

APPENDIX E

Public Engagement Summary



Missoula Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails



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Engagement Summary

Engagement Overview



Outreach Principles

- Educational and meaningful
- Consistent and transparent
- Accessible and engaging
- Relevant in focus and purpose
- Inclusive, both culturally and geographically
- Coordinated

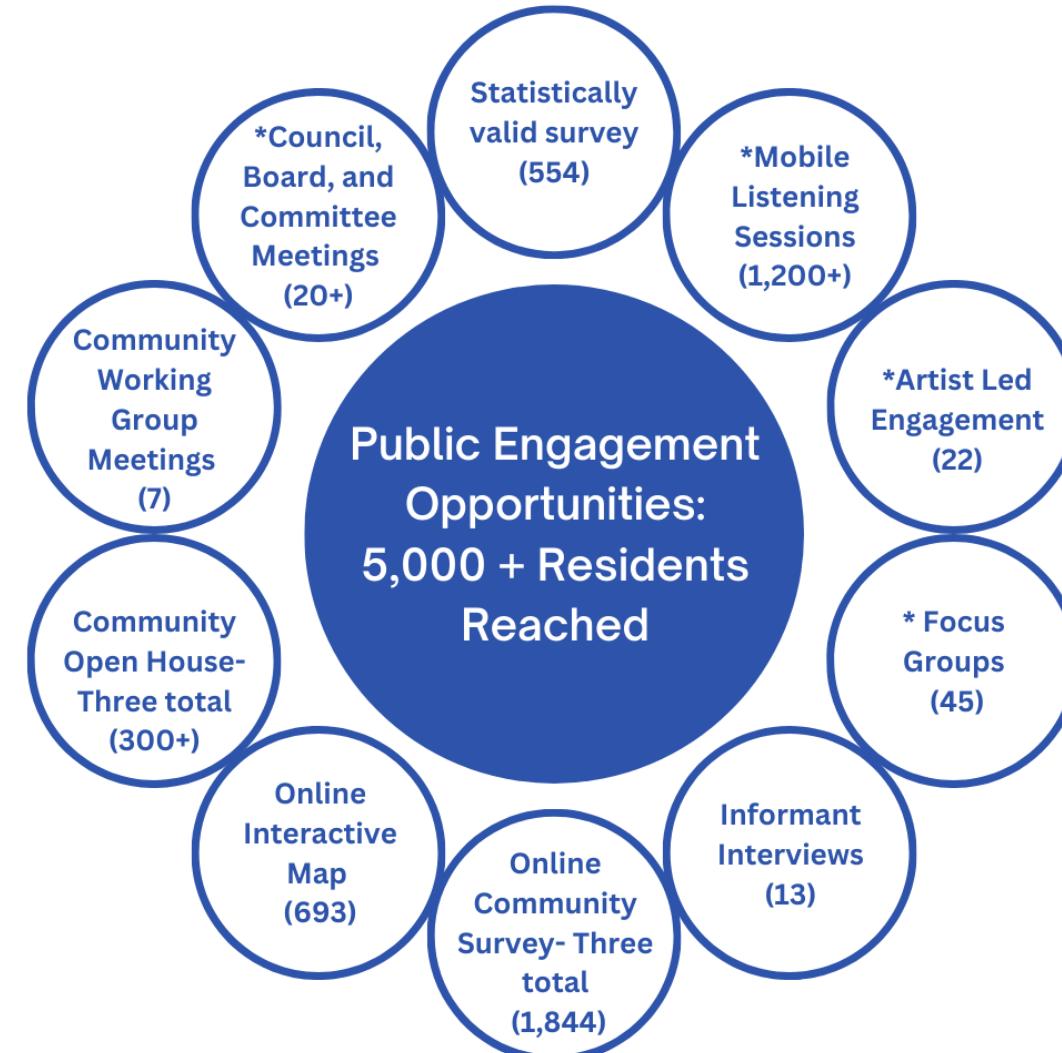


Engagement Methods

- Statistically Valid Survey
- Artist-led Engagement and Historically Underserved Communities Engagement
- Online Community Survey
- Mobile Listening Sessions
- Community Open Houses
- Online Interactive Map
- Online Community Activities
- Key Informant Interviews
- Focus Groups



Public Engagement in Numbers



Key Themes



Connectivity

- There should be an increased focus on how community members can move throughout Missoula, getting to and around parks.
- There is a desire for more trails throughout Missoula, for a variety of uses, including biking, walking, and running.



Year-Round Facility

- There is a desire for increased opportunities for indoor recreation, especially during the winter and during times when recreating outside is limited (fires, extreme heat).
- There are many ideas for what should be within an indoor facility, including
 - running/walking track
 - gym space
 - sports courts
 - space for mature adults
 - dance/performance space



Safety

- Some residents do not feel safe visiting local parks or walking or riding on trails, especially after dark.
- There are concerns around aggressive behavior, drug use and paraphernalia, and antisocial behavior.



Maintenance and Upkeep

- Feedback received reflected high-quality parks, with an emphasis on maintaining the parks, trails, and open space that the City already has.
- While there is a desire for new facilities, there is also a clear emphasis on maintaining and upgrading smaller neighborhood parks.



Competing Priorities

- Several areas received comments with differing opinions and will need creative solutions.
- Some of these areas included:
 - where E-bikes should be allowed
 - bike/scooter speeds on trails
 - how to manage dogs in parks and on trails



Programming

- Many people view City recreation programs as a “kids only” activity.
- Many people who indicated that they do not use recreation programs cited that they do not have kids, or that their kids have grown out of the programs.
- There is a desire for increased programming focused on teens, middle-aged adults, and older adults.



Access and Quality of Life

- Many people believe that parks, trails, and open space are great places for community-building and that they increase the quality of life.
- Many residents explicitly called out PROST services as a key element that make Missoula a great place to live.
- Residents highlighted the need for a more equitable and comprehensive parks system, ensuring that all have access to a nearby park that has quality facilities and that there are free and accessible recreation programs.



Community

- There is a desire for community-building spaces, events, and programs.
- Drawn from outreach to under-represented community members, suggested ways that parks and recreation services could work better for their needs include:
 - Providing more spaces for gatherings,
 - Using native plantings and incorporating place names in Salish and Kootenai



Statistically Valid Survey

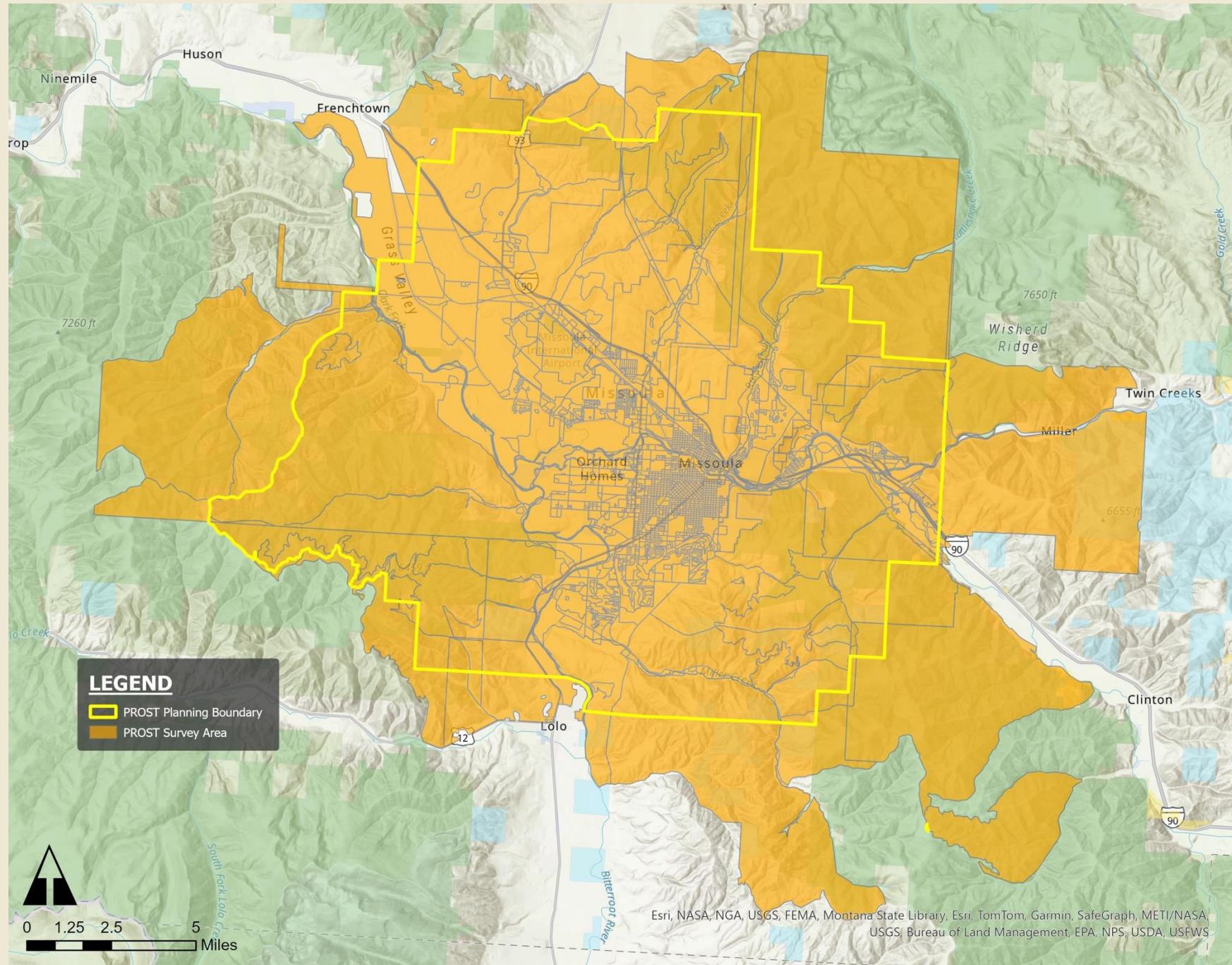


2024 Missoula Parks and Recreation Survey

- Purpose: provide information that may be used to update the Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Master Plan
- Sponsor: Missoula Parks and Recreation Department
- Administered by: UM BBER with UM College of Forestry and Conservation
- Method: mailed a self-administered questionnaire (or a link to a web questionnaire) to a random sample of occupied, residential addresses
 - Up to 4 mail contacts
- Study population: persons age 18+ who lived within the FY 2023 Parks and Recreation programs generalized service area
- Study period: May – July 2024
- 544 completions
- 39% response rate
- 90% sampling error rate: households +/- 4%, adults +/- 5%
 - Surveys can also have other types of error
- Weighting: weighted by 2022 U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey

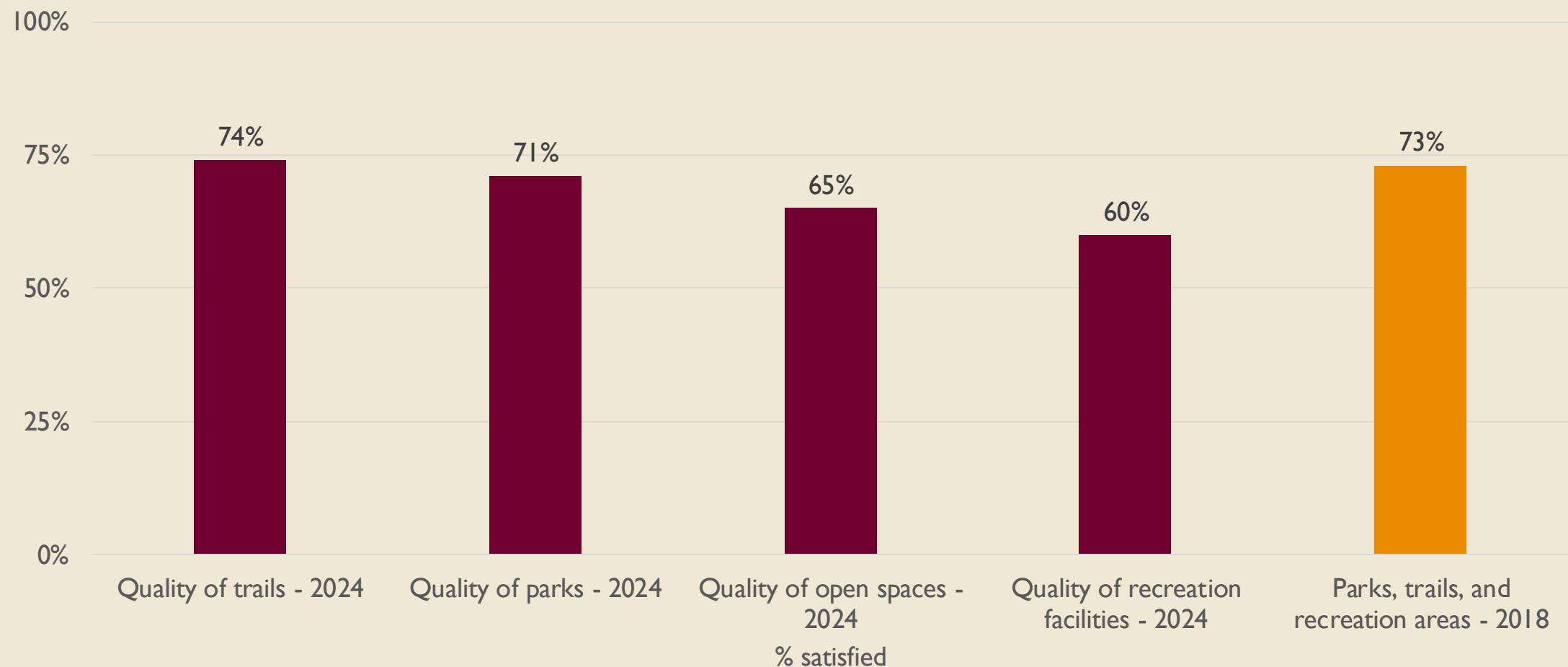
Study area

- Shaded orange on the map
- FY 2023 Parks and Recreation programs generalized service area



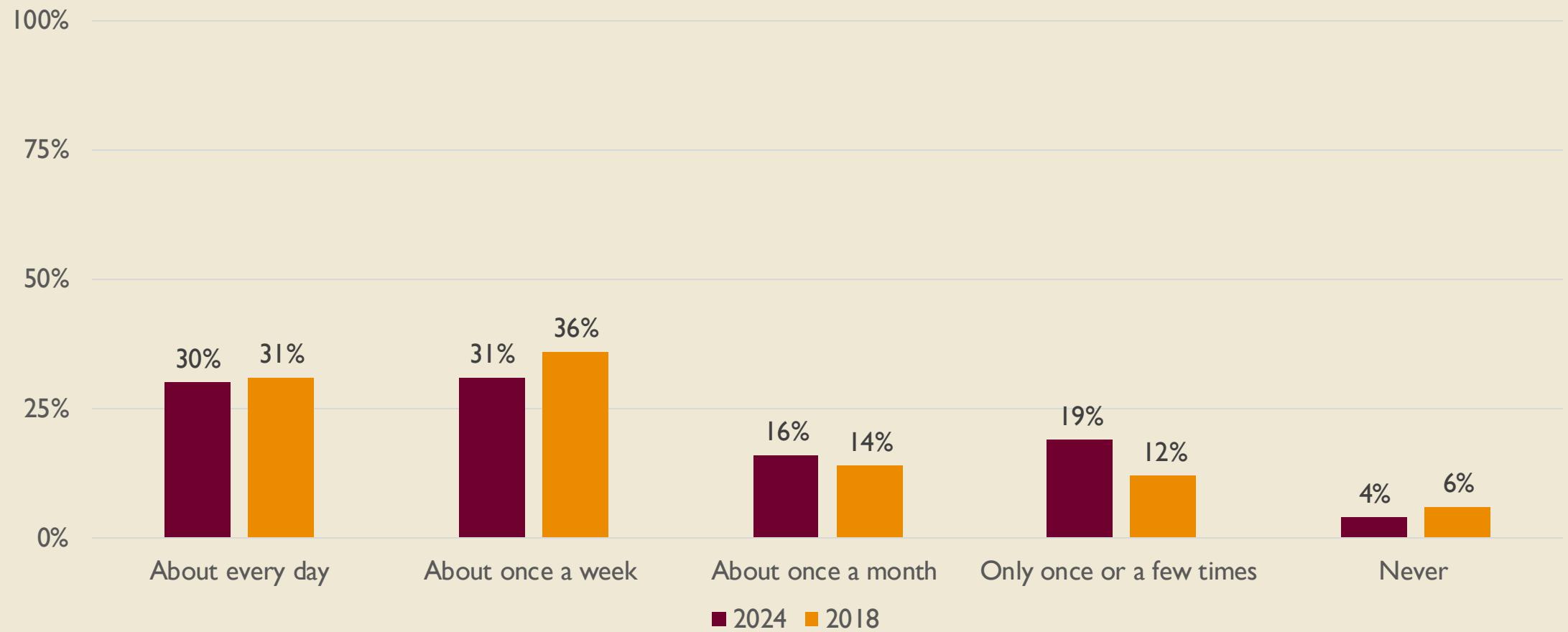
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Resident satisfaction with the quality of parks, trails, open spaces, or recreation facilities in the Missoula valley

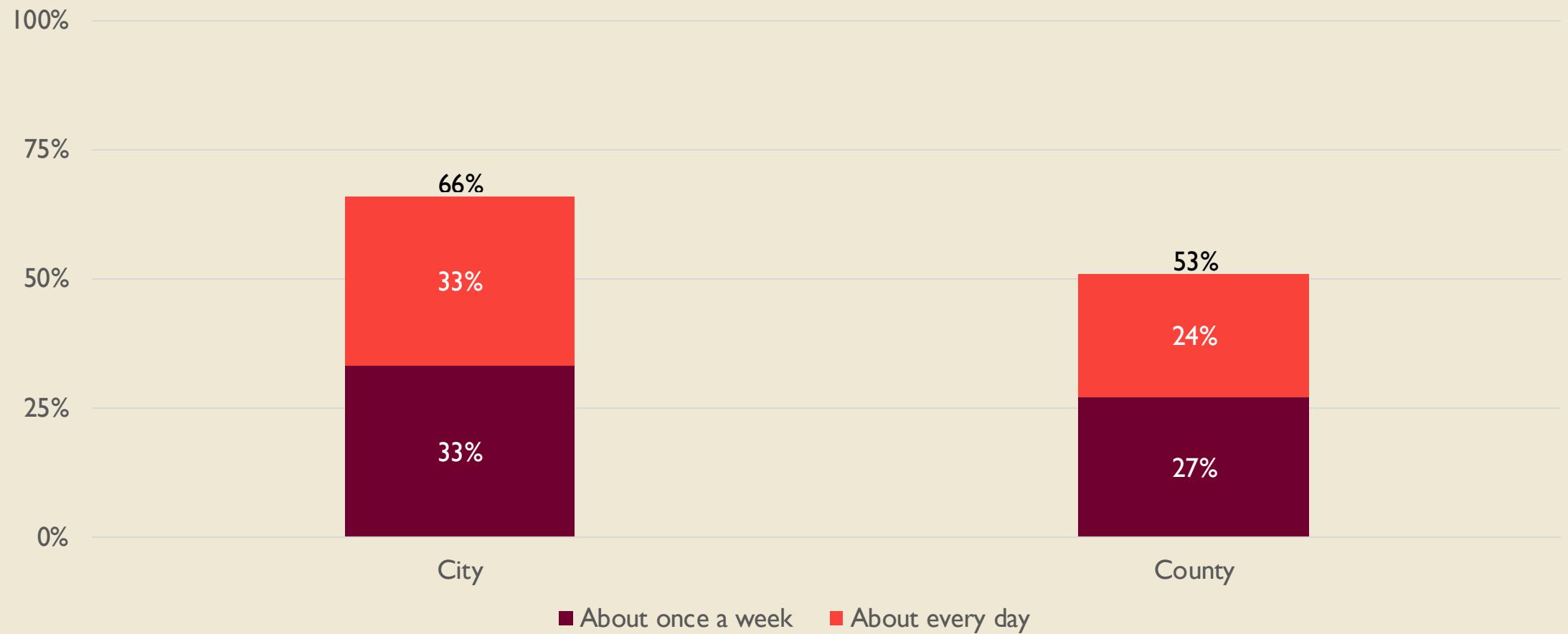


Source: Corona Insights. (2018). Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Open Space Needs Assessment: Results from a Survey of Households, 2018. Denver, Colorado: Corona Insights.

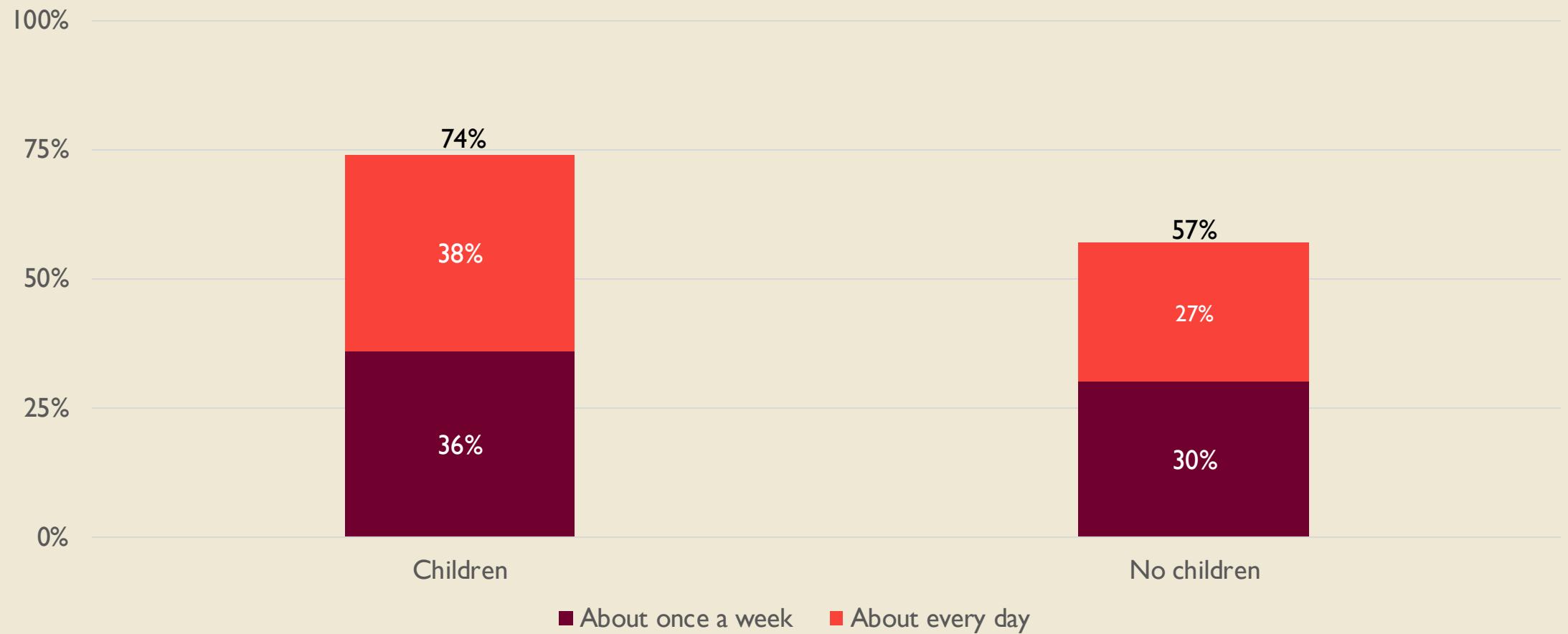
Household frequency of past year park, trail, open space, or recreation facility visitation



Household frequency of past year park, trail, open space, or recreation facility visitation by place of residence

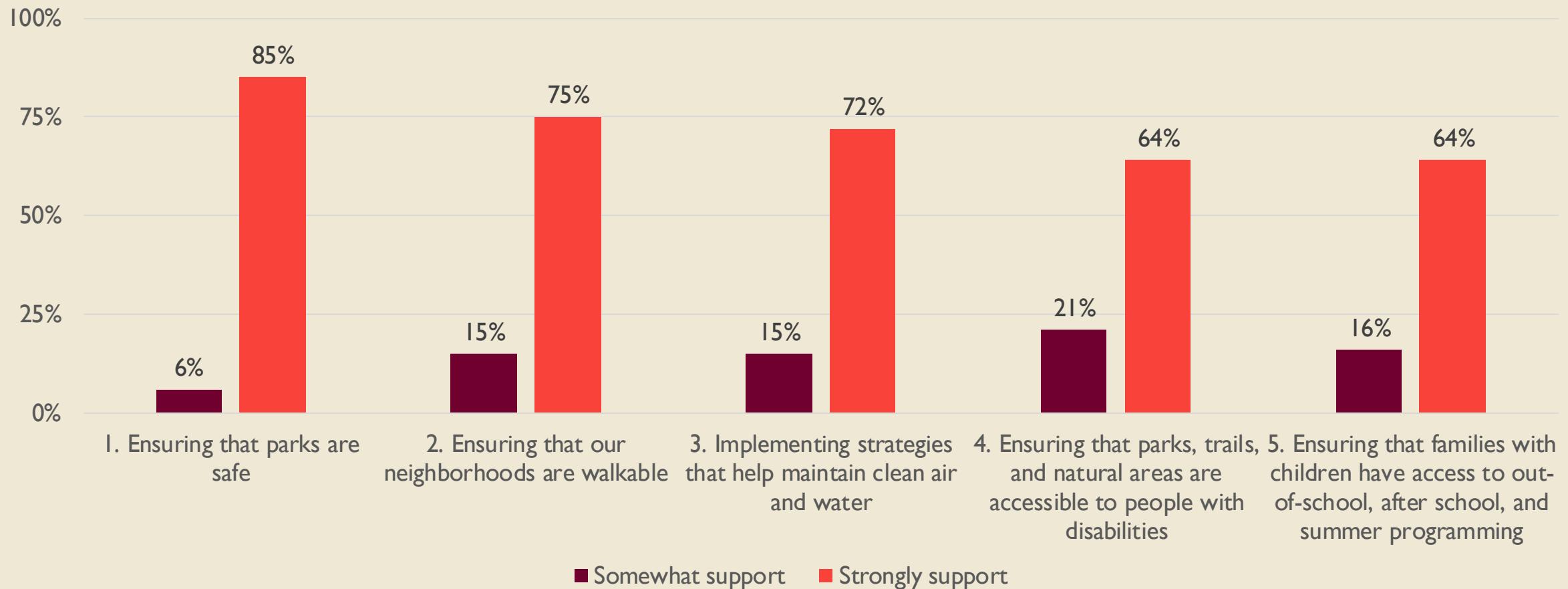


Household frequency of past year park, trail, open space, or recreation facility visitation by children in the household

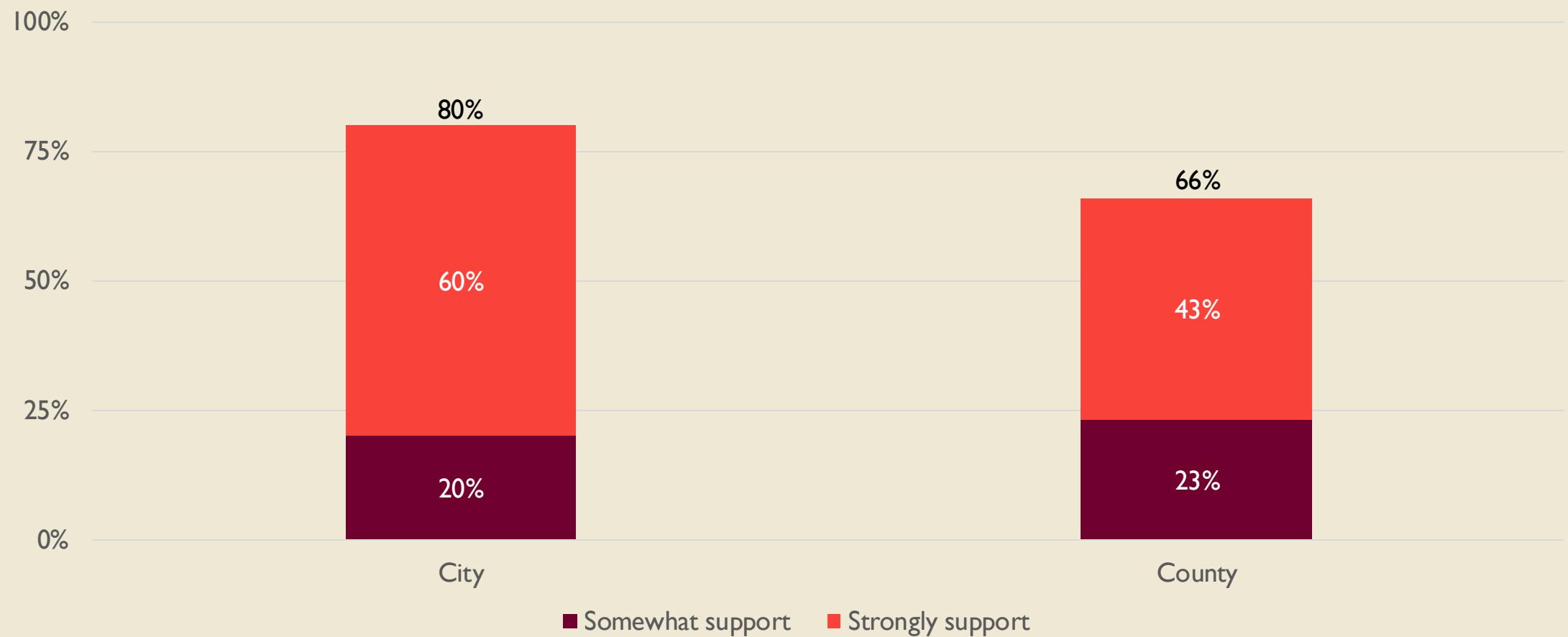


2. Parks and recreation-related policy preferences

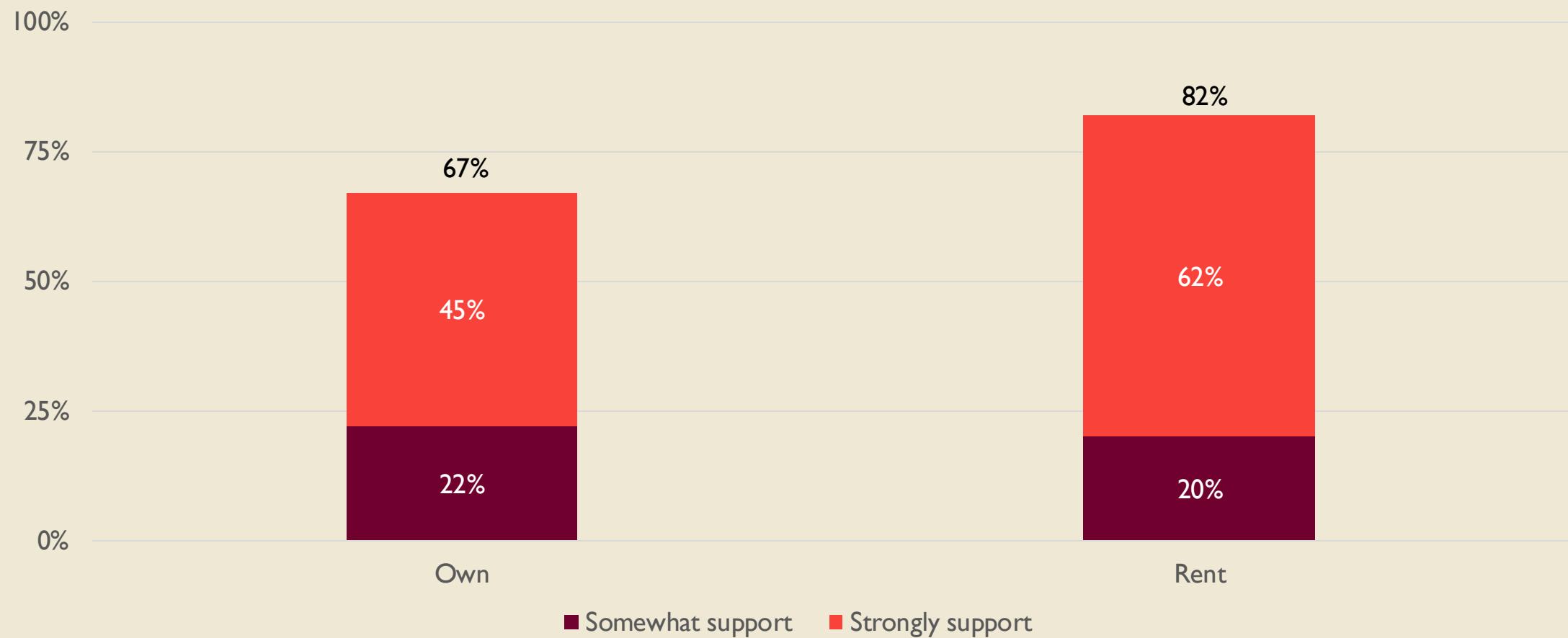
General policies – top 5 resident support



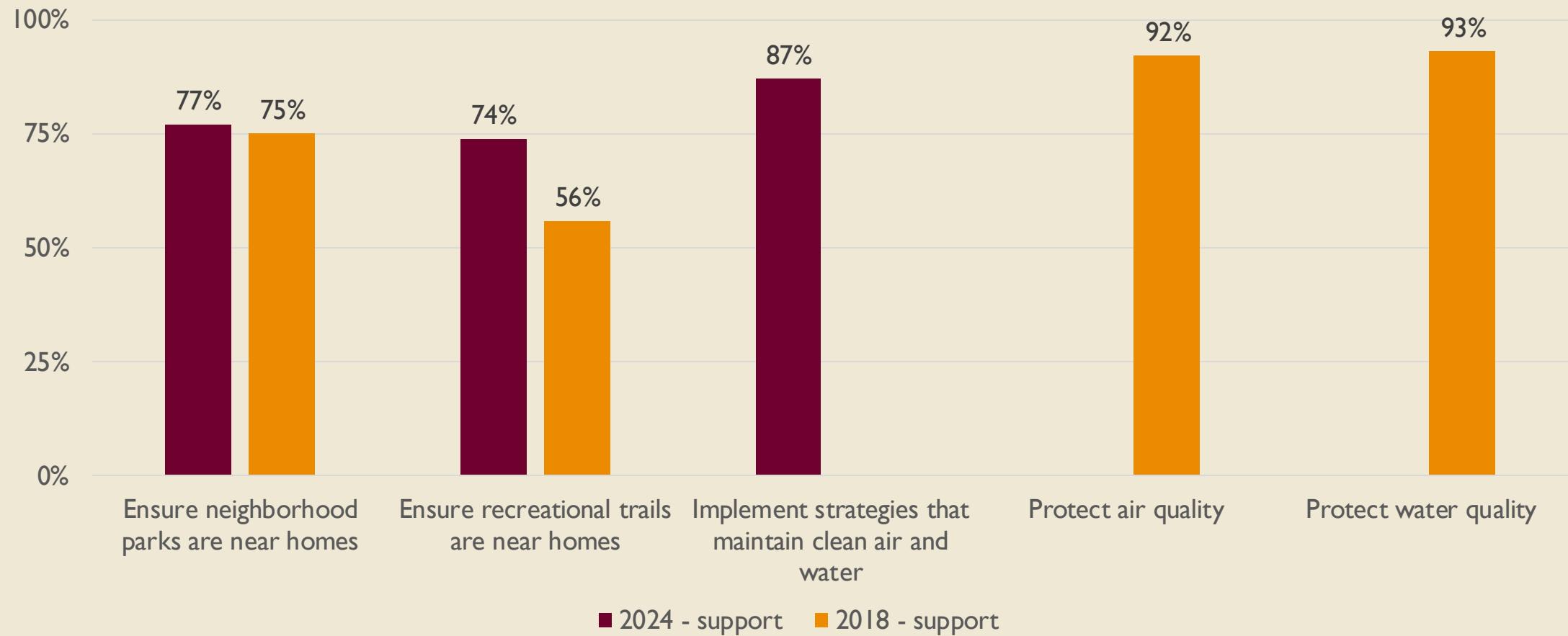
Support for ensuring that new housing or commercial development provides adequate access to parks, trails, and green spaces, by place of residence



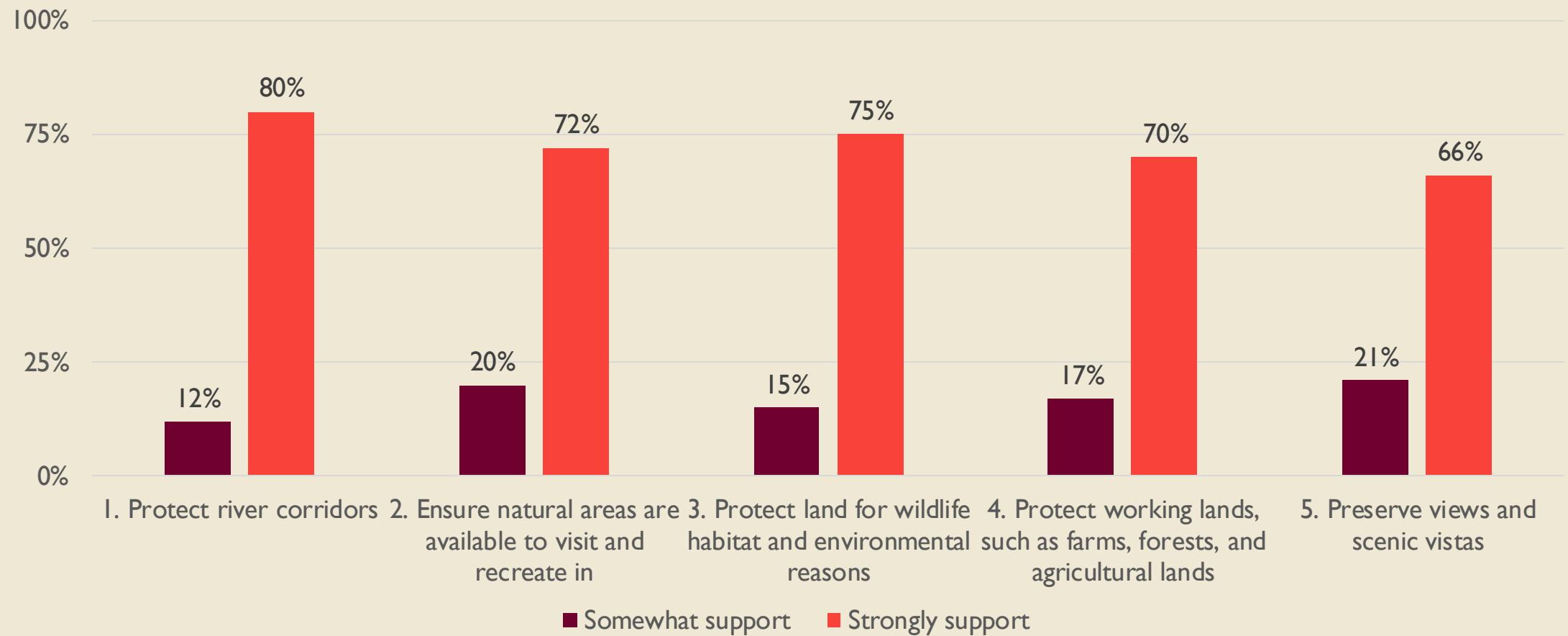
Support for ensuring recreational trails are near your homes, by home ownership



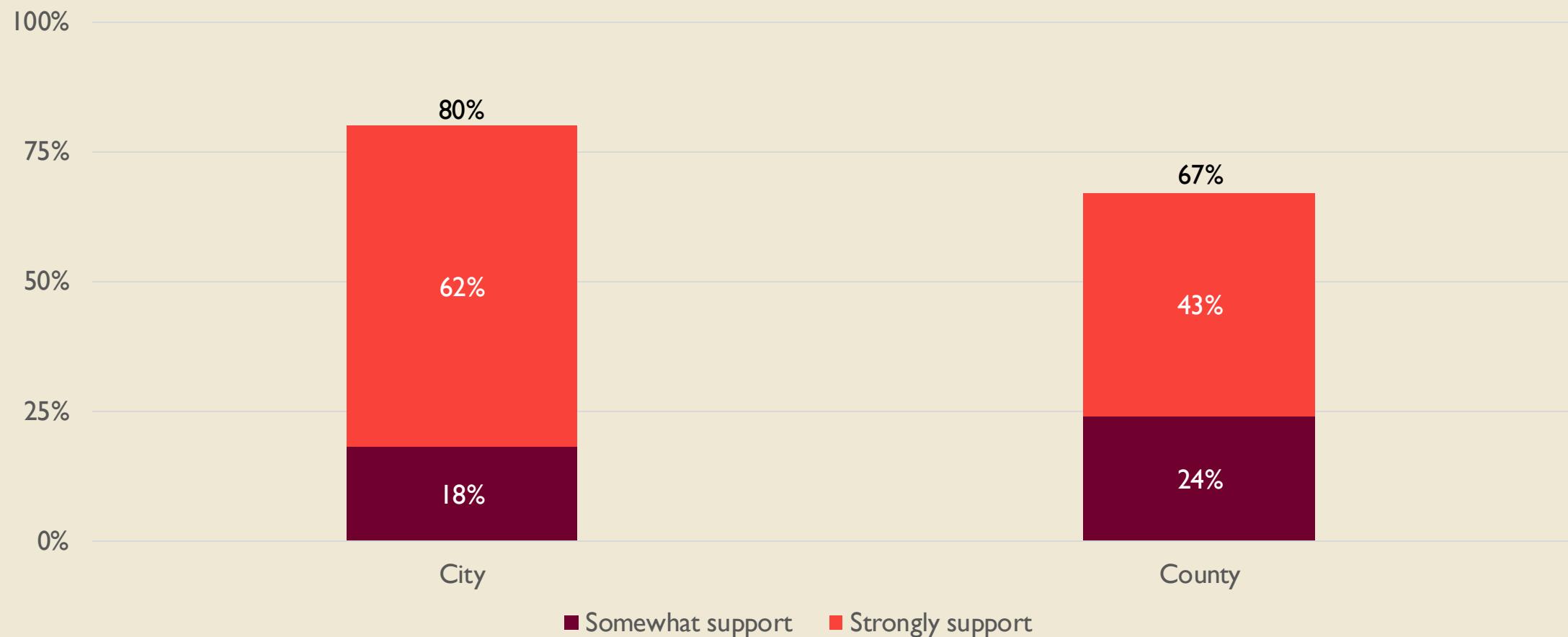
General policies – trends in resident support



