



# Weak Mayor vs. Strong Mayor

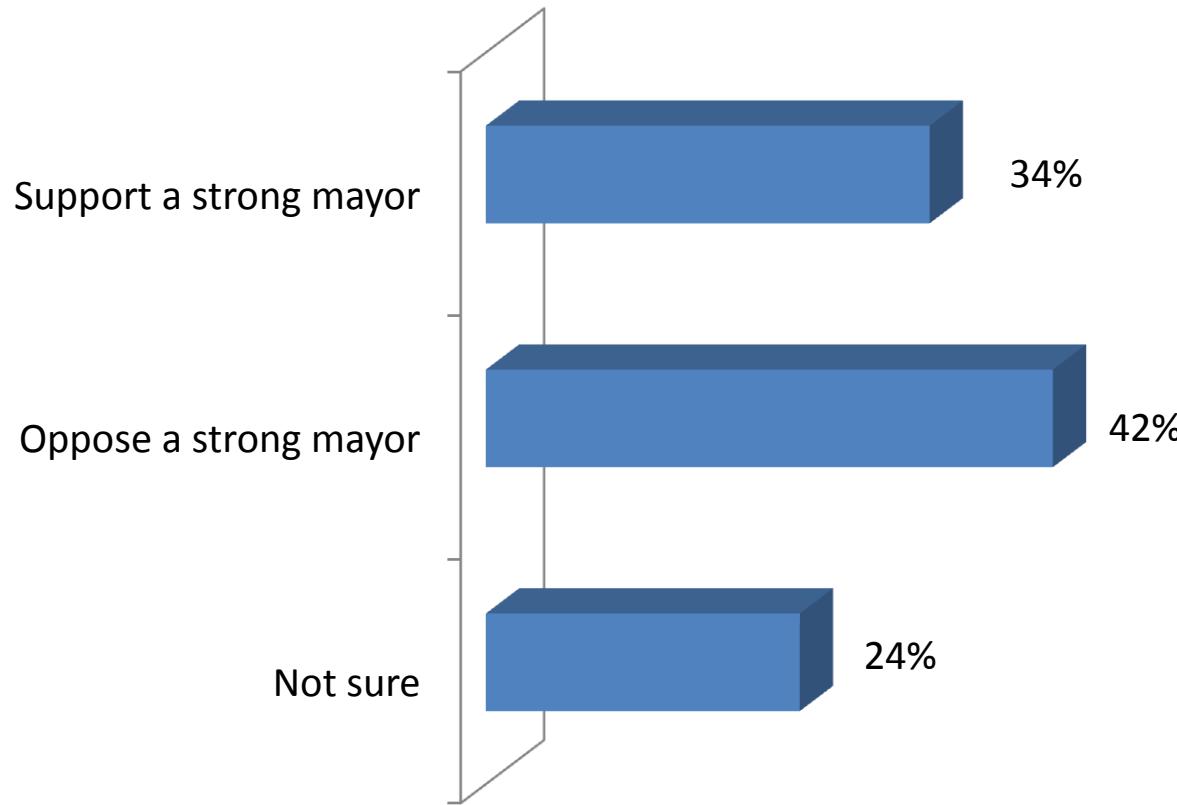
*Tallahassee Voices* is a pro bono internet survey panel sponsored by Kerr & Downs Research and the Tallahassee Democrat. Survey was conducted February 12-16, 2008. 468 of the 3,000 panel members responded. Results were weighted to reflect the demographics of the 90%+ local residents who have access to the internet at home, work, or school.

