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Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey

Findings Report



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Executive Summary

2022 City of Decatur Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey Executive Summary

Overview

ETC Institute administered a Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey for the City of Decatur during the months of summer 2022. The survey will help the City of Decatur Parks and Recreation Department plan for future recreation programs and facilities that meet the community's needs and preferences.

Methodology

ETC Institute mailed a survey packet to a random sample of households in the City of Decatur. Each survey packet contained a cover letter, a copy of the survey, and a postage-paid return envelope. Residents who received the survey were given the option of returning the survey by mail or completing it online at *DecaturParkSurvey.org*.

After the surveys were mailed, ETC Institute followed up by sending text messages and mailing postcards to encourage participation. The text messages and postcards contained a link to the online version of the survey to make it easy for residents to complete the survey. To prevent people who were not residents of the City of Decatur from participating, everyone who completed the survey online was required to enter their home address prior to submitting the survey. ETC Institute then matched the addresses that were entered online with the addresses that were originally selected for the random sample. If the address from a survey completed online did not match one of the addresses selected for the sample, the online survey was not included in the final database for this report.

The goal was to complete a minimum of 300 completed surveys from residents. The goal was exceeded with 317 completed surveys collected. The overall results for the sample of 351 households have a precision of at least +/-5.4 at the 95% level of confidence.

This report contains the following:

- Charts showing the overall results of the survey (Section 2)
- Priority Investment Rating (PIR) that identifies priorities for facilities and programs (Section 3)
- Benchmarking Charts Comparing Decatur Parks and Recreation Results to National (Section 4)
- Tabular data showing the overall results for all questions on the survey (Section 5)
- Responses from open-ended questions (Section 6)
- A copy of the survey instrument (Section 7)

The major findings of the survey are summarized on the following pages.

Parks and Recreation Facilities Use

Use of Parks and Recreation Facilities. Respondents were asked if they had used the City of Decatur parks or recreation facilities within the past four years. Ninety-six percent (96%) of respondents said they had used parks/facilities. Decatur Cemetery (67%), Glenlake Park (63%), and Legacy Park (59%) were the most popular facilities used by respondents. Those same respondents were asked to rate the physical condition of those facilities: most respondents (62%) rated them good, 28% said excellent, and 9% said fair. Respondents were most satisfied (rating either very satisfied or satisfied) with large community parks (86%), neighborhood parks (78%), and dog parks (73%).

Parks and Recreation Programs Participation

Program Participation. Respondents were asked if they had participated in City of Decatur parks or recreation programs within the past four years. Thirty-nine percent (39%) of respondents said someone in their household had participated. Respondents were most satisfied (either very satisfied or satisfied) with senior recreation programs (75%), adult recreation programs (73%), and summer camps (73%). Those same respondents were then asked to rate the overall quality of the programs: most respondents (53%) rated them good, 30% said excellent, and 17% said either fair (16%) or poor (1%).

Barriers to Use. Respondents were asked to indicate the reasons why they didn't participate in programs or didn't participate more often in the last two years. The highest number of respondents said health concerns related to Covid-19 (32%), not knowing what programs are offered (27%), and busy schedules (21%).

Outside Organizations Used for Recreation. Respondents were asked to select the organizations other than the City of Decatur that their household has used for indoor and outdoor recreation activities in the past four years. Most common were DeKalb parks and recreation (49%), City of Atlanta parks and recreation (45%), and the YMCA (38%). Respondents said they used these outside organizations most often because it offered a program that Decatur did not (39%), friends/family participation (27%), and higher quality programs (26%). Respondents most often used outside organizations for group fitness (26%), camps (25%), and aquatics/youth sports (23%).

Communication Methods. Respondents most often learned about recreation programs and activities from friends and neighbors (47%), Decatur active living and children and youth services playbook (45%), or the city website (40%). Respondents' most preferred methods are the Decatur active living and children and youth services playbook (41%), city website (39%), and email notifications (39%).

Community Perceptions

Benefits of Services. Respondents were asked to rate their level of agreement with 10 statements regarding ways Parks and Recreation services benefit their household and community. The highest number of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that parks and recreation improve mental health and reduces stress (98%), improves physical health (98%), and helps preserve open space and the environment (96%). Respondents were asked to select the three benefits most important to their household: improves mental health and reduces stress (51%), improves physical health and fitness (46%), and makes Decatur a more desirable place to live (45%) were selected most often.

Areas of Concern. Respondents were asked to select five of their top areas of concern in the community and in their daily life. Preservation of natural areas (53%), community safety (52%), and traffic congestion (42%) were selected most often as issues.

Healthy Lifestyles. Respondents were asked to reflect on the best ways the City of Decatur could help promote healthier lifestyles. Respondents felt green marks in parks and indoor recreation centers (55%), activities that recognize the health benefits of time spent outdoors (47%), and activities that recognize health issues and solutions (33%) were the best ways to promote healthy lifestyles.

Value of Parks and Recreation and Allocation of Funds

Taxation. Respondents were asked how much they'd be willing to pay in additional monthly tax revenue for the parks and recreation services they most value. The highest number of respondents (35%) said \$9 or more followed by 19% willing to pay between \$5-\$8.

Allocation of Funds. Respondents were asked to allocate a hypothetical \$100 budget for Parks and Recreation facilities/capital improvements. The highest amount of funding (\$21.85) went to improvements/maintenance to existing parks and recreation facilities followed by \$17.52 for development of new walking/biking facilities, and \$16.05 for the development of new parks facilities. Then, respondents were asked to allocate for programs/operations. The highest amount of funding (\$25.44) went to increasing staff to improve maintenance of parks/facilities, additional youth recreation programs/classes (\$14.23), and additional youth athletic programs/leagues (\$12.81).

Support for Improvements/ Developments. Respondents were provided a list of 10 potential actions to improve parks and recreation. Respondents were most supportive (selecting "very supportive") of developing new walking/biking facilities (59%), purchasing land to expand or create new parks/facilities (55%), and developing parks not permitting organized sports (47%). Respondents were also asked to select the four items most important to their household. These were the four items selected most often:

1. Development of walking & biking facilities (61%)
2. Parks not permitting organized sports (50%)
3. Purchase of land to expand or create new parks and recreation facilities (42%)
4. Develop new outdoor aquatics facilities (29%)

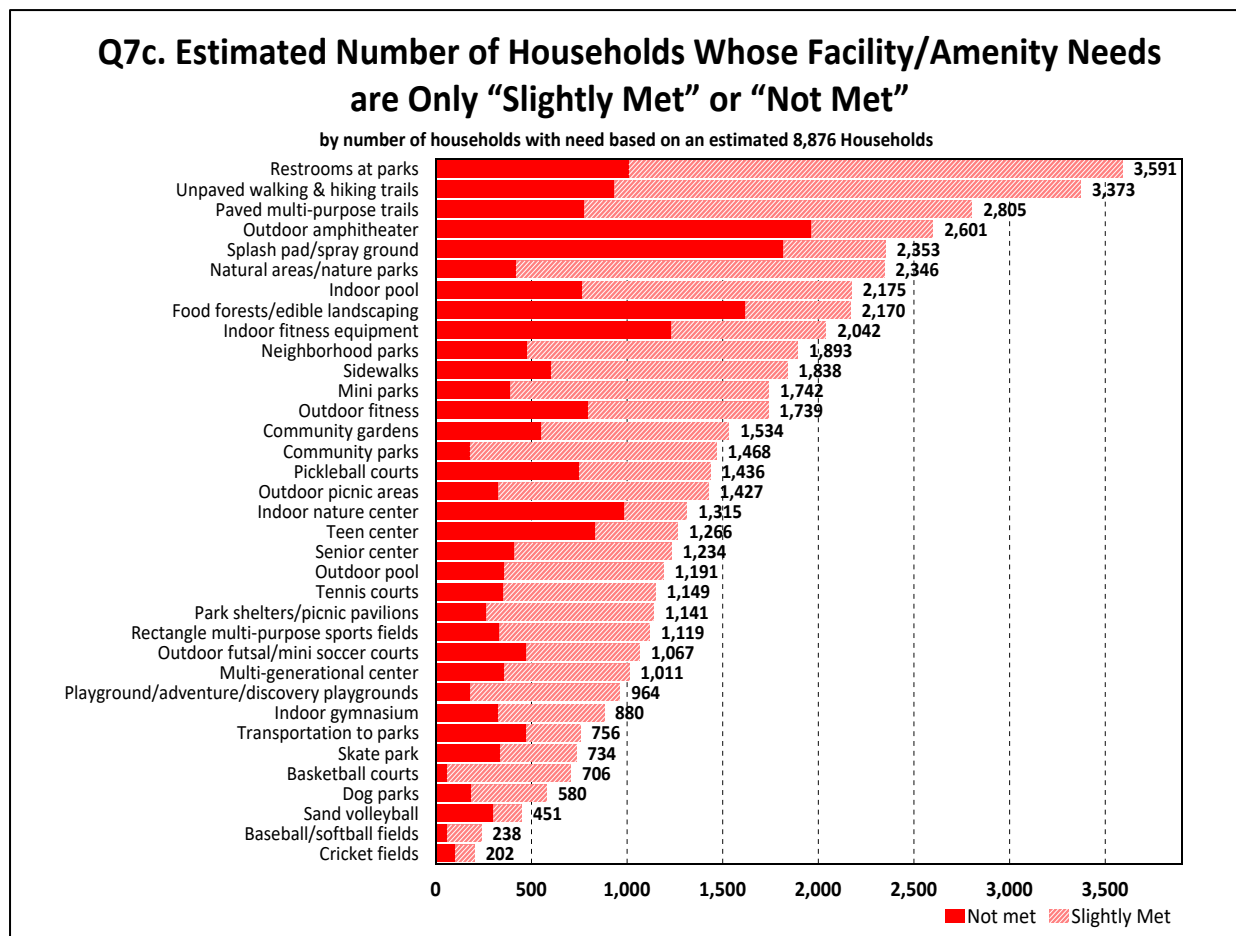
Facilities and Amenities Needs and Priorities

Facility/Amenity Needs: Respondents were asked to identify if their household had a need for 35 facilities/amenities and to rate how well their needs for each were currently being met. Based on this analysis, ETC Institute was able to estimate the number of households in the community that had the greatest “unmet” need for various facilities/amenities.

The three facilities/amenities with the highest estimated number of households that have an unmet need:

1. Restrooms at Parks – 3,591 households
2. Unpaved walking & hiking trails – 3,373 households
3. Paved multi-purpose trails – 2,805 households

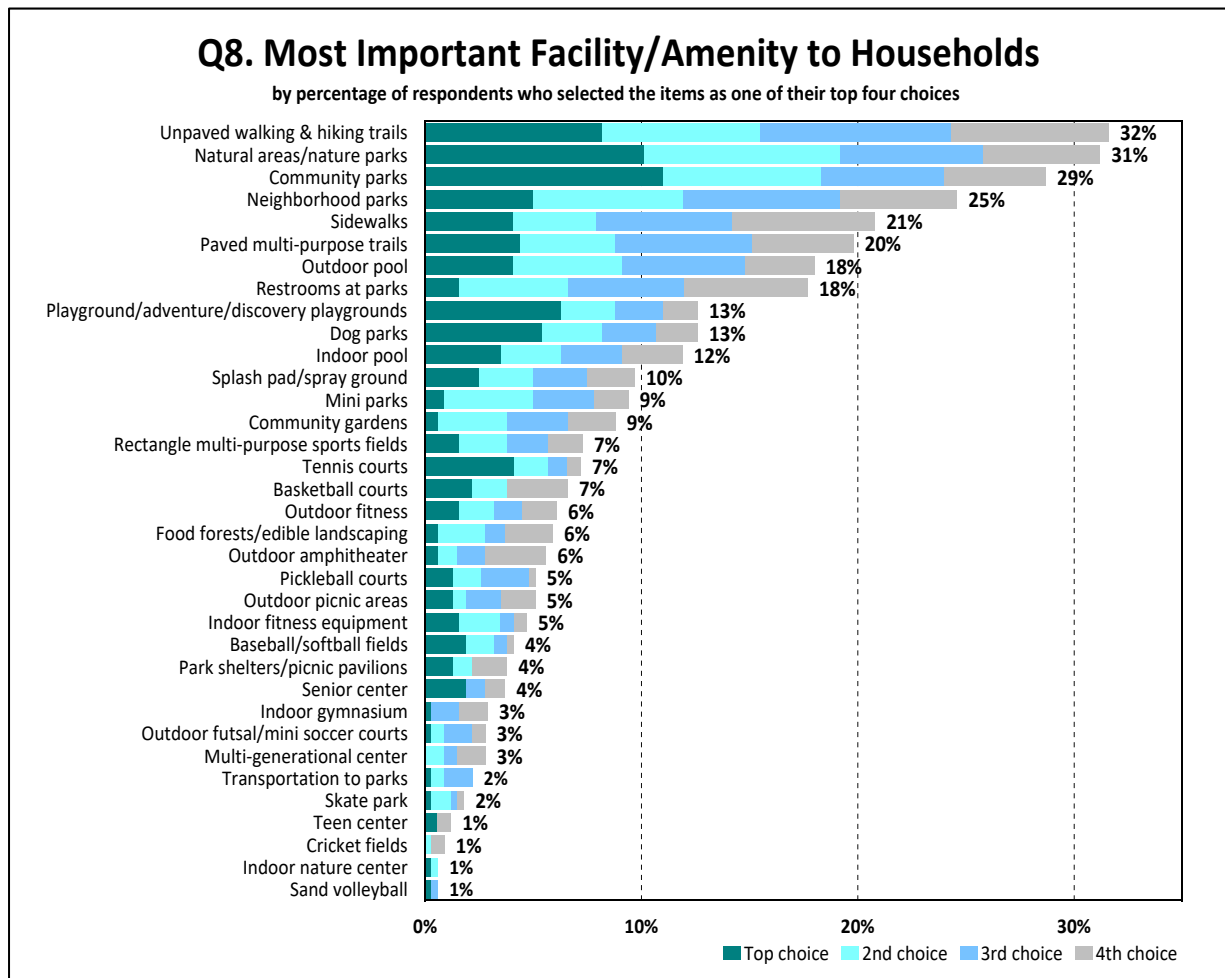
The estimated number of households that have unmet needs for each of the 35 facilities/amenities assessed is shown in the chart below.



Facilities and Amenities Importance: In addition to assessing the needs for each facility/amenity, ETC Institute also assessed the importance that residents placed on each item. Based on the sum of respondents’ top four choices, these were the four most important amenities to residents:

1. Unpaved walking & hiking trails (32%)
2. Natural areas/nature parks (31%)
3. Community parks (29%)
4. Neighborhood parks (25%)

The percentage of residents who selected each facility/amenity as one of their top four choices is shown in the chart below.

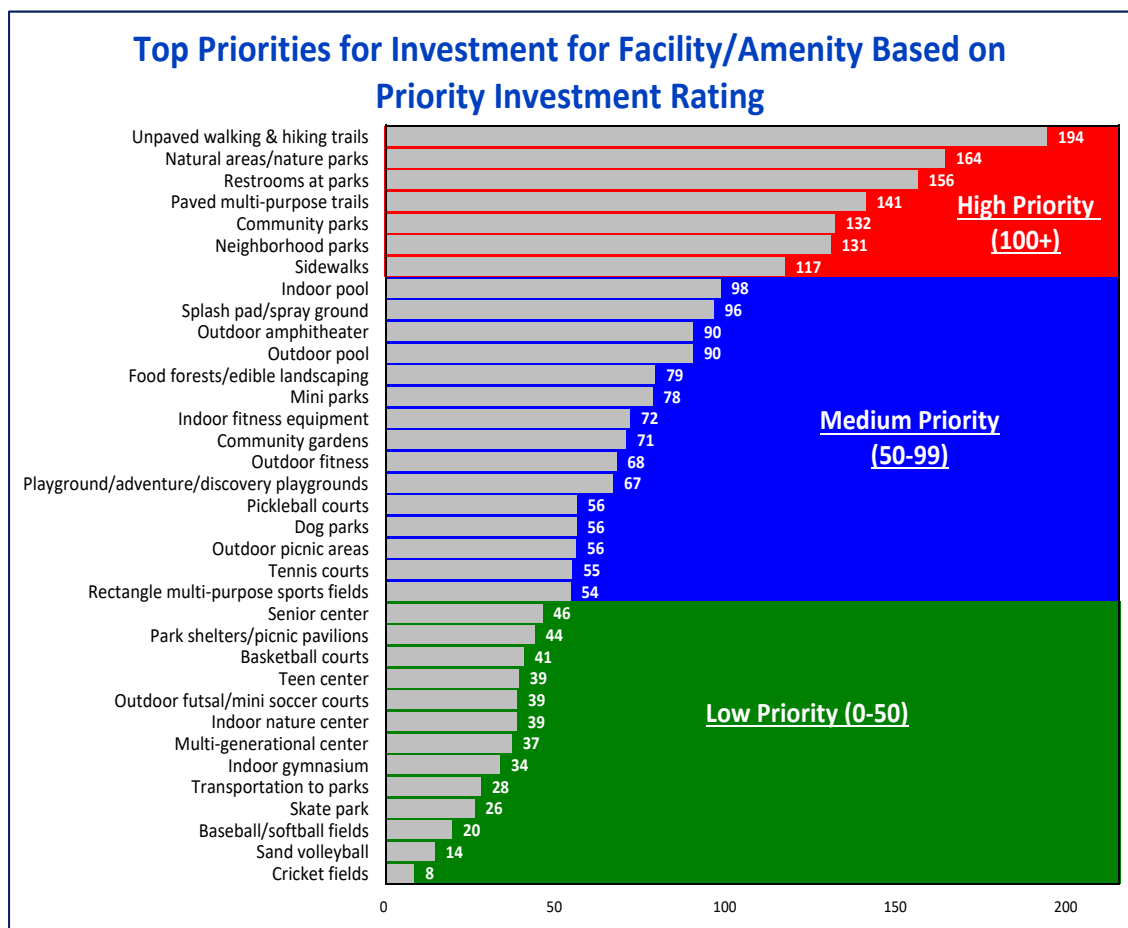


Priorities for Facility Investments: The **Priority Investment Rating (PIR)** was developed by ETC Institute to provide organizations with an objective tool for evaluating the priority that should be placed on recreation and parks investments. The Priority Investment Rating (PIR) equally weights (1) the importance that residents place on amenities/facilities and (2) how many residents have unmet needs for the facility/amenity. [Details regarding the methodology for this analysis are provided in Section 3 of this report.]

Based the Priority Investment Rating (PIR), the following parks and recreation facilities/amenities were rated as high priorities for investment:

- Unpaved walking & hiking trails (PIR=194)
- Natural areas/nature parks (PIR=164)
- Restrooms at parks (PIR=156)
- Paved multi-purpose trails (PIR=140)
- Community parks (PIR=132)
- Neighborhood parks (PIR=131)
- Sidewalks (PIR=117)

The chart below shows the Priority Investment Rating for each of the 35 facilities/amenities assessed on the survey.



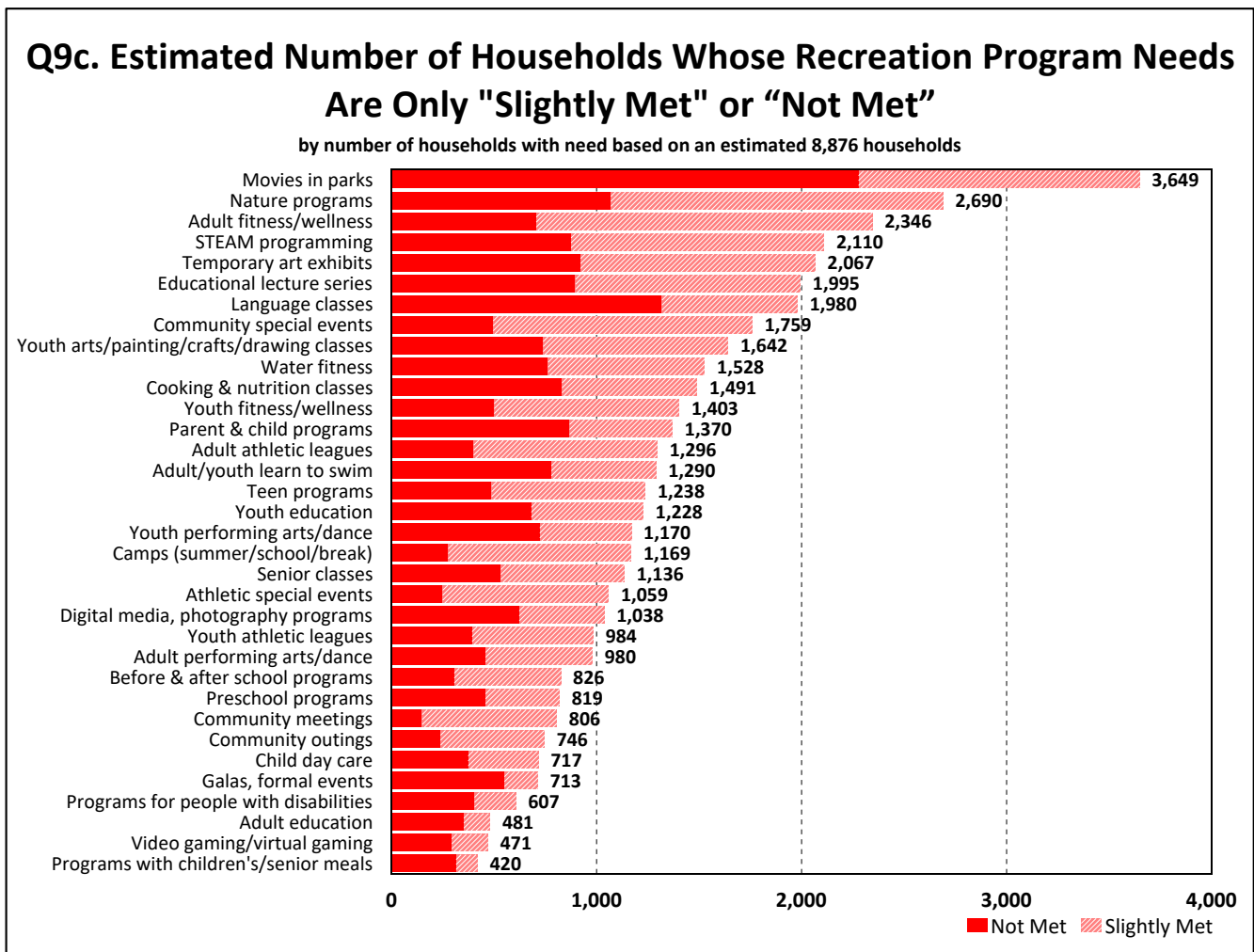
City of Decatur Recreation Program Needs and Priorities

Program Needs: Respondents were asked to identify if their household had a need for 34 programs and to rate how well their needs for each were currently being met. Based on this analysis, ETC Institute was able to estimate the number of households in the community that had the greatest “unmet” need for various facilities/amenities.

