

**Hartford Parks and Recreation Commission  
Thursday September 9, 2021, 5:30 p.m.  
Hartford Town Hall  
Meetings Minutes**

**Commission Members in Attendance:** Brett Mayfield Allison Childs, David Crocco

**Others in Attendance:** Scott Hausler P&R Director, Joe Major, Select Board Liaison

**Commission Members not in Attendance:** Michael Vanasse, Tom McCleary

Meeting called to order: 5:37 pm by Allison Childs

The August meeting minutes were moved and approved.

**Citizen Comments:** None

**Commission Member Comments:** None

**Directors Reports for September 6, 2021:**

Highlights:

Parking for Balloon Festival brought in over \$10,000 in donations for Brian Hanson Scholarship Fund.

Rec Department busy with scheduling at the Wendell A Barwood Arena for the upcoming season.

Parks crews are busy catching up with mowing.

Park permits are consisted with previous years for fall season.

**Old Business: None**

Community Center: No updates

Community Survey: Survey done and is being reviewed by Department and Commission members.

Pool Project: Continues to move forward but because of a delay in getting tanks, there might be a delay in the finish time for the Spring.

**Agenda Items for Next Rec. Commission Meeting.**

Community Survey

Community Center

Pool Update

Motion made to adjourn and all accepted.

Adjourned at 5:55 pm.

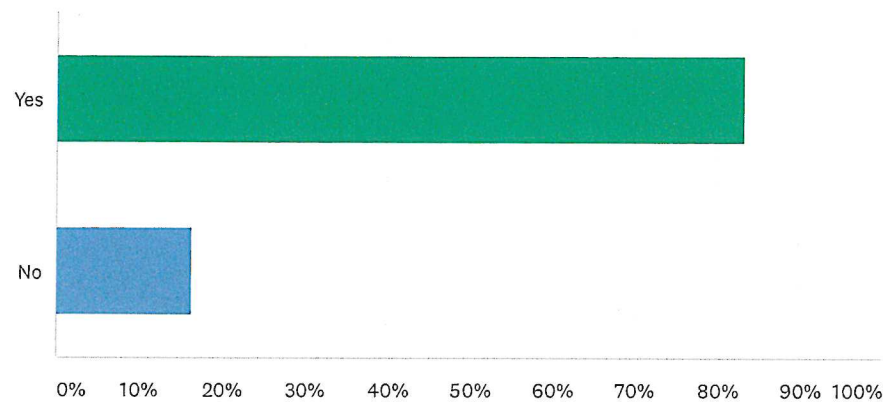
Respectfully submitted: Brett Mayfield, Commission Secretary

Next meeting October 14th.

Signed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Q1 Have you or other members of your household participated in any programs offered by the Town's Parks and Recreation Department during the past 24 months?

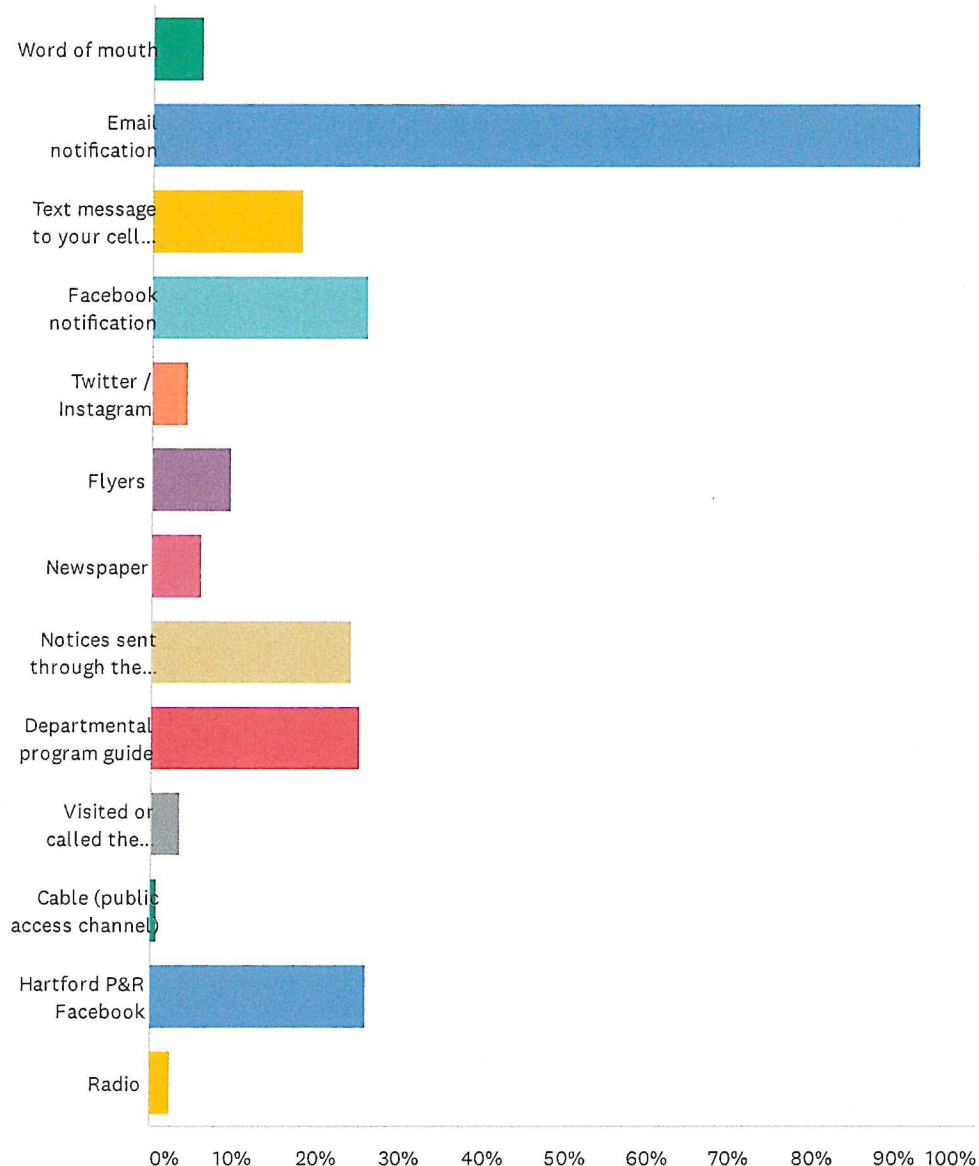
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Yes            | 83.48%    | 96  |
| No             | 16.52%    | 19  |
| TOTAL          |           | 115 |

## Q2 What is the best way to communicate information about parks and recreation programs and other information to your household

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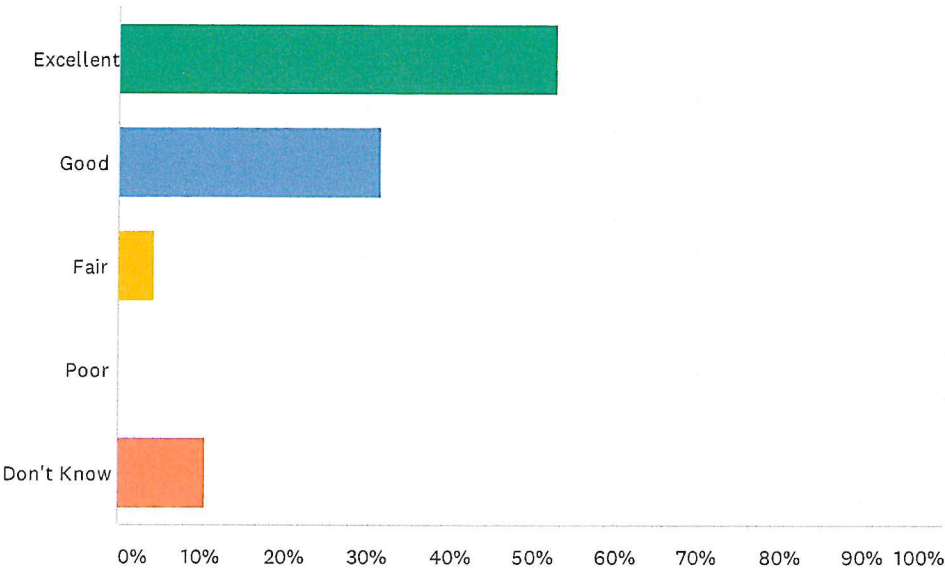


| ANSWER CHOICES                   | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Word of mouth                    | 6.09%     | 7   |
| Email notification               | 93.04%    | 107 |
| Text message to your cell phone  | 18.26%    | 21  |
| Facebook notification            | 26.09%    | 30  |
| Twitter / Instagram              | 4.35%     | 5   |
| Flyers                           | 9.57%     | 11  |
| Newspaper                        | 6.09%     | 7   |
| Notices sent through the school  | 24.35%    | 28  |
| Departmental program guide       | 25.22%    | 29  |
| Visited or called the Department | 3.48%     | 4   |
| Cable (public access channel)    | 0.87%     | 1   |
| Hartford P&R Facebook            | 26.09%    | 30  |
| Radio                            | 2.61%     | 3   |
| Total Respondents: 115           |           |     |



Q3 How would you rate the overall quality of the recreation programs you and members of your household participated in?

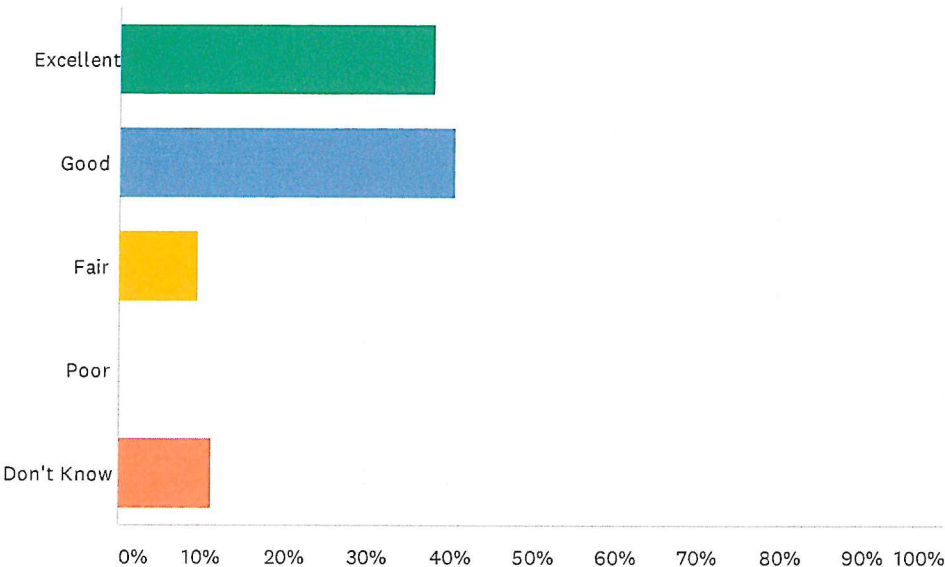
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Excellent      | 53.10%    | 60  |
| Good           | 31.86%    | 36  |
| Fair           | 4.42%     | 5   |
| Poor           | 0.00%     | 0   |
| Don't Know     | 10.62%    | 12  |
| TOTAL          |           | 113 |

Q4 How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the availability of family events and activities offered in the Town of Hartford?

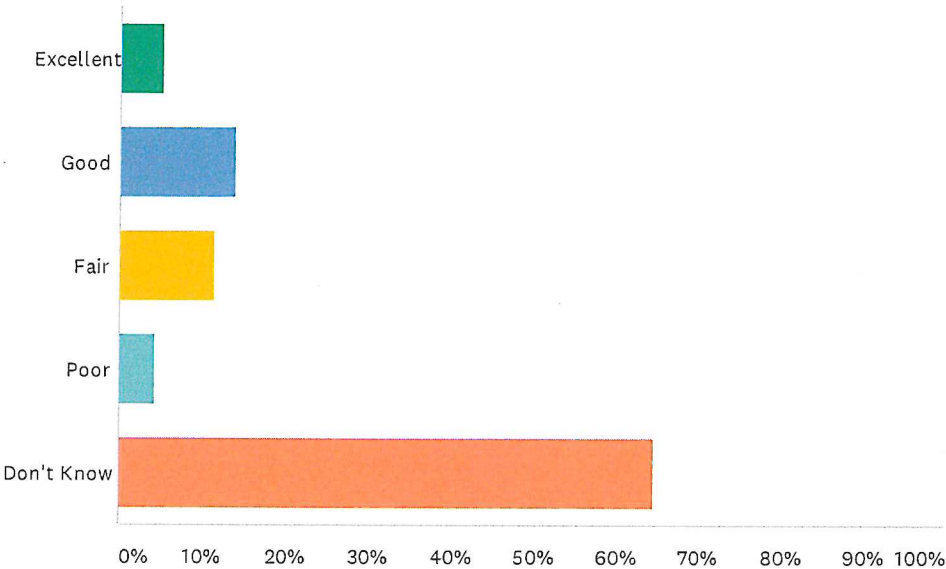
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Excellent      | 38.26%    | 44  |
| Good           | 40.87%    | 47  |
| Fair           | 9.57%     | 11  |
| Poor           | 0.00%     | 0   |
| Don't Know     | 11.30%    | 13  |
| TOTAL          |           | 115 |

Q5 How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the availability of age 50+ activities?

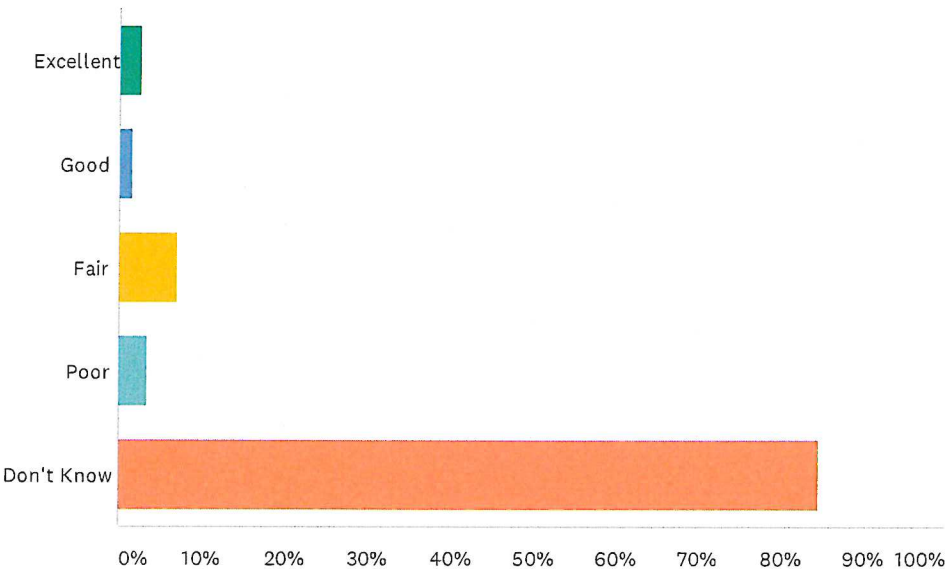
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Excellent      | 5.26%     | 6   |
| Good           | 14.04%    | 16  |
| Fair           | 11.40%    | 13  |
| Poor           | 4.39%     | 5   |
| Don't Know     | 64.91%    | 74  |
| TOTAL          |           | 114 |

Q6 How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the availability of infant/toddler events and activities?

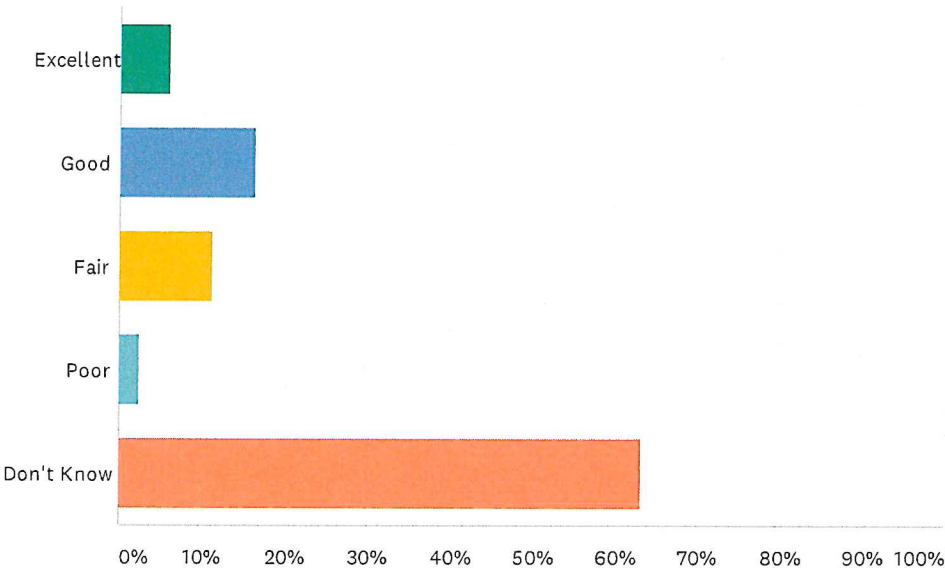
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Excellent      | 2.65%     | 3   |
| Good           | 1.77%     | 2   |
| Fair           | 7.08%     | 8   |
| Poor           | 3.54%     | 4   |
| Don't Know     | 84.96%    | 96  |
| TOTAL          |           | 113 |

Q7 How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the availability of teenage programs, events and activities?

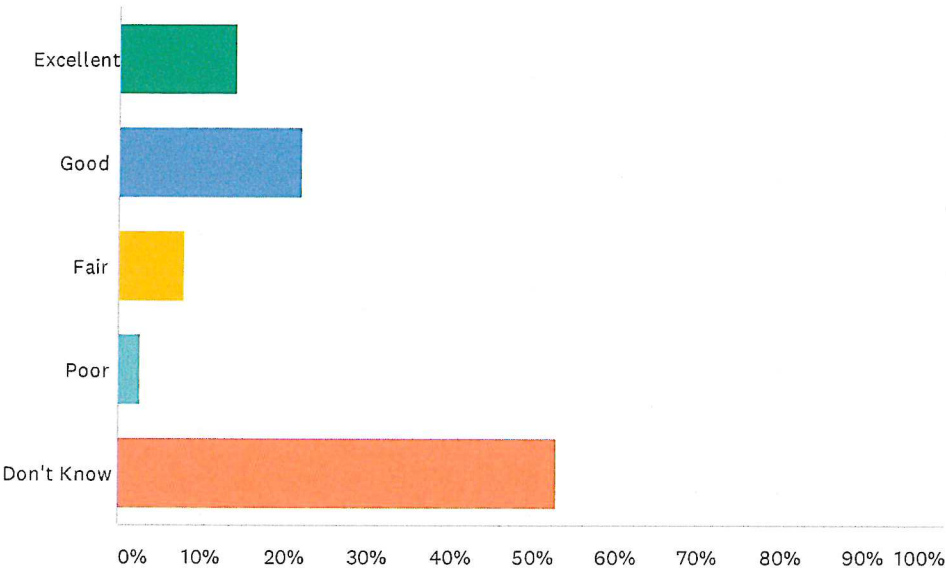
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Excellent      | 6.09%     | 7   |
| Good           | 16.52%    | 19  |
| Fair           | 11.30%    | 13  |
| Poor           | 2.61%     | 3   |
| Don't Know     | 63.48%    | 73  |
| TOTAL          |           | 115 |

Q8 How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the availability of adult athletic programs and activities?

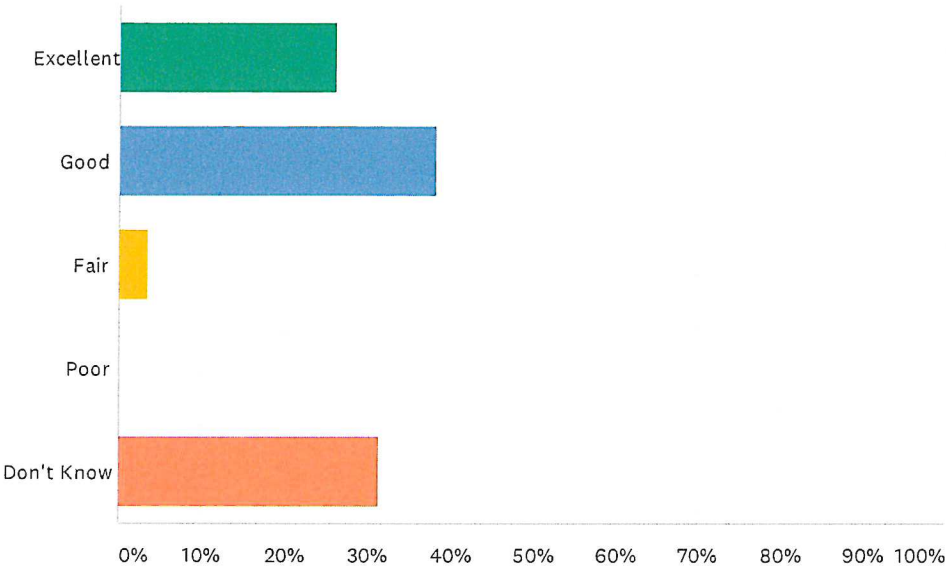
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Excellent      | 14.16%    | 16  |
| Good           | 22.12%    | 25  |
| Fair           | 7.96%     | 9   |
| Poor           | 2.65%     | 3   |
| Don't Know     | 53.10%    | 60  |
| TOTAL          |           | 113 |

Q9 How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the availability of youth athletic programs and activities?

