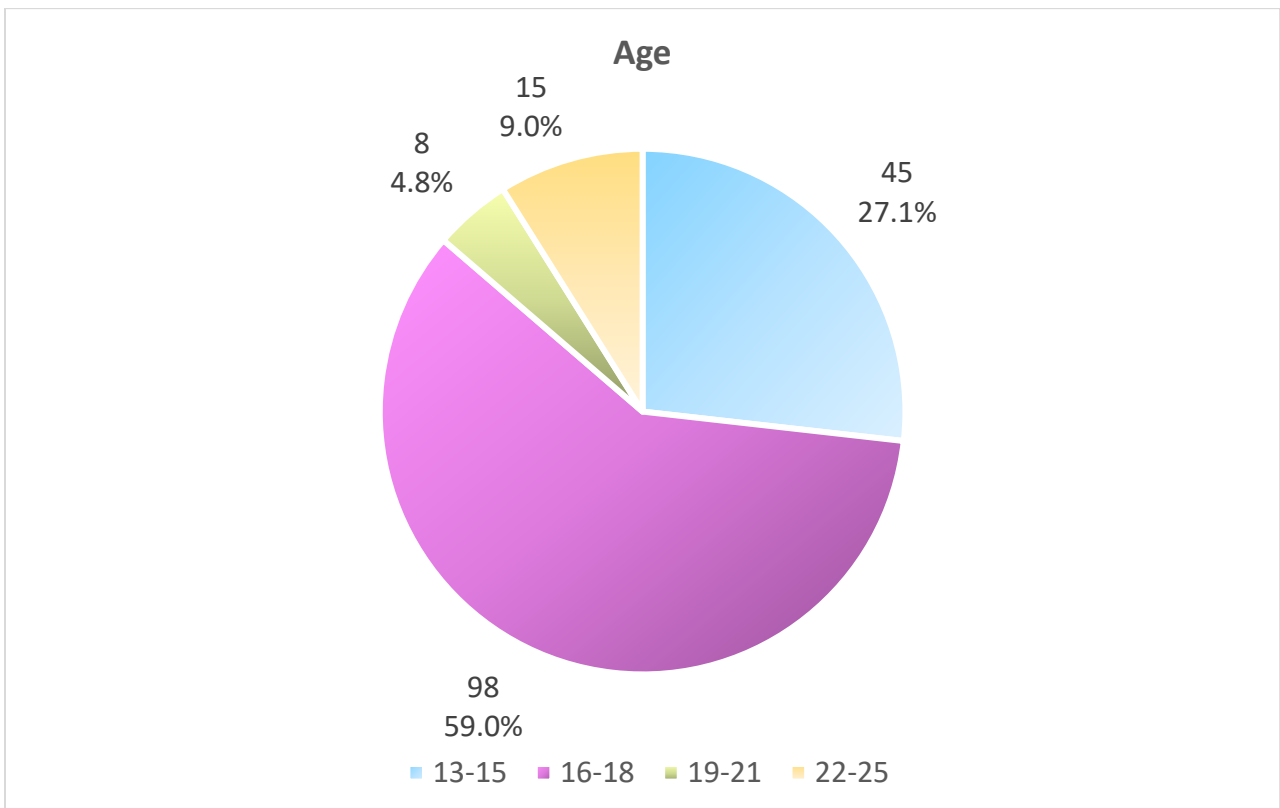
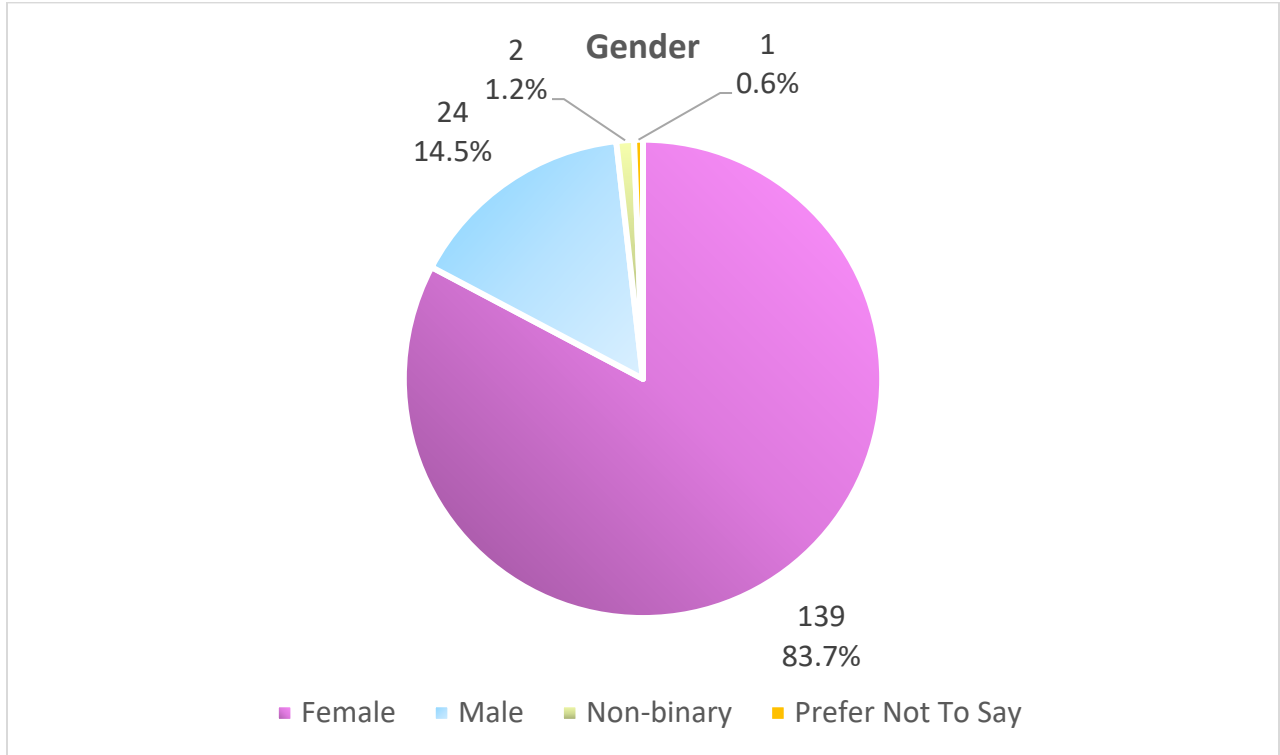