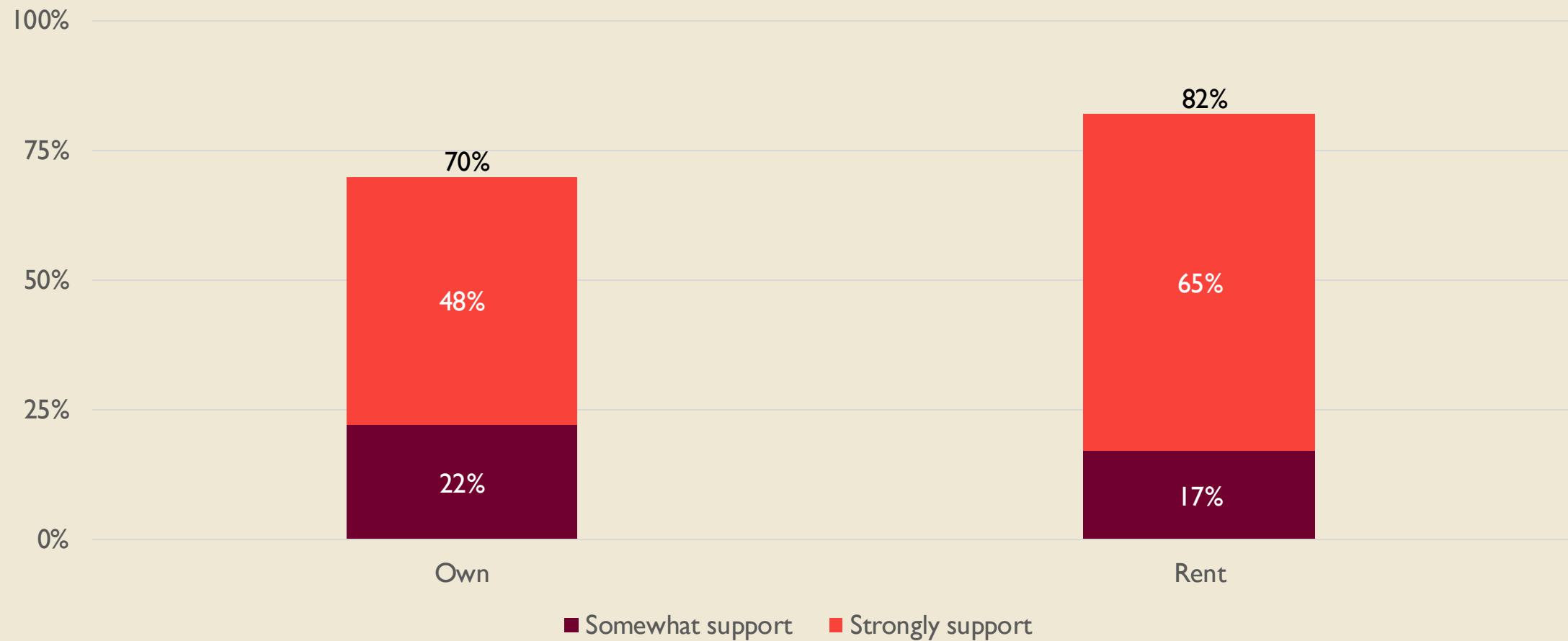
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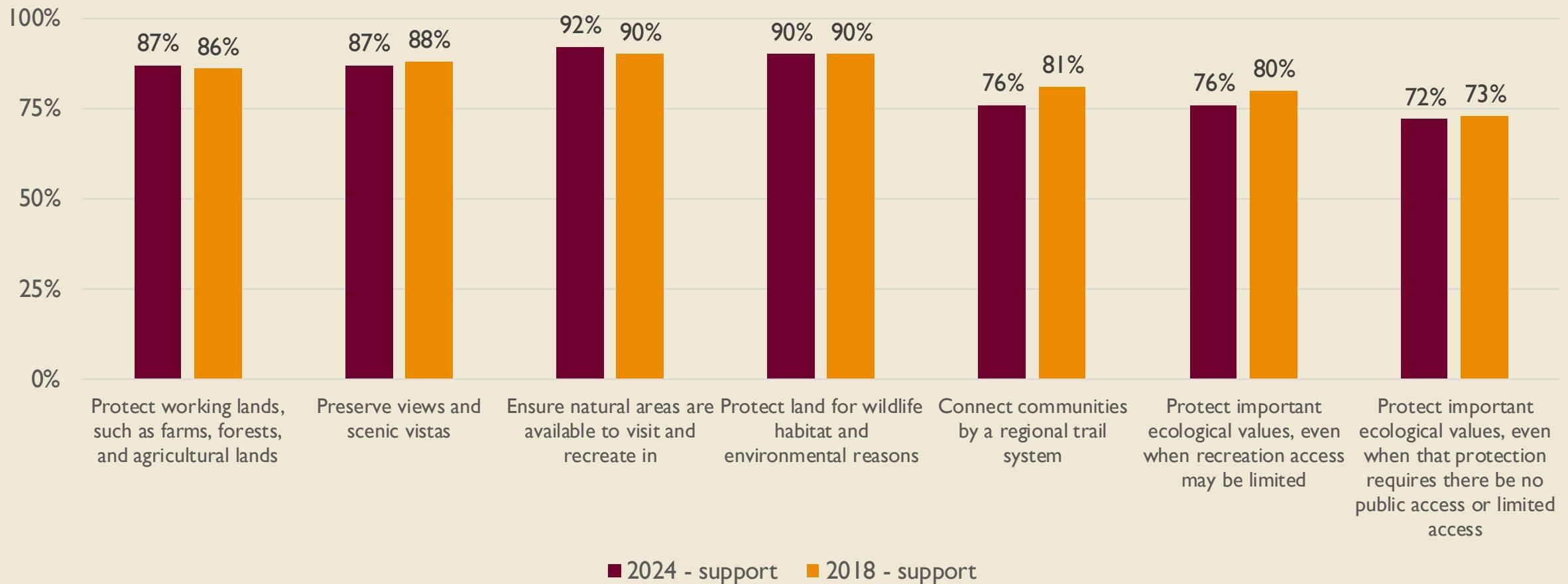
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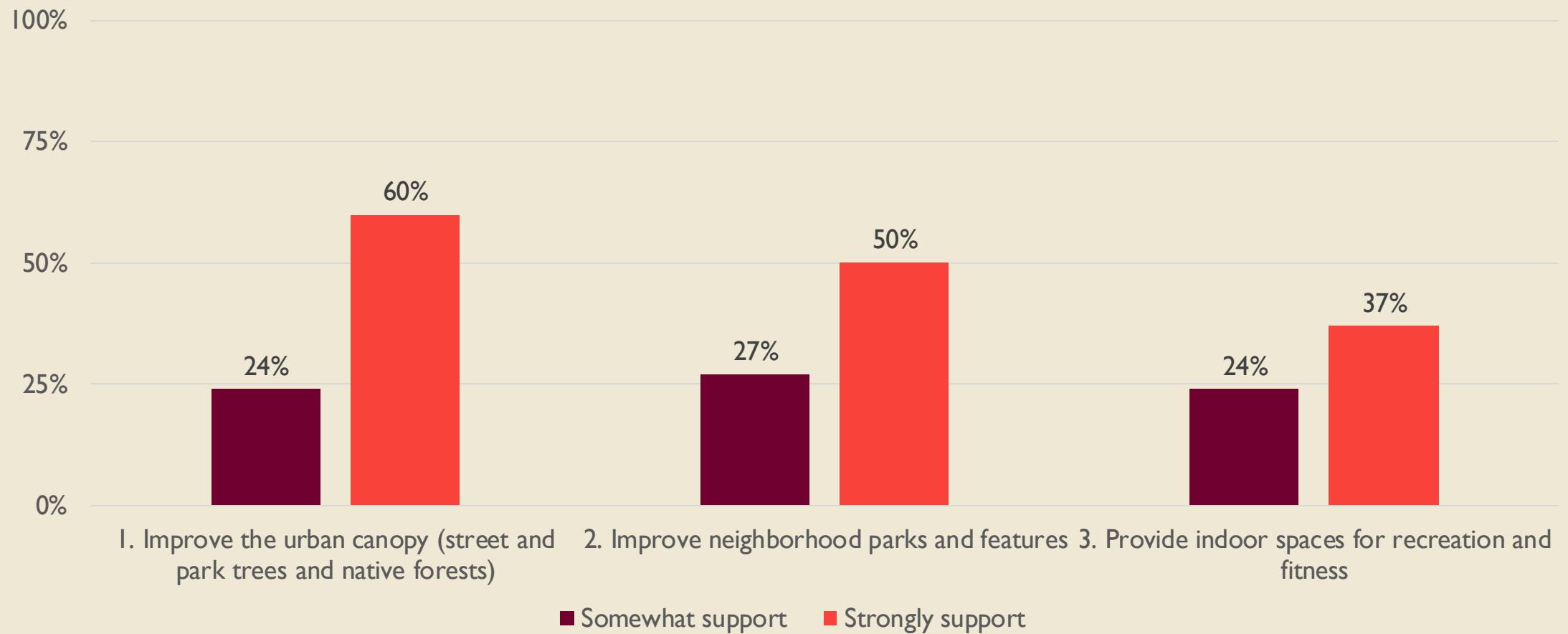
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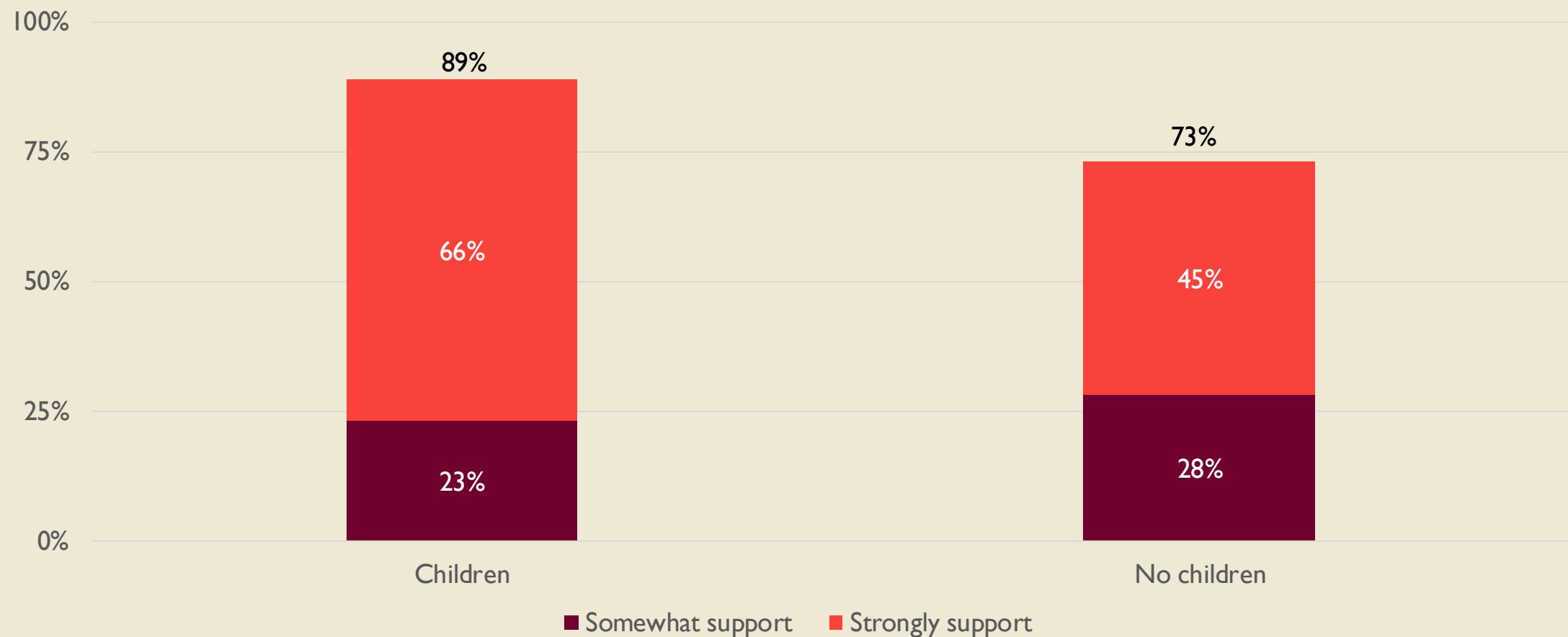
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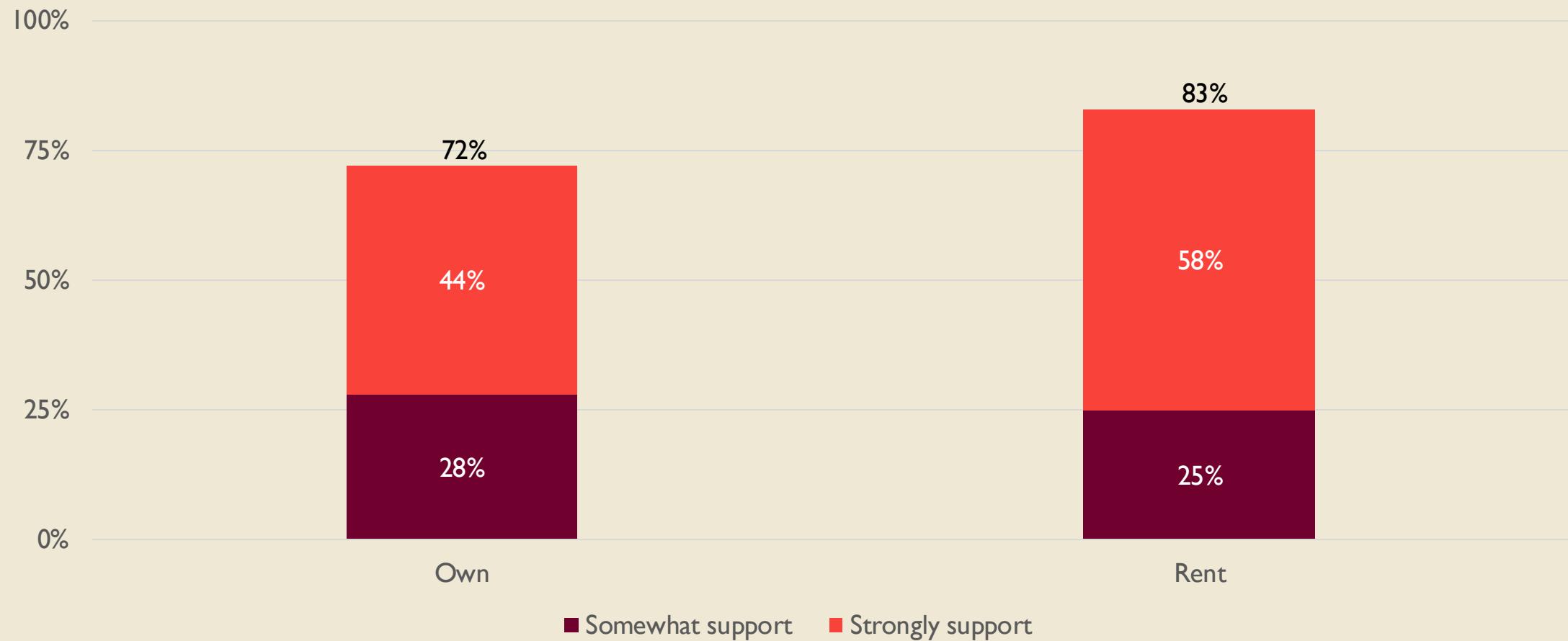
Possible Parks and Recreation Department actions – resident support



Support for improve neighborhood parks and features, by children in the household

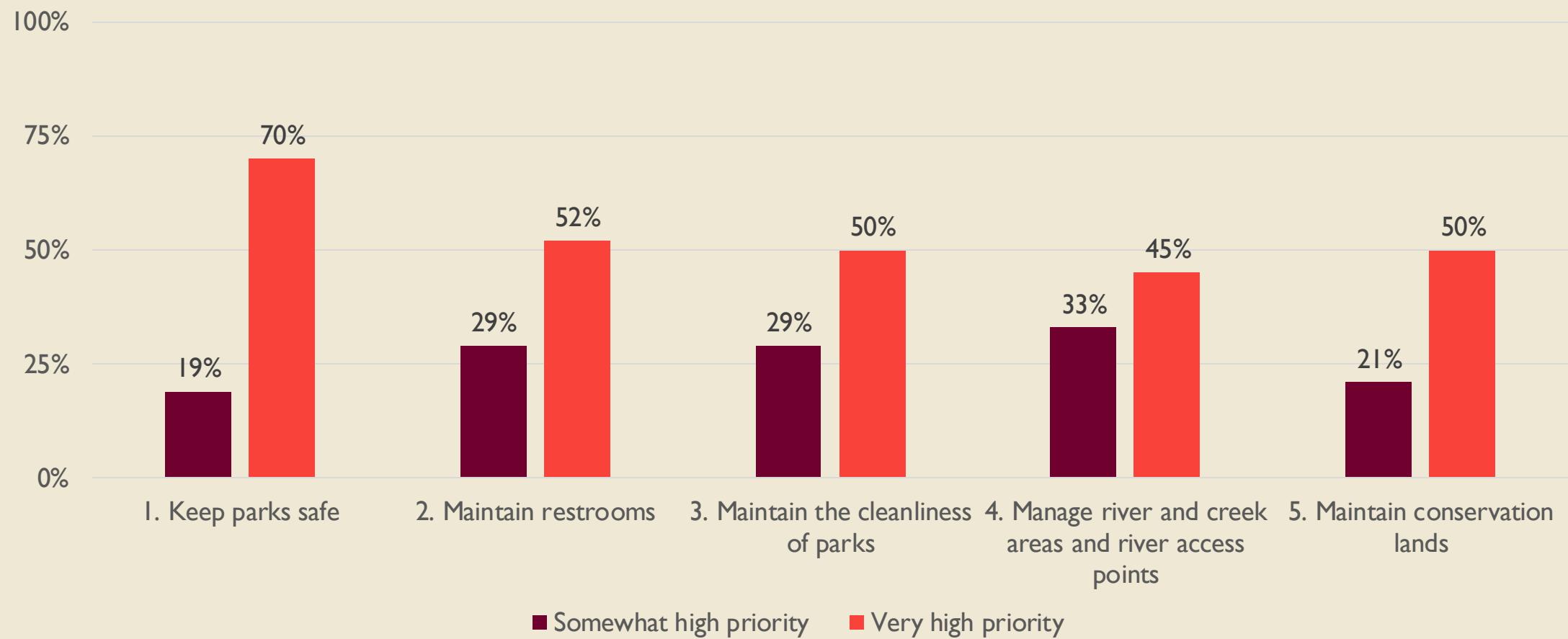


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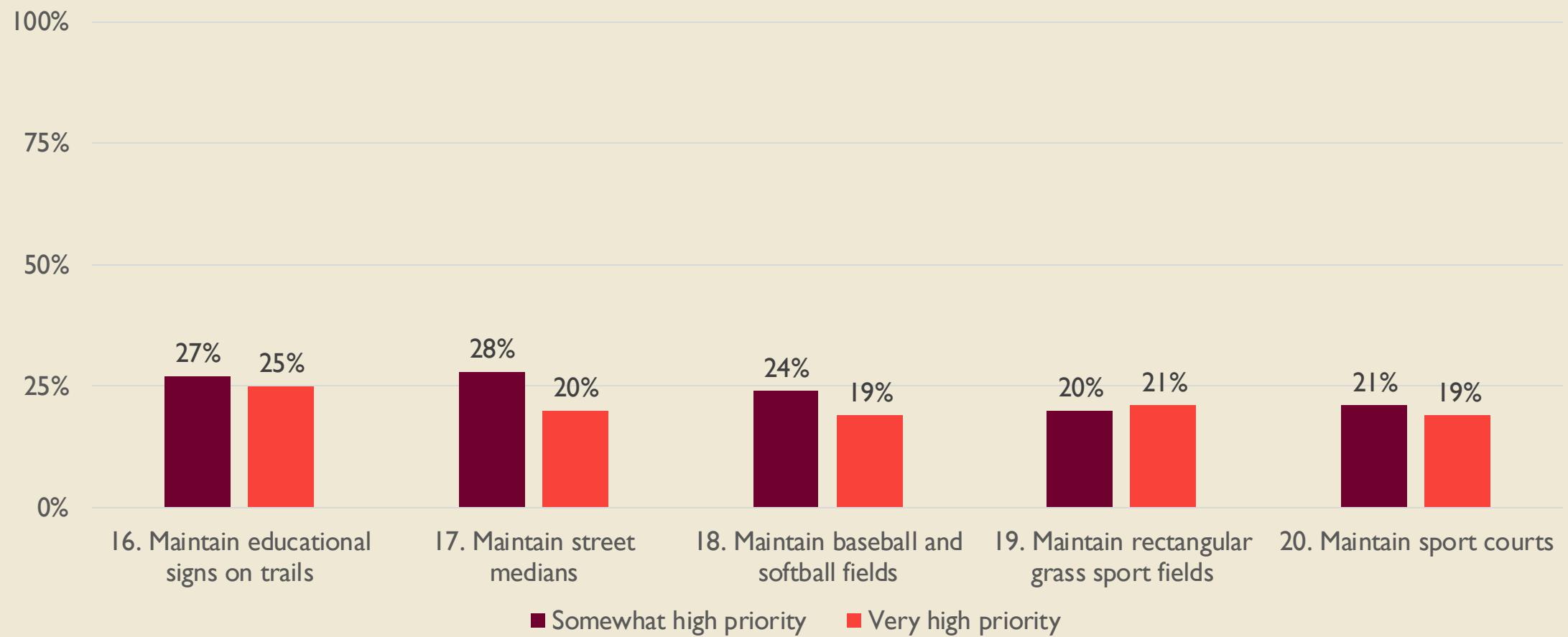


3. Parks and recreation-related maintenance priorities

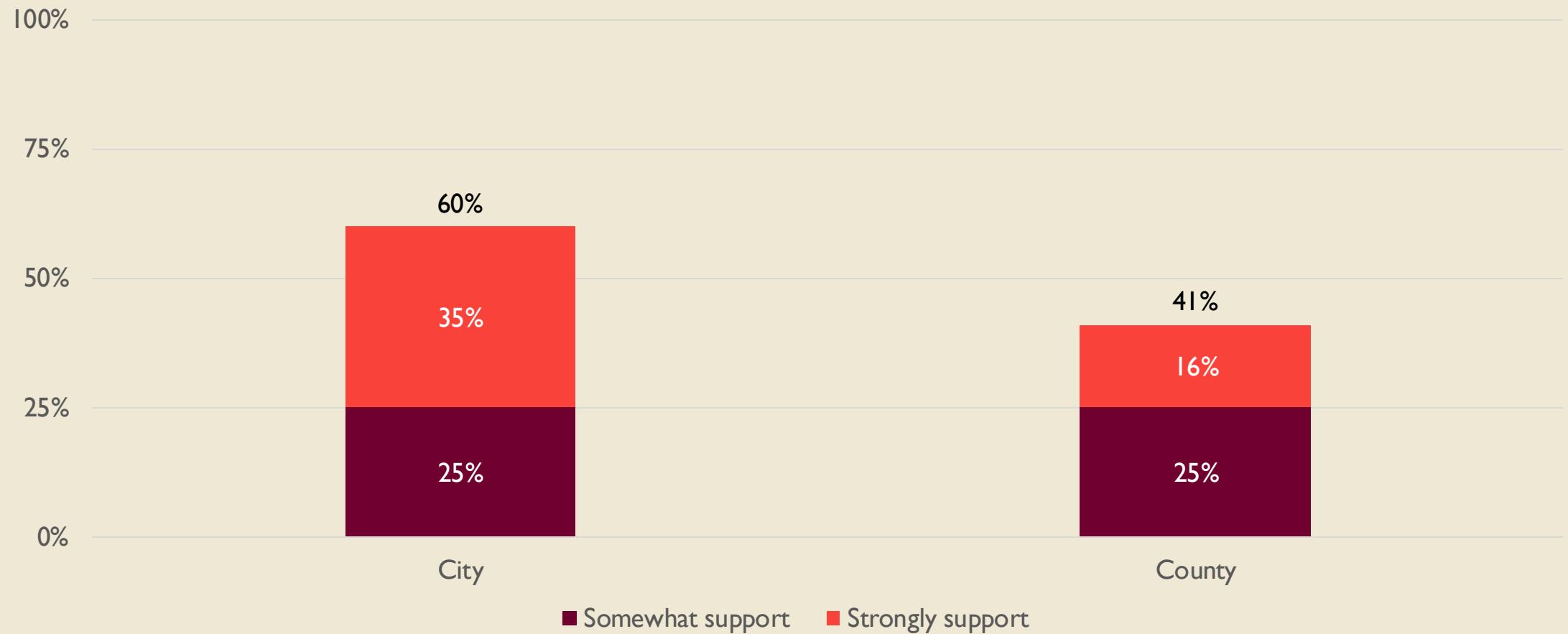
Maintenance priorities – top 5 resident priorities



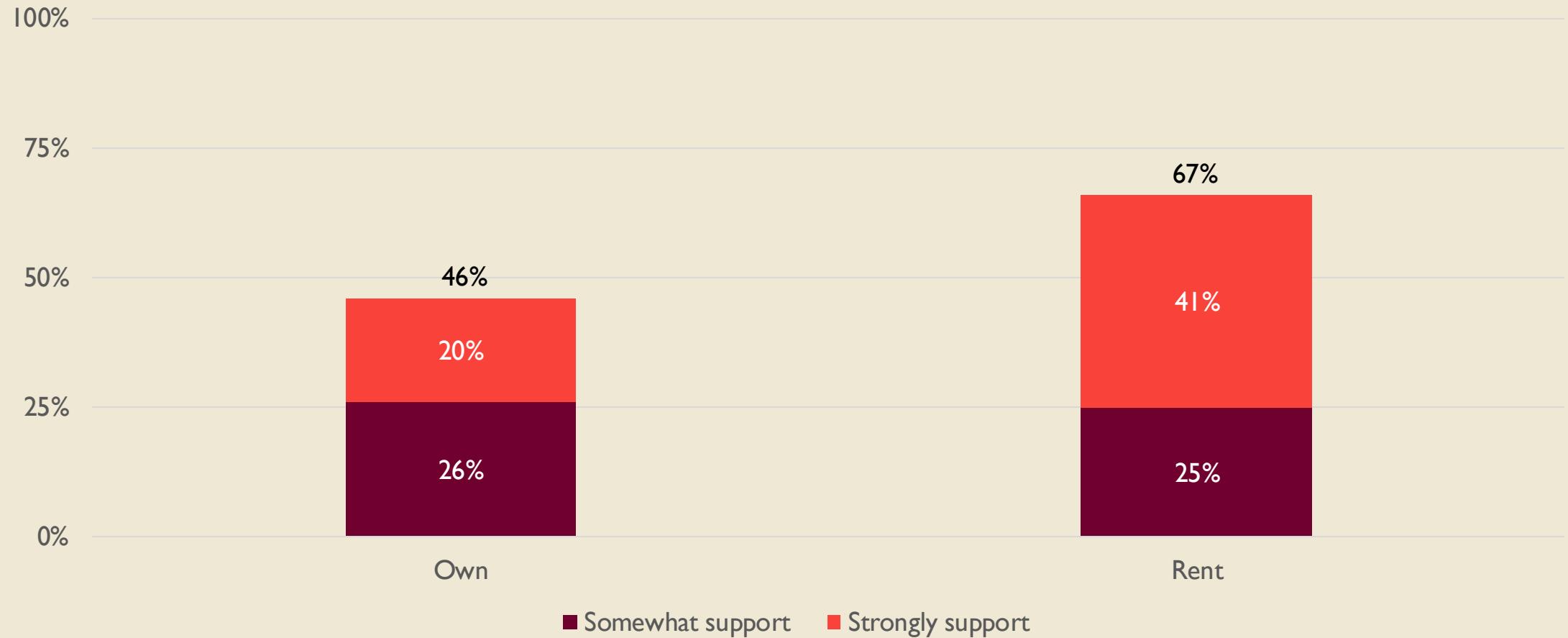
Maintenance priorities – bottom 5 resident priorities



Snow and ice removal on paved trails, by place of residence



Snow and ice removal on paved trails, by home ownership

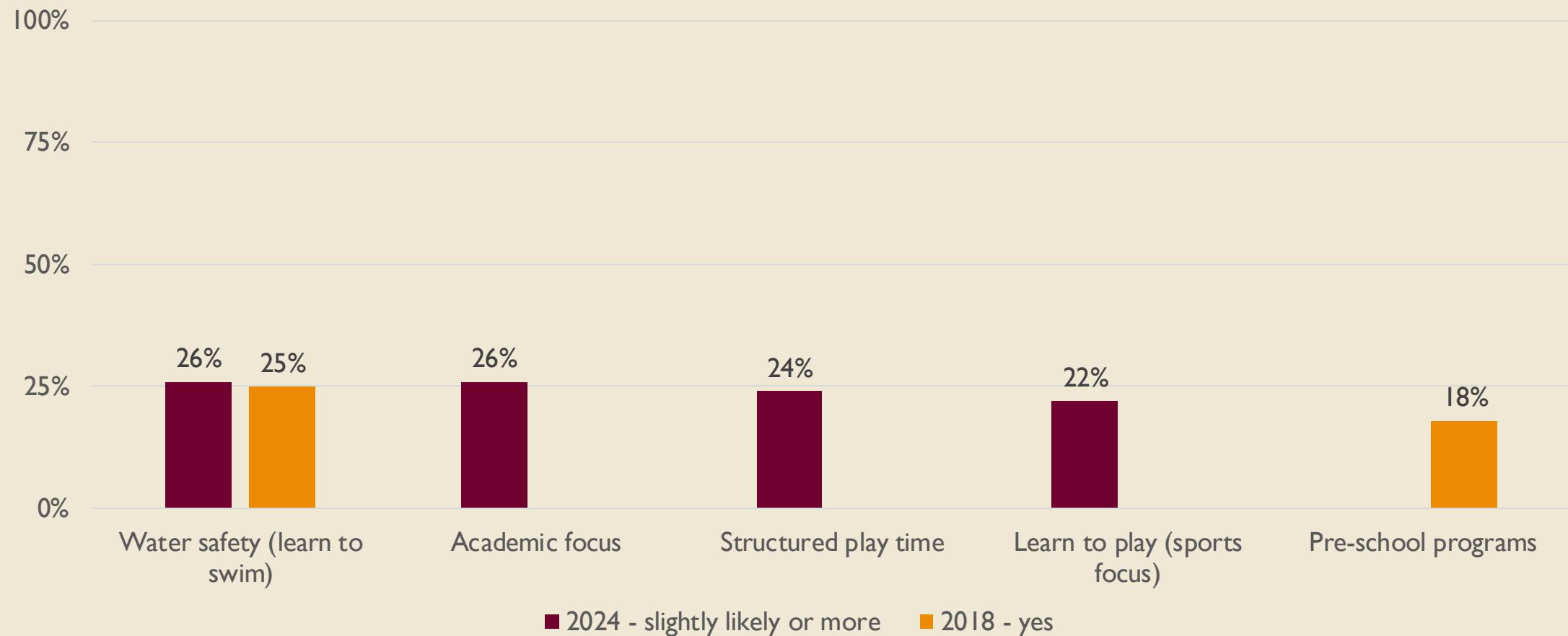


Maintenance priorities – resident trends

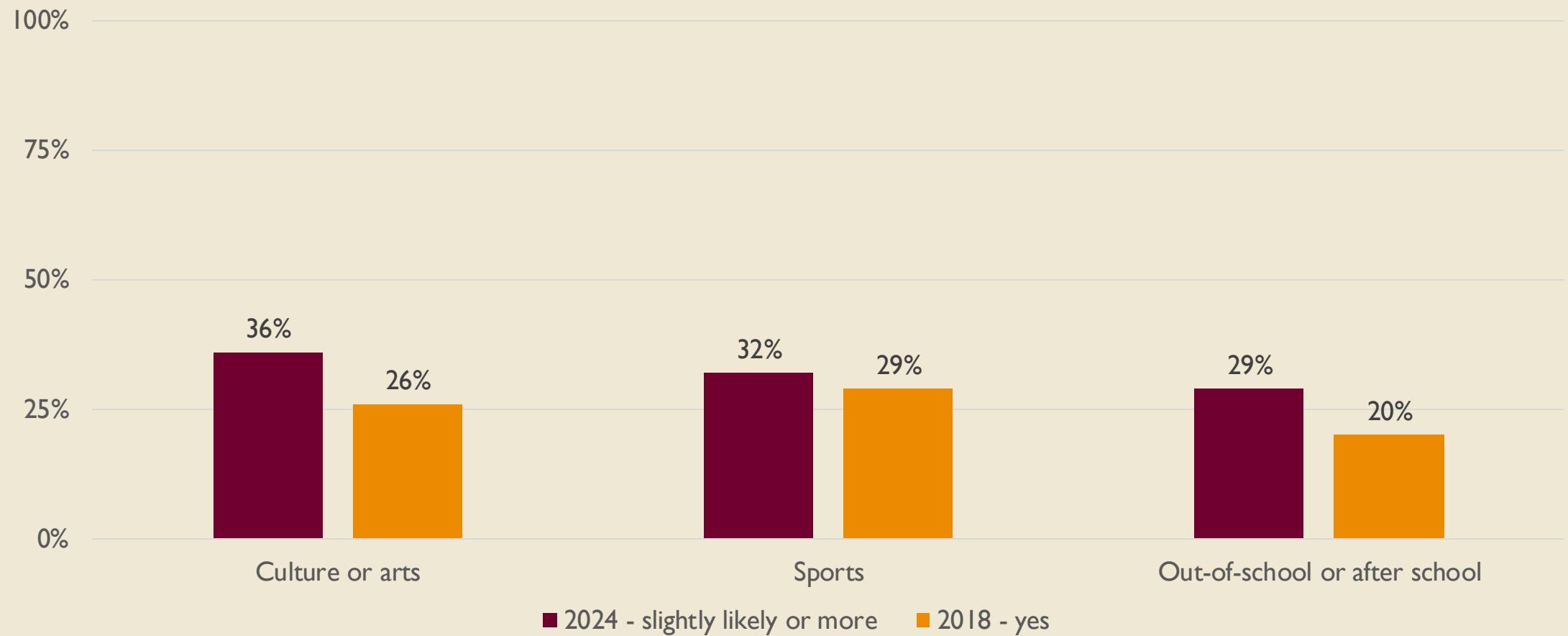
- 14 comparable types of maintenance between 2018 and 2024
- Maintenance priority questions changed in 2024 from 2018
- Ability to compare is limited
- Maintain open space trailheads increased three places in priority rank from 2018 to 2024
- Manage invasive weeds on public lands decreased three places in priority rank from 2018 to 2024

4. Potential parks and recreation program use

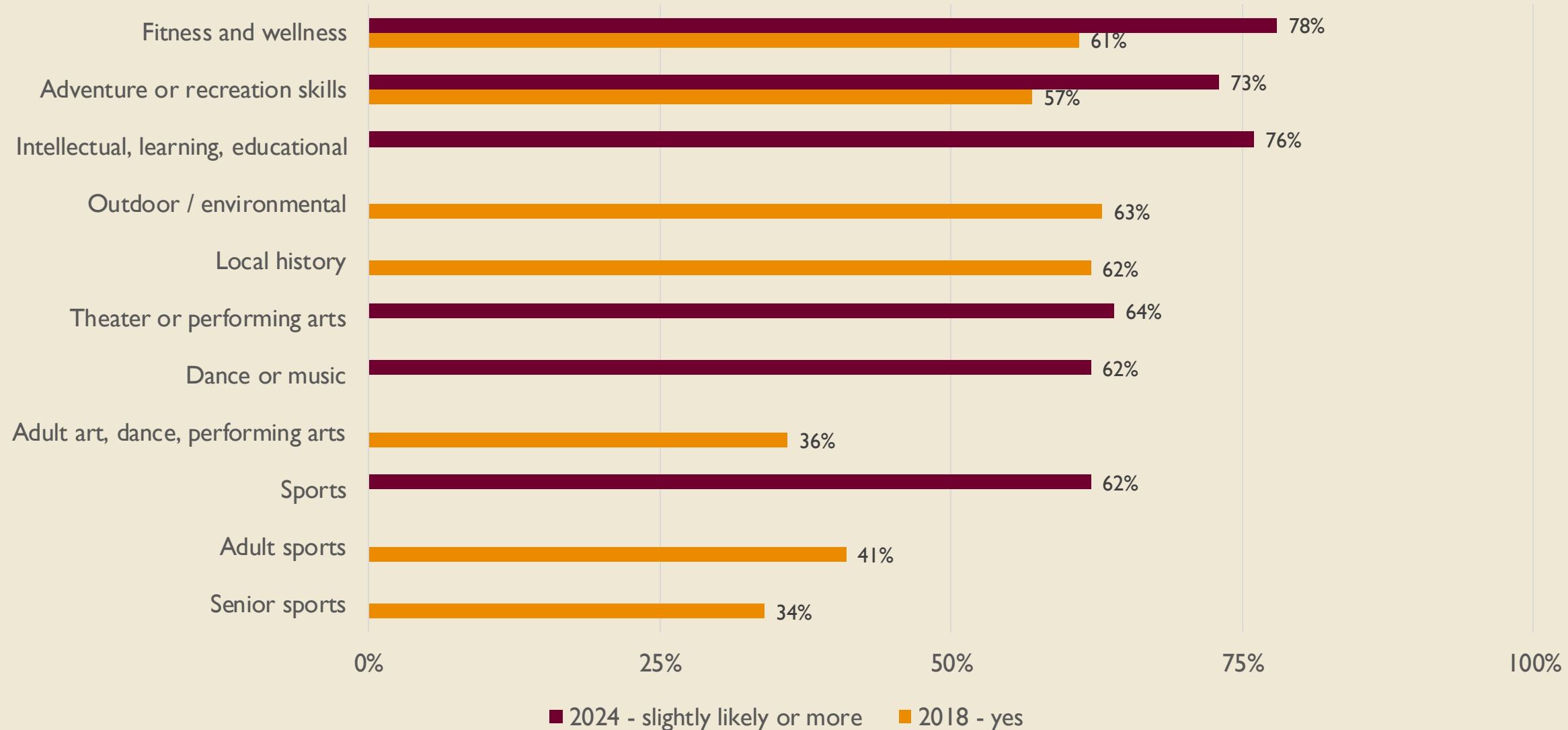
Household likelihood of pre-kindergarten program use



Household likelihood of youth or teen program use

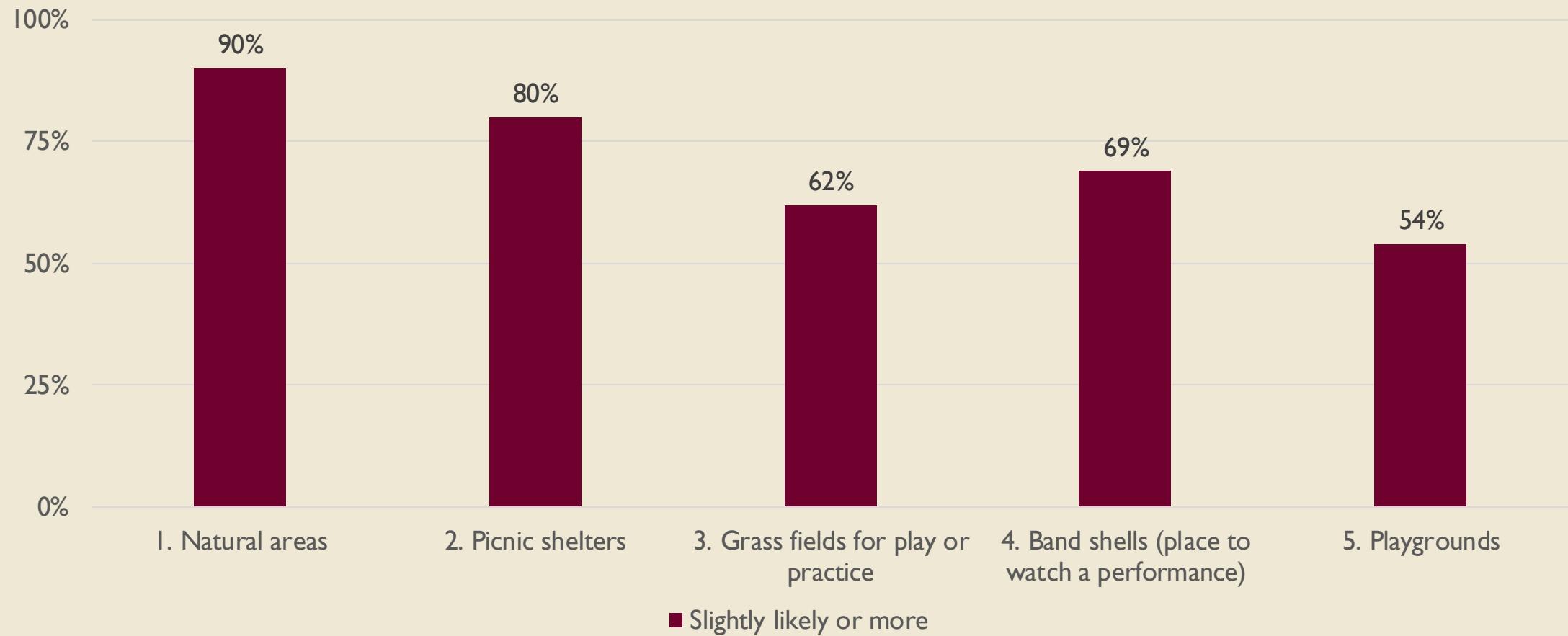


Household likelihood of adult or older adult program use

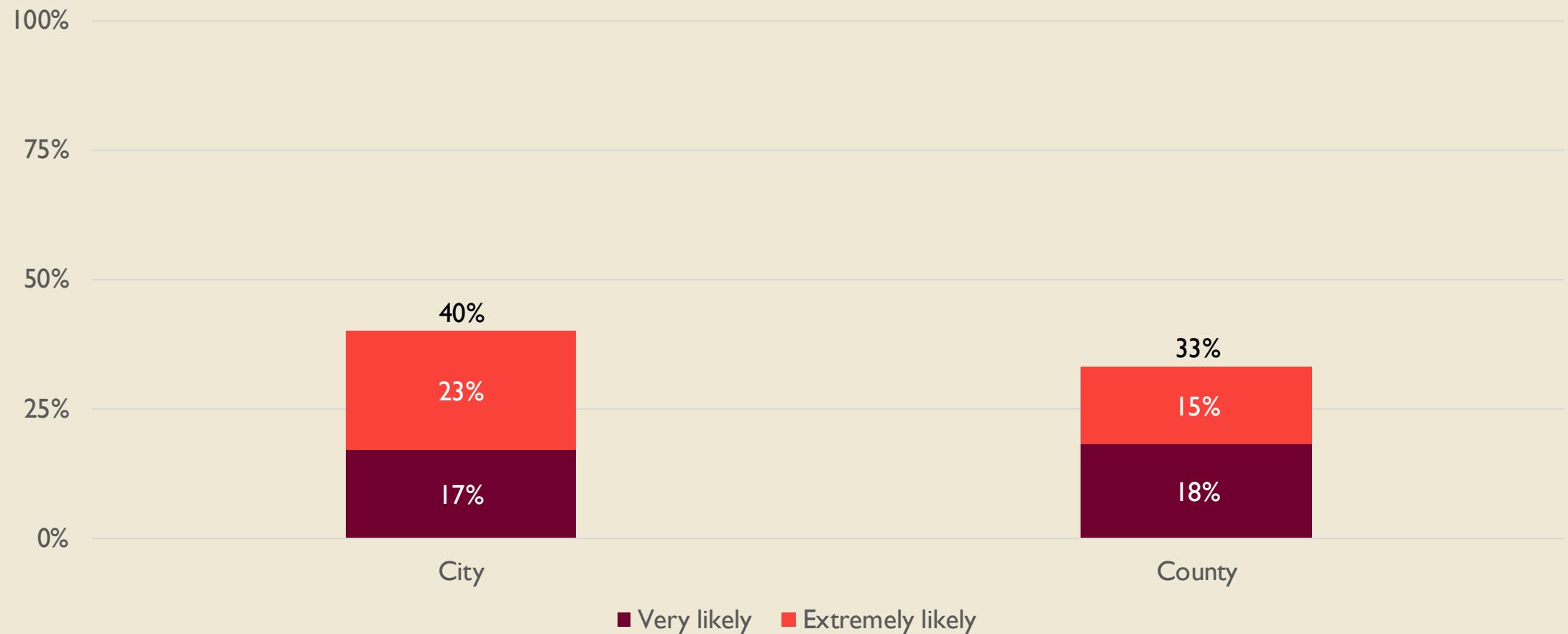


5. Potential parks and recreation facility or feature use

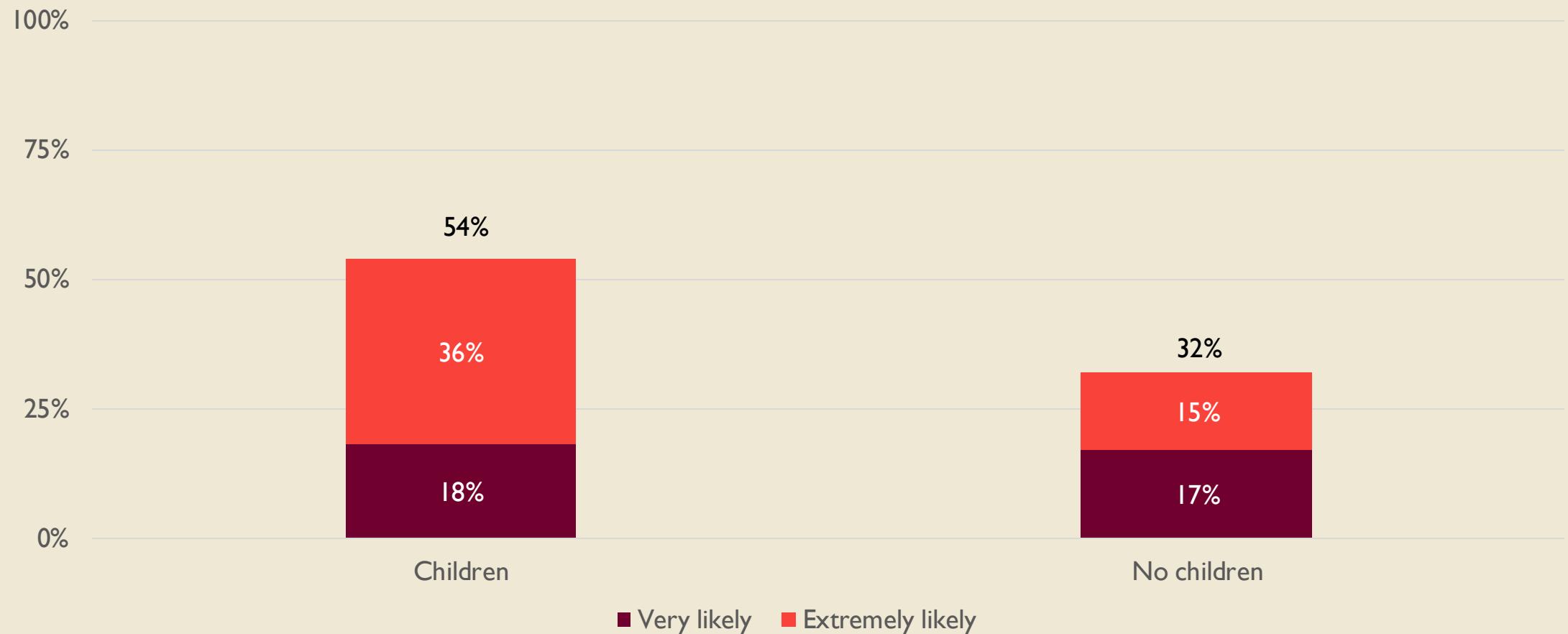
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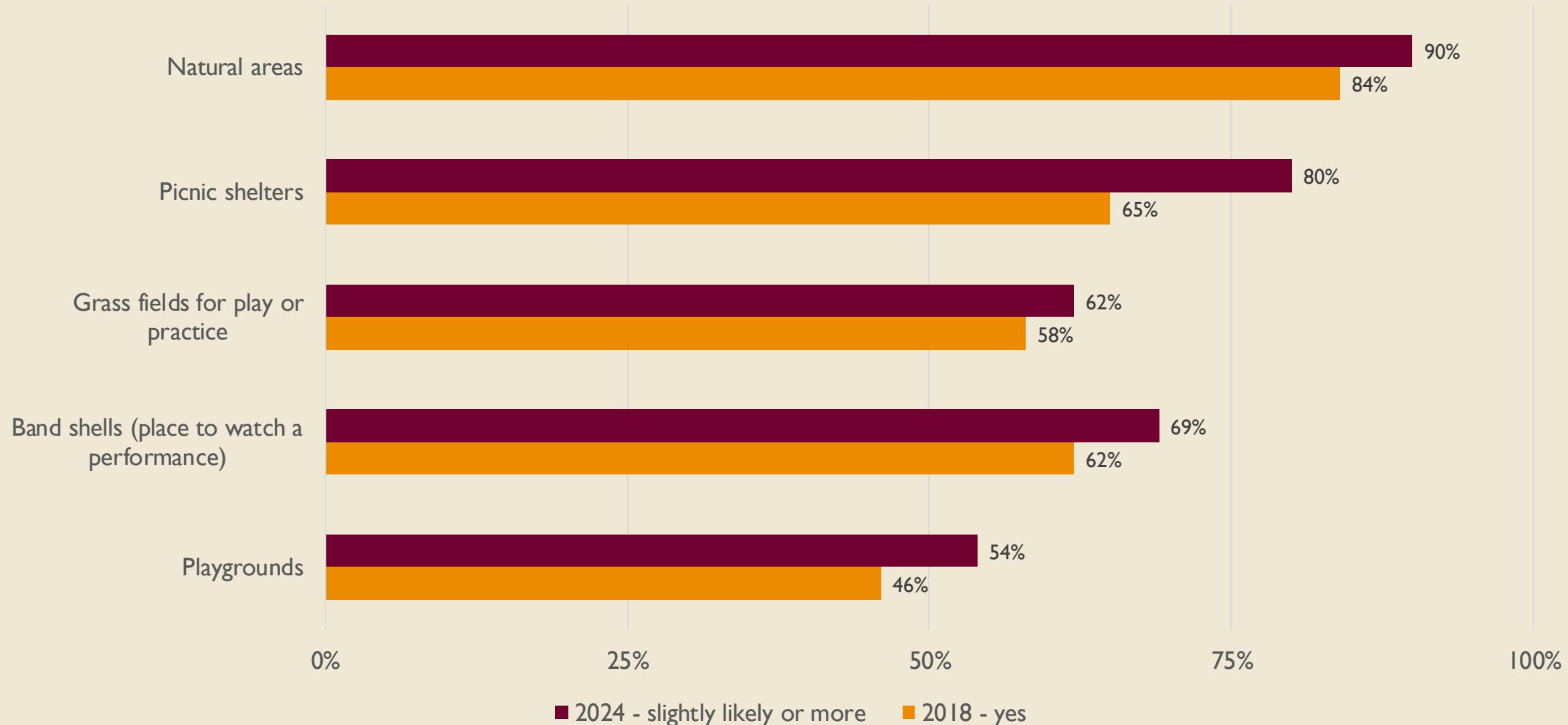
Household likelihood of picnic shelter use, by place of residence