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## \*Ceremonial Mayor vs. Strong Mayor



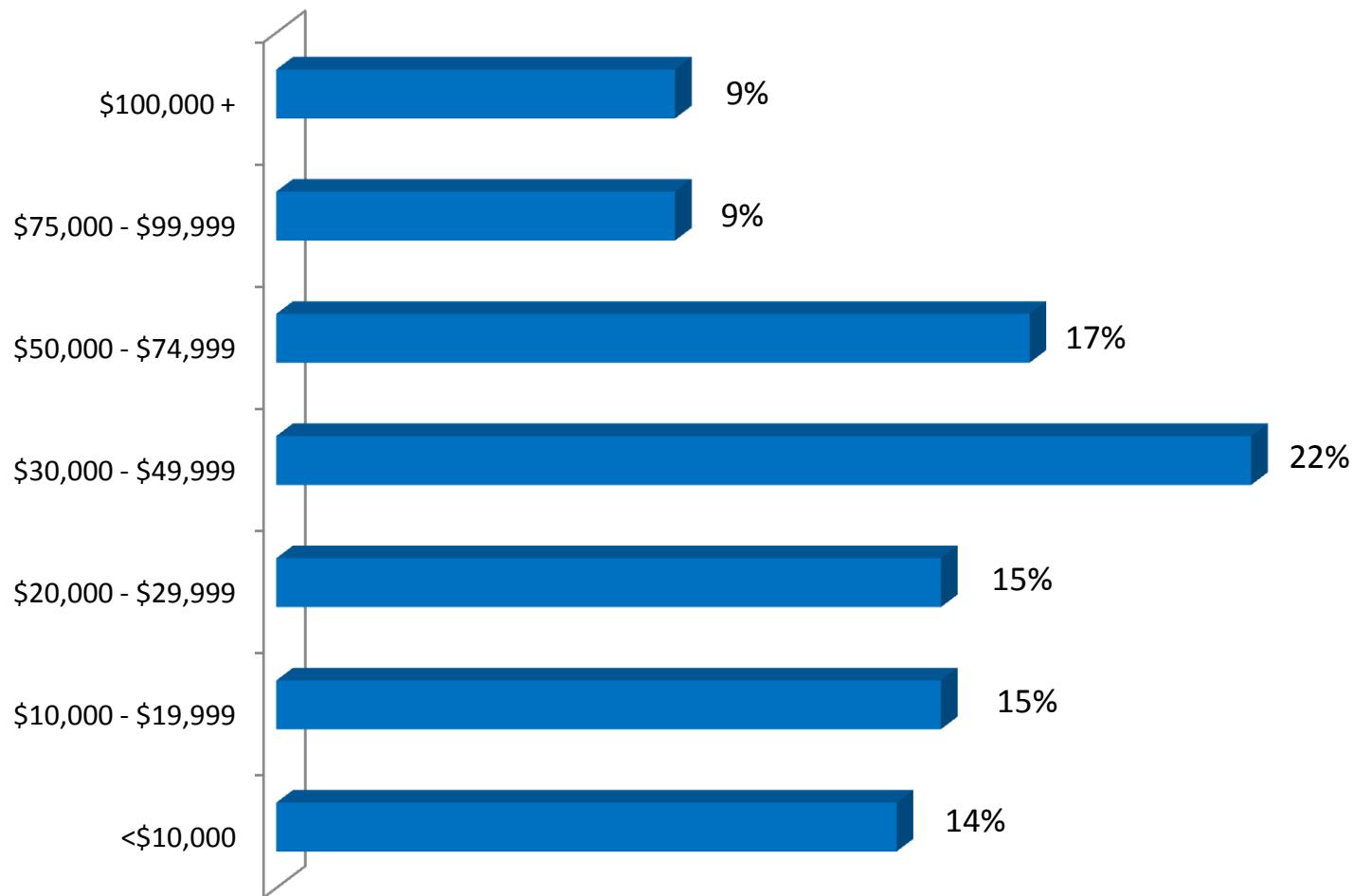
\*The City of Tallahassee at one time had a “ceremonial” mayor. One of the 5 City Commissioners served as mayor for 1 year. Commissioners rotated this “honor.” The mayor had no more power or responsibility than the other 4 commissioners. The City Manager controlled all hiring and firing of City employees and served as long as a majority of commissioners (including the ceremonial mayor) approved of the City Manager's performance.

Then Tallahassee moved to a “weak” mayor form of government where the mayor is elected separately from the commissioners and serves a 4-year term. A “weak” mayor still does not have much power beyond that possessed by City Commissioners. The City Manager controls all hiring and firing of City employees and serves as long as a majority of commissioners (including the mayor) approve of the City Manager's performance.