The three programs with the highest estimated number of households that have an unmet need:

1. Movies in parks – 3,649 households
2. Nature programs – 2,690 households
3. Adult fitness/wellness programs– 2,346 households

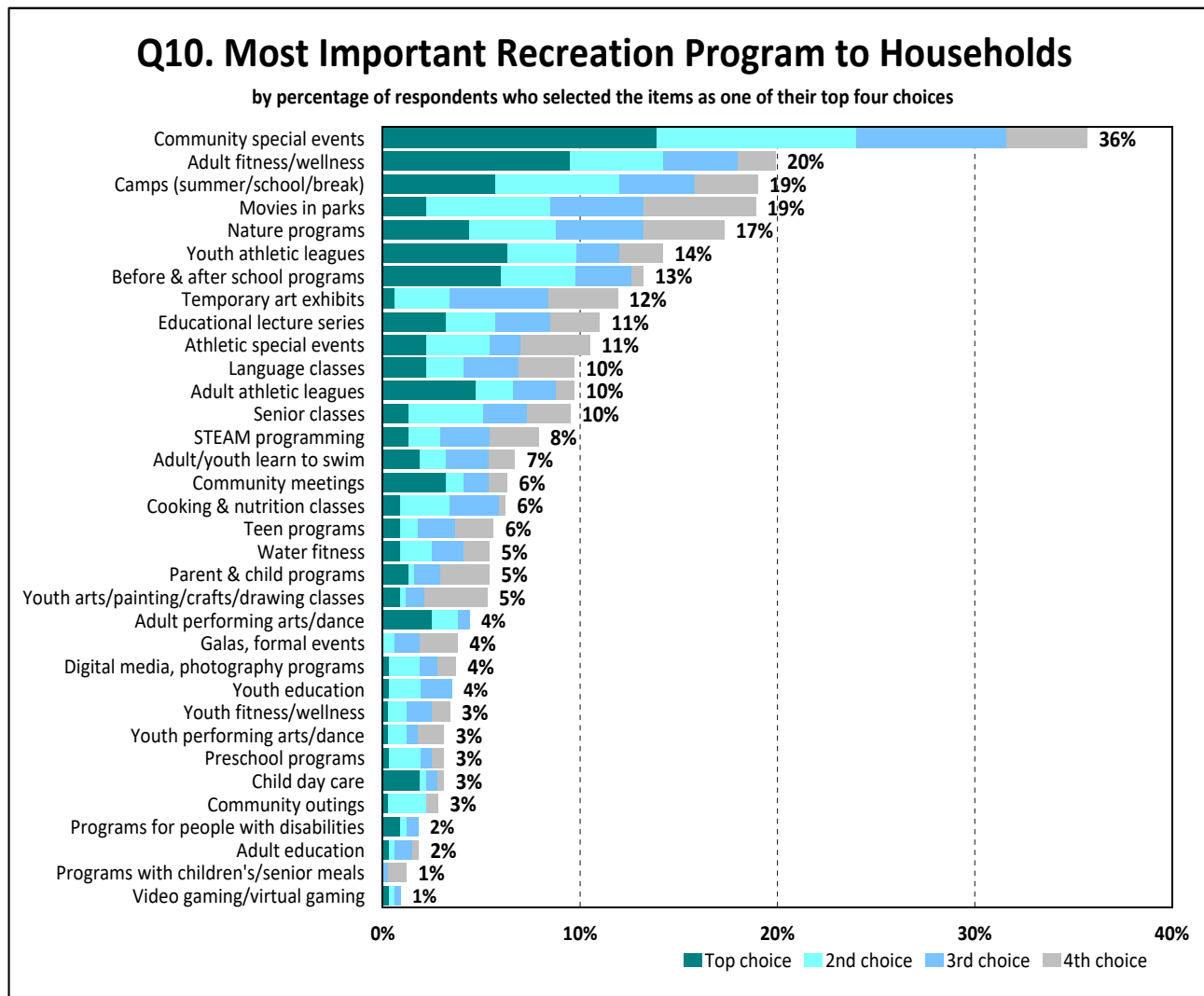
The estimated number of households that have unmet needs for each of the 34 recreation programs assessed is shown in the chart below.



Programs Importance: In addition to assessing the needs for each program, ETC Institute also assessed the importance that residents placed on each item. Based on the sum of respondents' top four choices, these are the four most important programs to residents:

1. Community special events (36%)
2. Adult fitness/wellness (20%)
3. Camps (19%)
4. Movies in parks (17%)

The percentage of residents who selected each program as one of their top four choices is shown in the chart below.

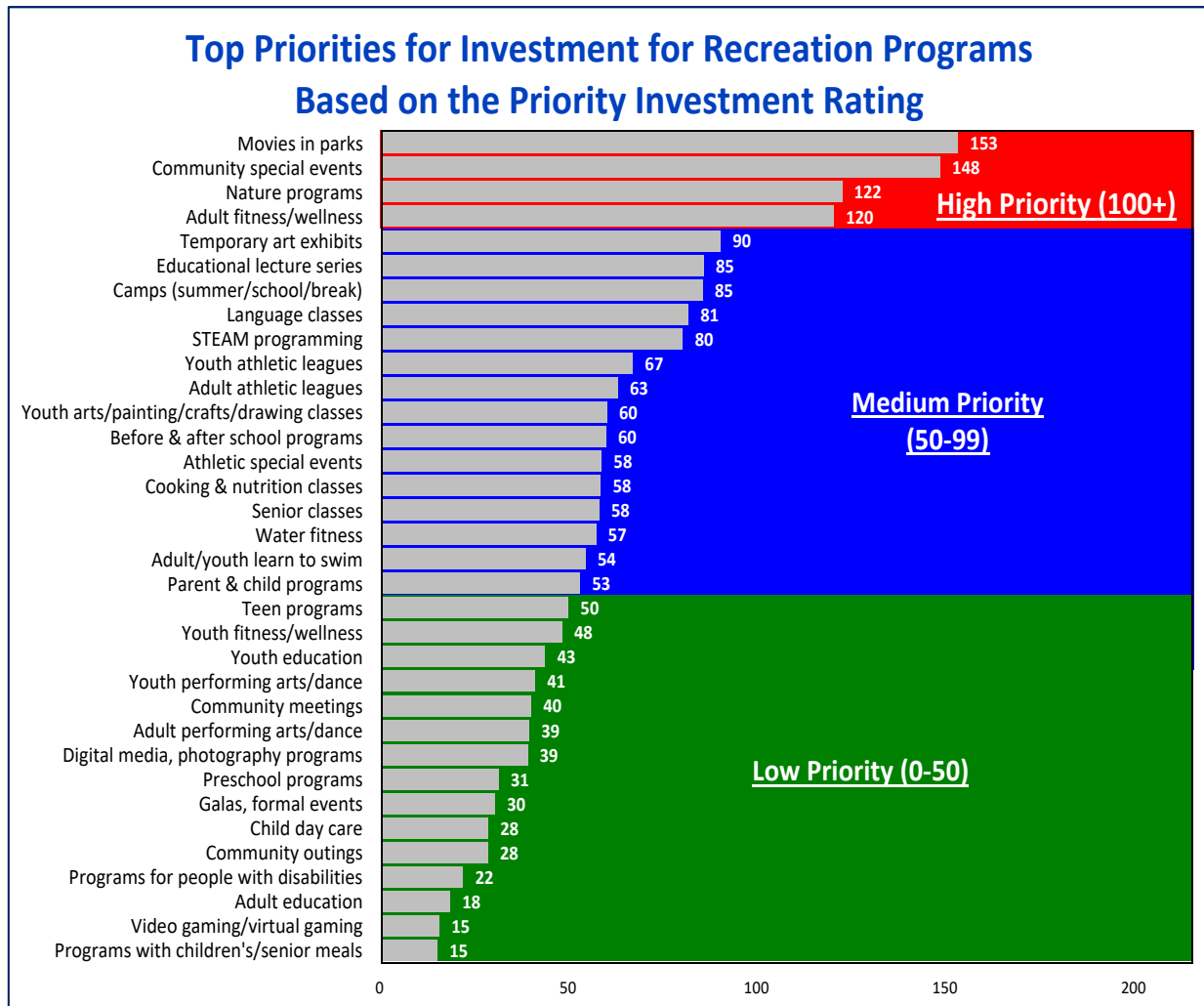


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Based the Priority Investment Rating (PIR), the following City of Decatur programs were rated as high priorities for investment:

- Movies in parks (PIR=153)
- Community special events (PIR=148)
- Nature programs (PIR=122)
- Adult fitness/wellness programs (PIR=120)

The chart below shows the Priority Investment Rating for each of the 34 programs assessed.

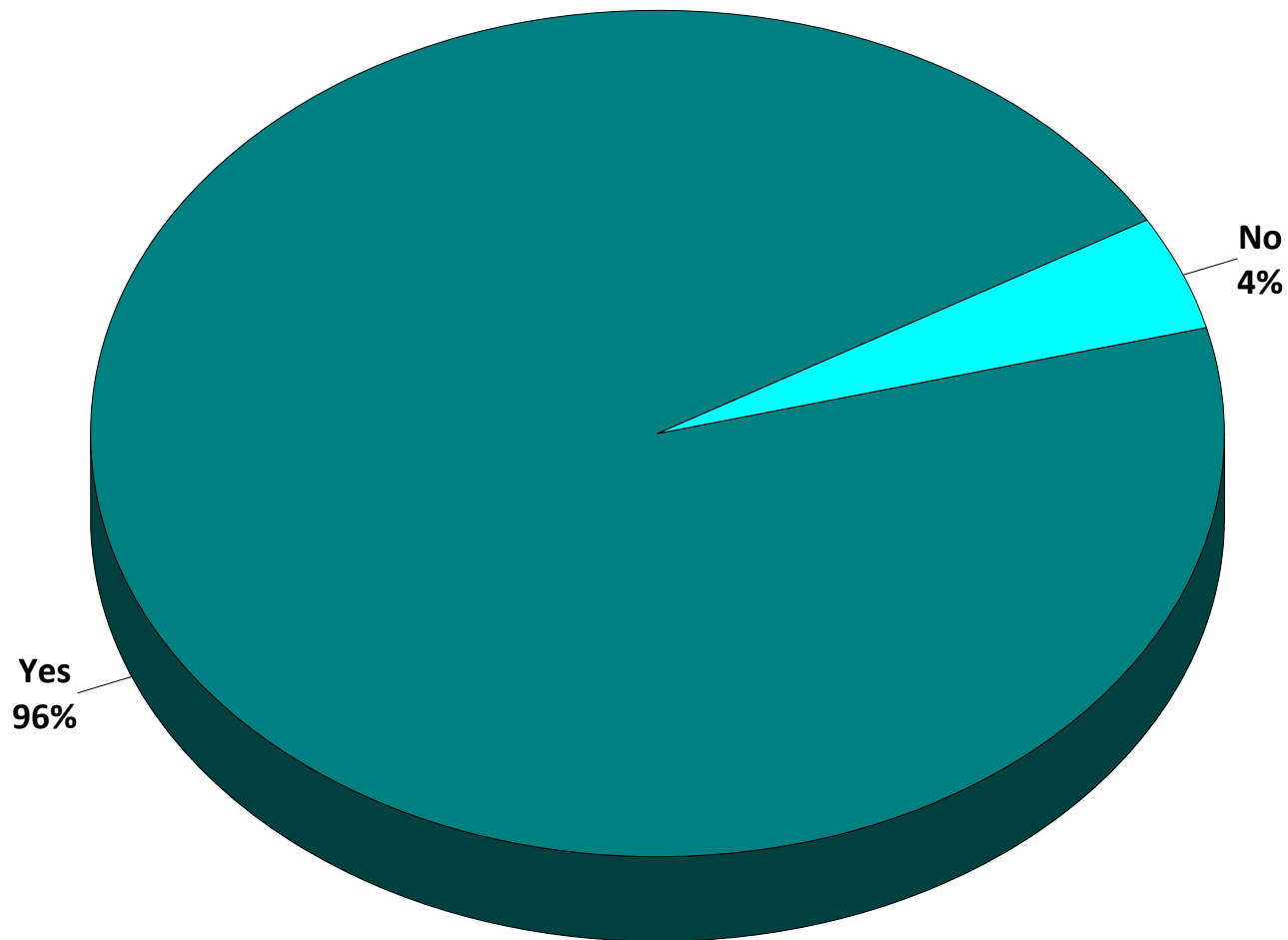


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Charts & Graphs

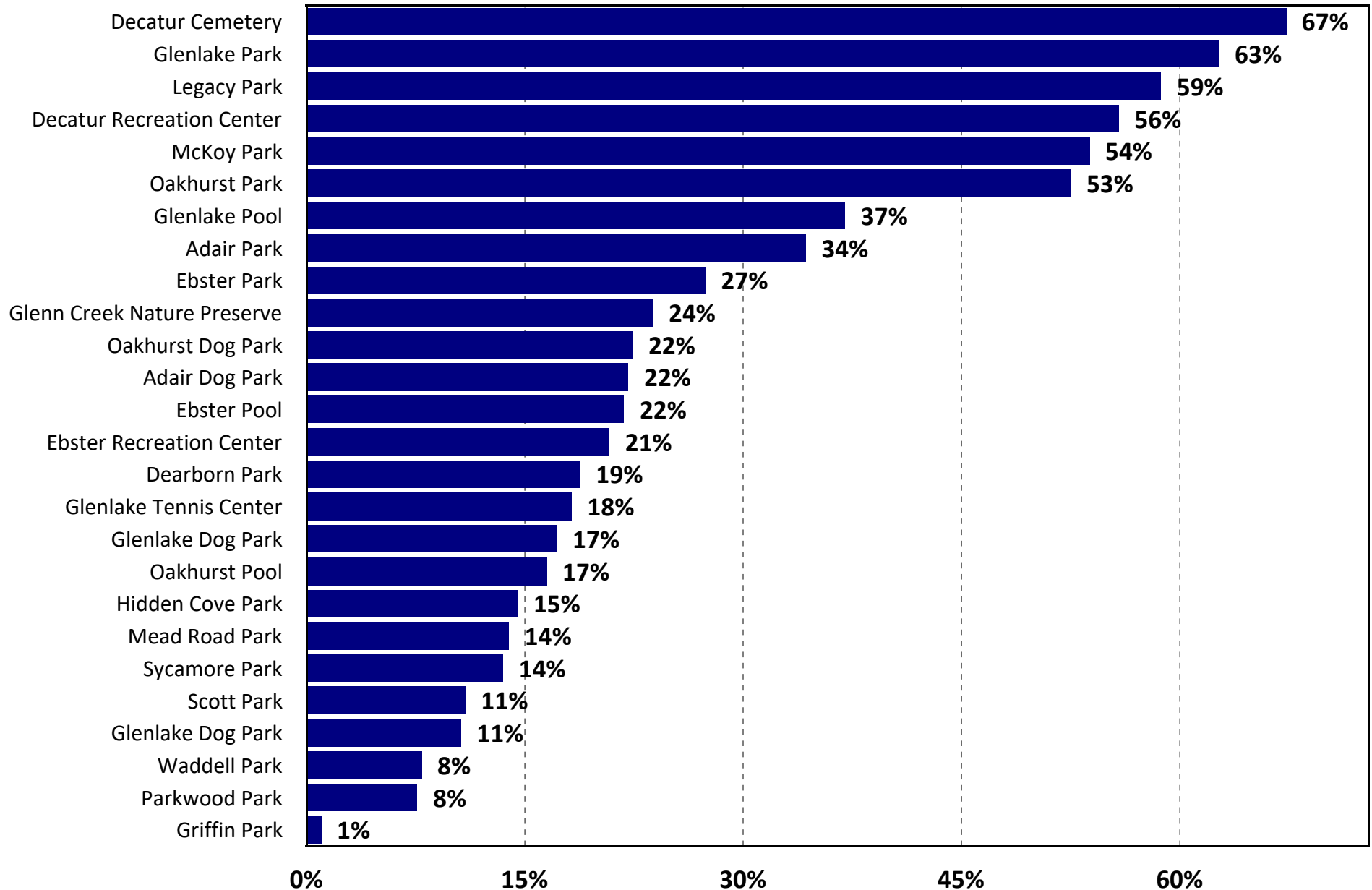
Q1. Have You Or Your Household Visited Any Parks Or Recreation Facilities Offered By the City of Decatur During The Last 4 Years?

by percentage of respondents



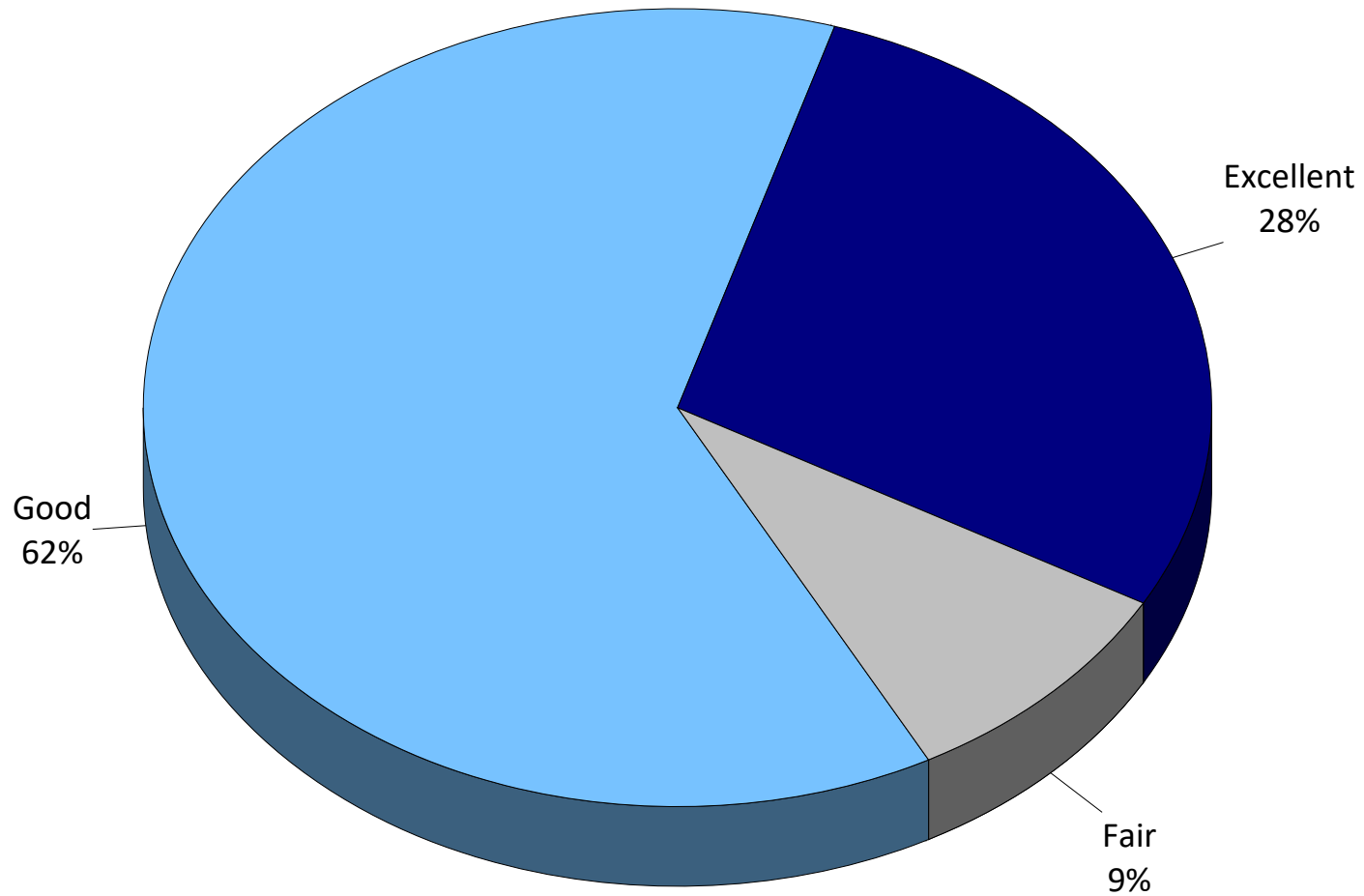
Q1a. Parks and Recreation Facilities Households Have Visited During the Past 4 Years

by percentage of respondents who responded "Yes" to Q1 (multiple selections could be made)



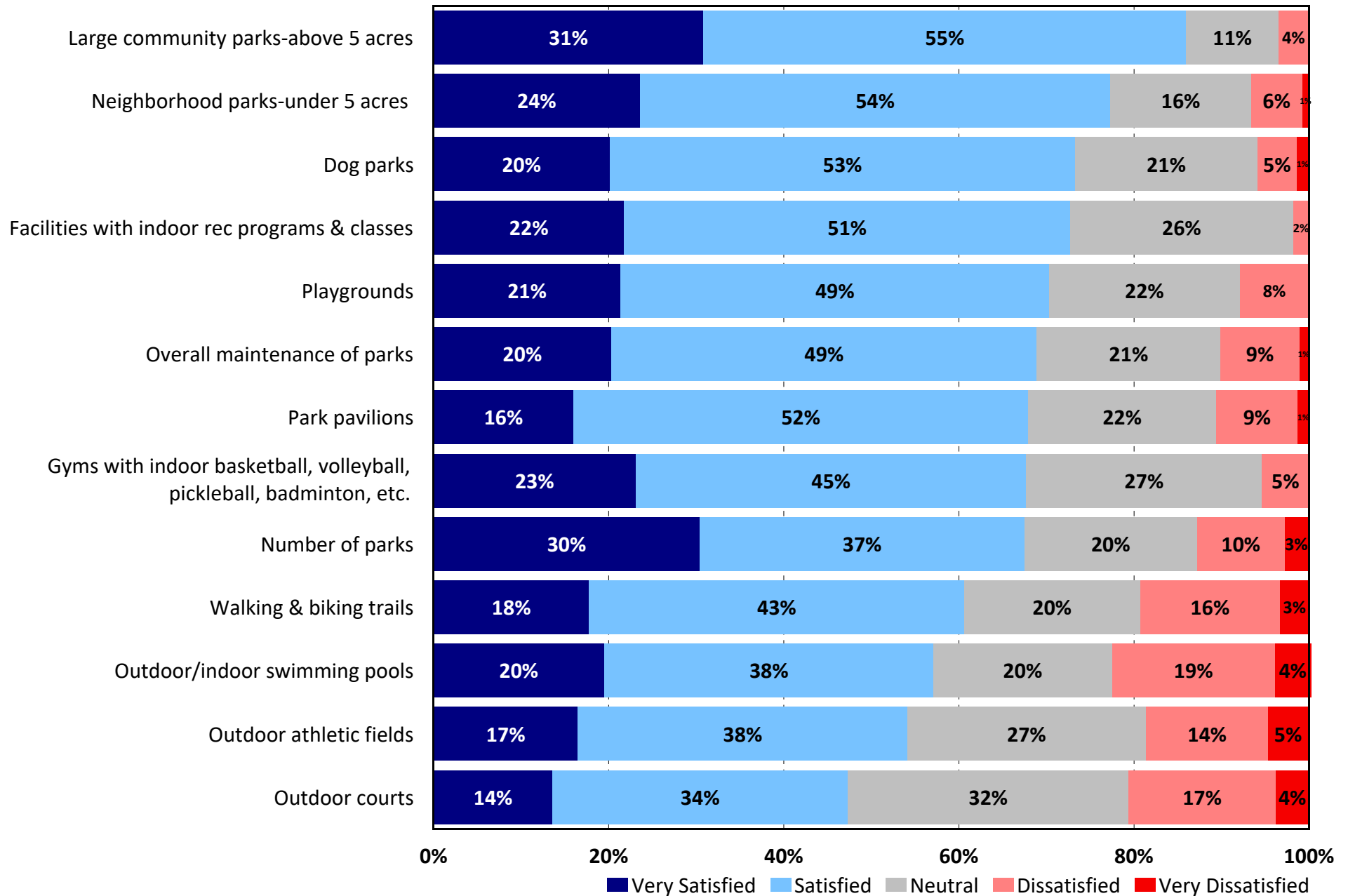
Q1b. Rating Quality of Parks and Recreation Facilities

by percentage of respondents who responded "Yes" to Q1 (excluding "not provided")