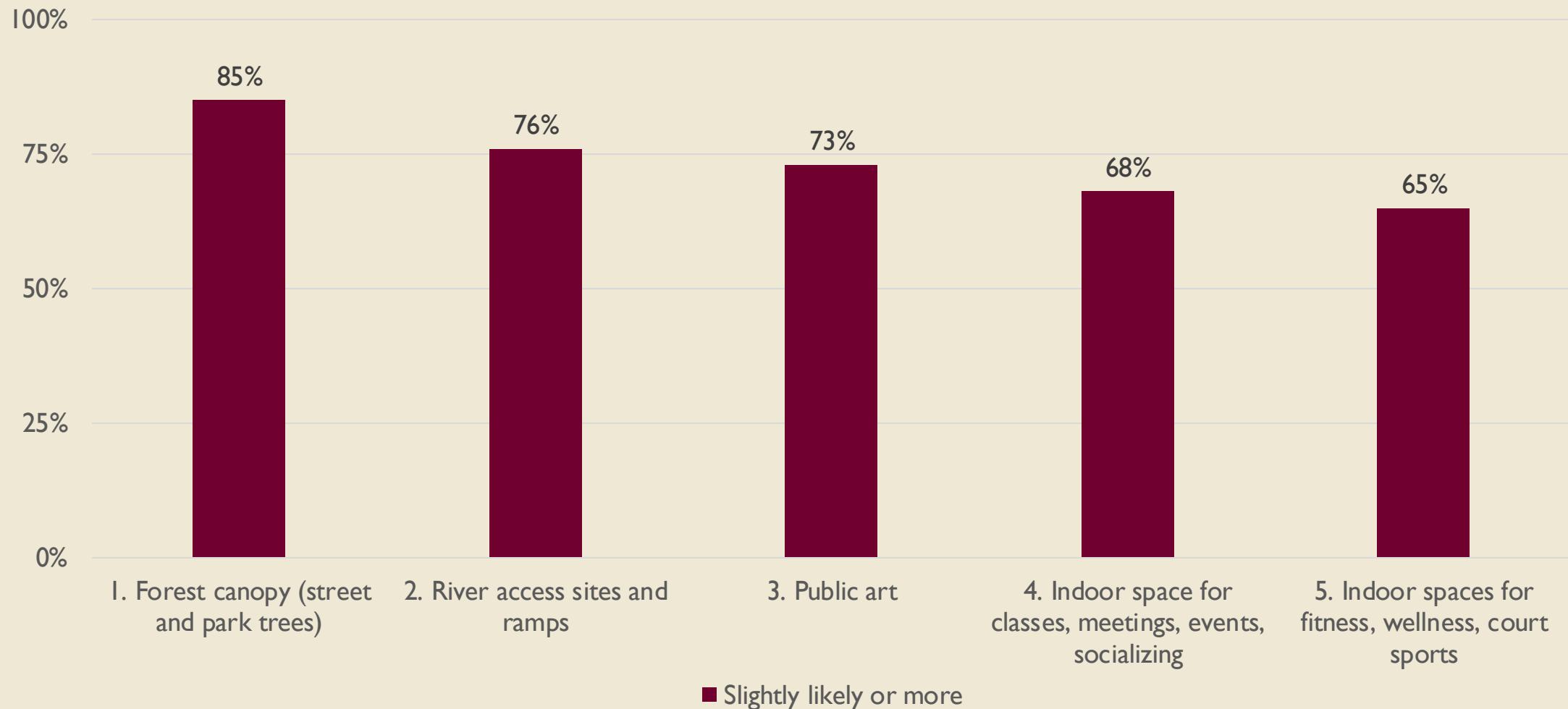
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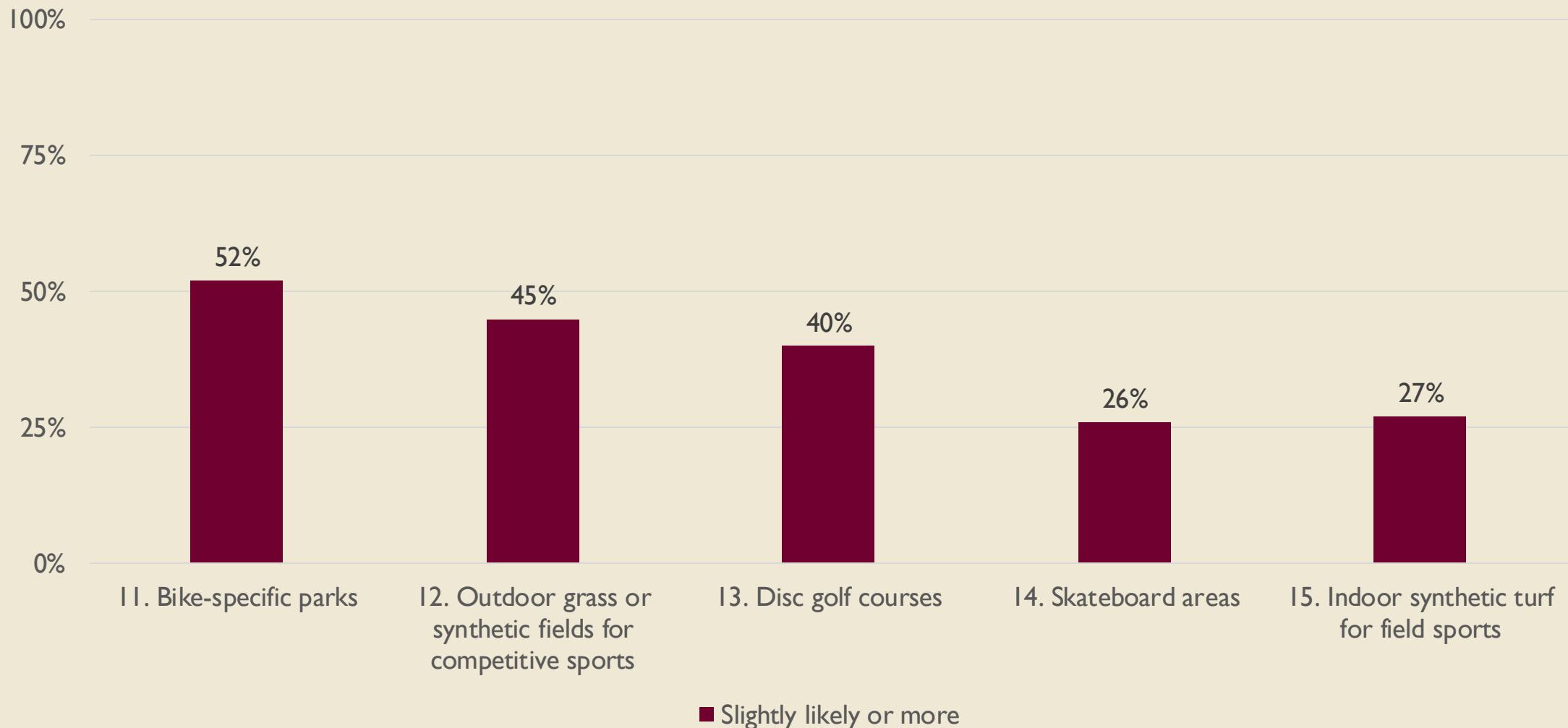
Household likelihood of local (neighborhood) park feature use - trends



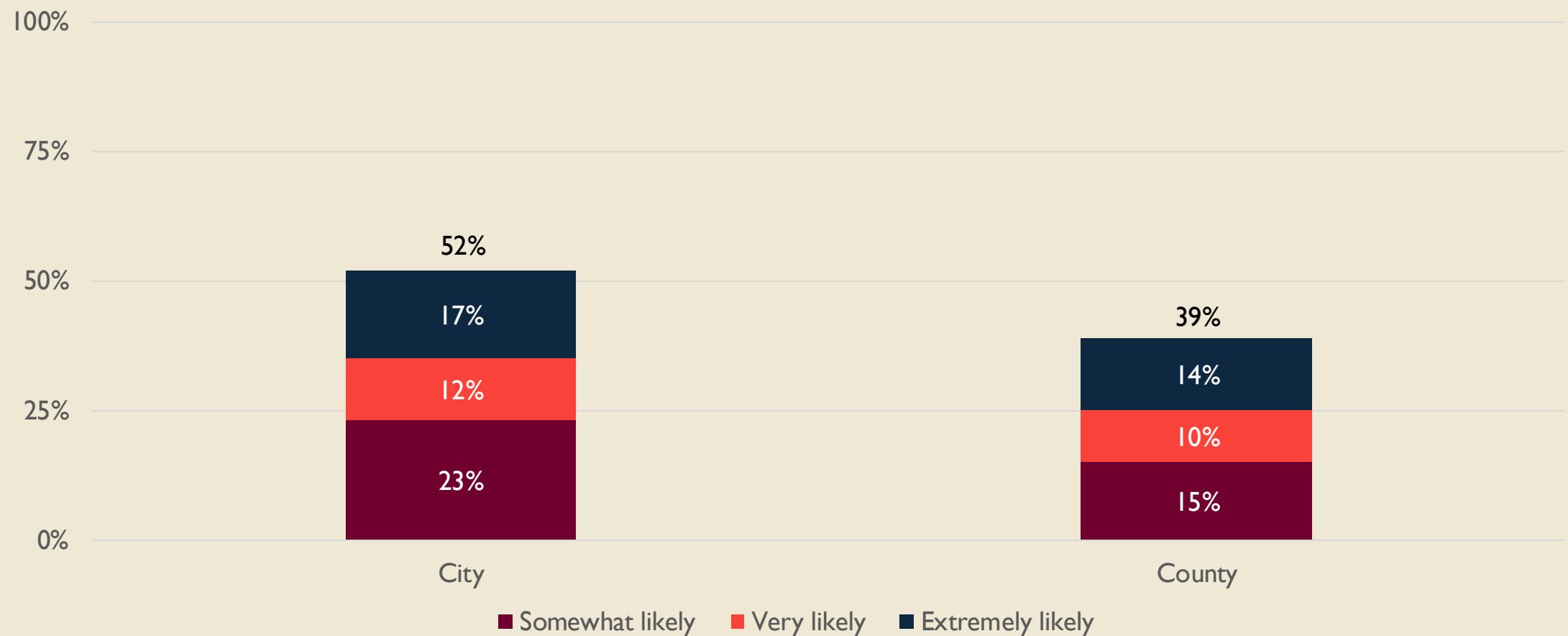
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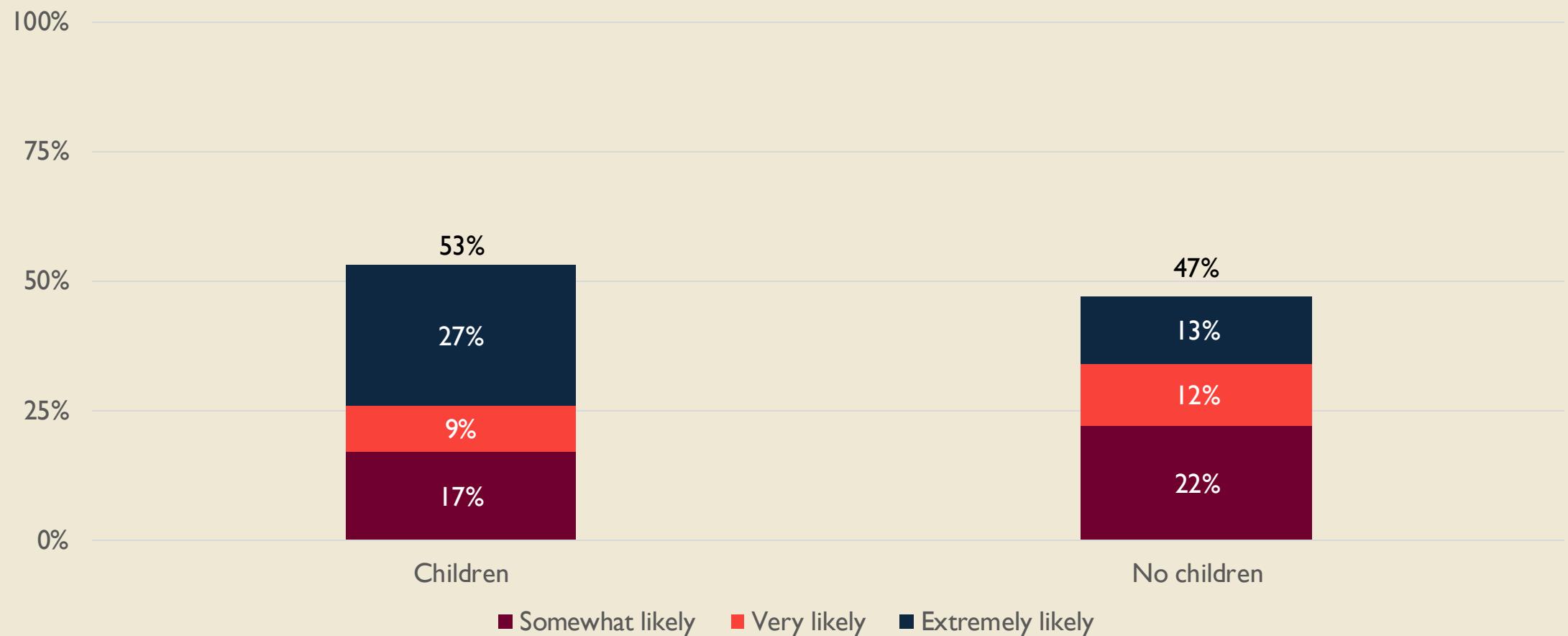
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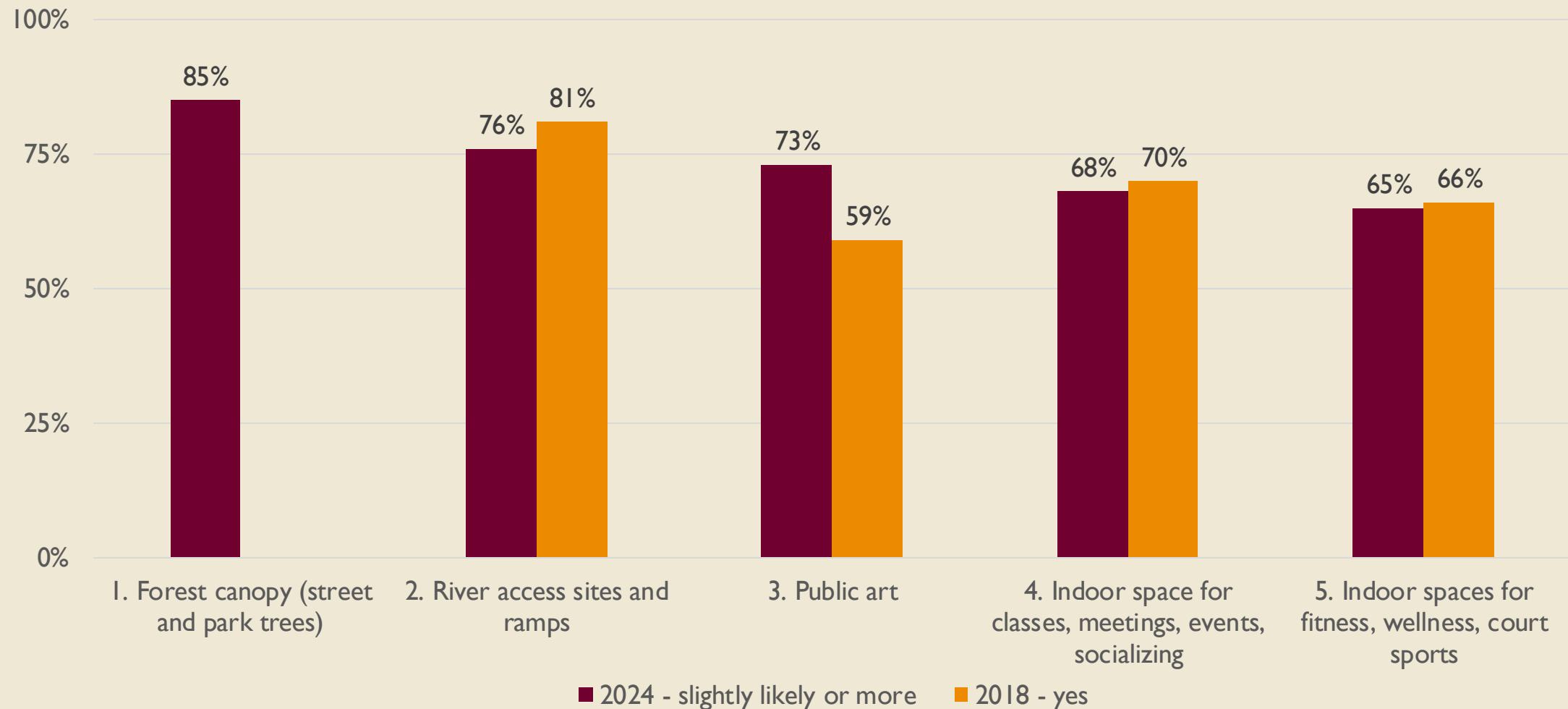
Household likelihood of use of indoor spaces for fitness, wellness, court sports, by place of residence



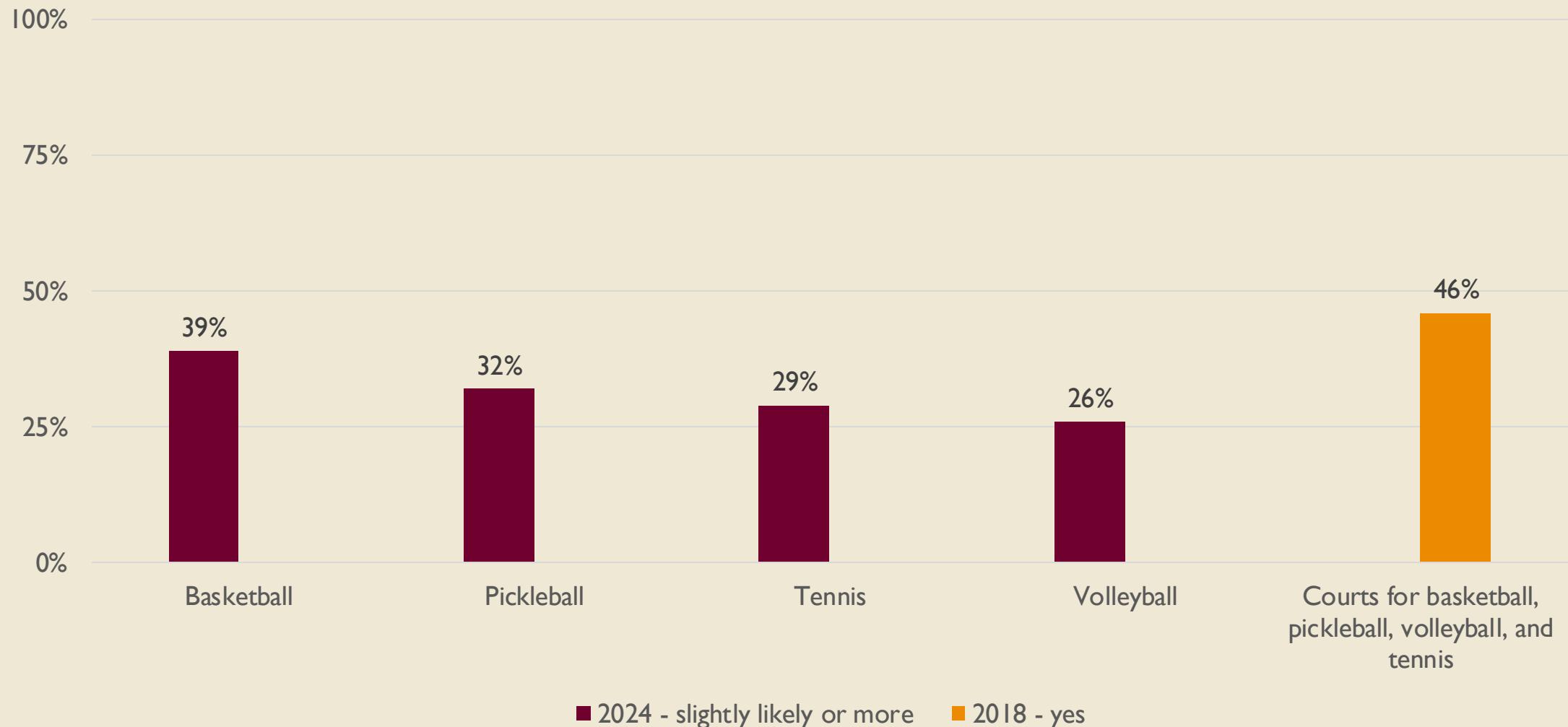
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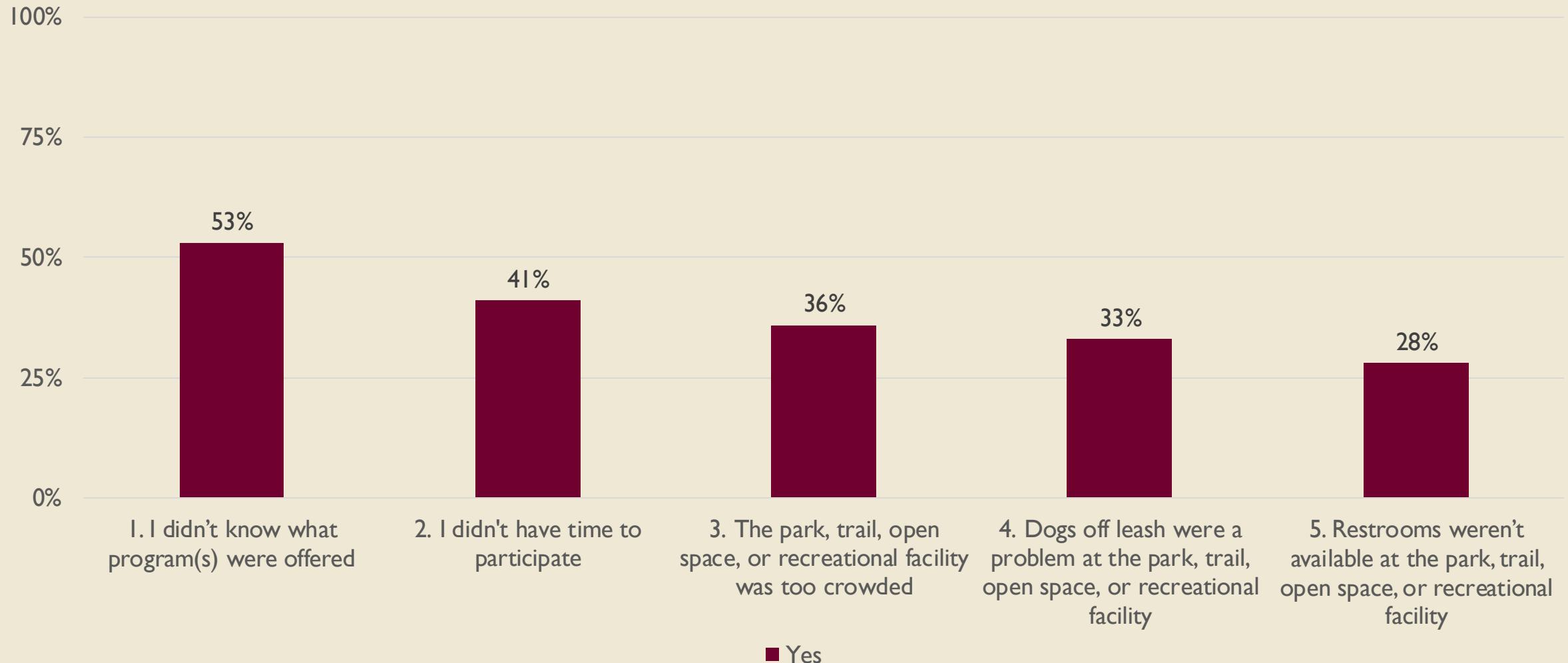


Household likelihood of outdoor sport court use

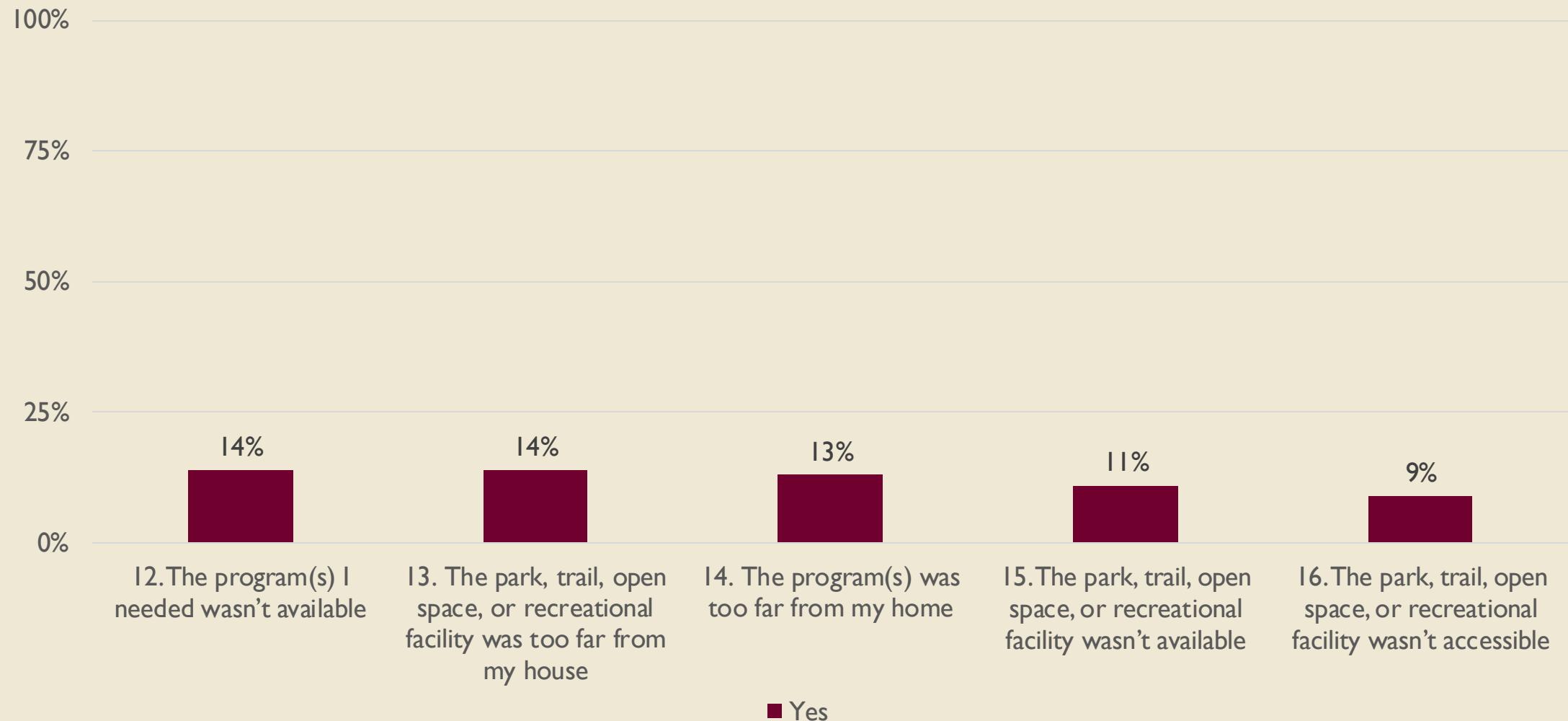


6. Barriers to program or facility use

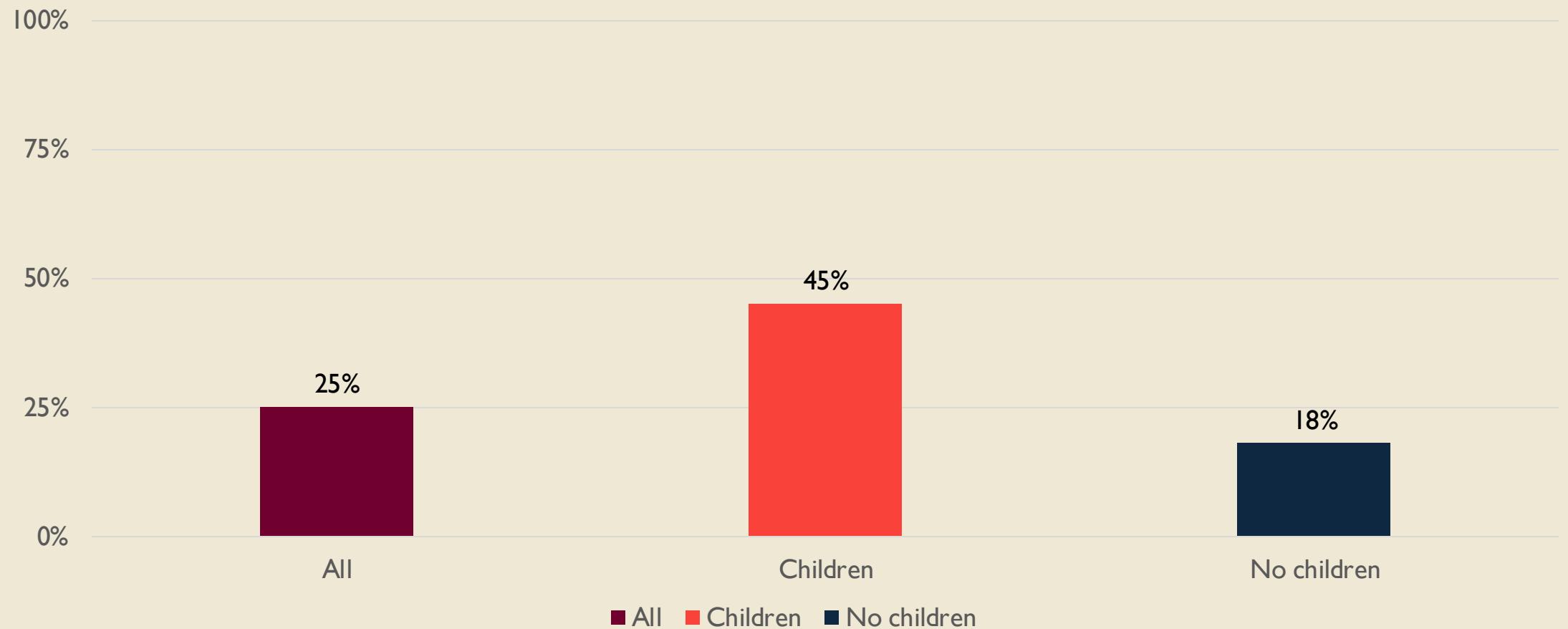
Barriers to a household's use of a City of Missoula program – top 5



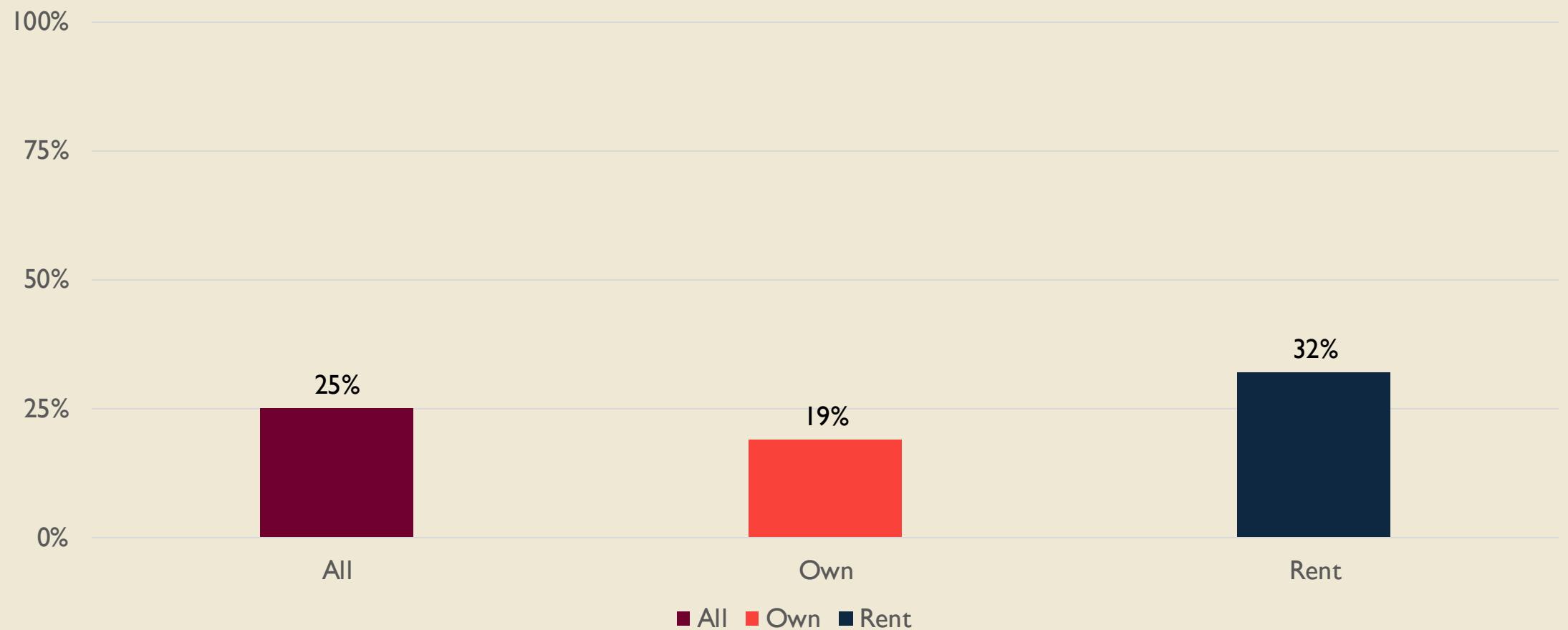
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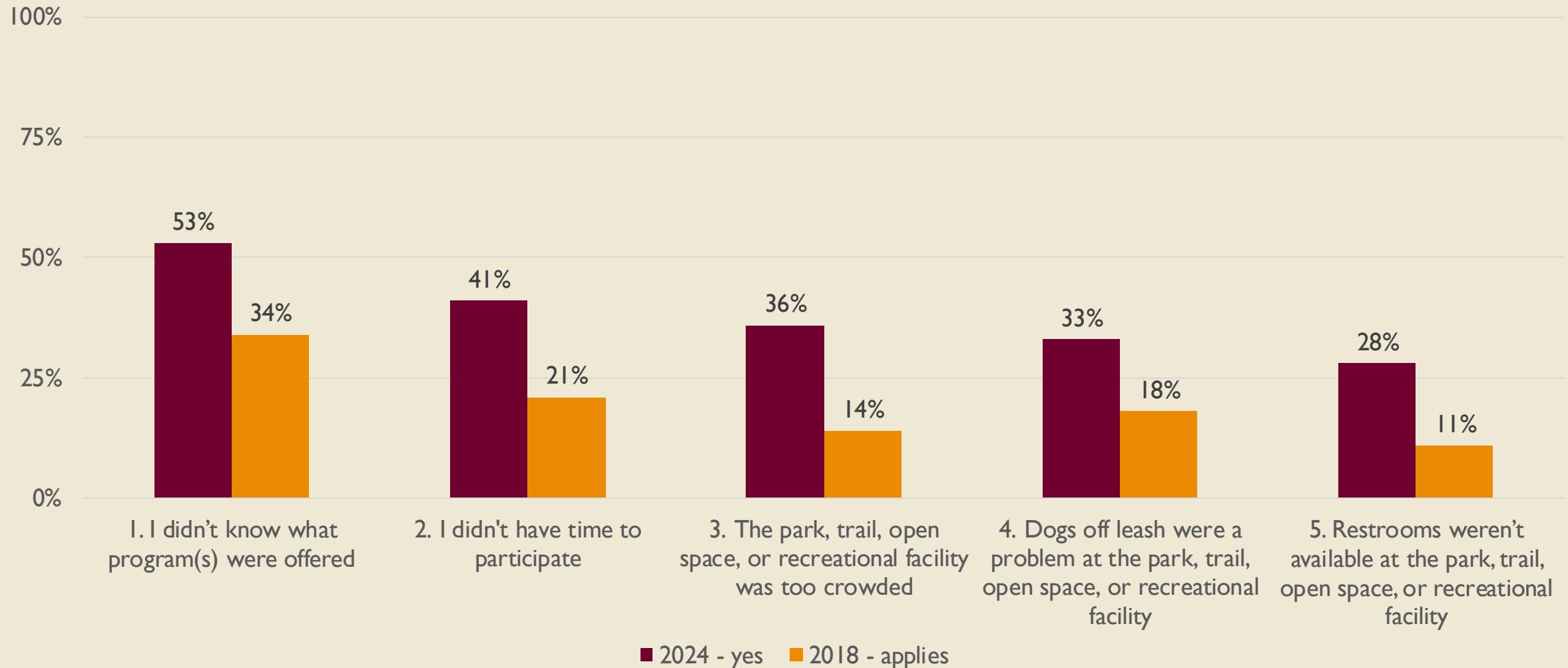
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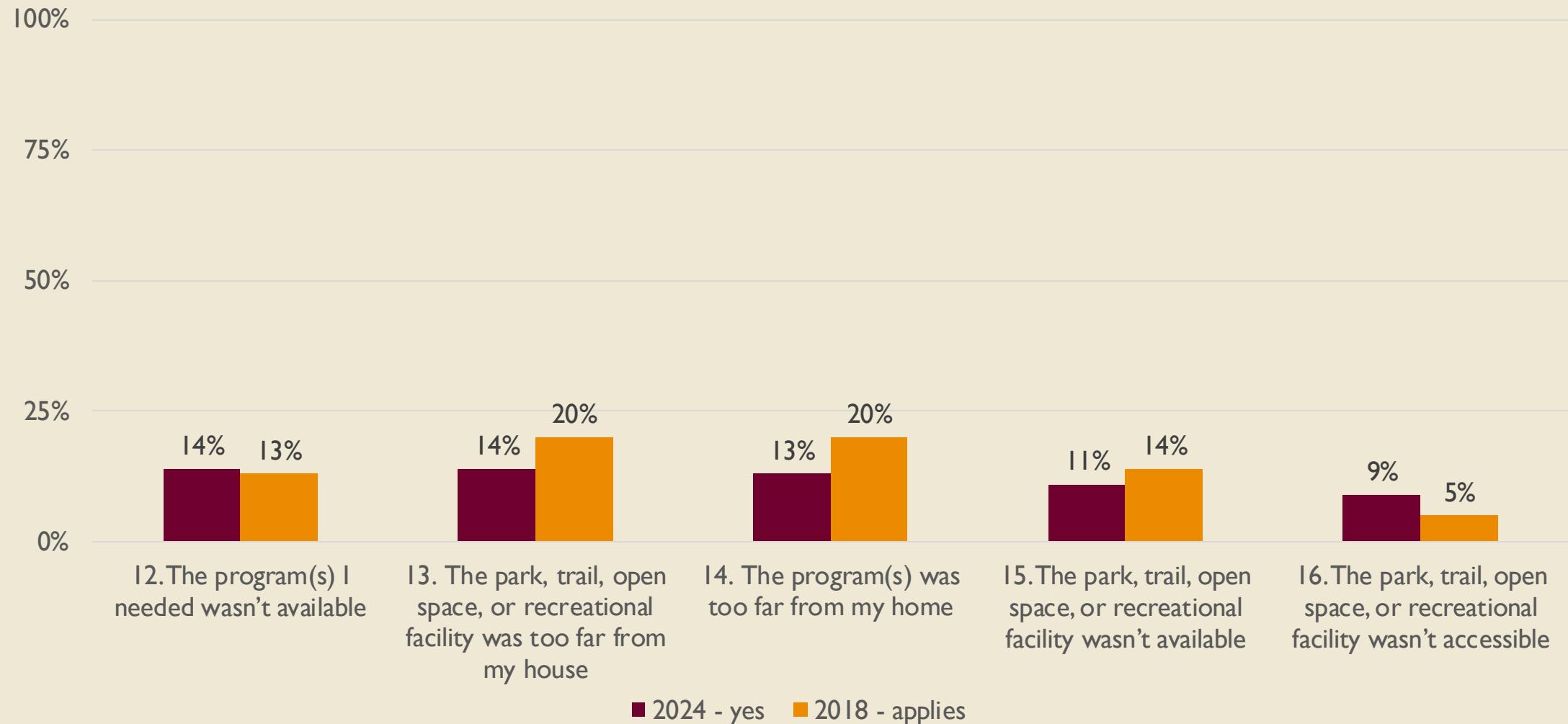
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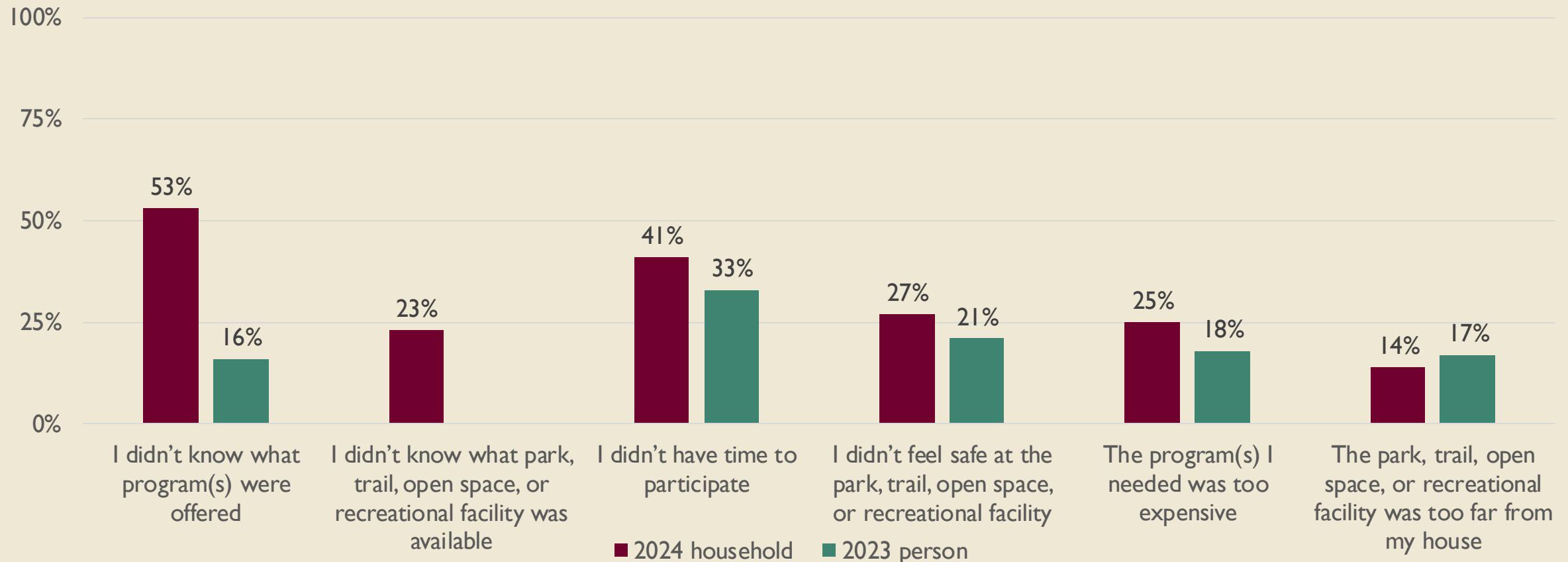
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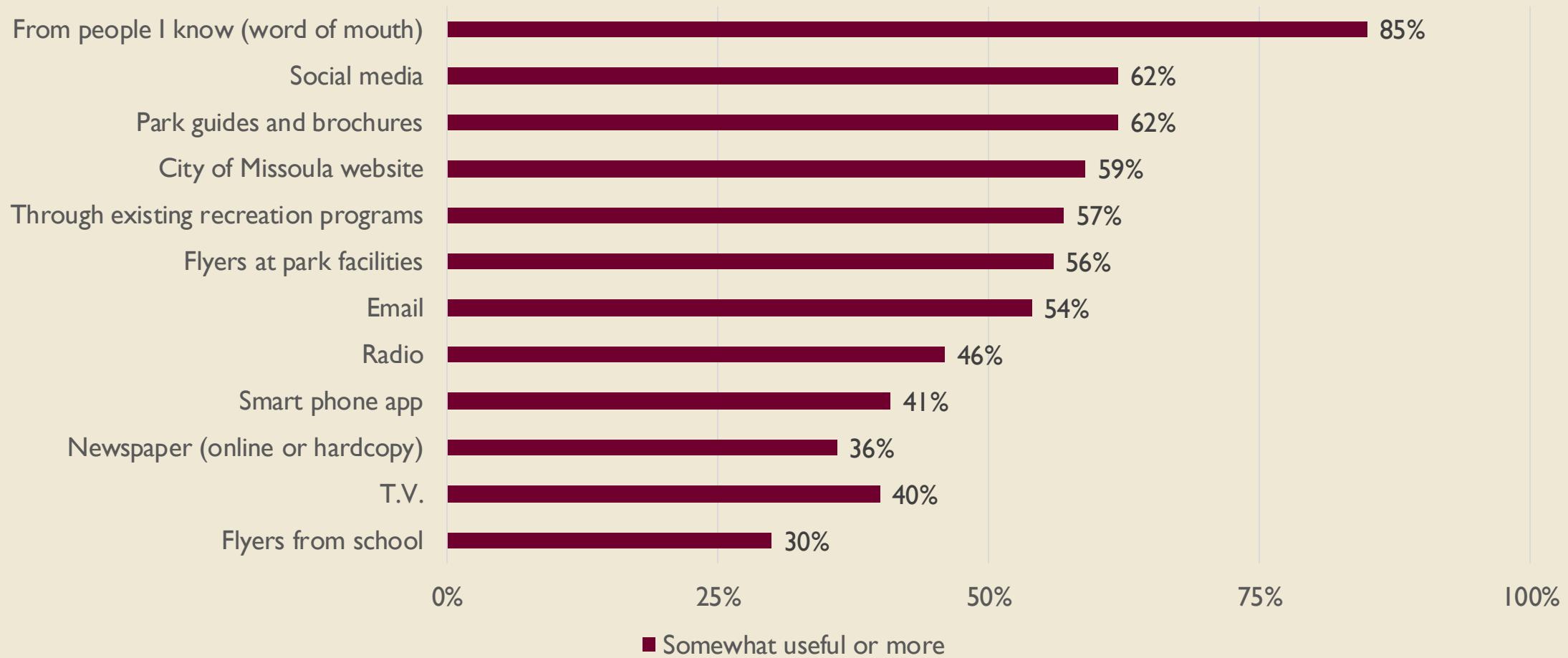
2024 Missoula-area experiences with barriers compared to 2023 United States experiences with barriers



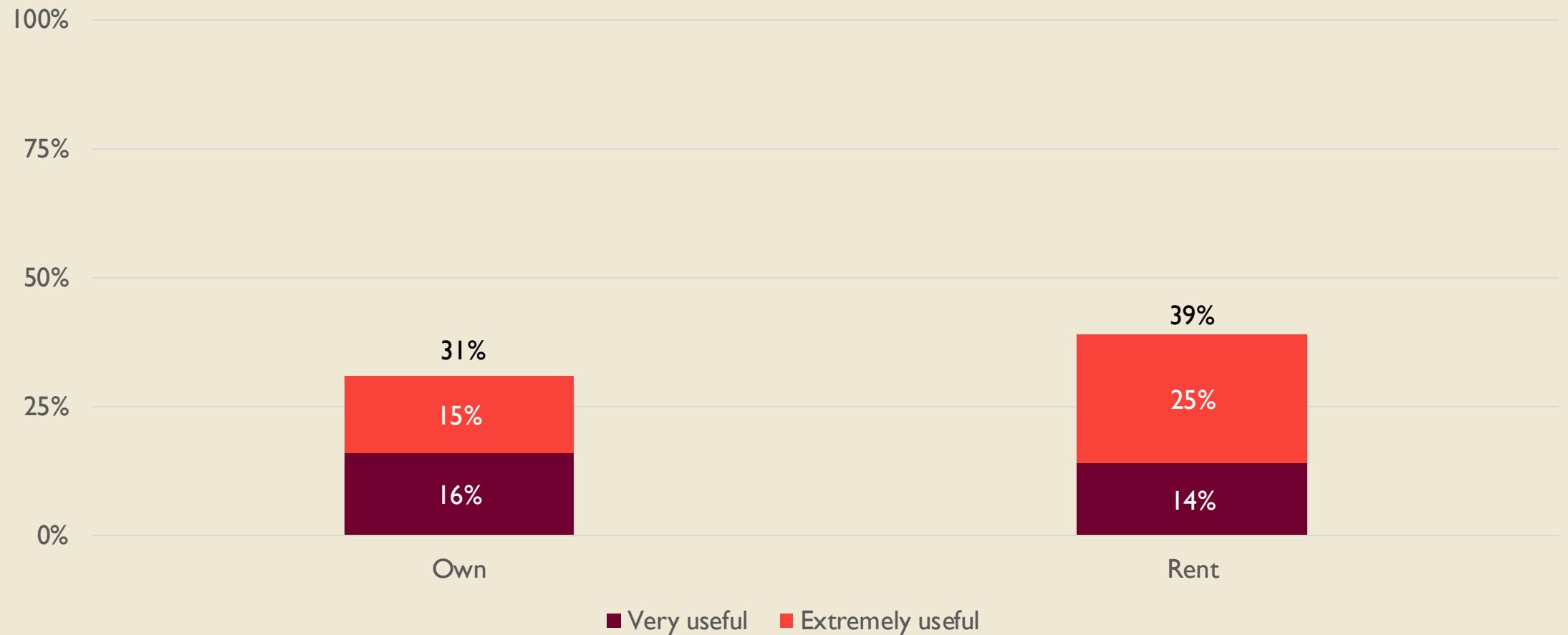
Source: National Recreation and Park Association. (2023). 2023 Engagement with Parks Report. Ashburn, VA: National Recreation and Park Association.