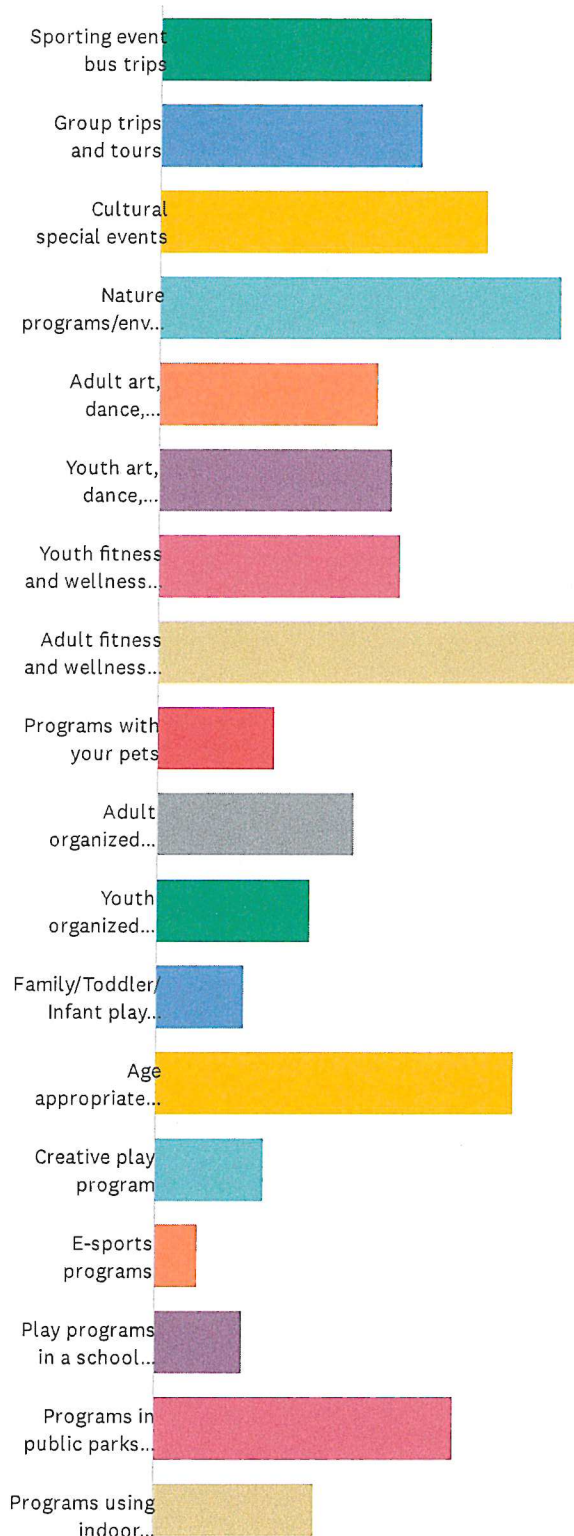
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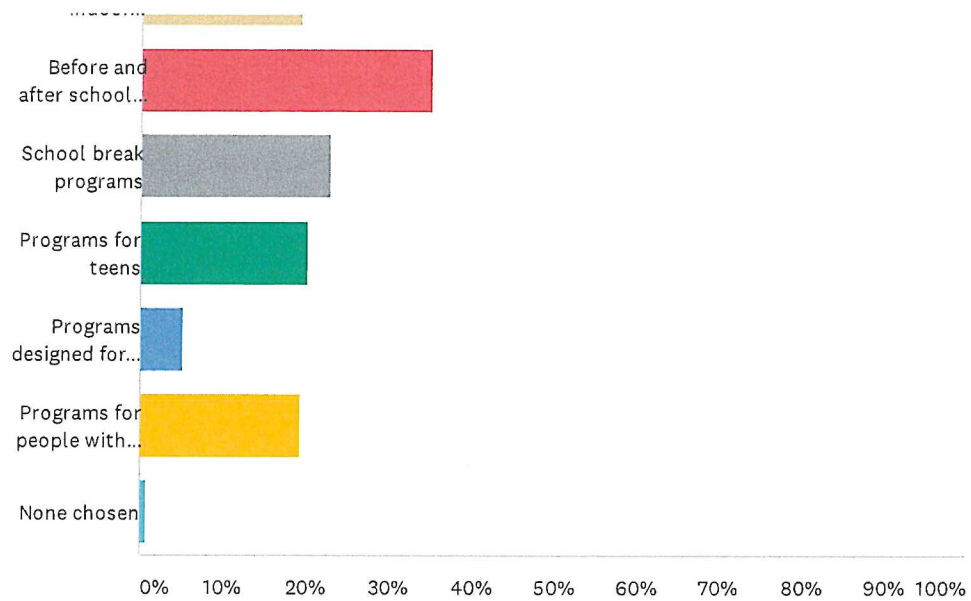
| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Excellent      | 26.32%    | 30  |
| Good           | 38.60%    | 44  |
| Fair           | 3.51%     | 4   |
| Poor           | 0.00%     | 0   |
| Don't Know     | 31.58%    | 36  |
| TOTAL          |           | 114 |

**Q10 What additional types of programs would you like to see the Hartford Parks & Recreation Department offer you and your family (Please check all that apply to you and your family).**

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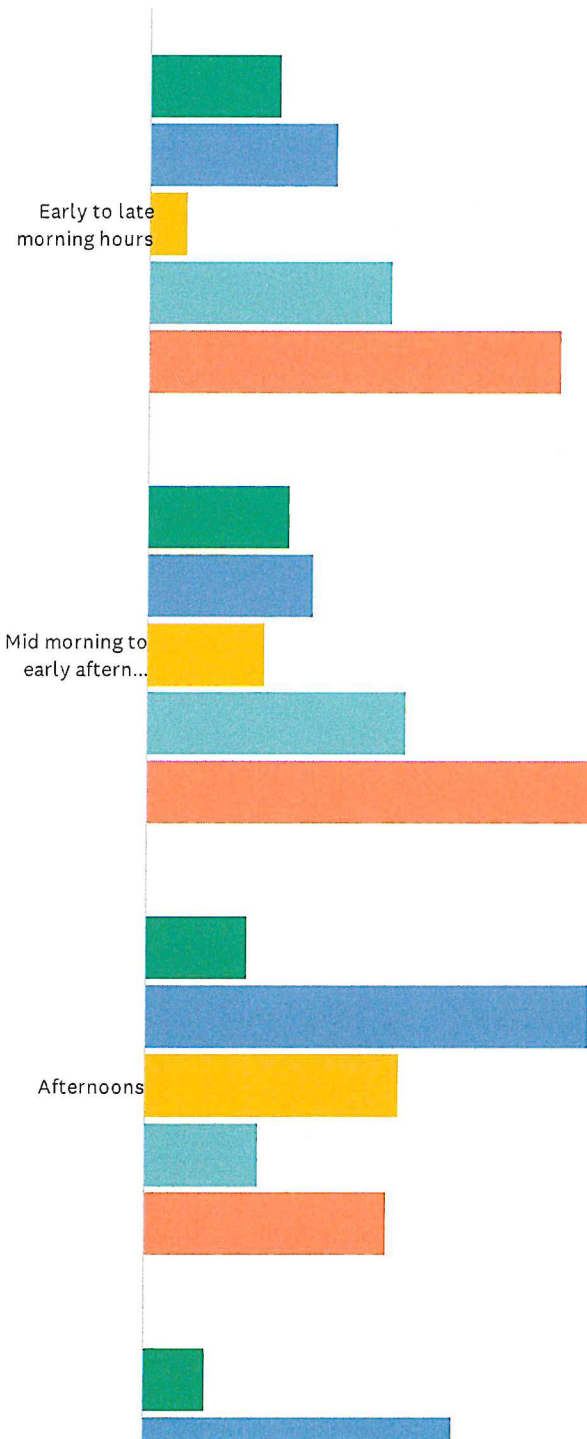


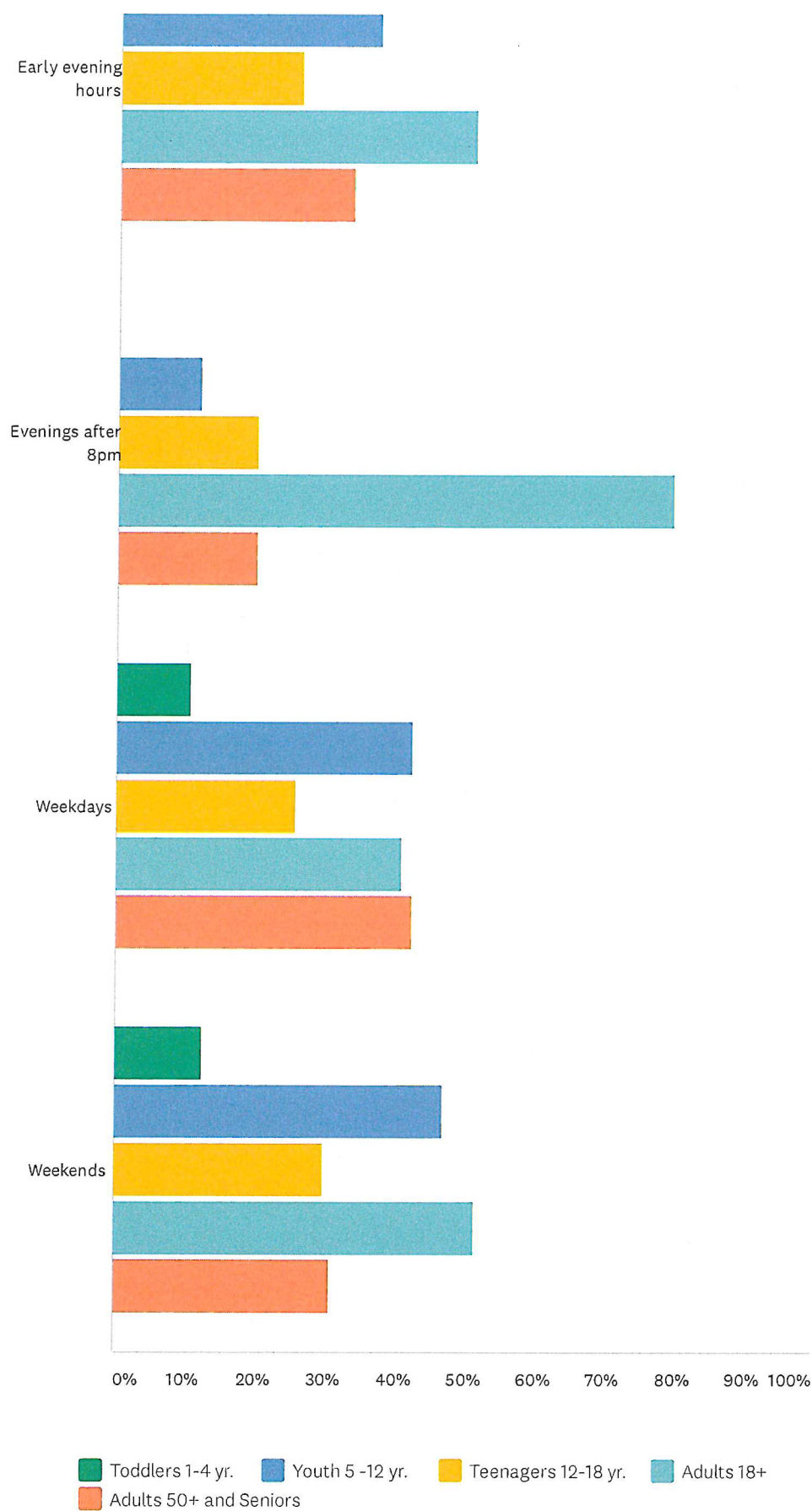


| ANSWER CHOICES                                                                           | RESPONSES |    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----|
| Sporting event bus trips                                                                 | 32.74%    | 37 |
| Group trips and tours                                                                    | 31.86%    | 36 |
| Cultural special events                                                                  | 39.82%    | 45 |
| Nature programs/environmental education                                                  | 48.67%    | 55 |
| Adult art, dance, performing arts                                                        | 26.55%    | 30 |
| Youth art, dance, performing arts                                                        | 28.32%    | 32 |
| Youth fitness and wellness programs                                                      | 29.20%    | 33 |
| Adult fitness and wellness programs                                                      | 51.33%    | 58 |
| Programs with your pets                                                                  | 14.16%    | 16 |
| Adult organized athletic programs                                                        | 23.89%    | 27 |
| Youth organized athletic programs                                                        | 18.58%    | 21 |
| Family/Toddler/Infant play hours for socializing                                         | 10.62%    | 12 |
| Age appropriate programs such as cooking, arts and crafts, parent & me sport programs    | 43.36%    | 49 |
| Creative play program                                                                    | 13.27%    | 15 |
| E-sports programs                                                                        | 5.31%     | 6  |
| Play programs in a school facility during school hours                                   | 10.62%    | 12 |
| Programs in public parks such as exercise, field and court programs                      | 36.28%    | 41 |
| Programs using indoor facilities such as exercise, wrestling, court activities and games | 19.47%    | 22 |
| Before and after school programs                                                         | 35.40%    | 40 |
| School break programs                                                                    | 23.01%    | 26 |
| Programs for teens                                                                       | 20.35%    | 23 |
| Programs designed for homeschooled children                                              | 5.31%     | 6  |
| Programs for people with disabilities and other needs                                    | 19.47%    | 22 |
| None chosen                                                                              | 0.88%     | 1  |
| Total Respondents: 113                                                                   |           |    |

Q11 If the availability of additional programs for toddlers, youth, teenagers, senior citizens and 50+ programs are important to you and your family, please tell us the best time during a typical week for you and your family to participate in the age categories listed. Please check all that apply to your household.

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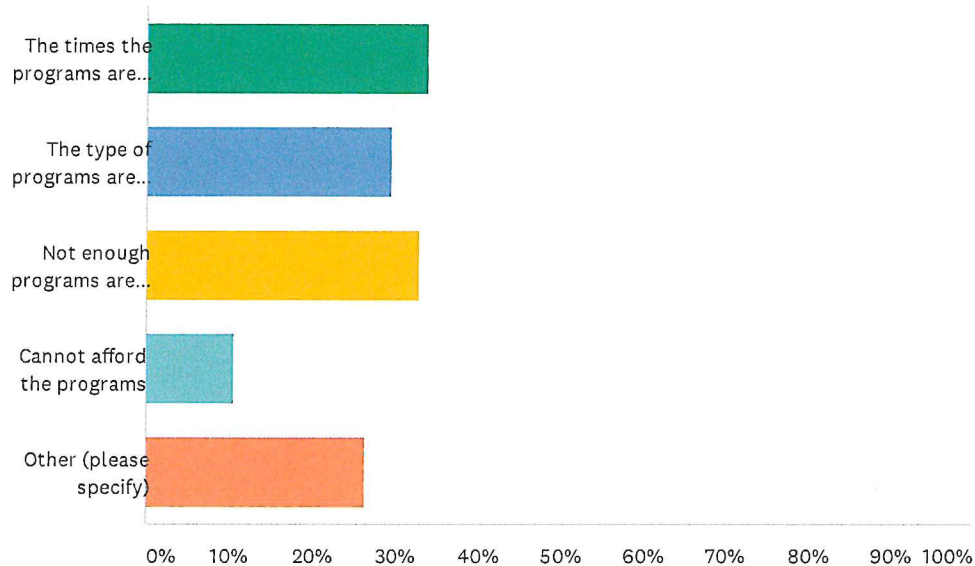




|                                      | <b>TODDLERS<br/>1-4 YR.</b> | <b>YOUTH 5<br/>-12 YR.</b> | <b>TEENAGERS<br/>12-18 YR.</b> | <b>ADULTS<br/>18+</b> | <b>ADULTS 50+ AND<br/>SENIORS</b> | <b>TOTAL<br/>RESPONDENTS</b> |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Early to late morning hours          | 15.91%<br>7                 | 22.73%<br>10               | 4.55%<br>2                     | 29.55%<br>13          | 50.00%<br>22                      | 44                           |
| Mid morning to early afternoon hours | 17.14%<br>6                 | 20.00%<br>7                | 14.29%<br>5                    | 31.43%<br>11          | 54.29%<br>19                      | 35                           |
| Afternoons                           | 12.31%<br>8                 | 53.85%<br>35               | 30.77%<br>20                   | 13.85%<br>9           | 29.23%<br>19                      | 65                           |
| Early evening hours                  | 7.50%<br>6                  | 37.50%<br>30               | 26.25%<br>21                   | 51.25%<br>41          | 33.75%<br>27                      | 80                           |
| Evenings after 8pm                   | 0.00%<br>0                  | 12.00%<br>3                | 20.00%<br>5                    | 80.00%<br>20          | 20.00%<br>5                       | 25                           |
| Weekdays                             | 10.61%<br>7                 | 42.42%<br>28               | 25.76%<br>17                   | 40.91%<br>27          | 42.42%<br>28                      | 66                           |
| Weekends                             | 12.64%<br>11                | 47.13%<br>41               | 29.89%<br>26                   | 51.72%<br>45          | 31.03%<br>27                      | 87                           |

**Q12 Knowing what you do know about the Department's family, infant/toddler, youth, teen, 50+ programs, what are the barriers, if any, that may keep you from participating.**

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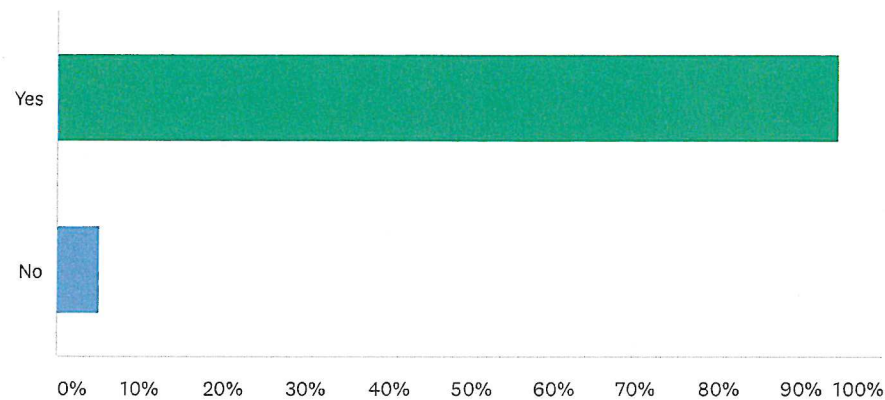
**ANSWER CHOICES**

**RESPONSES**

|                                                                            |        |    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----|
| The times the programs are offered                                         | 34.04% | 32 |
| The type of programs are not offered during the time I wish to participate | 29.79% | 28 |
| Not enough programs are being offered                                      | 32.98% | 31 |
| Cannot afford the programs                                                 | 10.64% | 10 |
| Other (please specify)                                                     | 26.60% | 25 |
| Total Respondents: 94                                                      |        |    |

Q13 Have you or members of your household visited any of the Towns parks and recreation facilities during the past 12 months?