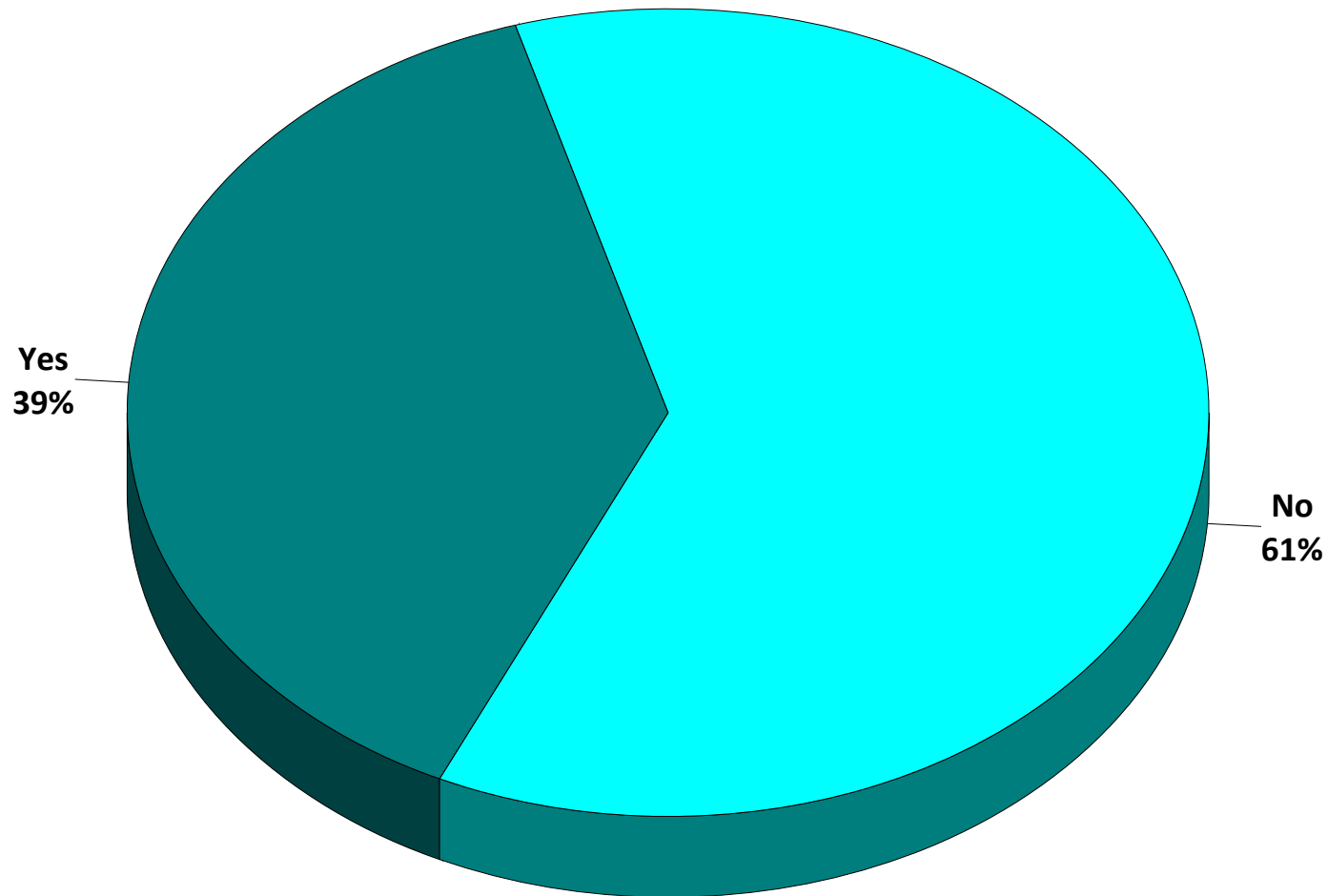
Q2. Level of Satisfaction with Parks and Recreation Facilities

by percentage of respondents (excluding "don't know")



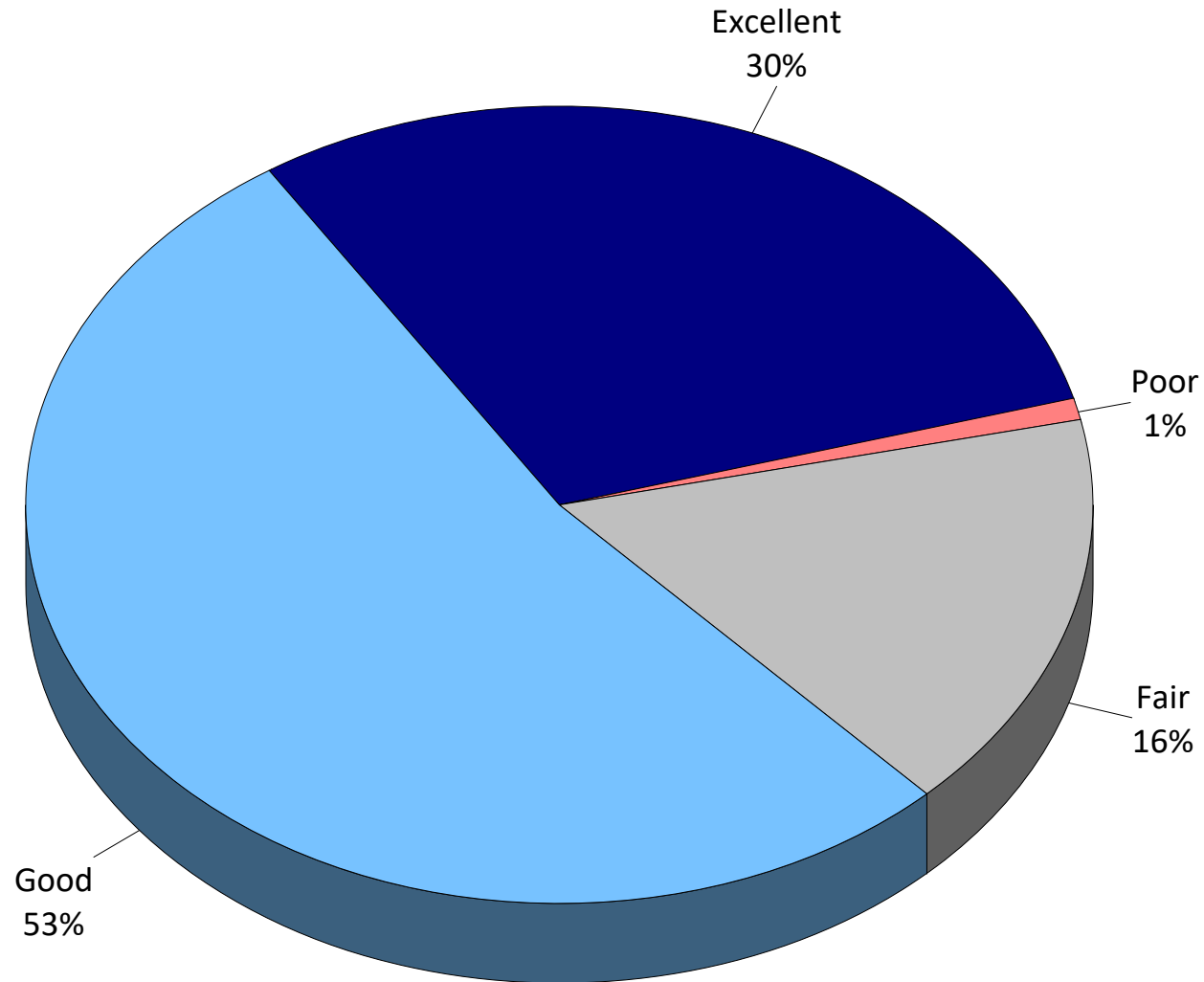
Q3. Have You Or Your Household Participated in any City of Decatur Recreation Programs in the Past 4 Years?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



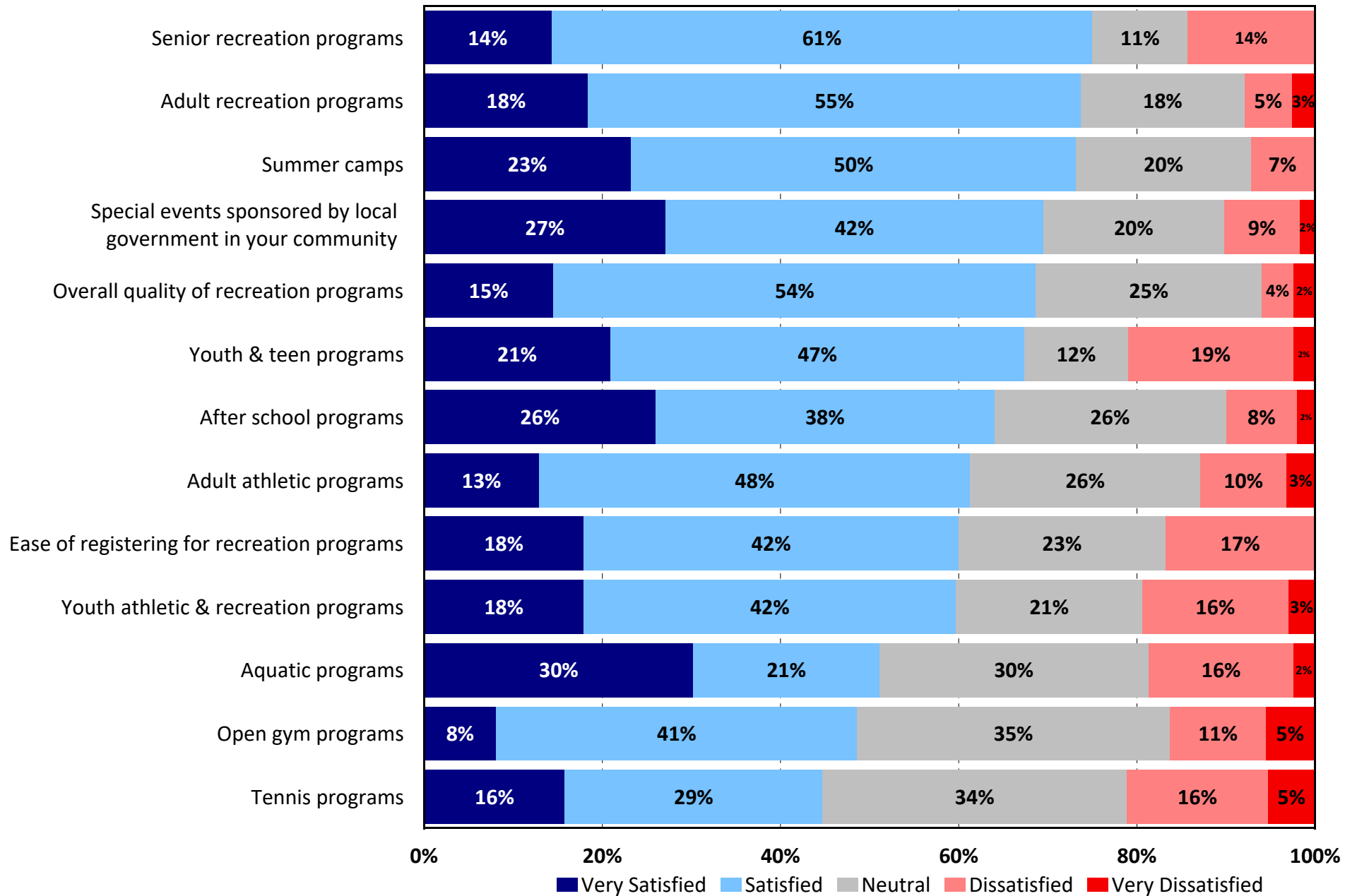
Q3a. How would you rate the overall quality of programs

by percentage of respondents who responded "Yes" to Q3 (excluding "not provided")



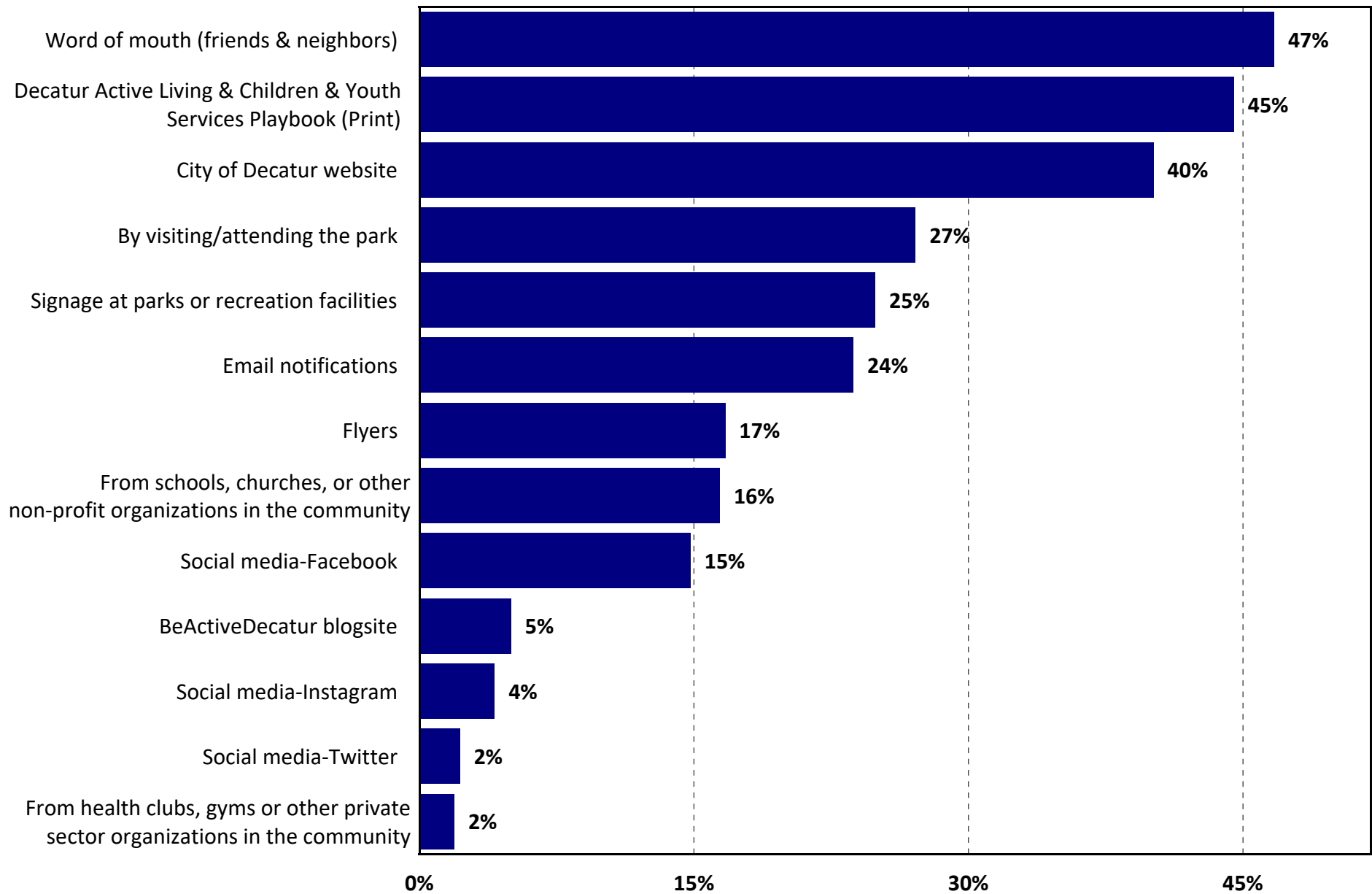
Q3b. Level of Satisfaction with Parks and Recreation Programs

by percentage of respondents (excluding "don't know")



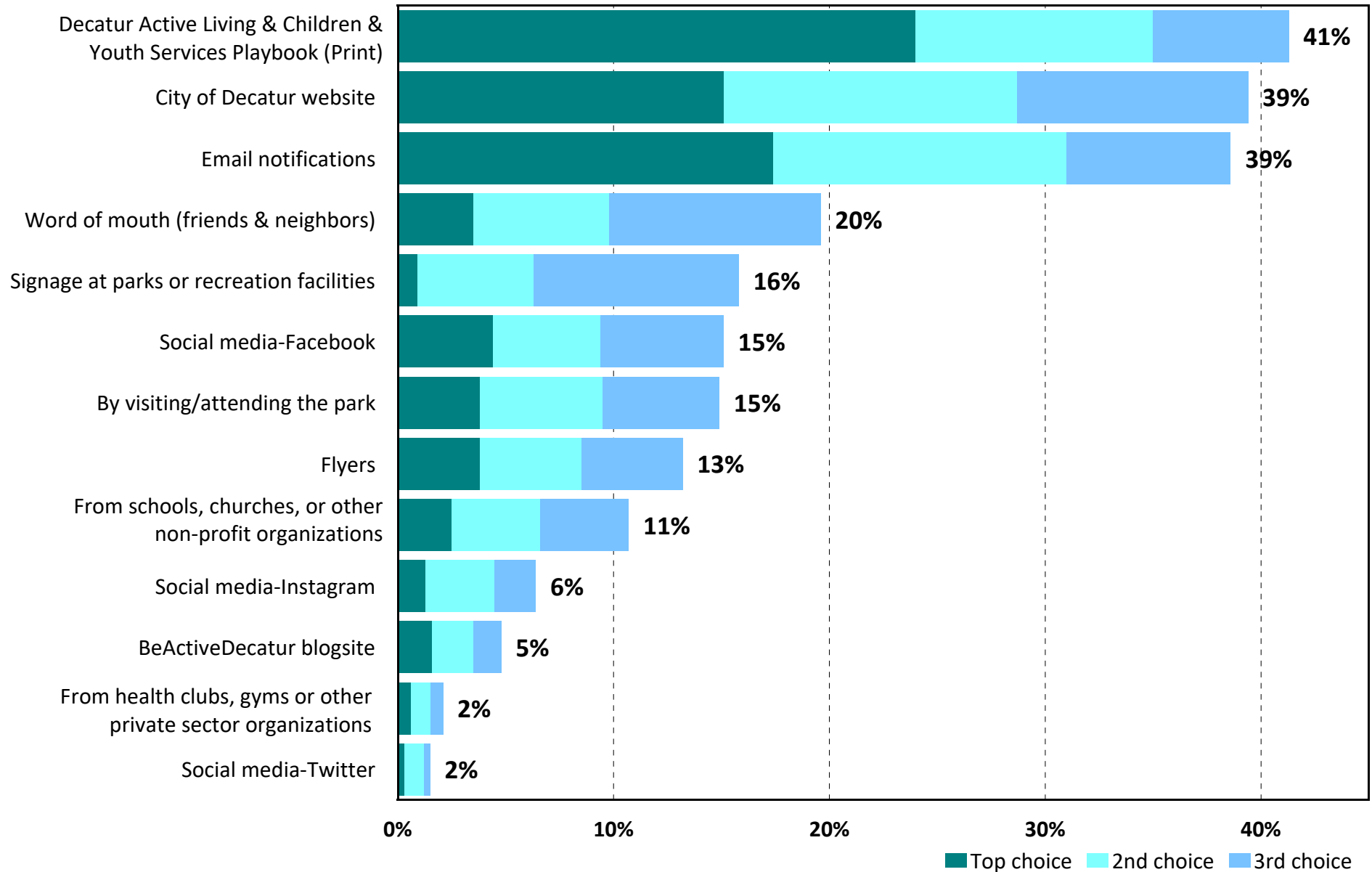
Q4. Ways Households Currently Learn About Recreation Programs and Activities

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



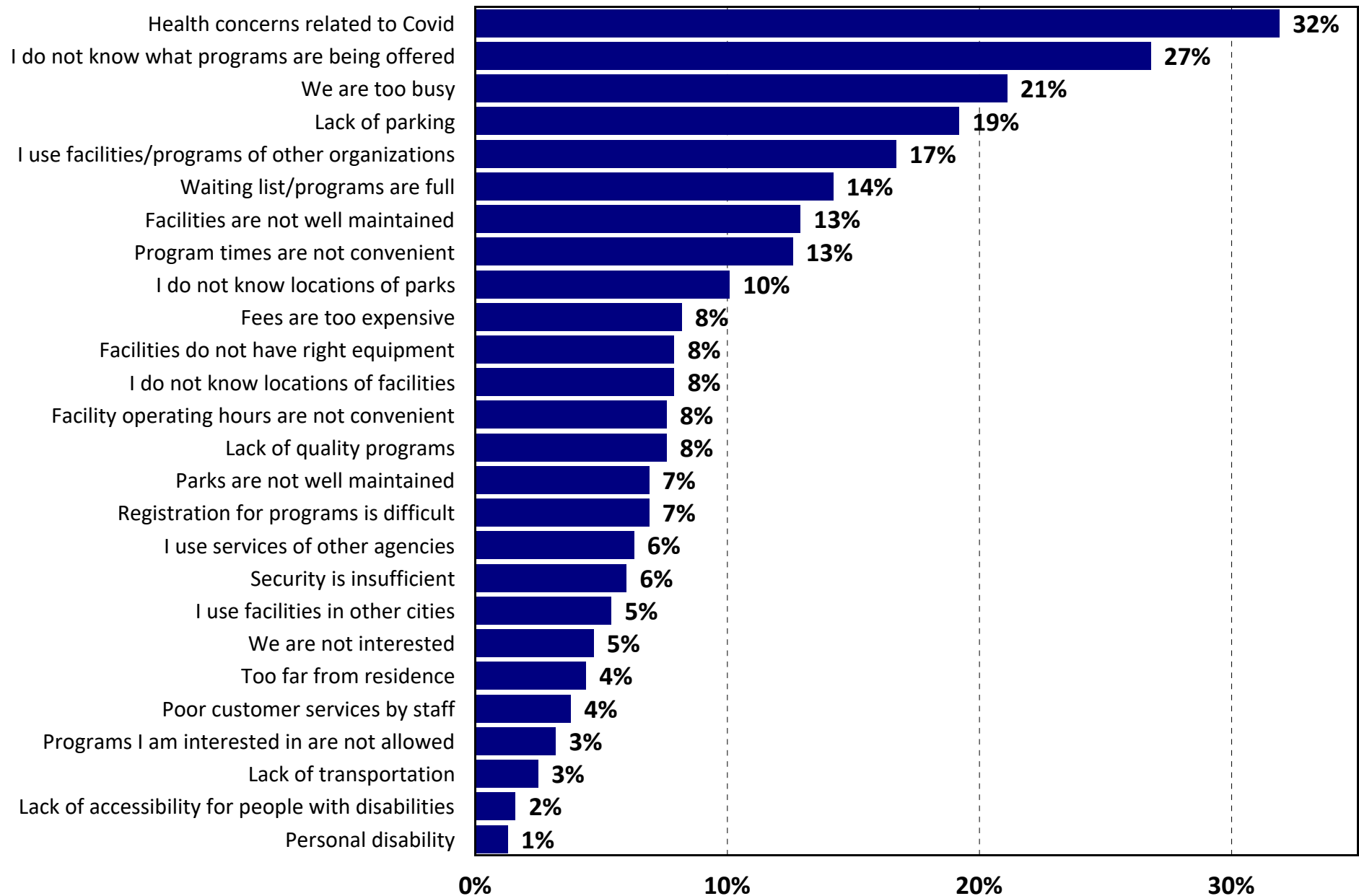
Q5. Most Preferred Sources for Learning About Recreation Programs and Activities

by percentage of respondents who selected the items as one of their top three choices