7. Communication channel usefulness

Usefulness of communication channels to a household



Usefulness of social media, by home ownership



Usefulness of communication channels – household trends

- 11 comparable types of communication channel between 2018 and 2024
- Communication channel questions changed in 2024 from 2018
- Ability to compare is limited
- Social media increased three places in rank from 2018 to 2024
- Flyers at park facilities increased three places in rank from 2018 to 2024
- Newspapers decreased five places in rank from 2018 to 2024
- Email decreased three places in rank from 2018 to 2024

8. Additional items emphasized

Additional items emphasized by residents

	Emphasized (% Missoula-area adults)
Enjoys parks or open spaces	4%
Enjoys trails	4%
Other positive or complimentary statement	11%
Neutral statement	1%
Maintenance or cleanliness improvements needed	15%
Homeless individuals/challenges and perceptions	13%
Improve safety, improve law, or rule enforcement	8%
Open or natural spaces improvements needed	8%
Programs or activities improvements needed	6%
Trail improvements needed	4%
Tax concerns	3%
Parking or traffic improvements needed	1%
Other improvements needed	10%

Additional items emphasized – resident trends

50 most used words in 2024

programs leash community
camping **recreation** year
thank cans
provide **homeless** good kids
used love people taxes
clean **make trails** better
great **keep parks** need places
dogs bike city work
time like **missoula** areas
protect family **safe** walk river
trash take **open** access many
facilities **public** live much

50 most used words in 2018

seem increase
time community
support love
money access make take
many open trails county
sports space live good
used area parks need property
year people like public
also lands city bike
road better recreation just feel
walk place facilities thank much
development maintenance

Artist-Led Engagement



Adults 55+

- Important to be able to stay active all year round, including during the winter
- Need for more restroom facilities and for restrooms to be open year round
- Would like more volunteer opportunities and would like to be involved in community
- Need a place nearby to get out and enjoy nature
- More covered places for picnics, gathering spaces, etc.
- Little spaces, like pocket parks, are important

Indigenous

- Want to see Indigenous cultures represented in Missoula
 - Plantings, like Bitterroot
 - Place names in Salish and Kootenai
- Work with Elders on important decisions
- Tell Indigenous stories through place
- Ensure that indigenous community members do not feel like visitors
- Resiliency and climate change is important



LGBTQIA+

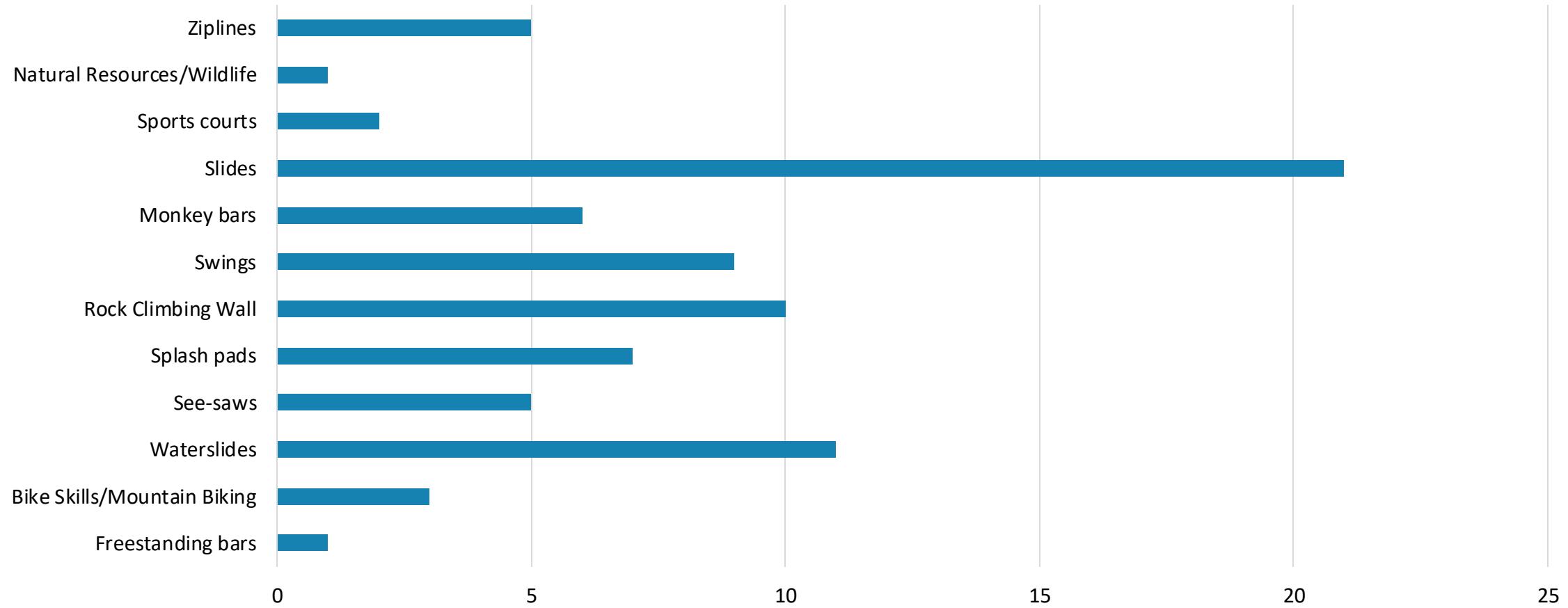
- Need for more adult-focused recreation
 - Adult recreation sports leagues
 - Adult focused aquatic times
 - Adult mixer events

LGBTQIA+

- Barriers around knowing what is happening
 - Parks and Rec website can be hard to navigate
 - Insurance requirements can present a barrier
 - Too many restrictions on rentals and cost is high



Youth





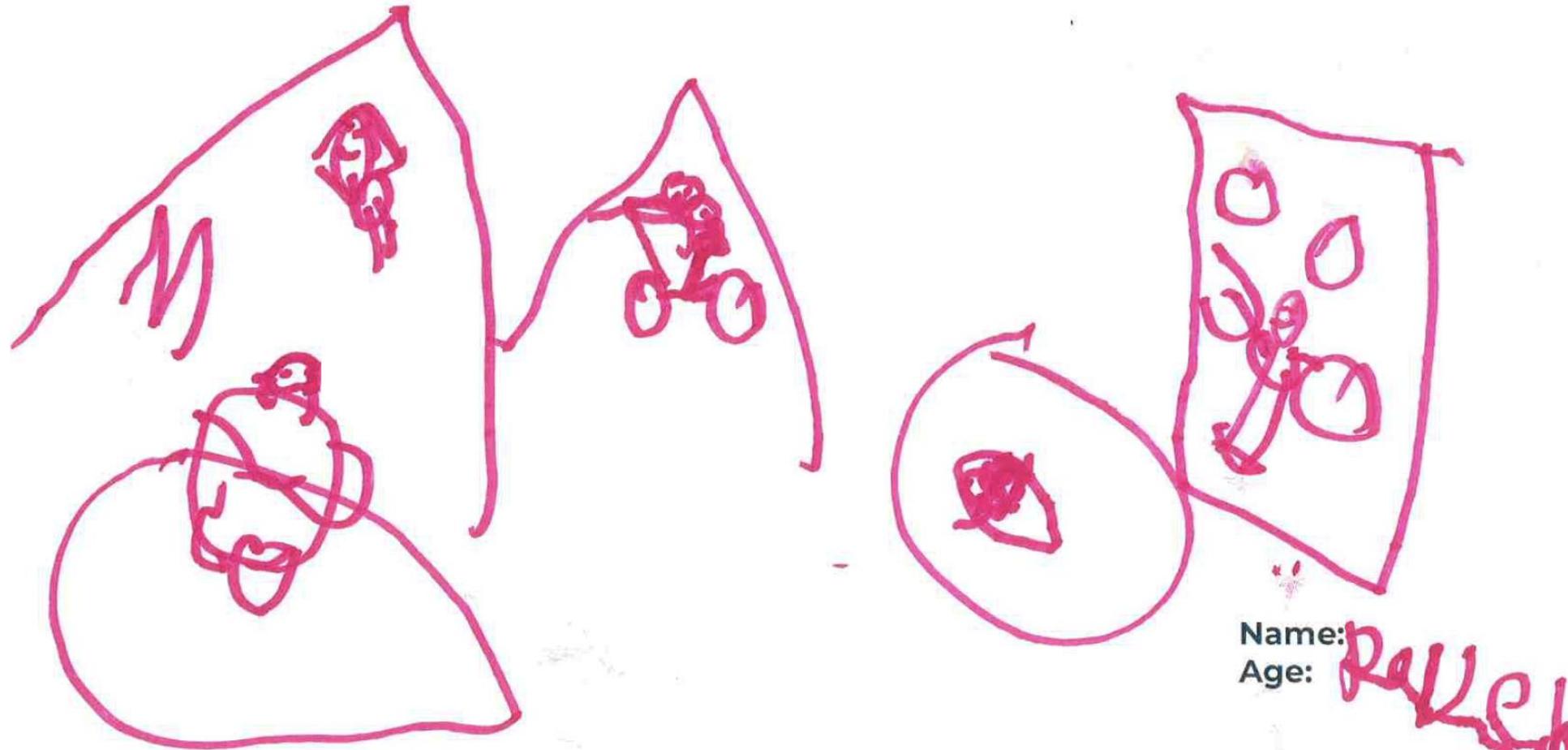
Genova, 8

hill to
roll down

picnic
table



I  Missoula Parks because...



Name: **Rakel**
Age:

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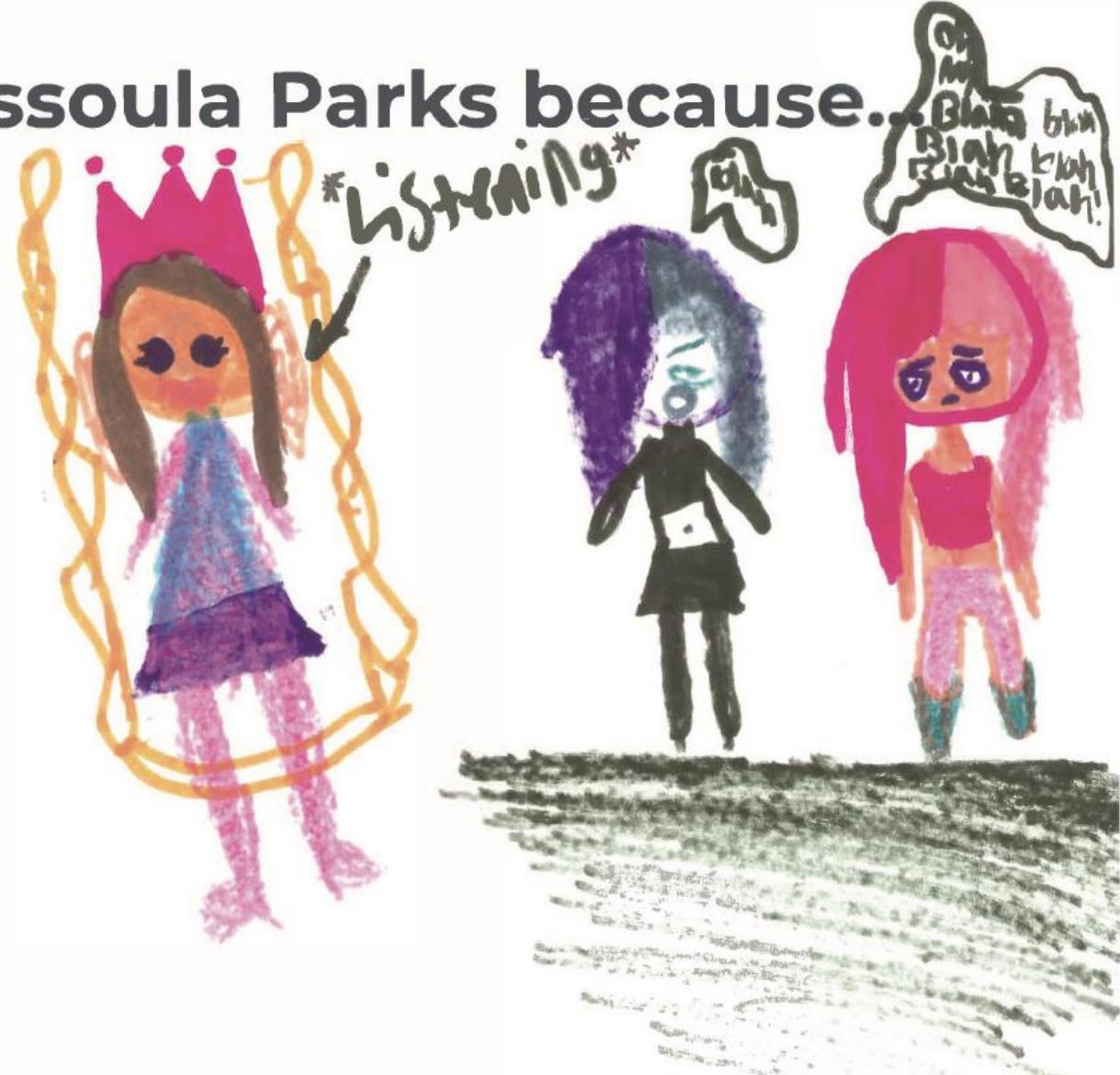
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I like going
swimming/snowshoeing
and I like
eavesdropping
on teen's
conversations!



Missoula Parks because...



Name: Lita
Age: 11

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I  **Missoula Parks because...**



Name:  **Alexis**
Age: 

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City of Missoula

water park
section

Estella
I ❤️ Missoula Parks because...

roller coaster

trampoline Section

Name:
Age:

Online Interactive Map



Online Interactive Map

- Online from February 2024 to January 2025
- Received 693 responses
- Respondents could put a point on the map and categorize it under one of the following categories:
 - I like it!
 - Needs improvement
 - New idea/proposed project



PROST INTERACTIVE MAP COMMENTS (Mar. '24-Dec. '24)

Comment	Feedback Type	Comment	Feedback Type	Comment	Feedback Type
I love taking my kids to Bonner Park ammenities are great and the spray deck is awesome	I like it!	trail needs maintenance, almost unridable	Needs improvement	Build an indoor neighborhood community center with plaza and incubator small business spaces.	New idea / proposed project
Love using this trail and appreciate maintenance on it (like weed removal)	I like it!	there needs to be a straight shot through this intersection and an actual trail connection to Clements. going through the school parking lot is unsafe and feels like trespassing	Needs improvement	Build an indoor neighborhood community center with plaza and incubator small business spaces.	New idea / proposed project
A big hug to the person who decided to place a playground under the Higgins Bridge. What a simple yet fantastic idea to make the area more pleasant. Keep up the good work!	I like it!	widen and enhance this crossing	Needs improvement	Build an indoor neighborhood community center with plaza and incubator small business spaces.	New idea / proposed project
Oh man, words can't express how much I love this elevated crosswalk. It's the only place in Missoula where I feel safe from the threat of being hit by a car. Keep up the good work!	I like it!	maintain this trail as a commuter path and create a defined connection back out to 39th through wapikiya	Needs improvement	Build an indoor neighborhood community center with plaza and incubator small business spaces.	New idea / proposed project
This portion of Pine Street exemplifies how all downtown area streets should look.	I like it!	create safe, obvious and intuitive connection between L&C trail and Gerald	Needs improvement	Build an indoor neighborhood community center with plaza and incubator small business spaces.	New idea / proposed project
thanks for the underpass!	I like it!	Add curb cut in parking lot or even better, bring trail all the way to Benton	Needs improvement	Build an indoor neighborhood community center with plaza and incubator small business spaces.	New idea / proposed project
the new Westside park playground is great!	I like it!	enhance crosswalk and add wayfinding to L&C trail	Needs improvement	Build an indoor neighborhood community center with plaza and incubator small business spaces.	New idea / proposed project
The riverfront trail offers a fantastic route for walking from downtown to campus. It's a shame we don't have an equivalent pathway connecting other neighborhoods to downtown.	I like it!	trail intersection and street access is awful. widen and place curb cuts where people actually want to travel	Needs improvement	Build an indoor neighborhood community center with plaza and incubator small business spaces.	New idea / proposed project
nothing like an indoor pool for winter fun.	I like it!	prohibit parking on west side of street - too many people crossing and people flying down Linda Vista is a recipe for a crash	Needs improvement	irrigated evergreen trees along I-90 to mitigate impact of noise and VOC polution on Northside residents	New idea / proposed project
I adore these trails. I just wish that walking here from the Northside was a more pleasant experience.	I like it!	move trail access to line up with crosswalk to school	Needs improvement	Move park/trail entrance east and bring trail along Vine to the west, add wide raised crosswalk into park	New idea / proposed project
I LOVE THIS BRIDGE! Biking and walking over from the Rattlesnake is a delight when I don't have to compete with cars! I feel peaceful, dignified, and connected using pedestrian bridges to cross the river and would love to see more like this!	I like it!	trail through here need to be widened and clearly defined, with curb ramps that serve people, and an enhanced crossing of Russell St at Ernest	Needs improvement	Create a ramp like a highway interchange to get up to the bridge. Existing route around bathrooms and up 4th is a little long/not intuitive	New idea / proposed project
The greenery around the creek by the park is great for the health of the creek!	I like it!	street intersection is overly wide and dangerous right next to a park that sees a lot of kids	Needs improvement	widen this area - it's a hang out spot - and add art, bike racks, seating, etc	New idea / proposed project
Great access trail to R'snake creek and federal public lands.	I like it!	more and better bike parking. updated curb ramps and parking enforcement (people block crosswalks regularly)	Needs improvement	widen and enhance this area	New idea / proposed project
Great access trail to Forest Service public lands.	I like it!	Connection from Front to trail is dangerous and not intuitive. widen trail and create continuous path from street to park	Needs improvement	if the main route next to the parking lot can't be improved, this section should be paved	New idea / proposed project
Great access trail to Forest Service public lands.	I like it!	connection from street to park is challenging for bikes	Needs improvement	redo irrigation to not spray over the trail (comment is for the entire Milwaukee and Silver Park sections)	New idea / proposed project
Great access trail to Forest Service public lands.	I like it!	widen and raise crosswalk. widen sidewalk to trail standards	Needs improvement	address this crossing with Russell project, make sure trail crossing is both safe for trail users AND accessible to people coming from/going to Russell St. A tunnel or bridge may be attractive, but also may signal to drivers that you can just speed through here	New idea / proposed project
Great access trail to Forest Service public lands.	I like it!	prohibit parking near trail and cars from driving on trail	Needs improvement	create a safe crossing here, widen sidewalk to trail width along Splash and complete trail to Russell/Ernest intersection	New idea / proposed project
Great access trail to Forest Service public lands.	I like it!	widen and smooth	Needs improvement	connect bridge to trail with a SUP	New idea / proposed project
Great access trail - local rec and bike commuter connection..	I like it!	too steep	Needs improvement	Connect N 1st out to N 2nd behind buildings to avoid narrow section of street	New idea / proposed project
Great access trail - local rec and bike commuter connection.	I like it!	improve this access point: widen, open sight lines	Needs improvement	eliminate the sidewalk and SB bike lane along Van Buren. move the right turn lane further east to create more separation from trail users. add protected intersection features and prohibit right turns on red. this is the single most dangerous location on the entire trail system	New idea / proposed project

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Probably the most important path/trail in the city!	I like it!	don't allow Double Tree to use this for loading, continue the trail that was started with the Madison project all the way to the underbridge	Needs improvement	I heard Parks is working on connecting the Milwaukee up this way. make sure it connects to both Mary Jane and George Elmer to serve these neighborhoods	New idea / proposed project
Very important trail/pathway footbridge connection for many users.	I like it!	widen landing, remove hostile architecture. accept that this is a hang out spot and make it nice	Needs improvement	new trail along base of I-90 to connect northside to Grant Creek	New idea / proposed project
Great Trail!	I like it!	no 2 people use this the same way. make the desired movements safer and more intuitive (make an actual trail, not a wide sidewalk)	Needs improvement	Bring trail all the way to this intersection	New idea / proposed project
Great single-track mtb trail system!	I like it!	widen the landing here to support trail users	Needs improvement	bring Lewis and Clark trail all the way to Benton, add enhanced crosswalk	New idea / proposed project
Great single-track mtb trail system!	I like it!	widen this pathway connection	Needs improvement	Create direct, safe, intuitive, attractive routes between regional parks (McCormick, Playfair, Ft Missoula)	New idea / proposed project
Great connection to USFS lands!	I like it!	needs maintenance and ideally greater separation from roadway	Needs improvement	create distinct trails and beach areas. as it is there are too many hiding spots to actually encourage "desirable" behavior	New idea / proposed project
Great trail system / connection!	I like it!	needs a safe way to get to Grant Creek trail	Needs improvement	Connect trail here out to Mullan (probably not room to stay along river past Mountain Supply)	New idea / proposed project
Great trail system!	I like it!	this trail is unusable. too narrow and too bumpy	Needs improvement	use slope to build a tunnel here	New idea / proposed project
Great trail!	I like it!	Either pave this all the way to golf course, or, if that is not feasible, at least redo it in decomposed granite. it is hard to bike or use a stroller	Needs improvement	add trail along Wilke St	New idea / proposed project
Great trail system!	I like it!	this parking lot requires people to back across traffic. redesign	Needs improvement	build a trail tunnel to connect potter park and grant creek	New idea / proposed project
Great trail system!	I like it!	widen and expand visibility at trail/california st intersection	Needs improvement	extend Grant Creek Trail, tunnel under RR tracks and connect to Mary Jane signal	New idea / proposed project
Great trail system!	I like it!	widen the little bridge here to accommodate commuter traffic	Needs improvement	Develop this golf course into high density housing serving multiple income levels with a mixture of supporting other businesses and services. too many golf courses already, not enough homes. the trail goes right to it, and the community is considering BRT along Brooks and that needs somewhere to end. This is the perfect spot. The original developer even offered to swap and build a replacement golf course. Make this happen!	New idea / proposed project
Great Trail!	I like it!	Reconsider how Mullan Rd works for people biking and walking. painted bike lanes and curbside sidewalks along 35mph+ traffic is not it. Consider the needs of people at Valor House, the prerelease, and other nearby multifamily developments, as well as people traveling between Sxwtpqyen and downtown	Needs improvement	build trail to connect Bitterroot to Blue Mtn, South Ave	New idea / proposed project
Great double track access trail!	I like it!	widen and maintain this trail connection - it is important for people who want to avoid N 5th St	Needs improvement	Would be great to have this trail linked up to the saddle	New idea / proposed project
Great double track access trail!	I like it!	close some of these driveways and improve remaining ones to make the trail more visible	Needs improvement	Be more proactive when encampments start cropping up along the river. We can do better at providing services to people in need. Services would include social work and medical outreach, trash receptacles, sharps receptacles, and portable restrooms and handwashing stations-at a minimum. My guess is this approach could save the city money in the long run compared to the strategy of letting camps fester then doing constant, expensive, repetitive eviction and cleanup efforts. They are here to stay.	New idea / proposed project
Great access trail!	I like it!	this trail is nice, but what purpose does it serve? not even sure how it can connect better, but it should	Needs improvement	Provide services for people in need. Medical and social work outreach and treatment, trash and sharps receptacles, portable toilets and handwashing stations-at a minimum. Bludgeoning vulnerable people with "rules" and "enforcement" isn't what solves this problem.	New idea / proposed project
Great bike/ped bridge / connection!	I like it!	Give the trail it's own signal phase. people drive like idiots here, and the Blue Mtn phase is way too short, so people gun it.	Needs improvement	More native planting and natural surface forested planting at silver park.	New idea / proposed project
Great trail system!	I like it!	Formalize this trail connection - it's the best way to get to Hawthorne school	Needs improvement	Highway 90 needs a wildlife bridge to connect the species to river and expand habitat.	New idea / proposed project

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Nice and practical trail connection.	I like it!	Tunnel is awful for pedestrians	Needs improvement	North side needs a Dog Park!!! This space is used like that but it is not completely in closed and was created as a baseball field. This should be converted to a dog park.	New idea / proposed project
City Drive: Wonderful shared use living street for all users.	I like it!	Bike lanes and better pedestrian access is very needed here.	Needs improvement	I LOVE the idea of making this area a groomed all-season (especially early & late season) ski trail. What a creative, forward-thinking, and sustainable way to make snow using treated water AND ensure recreation in the face of increasingly uncertain winter snow!	New idea / proposed project
A wonderful trail!	I like it!	Better native planting, trees, small trails and design for this park. It gets a lot of use and this will only increase with more development. It would be great if this was as well thought out and designed as westside park (for example).	Needs improvement	Construct natural looking barriers so off leash dogs can't disturb wildlife as easily.	New idea / proposed project
nice and wide through here - make the rest of the trail at least this wide	I like it!	There should be 90 degree corners on a trail - this isn't how people bike and walk. Design trails for efficient non-motorized travel	Needs improvement	So many irresponsible dog owners. Is there a way to increase enforcement?	New idea / proposed project
ROAD XING markings help. use them elsewhere	I like it!	Worst part of my commute. Very dangerous crossing.	Needs improvement	There is a critical gap from Alvina to Lolo for safe walking and biking between the Upper Rattlesnake and Downtown. We need a safe multi-use trail along Greenough preferably from Lolo to Spruce, but in the interim from Alvian to Lolo. It's only a matter of time til someone is killed walking or biking on the shoulder/bike gutter of Duncan Drive.	New idea / proposed project
this crossing is excellent and seems like it has more green time lately. would be great if it was on its own phase and not coinciding with the left turns	I like it!	Getting across Broadway by foot or bike is incredibly unsafe.	Needs improvement	Need a bike-ped bridge at Creek Crossing to link Lincoln Hills to the North Hills and facilitate nonmotorized communication between east and west side neighborhoods.	New idea / proposed project
the little curb cut to access McDonald and then Dore is great!	I like it!	needs a curb cut to helps bikes comging from/going to Jackson St	Needs improvement	Need to acquire a little bit of ROW/easement here so that people can (legally) go from Lincoln Hills to Fox Hollow Road. This is how kids from the tree streets neighborhood get to Rattlesnake Elementary.	New idea / proposed project
this connection from Holly to Missoula Ave is great	I like it!	The intersection at Phillips & Scott is horrible. Even minor improvements like repainting the crosswalk or adding a flashing crossing light would DRAMATICALLY help with traffic awareness of pedestrians.	Needs improvement	We need a better pedestrian connection between the Northside and the North Hills. Neighborhood residents are forced to go to either Coal Mine Road or to navigate the dangerous and car-centric Orange Street goat rodeo in order to access this great resource.	New idea / proposed project
this crosswalk is wide and the receiving trail on Agnes is nice. Would be great if Bridge kept it clear	I like it!	It is sketchy to walk down this road/trail with vehicles and bikes zooming by	Needs improvement	At grade bike-ped crossing between Northside and Downtown.	New idea / proposed project
New parking lot is incredible! wish there was a crosswalk across Greenough to get to it	I like it!	Dangerous bike/ped crossing with poor visibility	Needs improvement	Remove parking on the South side of the street and install a protected bike lane with a curb or plastic pylons to separate cars from bikes from pedestrians. This space is maybe 300' and would make the primary trail connection serving the neighborhood safe for a very low cost.	New idea / proposed project
great trail! can you add a crosswalk across Grant Creek to get to it?	I like it!	Dangerous bike/ped crossing with poor visibility	Needs improvement	Lighting, repairing the chain link fence, and extending barricades further up the sidewalks on the inclines to create a safer experience, murals to beautify, etc. would all be helpful. The bare minimum would be sweeping and power washing these spaces bi-annually.	New idea / proposed project
I love the grafiti at the California st bridge	I like it!	Dangerous bike/ped area	Needs improvement	Create a marked, painted, crosswalk that connects the park spaces. Make it bright, colorful, artistic. Please include speed bumps to force drivers to slow down.	New idea / proposed project
I love all the community activities here	I like it!	Spruce street needs separated bike lane. Could easily just divide street in half with a boulevard/parkway, have one side be narrow two way road, the other side bike/ped.	Needs improvement	Build two full sized sport courts. This basketball court is full during summer weather and additional hoops with some kid height rims would help this neighborhood a ton.	New idea / proposed project
Running on the river trail is so fun.	I like it!	Traffic calming needed!!	Needs improvement	Sound wall like the RS. The next time improves are made to the Orange Street ramps please provide this to the NS like the lower RS as a means of mitigating the noise of the interstate. The neighborhood will be far more livable and welcoming to increased density with better amenities.	New idea / proposed project

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I love picnicking here!	I like it!	More trees needed	Needs improvement	Holmes is the longest N-S connection that touches the far north end, the park, and the greenway trail which leads to the bridge and downtown. It has been identified as a bike greenway but only has one roundabout. Please make this a high functioning bike corridor. Investing in infrastructure (low cost roundabouts, striping, signage) on this one street would ensure the majority of Northside residents are within 3-4 blocks of a safe greenway. That connection through the NH and to the city is huge.	New idea / proposed project
The updated play equipment is very nice	I like it!	Trail narrow and in disrepair	Needs improvement	Could this park be a gateway between the community and the greenway? This is a sad space that could be a real wonderful connection point to the only NS Greenway.	New idea / proposed project
Love this trail! Though I'm worried about off leash dogs I've seen disturbing wildlife.	I like it!	Dangerous intersection	Needs improvement	Could a path be built that would allow pedestrians and cyclists to have separation from the road? Traffic routinely hits 35-40 given the landscape/environment. This connection to the RS and Greenough is critical for green space access.	New idea / proposed project
There are possibilities for a great winter sledding park here if accommodation for the runout could be worked out.	I like it!	Incredibly dangerous intersection	Needs improvement	The intersection between Van Buren street and Front street should be closed permanently to cars, and turned into a dedicated & protected bike/ped path. The press box parking lot access from Van Buren should also be closed.	New idea / proposed project
This part of the trail is safe and pretty	I like it!	Better pedestrian/trail access. Currently you have to go all the way up the long gross paved driveway next to cars... why can't there be a beautiful separate walking trail?	Needs improvement	Bike/ped bridge over Broadway!	New idea / proposed project
Excellent example of continuous sidewalk/raised crosswalk providing natural traffic calming and ped/bike safety	I like it!	Dog waste issues. Dog waste bin should be 100-200m up trail so that when dogs go poop (which they tend to do within the first 100-200m of a walk), owners have a place to put it rather than being expected to carry for their entire walk.	Needs improvement	Bike/ped underpass beneath broadway (along the creek)	New idea / proposed project
Great as a dog friendly area	I like it!	Dog waste issues. Dog waste bin should be 100-200m up trail so that when dogs go poop (which they tend to do within the first 100-200m of a walk), owners have a place to put it rather than being expected to carry for their entire walk.	Needs improvement	Bike/ped trail beneath the railroad - ideally would follow the creek starting at south end of Greenough and connect all the way to the Clark Fork with no road crossings required	New idea / proposed project
Great neighborhood park	I like it!	Clearer signage regarding no bikes on trails	Needs improvement	Continuous sidewalk (or elevated crosswalk) for better bike/ped protection	New idea / proposed project
Awesome trail for commuting and enjoying the park!	I like it!	Clearer signage throughout Greenough (and city) about no off-leash dogs except where explicitly permitted	Needs improvement	Make the bike/ped crossing here! and create a continuous path from here under the interstate	New idea / proposed project
Beautiful trail	I like it!	Sketchy bike/ped intersection	Needs improvement	Bike/ped path that connects city land to north and south so users don't have to go up to Duncan Drive	New idea / proposed project
These kinds of trails are why I live in Missoula	I like it!	Bike/ped lane on bridge is "wavy" and poorly installed	Needs improvement	Traffic reroute/protected bike/ped option here	New idea / proposed project
Quast Ditch forever!! The Quast Ditch Boys provide mowing and brushing.	I like it!	It feels like only a matter of time before a person or pet gets run over here. Drivers on Cooley go SO fast and with the gardens right there and no crosswalk...yikes!	Needs improvement	Connection from Jackson to Missoula Ave (please work with property owners or use eminent domain to achieve this)	New idea / proposed project
What's the deal with this parcel?????	I like it!	Addition of MRL Park is much appreciated but F2F still needs much more green space per capita! Consider pocket parks and investing in benches, trees, planters, etc. along Neighborways/greenways as a cost-effective way to increase public spaces.	Needs improvement	Perfect location for a completely raised/elevated intersection (ie, like elevated crosswalk but the whole intersection)	New idea / proposed project
I love the development of this new park, but I would like to see the plan emphasize native grasses as opposed to turf fields to preserve bird habitat.	I like it!	Signage and amenities (benches, picnic table, etc.) are needed for people to know that this is public, not private land.	Needs improvement	Make there be an official interesting trail down through here	New idea / proposed project
The push-button lights flash crosswalk here is excellent; It easily helps pedestrians cross while not limiting traffic too much.	I like it!	Let the kids build their jumps.	Needs improvement	Elevated crosswalk/continuous sidewalk	New idea / proposed project
I really appreciate the flashing Ped crossing lights here!	I like it!	This is a very scary intersection for pedestrians because it is obstructed by vegetation and offset from the stop sign to Mullan. Vehicles can't see pedestrians and stop 100' past the pedestrian intersection.	Needs improvement	Elevated crosswalk/continuous sidewalk	New idea / proposed project

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Preserved native prairie is refreshing! Paths are well maintained even in winter.	I like it!	often see illegal bike tracks; please continue to keep some places for peds only	Needs improvement	Elevated crosswalk/continuous sidewalk	New idea / proposed project
well maintained turf and recreation areas, and milwaukee path	I like it!	City's fence along Rattlesnake Drive on city conservation lands is down and needs repair.	Needs improvement	Elevated crosswalk/continuous sidewalk	New idea / proposed project
well maintained turf and recreation areas and milwaukee path	I like it!	Obscene parcel!! Please change.	Needs improvement	Elevated crosswalk/continuous sidewalk	New idea / proposed project
Beautiful public park with green areas, river access, downtown access, walking bridge access, playground, community events like music and farmers markets, and paved trails!	I like it!	There is a growing tent camp here with an expected growing impact on the small area with a few remaining trees. This area cannot support this form of impact and will be destroyed quite quickly. No public bathrooms nearby means our trail system becomes the bathroom. I watched a man poop here a few days ago.	Needs improvement	Elevated crosswalk/continuous sidewalk	New idea / proposed project
Great foresty nature area with walking paths and native wildlife	I like it!	I would love to have one of the crossings with flashing lights here, and to have the crosswalk painted better	Needs improvement	Elevated crosswalk/continuous sidewalk	New idea / proposed project
great educational and sustainable garden with native plants	I like it!	Please add flashing lights for the crossing here	Needs improvement	Bike ramps (those little grooves on the stairs to help a bike go up & down)	New idea / proposed project
several interconnecting paths for scenic options and variation for regular trail users	I like it!	Dog Park needs serious maintenance, adding wood chips throughout the park. Presently most of the wood chip surface has disintegrated into mud when it's raining, and dust when it's dry. It's been several years since any wood chips were added.	Needs improvement	Bike ramps (those little grooves on the stairs to help a bike go up & down)	New idea / proposed project
Beautiful native flora and trails; very peaceful	I like it!	Please add a bench to the inside of the large dog park at the west entrance. There is already seating at the east entrance. Those of us who are older would like to be able to sit inside the park to watch our dogs at this end of the park.	Needs improvement	Continuous sidewalk/elevated crosswalk	New idea / proposed project
bike/ped bridge great way to bypass busy unsafe reserve St! A little steep for biking up; something to consider for future bridges.	I like it!	Can this park PLEASE have a splash pad and some shade options? PLEASE?!	Needs improvement	Continuous sidewalk/elevated crosswalk	New idea / proposed project
I like Jeffery Park just the way it is. It's a well-used park, and I love its openness. I would not want to see it developed and filled up with courts and other things as are on its master plan. It's surrounded by natural beauty, so keep it natural as it is.	I like it!	This intersection is hard to get through by bike or on foot, making access to the riverside trails	Needs improvement	Continuous sidewalk/elevated crosswalk	New idea / proposed project
8th street pocket park is awesome!	I like it!	Need some kind of connection between the gravel trails and the paved parking space behind Officer's Row for bike commutes	Needs improvement	Continuous sidewalk/elevated crosswalk	New idea / proposed project
Bonner is a fantastic park. Love the variety of activities from the bandshell to playground and sports courts and splash deck. The playground needs more shade, though! Nearly impossible for kids to play mid-day most of the summer.	I like it!	green space dead zone	Needs improvement	Continuous sidewalk/elevated crosswalk	New idea / proposed project
So thankful for the Poverello Pier. Now I can finally shoot up and defecate in peace.	I like it!	so-called "greenway" is just as ignored as any other street in this neighborhood. Actually make it a safe desirable route for biking etc. and actually more "green" (via plants, clear bike signage, safe crossing across South, etc.)	Needs improvement	Continuous sidewalk/elevated crosswalk	New idea / proposed project
There is a trail here that comes up from Wapikia park, I like it, but never sure if it should be changed in a way to reduce erosion	I like it!	green space dead zone	Needs improvement	Continuous sidewalk/elevated crosswalk	New idea / proposed project
This is an amazing trail, worry about erosion	I like it!	Extend/connect this trail to be a length usable by trail runners; feels like an isolated trail from nowhere to nowhere	Needs improvement	Continuous sidewalk/elevated crosswalk	New idea / proposed project
I love bringing my dog to this park, I think a small sign would note that it is a park	I like it!	paved trail suddenly ends, making it difficult for bicyclists to connect to elsewhere or even reach the intersection safely (lots of car traffic merging in this area)	Needs improvement	Continuous sidewalk/elevated crosswalk	New idea / proposed project
I run this every week and see multiple people use this trail.	I like it!	lots of potholes/cracks/uneven surfaces that bike line runs right through	Needs improvement	I think turning this intersection into a 4-way stop could cheaply and effectively improve the safety of this area.	New idea / proposed project
I'm so grateful for this connector. However a bin for dog poop would be a huge improvement.	I like it!	bike lane vanishes and cars are not prepared to share space with them	Needs improvement	Acquire - adjacent to Franklin Park - property for an indoor neighborhood community center with plaza and incubator small business spaces.	New idea / proposed project
This is the most awesome trail and I'm so grateful it was built and serves the Missoula Community.	I like it!	bike lane is used as a spot for roadwork and warning signs when companies are doing work (eg. recent road or ditch projects)	Needs improvement	Acquire - adjacent to MRL Park - property for an indoor neighborhood community center with plaza and incubator small business spaces.	New idea / proposed project

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This is a great trail that I run all the time when I'm near the University.	I like it!	Improve and enlarge playground and institute traffic calming/buffer along Stephens/Orange	Needs improvement	Add separated bike trail to connect between Flynn and Reserve. Biking on the shoulder - either east or west bound - is miserable and dangerous.	New idea / proposed project
I love Pineview Park ice skating rink! But its entirely volunteer-led which is exhausting! Glad it receives funds from the City for maintenance...Meanwhile, would be great to have another rink somewhere that is slightly higher in elevation like Pineview and is similarly shaded, somewhere else in town, to spread out the demand!	I like it!	Create buffer/traffic calming at stephens to provide safety and separation to west side of the park.	Needs improvement	Transitioning from the sidewalk to the marked bike lane on the southside of Mullan needs improvement. It is currently terrifying to do at 7 am!	New idea / proposed project
Looking forward to when this is opened to the public? When will that be?	I like it!	Natural barrier between park & Stephens for safety	Needs improvement	It would be so cool to see this converted to a pedestrian/bike path to connect to Deschamps Lane!	New idea / proposed project
I love the Bancroft Ponds natural area. I'm wondering if there is any plan to replace some of the cottonwoods we're losing in this area as that seems like it would be native to this location.	I like it!	Natural barrier between splash pad and neighbor's residence	Needs improvement	We need some sort of pedestrian crossing/trail to connect Flynn to Expressway	New idea / proposed project
Love the connector trail here!	I like it!	Expanded play areas for our neighborhood kids of all ages	Needs improvement	Shopping for this area. Grocery in particular	New idea / proposed project
Love having a parallel path up Greenough Dr that's away from traffic and feels less steep.	I like it!	Create a buffer between park and road	Needs improvement	Bike /Ped bridge connecting to Red Fox creating a Bike loop and alternative route into Missoula via Lower Miller Creek / Bronco	New idea / proposed project
Despite global warming, Missoula has a really long winter. Building out a facility at Currents that would include cultural dance and performance spaces and gyms would be assets to the people of Missoula.	I like it!	expand playground, more benches/places to just hang out	Needs improvement	Bike /Ped bridge connecting to Red Fox creating a Bike loop and alternative route into Missoula via Lower Miller Creek / Bronco	New idea / proposed project
love this park. the kids needed this place for decades. can we do more of them?	I like it!	improve and enlarge playground	Needs improvement	Bike /Ped bridge connecting to Red Fox creating a Bike loop and alternative route into Missoula via Lower Miller Creek / Bronco	New idea / proposed project
More trails up here> these are great! keep it up!!	I like it!	create buffer between park and Orange/Stephens	Needs improvement	Bike /Ped bridge connecting to Red Fox creating a Bike loop and alternative route into Missoula via Lower Miller Creek / Bronco	New idea / proposed project
We love the pavilion and all of the little shelters at Silver Park. Would really like to see more events held here.	I like it!	some kind of safety barrier to provide more separation from cars and park users	Needs improvement	Bike /Ped bridge connecting to Red Fox creating a Bike loop and alternative route into Missoula via Lower Miller Creek / Bronco	New idea / proposed project
Really love the trailhead parking and naturalized landscaping improvements. As a dog owner, I also appreciated the signs for leashing dogs and using extra caution when the more fragile native plants are in bloom.	I like it!	better and safer surface of spray deck so children don't instantly hurt themselves falling; improved features to the spray deck but keep the turtles; safer barrier or way to cross between Sacajawea main play area and spray deck to keep cars from speeding down Chestnut.	Needs improvement	Bike /Ped bridge connecting to Red Fox creating a Bike loop and alternative route into Missoula via Lower Miller Creek / Bronco	New idea / proposed project
I hope this continues being as well maintained as it has been. It's a great place for a meditative walk, impromptu XC skiing in winter, and one of the few on leash walks outside of city parks.	I like it!	updated play area including more accessible swings. Current swings are way too high and flimsy, could cause instant injury for kids 6 and under; could expand the swingset as well	Needs improvement	Bike /Ped bridge connecting to Red Fox creating a Bike loop and alternative route into Missoula via Lower Miller Creek / Bronco	New idea / proposed project
I appreciate that this is a bike-free area.	I like it!	would love to see a natural area for littles 0-5 to practice biking; like a smaller pump track maybe? The open space is great, but without safety precautions, it's not widely used by anyone with littles or dogs.	Needs improvement	Bike /Ped bridge connecting to Red Fox creating a Bike loop and alternative route into Missoula via Lower Miller Creek / Bronco	New idea / proposed project
Love love love the russell underpass!	I like it!	better facilities for encouraging picnicking. covered area as when it heats up, there is NO SHADE	Needs improvement	Bike /Ped bridge connecting to Red Fox creating a Bike loop and alternative route into Missoula via Lower Miller Creek / Bronco	New idea / proposed project
I love Bonner Park! I do wish the playground had more shade!	I like it!	Widen this curb cut and trail to get bikes off Orange St	Needs improvement	Bike /Ped bridge connecting to Red Fox creating a Bike loop and alternative route into Missoula via Lower Miller Creek / Bronco	New idea / proposed project
The elevated crosswalk here is fantastic. I feel so safe using it on my bicycle. Can every crosswalk in the city look like this please? Contrast this with the crossing of 5th/6th streets on Gerald's "neighborhood greenway"	I like it!	This crossing needs flashers immediately. It is unsafe.	Needs improvement	Bike /Ped bridge connecting to Red Fox creating a Bike loop and alternative route into Missoula via Lower Miller Creek / Bronco	New idea / proposed project
I love splash montana, I do wish that there was some established capacity rules. It feels somewhat dangerous sometimes with the number of people in the pool	I like it!	please install a slide that younger kids can use. The ladder slide prevents kids from using it	Needs improvement	Bike /Ped bridge connecting to Red Fox creating a Bike loop and alternative route into Missoula via Lower Miller Creek / Bronco	New idea / proposed project
This undeveloped 2.5-acre parcel desperately needs infrastructure for the growing number of young children in the neighborhood. Adjacent residents have been working to build a park here for more than 7 years. It is nothing more than a field of noxious weeds at the moment.	Needs improvement	The Lewis & Clark Trail connects people from downtown to Splash Montana via Gerald Ave and needs to be better highlighted. This includes a clear and accessible entrance from South Ave, widening and separation from the parking lot (and not being used for porta potties during events at Dornblaser), and clear accessible connections to Higgins/Benton.	Needs improvement	Bike /Ped bridge connecting to Red Fox creating a Bike loop and alternative route into Missoula via Lower Miller Creek / Bronco	New idea / proposed project
Need a better and safer bicycle and pedestrian connector between Fairgrounds and Bitterroot trail.	Needs improvement	Why is this trail here?	Needs improvement	Bike /Ped bridge connecting to Red Fox creating a Bike loop and alternative route into Missoula via Lower Miller Creek / Bronco	New idea / proposed project