There is talk about Tallahassee changing to a “strong” mayor form of government in which the mayor would have more power including the authority to hire and fire key staff and possibly the City Manager as well.

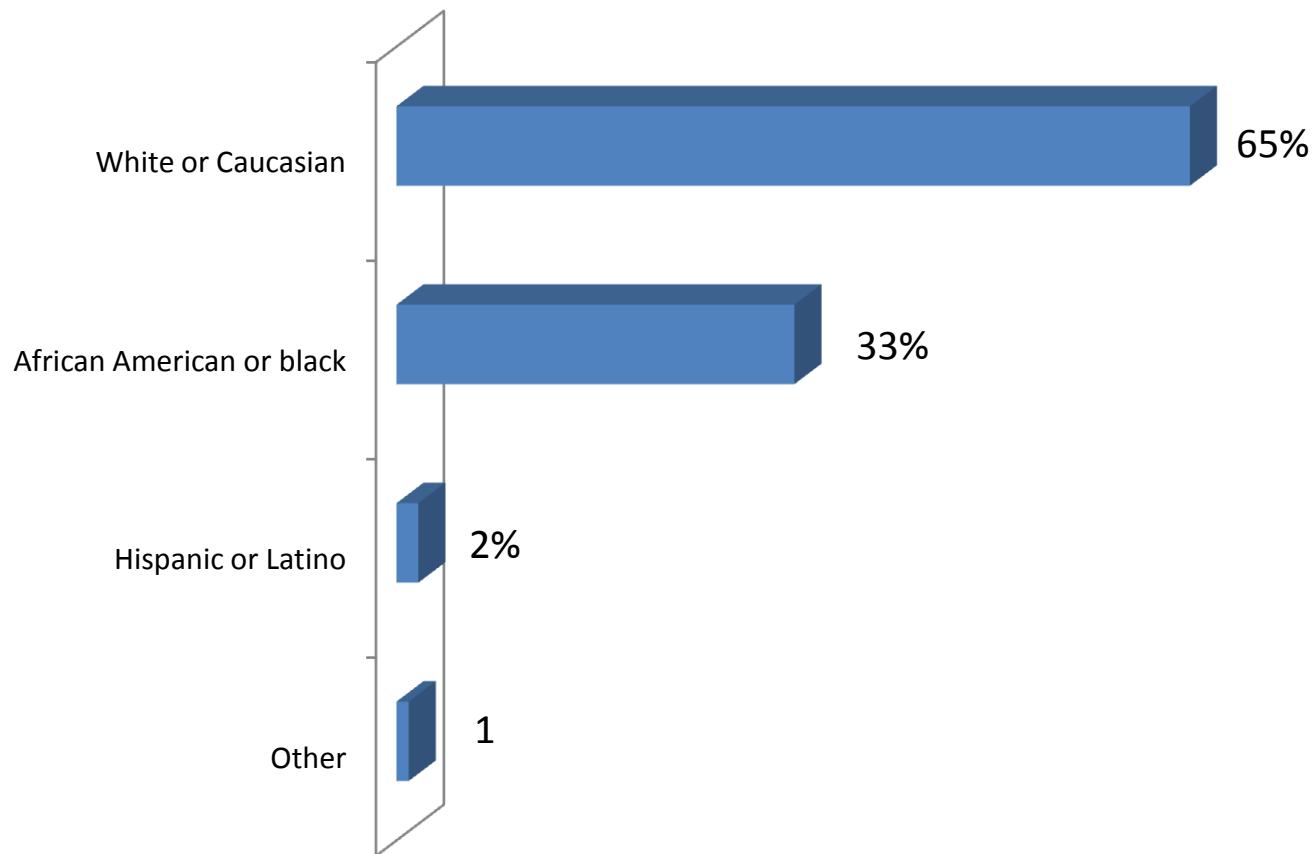
Do you support or oppose the City of Tallahassee changing to a “strong” mayor form of government?

## Household Income of Participants\*



\*Weighted analysis.

## Race/ethnicity of Participants



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