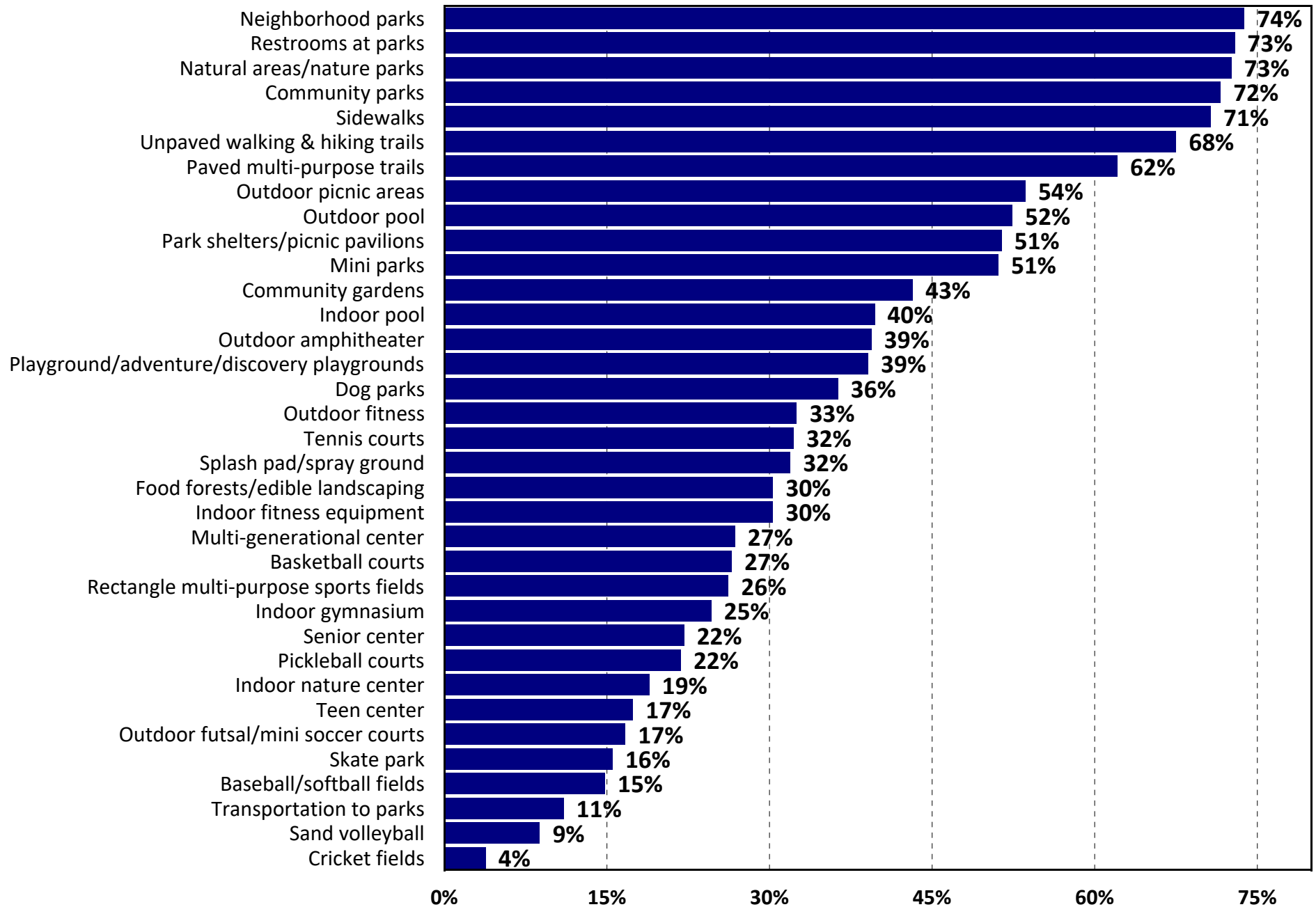
Q6. Barriers to Parks or Recreation Facilities Use in the Last Two Years

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



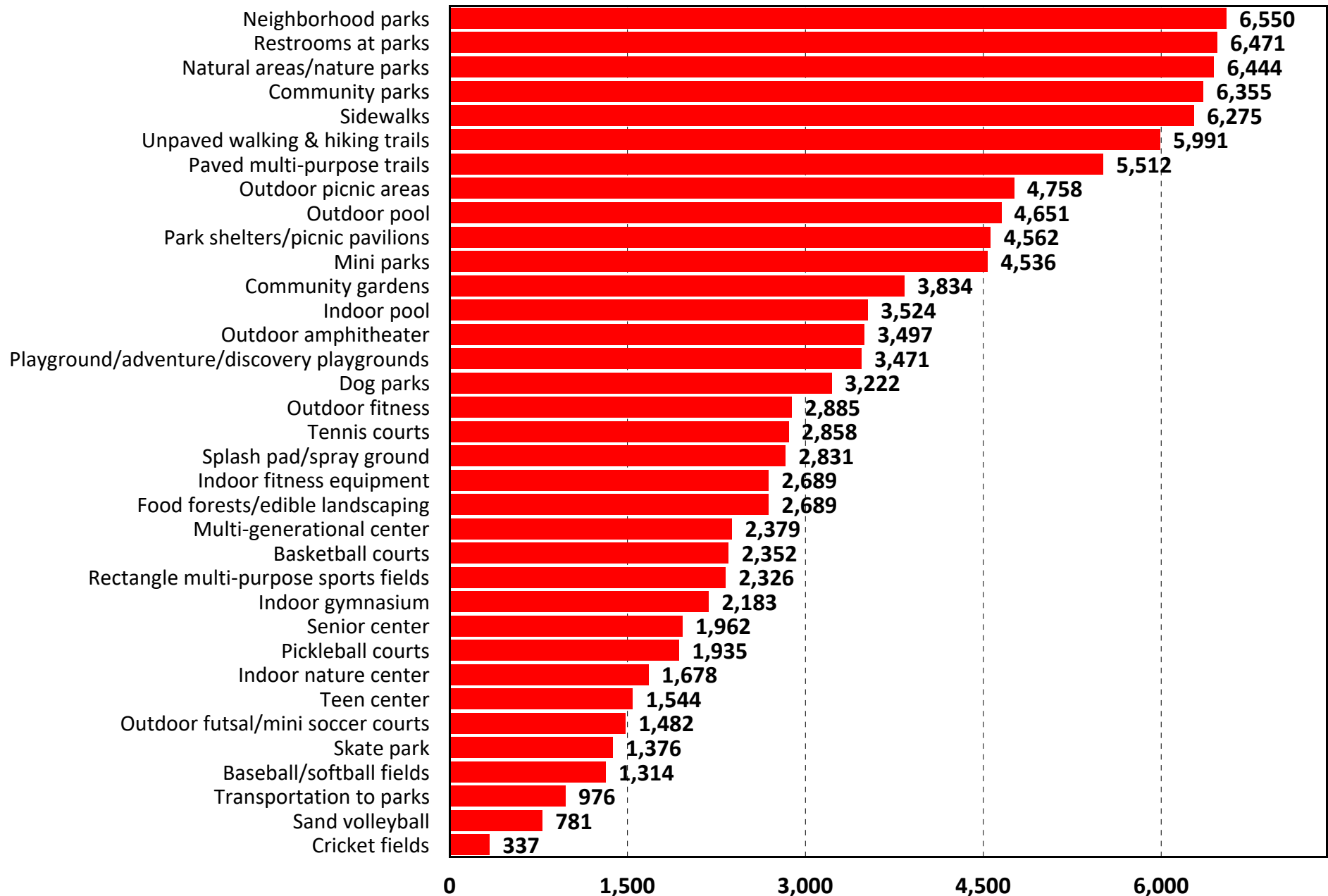
Q7. Respondents With Need for Facility or Amenity

by percentage of respondents



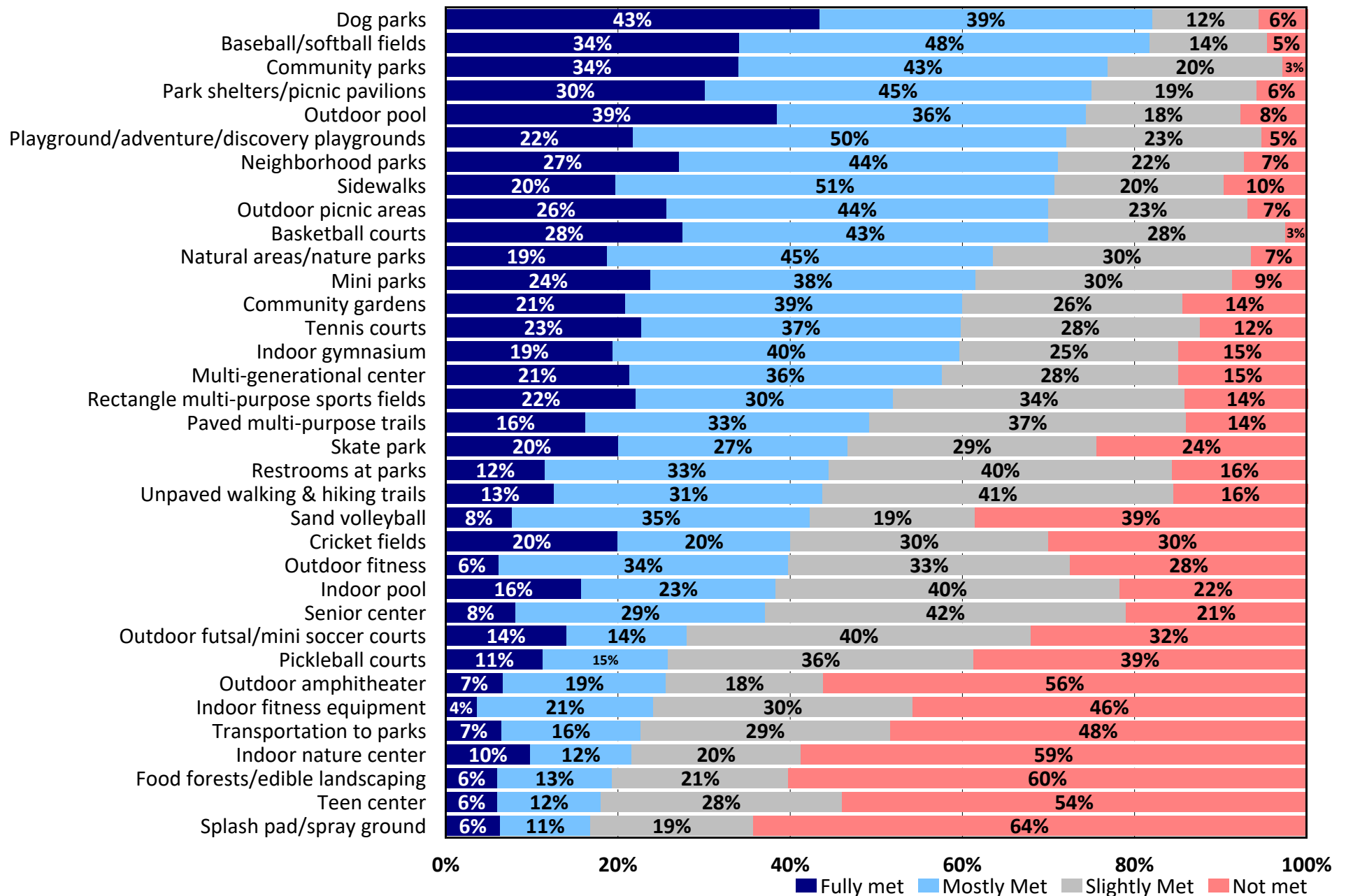
Q7a. Estimated Number of Households With Need for Facility/ Amenity

by number of households based on an estimated 8,876 households



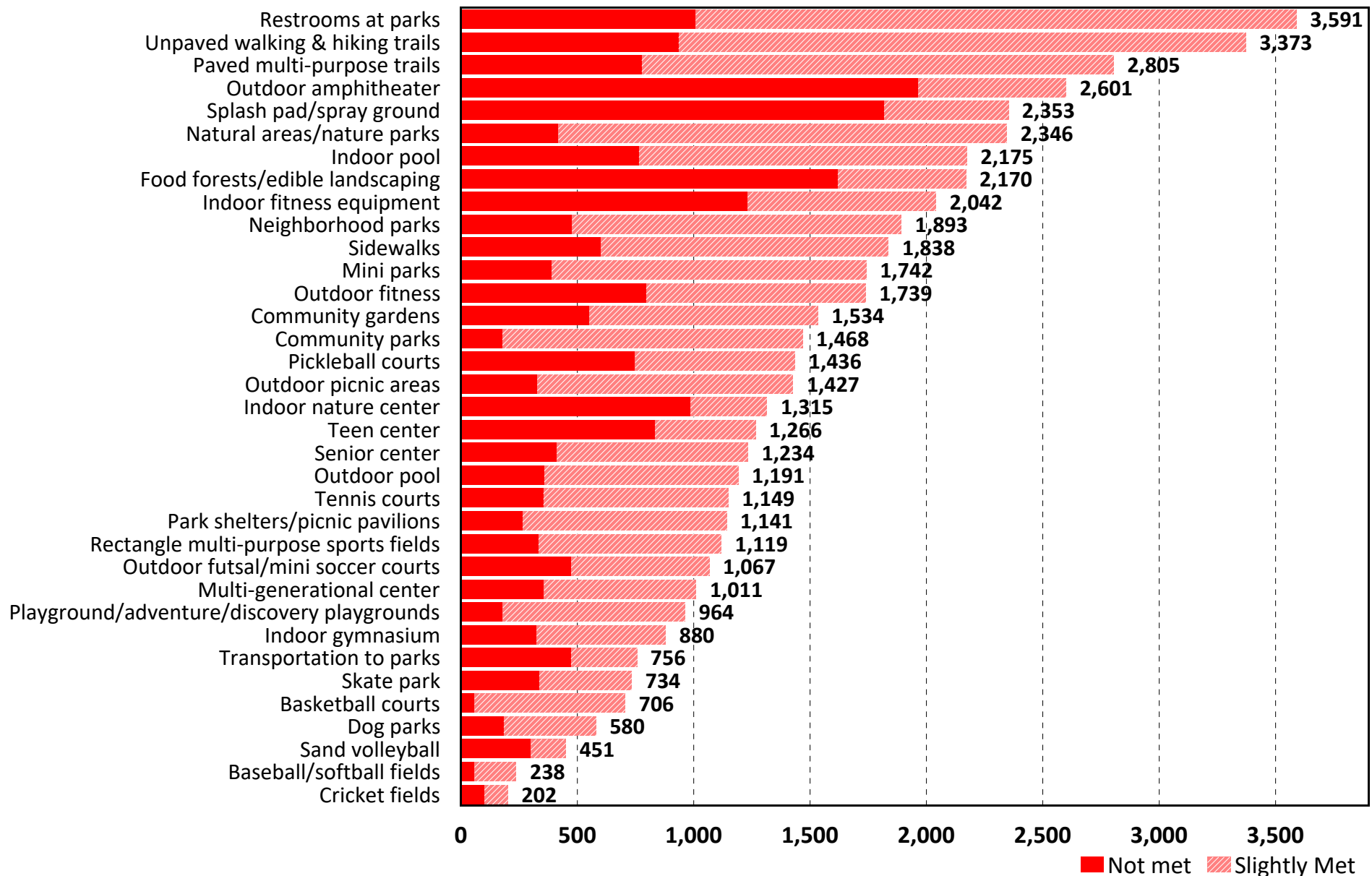
Q7b. How Well Households' Need For Facility / Amenity Is Being Met

by percentage of respondents who answered "Yes" to Q7



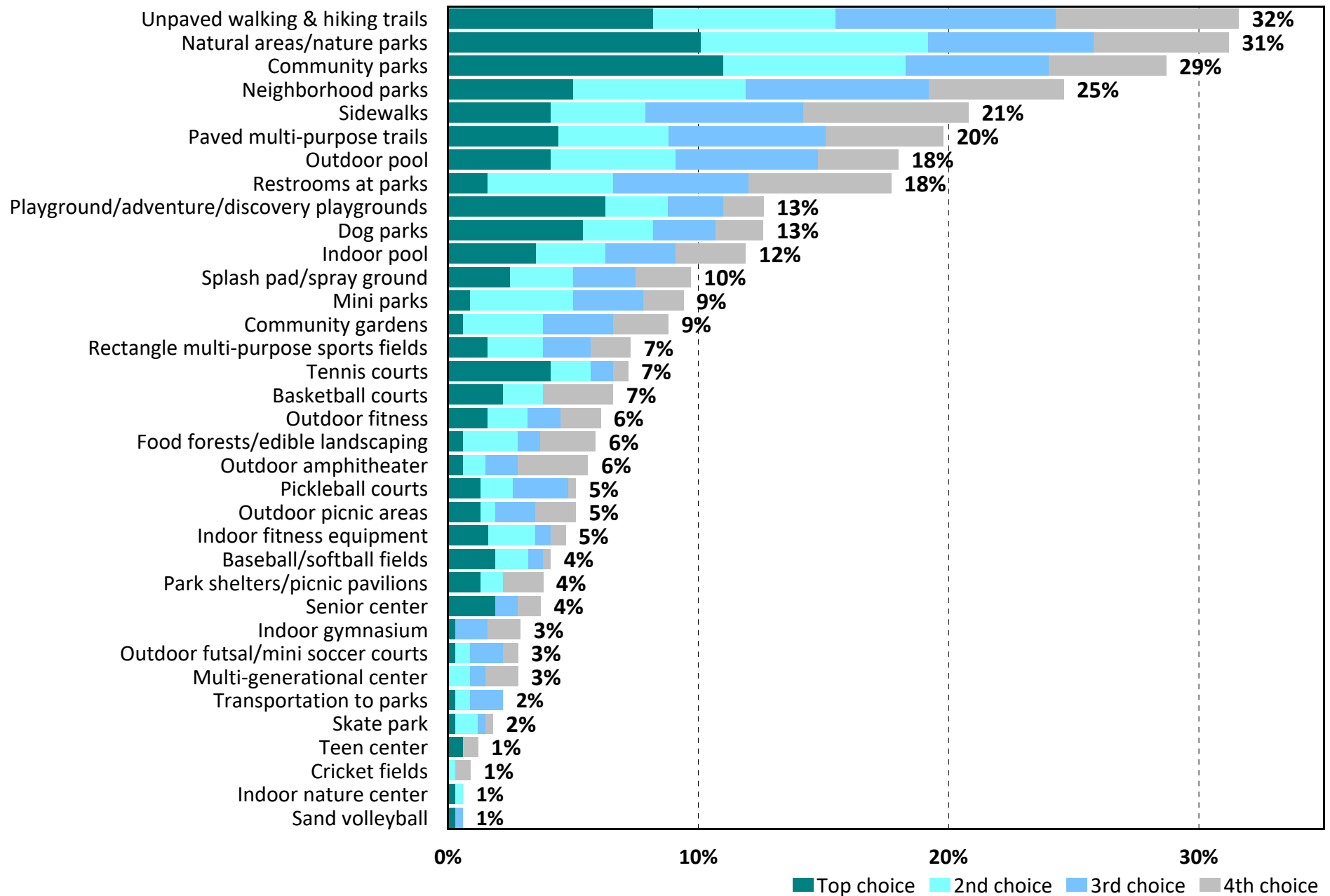
Q7c. Estimated Number of Households Whose Facility/Amenity Needs are Only “Slightly Met” or “Not Met”

by number of households with need based on an estimated 8,876 Households



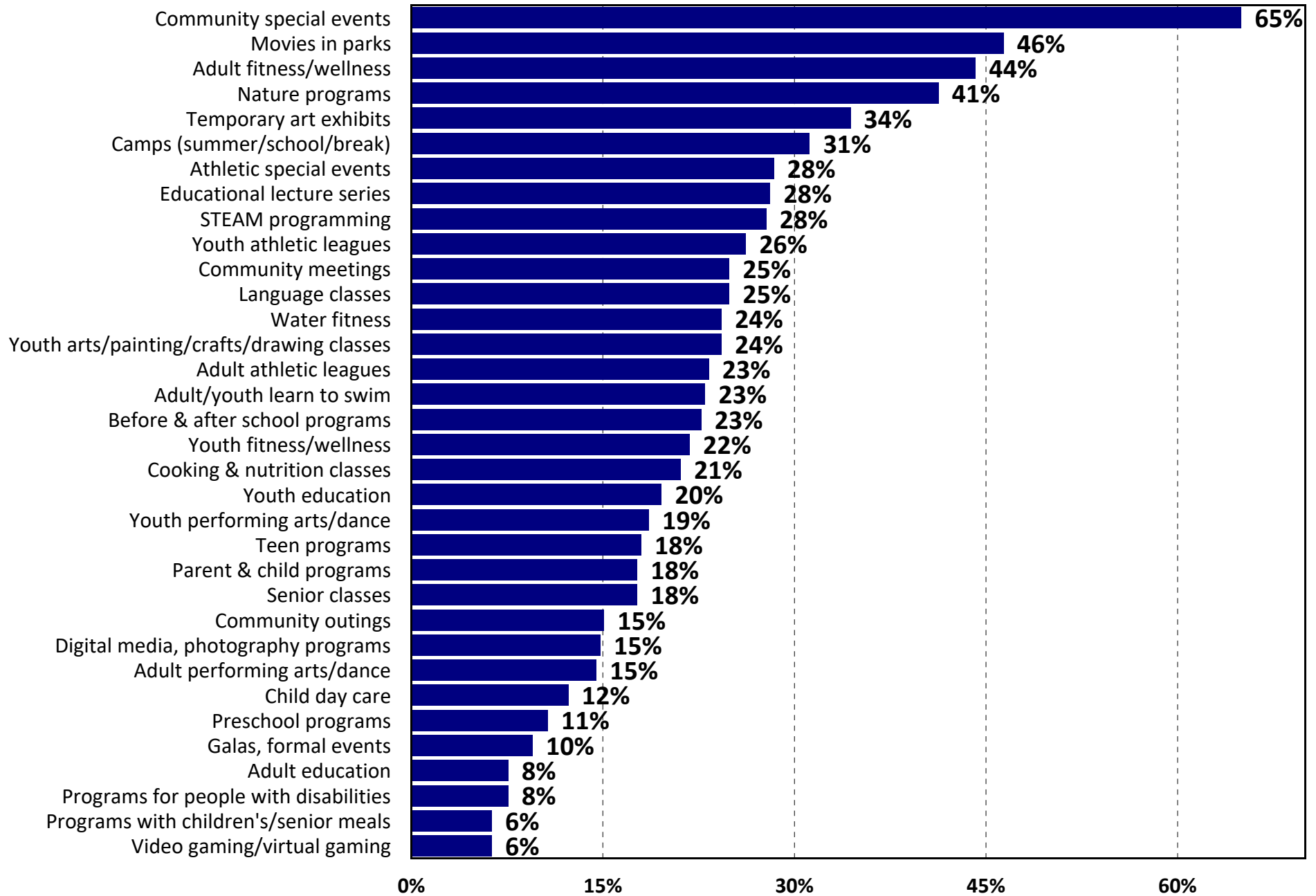
Q8. Most Important Facility/Amenity to Households

by percentage of respondents who selected the items as one of their top four choices