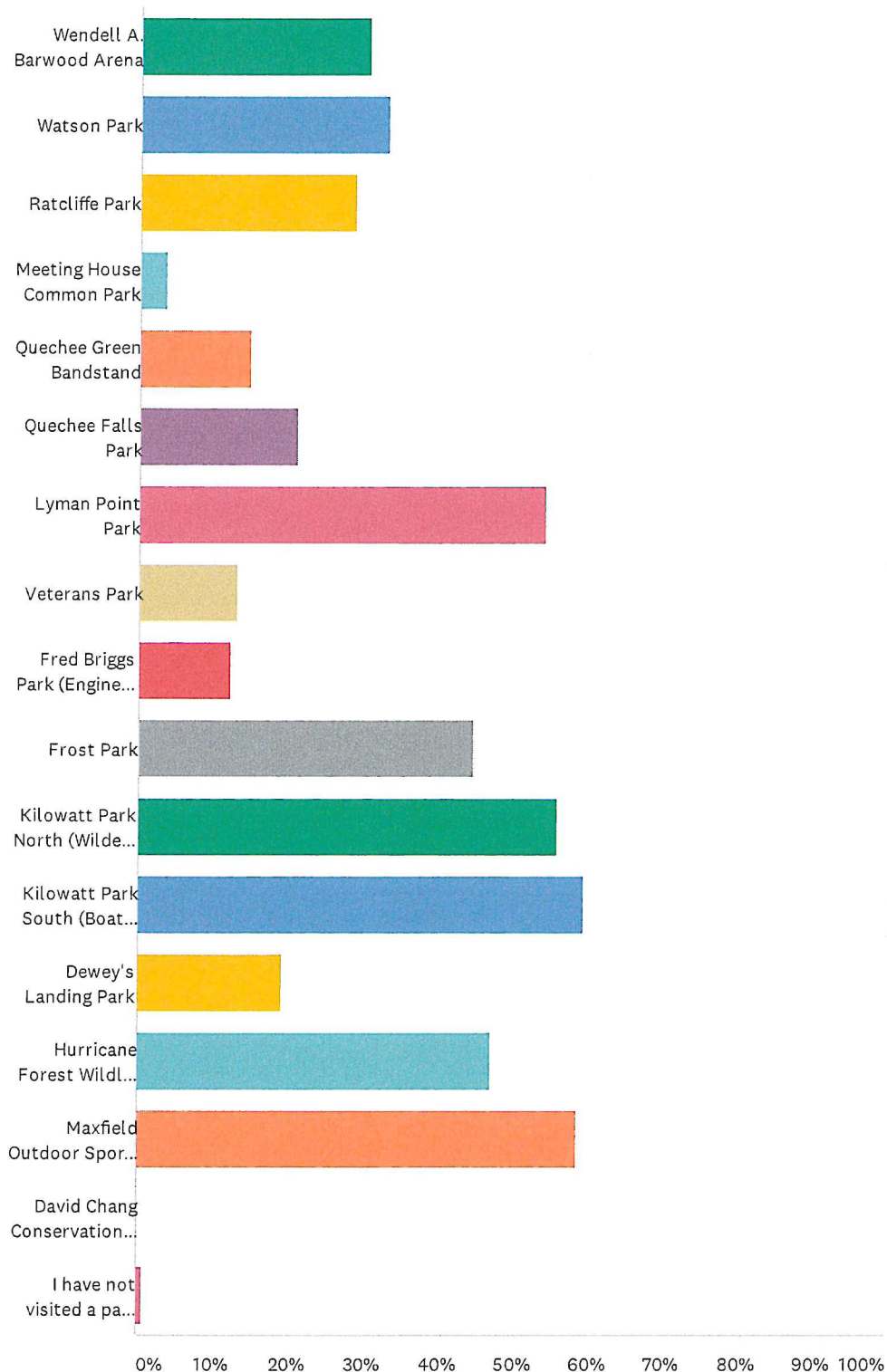
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Yes            | 94.74%    | 108 |
| No             | 5.26%     | 6   |
| TOTAL          |           | 114 |

# Q14 Please check the municipal parks and facilities that you and/or your members of your household have visited over the past 12 months.

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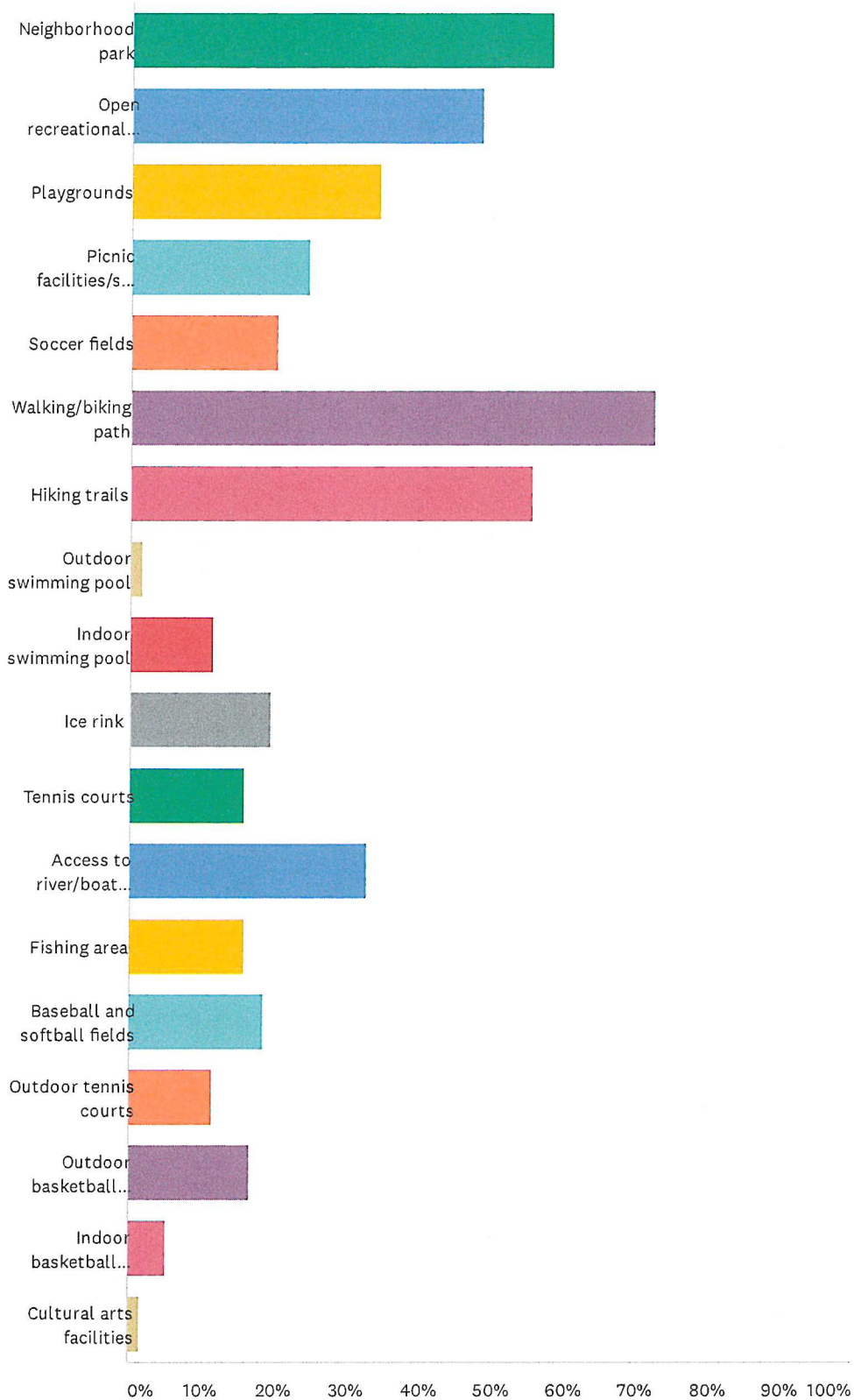




| ANSWER CHOICES                                      | RESPONSES |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------|----|
| Wendell A. Barwood Arena                            | 30.70%    | 35 |
| Watson Park                                         | 33.33%    | 38 |
| Ratcliffe Park                                      | 28.95%    | 33 |
| Meeting House Common Park                           | 3.51%     | 4  |
| Quechee Green Bandstand                             | 14.91%    | 17 |
| Quechee Falls Park                                  | 21.05%    | 24 |
| Lyman Point Park                                    | 54.39%    | 62 |
| Veterans Park                                       | 13.16%    | 15 |
| Fred Briggs Park (Engine 494)                       | 12.28%    | 14 |
| Frost Park                                          | 44.74%    | 51 |
| Kilowatt Park North (Wilder Picnic Area)            | 56.14%    | 64 |
| Kilowatt Park South (Boat Landing & Athletic Field) | 59.65%    | 68 |
| Dewey's Landing Park                                | 19.30%    | 22 |
| Hurricane Forest Wildlife Refuge Park               | 47.37%    | 54 |
| Maxfield Outdoor Sports Complex                     | 58.77%    | 67 |
| David Chang Conservation Area                       | 0.00%     | 0  |
| I have not visited a park or facility               | 0.88%     | 1  |
| Total Respondents: 114                              |           |    |

**Q15 Please tell us by choosing the various type of recreational facilities that you and members of your household have visited in the Town during the past 12 months.**

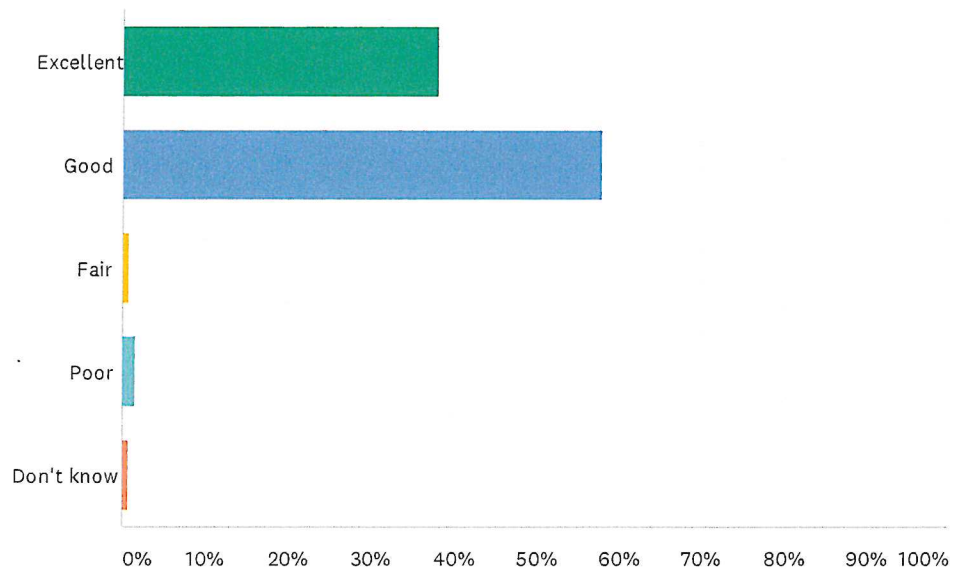
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| ANSWER CHOICES                    | RESPONSES |    |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|----|
| Neighborhood park                 | 58.41%    | 66 |
| Open recreational space           | 48.67%    | 55 |
| Playgrounds                       | 34.51%    | 39 |
| Picnic facilities/shelters        | 24.78%    | 28 |
| Soccer fields                     | 20.35%    | 23 |
| Walking/biking path               | 72.57%    | 82 |
| Hiking trails                     | 55.75%    | 63 |
| Outdoor swimming pool             | 1.77%     | 2  |
| Indoor swimming pool              | 11.50%    | 13 |
| Ice rink                          | 19.47%    | 22 |
| Tennis courts                     | 15.93%    | 18 |
| Access to river/boat kayak launch | 32.74%    | 37 |
| Fishing area                      | 15.93%    | 18 |
| Baseball and softball fields      | 18.58%    | 21 |
| Outdoor tennis courts             | 11.50%    | 13 |
| Outdoor basketball courts         | 16.81%    | 19 |
| Indoor basketball courts          | 5.31%     | 6  |
| Cultural arts facilities          | 1.77%     | 2  |
| Total Respondents: 113            |           |    |

## Q16 Overall, how would you rate the physical condition of the facilities and parks that you and members of your household have visited over the past 12 months?

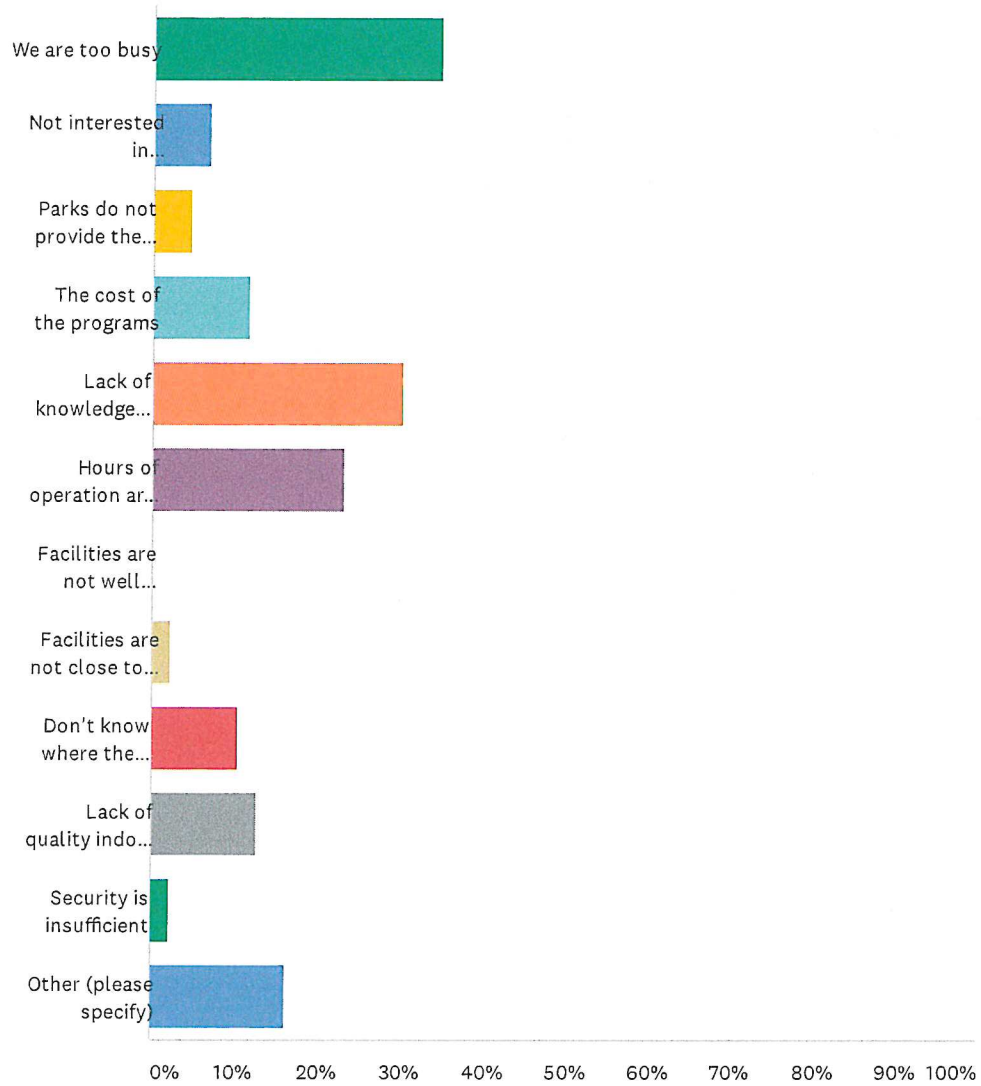
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Excellent      | 38.26%    | 44  |
| Good           | 58.26%    | 67  |
| Fair           | 0.87%     | 1   |
| Poor           | 1.74%     | 2   |
| Don't know     | 0.87%     | 1   |
| TOTAL          |           | 115 |

## Q17 What barriers keep you from participating in parks and rec activities?

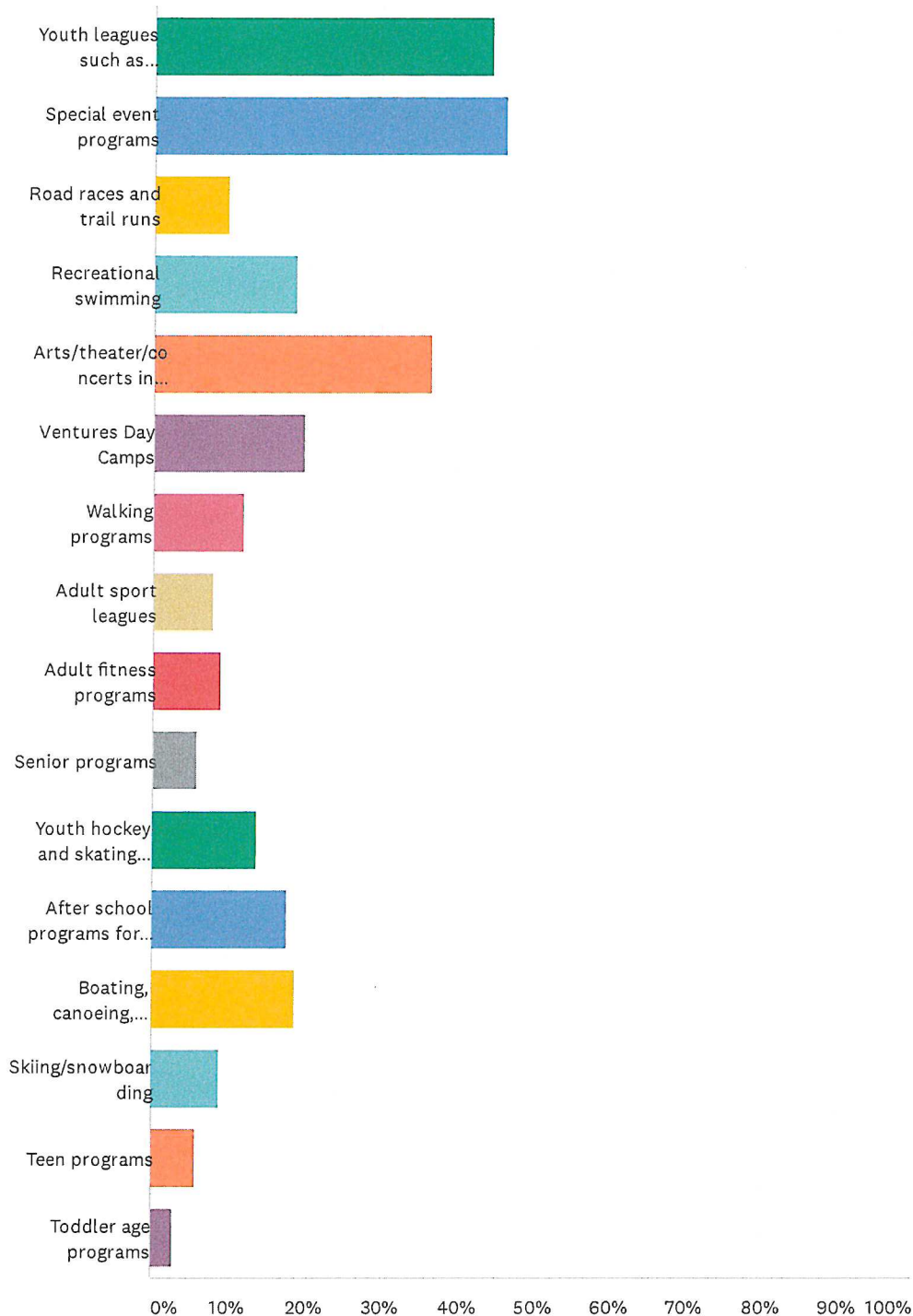
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| ANSWER CHOICES                                           | RESPONSES |    |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----|
| We are too busy                                          | 34.88%    | 30 |
| Not interested in participating                          | 6.98%     | 6  |
| Parks do not provide the facilities we need              | 4.65%     | 4  |
| The cost of the programs                                 | 11.63%    | 10 |
| Lack of knowledge regarding the services                 | 30.23%    | 26 |
| Hours of operation are not convenient to me or my family | 23.26%    | 20 |
| Facilities are not well maintained                       | 0.00%     | 0  |
| Facilities are not close to my home                      | 2.33%     | 2  |
| Don't know where the facilities are located              | 10.47%    | 9  |
| Lack of quality indoor recreation areas                  | 12.79%    | 11 |
| Security is insufficient                                 | 2.33%     | 2  |
| Other (please specify)                                   | 16.28%    | 14 |
| Total Respondents: 86                                    |           |    |

Q18 Please check off below the various type of recreational programs in the Town that you or members of your household have participated in during the past 2 years.