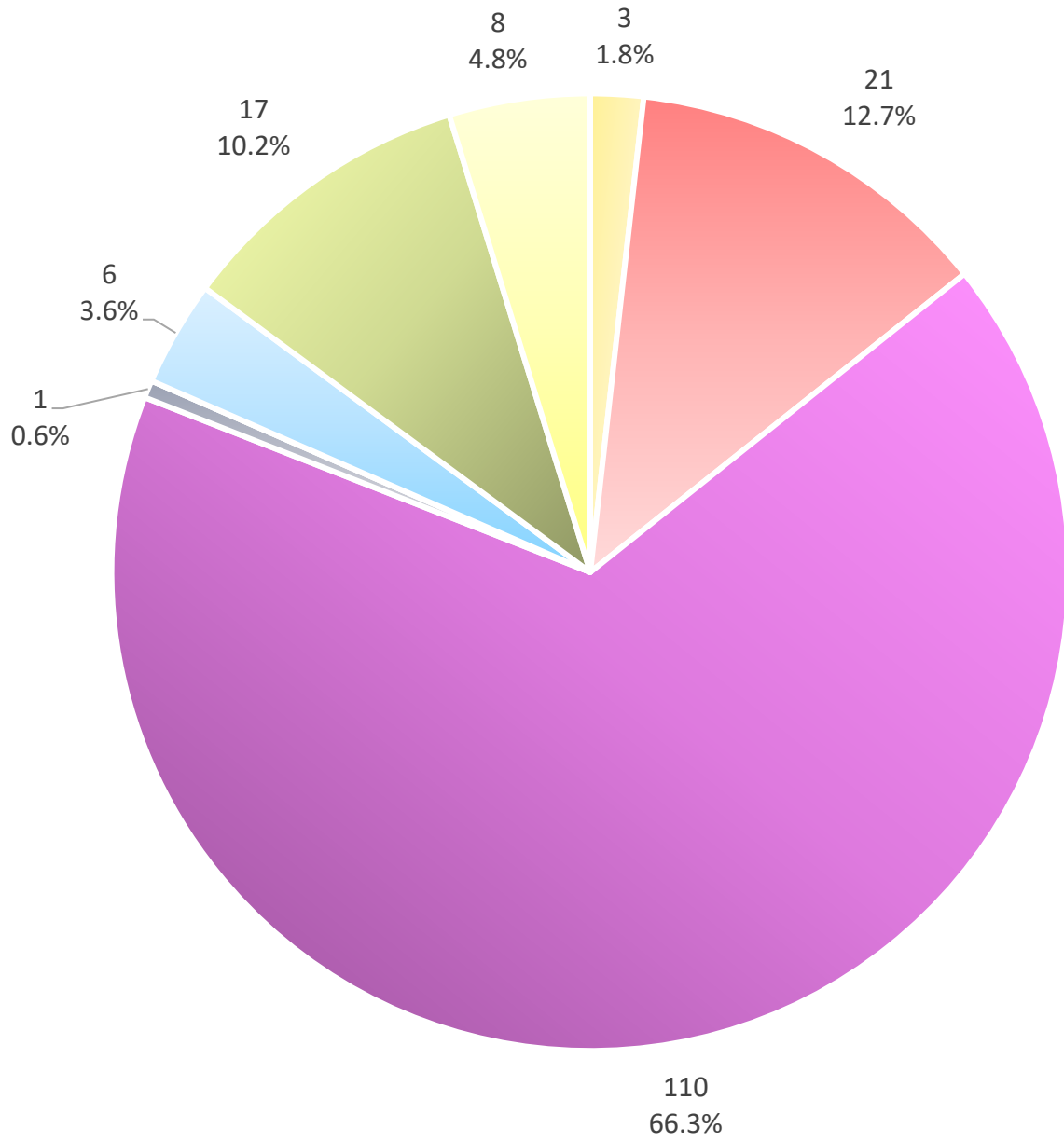
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St. Mary's County Commission for Women