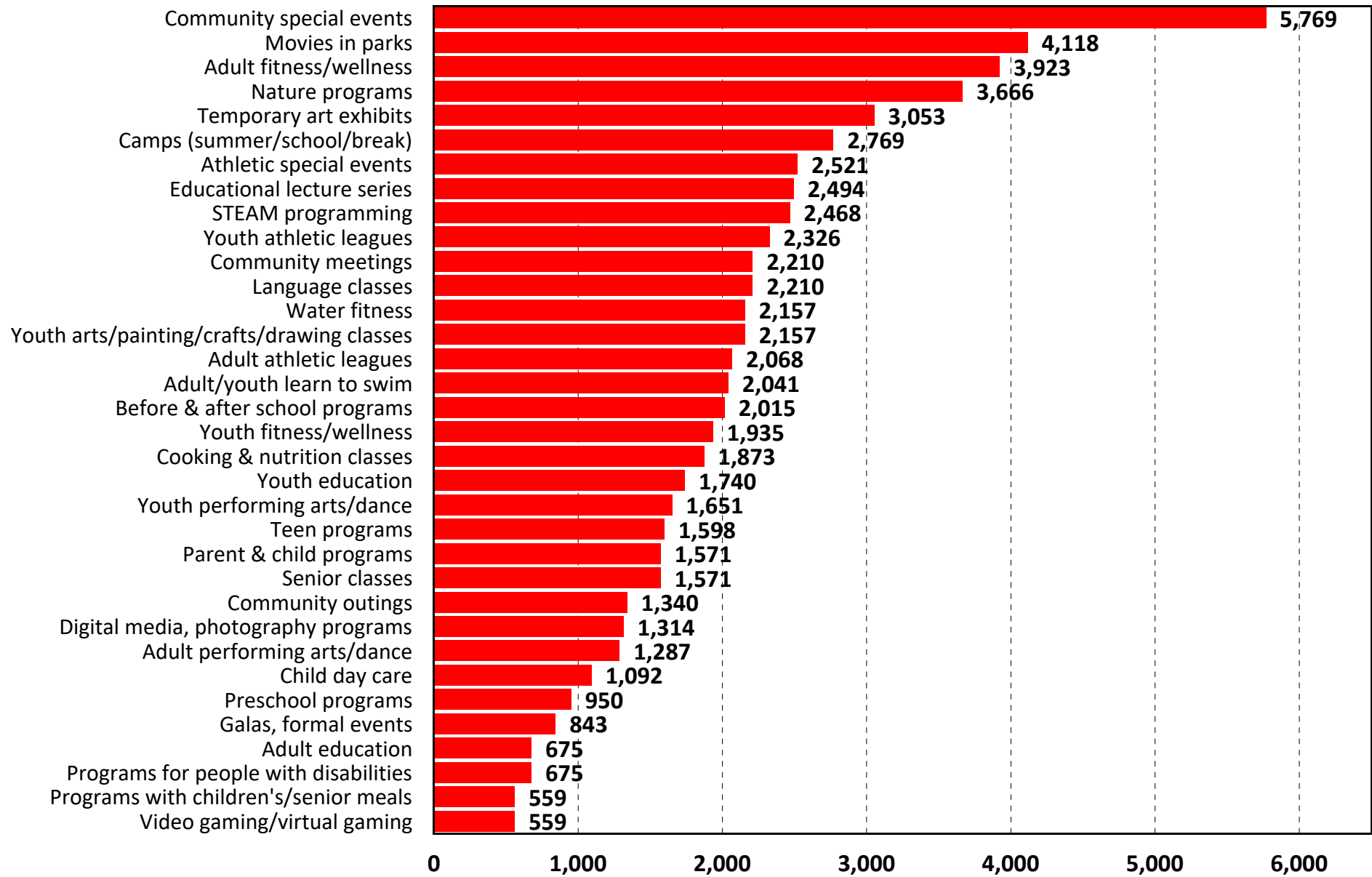
Q9. Respondents With Need for Recreation Program

by percentage of respondents



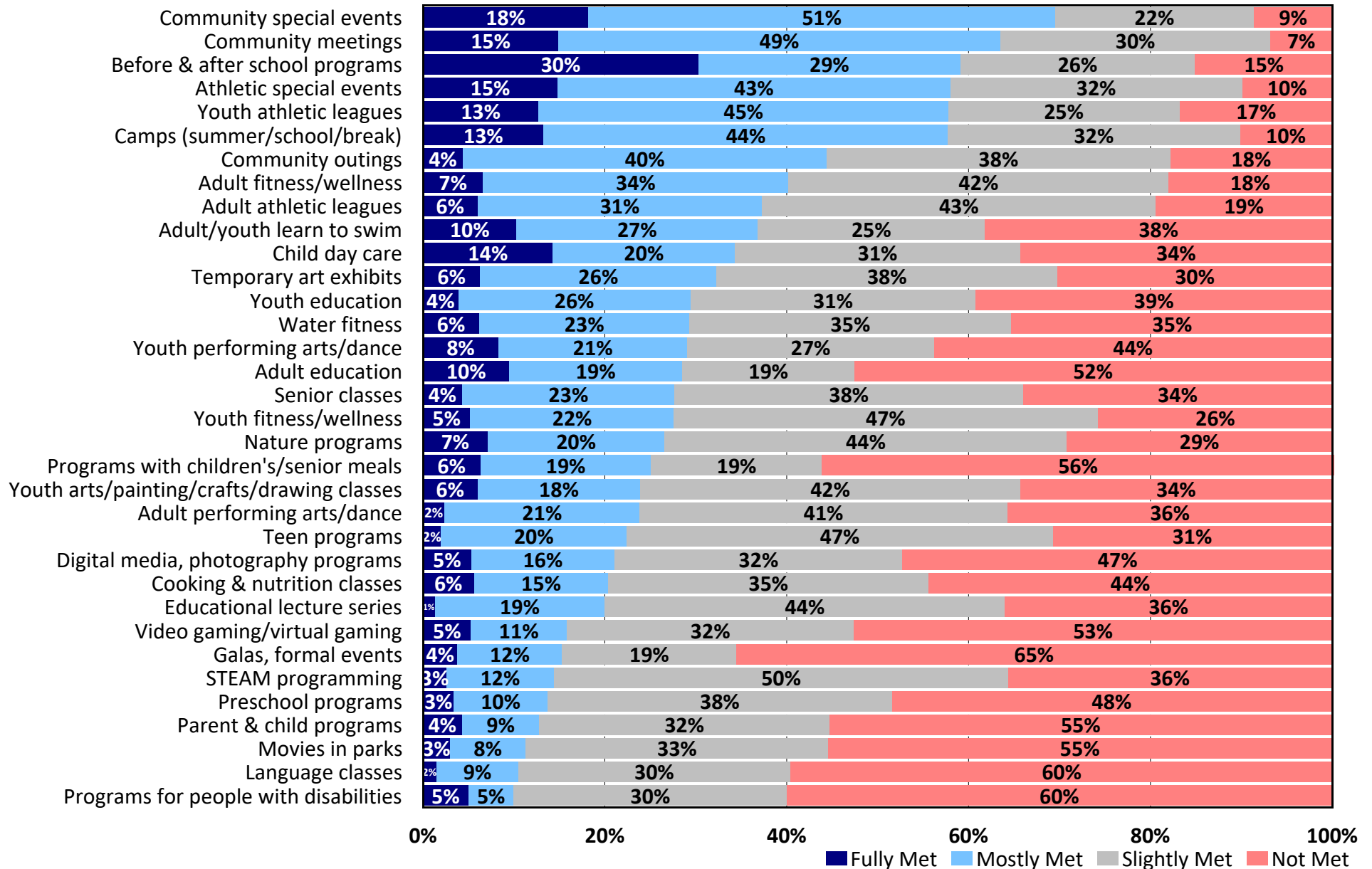
Q9a. Estimated Number of Households Who Have a Need for Recreation Program

by number of households based on an estimated 8,876 households



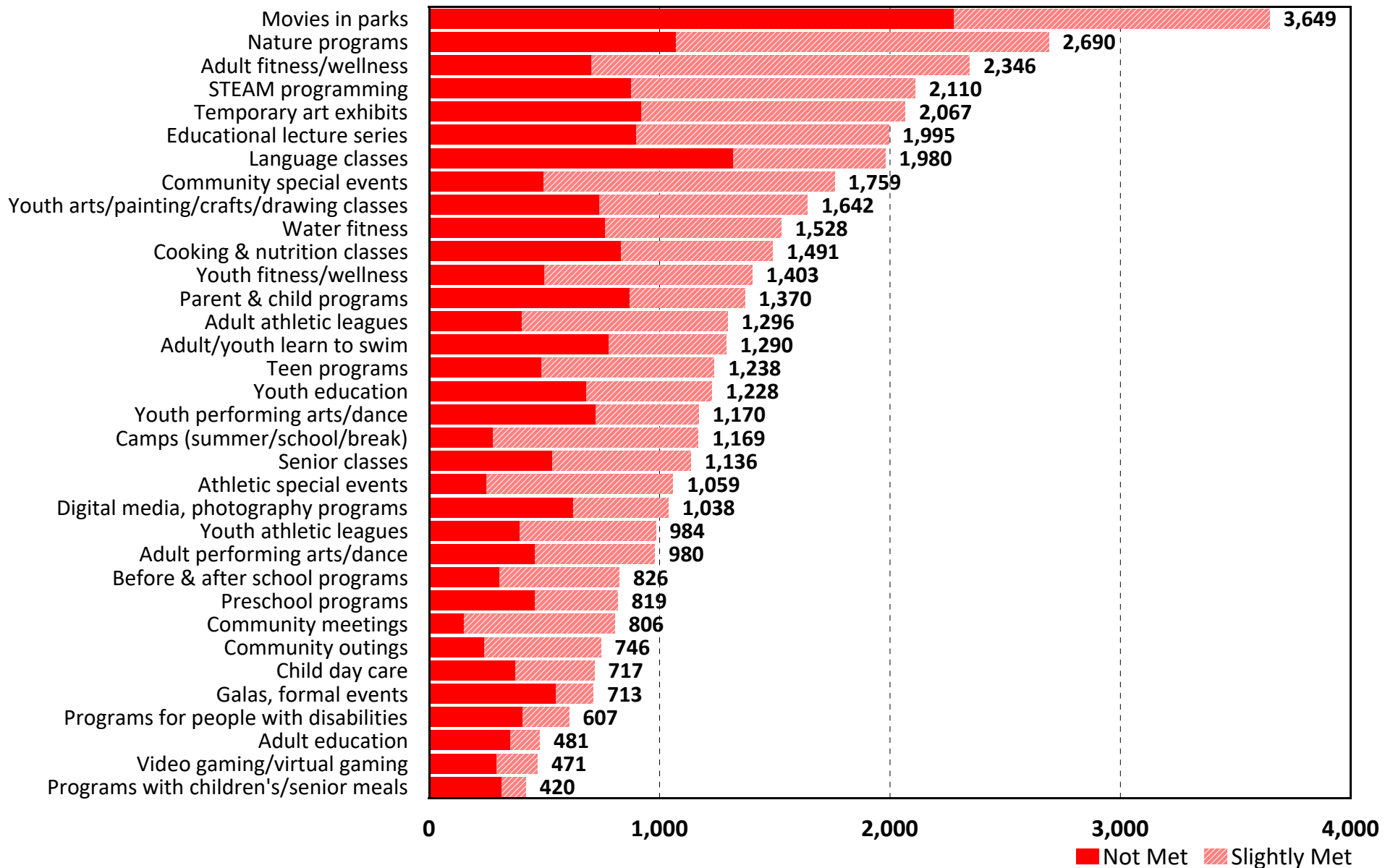
Q9b. How Well Households' Need For Recreation Program Is Currently Being Met

by percentage of respondents who answered "Yes" to Q9



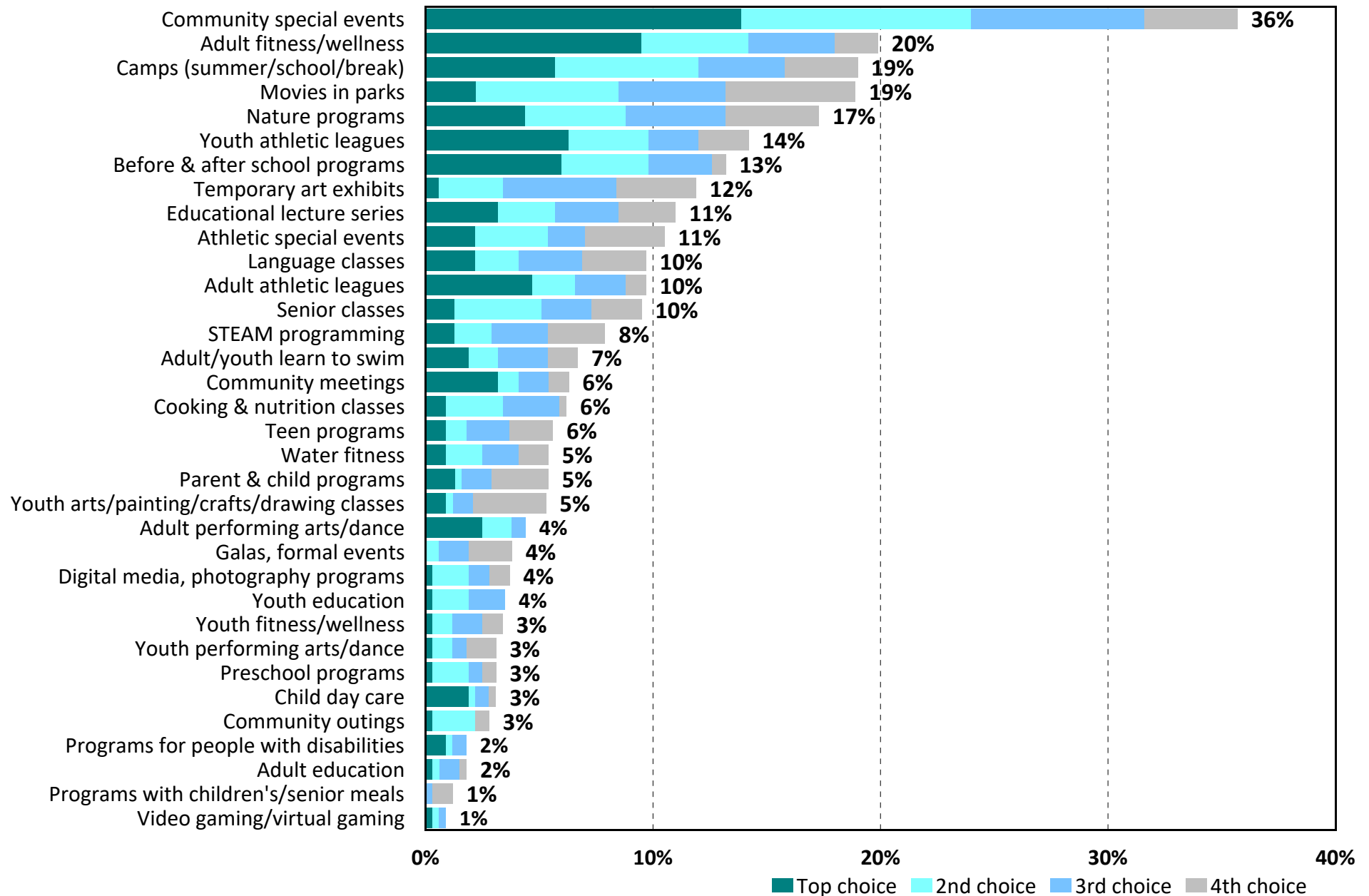
Q9c. Estimated Number of Households Whose Recreation Program Needs Are Only "Slightly Met" or "Not Met"

by number of households with need based on an estimated 8,876 households



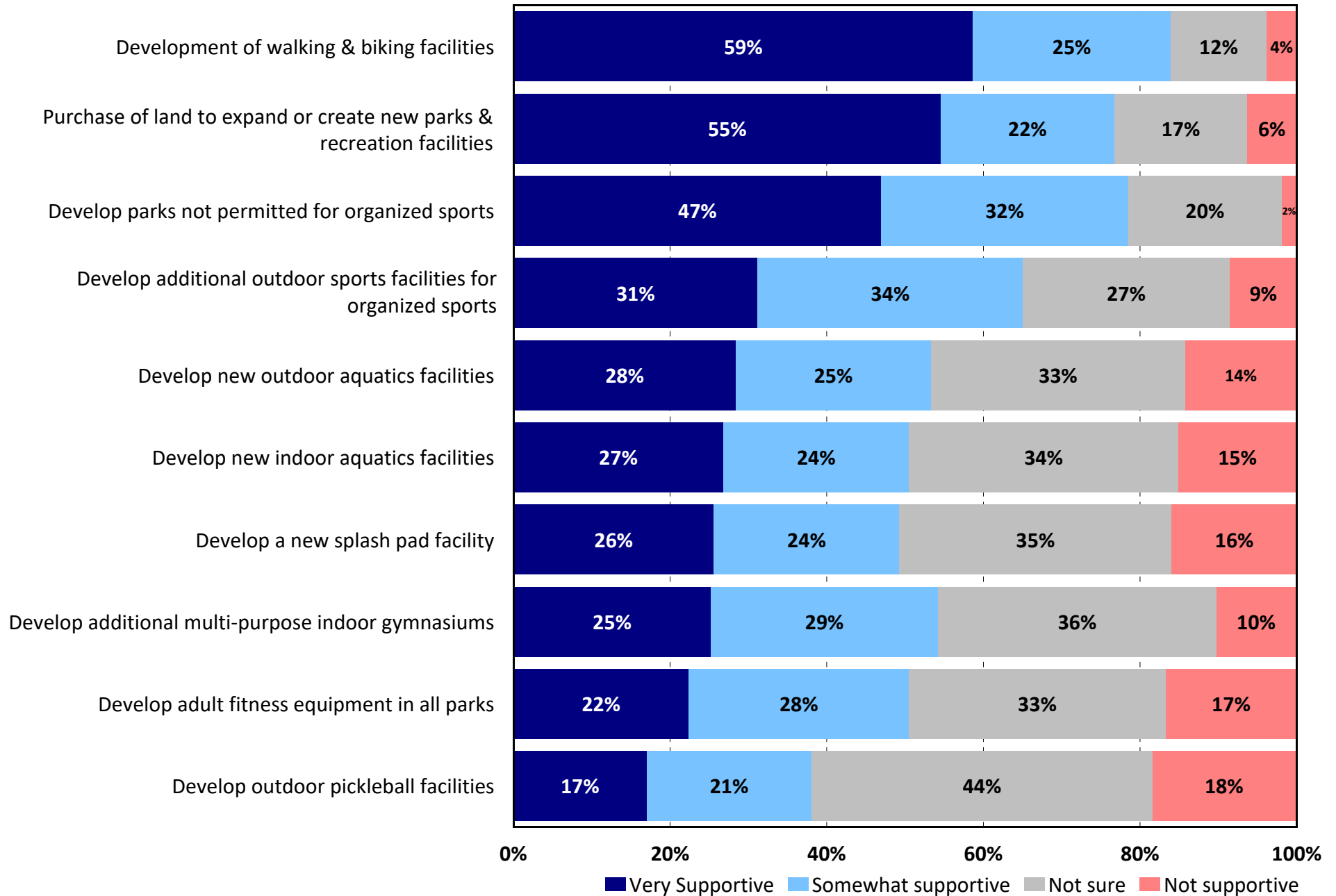
Q10. Most Important Recreation Program to Households

by percentage of respondents who selected the items as one of their top four choices



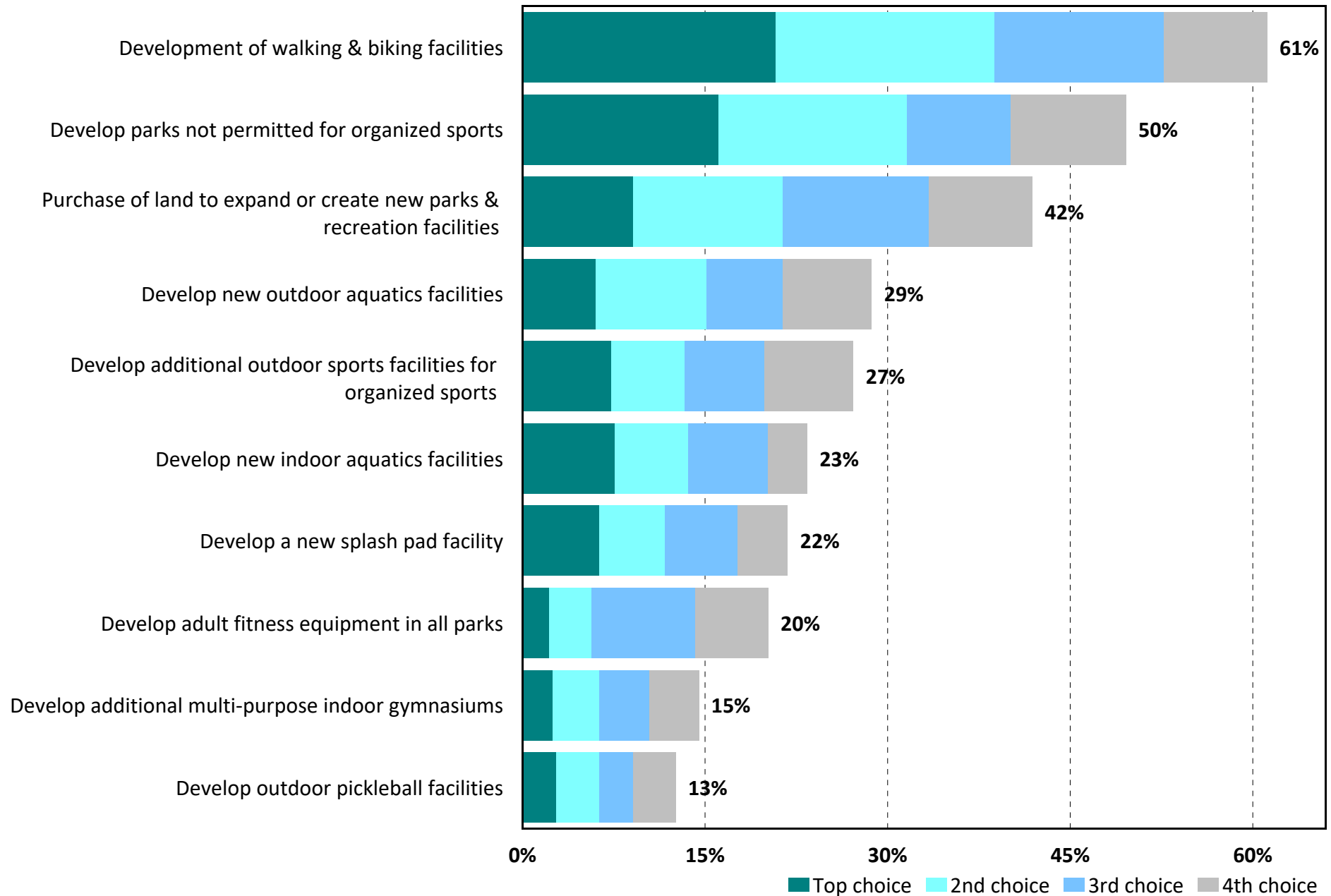
Q11. Level of Support for Actions to Improve Parks and Recreation

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



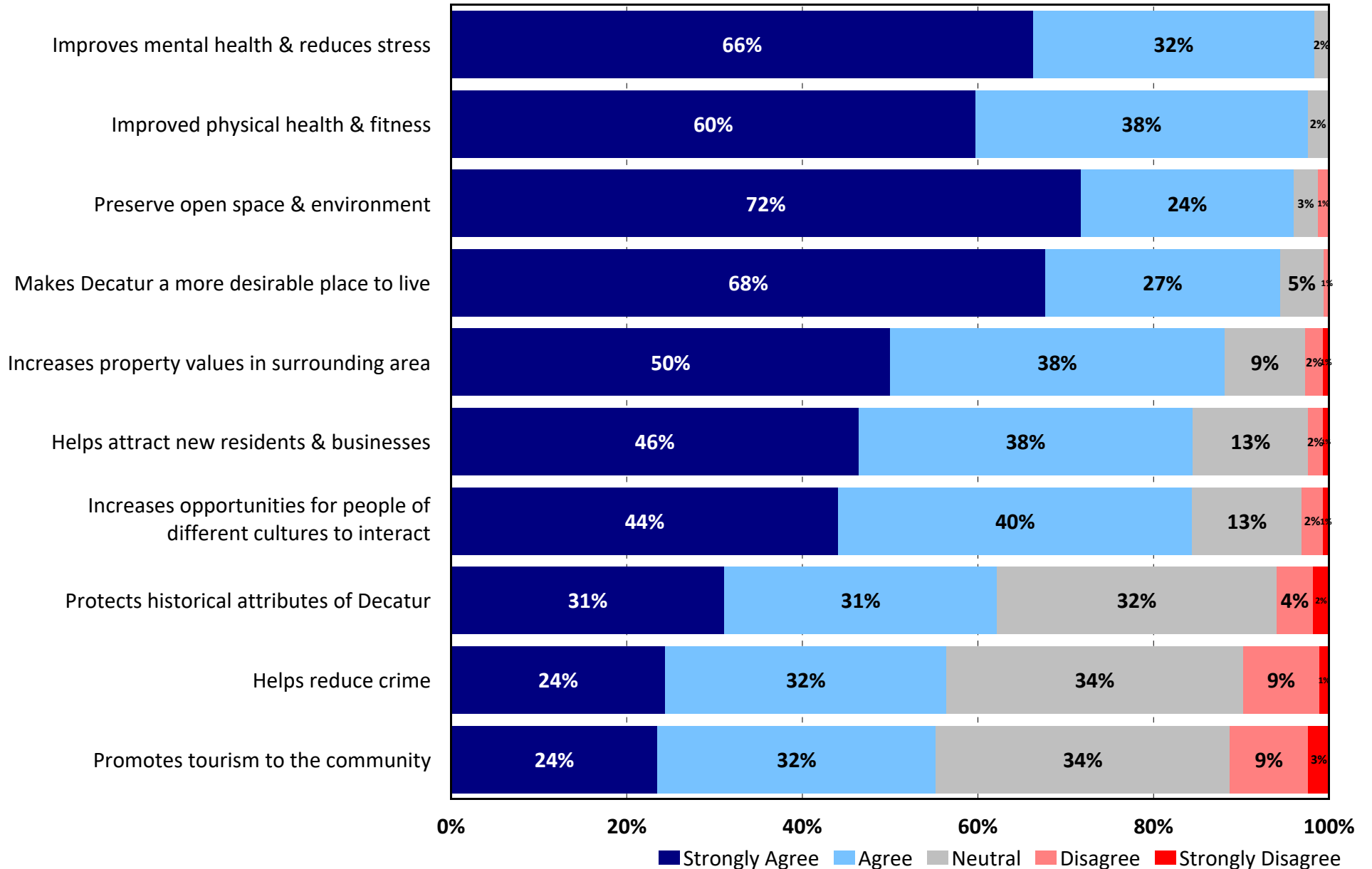
Q12. Potential Improvements Most Important to Households

by percentage of respondents who selected the items as one of their top four choices