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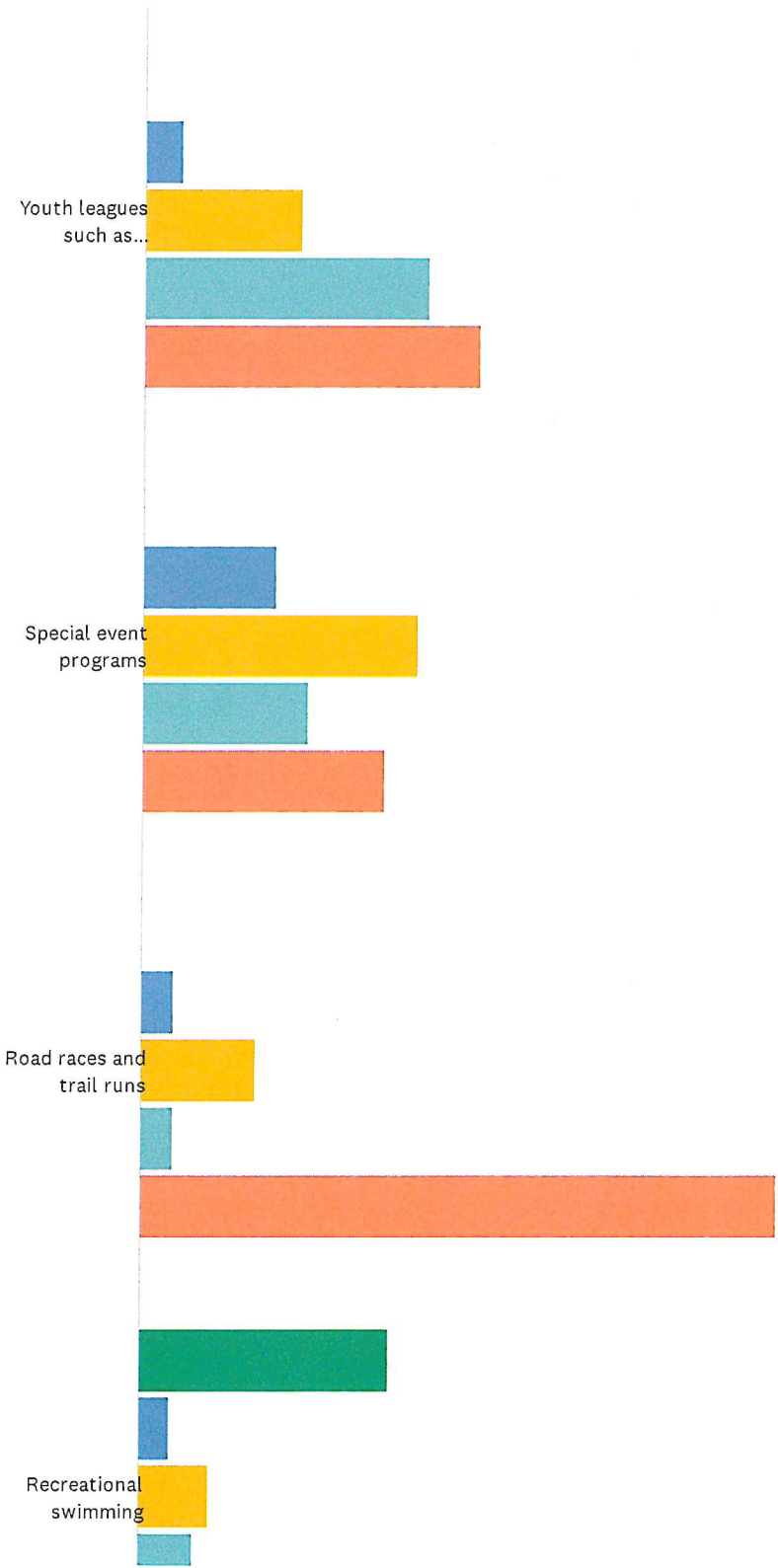


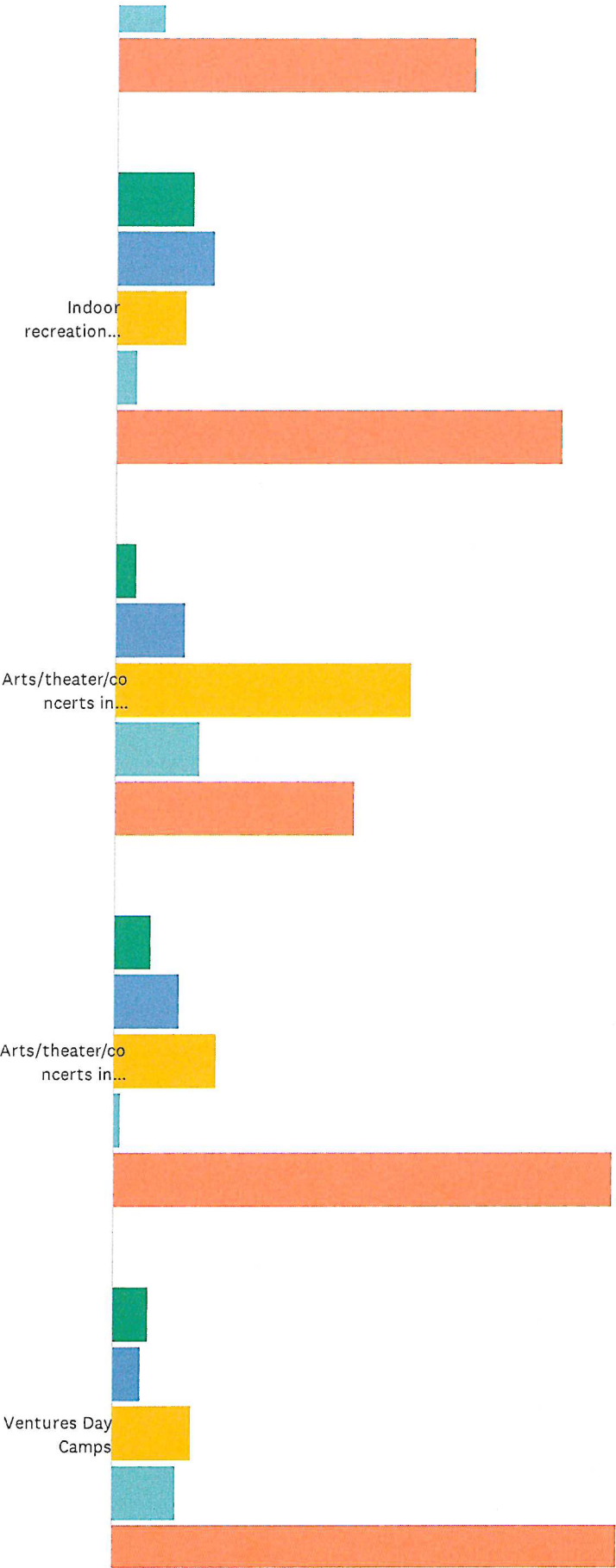


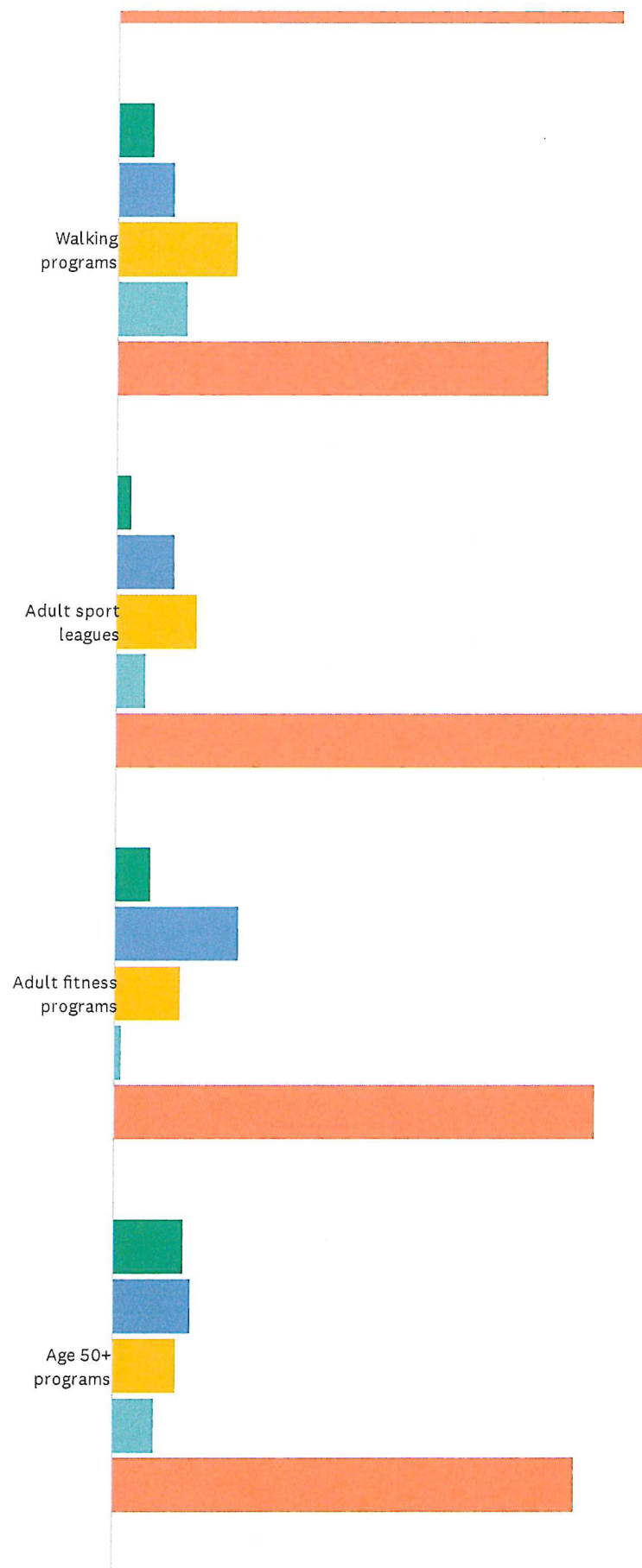
| ANSWER CHOICES                                                                | RESPONSES |    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----|
| Youth leagues such as Baseball/ Softball/ Soccer/Basketball/Football/Lacrosse | 44.55%    | 45 |
| Special event programs                                                        | 46.53%    | 47 |
| Road races and trail runs                                                     | 9.90%     | 10 |
| Recreational swimming                                                         | 18.81%    | 19 |
| Arts/theater/concerts in public parks                                         | 36.63%    | 37 |
| Ventures Day Camps                                                            | 19.80%    | 20 |
| Walking programs                                                              | 11.88%    | 12 |
| Adult sport leagues                                                           | 7.92%     | 8  |
| Adult fitness programs                                                        | 8.91%     | 9  |
| Senior programs                                                               | 5.94%     | 6  |
| Youth hockey and skating programs                                             | 13.86%    | 14 |
| After school programs for youth                                               | 17.82%    | 18 |
| Boating, canoeing, kayaking                                                   | 18.81%    | 19 |
| Skiing/snowboarding                                                           | 8.91%     | 9  |
| Teen programs                                                                 | 5.94%     | 6  |
| Toddler age programs                                                          | 2.97%     | 3  |
| Total Respondents: 101                                                        |           |    |

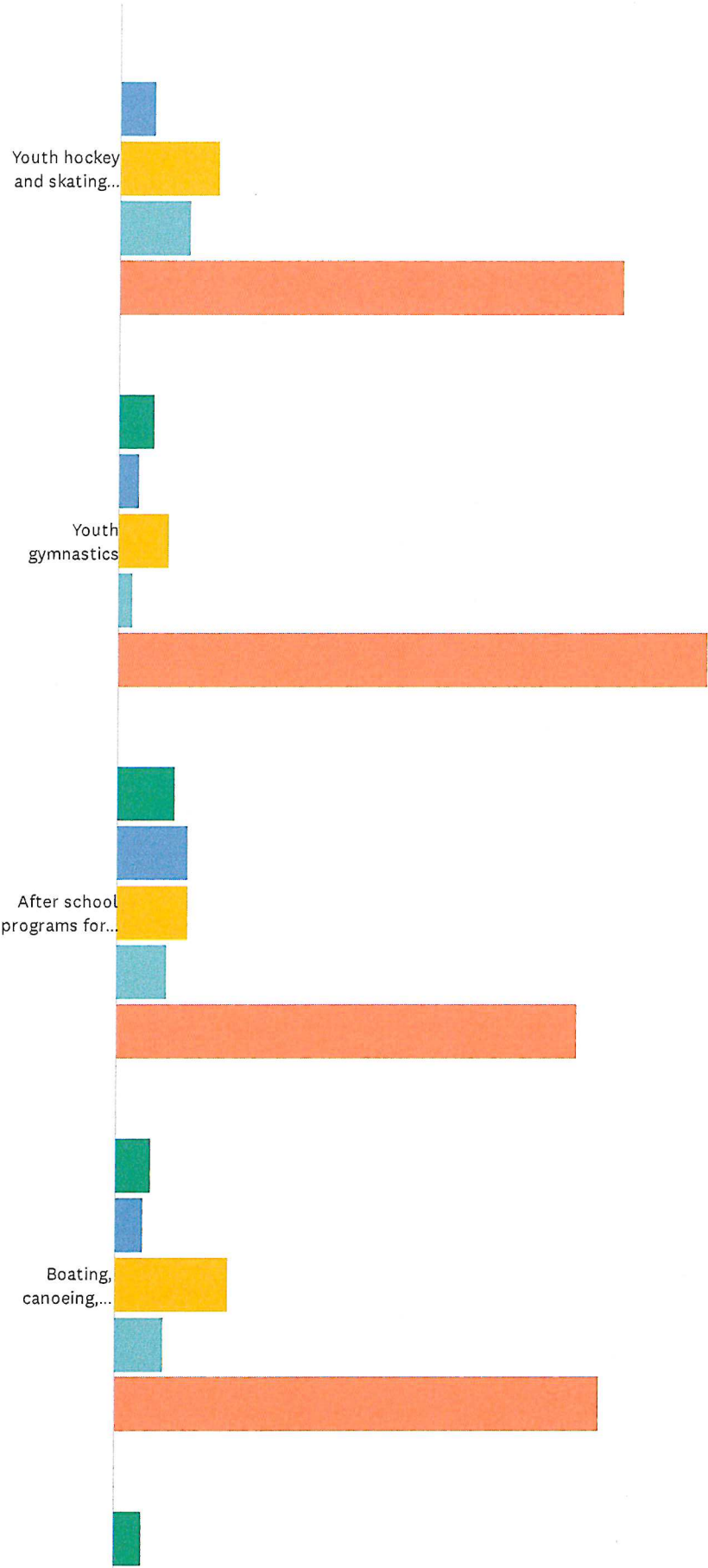
Q19 Overall, how satisfied are you with the availability of various recreational and sport programs in the Town of Hartford?

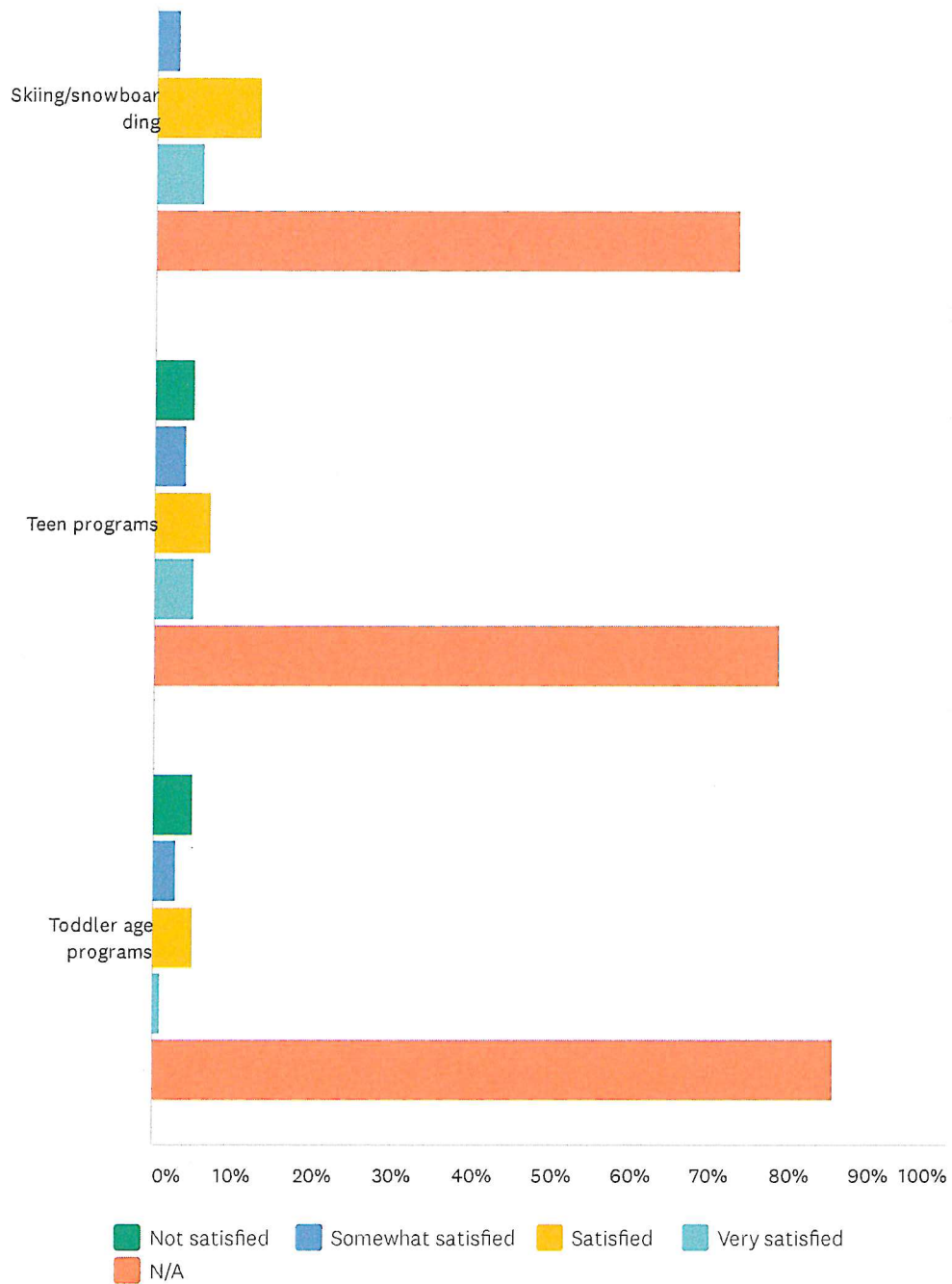
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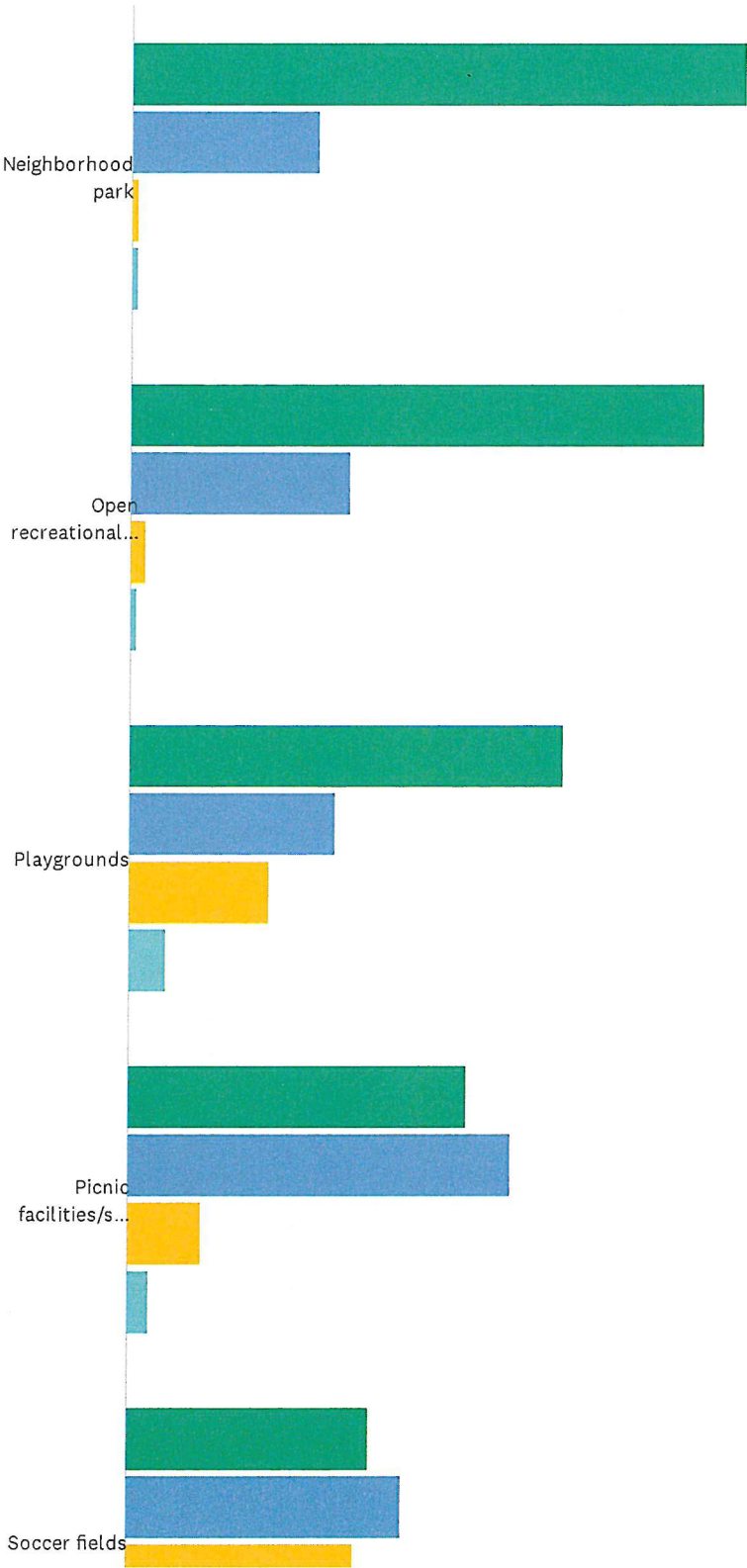
## 2021 Community Wide Parks and Recreation Survey