Demographic Information

Sample: 166 St. Mary's County Residents, Aged 13-25



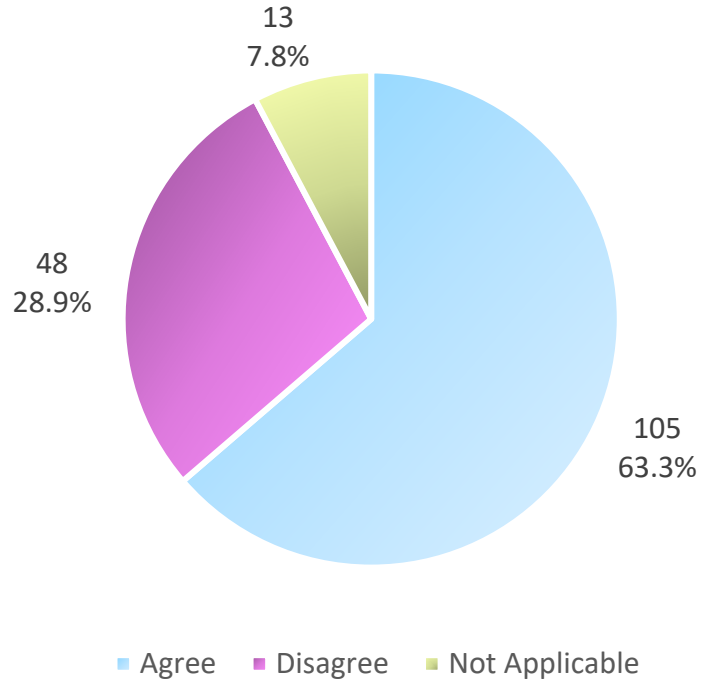
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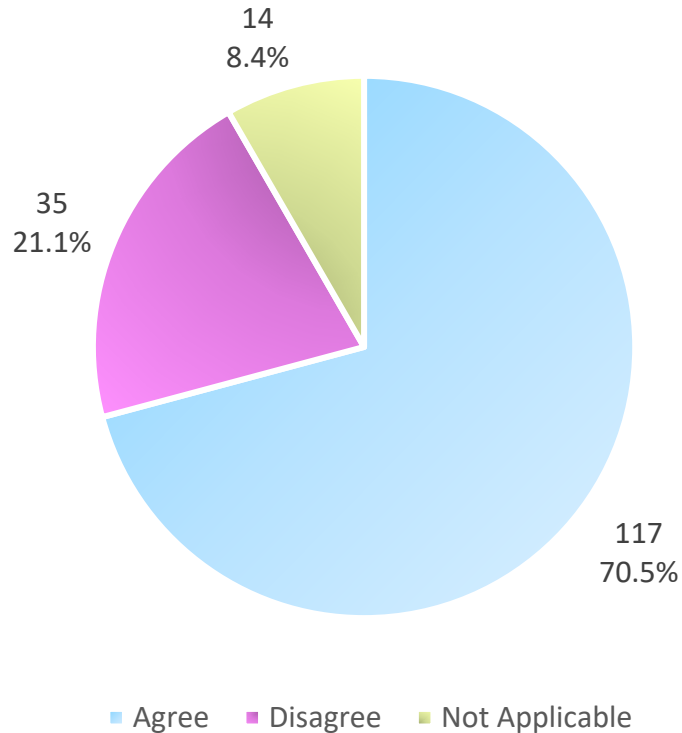
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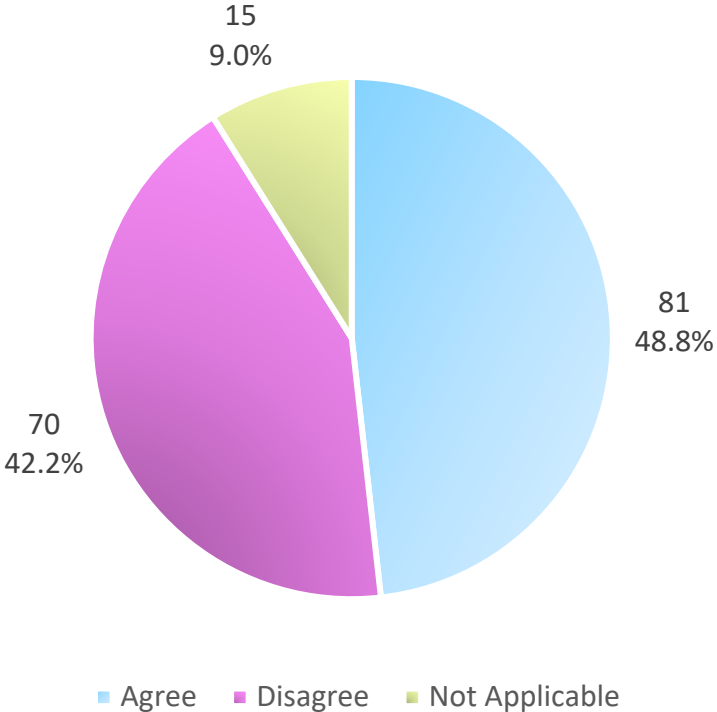
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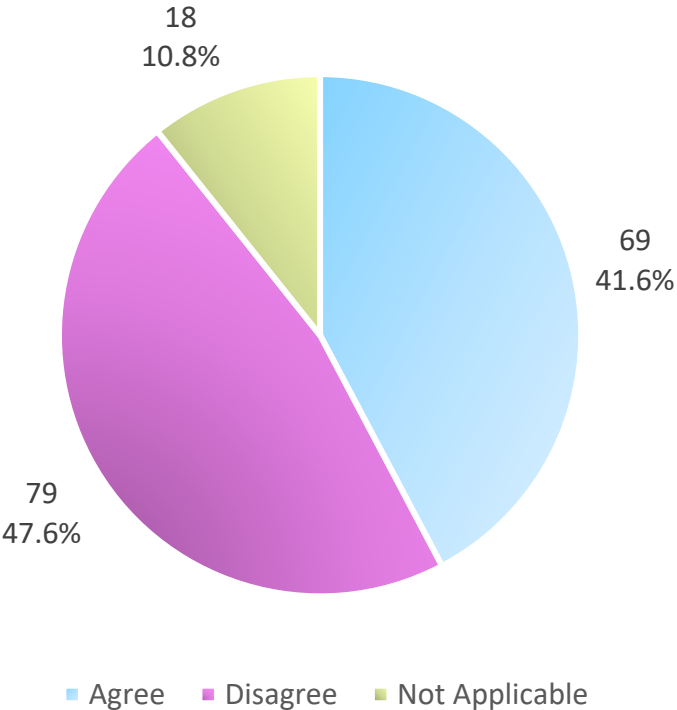