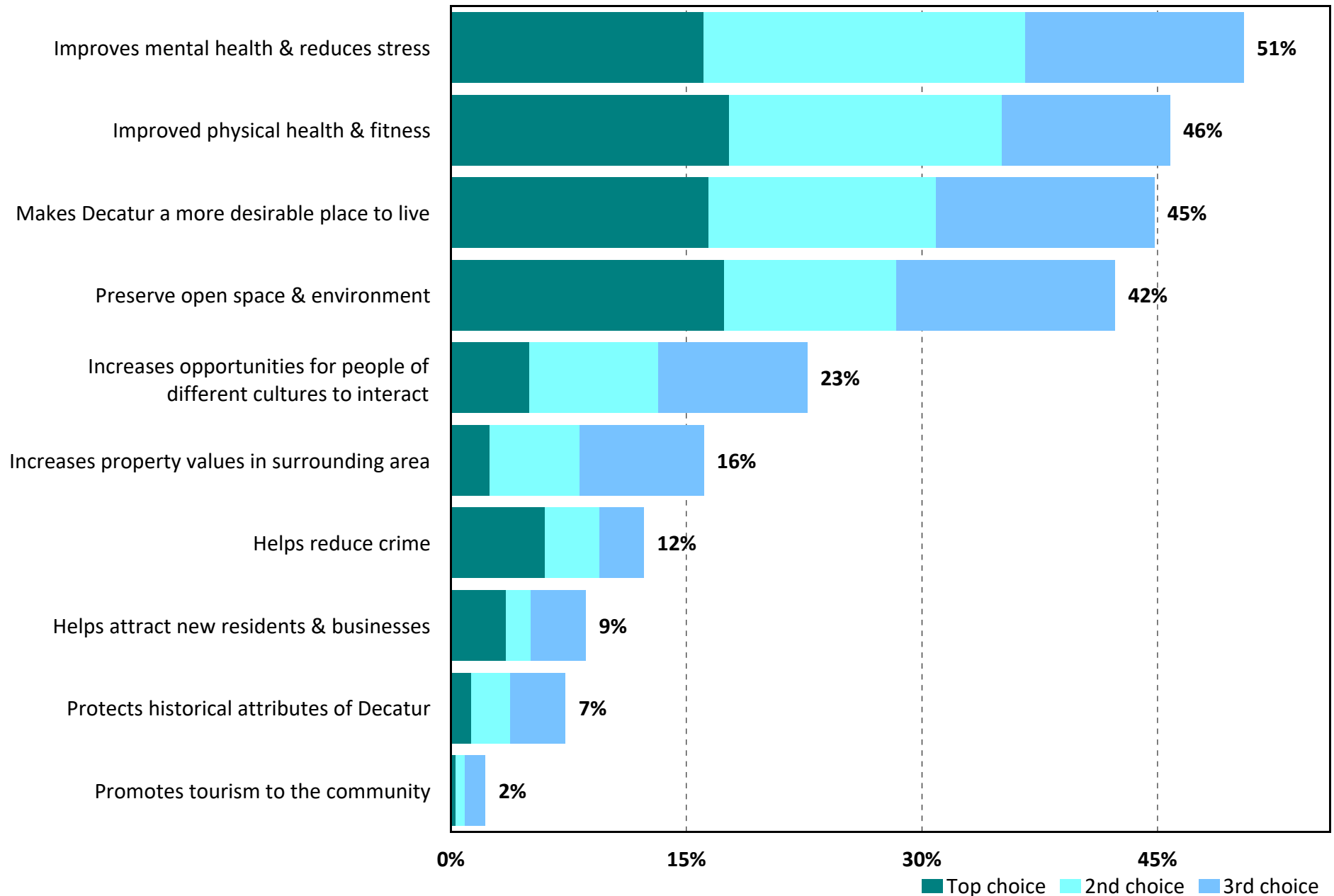
Q13. Level of Agreement with Statements Regarding Benefits of Parks and Recreation Services

by percentage of respondents (excluding "don't know")



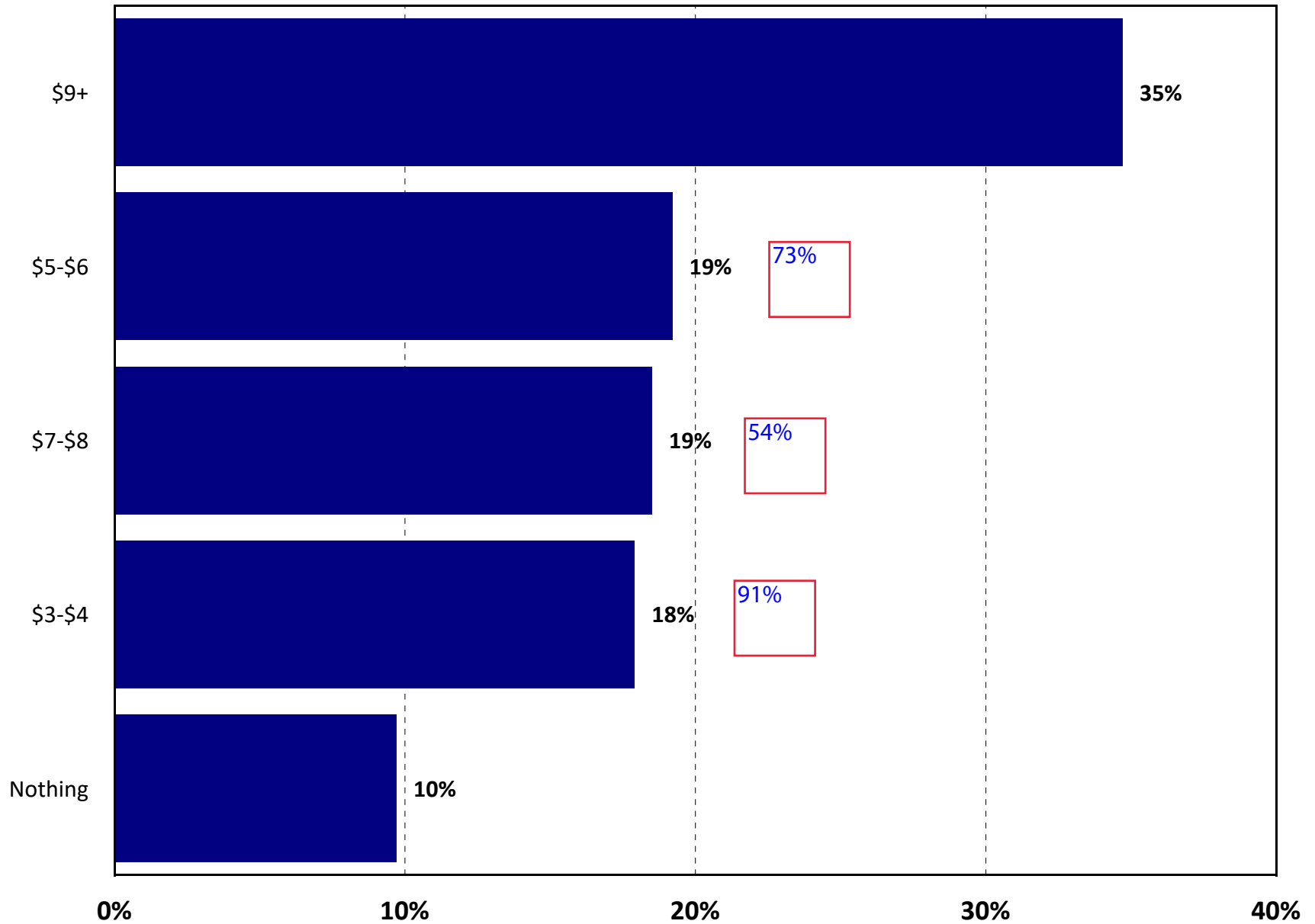
Q14. Three Potential Benefits MOST IMPORTANT to Households

by percentage of respondents who selected the items as one of their top three choices



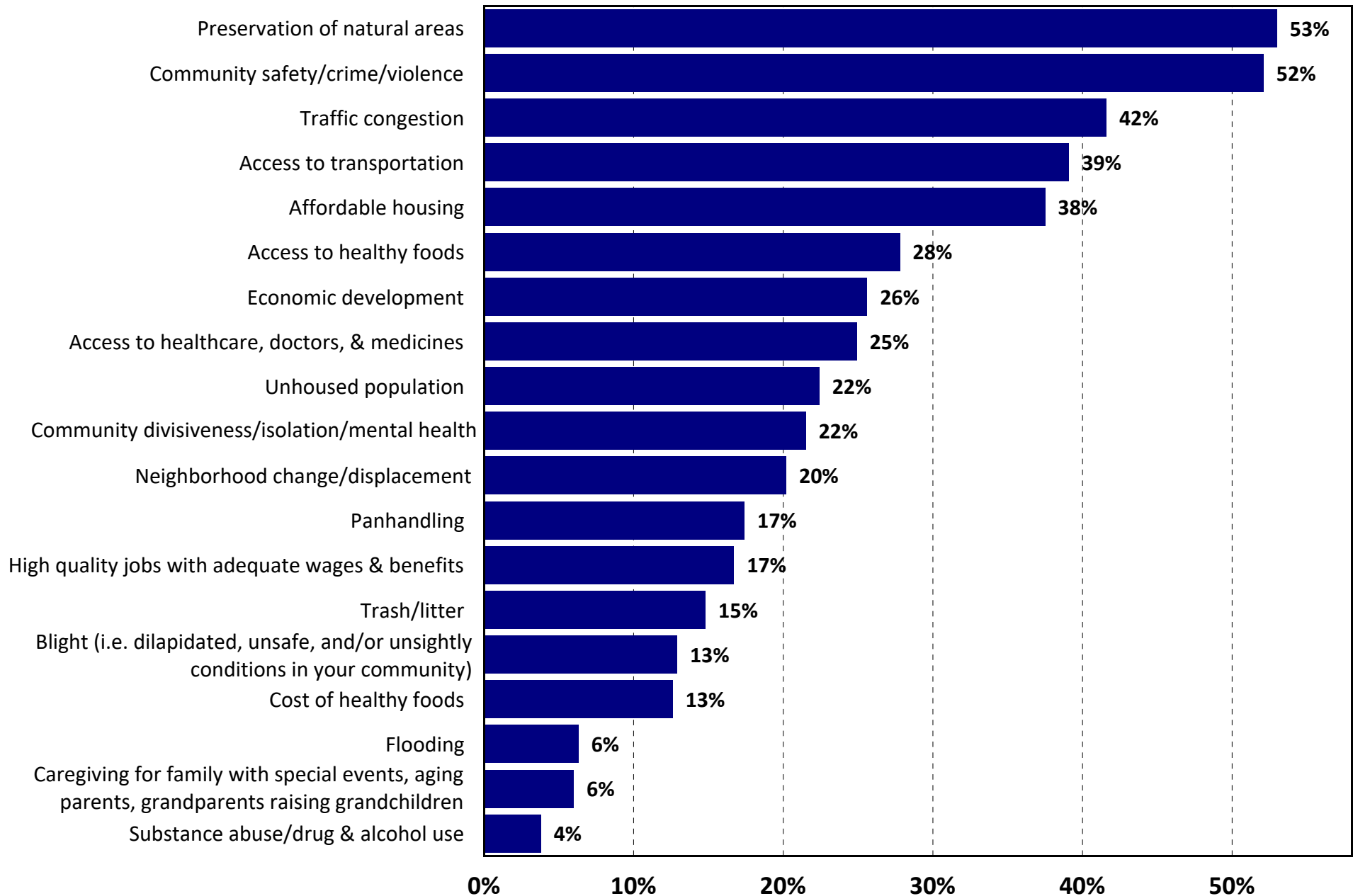
Q15. Maximum Amount of Additional Tax Revenue Respondents Willing Are to Pay Monthly

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



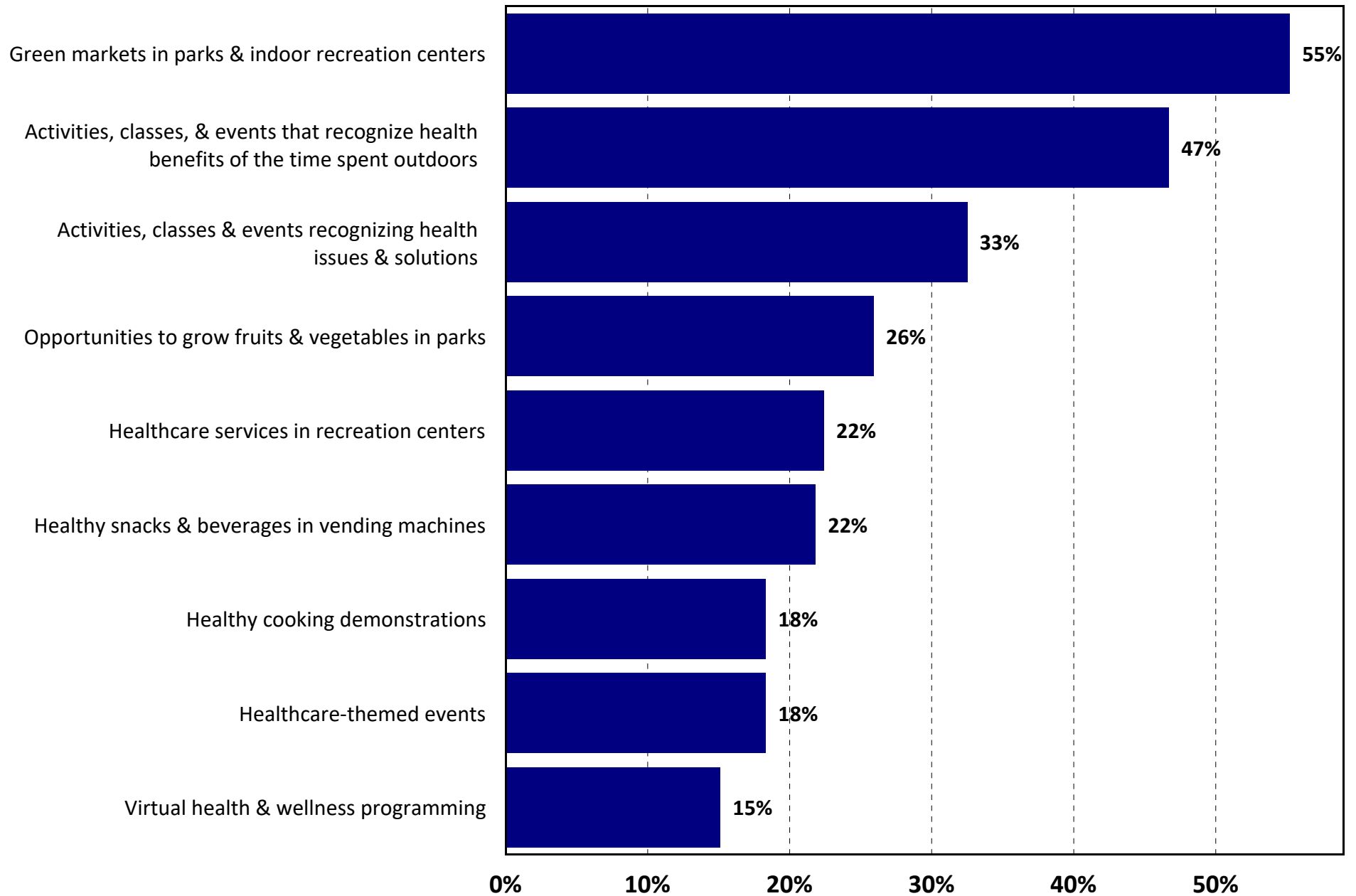
Q16. Top Areas of Concern to Households

by percentage of respondents who selected the items as one of their top five choices



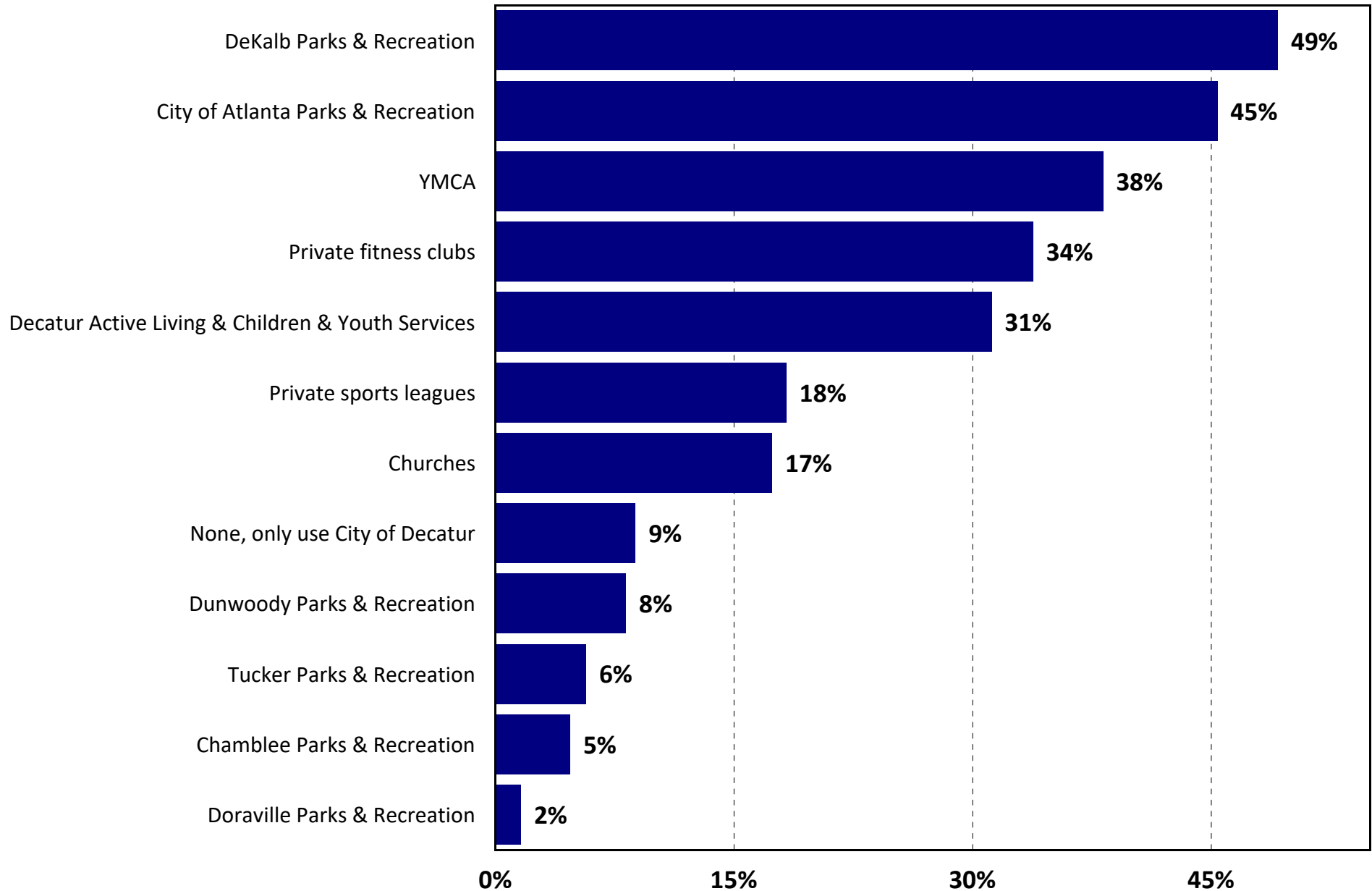
Q17. How the City of Decatur Can Help Promote a Healthier Lifestyle

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



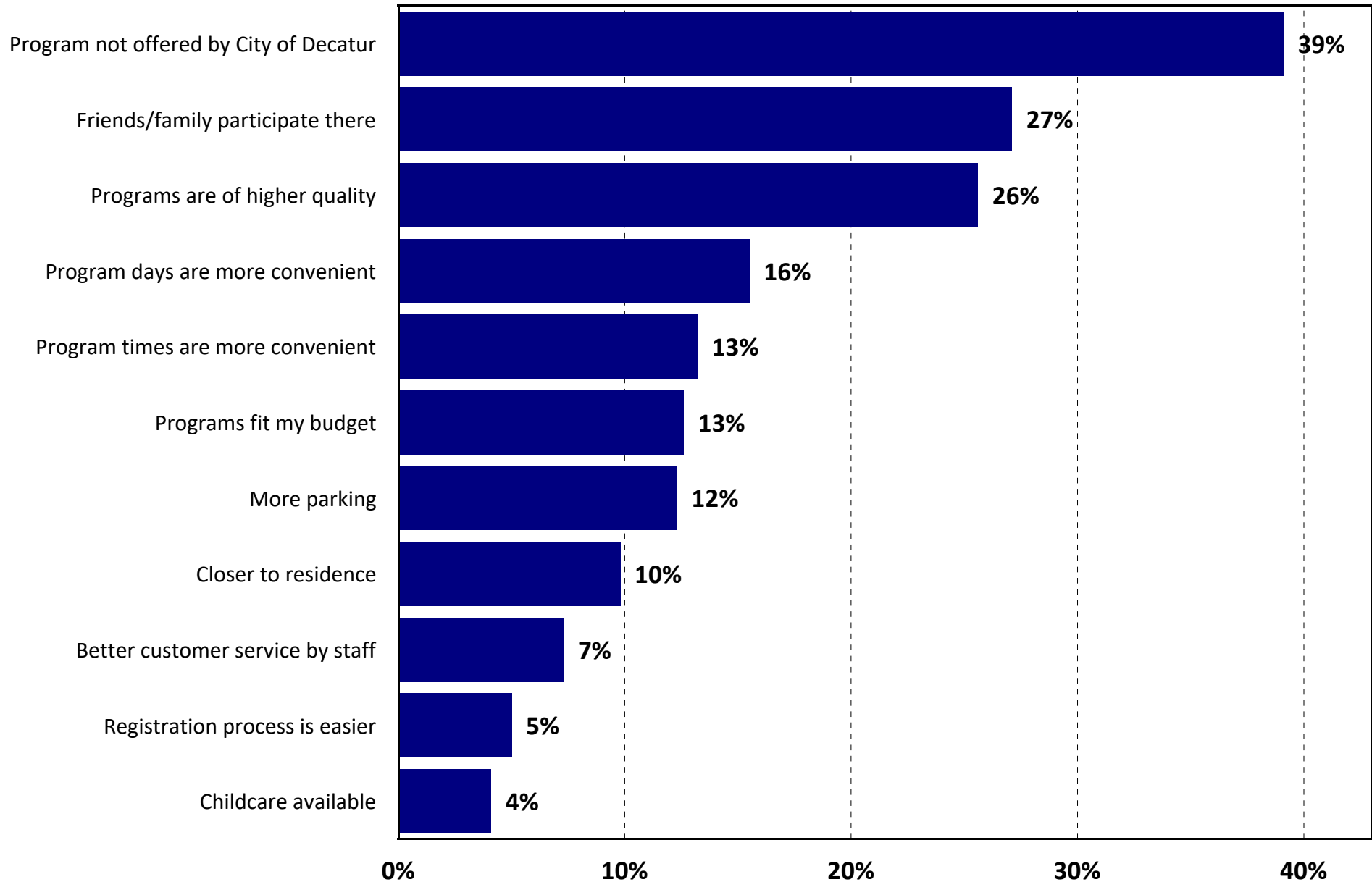
Q18. Organizations Used for Indoor and Outdoor Recreation Activities In the Past Four Years