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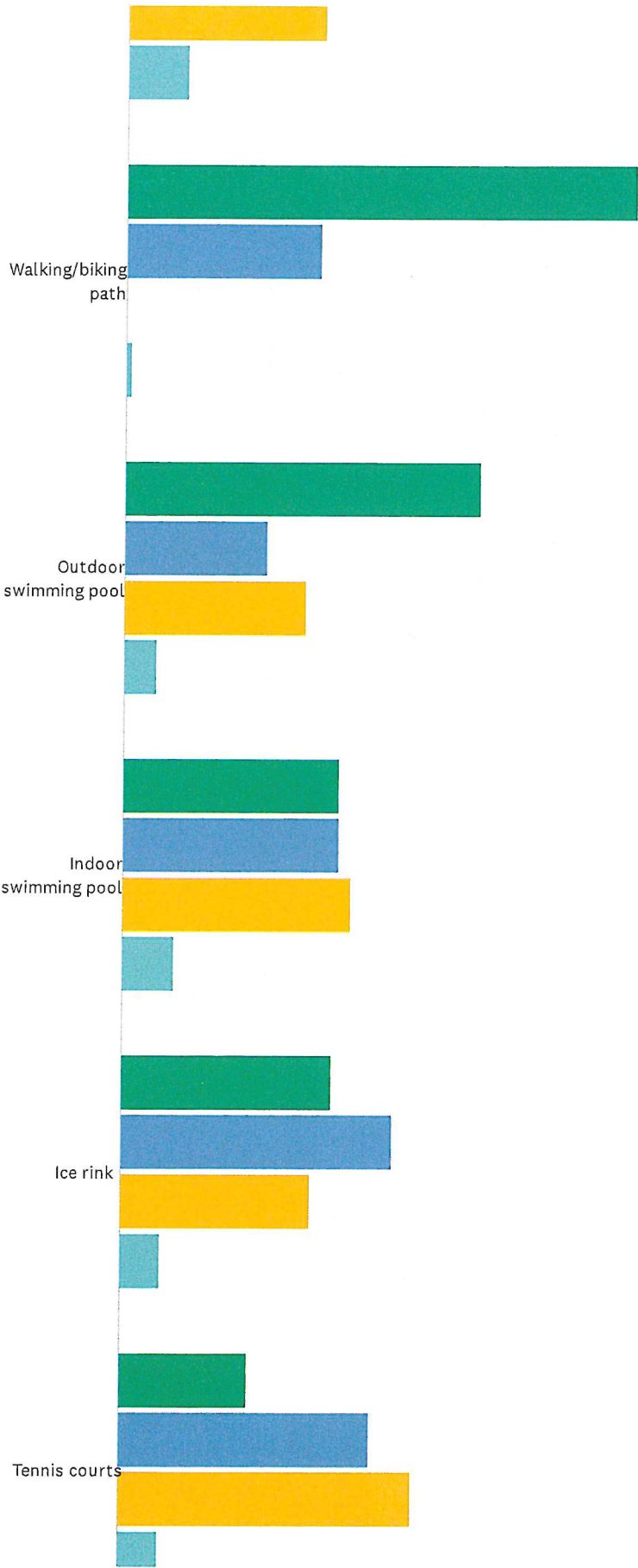
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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|-------|---------------------|
| Youth leagues such as Baseball/<br>Softball/<br>Soccer/Basketball/Football/Lacrosse  | 0.00%<br>0       | 4.59%<br>5            | 19.27%<br>21 | 34.86%<br>38      | 41.28%<br>45 | 109   | 3.52                |
| Special event programs                                                               | 0.00%<br>0       | 16.35%<br>17          | 33.65%<br>35 | 20.19%<br>21      | 29.81%<br>31 | 104   | 3.05                |
| Road races and trail runs                                                            | 0.00%<br>0       | 4.00%<br>4            | 14.00%<br>14 | 4.00%<br>4        | 78.00%<br>78 | 100   | 3.00                |
| Recreational swimming                                                                | 30.48%<br>32     | 3.81%<br>4            | 8.57%<br>9   | 6.67%<br>7        | 50.48%<br>53 | 105   | 1.83                |
| Indoor recreation opportunities such<br>as specialty classes, fitness and<br>leisure | 10.78%<br>11     | 13.73%<br>14          | 9.80%<br>10  | 2.94%<br>3        | 62.75%<br>64 | 102   | 2.13                |
| Arts/theater/concerts in public parks                                                | 2.97%<br>3       | 9.90%<br>10           | 41.58%<br>42 | 11.88%<br>12      | 33.66%<br>34 | 101   | 2.94                |
| Arts/theater/concerts in indoor<br>facilities                                        | 5.15%<br>5       | 9.28%<br>9            | 14.43%<br>14 | 1.03%<br>1        | 70.10%<br>68 | 97    | 2.38                |
| Ventures Day Camps                                                                   | 5.00%<br>5       | 4.00%<br>4            | 11.00%<br>11 | 9.00%<br>9        | 71.00%<br>71 | 100   | 2.83                |
| Walking programs                                                                     | 4.95%<br>5       | 7.92%<br>8            | 16.83%<br>17 | 9.90%<br>10       | 60.40%<br>61 | 101   | 2.80                |
| Adult sport leagues                                                                  | 2.04%<br>2       | 8.16%<br>8            | 11.22%<br>11 | 4.08%<br>4        | 74.49%<br>73 | 98    | 2.68                |
| Adult fitness programs                                                               | 5.10%<br>5       | 17.35%<br>17          | 9.18%<br>9   | 1.02%<br>1        | 67.35%<br>66 | 98    | 2.19                |
| Age 50+ programs                                                                     | 9.80%<br>10      | 10.78%<br>11          | 8.82%<br>9   | 5.88%<br>6        | 64.71%<br>66 | 102   | 2.31                |
| Youth hockey and skating programs                                                    | 0.00%<br>0       | 5.00%<br>5            | 14.00%<br>14 | 10.00%<br>10      | 71.00%<br>71 | 100   | 3.17                |
| Youth gymnastics                                                                     | 5.05%<br>5       | 3.03%<br>3            | 7.07%<br>7   | 2.02%<br>2        | 82.83%<br>82 | 99    | 2.35                |
| After school programs for youth                                                      | 8.08%<br>8       | 10.10%<br>10          | 10.10%<br>10 | 7.07%<br>7        | 64.65%<br>64 | 99    | 2.46                |
| Boating, canoeing, Kayaking                                                          | 5.00%<br>5       | 4.00%<br>4            | 16.00%<br>16 | 7.00%<br>7        | 68.00%<br>68 | 100   | 2.78                |
| Skiing/snowboarding                                                                  | 4.04%<br>4       | 3.03%<br>3            | 13.13%<br>13 | 6.06%<br>6        | 73.74%<br>73 | 99    | 2.81                |
| Teen programs                                                                        | 5.05%<br>5       | 4.04%<br>4            | 7.07%<br>7   | 5.05%<br>5        | 78.79%<br>78 | 99    | 2.57                |
| Toddler age programs                                                                 | 5.05%<br>5       | 3.03%<br>3            | 5.05%<br>5   | 1.01%<br>1        | 85.86%<br>85 | 99    | 2.14                |

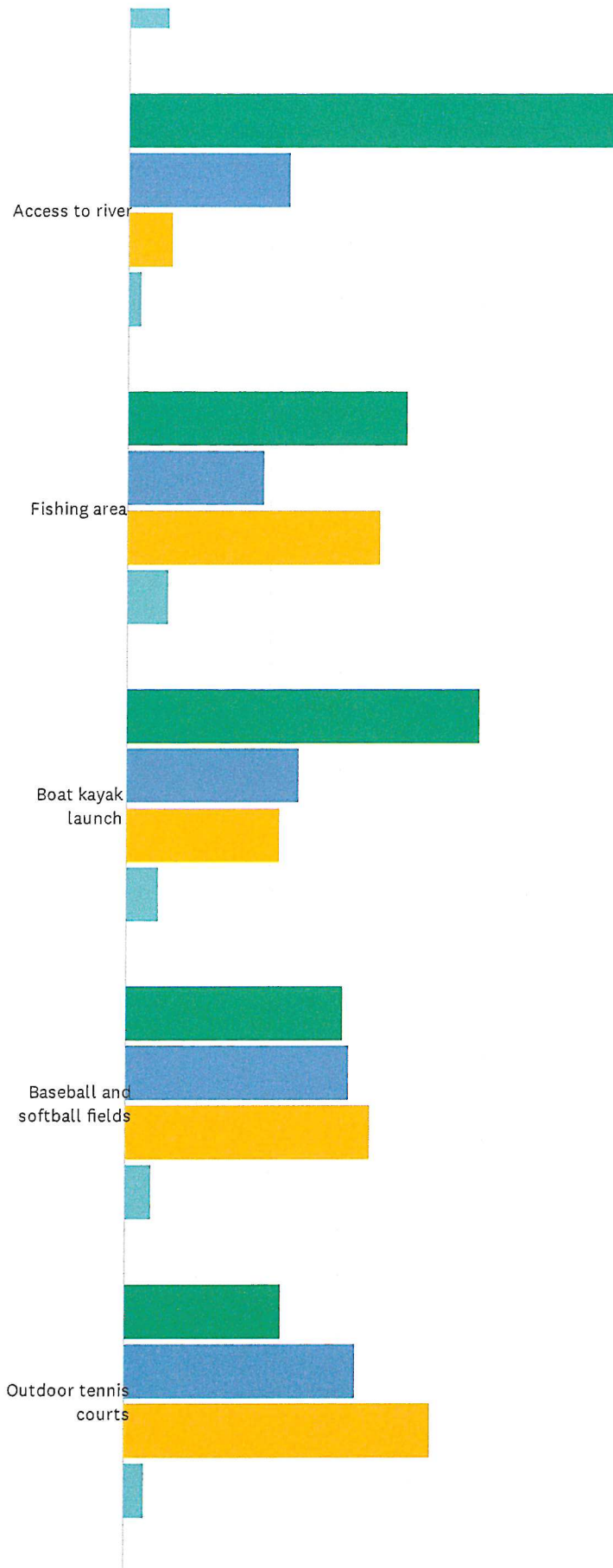
Q20 Please tell us how important each of the type of facilities below are to you and your household?

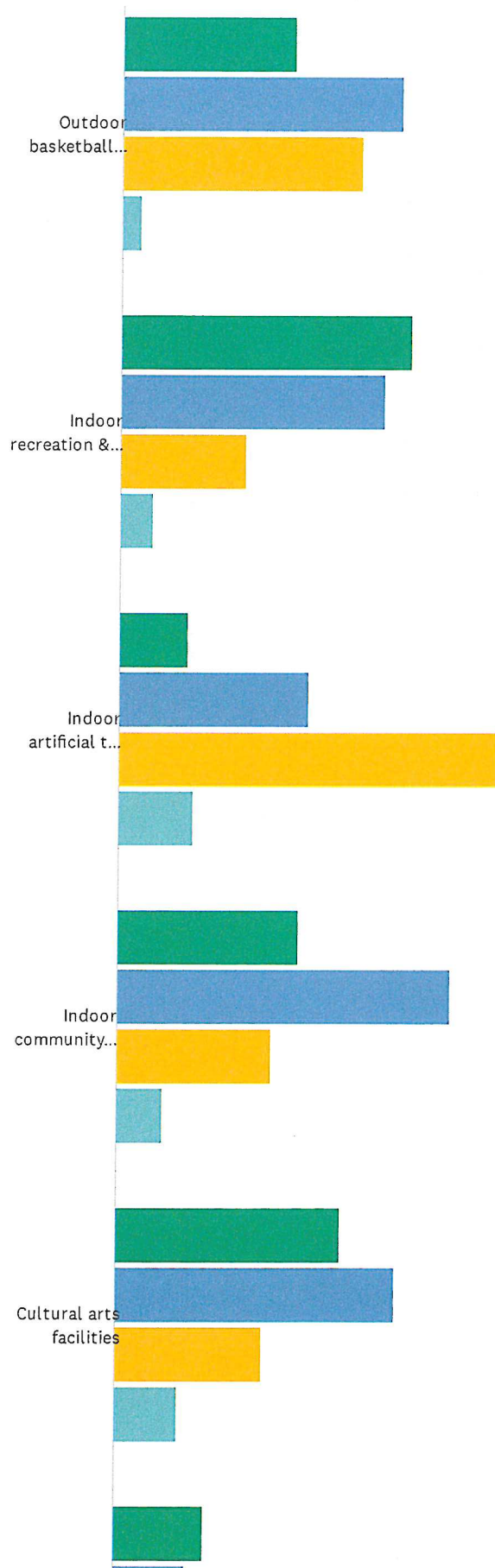
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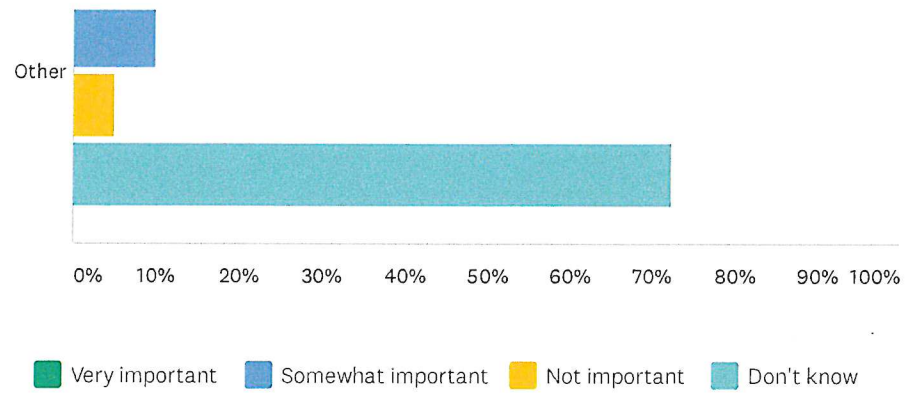












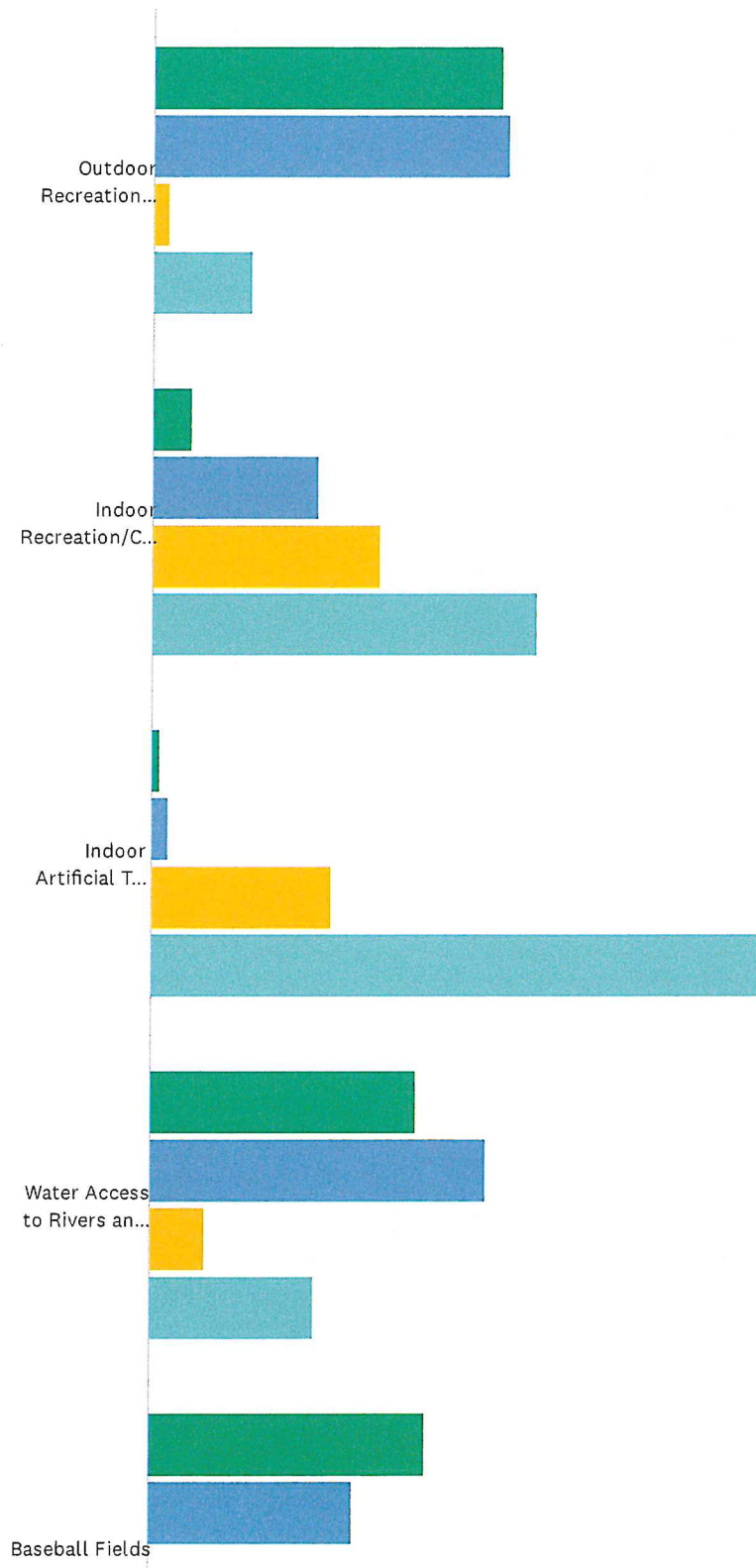
# 2021 Community Wide Parks and Recreation Survey