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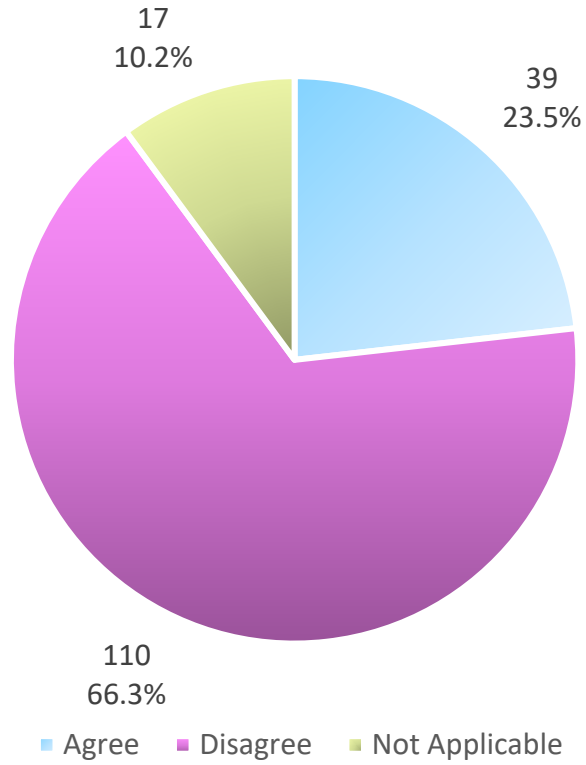
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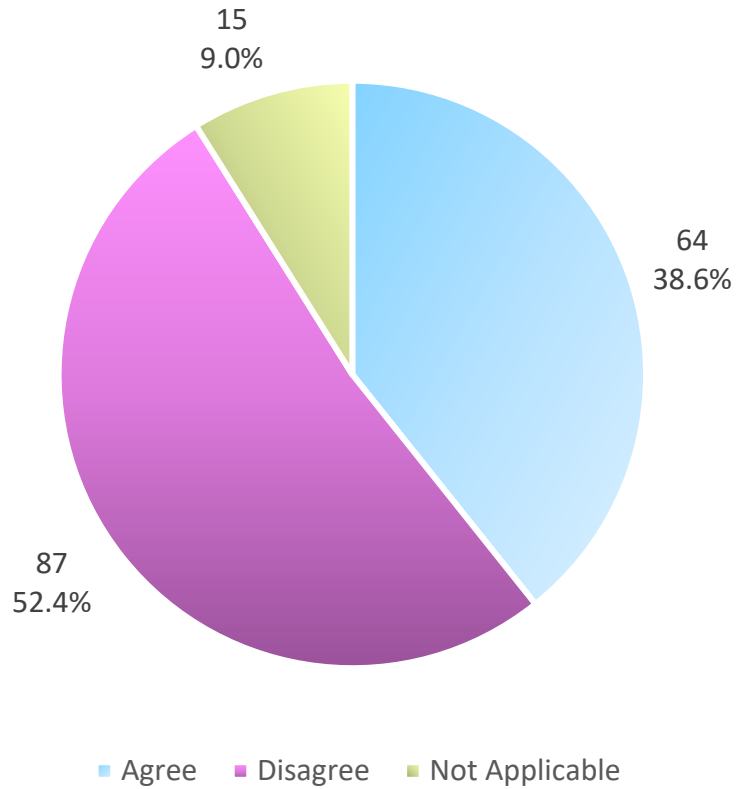
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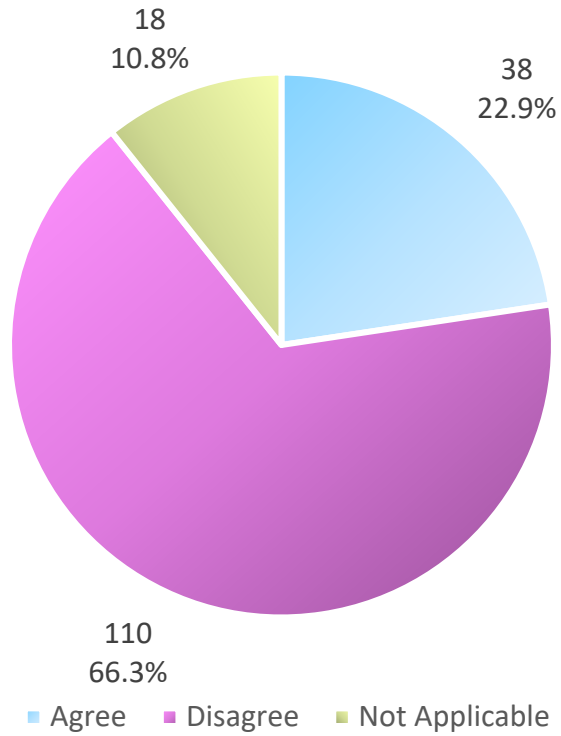