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



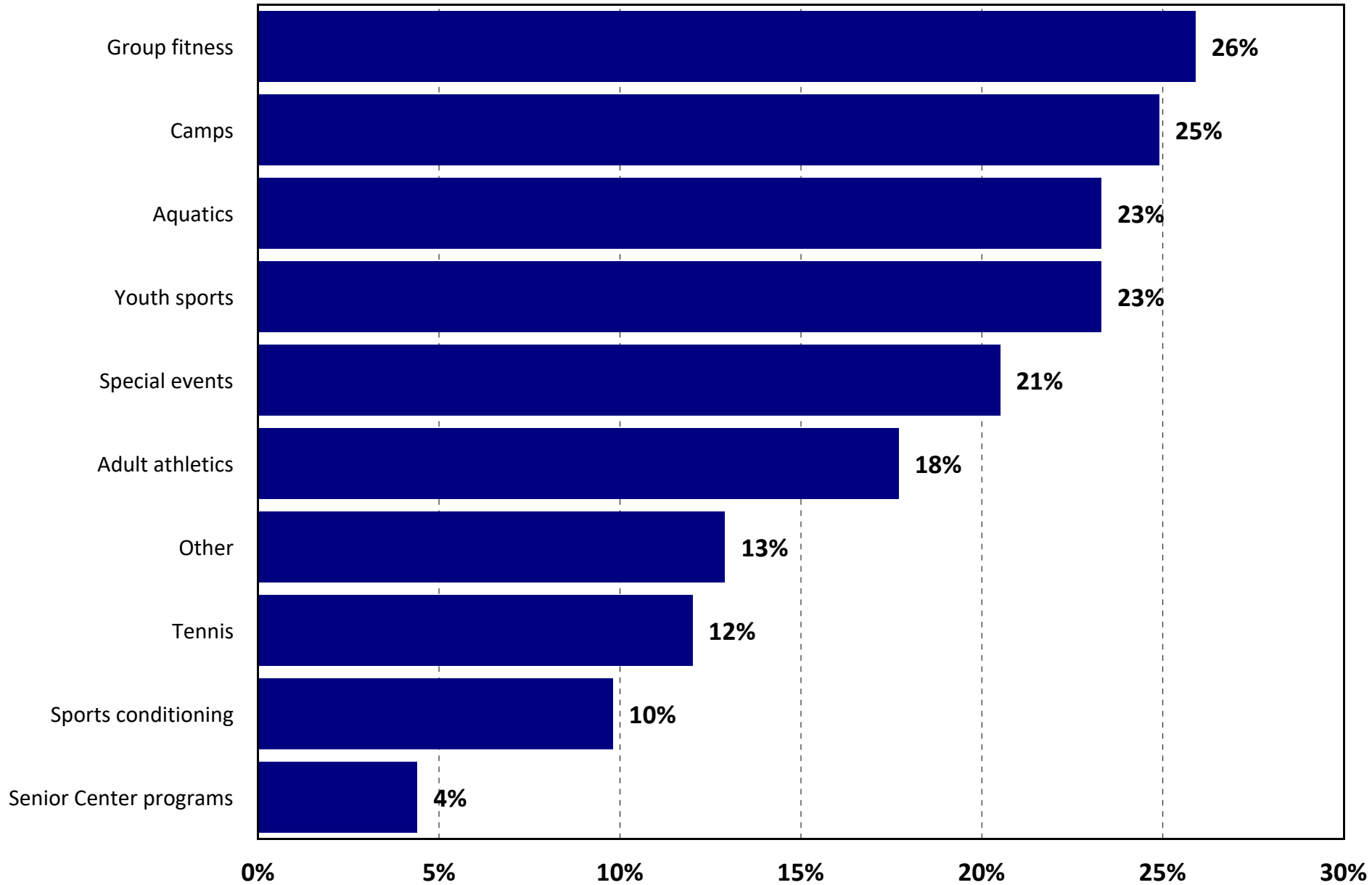
Q19. Reasons Households Use Outside Organizations for Recreation Activities

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



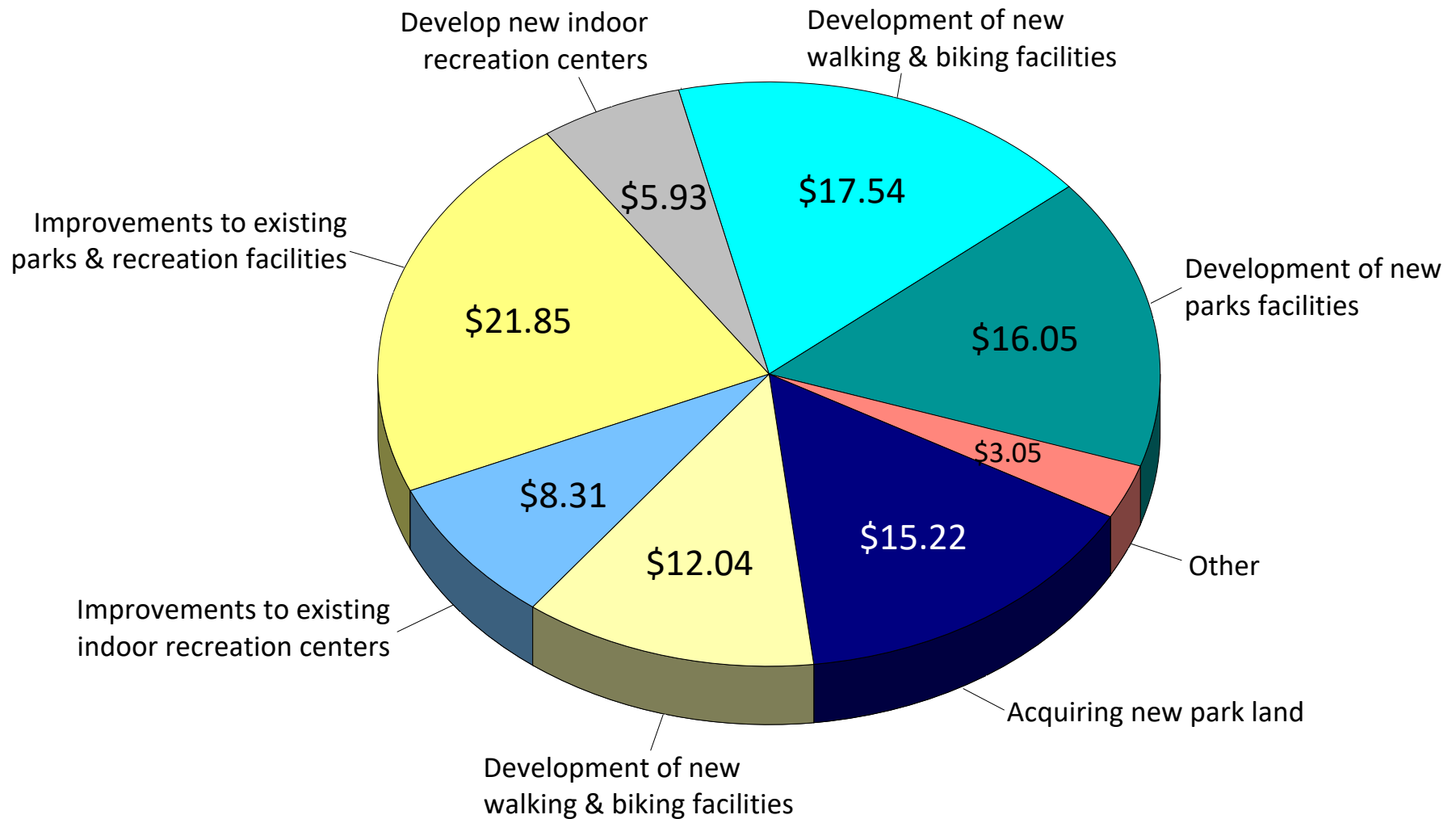
Q20. Recreation Programs Households Participate in Via Outside Organizations

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



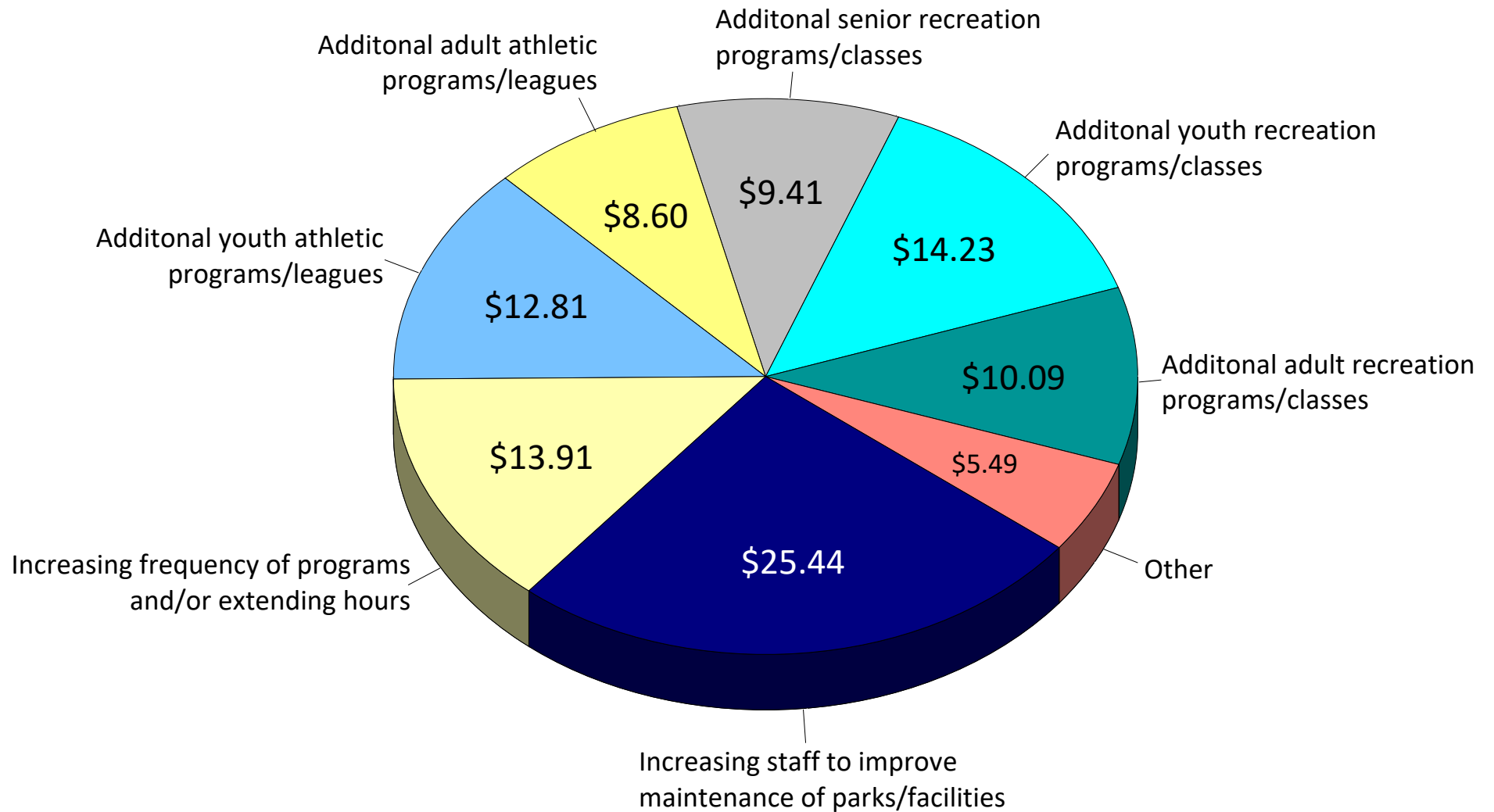
Q21. With a Budget of \$100, How Would Respondents Allocate Funds for Facilities/Capital Improvements?

by average allocated per item



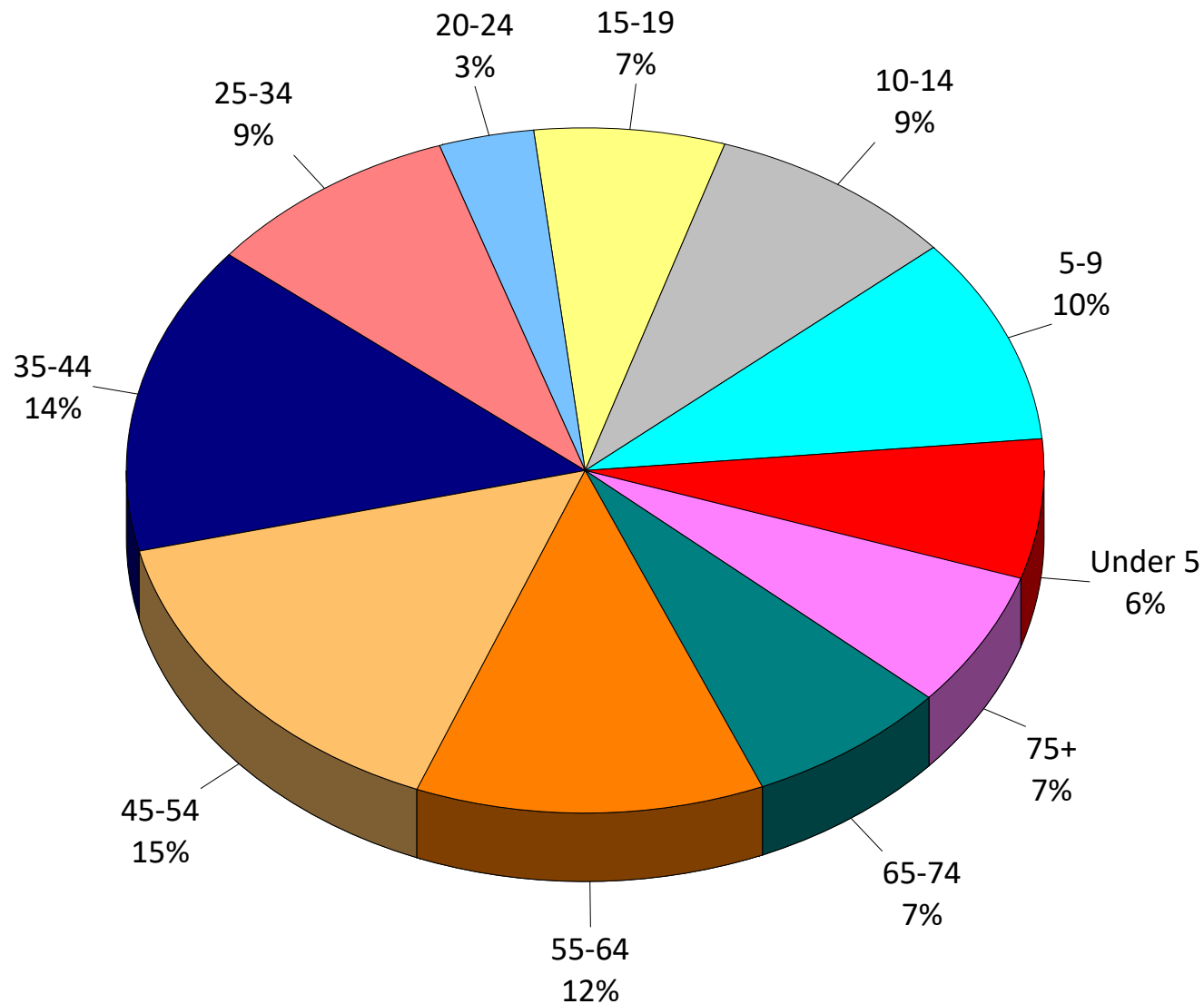
Q22. With a Budget of \$100, How Would Respondents Allocate Funds for Programs/Operations?

by average allocated per item



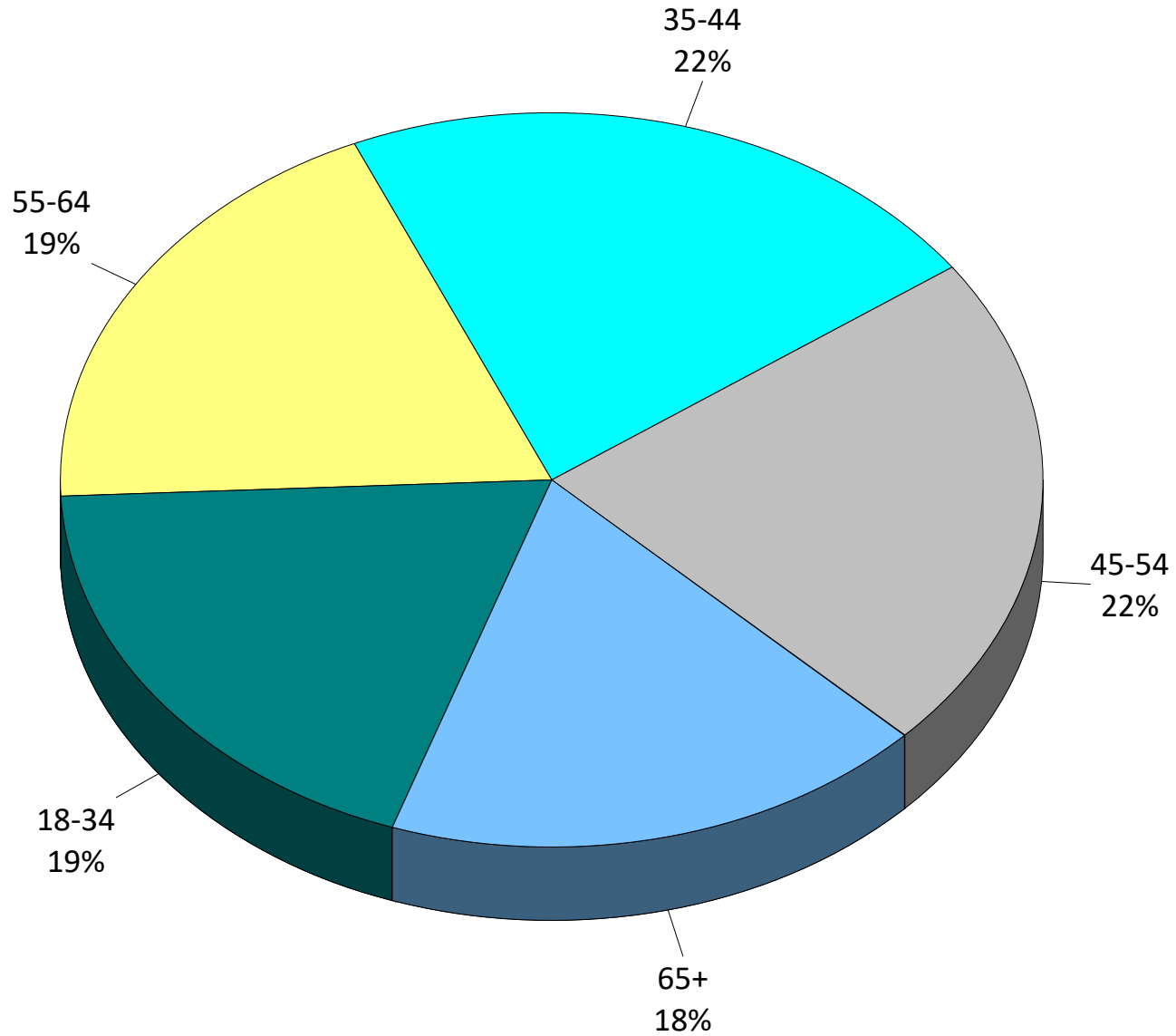
Q23. Counting yourself, how many people in your household are in the following age groups?

by percentage of persons in household



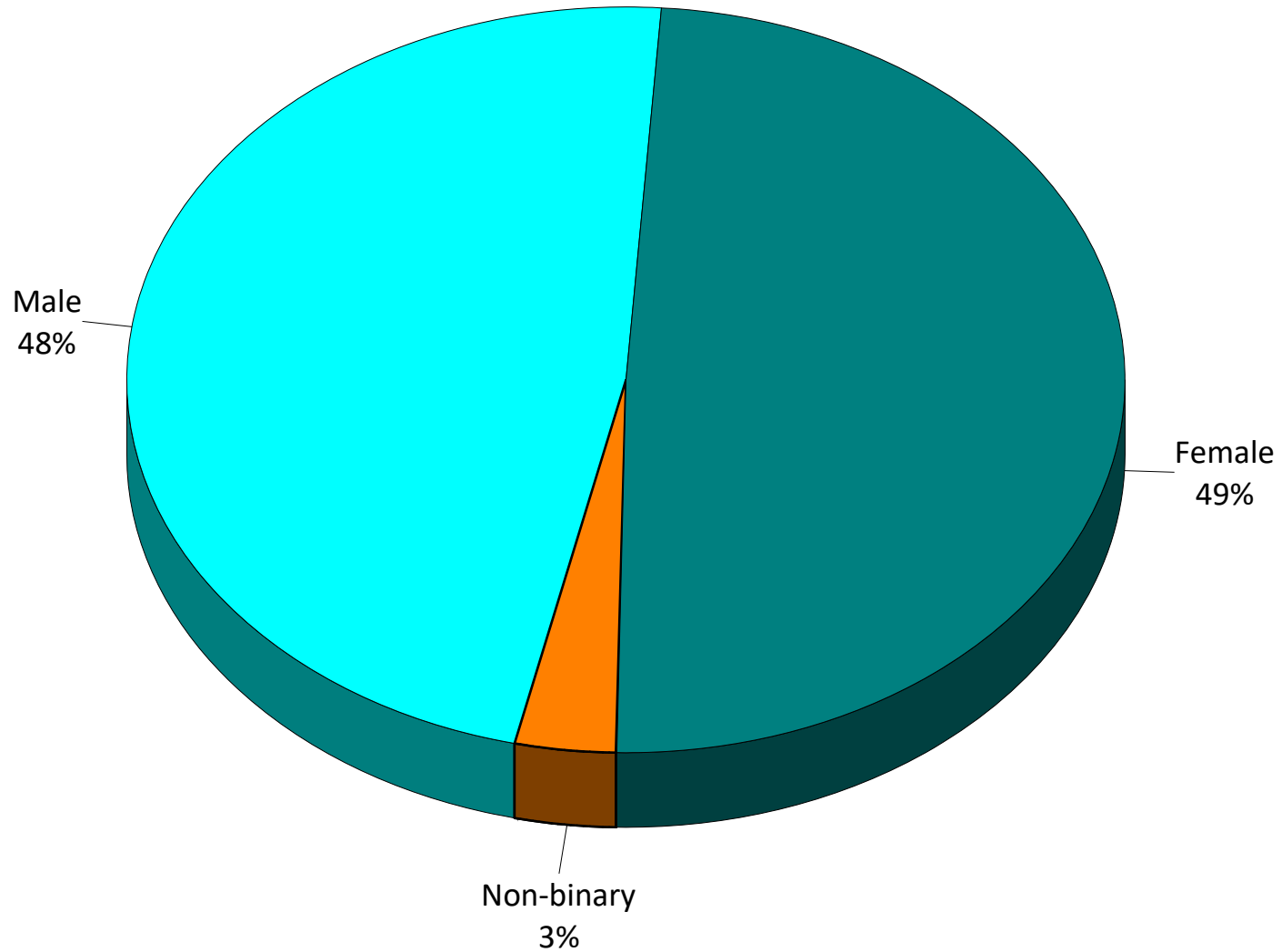
Q24. Respondent Age

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



Q25. How Respondents Identify

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



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**Priority Investment
Rating**

Priority Investment Rating

Decatur, Georgia

The **Priority Investment Rating (PIR)** was developed by ETC Institute to provide governments with an objective tool for evaluating the priority that should be placed on parks and recreation investments. The Priority Investment Rating was developed by ETC Institute to identify the facilities and programs residents think should receive the highest priority for investment. The priority investment rating reflects the importance residents place on items (sum of top 4 choices) and the unmet needs (needs that are not met or only partly met) for each facility/program relative to the facility/program that rated the highest overall. Since decisions related to future investments should consider both the level of unmet need and the importance of facilities and programs, the PIR weights each of these components equally.

The PIR reflects the sum of the Unmet Needs Rating and the Importance Rating as shown in the equation below:

$$\text{PIR} = \text{UNR} + \text{IR}$$

For example, the Unmet Needs Rating for cricket fields is 5.6 (out of 100) and the Importance Rating is 2.8 (out of 100), so the Priority Investment Rating for cricket fields is 8.4 (out of 200).