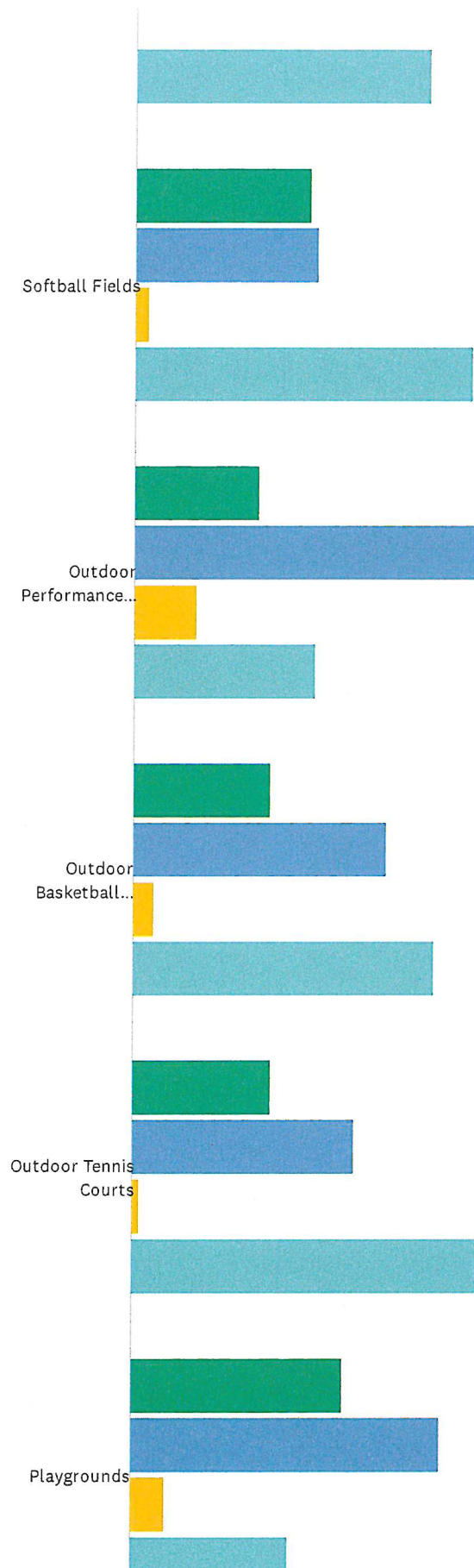
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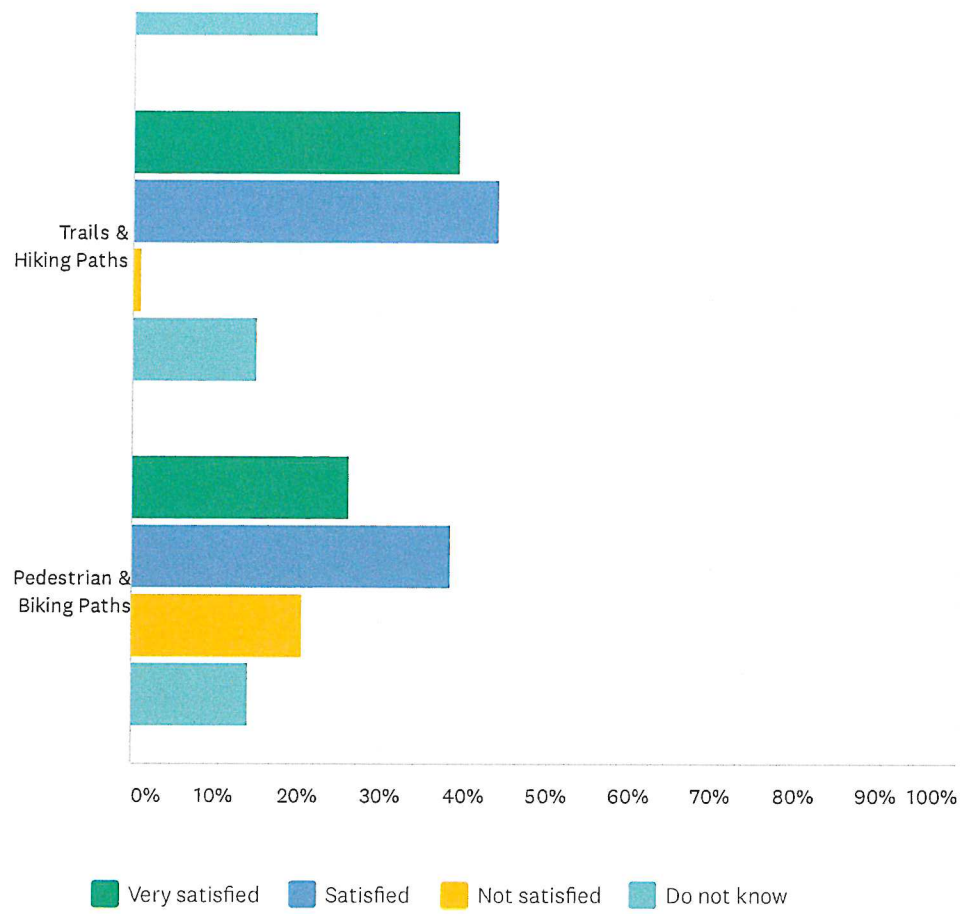
|                                         | VERY<br>IMPORTANT | SOMEWHAT<br>IMPORTANT | NOT<br>IMPORTANT | DON'T<br>KNOW | TOTAL | WEIGHTED<br>AVERAGE |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------|-------|---------------------|
| Neighborhood park                       | 75.22%<br>85      | 23.01%<br>26          | 0.88%<br>1       | 0.88%<br>1    | 113   | 1.27                |
| Open recreational space                 | 70.27%<br>78      | 27.03%<br>30          | 1.80%<br>2       | 0.90%<br>1    | 111   | 1.33                |
| Playgrounds                             | 53.15%<br>59      | 25.23%<br>28          | 17.12%<br>19     | 4.50%<br>5    | 111   | 1.73                |
| Picnic facilities/shelters              | 41.44%<br>46      | 46.85%<br>52          | 9.01%<br>10      | 2.70%<br>3    | 111   | 1.73                |
| Soccer fields                           | 29.81%<br>31      | 33.65%<br>35          | 27.88%<br>29     | 8.65%<br>9    | 104   | 2.15                |
| Walking/biking path                     | 71.68%<br>81      | 27.43%<br>31          | 0.00%<br>0       | 0.88%<br>1    | 113   | 1.30                |
| Outdoor swimming pool                   | 50.00%<br>55      | 20.00%<br>22          | 25.45%<br>28     | 4.55%<br>5    | 110   | 1.85                |
| Indoor swimming pool                    | 30.28%<br>33      | 30.28%<br>33          | 32.11%<br>35     | 7.34%<br>8    | 109   | 2.17                |
| Ice rink                                | 29.52%<br>31      | 38.10%<br>40          | 26.67%<br>28     | 5.71%<br>6    | 105   | 2.09                |
| Tennis courts                           | 18.10%<br>19      | 35.24%<br>37          | 40.95%<br>43     | 5.71%<br>6    | 105   | 2.34                |
| Access to river                         | 69.09%<br>76      | 22.73%<br>25          | 6.36%<br>7       | 1.82%<br>2    | 110   | 1.41                |
| Fishing area                            | 39.42%<br>41      | 19.23%<br>20          | 35.58%<br>37     | 5.77%<br>6    | 104   | 2.08                |
| Boat kayak launch                       | 49.53%<br>53      | 24.30%<br>26          | 21.50%<br>23     | 4.67%<br>5    | 107   | 1.81                |
| Baseball and softball fields            | 30.48%<br>32      | 31.43%<br>33          | 34.29%<br>36     | 3.81%<br>4    | 105   | 2.11                |
| Outdoor tennis courts                   | 21.90%<br>23      | 32.38%<br>34          | 42.86%<br>45     | 2.86%<br>3    | 105   | 2.27                |
| Outdoor basketball courts               | 24.30%<br>26      | 39.25%<br>42          | 33.64%<br>36     | 2.80%<br>3    | 107   | 2.15                |
| Indoor recreation & fitness facilities  | 40.74%<br>44      | 37.04%<br>40          | 17.59%<br>19     | 4.63%<br>5    | 108   | 1.86                |
| Indoor artificial turf for field sports | 9.52%<br>10       | 26.67%<br>28          | 53.33%<br>56     | 10.48%<br>11  | 105   | 2.65                |
| Indoor community function rooms         | 25.23%<br>27      | 46.73%<br>50          | 21.50%<br>23     | 6.54%<br>7    | 107   | 2.09                |
| Cultural arts facilities                | 31.37%<br>32      | 39.22%<br>40          | 20.59%<br>21     | 8.82%<br>9    | 102   | 2.07                |
| Other                                   | 12.50%<br>5       | 10.00%<br>4           | 5.00%<br>2       | 72.50%<br>29  | 40    | 3.38                |

## Q21 How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the availability of the following types of recreational facilities in the town?

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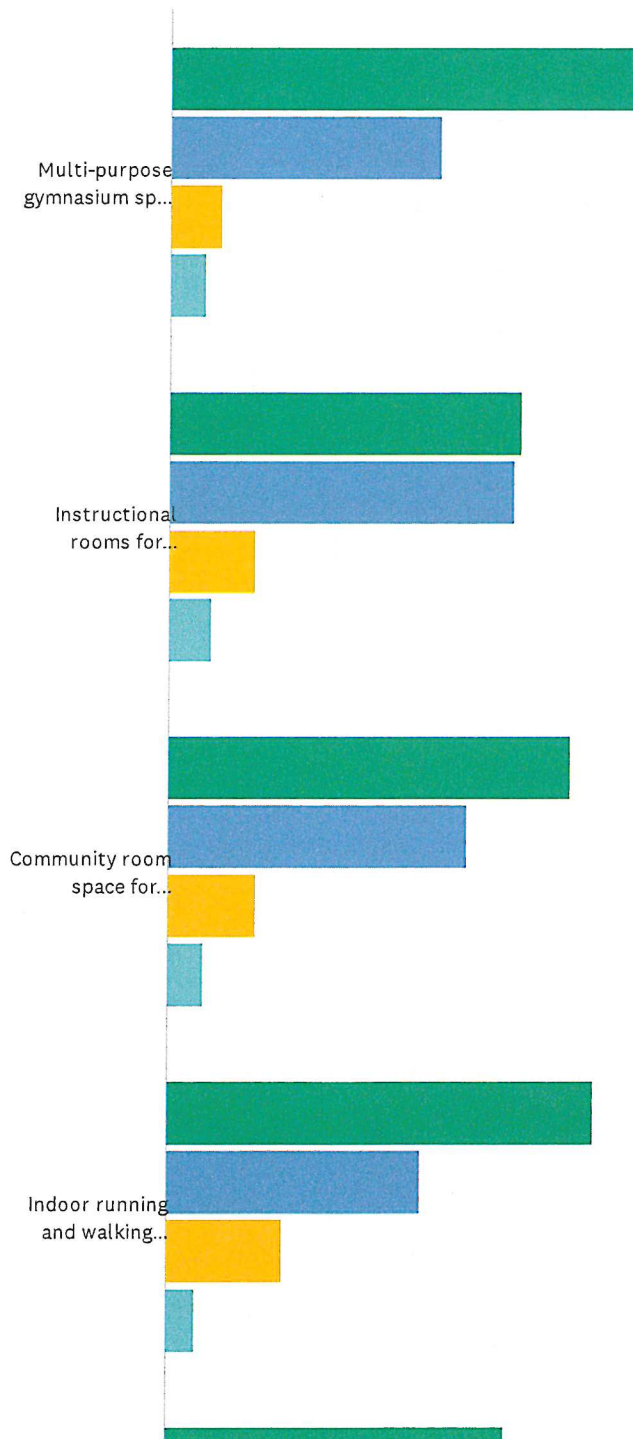


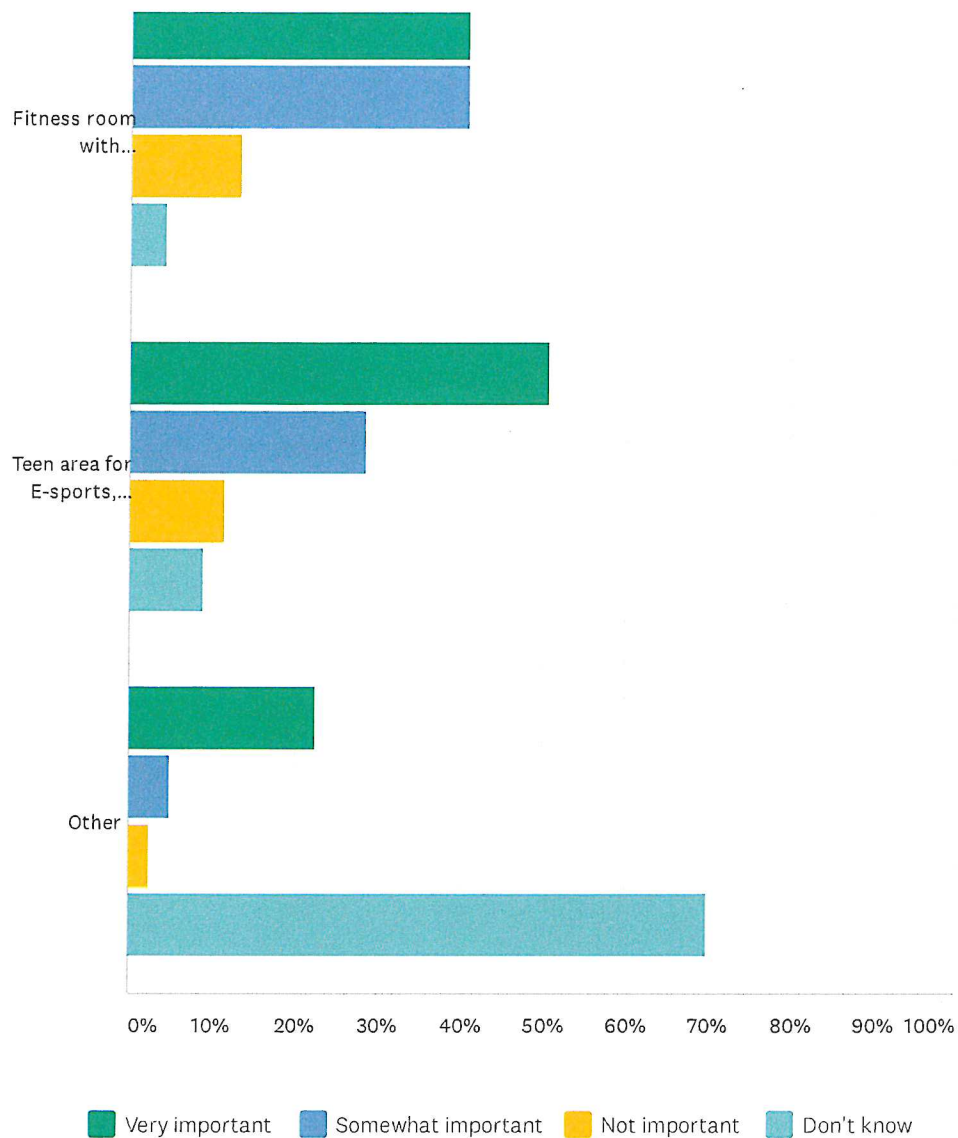


|                                         | VERY SATISFIED | SATISFIED | NOT SATISFIED | DO NOT KNOW | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|-------|
| Outdoor Recreation Facilities           | 42.59%         | 43.52%    | 1.85%         | 12.04%      |       |
|                                         | 46             | 47        | 2             | 13          | 108   |
| Indoor Recreation/Community Center      | 4.81%          | 20.19%    | 27.88%        | 47.12%      |       |
|                                         | 5              | 21        | 29            | 49          | 104   |
| Indoor Artificial Turf for Field Sports | 1.00%          | 2.00%     | 22.00%        | 75.00%      |       |
|                                         | 1              | 2         | 22            | 75          | 100   |
| Water Access to Rivers and Streams      | 32.38%         | 40.95%    | 6.67%         | 20.00%      |       |
|                                         | 34             | 43        | 7             | 21          | 105   |
| Baseball Fields                         | 33.65%         | 25.00%    | 0.00%         | 41.35%      |       |
|                                         | 35             | 26        | 0             | 43          | 104   |
| Softball Fields                         | 24.75%         | 25.74%    | 1.98%         | 47.52%      |       |
|                                         | 25             | 26        | 2             | 48          | 101   |
| Outdoor Performance Stages              | 17.65%         | 48.04%    | 8.82%         | 25.49%      |       |
|                                         | 18             | 49        | 9             | 26          | 102   |
| Outdoor Basketball Courts               | 19.23%         | 35.58%    | 2.88%         | 42.31%      |       |
|                                         | 20             | 37        | 3             | 44          | 104   |
| Outdoor Tennis Courts                   | 19.42%         | 31.07%    | 0.97%         | 48.54%      |       |
|                                         | 20             | 32        | 1             | 50          | 103   |
| Playgrounds                             | 29.81%         | 43.27%    | 4.81%         | 22.12%      |       |
|                                         | 31             | 45        | 5             | 23          | 104   |
| Trails & Hiking Paths                   | 39.62%         | 44.34%    | 0.94%         | 15.09%      |       |
|                                         | 42             | 47        | 1             | 16          | 106   |
| Pedestrian & Biking Paths               | 26.42%         | 38.68%    | 20.75%        | 14.15%      |       |
|                                         | 28             | 41        | 22            | 15          | 106   |

Q22 The Hartford Parks & Recreation Department and its Commission is considering future development of an indoor community and recreation center. From the following list of features, please indicate whether you think it is very important, somewhat important, or not important for the Town to provide the following indoor recreation features.

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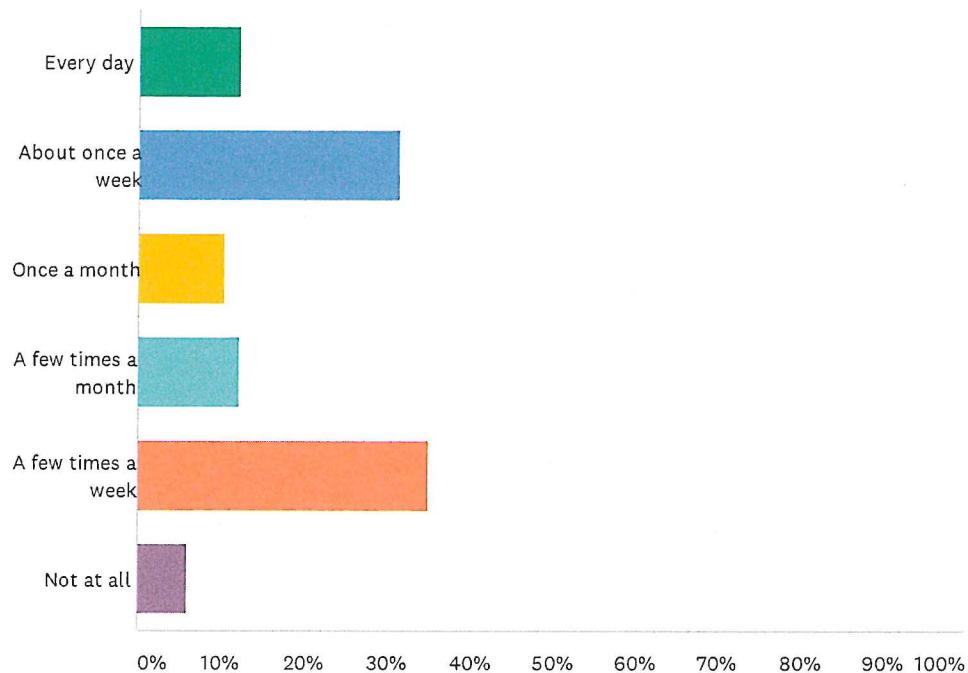




|                                                                                                    | VERY IMPORTANT | SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT | NOT IMPORTANT | DON'T KNOW   | TOTAL | WEIGHTED AVERAGE |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|-------|------------------|
| Multi-purpose gymnasium space for court sports and large community gatherings                      | 56.64%<br>64   | 32.74%<br>37       | 6.19%<br>7    | 4.42%<br>5   | 113   | 1.58             |
| Instructional rooms for aerobics and fitness                                                       | 42.61%<br>49   | 41.74%<br>48       | 10.43%<br>12  | 5.22%<br>6   | 115   | 1.78             |
| Community room space for birthday parties, educational classes, arts and crafts, senior activities | 48.67%<br>55   | 36.28%<br>41       | 10.62%<br>12  | 4.42%<br>5   | 113   | 1.71             |
| Indoor running and walking track either on the ground floor or elevated around the gymnasium       | 51.75%<br>59   | 30.70%<br>35       | 14.04%<br>16  | 3.51%<br>4   | 114   | 1.69             |
| Fitness room with cardiovascular equipment and weight area                                         | 41.07%<br>46   | 41.07%<br>46       | 13.39%<br>15  | 4.46%<br>5   | 112   | 1.81             |
| Teen area for E-sports, afterschool programs and board games                                       | 50.89%<br>57   | 28.57%<br>32       | 11.61%<br>13  | 8.93%<br>10  | 112   | 1.79             |
| Other                                                                                              | 22.50%<br>9    | 5.00%<br>2         | 2.50%<br>1    | 70.00%<br>28 | 40    | 3.20             |

## Q23 Approximately how often would you and members of your household use an indoor recreation facility if it contained the programming feature you would use most?