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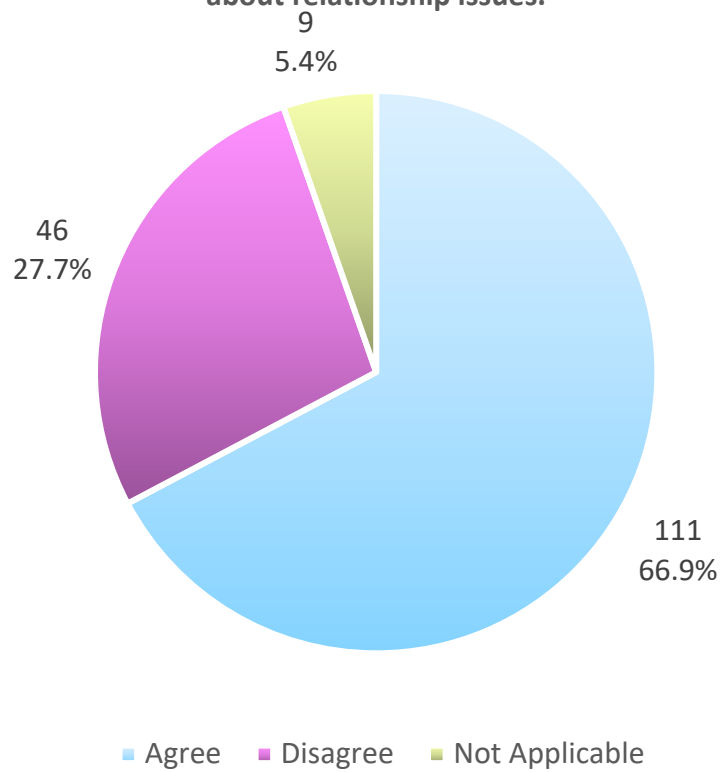
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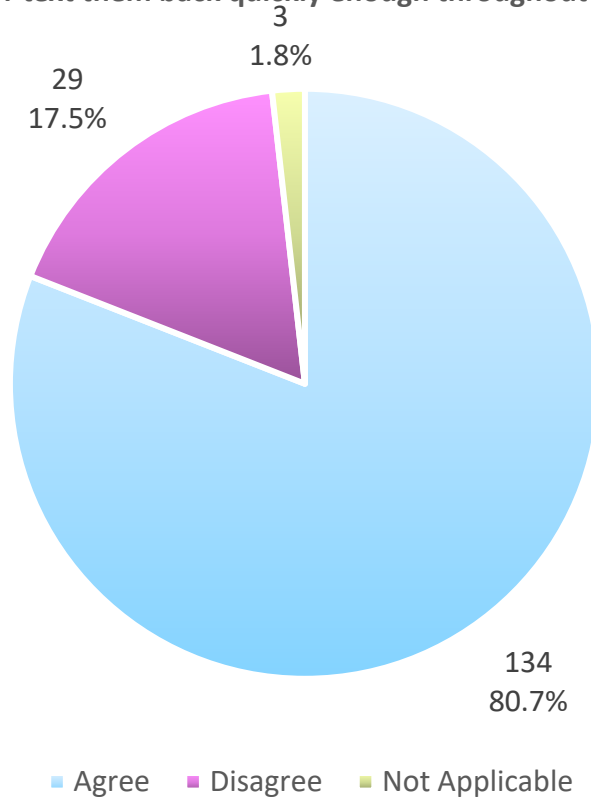
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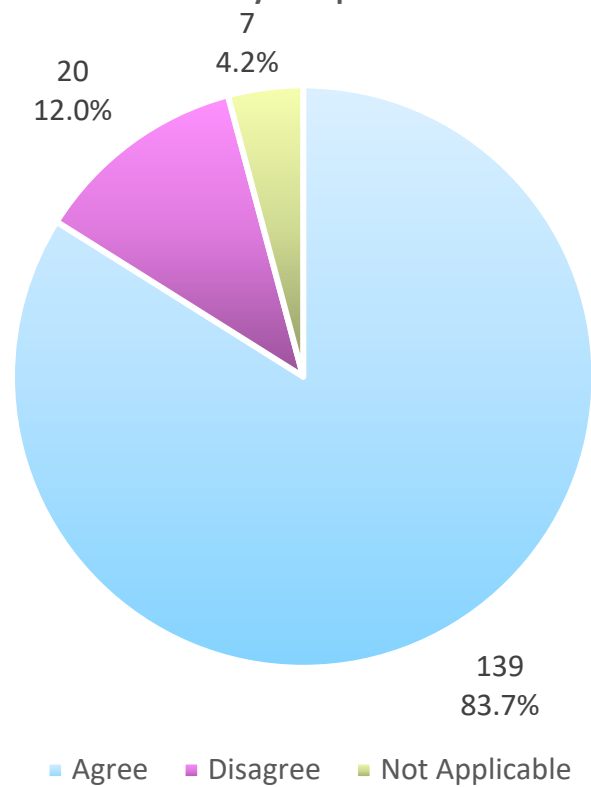
I can think of at least one trusted adult who I would feel comfortable going to about relationship issues.



