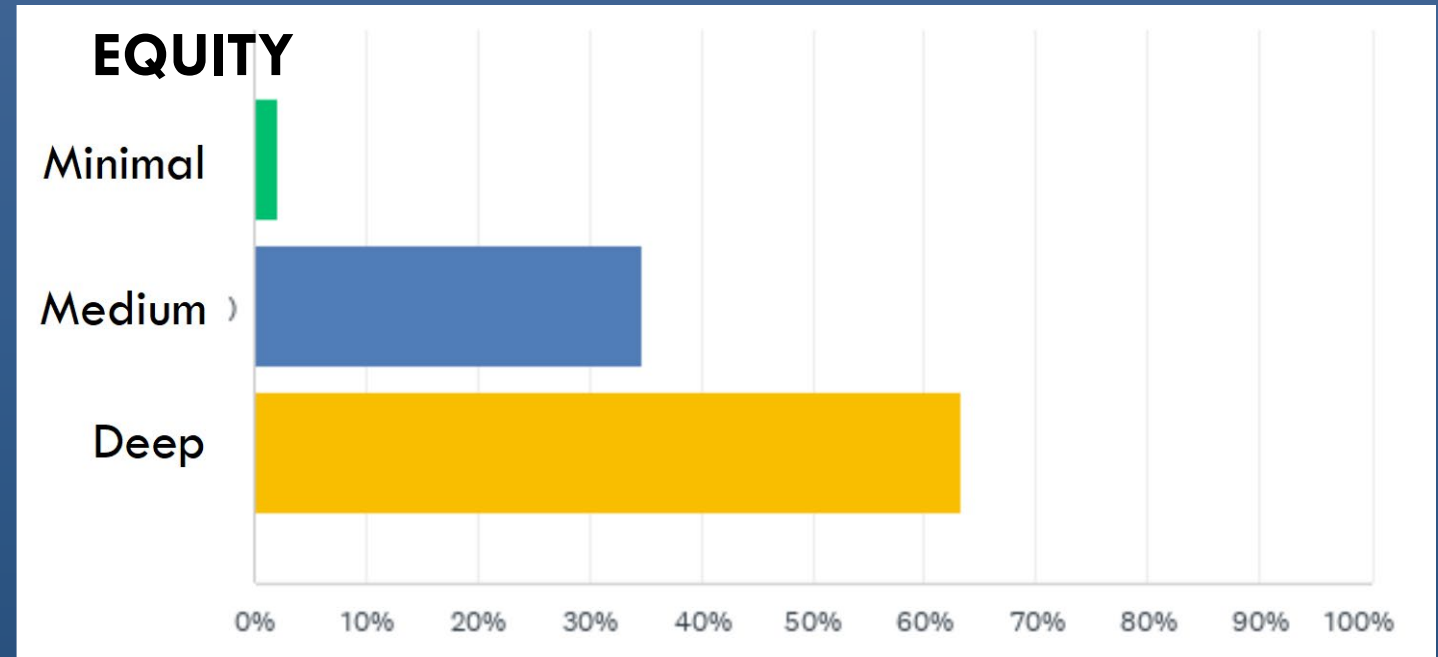
# Learning About Government

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# Learning About Equity

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# Options & Next Steps for FY 2023-2024

## High School

- More in-person sessions (bookended at beginning and end of program)
- Focus on Equity Priority communities and partnerships with local high schools

## College

- Research and discuss potential for a year-round college intern program
- Look at Apprenticeship programs that might offer a different pathway for young adults

## Overall

- Build partnership with the regional and local agencies
- Expand access and participation for summer 2024.

# Questions?

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