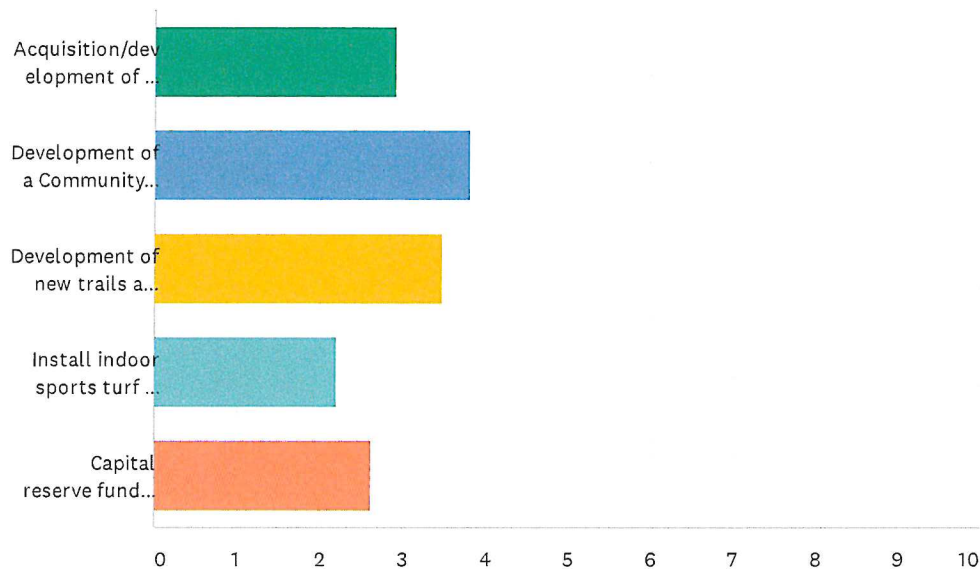
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| ANSWER CHOICES         | RESPONSES |    |
|------------------------|-----------|----|
| Every day              | 12.28%    | 14 |
| About once a week      | 31.58%    | 36 |
| Once a month           | 10.53%    | 12 |
| A few times a month    | 12.28%    | 14 |
| A few times a week     | 35.09%    | 40 |
| Not at all             | 6.14%     | 7  |
| Total Respondents: 114 |           |    |

**Q24 If you were to support the development of parks and facilities, how would you rank the choices identified below. #1 being the most important and #5 being the least important.**

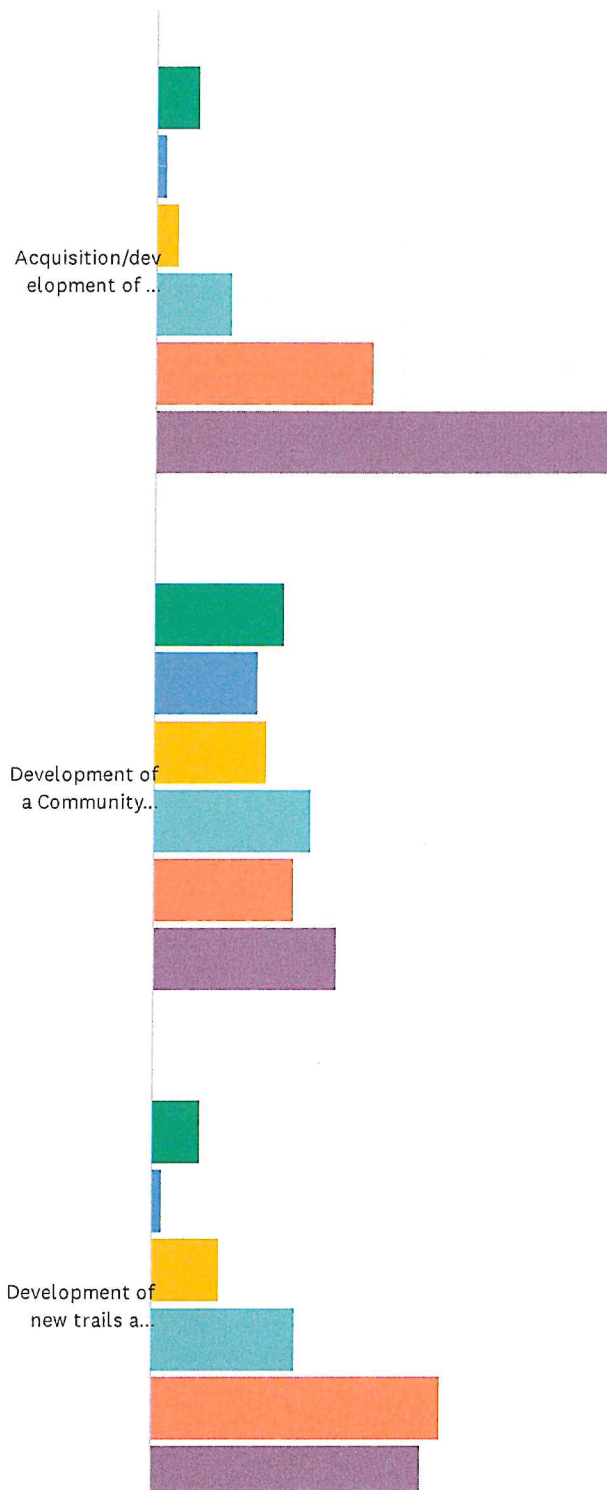
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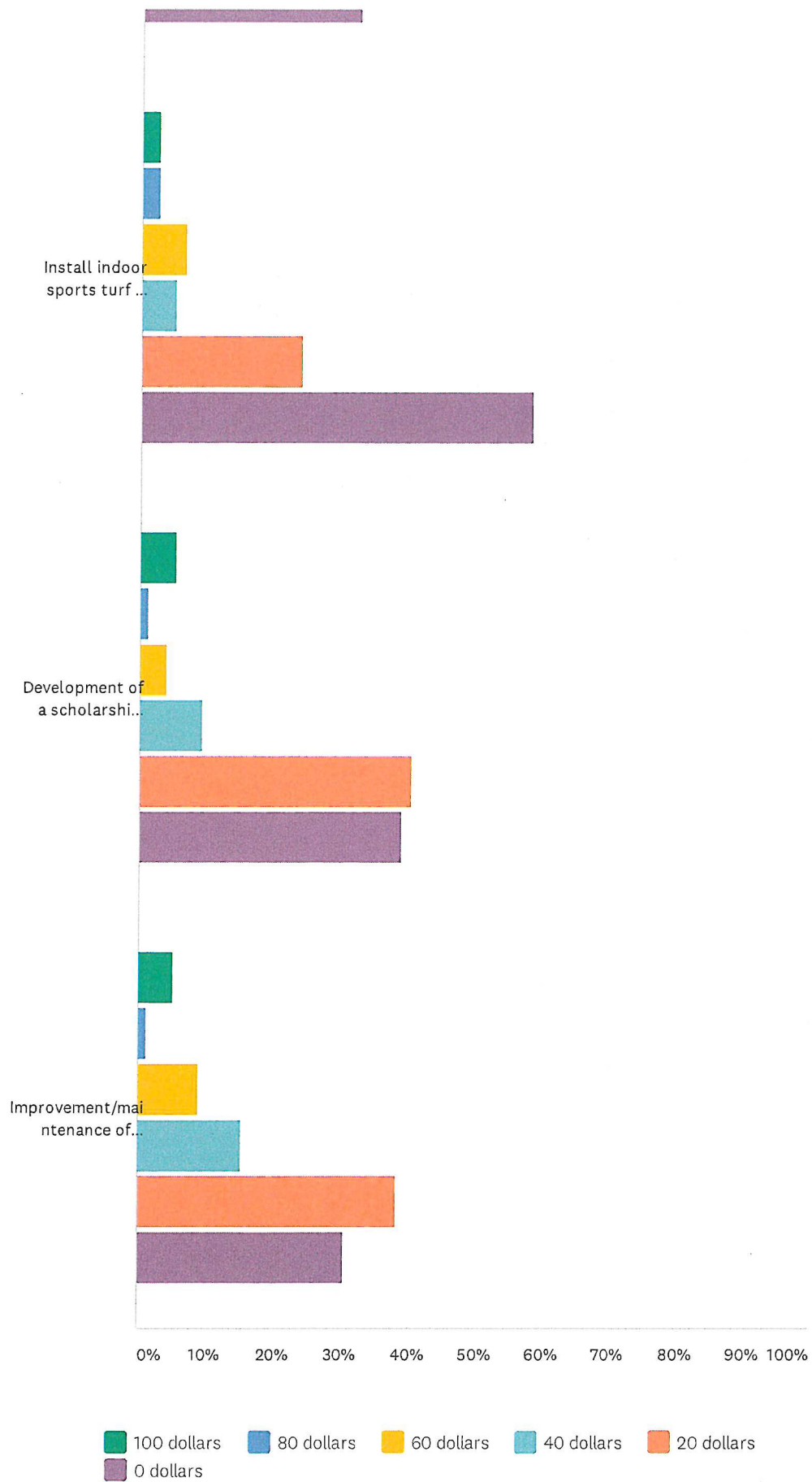


|                                                                                                             | 1            | 2            | 3            | 4            | 5            | TOTAL | SCORE |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|-------|
| Acquisition/development of new parkland and open space in the town                                          | 14.95%<br>16 | 18.69%<br>20 | 28.97%<br>31 | 17.76%<br>19 | 19.63%<br>21 | 107   | 2.92  |
| Development of a Community Recreation Center for social gatherings, special events, recreation and fitness. | 47.66%<br>51 | 16.82%<br>18 | 14.02%<br>15 | 13.08%<br>14 | 8.41%<br>9   | 107   | 3.82  |
| Development of new trails and pathways for non-motorized use                                                | 22.02%<br>24 | 36.70%<br>40 | 18.35%<br>20 | 13.76%<br>15 | 9.17%<br>10  | 109   | 3.49  |
| Install indoor sports turf at the WABA Arena for indoor sports and recreation                               | 6.42%<br>7   | 16.51%<br>18 | 12.84%<br>14 | 21.10%<br>23 | 43.12%<br>47 | 109   | 2.22  |
| Capital reserve fund for future Improvements of existing park and recreational facilities                   | 10.91%<br>12 | 12.73%<br>14 | 25.45%<br>28 | 30.91%<br>34 | 20.00%<br>22 | 110   | 2.64  |

Q25 If you were to give \$100 to the Parks and Recreation Department and you were given a choice on how those dollars would be spent, how would you chose to distribute the \$100 based on the choices identified below.  
Please keep your allocation to \$100 total.

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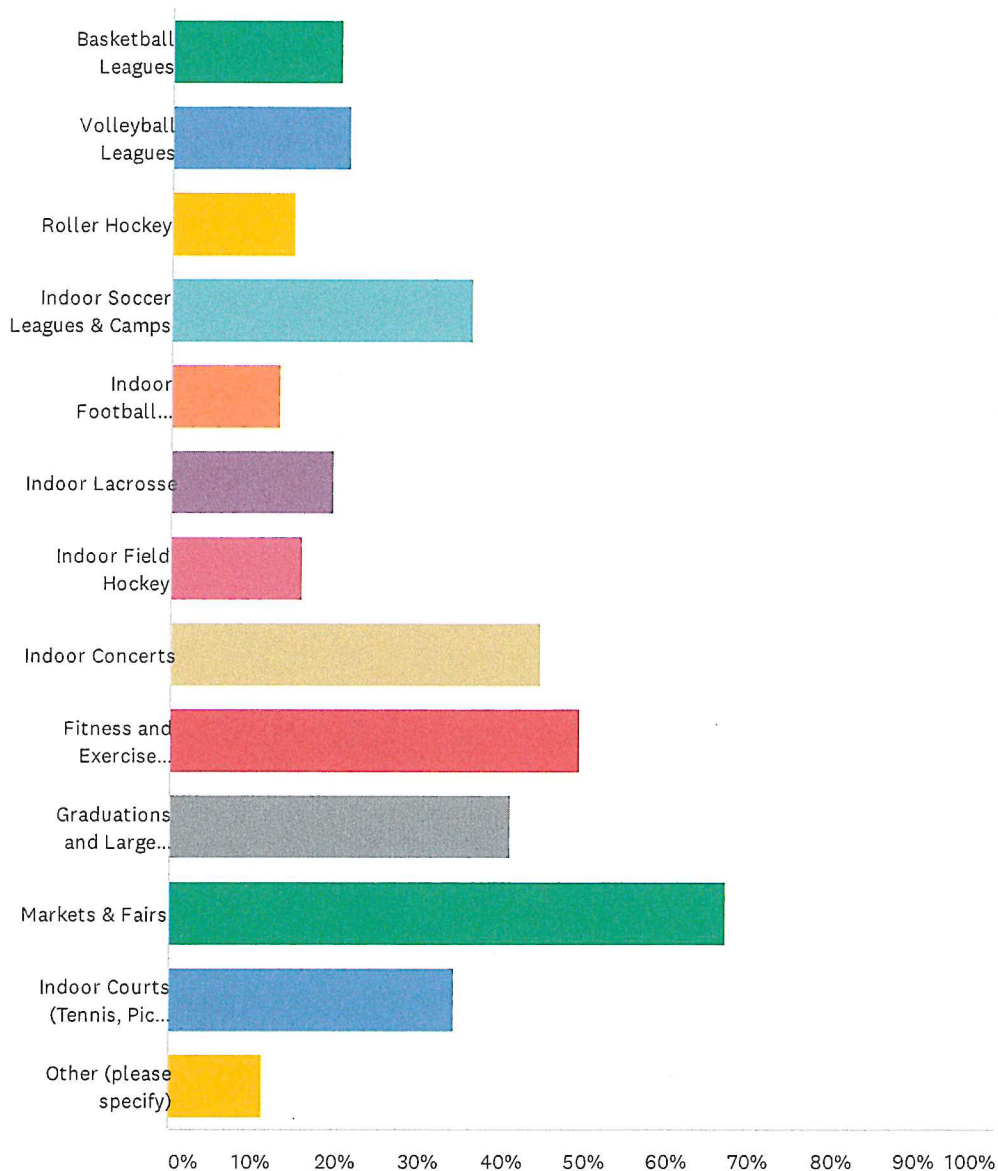


|                                                                                                                            | 100<br>DOLLARS | 80<br>DOLLARS | 60<br>DOLLARS | 40<br>DOLLARS | 20<br>DOLLARS | 0<br>DOLLARS | TOTAL | WEIGHTED<br>AVERAGE |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------|---------------------|
| Acquisition/development<br>of new parkland and open<br>space in the town                                                   | 5.26%<br>4     | 1.32%<br>1    | 2.63%<br>2    | 9.21%<br>7    | 26.32%<br>20  | 55.26%<br>42 | 76    | 6.26                |
| Development of a<br>Community Recreation<br>Center for social<br>gatherings, special<br>events, recreation and<br>fitness. | 15.79%<br>15   | 12.63%<br>12  | 13.68%<br>13  | 18.95%<br>18  | 16.84%<br>16  | 22.11%<br>21 | 95    | 4.19                |
| Development of new trails<br>and pathways for non-<br>motorized use                                                        | 5.81%<br>5     | 1.16%<br>1    | 8.14%<br>7    | 17.44%<br>15  | 34.88%<br>30  | 32.56%<br>28 | 86    | 5.37                |
| Install indoor sports turf at<br>the WABA Arena for<br>indoor sports and<br>recreation                                     | 2.67%<br>2     | 2.67%<br>2    | 6.67%<br>5    | 5.33%<br>4    | 24.00%<br>18  | 58.67%<br>44 | 75    | 6.39                |
| Development of a<br>scholarship program fund                                                                               | 5.41%<br>4     | 1.35%<br>1    | 4.05%<br>3    | 9.46%<br>7    | 40.54%<br>30  | 39.19%<br>29 | 74    | 5.74                |
| Improvement/maintenance<br>of existing park and<br>recreational facilities                                                 | 5.13%<br>4     | 1.28%<br>1    | 8.97%<br>7    | 15.38%<br>12  | 38.46%<br>30  | 30.77%<br>24 | 78    | 5.35                |



Q26 The Wendell A. Barwood Arena (WABA) is a valuable resource and can be used during non-ice seasons. Please check all the potential uses that may apply to you and members of your household, understanding that the primary area for use is the existing concrete floor and understanding that various amenities such as sports equipment, may need to be planned for future purchase or part of a fundraising effort.

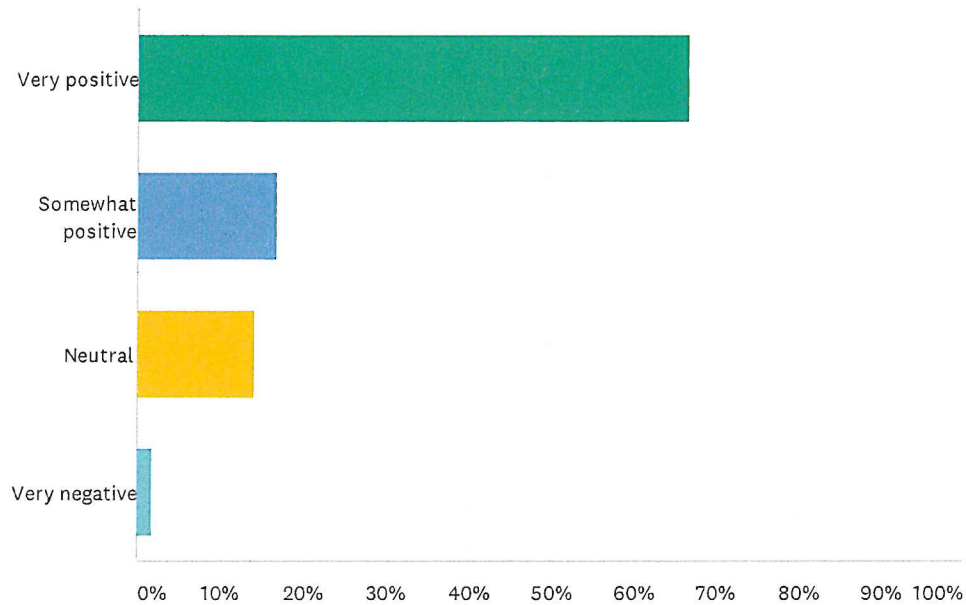
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| ANSWER CHOICES                                 | RESPONSES |    |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------|----|
| Basketball Leagues                             | 20.56%    | 22 |
| Volleyball Leagues                             | 21.50%    | 23 |
| Roller Hockey                                  | 14.95%    | 16 |
| Indoor Soccer Leagues & Camps                  | 36.45%    | 39 |
| Indoor Football Leagues & Camps                | 13.08%    | 14 |
| Indoor Lacrosse                                | 19.63%    | 21 |
| Indoor Field Hockey                            | 15.89%    | 17 |
| Indoor Concerts                                | 44.86%    | 48 |
| Fitness and Exercise Classes                   | 49.53%    | 53 |
| Graduations and Large Community Functions      | 41.12%    | 44 |
| Markets & Fairs                                | 67.29%    | 72 |
| Indoor Courts (Tennis, Pickle Ball, Badminton) | 34.58%    | 37 |
| Other (please specify)                         | 11.21%    | 12 |
| Total Respondents: 107                         |           |    |

## Q27 Overall, how would you rate the quality of your customer service experience with Hartford Parks and Recreation?

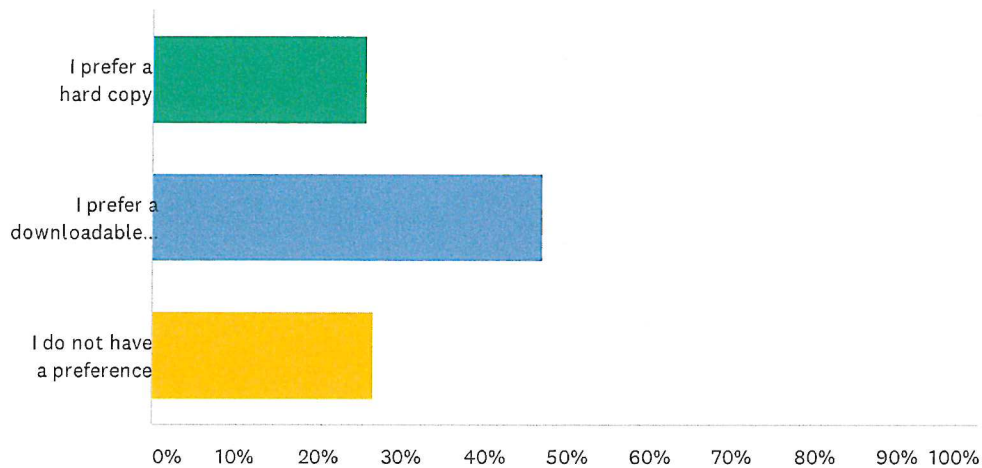
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| ANSWER CHOICES    | RESPONSES |     |
|-------------------|-----------|-----|
| Very positive     | 66.96%    | 75  |
| Somewhat positive | 16.96%    | 19  |
| Neutral           | 14.29%    | 16  |
| Very negative     | 1.79%     | 2   |
| TOTAL             |           | 112 |

Q28 Hartford Parks & Recreation produces a brochure of program offerings twice per-year. Do you prefer a hard copy or would you prefer a downloadable PDF when viewing the details about our offerings?