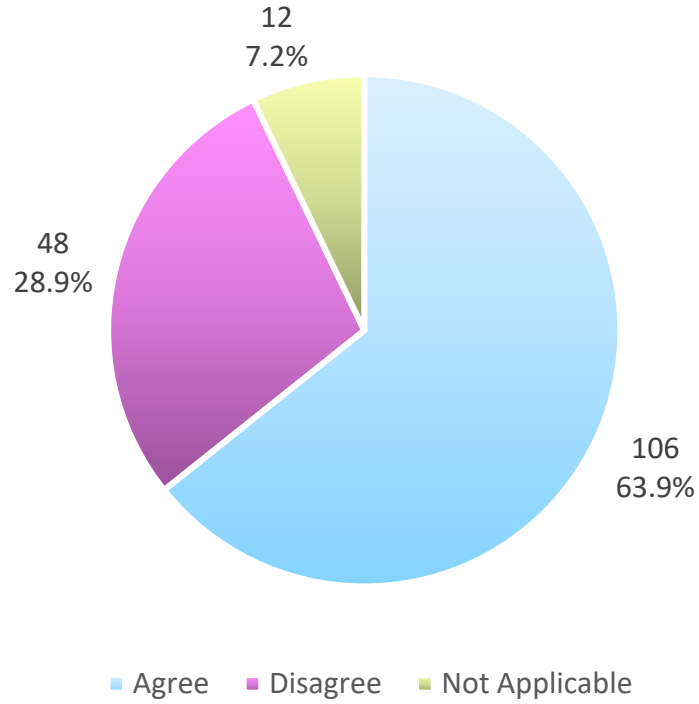
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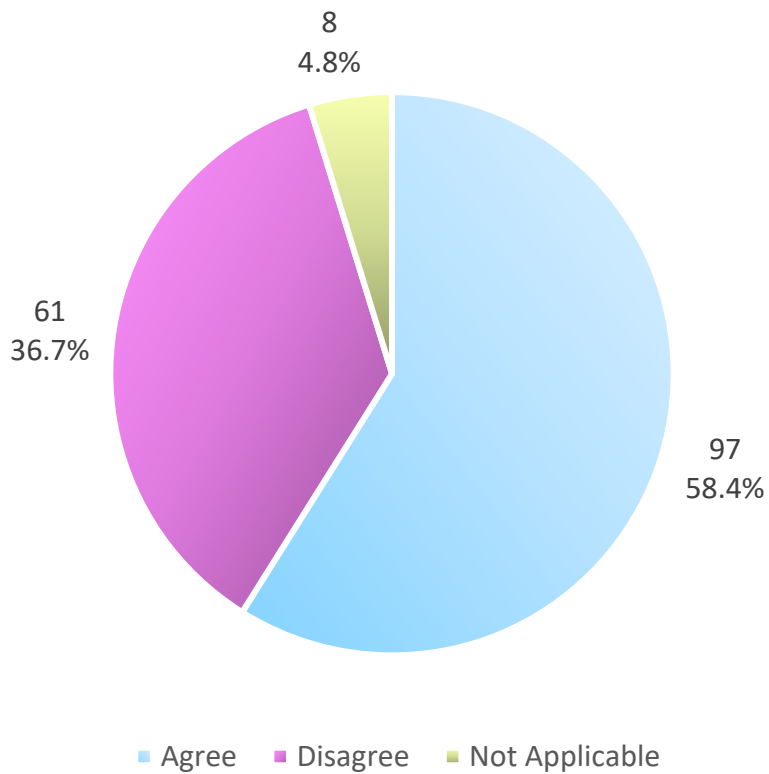
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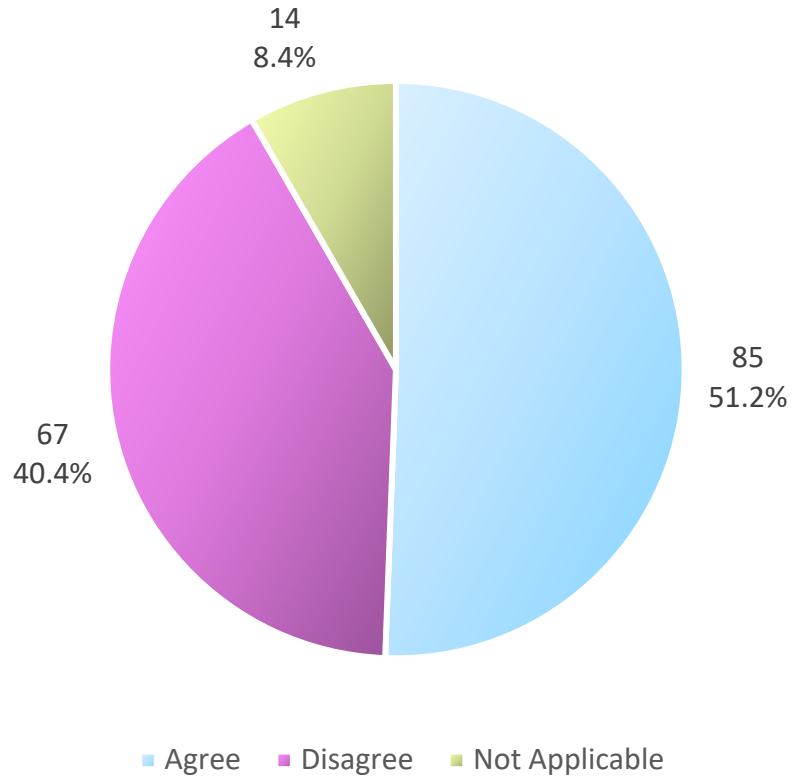
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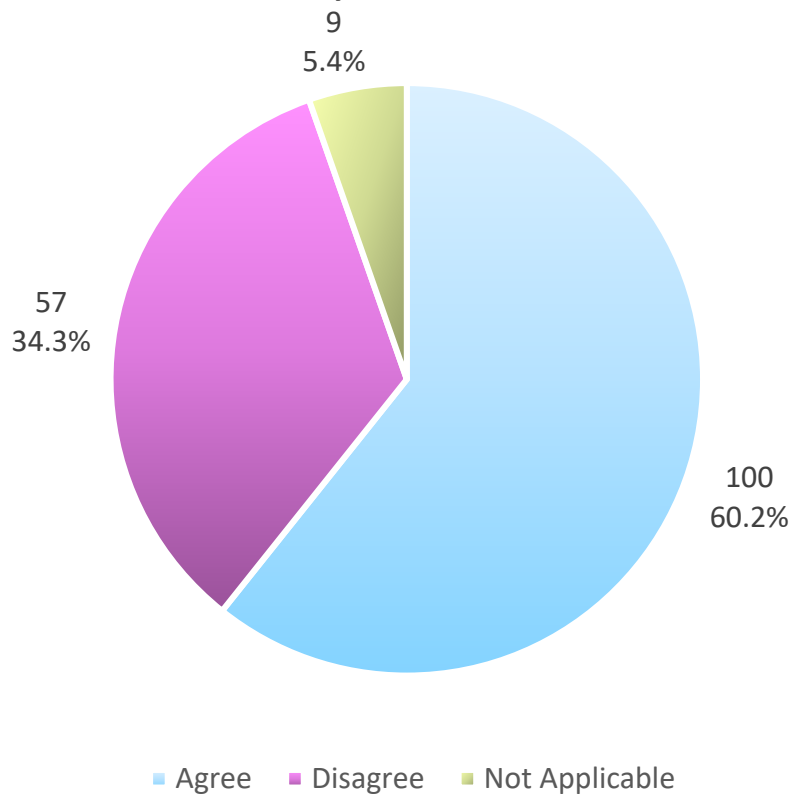