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Better utilization of Bitterroot Trail. More connectors needed. Safer than adding bike lane capacity to Brooks.	Needs improvement	There needs to be direct route, maintained to the highest level, from Post Siding Rd to the NW corner of Ft Missoula	Needs improvement	Bike /Ped bridge connecting to Red Fox creating a Bike loop and alternative route into Missoula via Lower Miller Creek / Bronco	New idea / proposed project
Improved river access for recreation that does not destroy river banks or native vegetation.	Needs improvement	tree roots creating dangerous trail conditions at this spot	Needs improvement	Bike /Ped bridge connecting to Red Fox creating a Bike loop and alternative route into Missoula via Lower Miller Creek / Bronco	New idea / proposed project
I think some signage at the south end of this trail would help keep people off private lands.	Needs improvement	No real green space by this new development	Needs improvement	Bike /Ped bridge connecting to Red Fox creating a Bike loop and alternative route into Missoula via Lower Miller Creek	New idea / proposed project
While I very much enjoy this trail I wish it would connect to a larger trail system. Might be able to connect to University Greenhouses?	Needs improvement	Reserve is a huge barrier to bicycle commuting. need more safe crossings in convenient locations	Needs improvement	Bike /Ped bridge connecting to Red Fox creating a Bike loop and alternative route into Missoula via Lower Miller Creek / Bronco	New idea / proposed project
Social trails are a big issue in this area, please rehabilitate and close unauthorized trails.	Needs improvement	connect Ron's River Trail	Needs improvement	Bike /Ped bridge connecting to Red Fox creating a Bike loop and alternative route into Missoula via Lower Miller Creek	New idea / proposed project
Lighting please! It's always a little scary to bike home in the dark along this section of trail.	Needs improvement	connect Ron's River Trail along the river	Needs improvement	Bike /Ped bridge connecting to Red Fox creating a Bike loop and alternative route into Missoula via Lower Miller Creek / Bronco	New idea / proposed project
Bike lanes for commuters would allow people to feel safe biking on Higgins.	Needs improvement	connect Ron's River Trail	Needs improvement	Bike /Ped bridge connecting to Red Fox creating a Bike loop and alternative route into Missoula via Lower Miller Creek / Bronco	New idea / proposed project
Suggest having pedestrian button and flashing lighted signs here, seems dangerous at times to cross busy Russell St.	Needs improvement	extend Ron's River Trail to East Missoula	Needs improvement	Use rail bridge to create a Bike / Ped extension of Kim Williams into Bonner — for commuting and safe bike route to and from Missoula. Suggest paving one side of the trail to delineate and make useful one side for bikes and using decomposed granite (DG) for ped use.	New idea / proposed project
This park is completely undeveloped and I never see anyone in it. It would be great to understand from neighbors what development, if any, would be desirable. I have love kids and would love a nearby playground.	Needs improvement	Re-Route the "backbone" trail to a sustainable and comfortable grade	Needs improvement	Use rail bridge to create a Bike / Ped extension of Kim Williams into Bonner — for commuting and safe bike route to and from Missoula. Suggest paving one side of the trail to delineate and make useful one side for bikes and using decomposed granite (DG) for ped use.	New idea / proposed project
I have walked by here many times and never realized access to a park was this way. It looks like a private road.	Needs improvement	Plan future trail connection from Grant Creek to Rattlesnake that allows Bicycles	Needs improvement	Use rail bridge to create a Bike / Ped extension of Kim Williams into Bonner — for commuting and safe bike route to and from Missoula. Suggest paving one side of the trail to delineate and make useful one side for bikes and using decomposed granite (DG) for ped use.	New idea / proposed project
This part of the trail is often overgrown so additional maintenance would be great	Needs improvement	Extend Grant Creek Trail	Needs improvement	Use rail bridge to create a Bike / Ped extension of Kim Williams into Bonner — for commuting and safe bike route to and from Missoula. Suggest paving one side of the trail to delineate and make useful one side for bikes and using decomposed granite (DG) for ped use.	New idea / proposed project
It took me months to realize this gated area was public. A sign would be great!	Needs improvement	Trail too narrow here with curve and limited site line	Needs improvement	Use rail bridge to create a Bike / Ped extension of Kim Williams into Bonner — for commuting and safe bike route to and from Missoula. Suggest paving one side of the trail to delineate and make useful one side for bikes and using decomposed granite (DG) for ped use.	New idea / proposed project
There is an informal, HOA managed trail here that connects to neighborhood to Mtn View Drive and then on to the school. This is a very, very important connection for school routes and neighborhood connectivity. It is hard for the public to interact with the neighbors on what is essentially private land. The City should obtain a trail easement here and manage this important connection.	Needs improvement	Remove turf grass between trail and riverbank. Restore riparian zone with native plants, and leave the turf grass for the larger areas to the south of the trail. Less maintenance and more biodiversity!	Needs improvement	Use rail bridge to create a Bike / Ped extension of Kim Williams into Bonner — for commuting and safe bike route to and from Missoula. Suggest paving one side of the trail to delineate and make useful one side for bikes and using decomposed granite (DG) for ped use.	New idea / proposed project
Greenough Park, so close to the Northside, yet walking there is one of the worst experiences ever. One has to cross a road with fast-moving cars coming from four different directions.	Needs improvement	Please fill in the old ditch and add trees! The trail feels exposed, and very obviously feels like a flood berm and unnatural.	Needs improvement	Use rail bridge to create a Bike / Ped extension of Kim Williams into Bonner — for commuting and safe bike route to and from Missoula. Suggest paving one side of the trail to delineate and make useful one side for bikes and using decomposed granite (DG) for ped use.	New idea / proposed project
Walking from the Northside to Westside Park via Scott Bridge is an experience I wouldn't recommend, especially if you have small children. It's astonishing that we allow fast-moving cars so close to parks and schools.	Needs improvement	Shmautz Park is currently designated to have Disc Golf amenities. I propose creating a youth/beginner focused DG course at Shmautz. There is adequate space in this park to serve this purpose. We need a beginner focused DG amenity accessible to folks in town.	Needs improvement	separate bikeway on broadway with landscaping for safety and beautifying the route that is a gateway to Missoula	New idea / proposed project

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This is the saddest park I've ever seen, always empty. I guess its proximity to the dreadful Scott Street has its impact.	Needs improvement	Winter Disc Golf Course needs improvement. Design of the course was to utilize the existing paths to throw from but the basket placements should be roughly perpendicular to those paths so that there is less user conflict than the current course layout provides. There are a lot of parallel-to-path throws that could be altered to improve the experience for DG users and non DG users alike.	Needs improvement	Let's finally connect the river trail on the north side of the river all the way from Orange St to California! Having a safe walking and biking route here would really make it possible to get safely through the core of town while avoiding busy roads.	New idea / proposed project
Having a highway—sorry, I meant a street—like Cooley next to parks and community gardens should be considered a crime.	Needs improvement	The tunnel is a huge barrier to moving to/from the North side. The sidewalk is far too narrow for people, much less for bikes and people (and biking on the road through the tunnel is often NOT a safe option). Lighting is abysmally insufficient and it is frequently dark and dank with a leaky spot in the middle of the sidewalk.	Needs improvement	Multi use path	New idea / proposed project
Post Siding road would be a good candidate for a multi use path. Plenty of space and a connector for the bitterroot trail to the fort Missoula area and the neighborhood west of reserve	Needs improvement	steep and icy in the winter	Needs improvement	Multi use trail	New idea / proposed project
A traffic light, PLEASE! Crossing here is a nightmare, yet it's the route from the riverfront trail to the pedestrian bridge.	Needs improvement	Signage perhaps could help curb the number of cyclists who come off the bridge and stay on their bikes on this busy pedestrian filled sidewalk	Needs improvement	Multi use trail	New idea / proposed project
Why do we need a road with the width and curvature of an F1/NASCAR circuit? Biking from the pedestrian bridge to the bike path is extremely dangerous here, as the fast-moving cars coming towards you are not visible	Needs improvement	For 10 years, the neighborhood leadership team has tried to develop this park. There is a plan design on file, which was created through two all neighborhood planning sessions and then approved by the city's parks board. The only thing missing is any kind of interest from the Ward reps or city officials to actually fund the \$1 million it would supposedly cost to build this park. For now, it's a field of noxious weeds and sick bike jumps. Thanks Donna, et al.	Needs improvement	Family park	New idea / proposed project
What is the point of having a bike lane if cars are going to park on it all the time?	Needs improvement	The city irrigates this and mows the grass yet there is no signage indicating that this is a public space. The neighborhood leadership team has tried for years to get parks and conservation lands to post access signs at the easements, yet they refused. Love you, too, guys!	Needs improvement	Family park	New idea / proposed project
A highway through downtown—what a great idea to make Missoula more walkable!	Needs improvement	What a waste of space. This could be such a great park, and guess what? It already has a neighborhood approved design that doesn't include the old repeater tower double as a raccoon brothel. Maybe the city could let some of those tax dollars trickle down to us peasants?	Needs improvement	Complete trail to border	New idea / proposed project
If all this parking were removed, Caras Park would be much greater. All the parked cars really detract from the park's beauty!	Needs improvement	Bridge across seasonal creek is broken	Needs improvement	Open the rail bridge to pedestrians & cyclists, and integrate it in with a river trail that connects all the way to California St. on the north side of the river.	New idea / proposed project
Another useless park, always empty. It makes sense, considering the only thing next to it is an ugly parking lot.	Needs improvement	Private tree overhangs the access to this trail, encourages travelers to be on that persons private property to avoid hanging branches	Needs improvement	Opening access to this area via bridge / extension of Milwaukee Trail would be so nice!	New idea / proposed project
Zero benches along our main downtown street! I suppose if our elderly get tired, they're expected to sit on the ground.	Needs improvement	Walmart has trees hanging low over this sidewalk pushing walkers/runners into the road	Needs improvement	Connector Trail from Larch Camp trails to Barmeyer/HWH Trails - this would allow amazing rim hikes.	New idea / proposed project
Why on earth are cars allowed to drive through this trail?	Needs improvement	accident waiting to happen with so many vehicles turning left hear, as a shortcut into miller creak	Needs improvement	Would it be possible to paint the road way here in some way to indicate to drivers that this is a pedestrian & bike crossing?	New idea / proposed project
another useless park.	Needs improvement	This is an amazing trail, but could be better, especially around this tight corner	Needs improvement	Would a roundabout be possible here, or is the intersection too small? Maybe even a light is needed.	New idea / proposed project
This entire shopping area is incredibly unwelcoming to cyclists and bus riders. Walking from one shop to another is a dreadful experience. Everything is designed for cars—no crosswalks, no traffic lights, nothing!	Needs improvement	Love the bridge used to have de-icers and a couple broke, then all turned off and now it is an issue for a lot more of the bridge	Needs improvement	A better way to cross on bikes, perhaps an elevated bridge or a bike signal	New idea / proposed project
Turn-on-red should be banned, at least in the downtown area. I've lost count of the number of times I've almost been hit by a car while crossing a crosswalk	Needs improvement	This is a tricky intersection. a roundabout would be awesome here. it would help with the blind spots for bikers, runners and cars.	Needs improvement	Safer bike crossing	New idea / proposed project
I'd rather play Russian roulette than cross this crosswalk. The foolish turn-on-red rule means drivers almost never pay attention to bikers or pedestrians.	Needs improvement	Would be great to get a second sand volleyball court, but don't ruin the one that's already there	Needs improvement	Lincoln Hills DG Course	New idea / proposed project

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I detest biking through this crosswalk. Drivers exiting the roundabout rarely ever signal, and they consistently fail to pay attention to bikers or pedestrians.	Needs improvement	It is understood that there isn't enough funding for sidewalks on every street, but it would be helpful to take out obstructions that force pedestrians out into the street. There is a trash bin, doggie bag station, trail crossing sign, wooden fence, parking barrier, and a pedestrian crossing sign all clustered where people would otherwise be walking. It makes a place that already isn't ideal for pedestrians even less safe.	Needs improvement	Marshall Mountain Base Disc Golf Course	New idea / proposed project
add a roundabout, PLEASE!	Needs improvement	Agree that there needs to be better lines here to show cars that peds/bikers are connecting from the road into the trail, so they're not always blocking the trail with their waiting car.	Needs improvement	9 Hole Disc Golf course connecting multiple nearby parks. Wapikia to Honeysuckle	New idea / proposed project
I despise how Orange Street divides the Northside into two nearly disconnected sections.	Needs improvement	The trail around Playfair has several low spots/holes that hold water. These can be big hazards in the winter when they freeze creating areas of ice. Some of these areas span the width of the trail. I notice that some holes on the trail near the Sentinel track have been filled. Looking forward to seeing how well it's working after rain and snow freeze/thaw periods.	Needs improvement	New permanent Disc Golf Course	New idea / proposed project
When it snows, the bike lane completely disappears, forcing you to bike alongside impatient cars!	Needs improvement	Difficult to transition from the river trail onto Madison St to reach Greenough. Possible to avoid this tricky intersection using the spur trail or RUX trail, but both feel out of the way.	Needs improvement	Splash pad and shaded areas	New idea / proposed project
Having protected bike lanes along Scott Street would be a game-changer for bikers and pedestrians—finally, some real space between us and those huge, fast-moving cars!	Needs improvement	Allow mountain bike access so we don't have to bike on the road...could consider a dismount zone like bahrmeier	Needs improvement	Add a bike jump park or ice rink or green space here	New idea / proposed project
There's no better way to witness the atrocious design of our streets than by walking with an energetic 5-year-old. Absolutely nothing shields you from those fast-moving tanks (I mean... cars!). For heaven's sake, add some bollards or something, PLEASE!	Needs improvement	Find access above or alongside the road for bikers	Needs improvement	Better connections needed between Bitterroot Trail and fairgrounds - a pedestrian bridge would be amazing.	New idea / proposed project
Implement traffic calming measures here! For goodness' sake, there's a school and a park nearby!	Needs improvement	The muddy grasslands feel unintentional and forgotten. It would be great to weather really lean into native-scaping more, or as proper grass and a sprinkler system. The current approach of mowing weeds and dirt is a weird in-between zone.	Needs improvement	Neighborways path - protected path for pedestrians, bicyclists, strollers, rollerskaters, wheelchair users, etc. year round	New idea / proposed project
Nothing screams "to heck with pedestrians!" louder than slip lanes. If we prioritized safety over speed, slip lanes would never exist.	Needs improvement	Mullan Rd needs better bike lanes in both directions - separate from traffic	Needs improvement	additional river access sites along the bitterroot between 93 and MacClay flats	New idea / proposed project
How am I supposed to cross Russell Street? There are absolutely no crosswalks or traffic lights for miles!	Needs improvement	This approach to Blue Mountain is heavily used by cyclists commuting to the Blue Mountain trails. Better bike lanes are needed in both directions to protect commuting cyclists	Needs improvement	Mcclay bridge should be retained for pedestrians even if new south ave bridge is constructed	New idea / proposed project
Add protected bike lanes for those of us who prefer to do our shopping by bike or on foot.	Needs improvement	Bike lanes needed in both directions -- Blue Mountain Road is heavily used by cyclists as a recreational route and for access trails on Blue Mountain, O'Brien Creek, Big Flat Rd, and the gravel roads off Southside road all the way to Petty Creek Rd.	Needs improvement	room in ROW here for a pocket park here like on 8th st	New idea / proposed project
How am I supposed to cross Scott Street when I'm old and slow? There are no traffic lights or crosswalks.	Needs improvement	Improve light timing. Getting across Toole and Broadway to the California St bridge as a pedestrian is a nightmare.	Needs improvement	River road should be a complete street	New idea / proposed project
Another glaring sign of our poorly designed streets: nice sidewalks and bike lanes, almost always empty. Why? Because there are FIVE freaking car lanes right next to you.	Needs improvement	I like this path but the path would be much better if one didn't have to do this double crossing. Would cagers (people in cars) put up with this?	Needs improvement	enhance entire Milwaukee corridor to create a usable linear park	New idea / proposed project
Walking to Southgate Mall ought to be pleasant and safe, but no, everything is outrageously designed just for cars!	Needs improvement	I ride this frequently and have been wondering how to get on this path from the Clements trail. The concrete barriers make it seem like there's no entry to this end of the path. Better signage at least. But with this out of the way bend this portion of the path is more amusement than transportation.	Needs improvement	This is such a long stretch without shade. Could we add trees or shade shelter?	New idea / proposed project
Once I had to walk along Broadway's sidewalk. Man, I seriously thought I was going to meet my maker that day. A street like this shouldn't even exist!	Needs improvement	Need bike lanes, safer mobility for cyclists on Blue Mountain and Big Flat Roads	Needs improvement	New trail north on west side of Rattlesnake Crk going up to new dam	New idea / proposed project
Once I had to walk along Broadway's sidewalk. Man, I seriously thought I was going to meet my maker that day. A street like this shouldn't even exist!	Needs improvement	PLEASE TAKE ACTION: Crossing Hazard, cars race through here during rush hour. There have been numerous near misses with pedestrians and small children crossing here.	Needs improvement	North Ave should be a neighborhood greenway with traffic calming	New idea / proposed project

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Please, add a median or something! Crossing this road is dreadful when going from the riverfront trail to the Northside.	Needs improvement	PROTECTED BIKE LANES. Riding between the barriers and motorized traffic is hazardous, they need to be shifted in or another set of barriers added. The motorized traffic here is extremely dangerous for bikes.	Needs improvement	ditch crossing here to facilitate biking/walking to 27th and Mount Ave	New idea / proposed project
Benches facing the parked cars? Come on, Missoula, we can definitely do better than this!	Needs improvement	ICING ISSUES on the new pedestrian surface here. Chip Seal or other porous wear surfaces may alleviate this.	Needs improvement	Walk in river access here	New idea / proposed project
A terrible intersection for those of us who bike with our families to Pattee Canyon.	Needs improvement	Trail is suddenly narrow here. Multiple bike accidents have occurred here because of this.	Needs improvement	PHASE 1: Install 1-3 disc golf baskets as a practice space for putting.	New idea / proposed project
Let's waste this wonderful space next to the Kim Williams Trail with useless parking.	Needs improvement	The trailhead is very steep here, with risk of erosion, and is treacherous in winter.	Needs improvement	Extend Milwaukee to Mullan!	New idea / proposed project
more useless parking	Needs improvement	Trail ends on basketball court	Needs improvement	Use reclaimed water for a recreational park and wetland/wildlife area, Win Win!	New idea / proposed project
Does our little natural history museum really need this much parking? What a waste of valuable space.	Needs improvement	blind corner	Needs improvement	Designate Big Sky Park as Open Space and protect as public parkland	New idea / proposed project
It's frustrating how the abandoned railroad splits the neighborhood into two disconnected parts.	Needs improvement	Trail exits park onto a one way road and does not connect to any other trail or bike path	Needs improvement	Work towards aquiring property/easement to straighten and continue the milwaukee as an OFF STREET trail. Also widening is needed in many locations	New idea / proposed project
Need more than just grass and a few climbing toys. See approved park master plan.	Needs improvement	Path/cement is breaking up, seems like something to remove or improve and connect to a cross walk at Adams St.	Needs improvement	PHASE 2 - Practice and Par 3 Course. Expand the 1-3 practice baskets into a full 9 hole course. Easy to play and simple to see obstacles. Intended to be a great beginner space	New idea / proposed project
This gets used primarily for sledding in the winter. Suggest adding a permanent wetland feature.	Needs improvement	Fountain is not functional	Needs improvement	PHASE 3 - Technical Course. Add additional 7 baskets (reusing #9 as #18, and #5 as #15). Larger course design, extending to the northside of McCormick Park. Intended to be a challenge for intermediate players.	New idea / proposed project
Need to be able to access the area north of the river from the neighborhoods north of the river.	Needs improvement	This roundabout is too fast, its not a good place to cross on a bike or as a pedestrian. Narrower exits with more angle and a widened inner circle could help?	Needs improvement	Lower Miller Creek Disc Golf course. This open area on the south hills offer rolling meadows that could suitably fit a 9 hole DG course. Paired with a "pitch and putt" course in Maloney ranch it would offer a great amentity to the adjacent neighborhoods as a low cost recreation opportunity for youth, adults, and elderly.	New idea / proposed project
Need to add a splash pad for the kids living west of Reserve Street.	Needs improvement	I saw young kids trying to fish here, only to get scared off by encampment dwellers having an episode. We need to end subsidizing of the encampment issue, with our community's access to accessible natural spaces.	Needs improvement	Maloney Ranch Disc Golf, given the proximity to the Rankin Elementary school, a youth focused DG course in the Maloney Ranch park would offer the surrounding neighbors a very low barrier to entry recreation opportunity in this location. Focused on youth means very short, (~100ft) holes that would cater to youth and elderly alike!	New idea / proposed project
Fast-moving cars turn crossing Worden Avenue into a nightmare, making the two sections of the park feel disconnected.	Needs improvement	We are paying for the homeless epidemic with our access to natural spaces.	Needs improvement	Big Sky Community Park Disc Golf Course. With ample space along the perimeter of the park and other interstitial areas the park could serve a community that is under represented by the County and the City of Missoula. The disc golf community is vibrant and active within Missoula and has representation of over 30 people a week during the Garden City Flyer weekly league meetup. This is only represents a small fraction of the total users of these amentities. Designate this park to have Disc Golf.	New idea / proposed project
I wish the engineer who designed this intersection had to cross it on foot every day to experience firsthand how unsafe and dangerous it is for pedestrians.	Needs improvement	This beach is a really neat spot, I wish there weren't always encampments here so that my kids could enjoy it.	Needs improvement	Permanent Disc Golf Course added to this park	New idea / proposed project
Why on earth do we permit cars to drive so fast here?	Needs improvement	Another neat river spot that always has encampments, preventing everyone else from safely enjoying this space.	Needs improvement	River Ramble Disc Golf course. Adding 2-3 DG baskets/holes per park along the bike path could create the "river ramble" DG amentity. DG is a very underserved community by the City and having a DG amentity within biking distance of downtown can serve a large population of users without cars. Currently DG amenities all but require a car to get to because the city has not provided a reasonable permanent DG solution in town.	New idea / proposed project

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People are constantly manipulating the natural setting ' creating pools in the creekbed, , adding more trails (there's one every 10 feet of the main trail, and more recently in summer it has become a camping spot for the unhoused and there are no outhouse facilities near the picnic area	Needs improvement	As others have stated, a safe bike route/path needs to be included from Flynn to Reserve	Needs improvement	This parking lot adjacent to Russell Elementary should be properly paved and continue through to the parking lot that is accessible from Stephens Ave. It would make drop offs for students safer and easier for parents who don't need to travel north all the way to Brooks. It would alleviate much traffic on Russel during school pick up and drop offs as well as give people utilizing the fields around the South Loop more accessible parking.	New idea / proposed project
This intersection is so dangerous for pedestrians, especially those trying to cross Orange St on the north side of the intersection	Needs improvement	Diversion dam needs to be removed or a safe poprtage created. This could lessen the congestion of river floaters on the Clark Fork above town and potentially save people from injury or death.	Needs improvement	Completely agree that this defacto private land needs to be sold and the revenue should be used in the neighborhood to develop Ninkpata Park.	New idea / proposed project
No one pays attention to the young trees planted on this path and half of them die every summer due to lack of water. The irrigation is constantly broken but none of you know it so they just bake to death by July. Already a bunch have died and had to be cut down, how much is that costing taxpayers? Pay attention to something if you plant it.	Needs improvement	Diversion dam needs to be removed or a safe poprtage created. This could lessen the congestion of river floaters on the Clark Fork above town and potentially save people from injury or death.	Needs improvement	Both of the new roundabouts on Mullan are terrible for biking. Add a bike lane/path south of Mullan, which can bypass both roundabouts on the south. Neither roundabout has a spoke going south.	New idea / proposed project
The water fountain by this ballfield is always broken and wastes a ton of water.	Needs improvement	Improvements needed at the boat ramp to make it safer	Needs improvement	Create a separate bike path all the way to Reserve. Bike commuting on Mullan is getting scary. With the population growth, more people want to be able to ride to town, but it's getting more difficult.	New idea / proposed project
The water spigot is always broken and wastes water.	Needs improvement	Install flasing pedestrian light system at every intersection on Reserve St. It is very scary to be a walker in this high traffic corridor!	Needs improvement	This is wasted space, maybe a garden, or rearrange the road to allow this space to connect with Moose Can Gully	New idea / proposed project
This water fountain is also always broken and wastes water. Just shut them off if people keep breaking them.	Needs improvement	Create a left turn lane coming from Flynn on to Mullan Rd. This intersection has been a problem for years!	Needs improvement	connecting this bike path to the one on south would be awesome	New idea / proposed project
Would be nice if there were still big trees here. Now there's no cover, it gets super dry in the summer, the wildlife are gone, and the kids have nowhere to play here anymore. Thanks for ruining this park.	Needs improvement	Clear out old deer fencing from City's previous planting efforts. Those old fences have sat there for years.	Needs improvement	Please consider covering the pool so the community can swim in a competitive pool year round	New idea / proposed project
The area around the trailhead and initial access is primarily weeds & non-native plants and not a pleasant start to this trail access. More native plants and less weeds, please!	Needs improvement	Widen bike lane around this curve. It is a very narrow, dangerous section of road.	Needs improvement	The Fort Missoula Ponds (aka "The Gravel Quarry") provide a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create a world-class habitat for birds and other wildlife in Missoula. For all its many great features, Missoula lacks an excellent wetlands suitable for both migrating and resident birds. I would love to see the ponds contoured to provide plenty of shallows for feeding shorebirds as well as deeper areas for ducks and other water birds. Rec activities should be limited to people on foot.	New idea / proposed project
More trees, shrubs and some native plants would provide much-needed shade, aesthetics, and natural value. Maybe a pollinator-friendly lawn?	Needs improvement	The person that built the ridiculous house here drives aggressively on the Mount Jumbo Saddle Road. Make them use Marshall Canyon for primary access instead of Lincoln Hills Trailhead. Their behavior is dangerous for hikers and walkers.	Needs improvement	Great park, but needs much more native vegetation to support our declining songbirds. These should be shrubs such as buffaloberry, golden currant, and others that provide plenty of fruit and insects.	New idea / proposed project
Frequently muddy in this area, especially in shoulder seasons. Adding some gravel or other material could help?	Needs improvement	Bike trail under bridge ends abruptly into curving two way traffic. Lots of kids live on river road and use river and this underpass. Need safe pedestrian and bike passage here	Needs improvement	Add bus service (with a bike rack) to the Blue Mountain parking lot and to the Kona Bridge fishing access. These routes would be used by cyclists to access rural trails at Blue Mountain, O'Brien Creek, and Southside road. This would avoid dangerous cycling conditions on Mullan road and on Blue mountain and Big Flat roads.	New idea / proposed project
Connecting this trail to the trails uphill would make this a more useful trail and spread people out more.	Needs improvement	This park is amazing, but it need a crosswalk installed from the parking lot and possibly trails or side walks to adjacent neighborhoods. This would make accessing the park much safer for young children. Thanks!	Needs improvement	Add bus service (with bike racks) to the Kona bridge fishing access. This would create a safer way for cyclists to access gravel rides on southside road. It would be safer than commuting on Mullan Rd.	New idea / proposed project
Would LOVE to see continued access here either through or around the Moon Randolph Homestead.	Needs improvement	Narrow, steep, blind intersection that's becoming more and more dangerous as the Miller Creek area grows. See illustration for detailed comments.	Needs improvement	Maclay bridge should be retained as a pedestrian and cyclist bridge.	New idea / proposed project
Access here, please!!	Needs improvement	the trail entrance here should be emphasized - made wider, brought out into the street, separated from parking, and a crosswalk painted to Schilling	Needs improvement	Create a new East-West multi-use trail that can be part of the Great American rail trail.	New idea / proposed project

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The section of road between the cemetery and Stockyard is frequently used by road bikers and commuters but is terribly un-friendly for bikes or pedestrians. I think it would be used more if	Needs improvement	this street often has cars parked in it, visibility is poor at intersection. if this is primary commuter route you should be able to go fast on it	Needs improvement	Add bike lanes (in both directions) on Mulan road from Reserve to/from Frenchtown. Mulan road is heavily used by cyclists and bike lanes would improve safety and encourage more bike commuting (particularly as ebikes are becoming more popular)	New idea / proposed project
The north-Northside desperately needs street trees	Needs improvement	Extend this trail west under Scott St bridge to connect more fluidly the Westside.	Needs improvement	Allow ebike use on the gravel roads from Butler creek to Snow Bowl (and the point 6 road)	New idea / proposed project
These trails are really difficult to follow, but I love that they are there. Signage needed.	Needs improvement	Love this little park and the updates. A focus on its eastside tree improvement would help. (more trees)	Needs improvement	If a new bike trail to Bonner is added, make sure that it is extended to Milltown State Park and the concert venues (Kettlehouse) to facilitate bike commuting and create a nice destination (picnic spot) for recreational cyclists	New idea / proposed project
I'd love if this park had better maintenance in the snow. It's the main connector for Vine street to Van Buren and often iced over/bare dirt/buckling pavement.	Needs improvement	More defined trail along the River. (Additional housing for house less population- another issue)	Needs improvement	Add multi-use trails (both directions) along lower Miller Creek Rd to the current end of pavement. This route is heavily used by cyclists and will experience a large increase in car traffic with all of the new development in lower Miller Creek.	New idea / proposed project
The length of the green bike signal is way too short! I am an avid cyclist and it usually turns yellow before I can make it across. Kids, families, and older folks will definitely need more time. It would also be nice to have a button for pedestrians to request a green crossing. The "wait here" for bikes does not pick up human presence.	Needs improvement	Convert railroad bridge to trail over river. Great loop for Westsiders and those on south side of river.	Needs improvement	Consider adding a bus route (with bike racks) near the current end of pavement. This would allow cyclists to take the bus to the popular biking areas along the Miller Creek road (avoiding the dangerous commute on busy city streets).	New idea / proposed project
This crosswalk needs better lighting and have button activated flashing lights for pedestrians. It is very hard to see pedestrians after dark.	Needs improvement	The crossing of 5th & 6th at Gerald is a dangerous intersection for bicycles and pedestrians due to poor intersection daylighting and high traffic speeds. The pedestrian rapid flashing beacon is only accessible to pedestrians and not anyone riding a bicycle. Speed humps, a bicycle access button and better daylighting would go a long way to improve this crossing.	Needs improvement	Put the Milwaukee bike trail on the unused stripe of land which is the original routing of the Milwaukee trail and runs straight from Justus Lane to Catlin, thus avoiding all car traffic and crossings as OFF STREET trail. Use TIF funds to acquire the land and the last easement needed and to build the trail. Do it soon since URD 2 sunsets in 2031.	New idea / proposed project
I second the need for a pedestrian crossing button and lights--this is a dangerous intersection to cross	Needs improvement	The Gerald Neighborhood Greenway is kind of a joke, honestly. I use it every day because bicycling on Higgins is a nightmare. The crossing with 5th/6th streets is a huge safety issue on a bicycle due to traffic speeds on those streets. There are so many stop signs on Gerald that it makes it not a great neighborhood greenway.	Needs improvement	Create a loop (Miller Creek Rd -> Trails End -> Bronco Dr. This would facilitate bike commuting and provide a new route for recreational cycling).	New idea / proposed project
There are sections of trail here that need some TLC--the tread is severely sloped in parts.	Needs improvement	This intersection is terrifying to navigate as a pedestrian or bicycle. The bicycle lane ends very abruptly. It's too bad there's no way to safely access Fort Missoula on a bike coming from the East side of town	Needs improvement	I know that this is controversial, but... Ebiking continues to grow as a popular recreational sport. There need to be more trails in natural areas where class 1 ebikes are allowed. They do not have to be allowed on every trail, but there should be some to provide recreational opportunities for cyclists to enjoy Missoula natural areas.	New idea / proposed project
Restrict or armor creek banks (access use erosion).	Needs improvement	trail feels dangerous, especially riding west, since drivers (13 plates esp) aren't looking for people	Needs improvement	Please work with other agencies (USFS) to designate some trails/routes for class 1 ebikes. This is a popular and growing recreational sport that has no more impact than mountain biking.	New idea / proposed project
Flashing crosswalk lights need to be motion sensor activated or push-buttons moved to more appropriate spots.	Needs improvement	Protected bike lanes would make this much safer throughout all of Higgins.	Needs improvement	The Bitterroot trail is too narrow for its multi-use purpose. In particular, the increasing popularity of class 1 ebikes will increase demand for off-street cycling routes. The Bitterroot path should be widened, lighting should be added, and side-street crossings should be better controlled (under/over passes or signal controlled).	New idea / proposed project
Flashing crosswalk lights need to be motion sensor activated or push-buttons moved to more appropriate spots.	Needs improvement	Missoula needs much improvement in becoming a walkable city. I recommend banning all cars in the downtown corridor and becoming a car free city like this one: https://www.theguardian.com/cities/2018/sep/18/paradise-life-spanish-city-banned-cars-pontevedra	Needs improvement	Improve signage for the neighborhood greenway system -- Large painting of a greenway symbol on the street would increase use and improve safety.	New idea / proposed project

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Barmeyer too steep at bottom.	Needs improvement	A traffic light or a rapid flashing beacon and clear pedestrian signal here would enhance the connection from the river trail to important destinations like St Pat's, PHC and other points on this side of downtown, including the entire North Side. Crossing here is hard and dangerous due to traffic speeds	Needs improvement	We need a bridge from west side over creek to get to trailhead and north bridge to go north without hiking on Duncan Ave with traffic. Dangerous with traffic and especially with snow on road / no shoulder. Prefer trail on west side of creek to old dam site but bridge here or at Creek Crossing is next best thing. Thank you.	New idea / proposed project
Need more enclosure features to preclude illegal trail building / trail formation through riparian area.	Needs improvement	Improve connection between the orange street bridge and the river trail on the east side of the bridge, there is only a staircase otherwise you have to go a bit out of the way on front street	Needs improvement	We should have trails through this city land. There is so much hiking pressure in the Rattlesnake, why not make use of this public land? Instead of houses on Fox Farm road getting to use it as their private back yard?? Connect trails from Lincoln Wood trail head to west side of the creek please!!! At very least just make a loop down through public Rattlesnake Natural Area from trailhead and back up until the bridge can be built. Thanks!	New idea / proposed project
Need more enclosure features to preclude illegal trail building / trail formation through riparian area.	Needs improvement	Either build a protected bike lane on both sides of the bridge or allow bicycles to use the pedestrian sidewalk. Traffic speeds are too high on Orange to safely use the bicycle lane	Needs improvement	OPEN SPACE PARK. This neighborhood is lacking in public parks and has a high density of people that would benefit on a daily basis living here.	New idea / proposed project
Conservation first! - Area beginning to feel dangerous. Enforce no camping rule. Citations for illegal tree cutting and trash piles.	Needs improvement	Improved bicycle infrastructure in the Hip Strip would allow bicycles to feel safe riding not on the sidewalk. This will do more to get bicycles off the sidewalk than "improved signage"	Needs improvement	Elevated crosswalk to protect Milwaukee trail users	New idea / proposed project
Conservation first! - Area beginning to feel dangerous. Enforce no camping rule. Citations for illegal tree cutting and trash piles.	Needs improvement	Remove some parking in front of the playground and put in a more protected sidewalk. This parking lot is very dangerous and used by a lot of small children	Needs improvement	Crossing lights for pedestrians and bicycle commuters. This corridor is tough to cross, often relying on cars to decide yield	New idea / proposed project
Conservation first! - Area beginning to feel dangerous. Enforce no camping rule. Citations for illegal tree cutting and trash piles.	Needs improvement	I have been nearly hit by a car multiple times walking through this intersection	Needs improvement	Crossing lights for pedestrians and bicycle commuters. This corridor is tough to cross, often relying on cars to decide yield	New idea / proposed project
Conservation first! - Area beginning to feel dangerous. Enforce no camping rule. Citations for illegal tree cutting and trash piles.	Needs improvement	Agree with whoever said that the connection from the trail to the park is awkward. Also whoever said to get rid of the parking is spot on. The parking lot is bigger than the park itself! This is prime real estate, why are we using it for people to store their private property.	Needs improvement	BIKE LANE: Many bike commuters use this corridor daily to connect to milwaukee trail after crossing 3rd at the light. Rush hour can be particularly hazardous along this stretch of road.	New idea / proposed project
Conservation first! -Enforce no camping rule. Citations for illegal fence cutting, tree cutting and trash piles.	Needs improvement	Wish the crossing here was elevated, lighted and with a flashing beacon like the crossing of the river trail & campus drive	Needs improvement	RAIL TRAIL	New idea / proposed project
with repaving and trees removed, bike path too hot for dogs to walk in summer	Needs improvement	I like the pedestrian crossing here and on hastings but they both need improvement. Neither crosswalk is lighted or elevated nor is there a flashing beacon. Using the crosswalk itself as a bicycle is illegal and logically impossible, even though it is the safest way to cross. A multi-modal crosswalk here would be ideal.	Needs improvement	RAIL TRAIL	New idea / proposed project
Add lights!!! So hard to see people crossing at night	Needs improvement	I like the pedestrian crossing here and on Beverly but they both need improvement. Neither crosswalk is lighted or elevated nor is there a flashing beacon. Using the crosswalk itself as a bicycle is illegal and logically impossible, even though it is the safest way to cross. A multi-modal crosswalk here would be ideal.	Needs improvement	EXTEND NORTH SIDE RIVER TRAIL SYSTEM	New idea / proposed project
I saw a pedestrian get hit and killed here. There are no safe crosswalks and the lighting is AWFUL! I don't ride my bike down this section of Russell because it feels very unsafe.	Needs improvement	This whole stretch of Higgins lacks a designated pedestrian crossing between Beverly/Strand and South Ave. Traffic speeds make crossing difficult and dangerous on foot or bicycle	Needs improvement	Continue River trail	New idea / proposed project
Walking/biking the Orange St tunnel is scary (dark, isolated, damp, frequently littered, too narrow for bikes and bike trailers to safely share the space)	Needs improvement	Walking or bicycling here is awkward and dangerous	Needs improvement	Great trail here, it should be recognized as an official trail, its been in use for decades by many regular users.	New idea / proposed project
A flashing pedestrian crossing light here (sensor or push-button) would help alert drivers turning onto I-90 E. They are often accelerating and not expecting pedestrians.	Needs improvement	This serves as the connection between the river trail and the library but is poorly maintained and awkward to navigate	Needs improvement	A path roundabout would be great here. I did see a guy on a onewheel nearly hit a small child	New idea / proposed project
Needs a crosswalk - should've been built with the trailhead improvements	Needs improvement	This park is entirely surrounded by private land with no public access. The city should consider selling it and use the money to develop nearby Ninkpata Park.	New idea / proposed project	this riverbank is used by many tubers, paddlers, and rafters. I think it would be a good area to improve the bank for ease of access and to minimize erosion. Its also a neat place to play music because of the harmonics of the bridge.	New idea / proposed project

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remove speedbumps, add lighting, widen trail connection	Needs improvement	Bolster indicating access requested years ago. Still nothing.	New idea / proposed project	a formal river path access point to reduce erosion and improve ease of access.	New idea / proposed project
this section feels like a parking lot (because it is) when it should be a main gateway to campus. widen trail, open up sight lines at intersection, stop traffic	Needs improvement	Sign needed indicating access	New idea / proposed project	Would a path roundabout at the bridge help traffic flow here?	New idea / proposed project
this access point is inaccessible for cargo bikes, trailers, strollers, wheelchairs, etc. open it up, add wayfinding	Needs improvement	Sign needed indicating access	New idea / proposed project	Another opportunity to improve bike/ped connectivity in our parks would be to find a way to connect Greenough Park to Bugbee Park. There is currently no safe way to bike from Greenough Park to Missoula Ave and no efficient way to walk between these two locations.	New idea / proposed project
pave and maintain this section	Needs improvement	Sign needed indicating access	New idea / proposed project	This parcel owned by Missoula Irrigation District could be a new local park in a neighborhood that is currently 20+ minute walk from the nearest park. Should include play equipment with the number of kids in the neighborhood. It could also include ped access to S 2nd St on the other side of the irrigation district, connecting the neighborhood and increasing access to the park.	New idea / proposed project
widen significantly (double?)	Needs improvement	Time to remove the asbestos inn and develop Ninkpata	New idea / proposed project	New All Purpose Stadium	New idea / proposed project
widen and raise crosswalk	Needs improvement	The gravel pit area is a prime area for a park with river frontage and ponds within it.	New idea / proposed project	Continue the PEAS Farm path along the river to Duncan Drive Trailhead. This base map here does not show the path of Rattlesnake Creek accurately, as this path is only on the west side of the creek.	New idea / proposed project
this is a major commuting route that acts more as a sidewalk and vehicle loading zone. make this an actual trail all the way from the river to Wyoming	Needs improvement	The wastewater poplar grove would be a great area to have XC ski trails in the winter - maybe with snowmaking using the treated water which would use water during the winter.	New idea / proposed project	Add a simple signal that shows if the MRL train guards are down or not. This will cut down on vehicles backing up at the train crossing. Tie the signal into same signal that tells emergency vehicles if a train is passing.	New idea / proposed project
too sharp a turn for a bike trail with grade changes. round it out and widen	Needs improvement	Add cross country skiing with snowmaking.	New idea / proposed project	Add speed bumps to Duncan Drive. People race up and down this straight, flat stretch of road. Given the number of runners and bikers that use this to access Water Works and Duncan Trailhead, someone is going to get killed by the outrageous speeders on Duncan.	New idea / proposed project
widen to 16' (two bike lanes plus a sidewalk)	Needs improvement	So many opportunities to use the stretch of abandoned railroad for park and recreation... and better/safer commuting.	New idea / proposed project	Add speed bumps and traffic calming islands to Duncan Drive. People race on Duncan and it's dangerous.	New idea / proposed project
widen and raise crosswalk, open up sight lines, calm traffic	Needs improvement	Complete the community center at McCormick Park. Long overdue.	New idea / proposed project	Lafay park and it's bike corridor should be connected to Milwaukee trail along this road	New idea / proposed project
fix the raised crossing to be more raised	Needs improvement	This park is undeveloped and therefore underutilized. Would love to see a neighborhood survey conducted to determine best use of the space.	New idea / proposed project	There should be a protected pedestrian/bike path from Lafay park to the Milwaukee trail through here	New idea / proposed project
add trail access to/from the street - many people use the trail to get to/from the GFS, T&C, and other points on 3rd St	Needs improvement	Make another play wave besides Brennans	New idea / proposed project	It would be really great to have a bike path along Rattlesnake drive that connects the Hellgate soccer fields to the power line trail. Children and families frequently use this stretch to commute to school and recreation. Thanks for considering!	New idea / proposed project
widen and enhance crossing - open up sight lines, move sign poles out of the way, soften the corners. the trail should be the primary direction	Needs improvement	The trail along the river is really nice, but it lacks any amenities—no food trucks, bars, coffee shops, etc., along its path.	New idea / proposed project	new bridge connecting McCormick Park/Sawmill district to Fox Theater site	New idea / proposed project
pave and maintain this trail - it is part of the Schilling Greenway. widen the bridge	Needs improvement	There's ample space between the sidewalk and the road to plant trees. These trees could provide a safer, more shielded feeling for the sidewalks and community gardens from the fast-moving cars along Cooley.	New idea / proposed project	bring trail up to Broadway	New idea / proposed project
fix this bridge access to work better for bikes and other wheeled transport	Needs improvement	Would be nice if the City could refrain from cutting down the rest of the big trees in this park.	New idea / proposed project	needs something on the north side of the street. even if the trail continues to Reserve, how would you get to it?	New idea / proposed project
widen and smooth out the route along Grant to facilitate better biking/stroller/wheelchair access	Needs improvement	Could Blue Bird be connected to the rest of the North Hills? Increased trail connectivity would be amazing for folks who live closest to the BB trailhead.	New idea / proposed project	continue the trail to the new bridge at South Ave	New idea / proposed project
widen and pave connection	Needs improvement	More trail connectivity here? Connection to Blue Bird would create great rec opportunities.	New idea / proposed project	I second whoever proposed a separated bike/ped path from the river trail/Van Buren Footbridge to Greenough park is a genius. Getting from the River trail to Greenough park is a frightening and inconvenient journey on a bicycle, which is frustrating because the distance is SO SHORT, just a few short blocks!	New idea / proposed project

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raise and widen crossing, open up sight lines	Needs improvement	It's difficult to navigate the harsh turn before elevation getting on the bridge. I tend to lose all momentum heading onto the bridge making this turn. I would love if there was a rounded turn/roundabout easing the flow of traffic.	New idea / proposed project	Maurice trailhead needs a toilet	New idea / proposed project
widen trail and separate from parked vehicles, improve the curb ramps to access the streets by widening and lining up with where sidewalk will go on the other side	Needs improvement	USFS privacy fence along with trashy homeless encampments makes trail feel dangerous. Ask USFS to remove privacy slats from chainlink. And impose a no-camping rule within 1/2 mile of N/J street shelter.	New idea / proposed project	A small bike path here that connects to Pattee Canyon Drive from the golf course (with a roundabout as someone else suggested) would help create a connection between the University and Pattee canyon for bikes, and would help bikes avoid a dangerous left turn from Higgins onto Pattee Canyon Drive	New idea / proposed project
deeply rutted	Needs improvement	Curb-cut ramp / crosswalk aligned with Washburn St.	New idea / proposed project	toilet	New idea / proposed project
widen the diagonal connection from Stephens to Chestnut so people on bikes can easily avoid Orange St. add wayfinding	Needs improvement	Better N'hood Connectivity - build a West Addison Street bike/ped RR Track crossing.	New idea / proposed project	Bike path to Bonner & the Kettlehouse! This would decrease intoxicated driving after concerts and reduce parking issues and congestion in Bonner. It would be a win/win	New idea / proposed project
crown of the road is too steep. rebuild and widen the trail, open up sight lines	Needs improvement	Dogs onleash only, to comport with adjacent USFS area rule. No dogs Dec 1 to Feb 28, to comport with adjacent USFS area rule.	New idea / proposed project	Separated and protected bike lane to East Missoula	New idea / proposed project
add curb ramp and crosswalk here	Needs improvement	Add MW Trail river bridge and extend trail to Mullan area.	New idea / proposed project	as the other person said, a separated, protected multi-use trail to the upper rattlesnake would be a major safety improvement	New idea / proposed project
trail has no curb cut or crossing of Russell St. add and enhance	Needs improvement	safety issue: Improve this intersection of streets and trail access. improve motor vehicle site-lines.	New idea / proposed project	The intersection of Vine/Greenough Dr and the bike trail in the park is awkward and dangerous. A single-lane roundabout with well designed bicycle and pedestrian facilities would make this much safer	New idea / proposed project
each of these spurs needs to be redone with bicyclists and desired paths of travel in mind. widen and facilitate smooth connections to Schilling Greenway	Needs improvement	Add trail / pathway parallel to N 2nd St.	New idea / proposed project	Second the suggestion for a separated protected bike facility here. Could also serve pedestrians as there is no sidewalk.	New idea / proposed project
all of these access points need to be improved, but Schilling is probably the most important	Needs improvement	Land swap with USFS -- turn the KWNA into USFS Pattee Rec Area for consistent management regimes and responsibility.	New idea / proposed project	Agree spruce street needs a separated protected bicycle facility. It is definitely wide enough for one	New idea / proposed project
McDonald should be stopped also	Needs improvement	Acquire - adjacent to Franklin Park - property for an indoor neighborhood community center with plaza and incubator small business spaces.	New idea / proposed project	Need some kind of improved crossing to connect the river trail with the public library here	New idea / proposed project
There needs to be clear, safe, direct, intuitive route from Post Siding to Green Guidon. Navigating a series of speed bumps, especially at night, is a hazard and liability waiting to happen	Needs improvement	AcqBuild an indoor neighborhood community center with plaza and incubator small business spaces.	New idea / proposed project	change this to raised bike lanes and sidewalks in each direction. drivers entering and leaving the hospital are not looking both ways for people on the "trail"	New idea / proposed project

Online Interactive Map

Missoula Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails

In your help, the City of Missoula Parks and Recreation team is [updating](#) the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails (PROST) Comprehensive Master Plan for the next 10-15 years.

We are no longer taking comments on the PROST online interactive map. If you would like to provide additional input on the plan update, please visit the PROST Engage Missoula page. Thank you!

PROST 2024 PUBLIC FEEDBACK MAP

DISCLAIMER: THE GARDEN CITY MISSOULA HUB OF FIVE VALLEYS

LEGEND

- ▲ Needs improvement
- New idea/ Proposed project
- I like this!

