

Code Refresh Frequency Counts

The following results are based on 630 completed telephone interviews among a random sample of adults living in Richmond, Virginia. The interviews were conducted June 19 through 26, 2026.

The theoretical margin of error for the total sample size of 630 is plus or minus 3.9 percentage points on questions where opinion is evenly split. The theoretical margins of error for any sub-groups will be larger. The results presented here have not been weighted.

S1. Note sex of respondent:

CODE RESPONSE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	---PERCENT---	
		TOTAL	ADJ.
1 Male	264	42%	42%
2 Female	366	58%	58%
	----	----	----
TOTALS	630	100%	100%
ADJUSTED (ADJ.) NUMBER OF RESPONSES			
	630		

- The City of Richmond plans to rezone most all Richmond single family properties to allow 3 dwellings per lot. They call it Code Refresh. Had you heard of Code Refresh before this call, or not?

CODE RESPONSE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	---PERCENT---	
		TOTAL	ADJ.
1 Yes	216	34%	34%
2 No	274	43%	43%
3 Undecided	140	22%	22%
	----	----	----
TOTALS	630	100%	100%
ADJUSTED (ADJ.) NUMBER OF RESPONSES			
	630		

2. IF YES, ASK: Would you say you are well informed on the provisions of Code Refresh, or not?

CODE RESPONSE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	---PERCENT---	
		TOTAL	ADJ.
0 Not asked/missing	414	66%	adj.
1 Yes	70	11%	32%
2 No	136	22%	63%
3 Undecided	10	2%	5%
TOTALS	630	100%	100%
ADJUSTED (ADJ.) NUMBER OF RESPONSES			
	216		

3. Code Refresh would allow 3 dwellings on most lots, and at the same time it would create no affordable housing. Based on allowing 3 dwellings per lot, and your total knowledge of Code Refresh, do you support or oppose the plan?

CODE RESPONSE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	---PERCENT---	
		TOTAL	ADJ.
1 Support	161	26%	26%
2 Oppose	423	67%	67%
3 Undecided	46	7%	7%
TOTALS	630	100%	100%
ADJUSTED (ADJ.) NUMBER OF RESPONSES			
	630		

4. Code Refresh, if adopted, would rezone all 77,000 parcels in the city, and citizens would not be permitted to vote on the rezoning. Do you think citizens should be allowed to directly vote on Code Refresh through a referendum, or not?

CODE RESPONSE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	---PERCENT---	
		TOTAL	ADJ.
1 Yes	431	68%	68%
2 No	106	17%	17%
3 Undecided	93	15%	15%
TOTALS	630	100%	100%
ADJUSTED (ADJ.) NUMBER OF RESPONSES			
	630		

5. Instead of citywide rezoning, partial city rezoning could be an alternative. Instead of rezoning all 77,000 parcels in the city, would you prefer a small trial first, in which only high traffic areas or bus routes would be rezoned initially, or not?

CODE	RESPONSE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	---PERCENT---	
			TOTAL	ADJ.
1	Yes	294	47%	47%
2	No	255	40%	40%
3	Undecided	81	13%	13%
TOTALS		630	100%	100%
ADJUSTED (ADJ.) NUMBER OF RESPONSES		630		

6. Do you think the city needs more affordable housing, or not?

CODE	RESPONSE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	---PERCENT---	
			TOTAL	ADJ.
1	Yes	510	81%	81%
2	No	63	10%	10%
3	Undecided	57	9%	9%
TOTALS		630	100%	100%
ADJUSTED (ADJ.) NUMBER OF RESPONSES		630		

7. Do you feel that City real estate and other taxes are too high, or not?

CODE	RESPONSE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	---PERCENT---	
			TOTAL	ADJ.
1	Yes	493	78%	78%
2	No	33	5%	5%
3	Undecided	104	17%	17%
TOTALS		630	100%	100%
ADJUSTED (ADJ.) NUMBER OF RESPONSES		630		

8. Are you between the ages of 18 and 24, 25 and 44, 45 and 64, or 65 and older?

CODE	RESPONSE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	---PERCENT---	
			TOTAL	ADJ.
1	18 and 24	91	14%	14%
2	25 and 44	242	38%	38%
3	45 and 64	157	25%	25%
4	65 and older	109	17%	17%
5	Refused	31	5%	5%
TOTALS		630	100%	100%
ADJUSTED (ADJ.) NUMBER OF RESPONSES		630		

9. Do you identify yourself as white, black or African American, or something else?

CODE	RESPONSE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	---PERCENT---	
			TOTAL	ADJ.
1	White	289	46%	46%
2	Black/African American ..	242	38%	38%
3	Other	92	15%	15%
4	Refused/Undecided	7	1%	1%
TOTALS		630	100%	100%
ADJUSTED (ADJ.) NUMBER OF RESPONSES		630		

10. Do you own or rent your home?

CODE	RESPONSE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	---PERCENT---	
			TOTAL	ADJ.
1	Own	291	46%	46%
2	Rent	339	54%	54%
TOTALS		630	100%	100%
ADJUSTED (ADJ.) NUMBER OF RESPONSES		630		

Voting District:

CODE	RESPONSE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	---PERCENT---	
			TOTAL	ADJ.
1	District 1	70	11%	11%
2	District 2	70	11%	11%
3	District 3	70	11%	11%
4	District 4	70	11%	11%
5	District 5	70	11%	11%
6	District 6	70	11%	11%
7	District 7	70	11%	11%
8	District 8	70	11%	11%
9	District 9	70	11%	11%
TOTALS		630	100%	100%
ADJUSTED (ADJ.) NUMBER OF RESPONSES		630		