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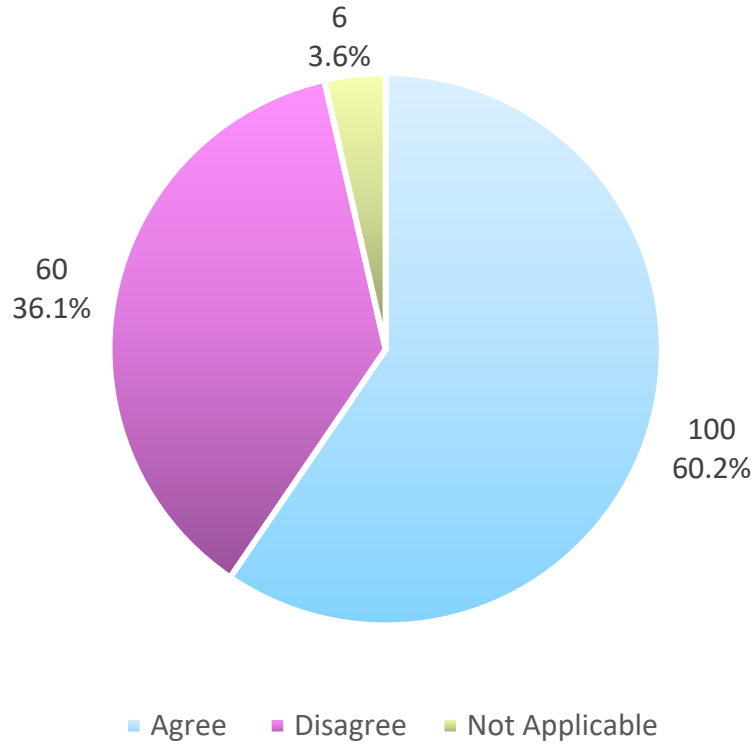
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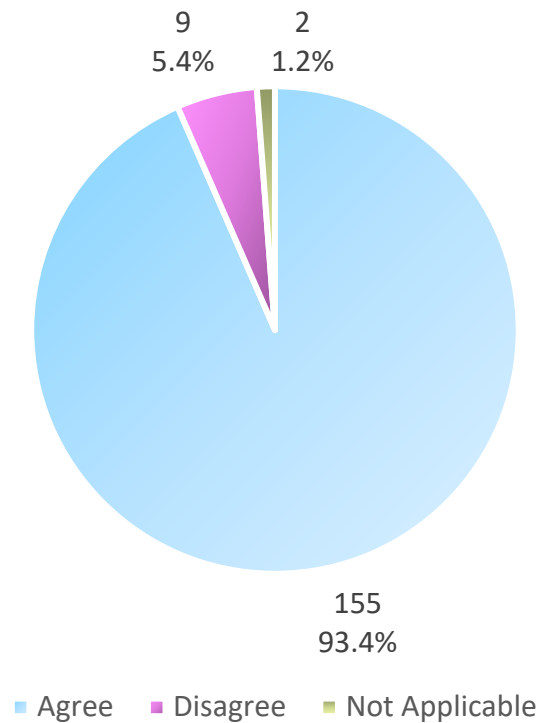
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I know someone who has been grabbed, pushed, shoved, slapped, or physically hurt in some way by their partner or ex-partner.