Other Trails

Aquatic Facilities

Land Management

- City Conservation Lands
- City Developed Parks
- Missoula County
- Private Open Space
- School
- State of Montana
- University of Montana
- US Forest Service

Proposed Plan Boundary

Esri, NASA, NGA, USGS | Montana State University, Montana State Library, Esri, TomTom, Garmin, SafeGraph, GeoTechnologies, Inc, METI/NASA, USGS, Bureau of Land Management, EPA, NPS, USDA, USFWS | City of Missoula GIS Services | Powered by E

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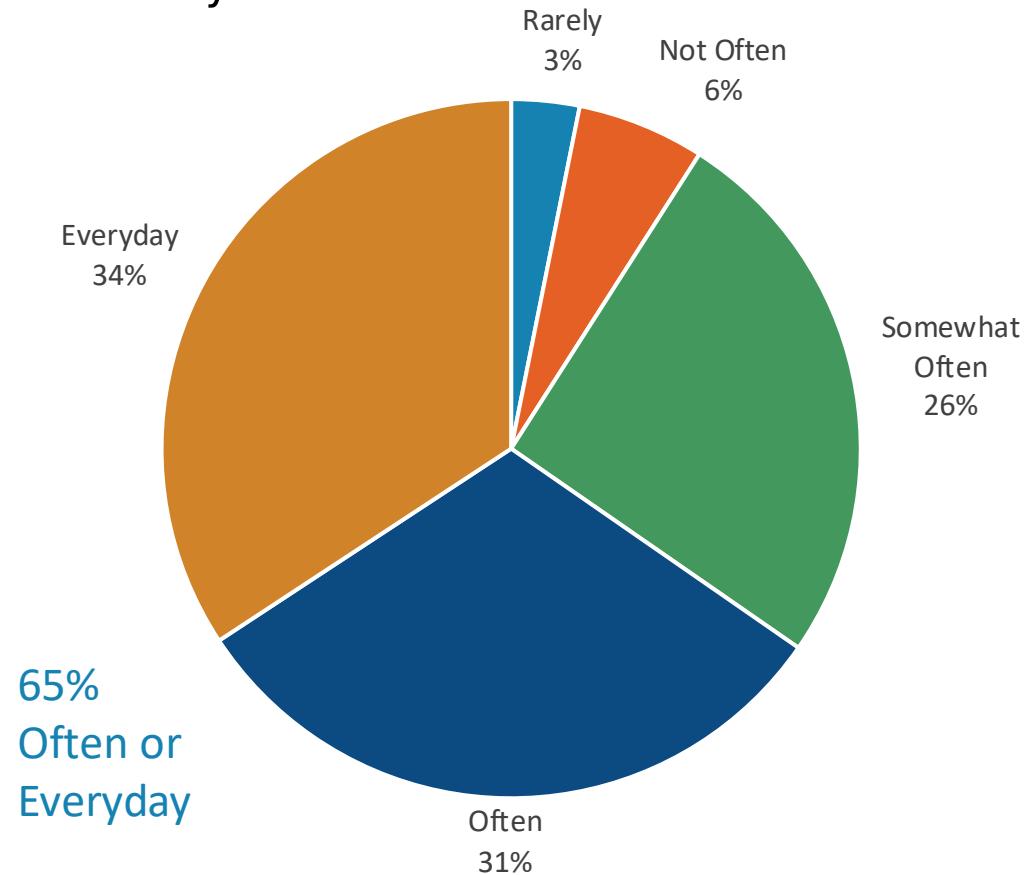
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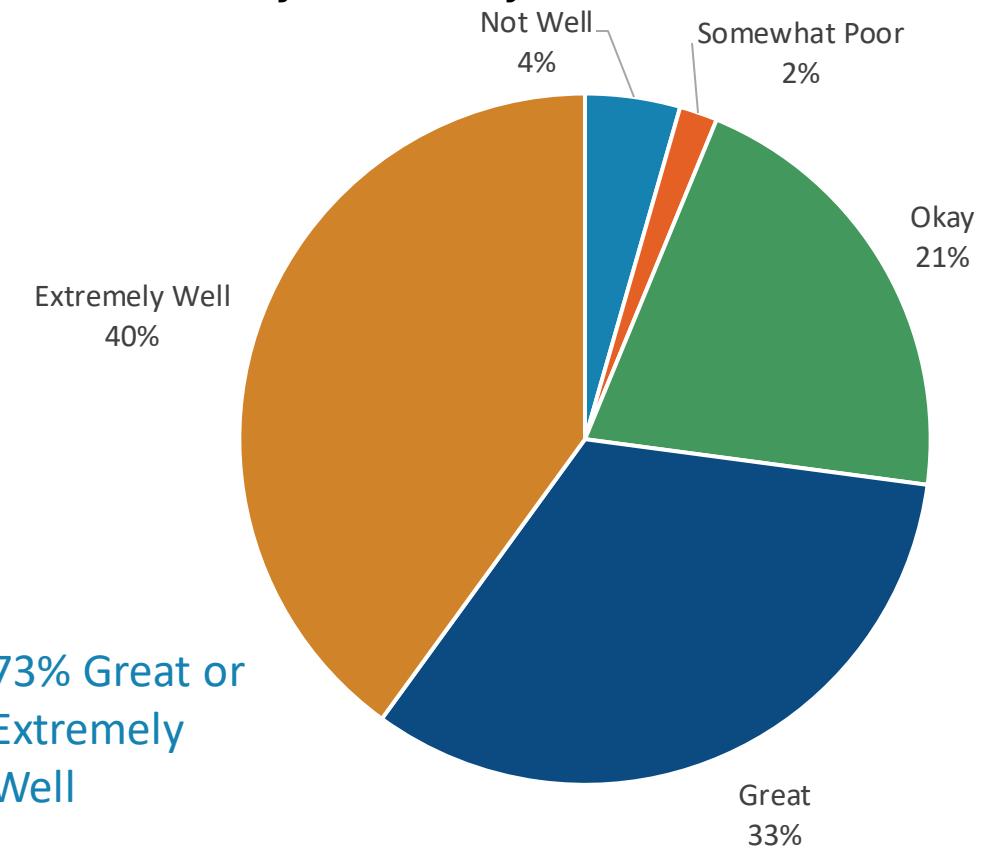
- 31 Listening Sessions
- Held at existing events and popular locations around Missoula
- 900+ Participants reached
- Co-hosted with CWG members

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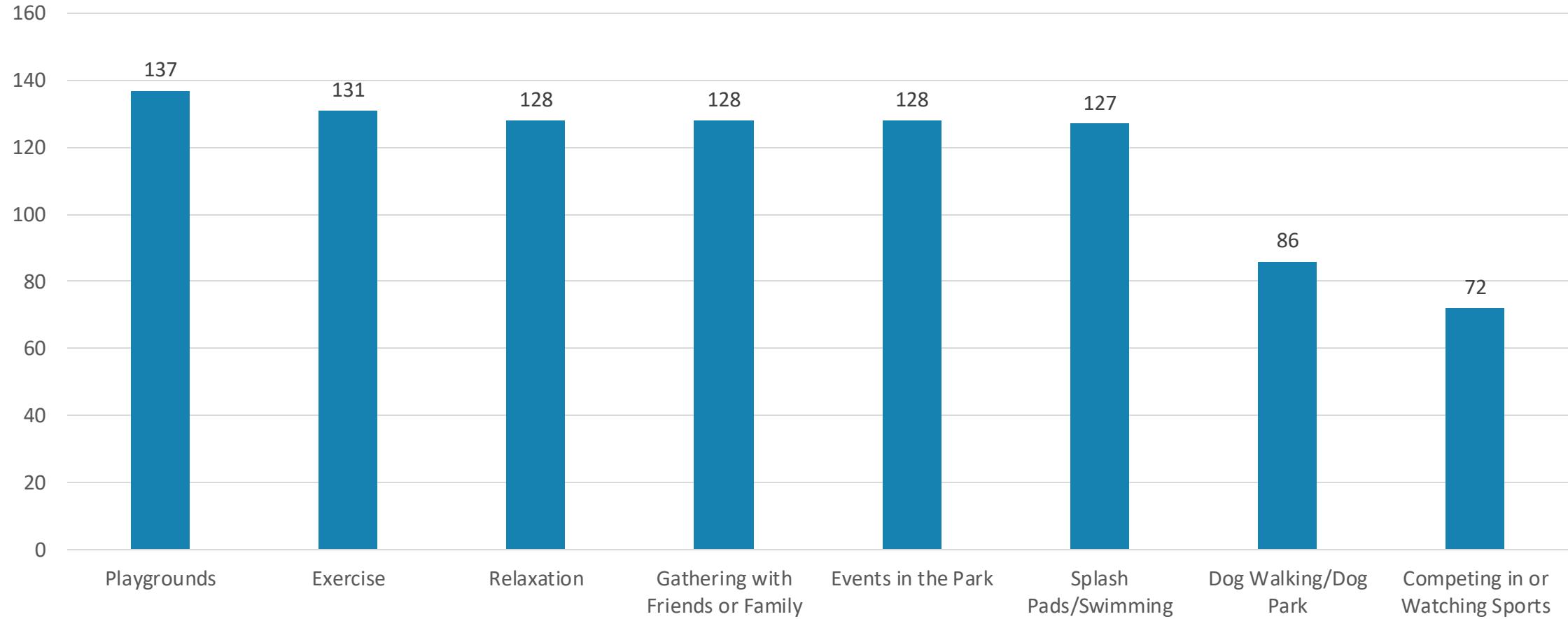
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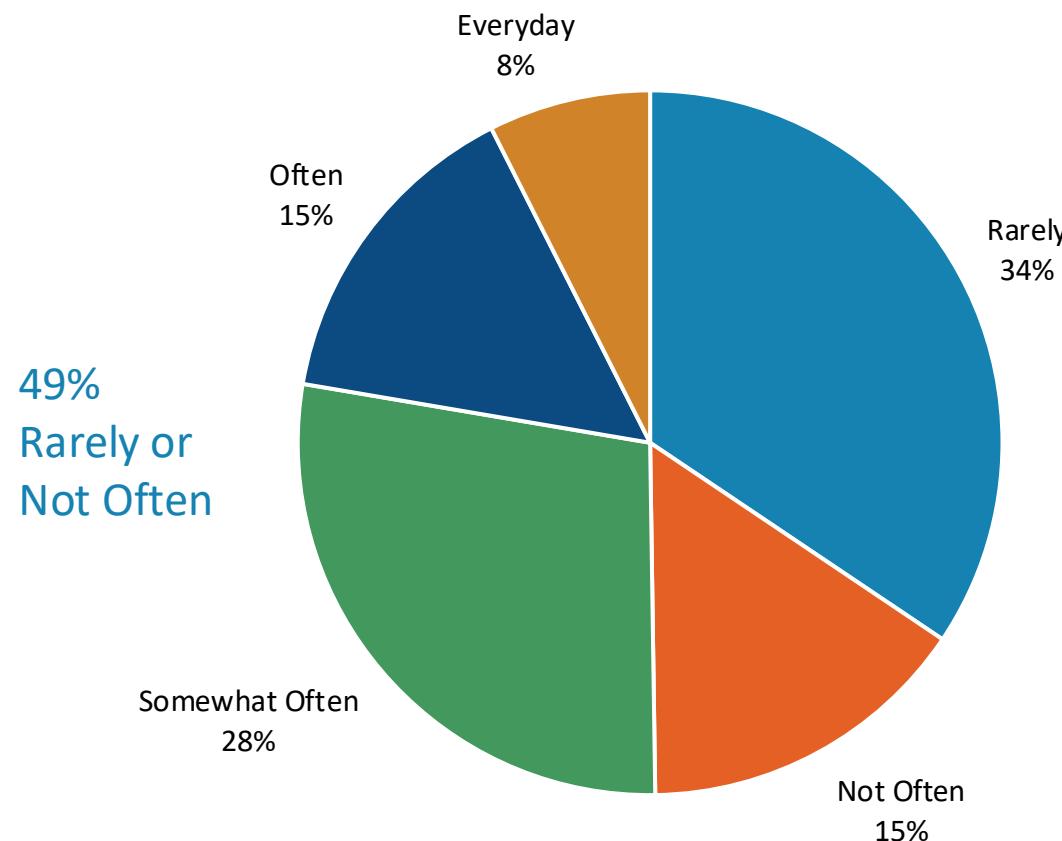


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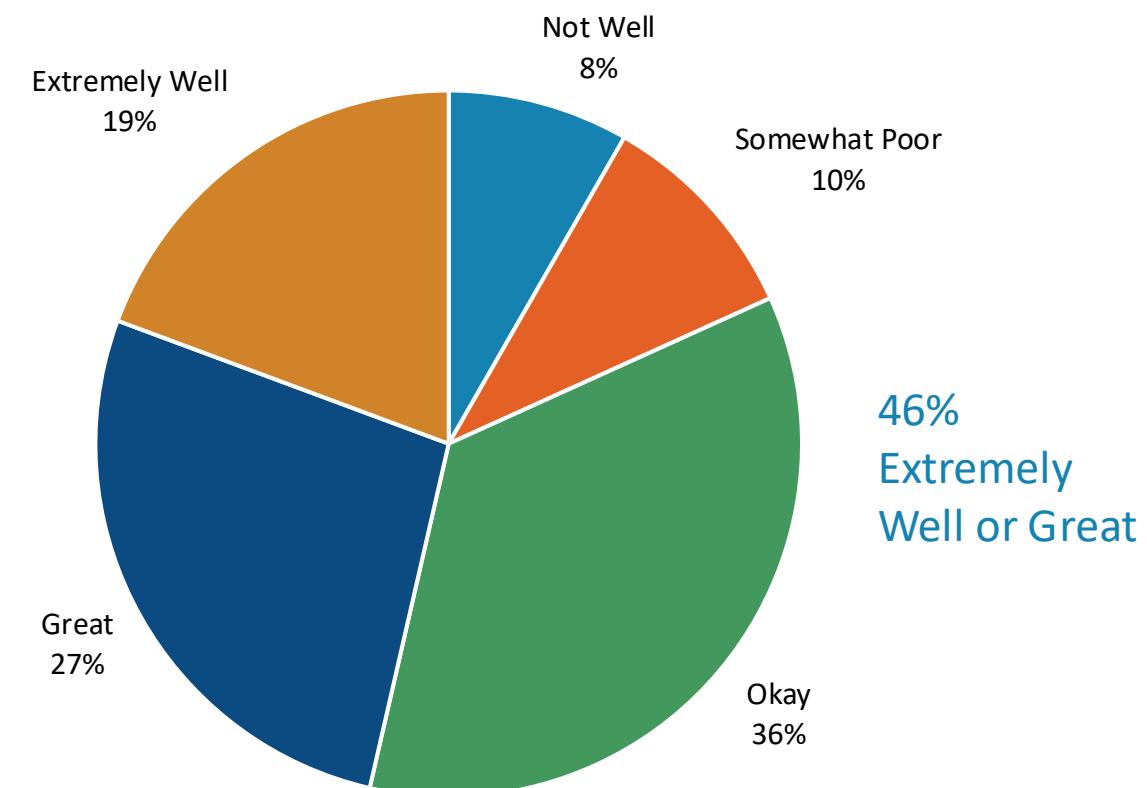


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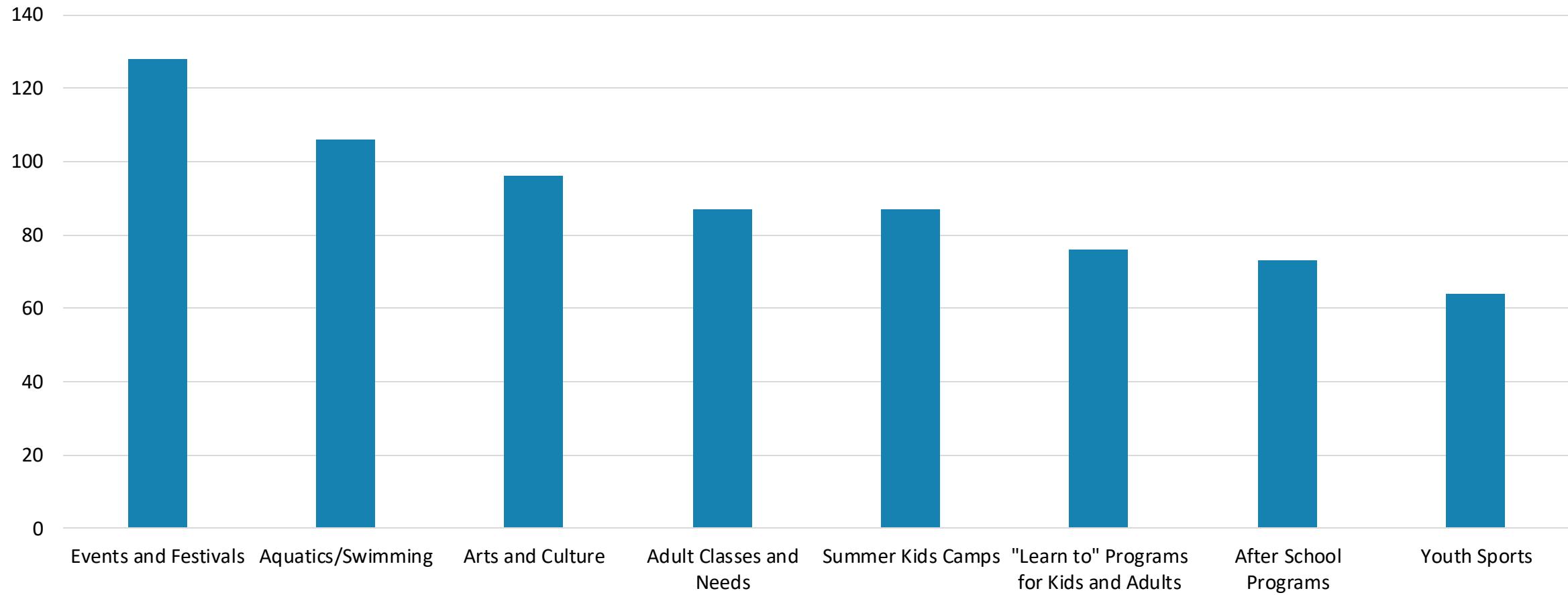
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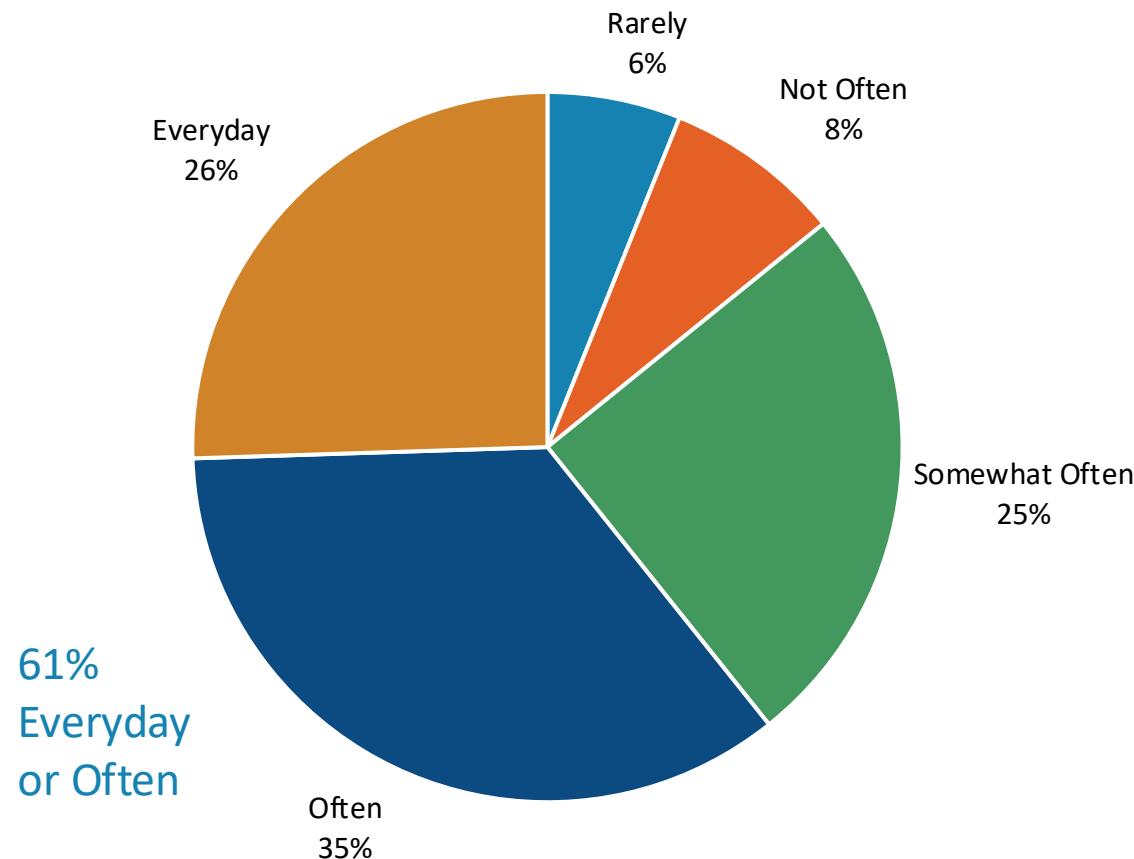


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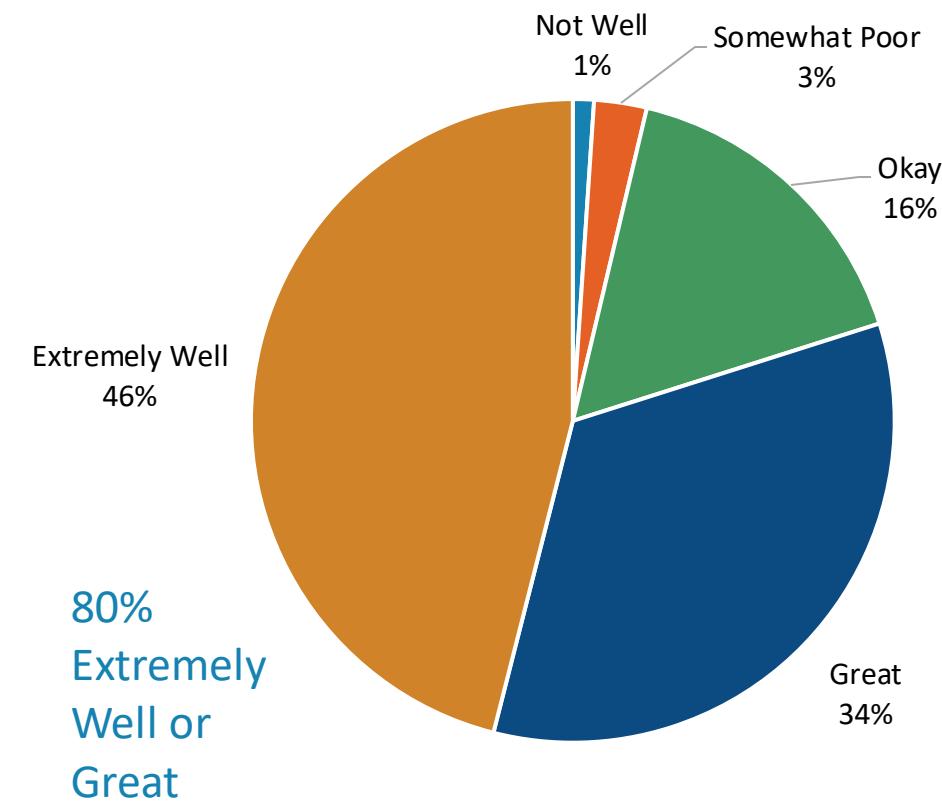


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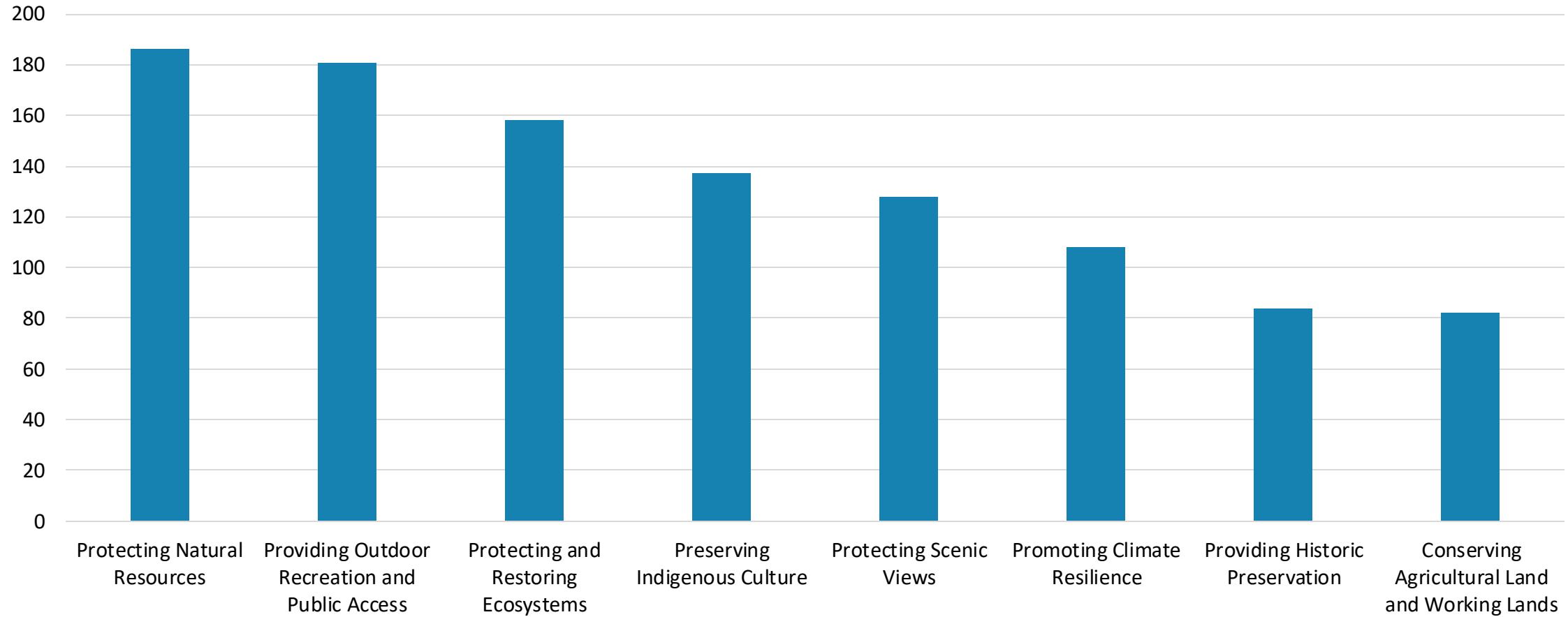
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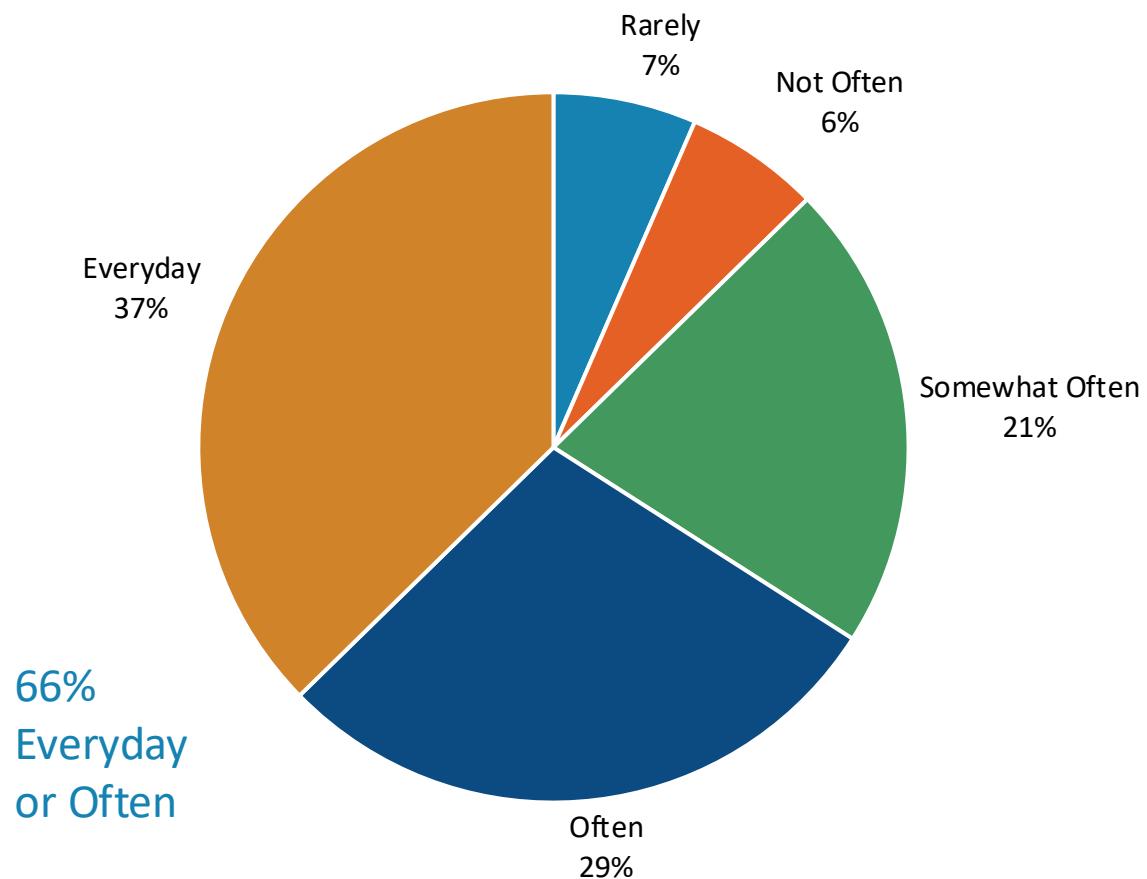


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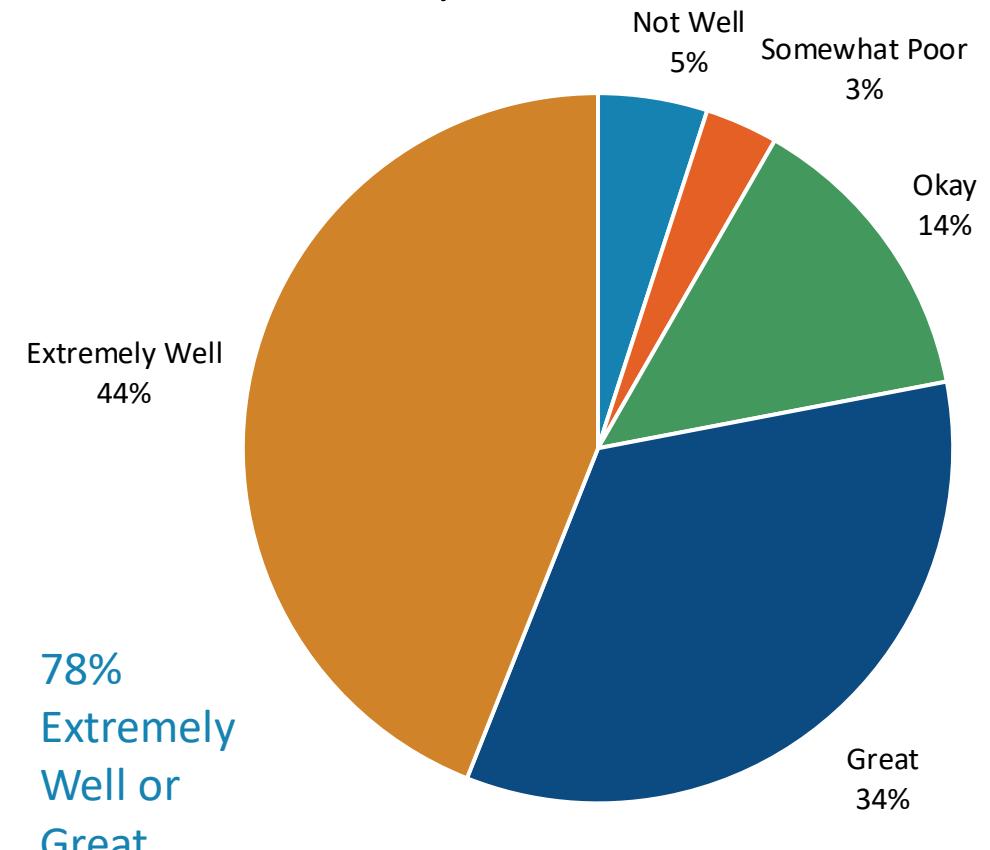


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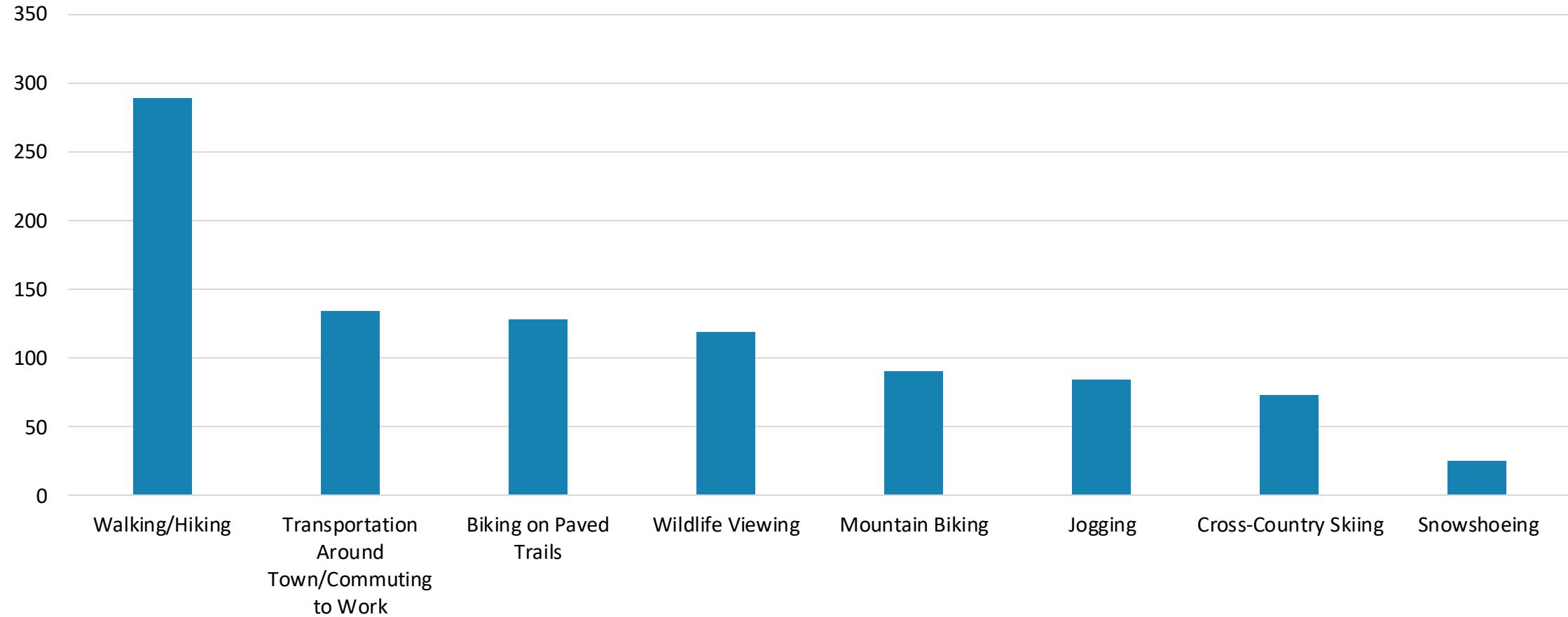
How often do you or your family/household visit Missoula trails?



How well do Missoula trails meet your and your family/households needs?



What do you use trails most frequently for?



What is working well?

My husband and I love being able to walk or bike from our home in Slants streets to open, natural areas with dirt trails where we can birdwatch and observe plants and insects. Keeping open spaces natural and encouraging wildlife is very important to us.

I appreciate the Parks and Rec youth programs. My daughter's grown now but we utilized them when she was little.

They are FREE FUN! They are all different and a vibrant part of our community.

Hiking all over the place - the more open the better, "even just small little pieces here and there."

What could be improved?

I would like to see more outdoor exercise equipment in the parks.

Parks need shade where you can still have eyes on park equipment

We need more community space for events!

More accessible maps with trailheads, parking and types of trails.

Bathrooms open all year!

Online Community Survey



Online Community Survey

- 1,476 Responses
- Open from March to July 2024
- Advertised via social media, PROST project website, at events, through CWG members, posters throughout the community, flyers, other Parks and Recreation committees and project partners

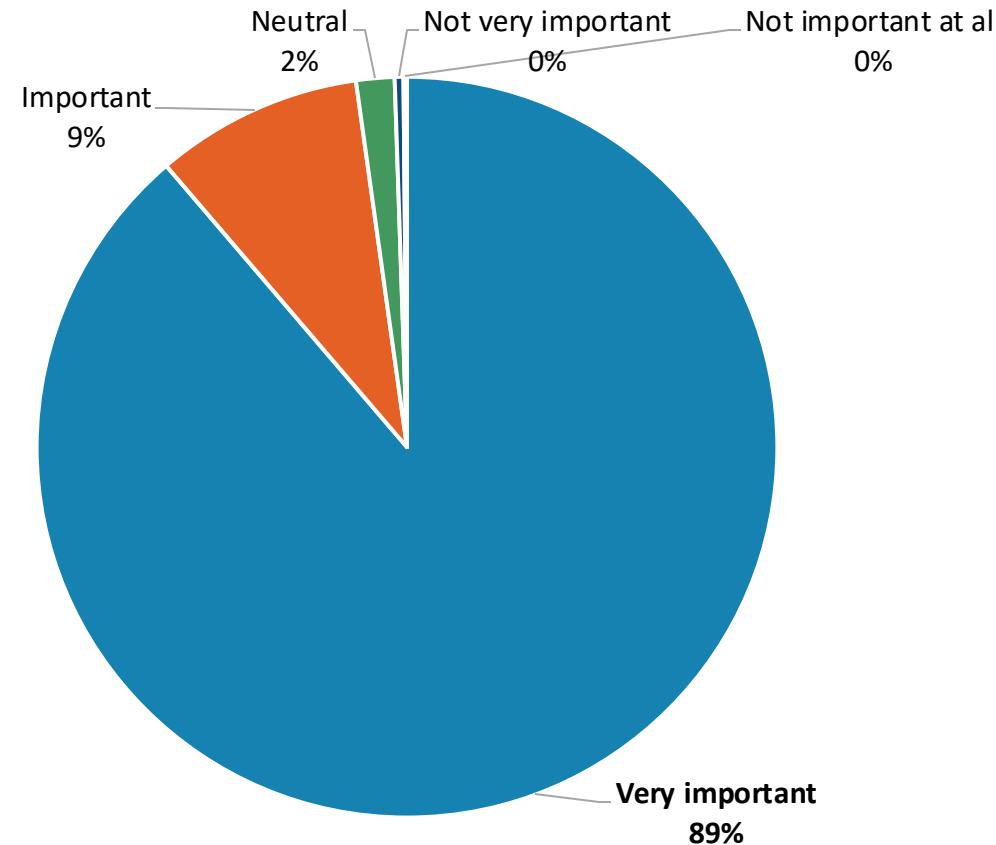


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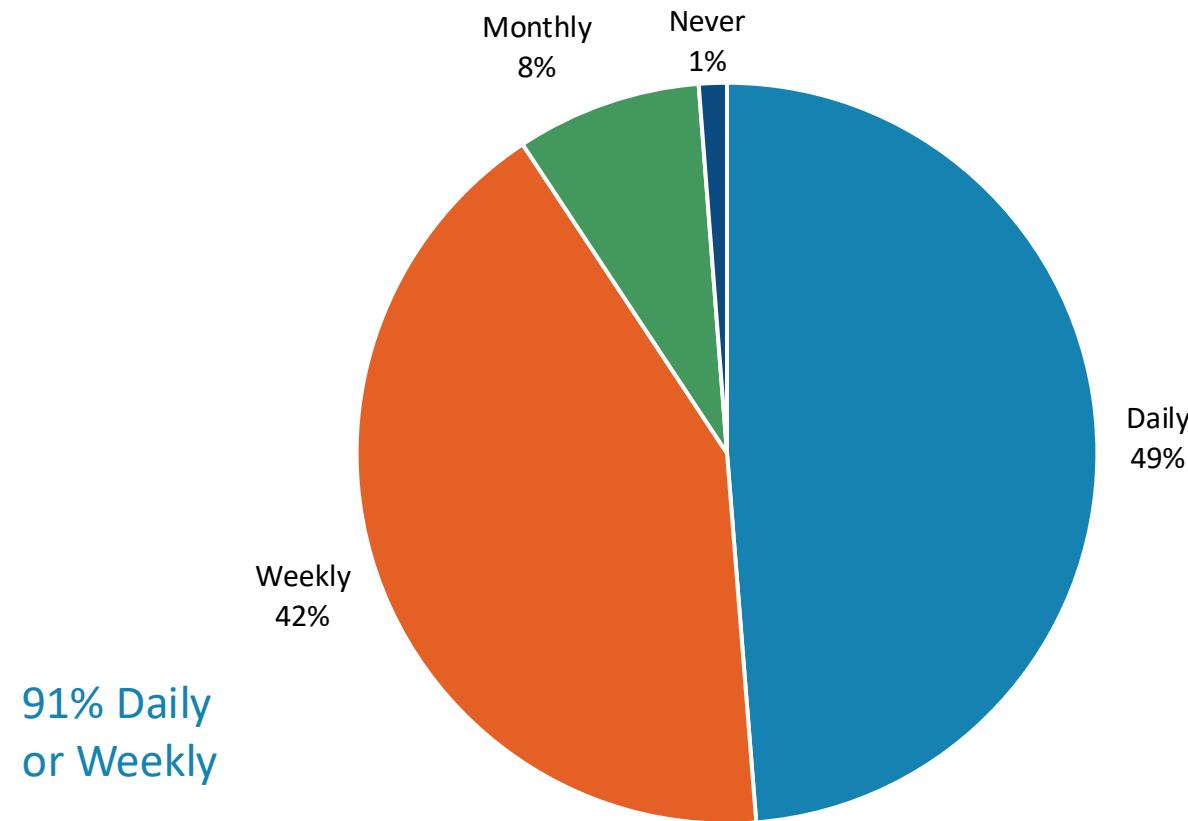
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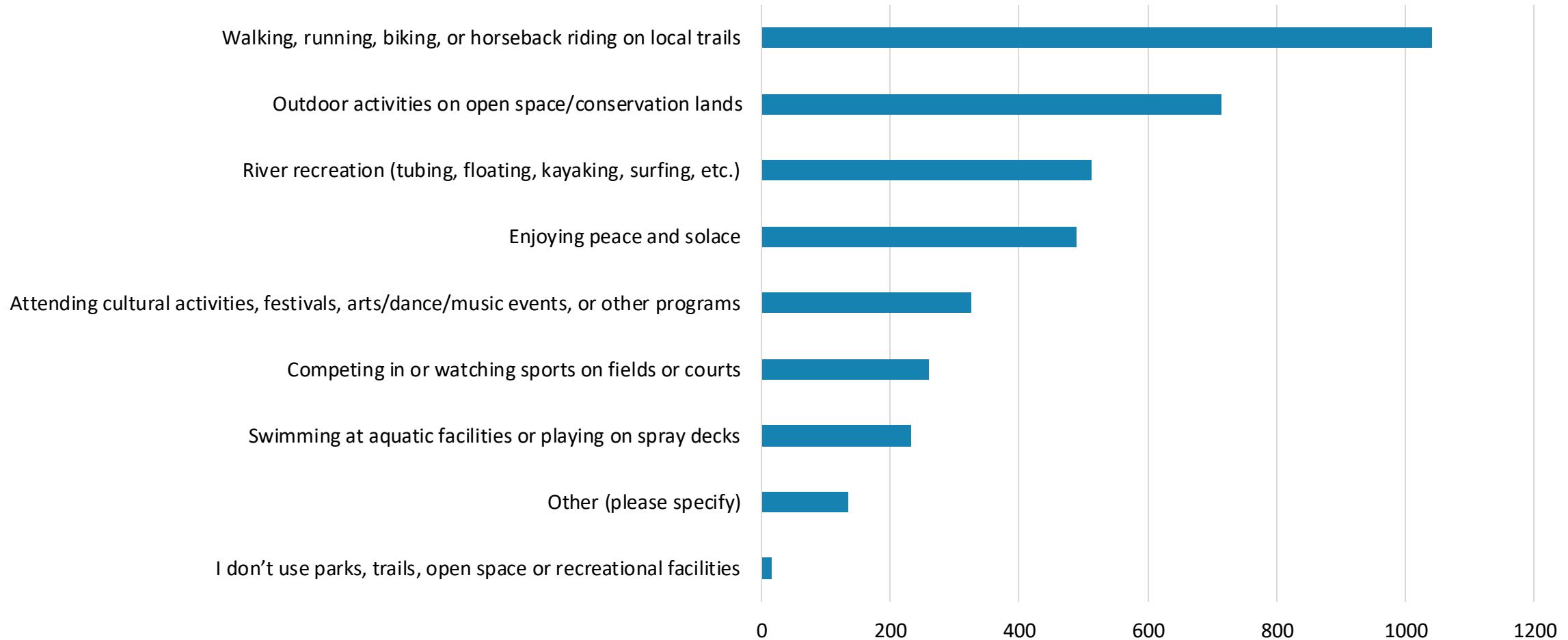
1. How important are parks, recreation programs, facilities, open spaces, and trails in making Missoula a great place to live, work, and play?



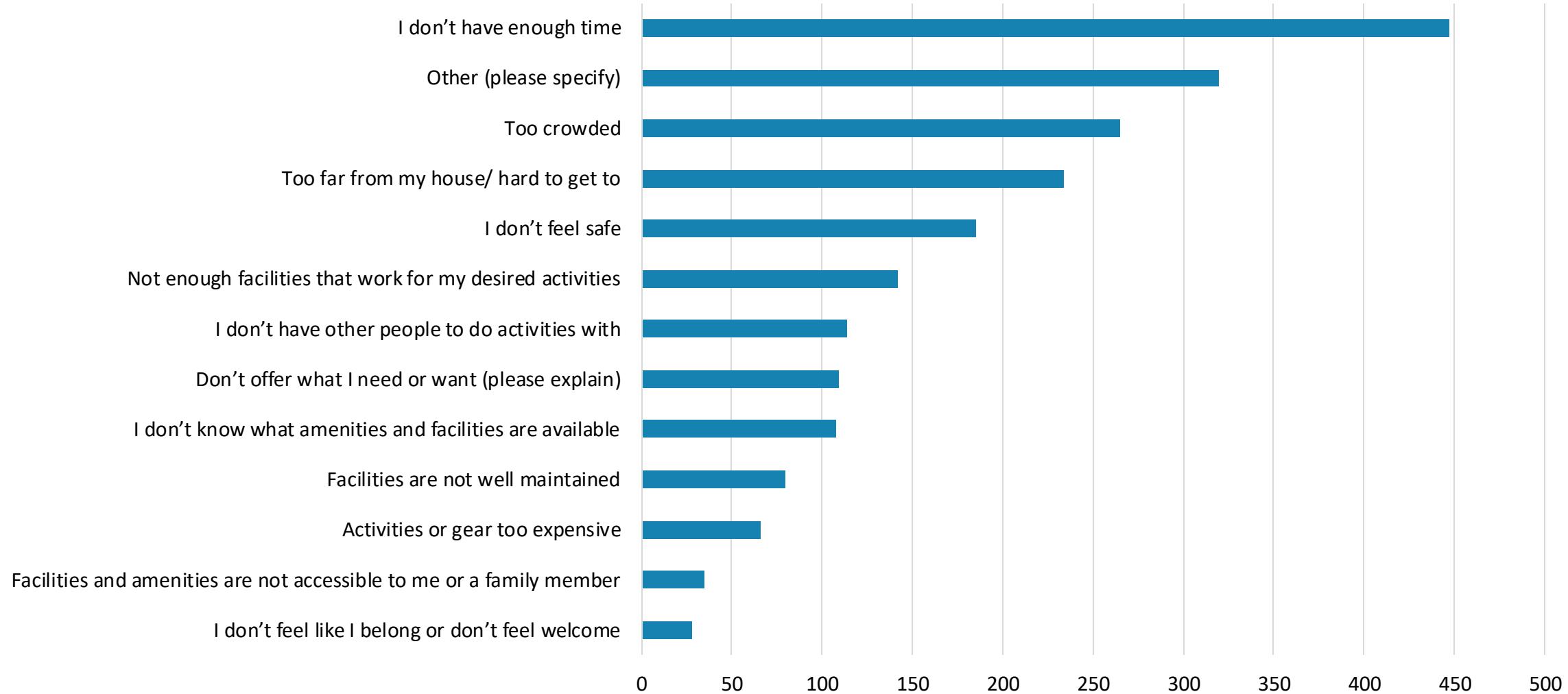
2. How often do you visit a park, trail, open space, or recreational facility in Missoula?