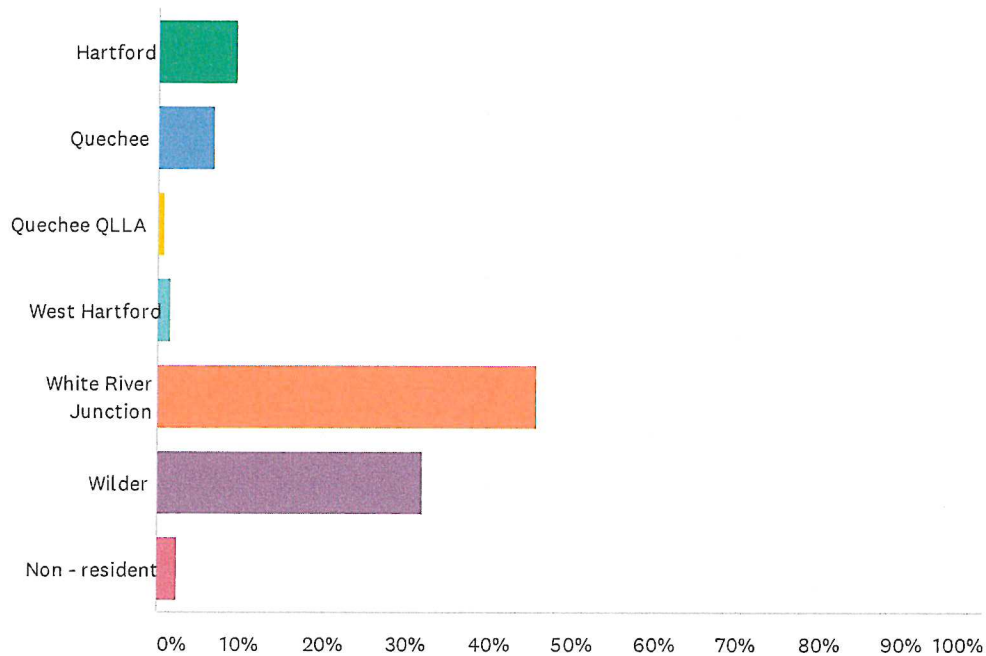
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**ANSWER CHOICES****RESPONSES**

|                                  |        |     |
|----------------------------------|--------|-----|
| I prefer a hard copy             | 25.89% | 29  |
| I prefer a downloadable PDF copy | 47.32% | 53  |
| I do not have a preference       | 26.79% | 30  |
| TOTAL                            |        | 112 |

**Q29 In which Village do you reside in the Town of Hartford? If you reside in Quechee and live within boundaries of Quechee Lakes Landowners Association, please select Quechee QLLA.**

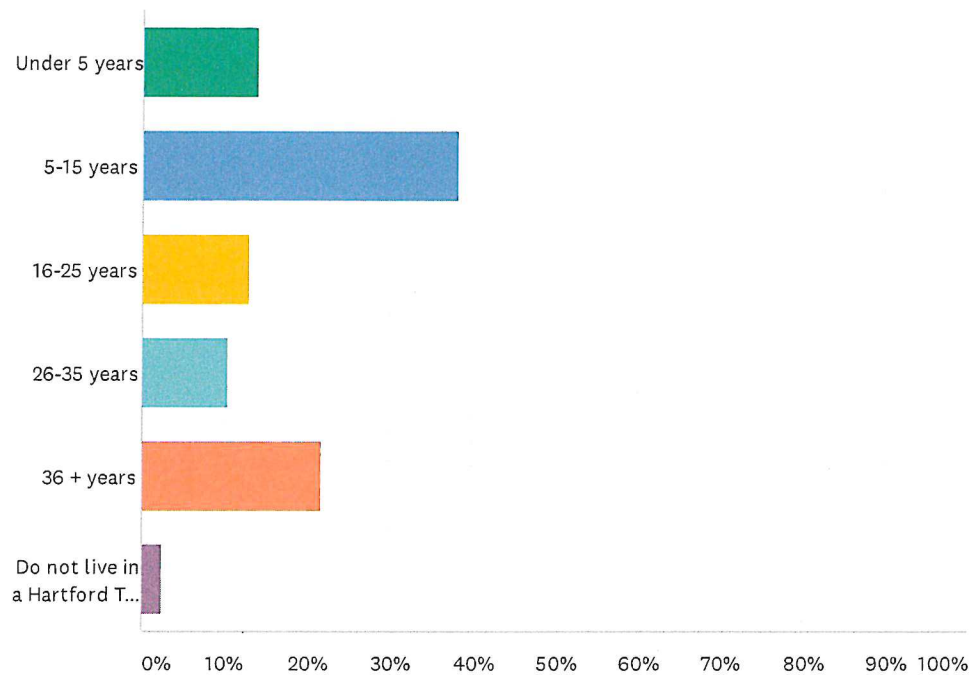
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| ANSWER CHOICES       | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------------|-----------|-----|
| Hartford             | 9.57%     | 11  |
| Quechee              | 6.96%     | 8   |
| Quechee QLLA         | 0.87%     | 1   |
| West Hartford        | 1.74%     | 2   |
| White River Junction | 46.09%    | 53  |
| Wilder               | 32.17%    | 37  |
| Non - resident       | 2.61%     | 3   |
| TOTAL                |           | 115 |

## Q30 How many years have you lived in the Town of Hartford?

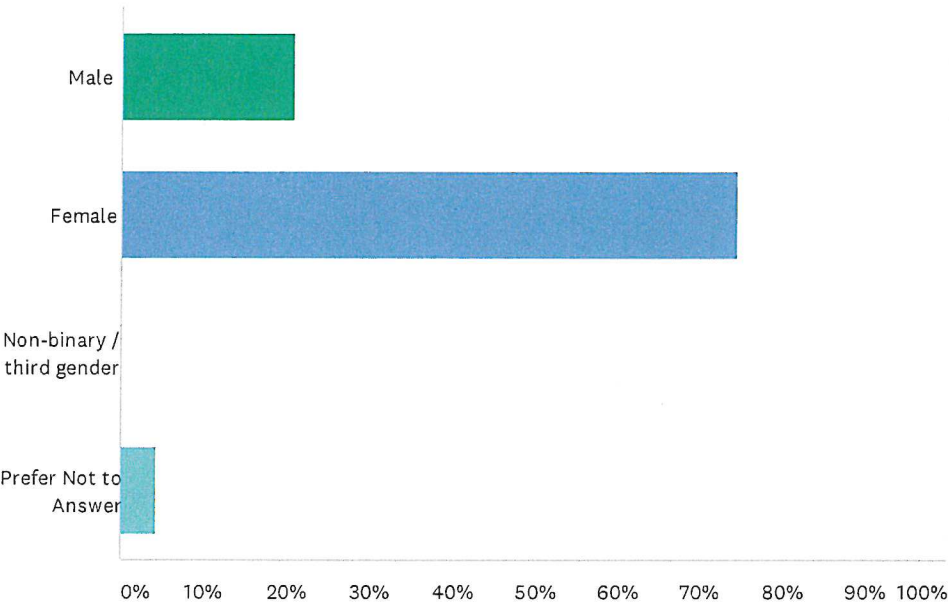
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| ANSWER CHOICES                         | RESPONSES |            |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Under 5 years                          | 13.91%    | 16         |
| 5-15 years                             | 38.26%    | 44         |
| 16-25 years                            | 13.04%    | 15         |
| 26-35 years                            | 10.43%    | 12         |
| 36 + years                             | 21.74%    | 25         |
| Do not live in a Hartford Town Village | 2.61%     | 3          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                           |           | <b>115</b> |

Q31 To which gender identity do you most identify?

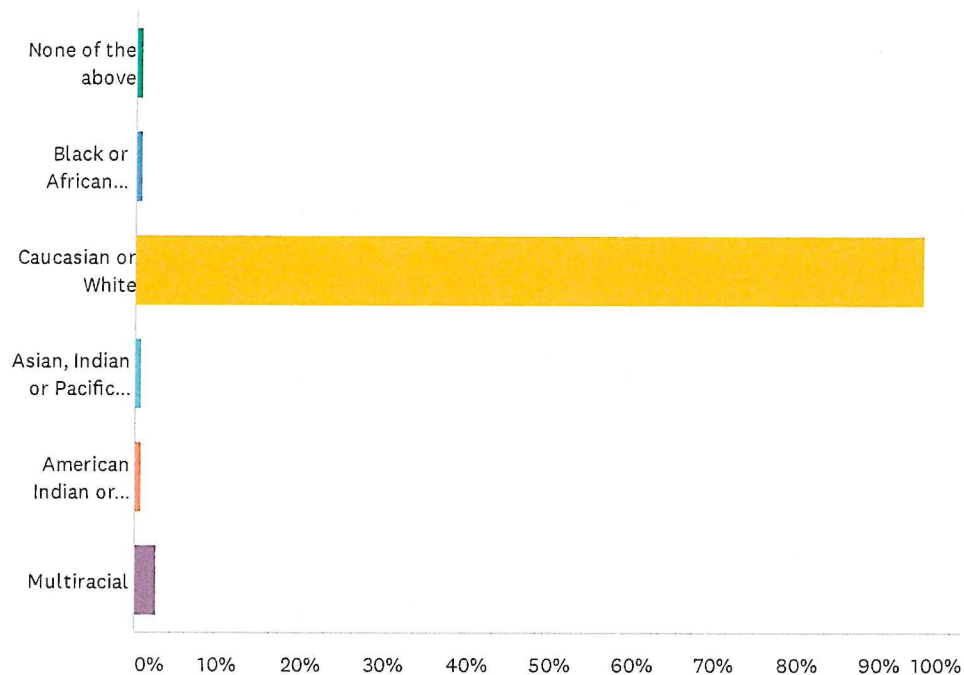
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| ANSWER CHOICES            | RESPONSES |     |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Male                      | 20.87%    | 24  |
| Female                    | 74.78%    | 86  |
| Non-binary / third gender | 0.00%     | 0   |
| Prefer Not to Answer      | 4.35%     | 5   |
| TOTAL                     |           | 115 |

## Q32 Which race/ethnicity best describes you and your household?

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### ANSWER CHOICES

### RESPONSES

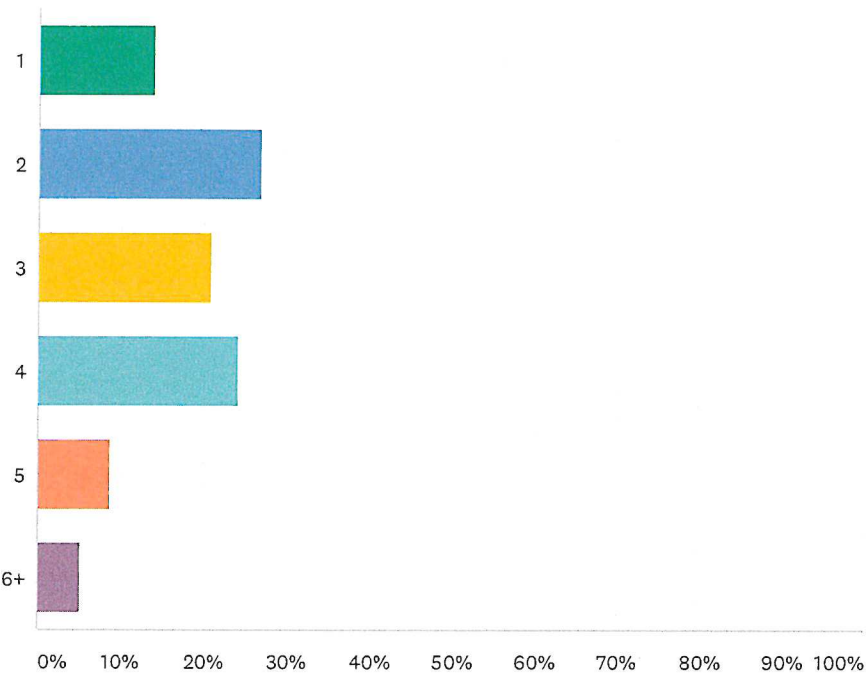
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|-----------------------------------|--------|-----|
| None of the above                 | 0.88%  | 1   |
| Black or African American         | 0.88%  | 1   |
| Caucasian or White                | 95.61% | 109 |
| Asian, Indian or Pacific Islander | 0.88%  | 1   |
| American Indian or Alaska Native  | 0.88%  | 1   |
| Multiracial                       | 2.63%  | 3   |

Total Respondents: 114



Q33 Counting yourself, how many people live in your household?

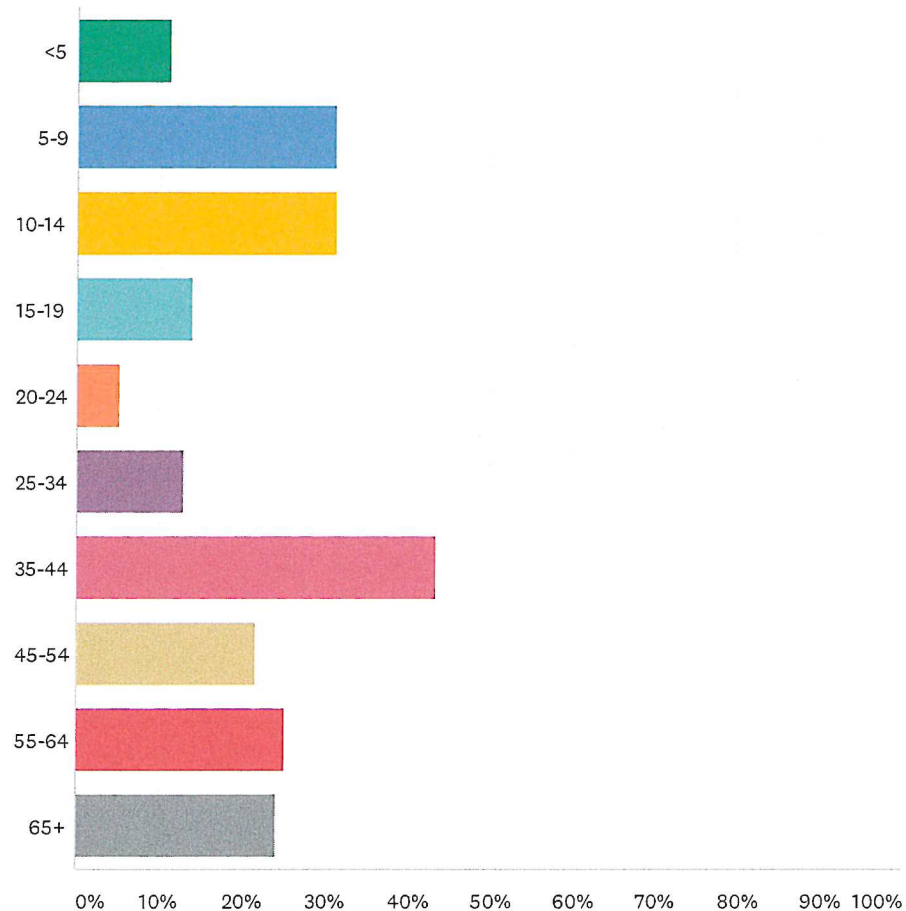
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| 1              | 13.91%    | 16  |
| 2              | 26.96%    | 31  |
| 3              | 20.87%    | 24  |
| 4              | 24.35%    | 28  |
| 5              | 8.70%     | 10  |
| 6+             | 5.22%     | 6   |
| TOTAL          |           | 115 |

Q34 Please indicate below the age range(s) of the individuals that are living in your household (counting yourself). For example, if you are 27 and you have a child in the household that is 7 you would check categories 5-9 and 25-34.

Answered: 115 Skipped: 0



## ANSWER CHOICES

## RESPONSES

|       |        |    |
|-------|--------|----|
| <5    | 11.30% | 13 |
| 5-9   | 31.30% | 36 |
| 10-14 | 31.30% | 36 |
| 15-19 | 13.91% | 16 |
| 20-24 | 5.22%  | 6  |
| 25-34 | 13.04% | 15 |
| 35-44 | 43.48% | 50 |
| 45-54 | 21.74% | 25 |
| 55-64 | 25.22% | 29 |
| 65+   | 24.35% | 28 |

Total Respondents: 115

Q35 Thank you for taking our survey. We look forward to sharing the results with you in the near future. Below, please share anything else that you feel we should know about the Parks and Recreation services we are providing you and members of your family.

Answered: 32   Skipped: 83

## **Parks & Recreation Department**

### **Significant Activity Report**

**September 6, 2021**

**Respectfully Submitted By: Scott Hausler, Director**

#### **Program and Park Highlights**

- Department worked over the Labor Day Holiday parking cars for the Balloon Festival. Cars paid a suggested donation of \$3 per-car. We have not finalized the dollar amount but believe we raised close to \$10,000 for the Brian Hanson Scholarship Fund. This fund is used for recreation programs, camps and passes to facilities. Applications for the scholarship are available on line at [www.hartfordrec.com](http://www.hartfordrec.com).
- We are busy completing the Wendell A. Barwood Arena Schedule for the upcoming season. We plan to open the week of October 13<sup>th</sup> with the first weekend of operation being October 17<sup>th</sup>. The schedule is considerably full with user groups, programs and public skating. We are hopeful for a safe and successful season. Staff will begin working on the arena set up in the next couple weeks.
- Maxfield continues to be a busy facility with high school and youth sports.
- Park crews continue to work hard catching up with on mowing. This season has us behind in park projects due to the ideal turf growing season keeping us mowing and limited staffing to work on projects.
- Programs the past two weeks consisted of Maxfield Monday Walks, NFL Flag Football, Youth Cheerleading, Ultimate Frisbee and Youth Soccer.
- Moana was our Movie in the Park on August 26<sup>th</sup>. The movie was sponsored by Parks & Recreation, Hartford Community Coalition and the West Hartford Library.
- Park permits consisted of Hartford High School Soccer, Open Door, Hartford High School Softball, Mahoney Tai Chi, Cantores, Tails and Tales Story Hour, Bower Tai Chi Classes, and HCRS.
- Pickleball continues to be a very popular program and sport at Maxfield Courts. The Department is looking into converting two tennis courts into 4 pickleball Courts.
- The pool project continues to move forward with the pool shell complete and work continues on the below surface piping along with filtration room piping. Backfilling around the pool continues.

## Parks & Recreation Department

### Significant Activity Report

August 15th, 2021

Respectfully Submitted By: Scott Hausler, Director

#### Program and Park Highlights

- Camp Ventures is finishing up the summer camp season with our 9<sup>th</sup> week. Fall Athletics Registrations are underway. Pop-up Theater Camp 8/9-8/13 with 23 participants. Hartford Performing Arts Camp took place the week of 8/2-8/6 - 53 Campers. Solid – Speed, Agility and Conditioning Training finished up 8/1 – 46 participants. Rocket Science Camp took place this week at the Town Hall – 11 participants. Thursday, Tails and Tales Summer Story Hour continues at Watson from 10am to 11am sponsored by the Hartford Library.
- Our Summer Entertainment Series included a performance by Brysan Lang on August 6<sup>th</sup>. The Comedy Manipulator performed with our summer camp program. The performance was open to the public. Friday August 6<sup>th</sup> was our Movie in the Park. The movie, Tom and Jerry was held on our movie projection system at Lyman Park with over 100 in attendance.
- Permits continue to come in for park and facility usage. For the current fiscal year starting in July, we have 39 permitted uses. Regular permits consist of users like Open Door, Special Needs Support Center, Paul Mahoney Tai Chi, and Anne Bower Tai Chi Classes and White River Junction VA Employee Association and HCRS with functions and classes throughout each week.
- The exit covers for three exterior exits in the back end of the WABA facility are complete. This project was completed by Paul Davis Restoration for cost of materials only. The company donated all its labor for the project. The project was delayed for quite some time due to the availability of 8”by8” beams.
- Volunteers continue to assist in the Hurricane Recreation Reserve assisting with trail brush and tree removal due to several weather events in late July that cancelled the Hurricane Hill Trail Run. We plan to run the race on October 16<sup>th</sup> if we get the trails cleared. Parks crew have also hauled mulch to the entry of the trail head by the Monument Trail.
- Dylan Kries, our Superintendent of Parks & Facilities will be leaving the Department on August 20<sup>th</sup>. We want to thank Dylan for his hard work and efforts in bringing the operations of our parks and facilities to very high level. Shane Barnes, a White River Junction resident who currently works for the Town of Enfield as their Buildings and Grounds Lead was hired as Dylan’s replacement. Shane will start on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- The pool project continues to move forward with the placement of concrete on the pool floor and walls. They anticipate the pool shell to be complete by the week of August 16<sup>th</sup>. Following a period of time curing, the forms will be removed, and backfilling of the site will begin.