If a friend disclosed to me that they were in an unhealthy relationship, I would feel comfortable advising my friend how to get help from a trusted adult or mentor.



Do you have any additional information you would like the Commission for Women to know?

“A lot of bad relationships happen in high school. I believe that you’ve got to be a friend to some kids so that they’ll feel comfy and speak up.”

“These things happen way too often for high school women and it affects us drastically. We need to make getting help a good thing in our community.”

“The school system needs to learn to teach boys how to take no for an answer [because] it’s obviously not working when it comes from us.”

“Women cause more problems [than] men in relationships.”

“For me, I’ve seen a lot of sexism throughout St. Mary’s County and it makes me really sad.”

“A lot of kids I know who end up in these situations have a malleable sense of their God-given worth.”

“Girls need to listen to their female friends when they say they don’t feel safe with someone and not just dismiss it. We need to all be there for each other.”

“Thank you for what you’re doing 😊.”

“I also know many girls my age or up to 2 years older (including myself) who have been raped or sexually assaulted by someone that they weren’t dating.”

“Great Mills High School on many occasions disregarded and pushed aside students of all genders when they have been presented with cases of rape [and] abuse in partnerships, and it has led to tragedy almost every time.”

“Students nor adults nor any human of any age should have to worry about the issues of the domestic violence or have the feeling that they can’t go to anyone. Please provide support us young adults. It’s not like we are asking for a lot.”