3. What activities do you participate in when using Missoula's parks, trails, open spaces, or recreational facilities? (Select your top 3)



4. What prevents you from using Missoula parks, trails, open spaces, and recreational facilities more frequently? (Select your top 3)



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More dog friendly spaced both ON and off leash.

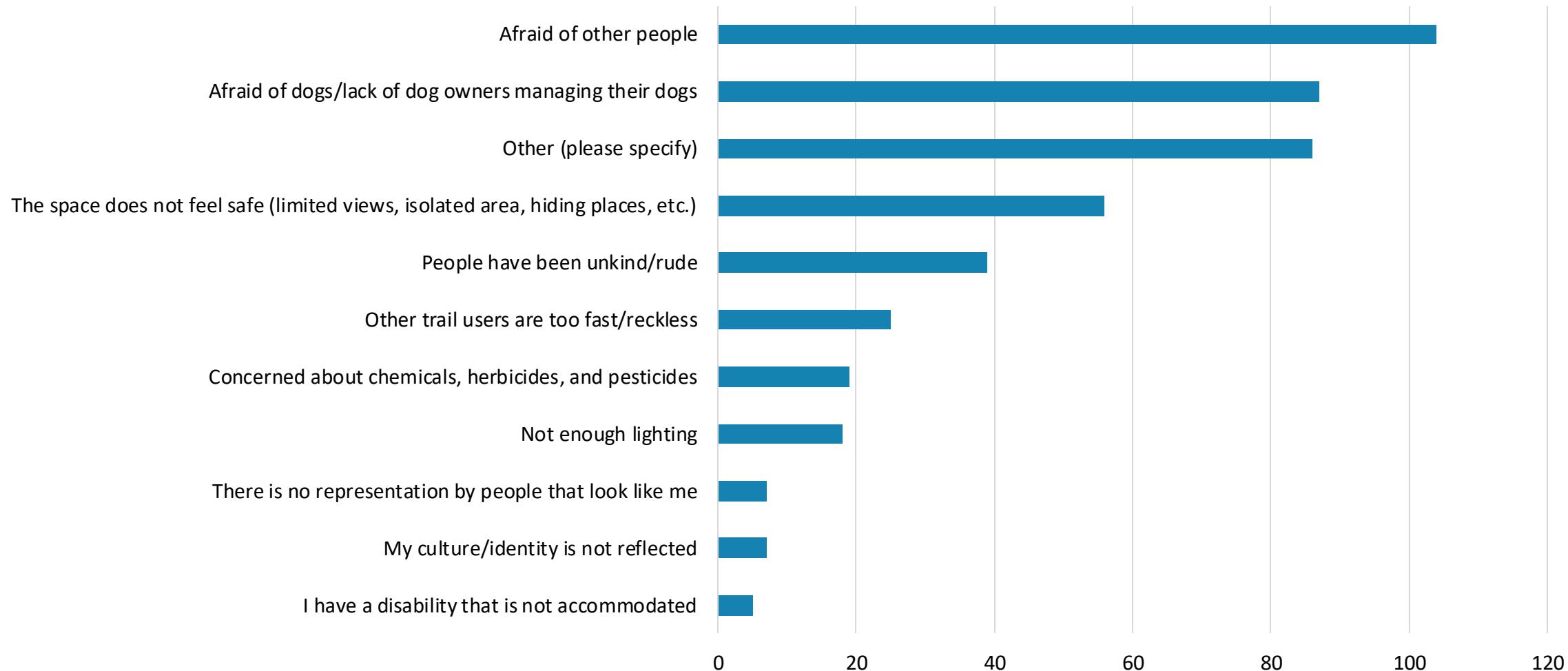
There are no good parks for where young adults/adults can workout, jump, swing and play. Everything is mostly geared towards young children. I would like to see more fitness features and also accommodate parkour.

Concerns about the use of toxic pesticides/herbicides

Could use more indoor options for the cold or smokey weather for kids and adults to enjoy. Places that offer activities for young and older children and adults.

Renting facilities is hard and they are often closed to the public, for example the Pavilion at Fort Missoula.

5. Why do you feel unsafe, unwelcome, or that you don't belong at Missoula parks, trails, open spaces, or recreational facilities? (Select top 3)



5. Why do you feel unsafe, unwelcome, or that you don't belong at Missoula parks, trails, open spaces, or recreational facilities (sample of open responses)?

Activities that I see in the parks and fear my children will pick up sharps and other paraphernalia

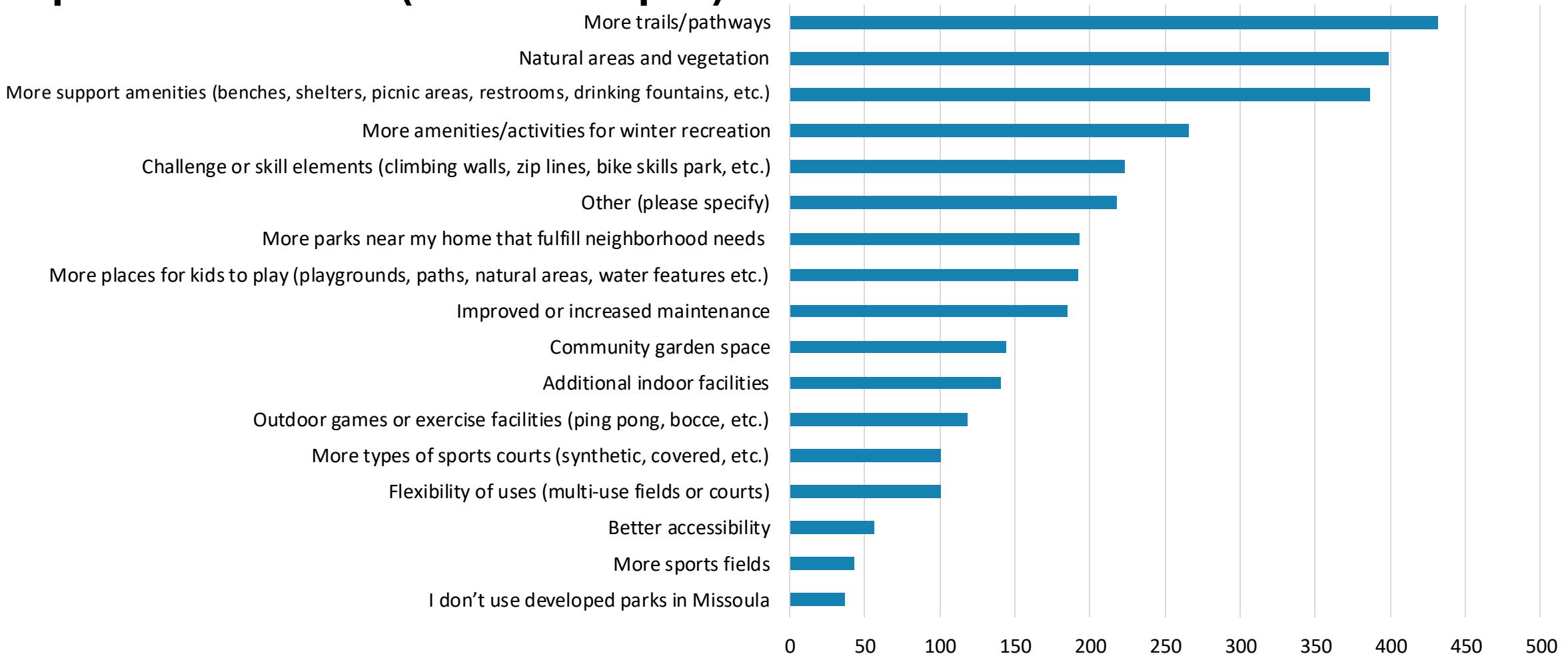
Nudity, homeless tent encampments, drug paraphernalia with other littering

The urban campers can make me feel unnerved, especially after daylight.

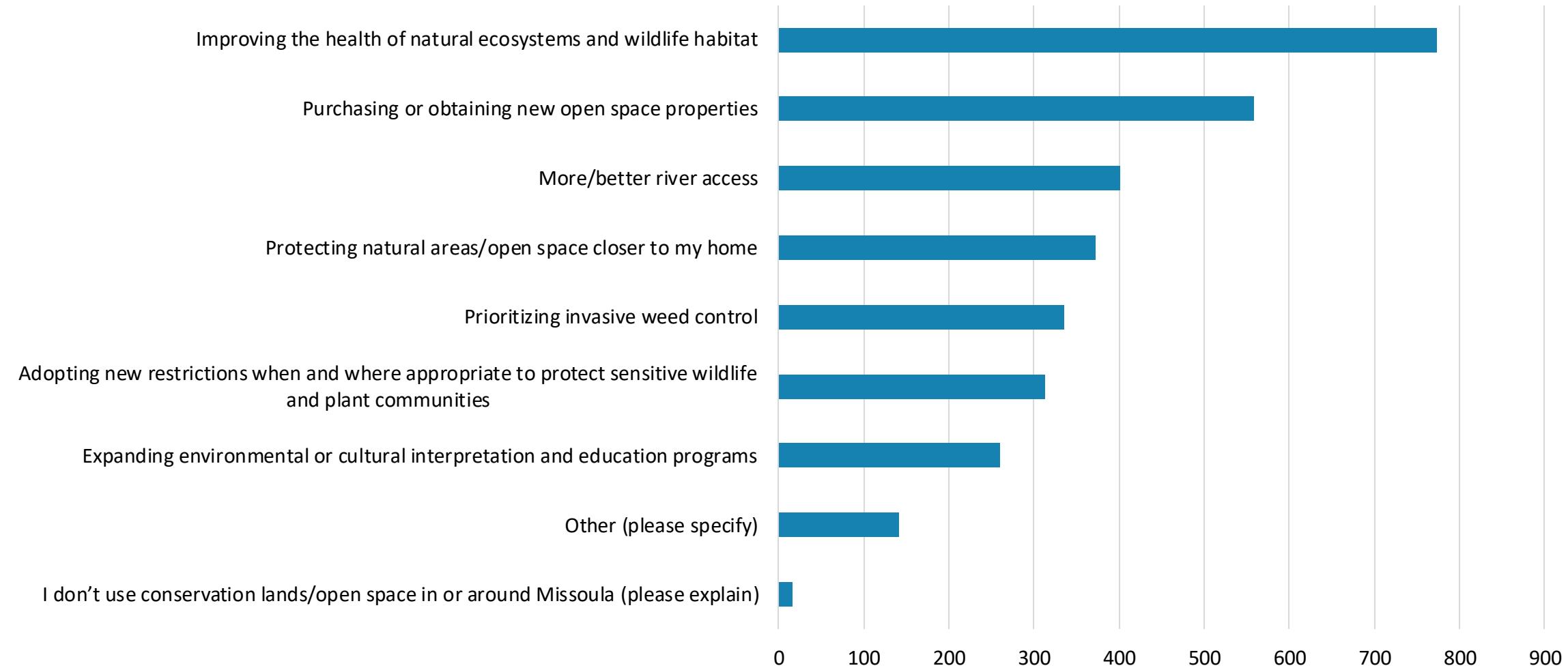
As I senior citizen I would like to see more benches to sit, rest and enjoy views

On the trails, more and more pedestrians are running dogs off-leash and/or wearing earbuds so they can't hear other users coming

6. Developed parks contain amenities such as playgrounds, sports fields or courts, picnic shelters or restrooms. In your opinion, what would make developed parks better? (Select top 3)



7. In your opinion, what would make conservation lands/open spaces better? (Select top 3)



7. In your opinion, what would make conservation lands/open spaces better (sample of open responses)?

Better bike and pedestrian linkages between different open spaces.

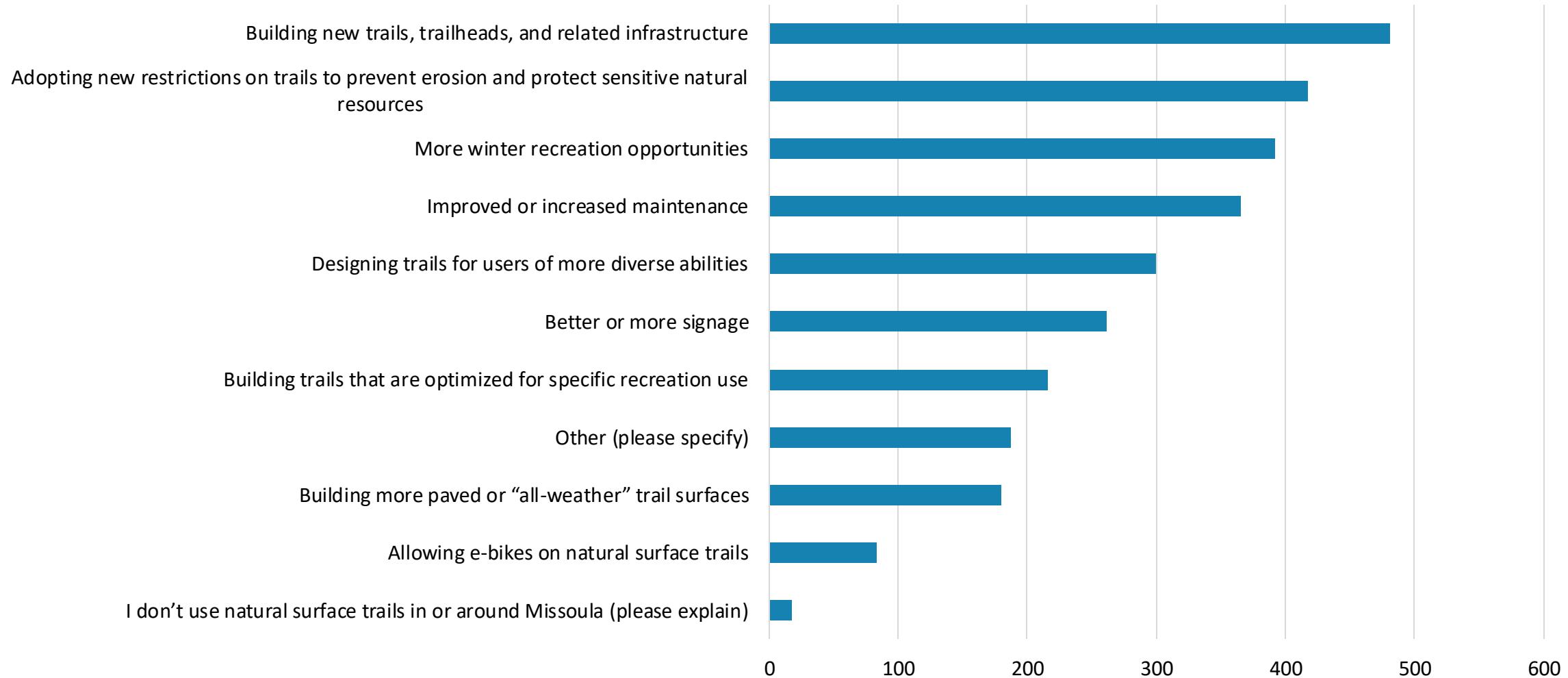
Better communication (brochures, web) showing where conservation lands are located. A color-coded map would be nice showing what activities are allowed as well as the hours of operation.

Maintain what is currently owned rather than expanding and not having adequate funds to maintain

Enforcement of rules (leash laws, public camping, etc.) and managing user conflicts

Protection, education, enforcement of public land use -- preventing erosion, off trail biking, hiking, poor dog behavior, bandit trails, clarification and updates to seasonal land closures which appear outdated and inadequately communicated to public.

8. In your opinion, what would make natural surface trails and trailheads better? (Select top 3)



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As an aging active person, we need access to single track trails using E bikes

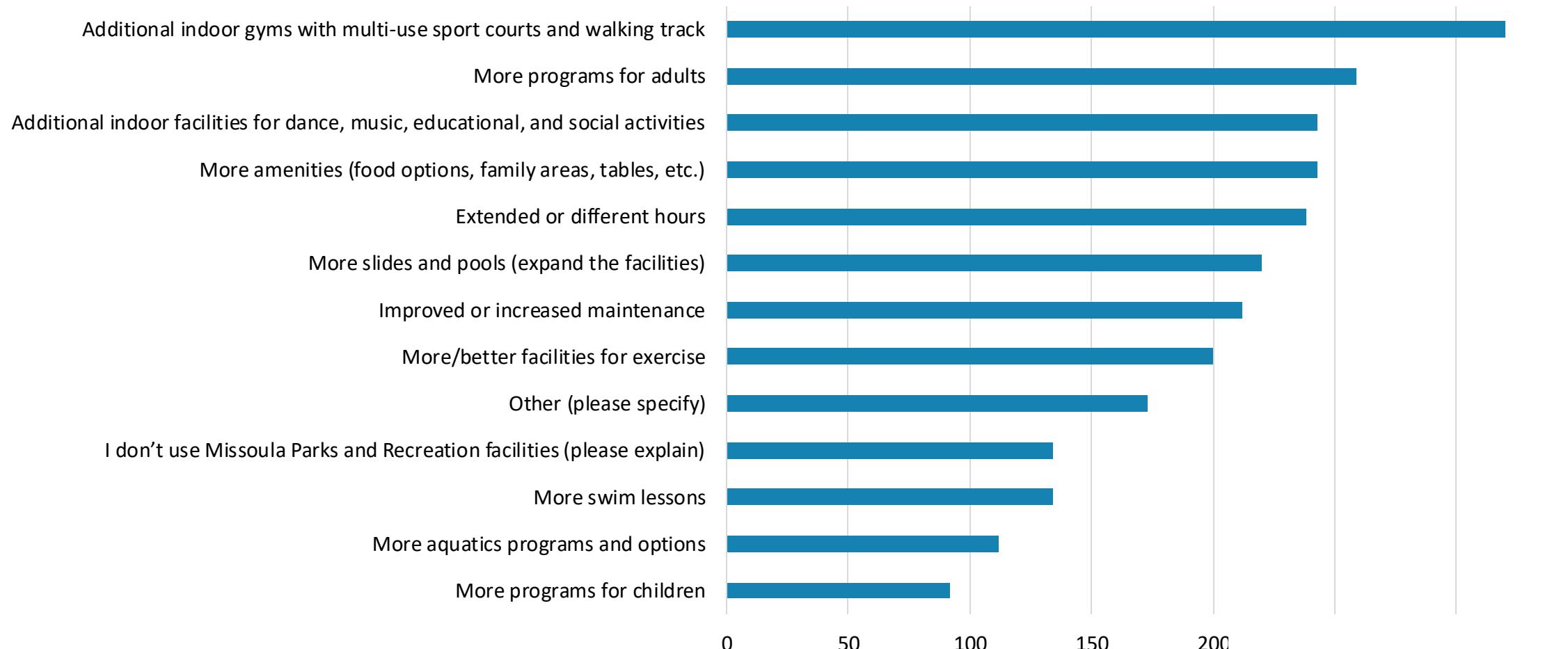
NO e-bikes on natural trails.
Please. As a hiker, it makes me feel unsafe.

Greater connectivity via bicycle or pedestrian way

Implementing trailhead ambassador program during high use times to monitor use and impacts

Just make sure everything is accessible.
Maybe more dog bag stations so people pick up after their dogs better.

9. In your opinion, what would make recreation facilities better? (Select top 3)



9. In your opinion, what would make recreation facilities better (sample of open responses)?

Allow food trucks, let people use the fields when games are not happening! Stop locking the fields so the real owners can't use them!

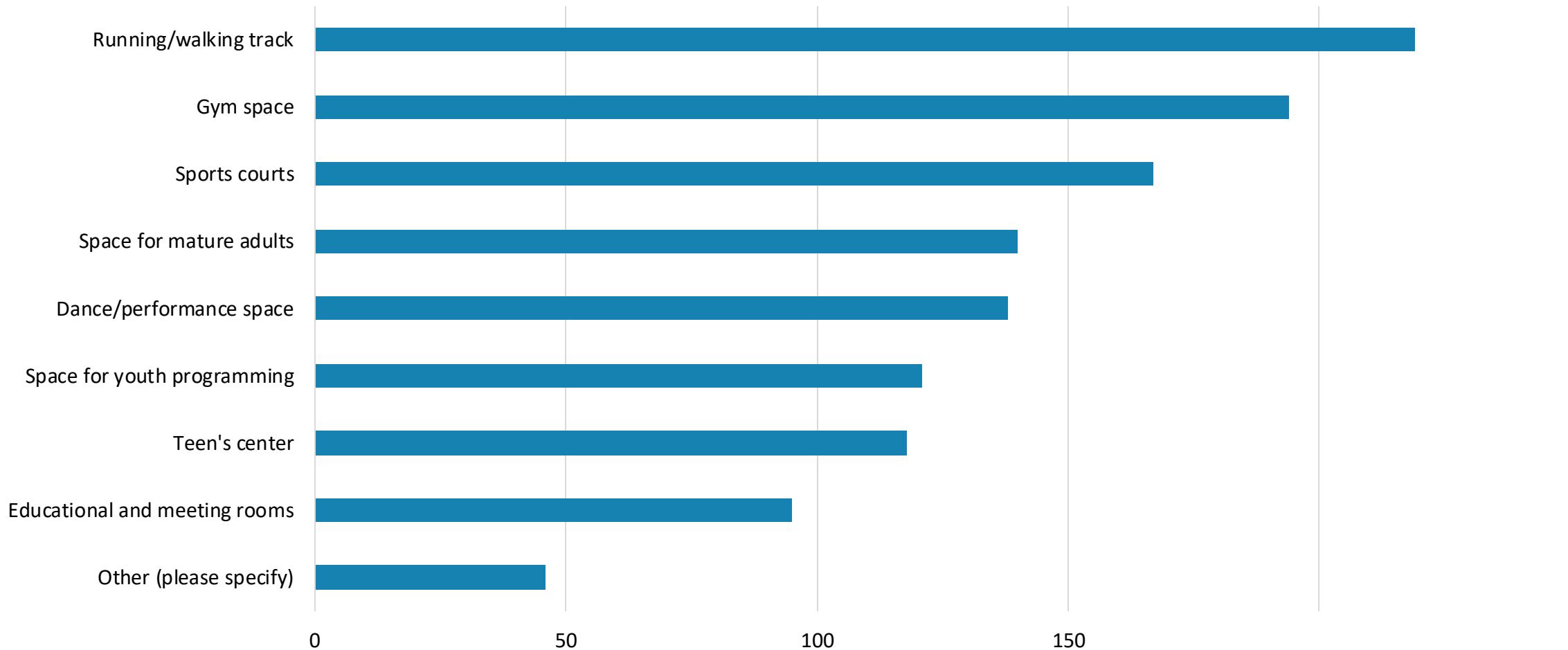
We already have "better." Please take care of what has already been built/provided with tax dollars.

Cheaper user fees and easier online signup system

Wheelchair access, wheelchair changing areas

I would like to have more options to swim year round. Currents is in a good location for me but feels too small and crowded.

10. What things would you like to see in an indoor recreation facility? (Select top 3)



10. What things would you like to see in an indoor recreation facility (sample of open responses)?

Indoor skate park or roller-skating rink

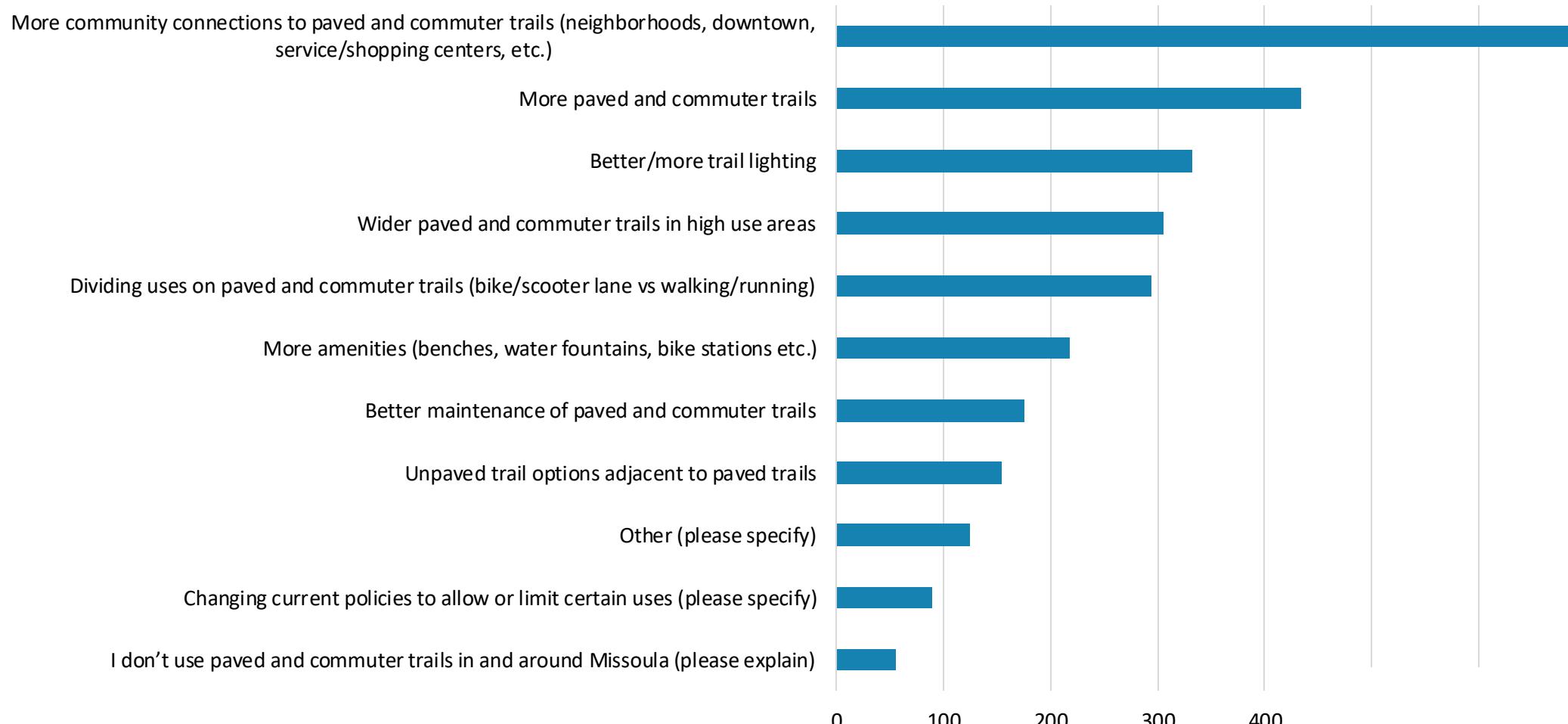
Weights, sauna, and steam room

Turf field

Low-cost yoga, HIIT, and dance classes

Parkour/fitness, balance and climbing challenges, climbing wall

11. In your opinion, what would make paved and commuter trails better? (Select top 3)



11. In your opinion, what would make paved and commuter trails better (sample of open responses)?

Enforce existing trail speed limits evenly regardless of vehicle type (bike, e-bike, scooter, electric skateboard). and leash laws

Allow personal electronic devices such as electric unicycles, onewheels and e-bikes

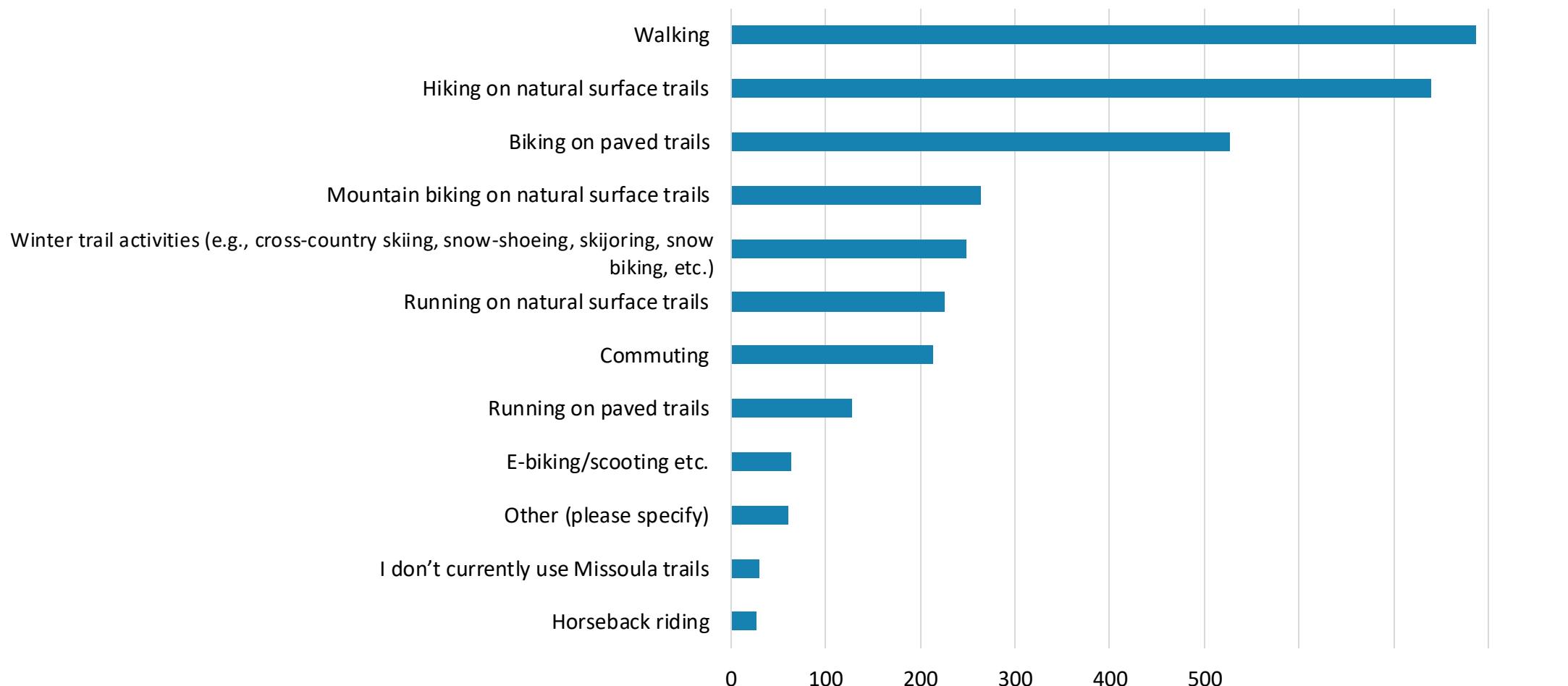
Not allowing urban camping on or close to trails

I am increasingly concerned about the use of e-bikes and other higher speed devices on shared trails given the lack of courtesy of users. I don't think allowing expanded uses is compatible until this is addressed.

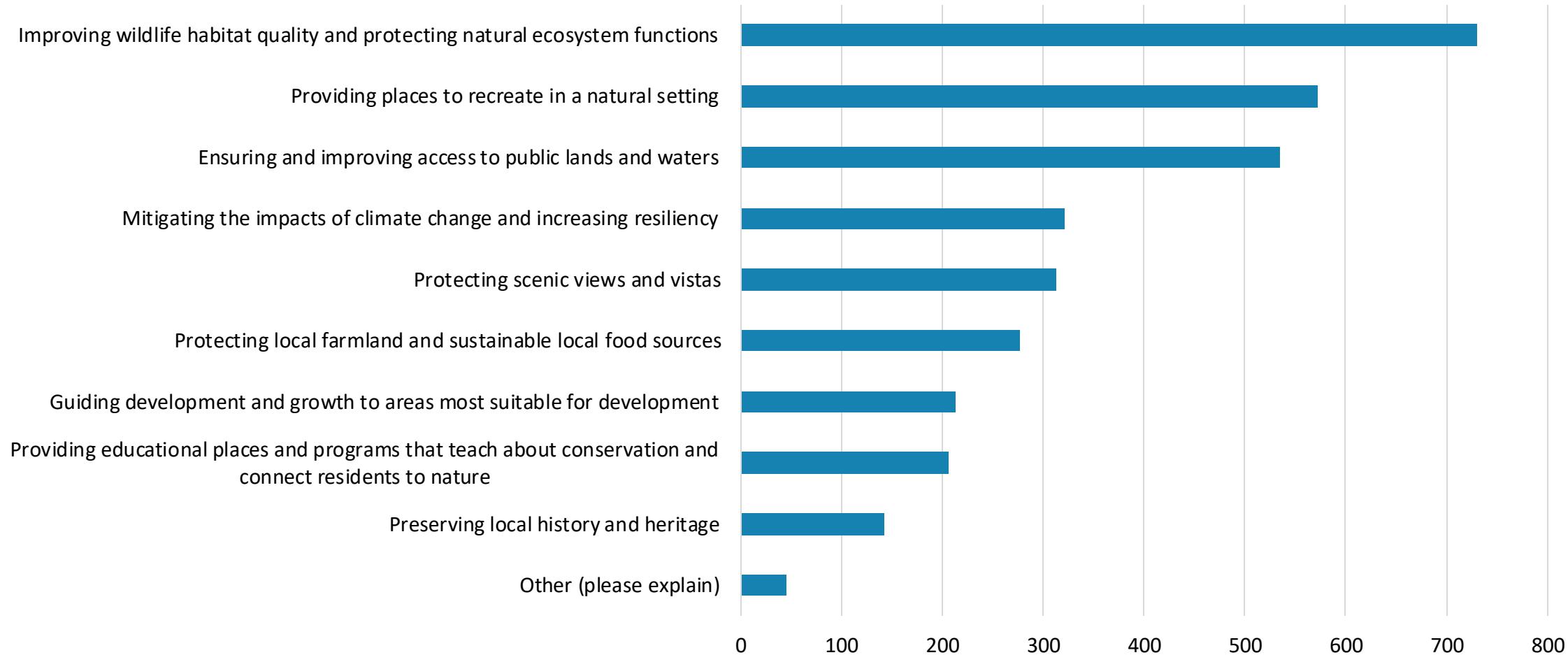
Better protected bike lanes/trails throughout the city, a bridge or underpass across Broadway.

Public restroom facilities along trails

12. When using trails in and around Missoula, what are your top 3 trail-based activities that you like to do?



13. In my opinion, the most important reasons for protecting open space in or near the Missoula area are: (Select top 3)



13. Other Open Responses

Ample opportunity for outdoor recreation without it constantly feeling crowded. More opportunities for disc golf.

Protecting and providing places near the City so we can access them without driving, thus aiding street safety and mitigating climate change while creating community as people move through neighborhoods in a low-impact way that supports knowing each other as humans.

Linking more open spaces together with trails

Stick with the current program, don't stretch resources thinly by constantly taking on more land and maintenance.

Creating a buffer for wildland/urban interface for wildfire

Having a small place where you can see and feel nature even though you are surrounded by city.

14. Which strategies would you support to help mitigate negative impacts to natural resources or user experiences?

Re-aligning or moving existing trails to reduce impacts on sensitive natural areas/species



Trail or area closures or use restrictions to protect natural resource values



Adoption of new trail standards to reduce potential user conflict (for example, widened trails near trailheads)



Increasing enforcement of posted rules at trailheads and on trails



“Hardening” trail surfaces on certain trails to reduce damage to trail surfaces when wet or muddy



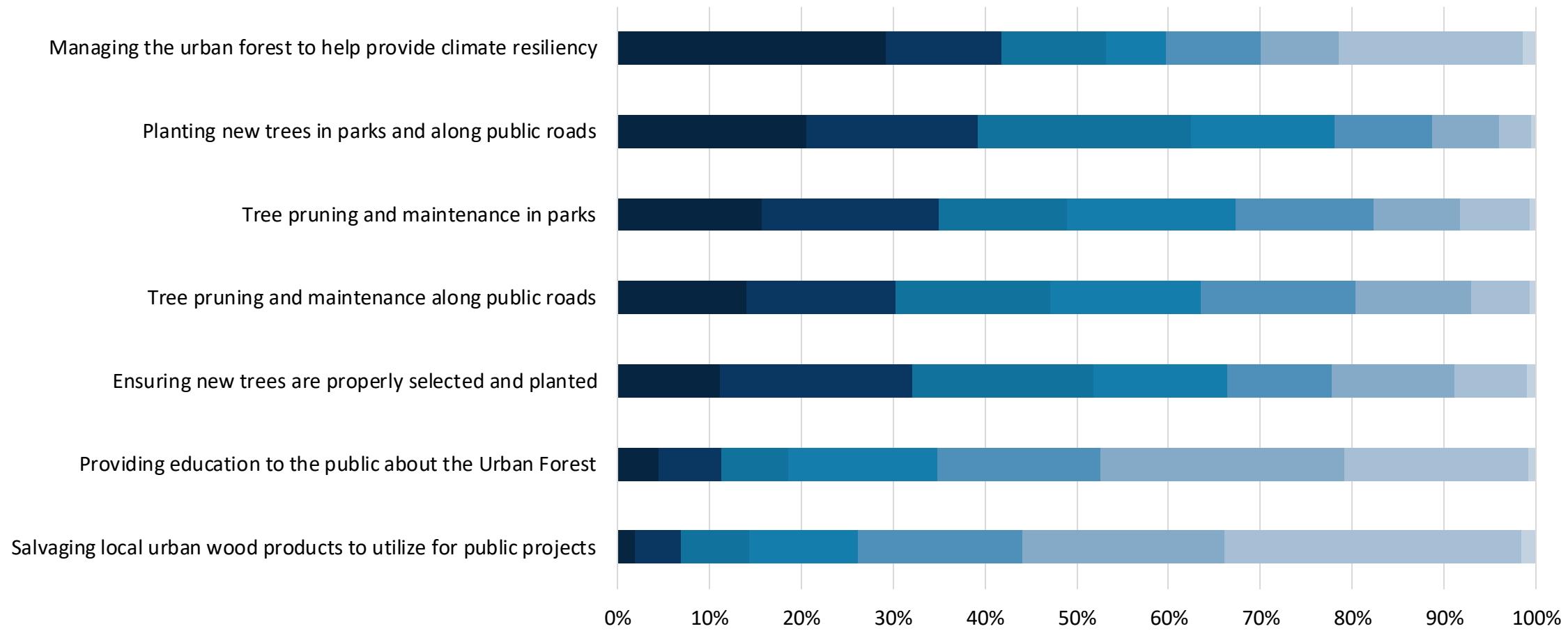
Development of new trails or re-designating trails to provide user-specific trail types



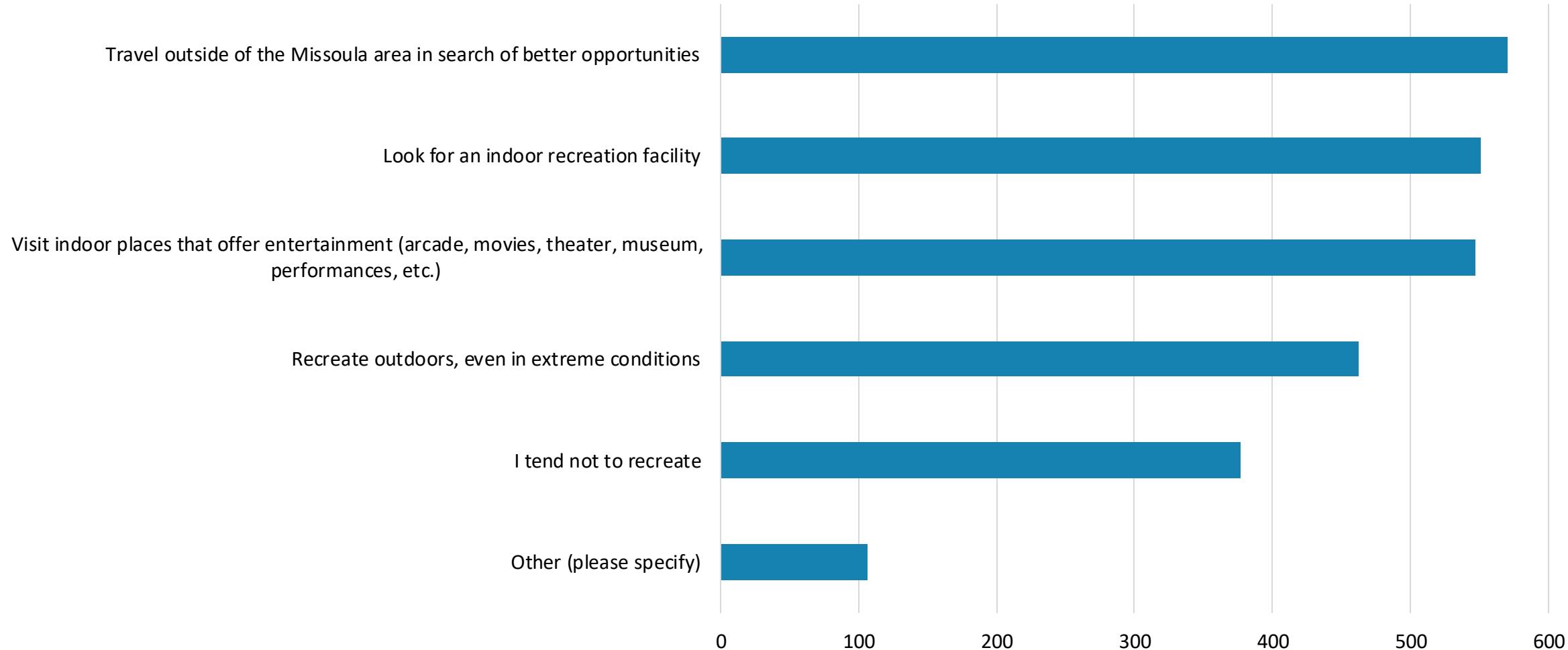
■ Strongly Support ■ Somewhat Support ■ Neutral ■ Somewhat Oppose ■ Strongly Oppose

15. Rank the following services currently provided by the Urban Forestry division.

■ Most important → □ Least important



16. When conditions prevent me from recreating outdoors (such as extreme heat, cold or poor air quality due to smoke), I generally prefer to: (Select top 3)



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Workout or exercise at home.

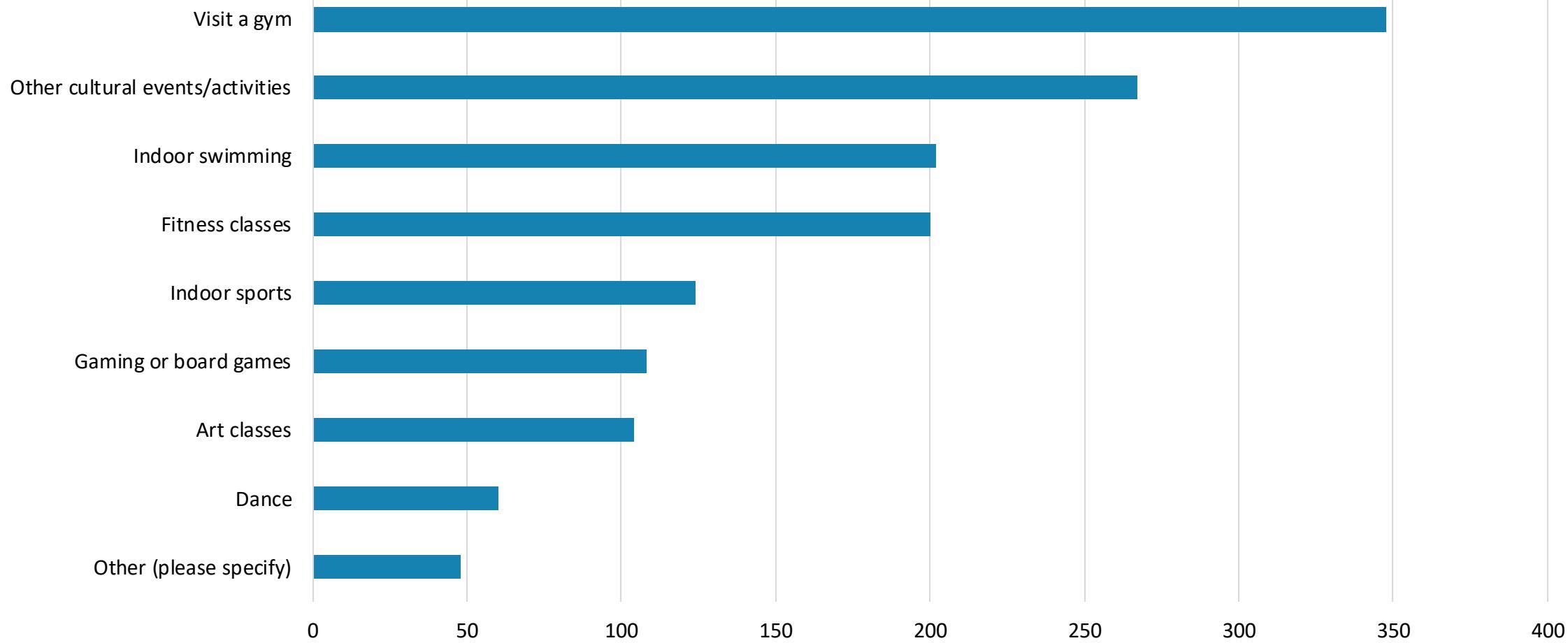
Recreate outside with a mask on.

Limit my outdoor recreation.

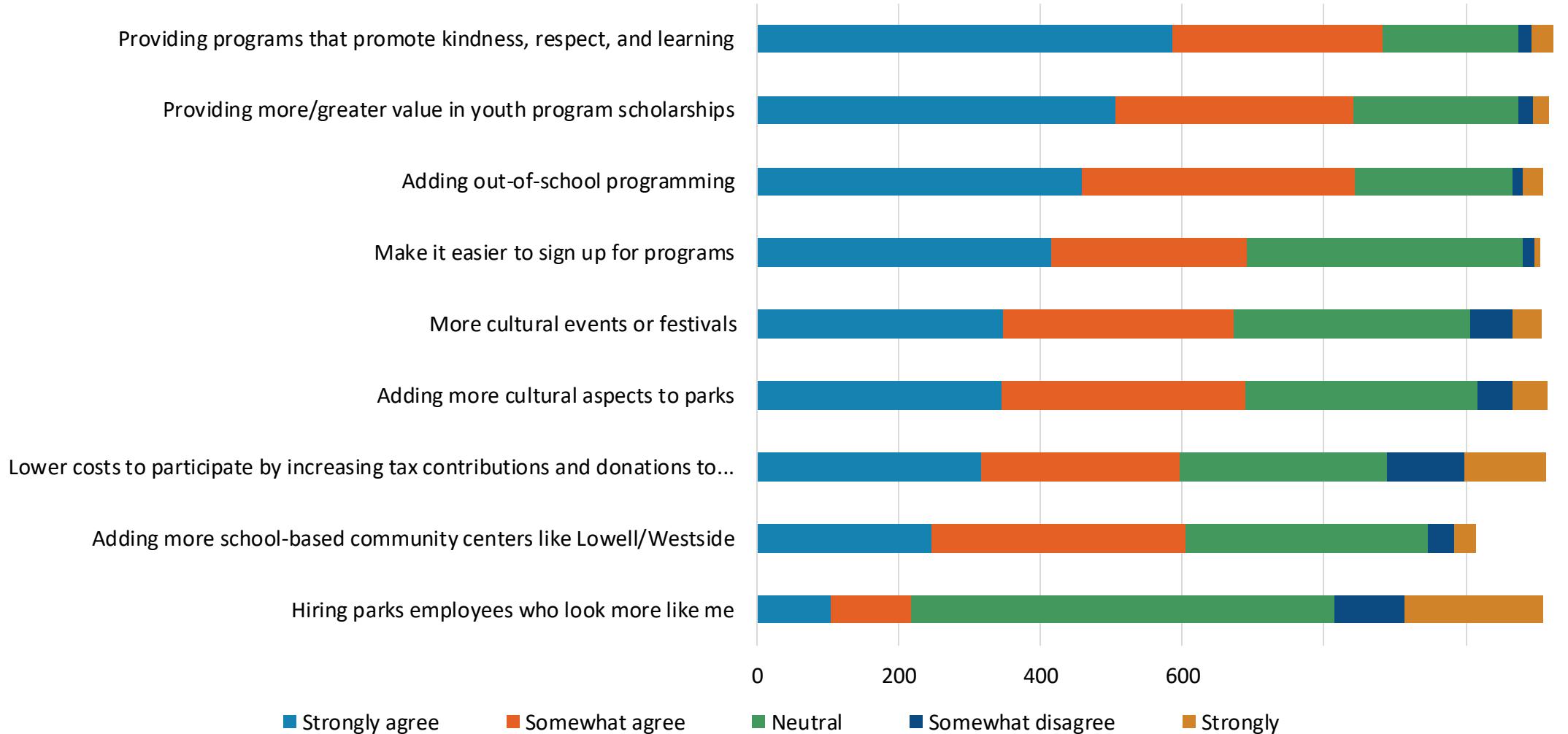
There are already a significant number of facilities that offer recreation in "extreme conditions"

I use a private fitness center

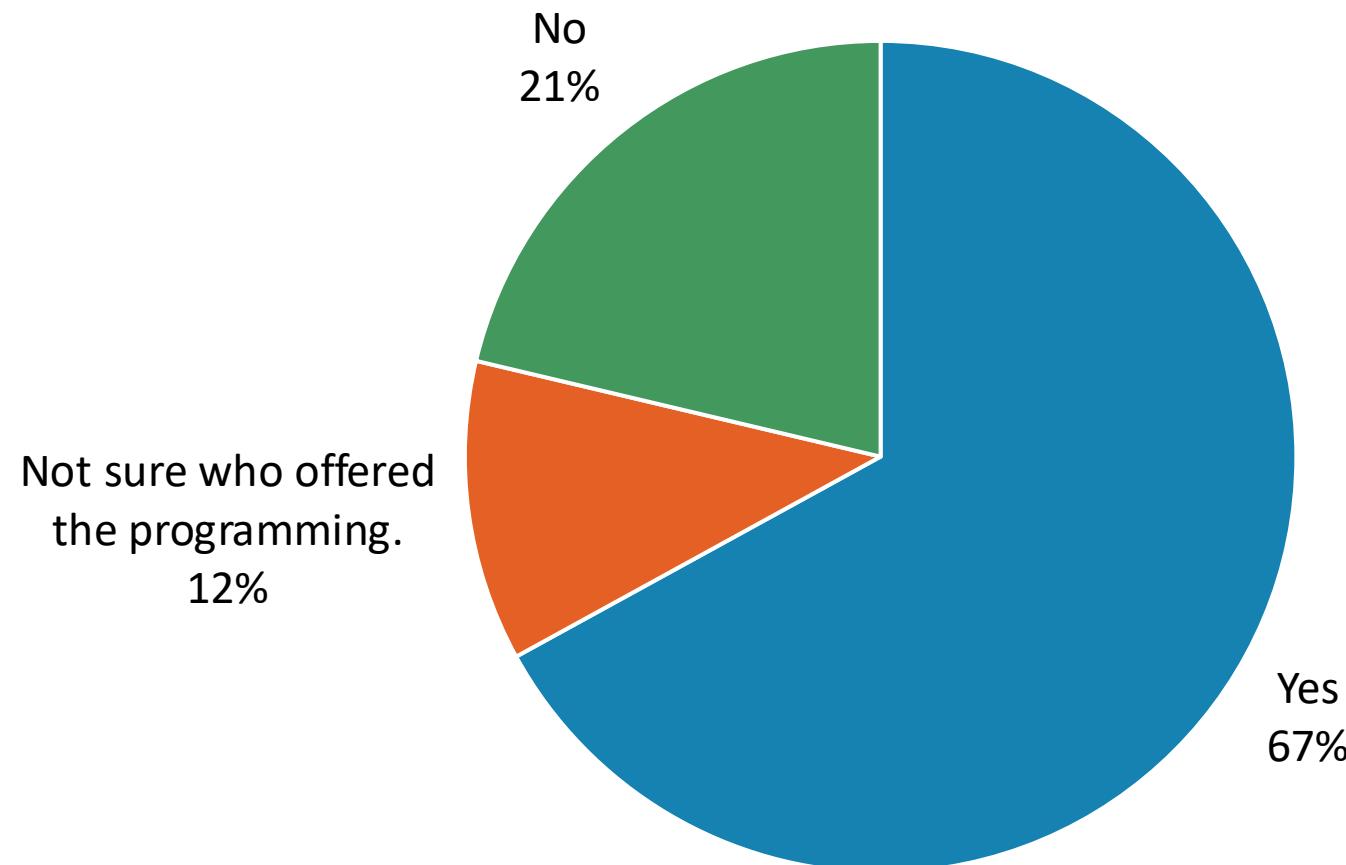
17. What type of indoor activities do you participate in? (Select top 3)



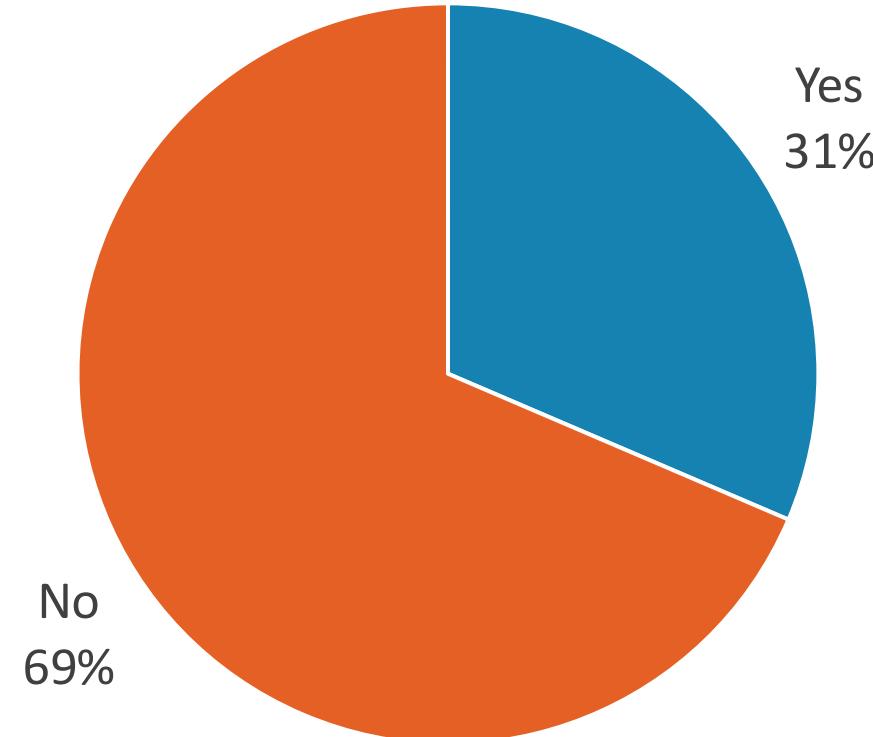
18. Regarding social equity, inclusion, and access for all Missoula residents, strategies that I support most are: (Select top 3)



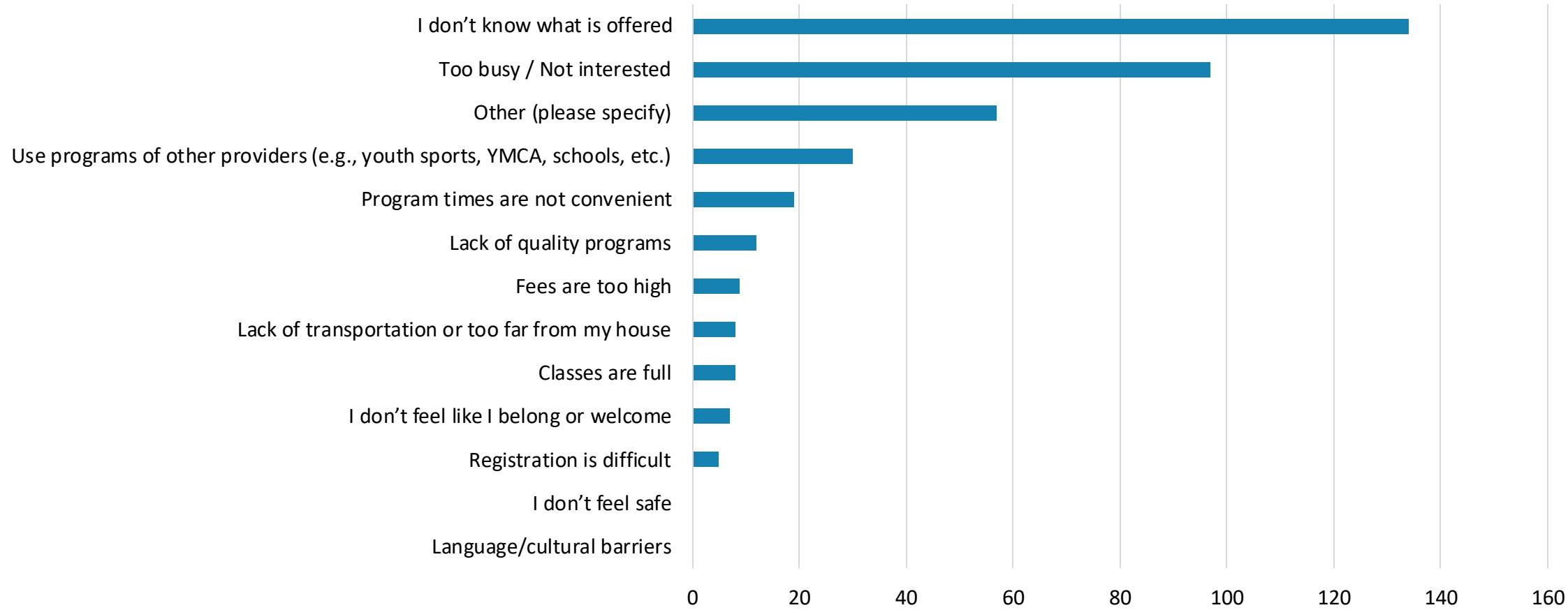
19. Have you or your family participated in a City of Missoula Parks and Recreation programs?



20. Have you at any time utilized a City of Missoula Parks and Recreation program for your child(ren) to serve as a form of childcare?



20. If your household has not participated in any City of Missoula Parks and Recreation programs during the last 2 years, please indicate any of the following reasons why you have not participated. (Select top 3)



20. If your household has not participated in any City of Missoula Parks and Recreation programs during the last 2 years, please indicate any of the following reasons why you have not participated (sample of open responses).

College age student, are there programs for young adults?

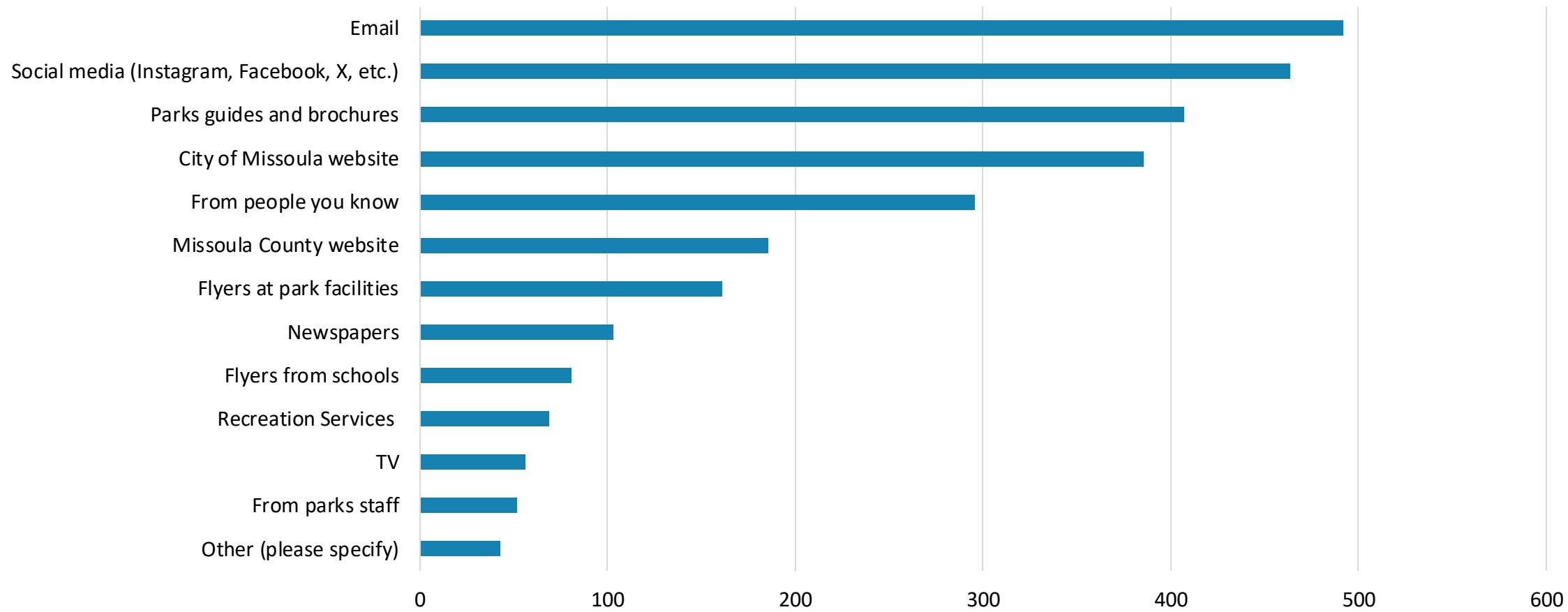
Most that I know about are geared towards children

Senior offerings

We are older, long-time residents and able to find our own opportunities for outdoor recreation.

I don't have kids. The adult programs seem very specific and for sporty/athlete types

21. How do you prefer to learn about park and recreation activities and programs? (Select top 3)



21. How do you prefer to learn about park and recreation activities and programs (sample of open responses)?

Websites – but they need an update

Missoulaevents.net

Radio

Mailers

Signs at parks

22. What types of programs and events offered by City of Missoula Parks & Recreation should be added or expanded? (Select top 3)



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Disc golf tournaments,
additional courses, clinics, and
leagues

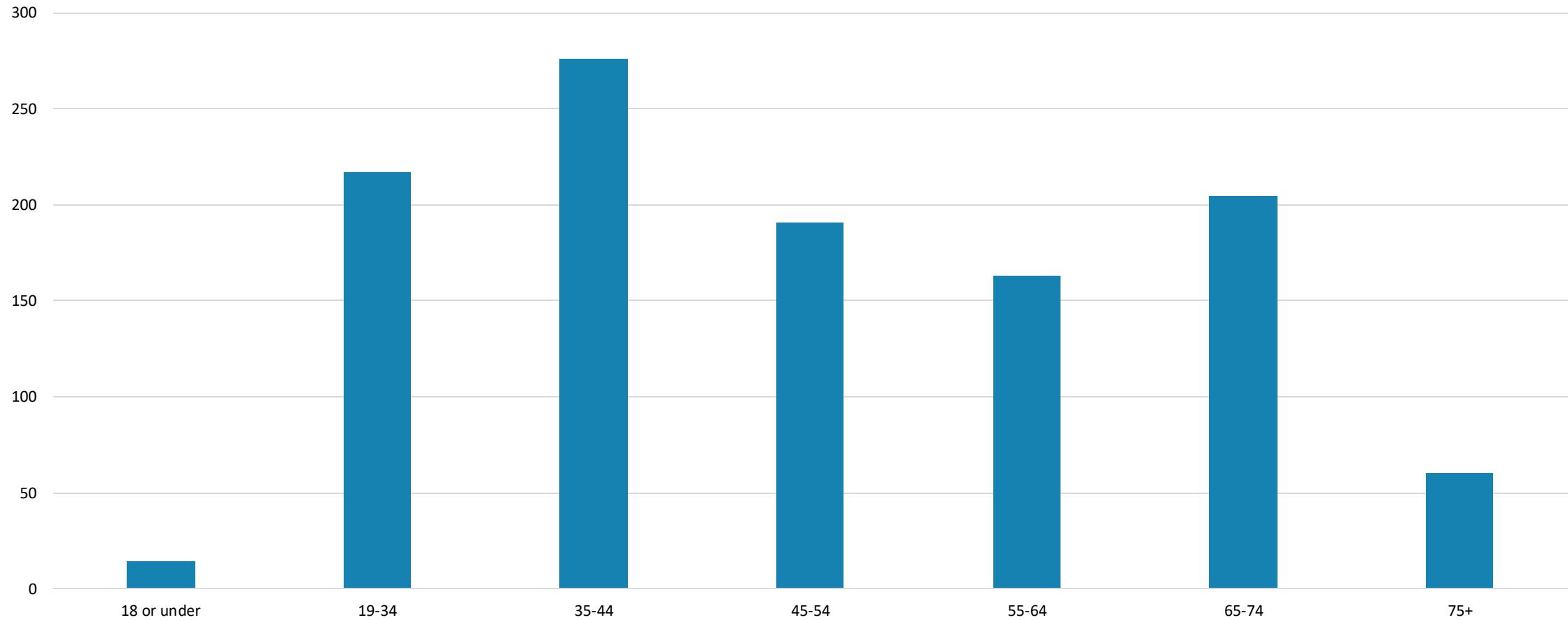
Exercise events for seniors.
Include morning exercise in the
parks

More programs for
kids and adults with
disabilities

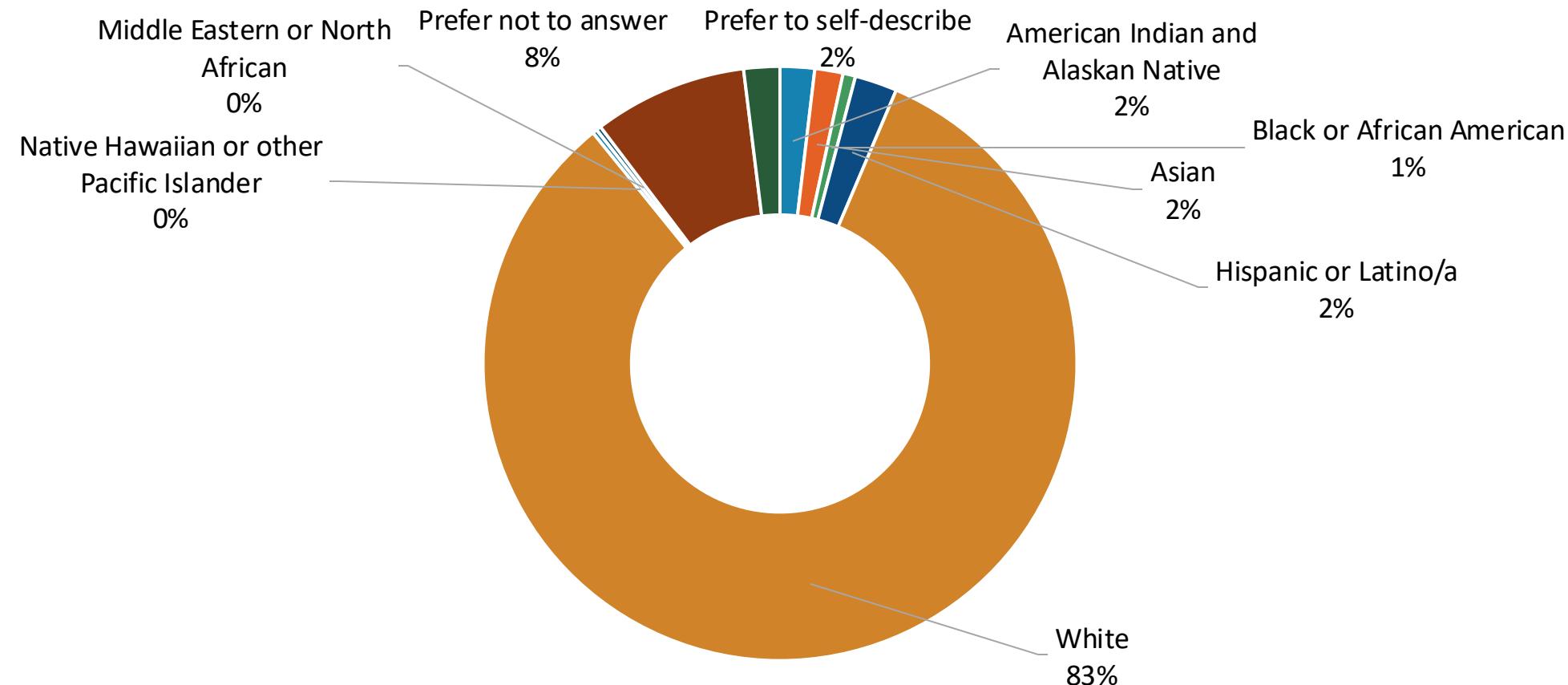
Free activities, especially for youth.
Summer camp offerings are not
accessible to most families.

Indoor recreation (walking,
pickleball, dance/art classes)

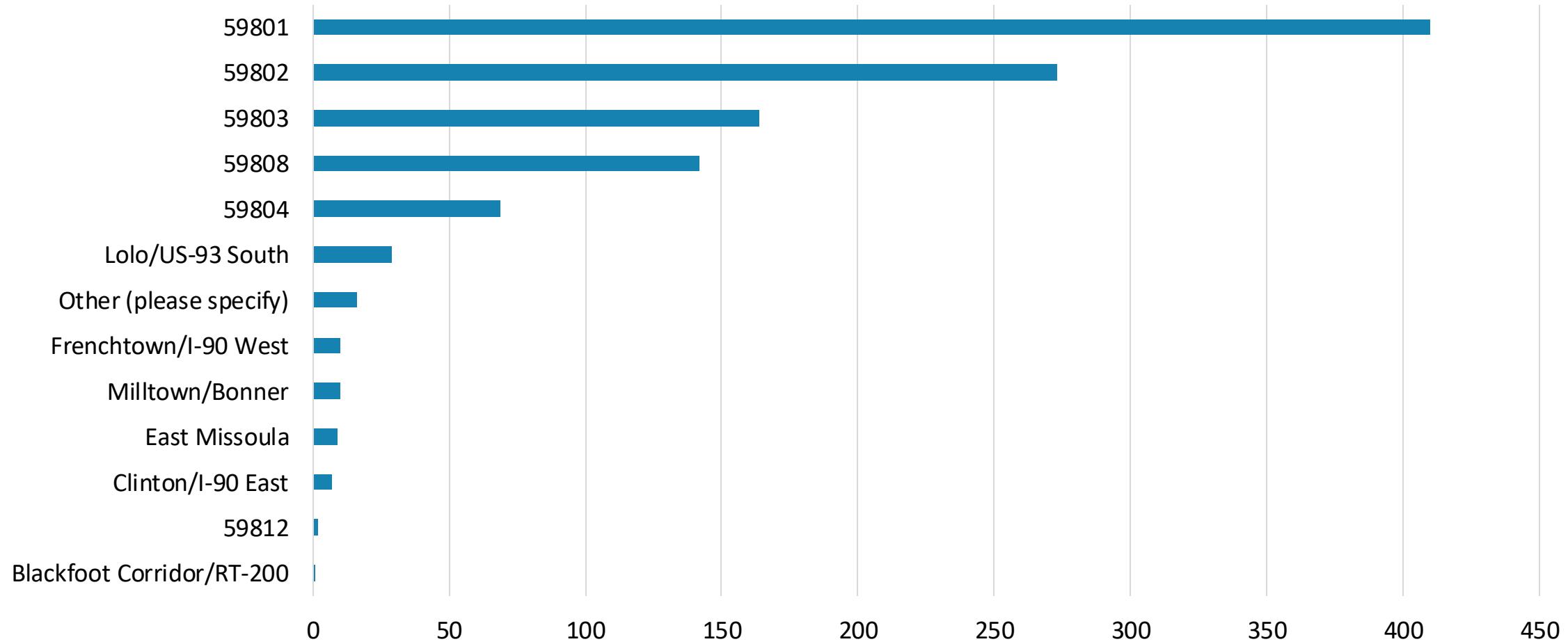
23. What is your age?



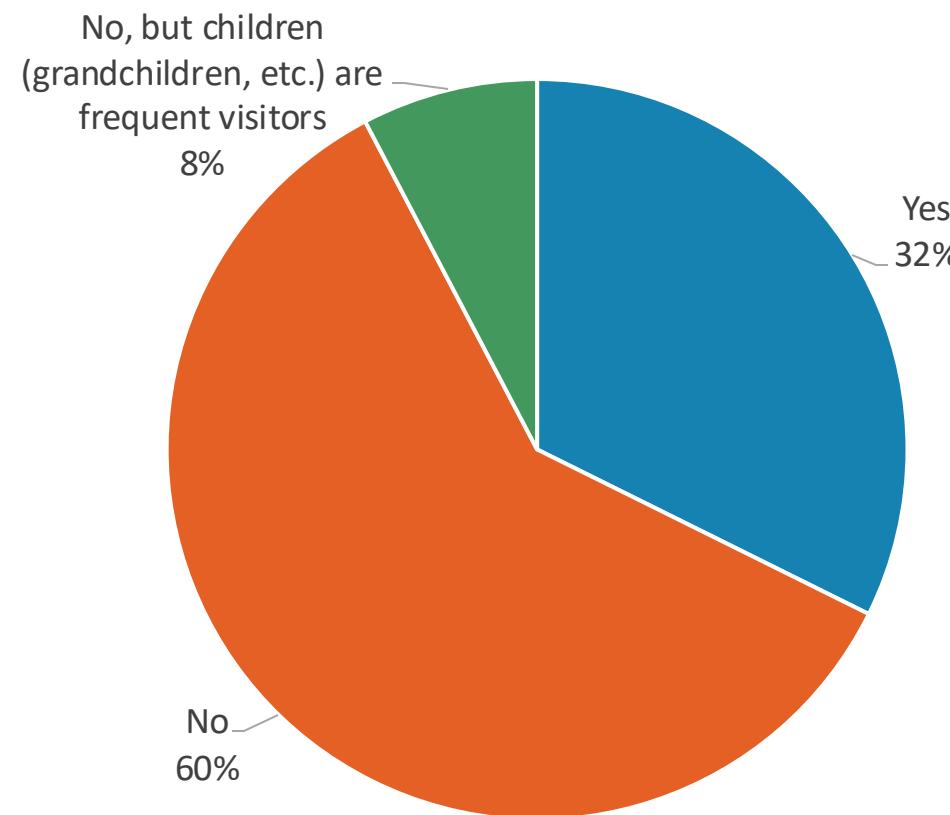
24. What is your ethnicity?



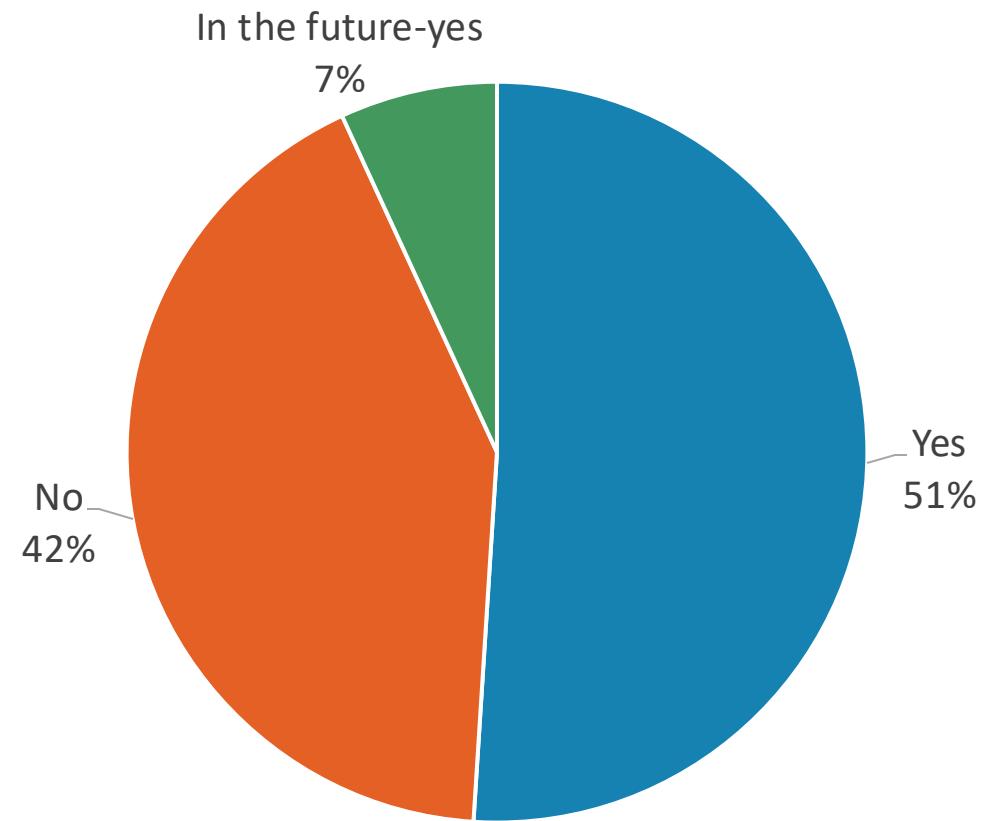
25. What community do you live in?



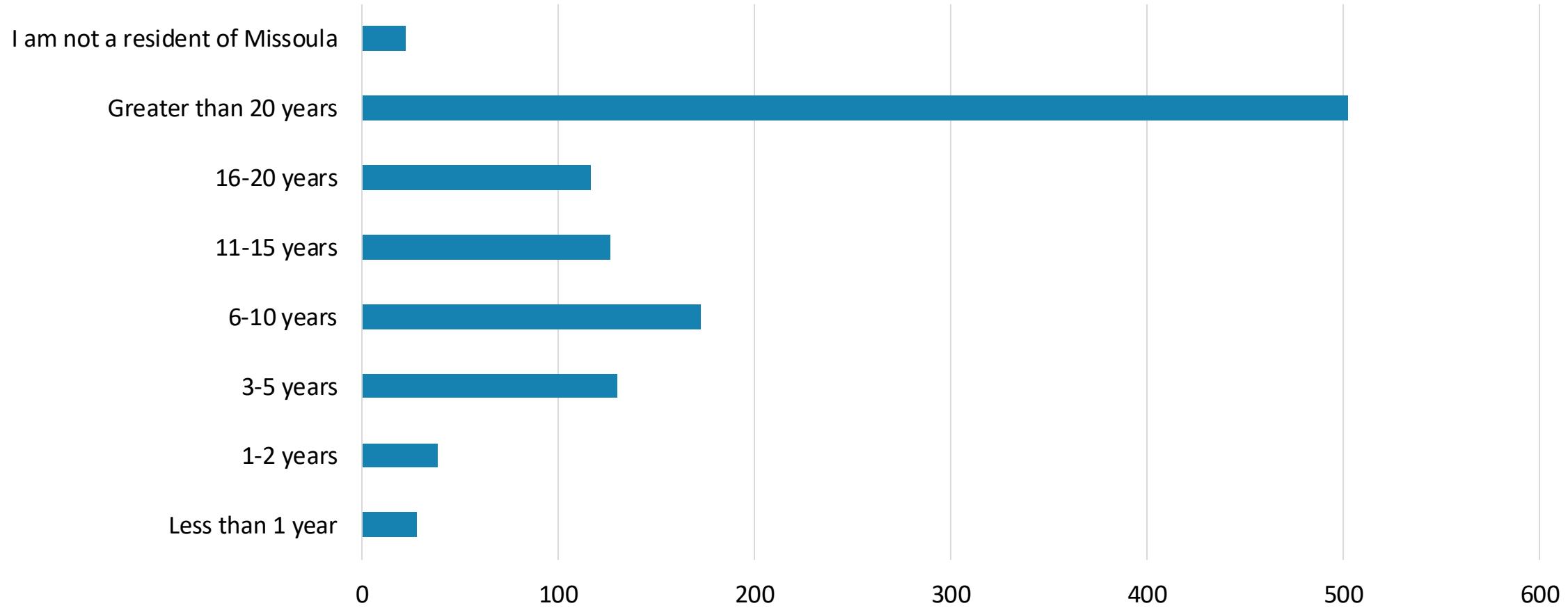
26. Do you have children under the age of 18 living in your household?



27. Are you a dog owner?



28. How long have you lived in Missoula?



Focus Groups



Focus Group Sessions

Date	Focus Group Sample Theme	Number of participants
11/6/2023	Current program users	9
11/8/2023	Users who rent or have permits	11
11/13/2023	Youth and family programs	5
11/13/2023	Diversity, equity, and inclusion	2
11/15/2023	Business development	8
11/15/2023	Climate resiliency and conservation	10

Greatest Opportunities

- New additions: Marshall Mountain and the potential for an indoor facility
- Continued support and investment in youth programming, especially afterschool, days off, and summer camps
- Desire for investment in long-term maintenance of existing facilities, particularly neighborhood parks
- Support for sliding scale fees



Greatest Opportunities

- Support for interpretive signage in Salish/Kootenai and interpretation about Indigenous culture
- Discussion on how green spaces in Missoula can mitigate climate impacts
- Maintain and increase partnerships to help solve complex challenges around climate, equity, and housing



Greatest Challenges

- Communication and information dissemination are hampered by staff turnover, strict rule enforcement, and website
- Enhancing accessibility and connectivity for all Missoulians through
 - improved public transit to major parks
 - development of centrally located facilities
 - inclusive all-abilities access
 - better integration of trails and neighborhood parks to bolster community cohesion and recreational opportunities



Greatest Challenges

- Maintaining park quality and community enjoyment is intensified by encampments and misuse
- Consistent, adequate maintenance within budgetary constraints for both existing parks and new developments.
- Utilizing parks to support biodiversity, manage flood risks, provide indoor recreational options during adverse weather, and integrate green space into increasingly urban environment



Community Open Houses



Community Open Houses

- 3 Open Houses held in total
- 300+ residents attended
- Held at the Missoula Public Library



Community Open House #1



- Held on March 5, 2024 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- Approximately 150+ attendees
- 5 PROST-specific boards for participants to interact with, as well as 1 board for general comments

Parks

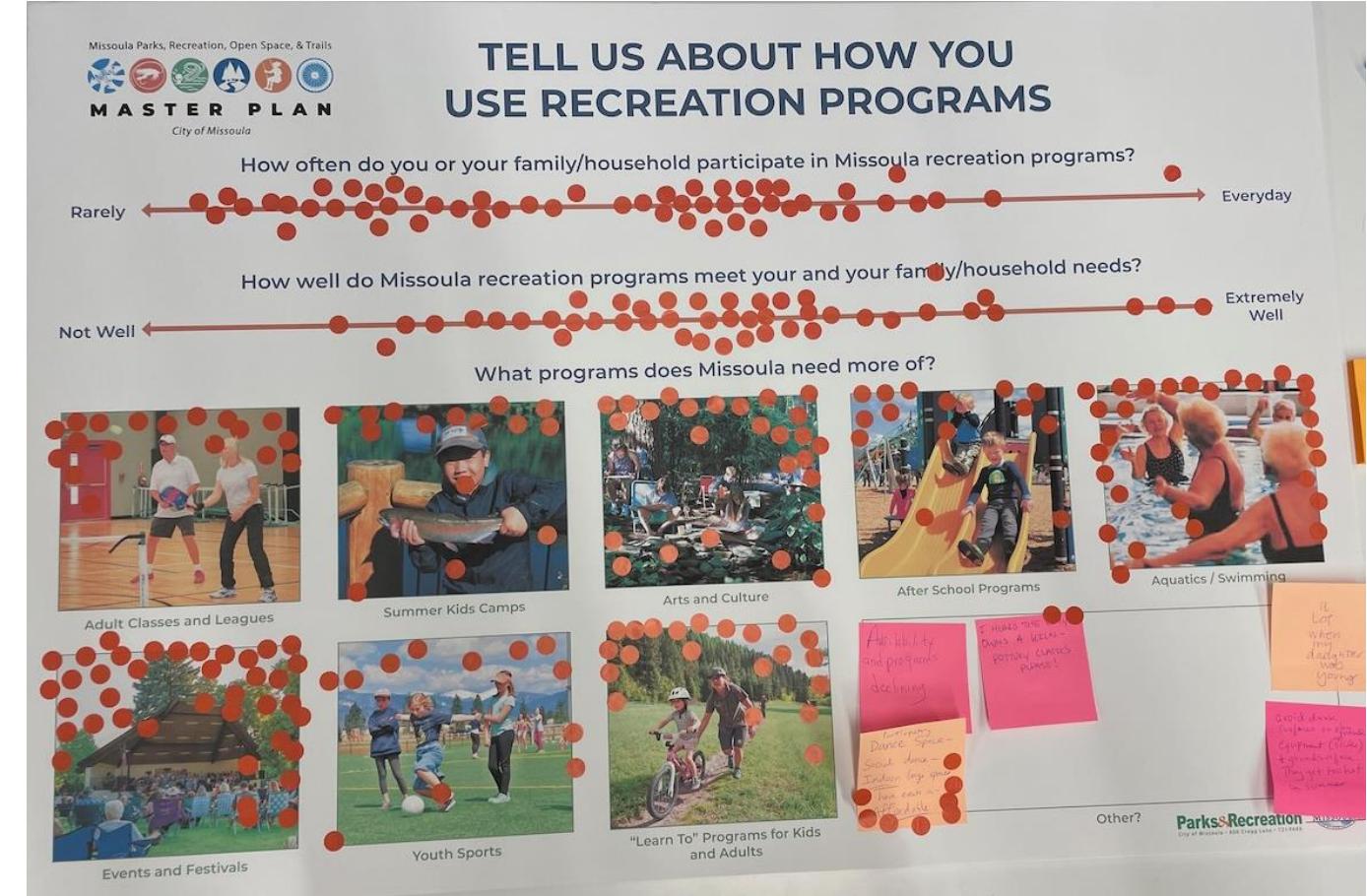
- Overall, parks are meeting community needs
- Maintenance and safety were two areas for improvements
- Main reasons for visiting:
 - Exercise
 - Events in the Park
 - Dog Walking/ Dog Park



Partial Data from Open House

Recreation

- A smaller % participate in programming than visit parks
- Need more of:
 - Events and festivals
 - Arts and culture
 - Aquatics/swimming



Partial Data from Open House

Open Space

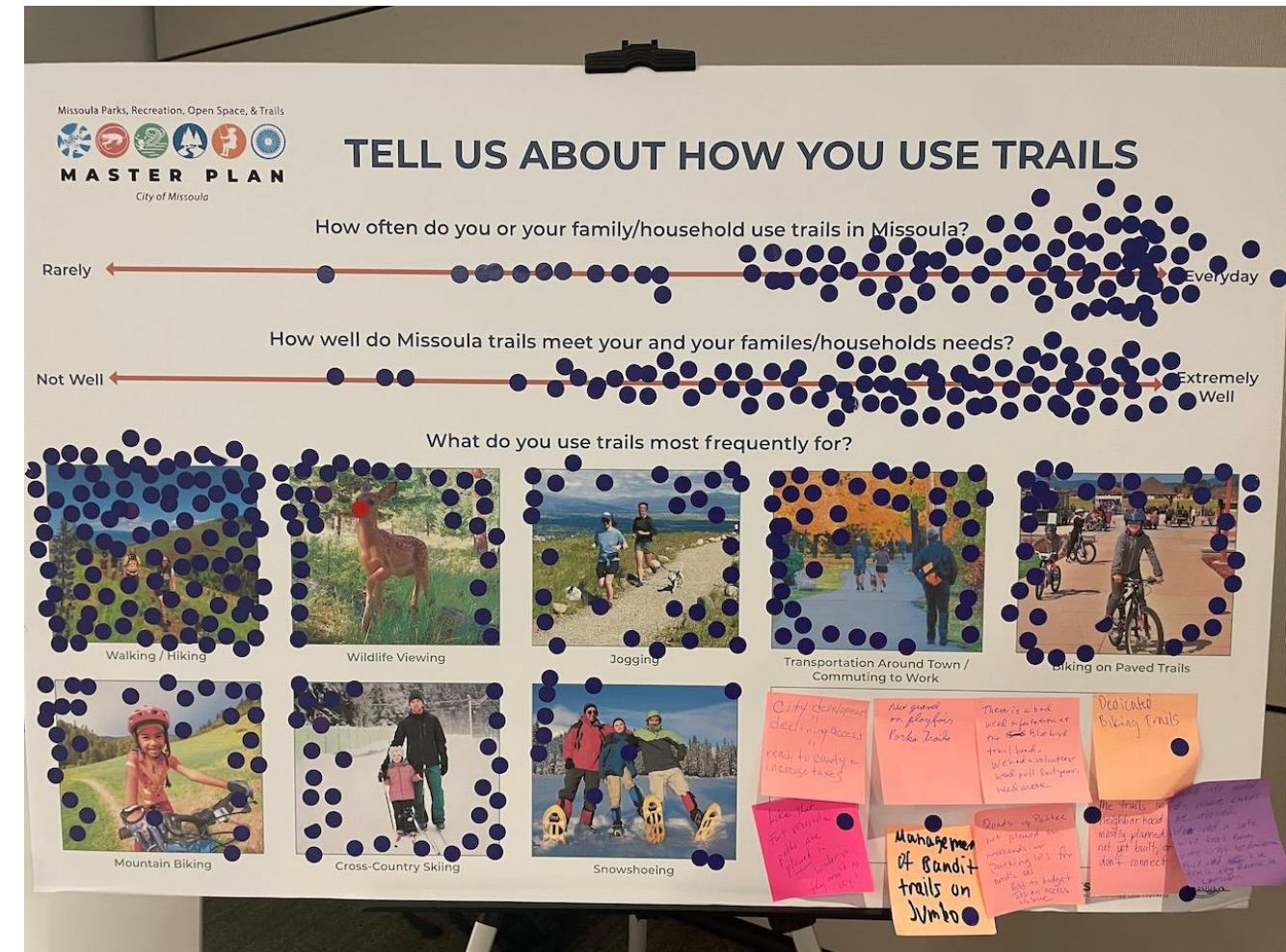
- Overall, very satisfied
- Most important reasons to protect:
 - Protecting and restoring ecosystems
 - Providing outdoor recreation and public access
 - Protecting natural resources



Partial Data from Open House

Trails

- Residents very satisfied with trails
- Most used for:
 - Hiking/Walking
 - Transportation around Town
 - Biking on Paved Trails
- Desire for more connections



Partial Data from Open House

Community Open House #2



- Held on October 22, 2024 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- Consisted of:
 - Overview PPT with Round 1 engagement results
 - Attendees were given “Parks Bucks” to distribute across a series of Boards that listed strategy areas
 - Map of PROST planning area to collect comments
 - Vision and Guiding Principles Boards

Open House Summary

- Of the 3 vision statements, there was no clear winner, each had elements people valued
- The guiding principles had positive reviews, but some ranked higher than others



Priorities – Parks and Facility

Strategy Area	General Cost	Parks Bucks
New Indoor Recreation Facility	\$\$\$\$	107
Maintenance, Cleanliness, and Safety	\$ per year	57
Additional Recreation Facilities	\$ per facility	44
Neighborhood Park Improvements	\$\$ per park	32
Adding Nature & Habitat	\$ per site	29
New Parks in Gap Areas	\$\$\$ per park	26
River Access	\$ per access point	23
Playfair Park Enhancement	\$\$\$\$	14
Sports Fields Upgrades	\$\$ per field	10



Priorities – Trail & Connectivity

Strategy Area	General Cost	Parks Bucks
Bike & Pedestrian Access	\$\$ per mile	79
Commuter Connector Trails Network	\$\$ per mile of trail	52
New Natural Trails	\$ per mile of trail	37
Trail Maintenance Program	\$ per year	35
Trailhead Upgrades	\$\$ per trailhead	21
Wayfinding Program	\$	15
User Amenities	\$ per site	11
Fitness and Special Use Trails	\$ per mile of trail	8



Priorities – Programming

Strategy Area	General Cost	Parks Bucks
Adult & Older Adult Programs	\$ per year	40
Environmental Education	\$ per year	26
Special Events	\$ per year	22
Fitness, Health & Wellness Programs	\$\$ per year	18
Arts & Culture Programs	\$ per year	17
Outdoor Recreation	\$ per year	16
Volunteer Program	\$ per year	15
Expanded Camp and School's Out Capacity	\$ per site	13
Mobile Programs	\$ per mile of trail	4



Priorities – Open Space & Conservation Lands

Strategy Area	General Cost	Parks Bucks
Climate & Resilience	Varies	44
River Corridors	\$ management/ \$\$\$ acquisition	44
Land Protection	Varies	34
Public Access	\$ per year	33
Conservation Lands Management	\$ per year	29
Volunteer Stewardship Program	\$ per year	16
Urban Habitat	\$ per year	7
Nature Center	\$\$\$	5



Community Open House #3



- Held on February 26, 2025 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- Consisted of:
 - Overview of PROST Framework – Vision, Guiding Principles, and Goals
 - For each goal, there was a board that had example policies and recommendations, or “Big Ideas” for attendees to comment on

Framework Feedback

- Vision, Guiding Principles, and Goals were all generally received well
- Specific comments included:
 - More mention of trees in vision statement
 - A focus on native plants and regenerative



Example Recommendations and Policies

- Lots of focus on implementation and being realistic with funding opportunities
- Focus on maintenance and upkeep of existing system
- Residents value nature in the system
- More trail connections and trail sections are desired



Key Informant Interviews



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- 13 one-on-one interviews held by Missoula Parks and Recreation staff
- Focused on stakeholder's experience with Parks and Recreation, as well as the greatest challenges and opportunities facing the Department



Summary Themes

- Appreciate existing partnerships that Missoula P&R has, but could expand them
- There is a feeling of burn-out from the community on tax measures, but understanding that P&R has limited funding
- As Missoula grows, there needs to be a focus on equity - location and quality of parks
- Need to ensure that there are opportunities for all – including older adults
- Ensure that there is outreach and partnerships with Indigenous communities