How to Analyze the Charts:

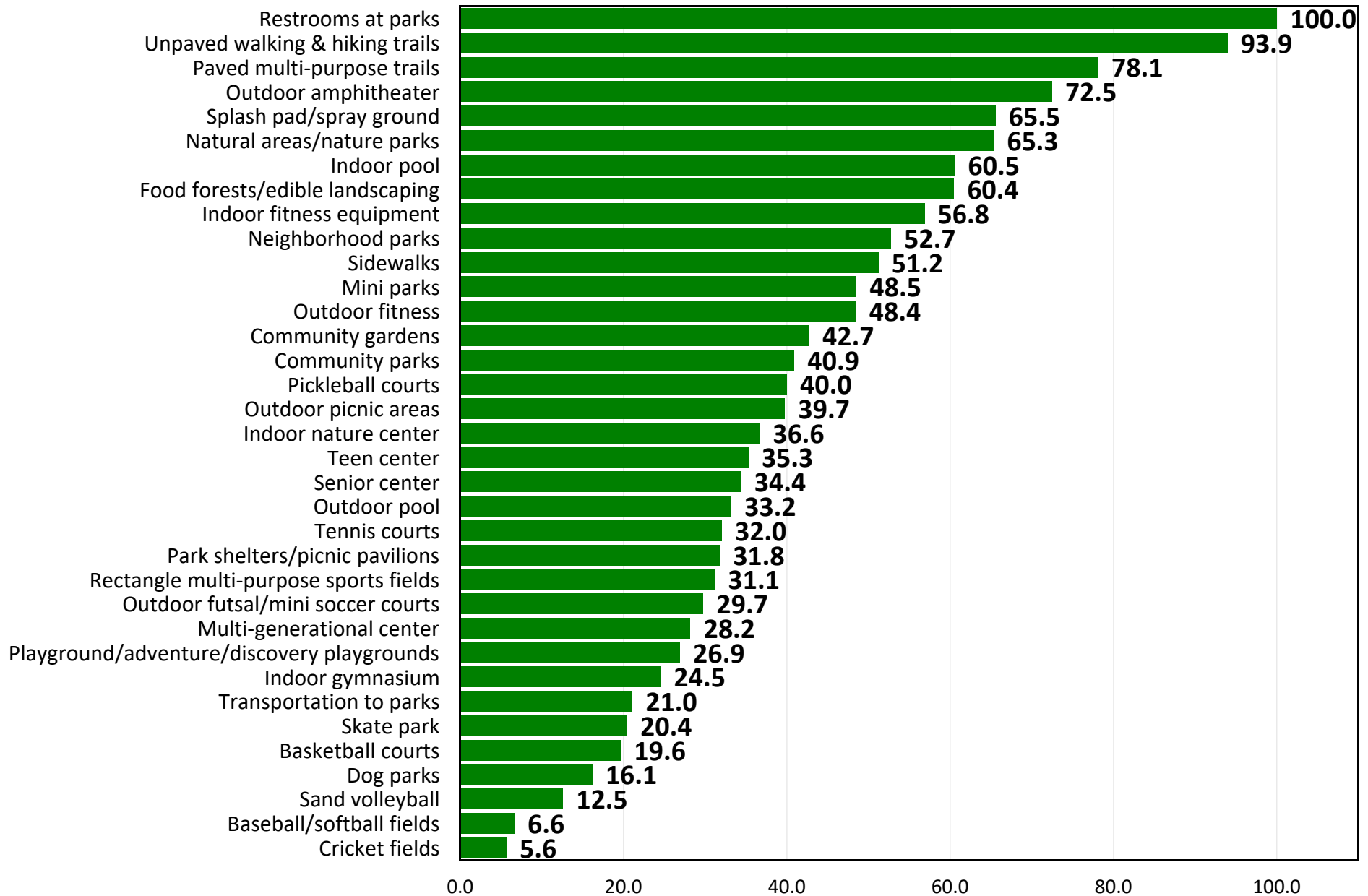
- **High Priority Areas** are those with a PIR of at least 100. A rating of 100 or above generally indicates there is a relatively high level of unmet need and residents generally think it is important to fund improvements in these areas. Improvements in this area are likely to have a positive impact on the greatest number of households.
- **Medium Priority Areas** are those with a PIR of 50-99. A rating in this range generally indicates there is a medium to high level of unmet need or a significant percentage of residents generally think it is important to fund improvements in these areas.
- **Low Priority Areas** are those with a PIR below 50. A rating in this range generally indicates there is a relatively low level of unmet need and residents do not think it is important to fund improvements in these areas. Improvements may be warranted if the needs of very specialized populations are being targeted.

The following pages show the Unmet Needs Rating, Importance Rating, and Priority Investment Rating for facilities and programs.

Unmet Needs Rating for Facility/Amenity

the rating for the item with the most unmet need=100

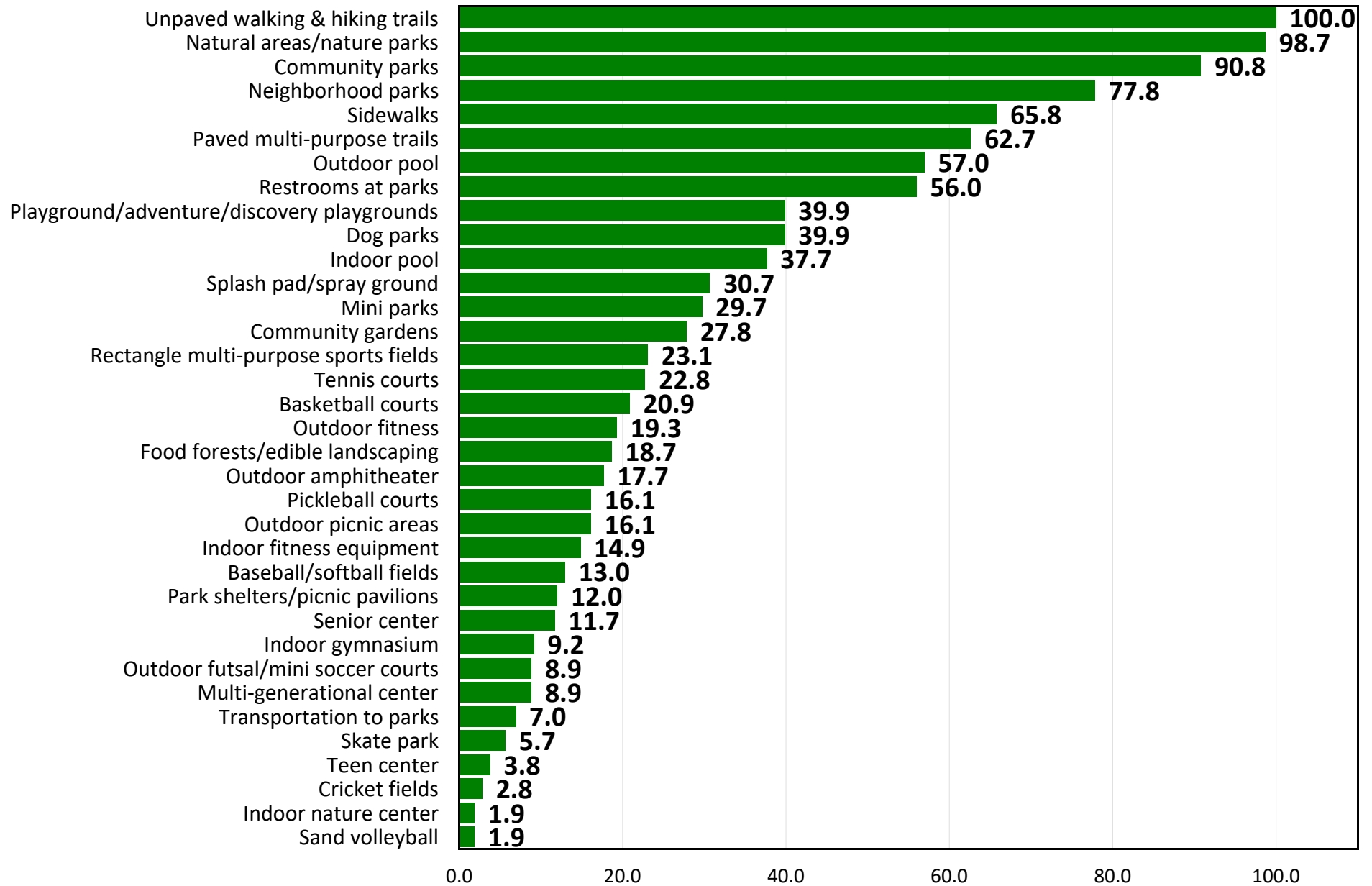
the rating of all other items reflects the relative amount of unmet need for each item compared to the item with the most unmet need



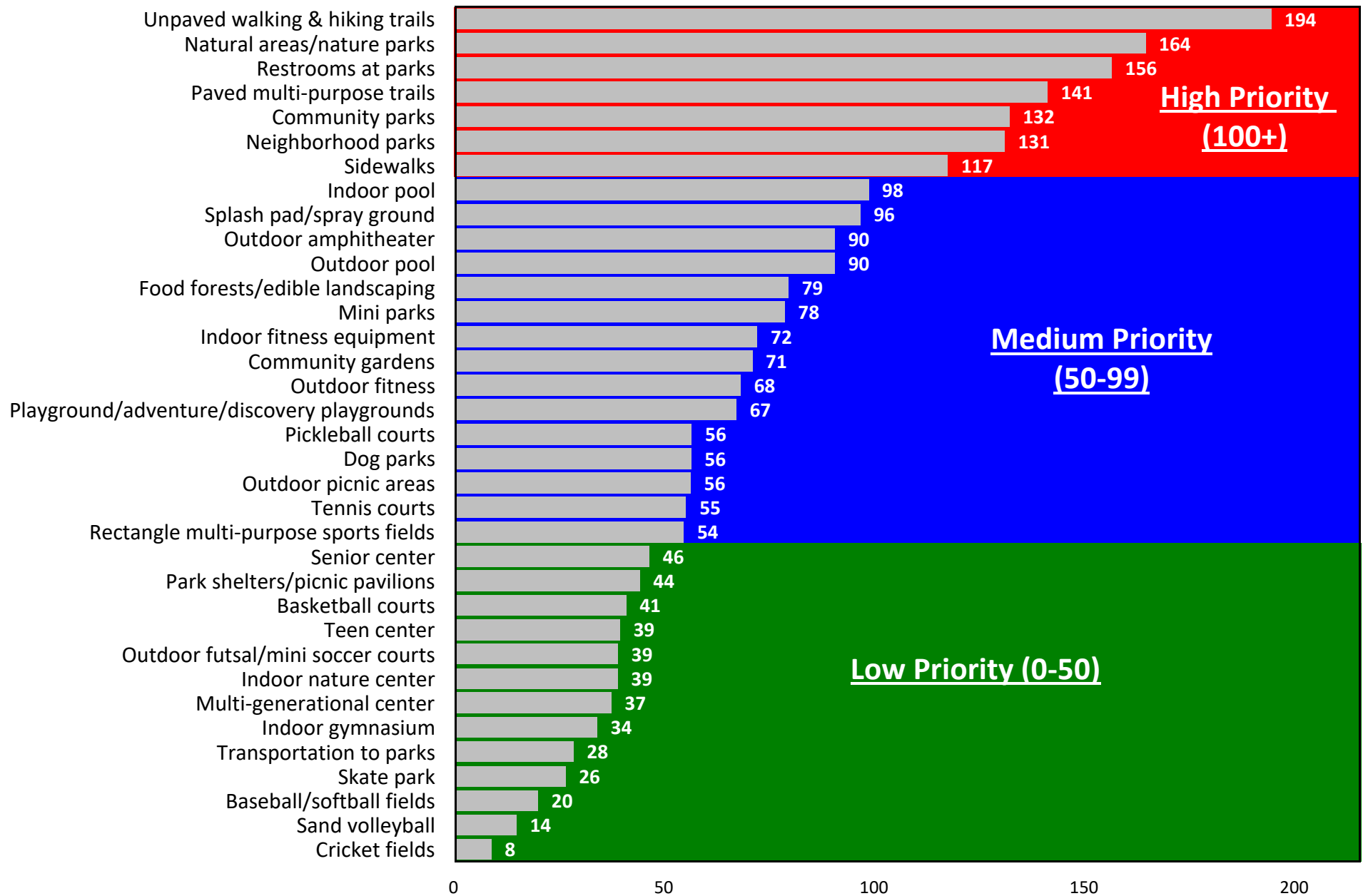
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the rating for the item rated as the most important=100

the rating of all other items reflects the relative level of importance for each item compared to the item rated as the most important



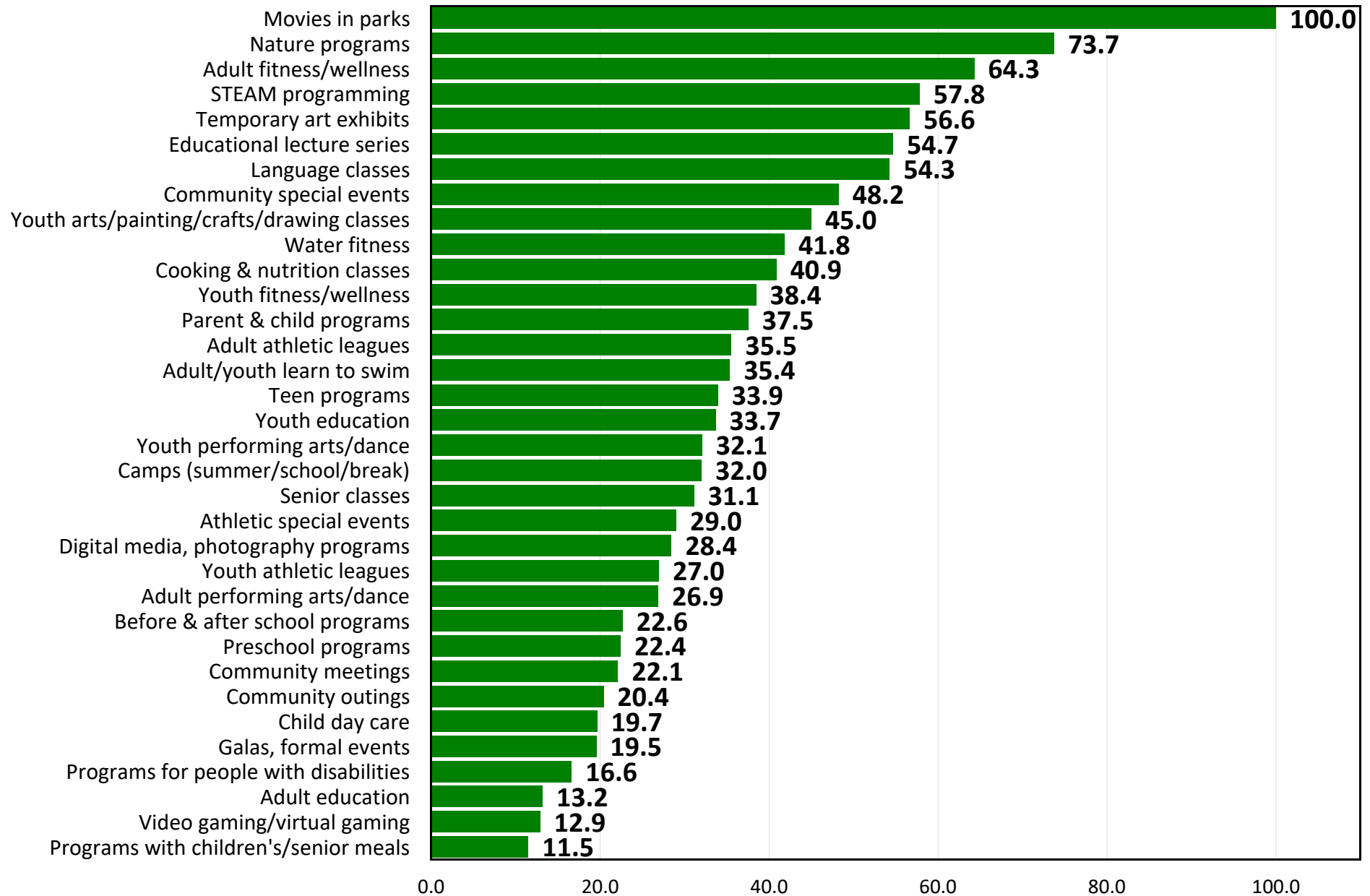
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the rating for the item with the most unmet need=100

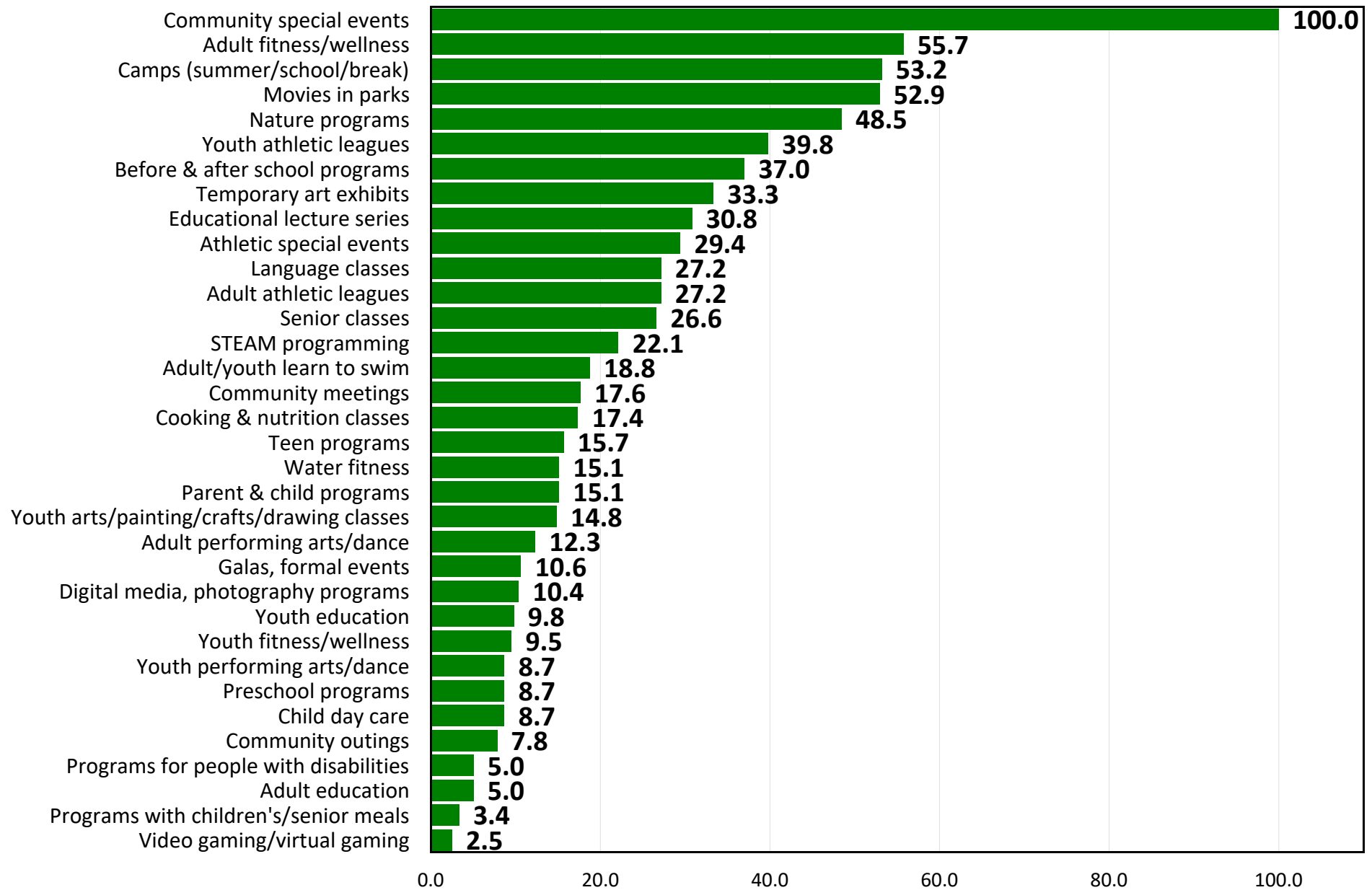
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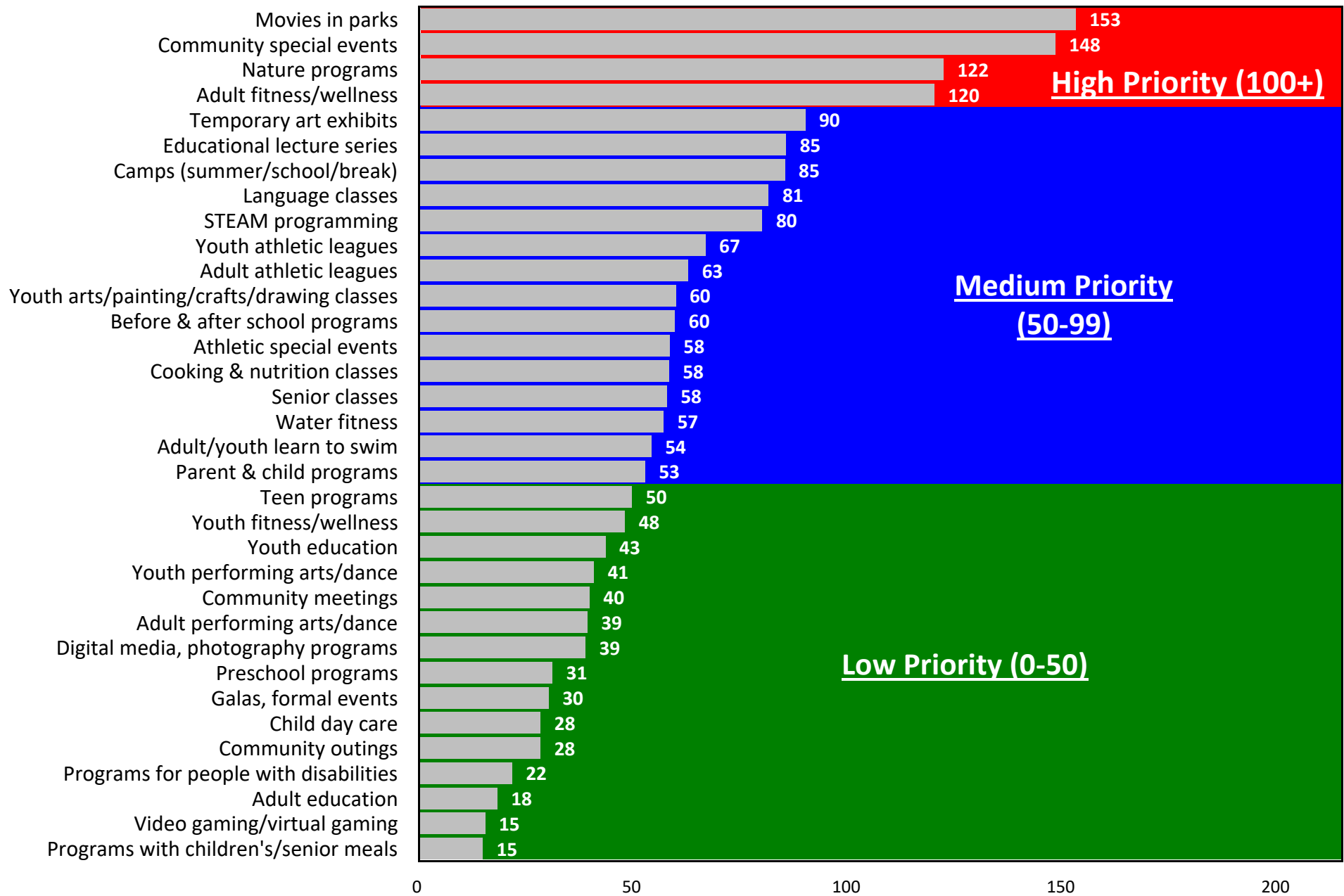
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Top Priorities for Investment for Recreation Programs Based on the Priority Investment Rating



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Benchmarks

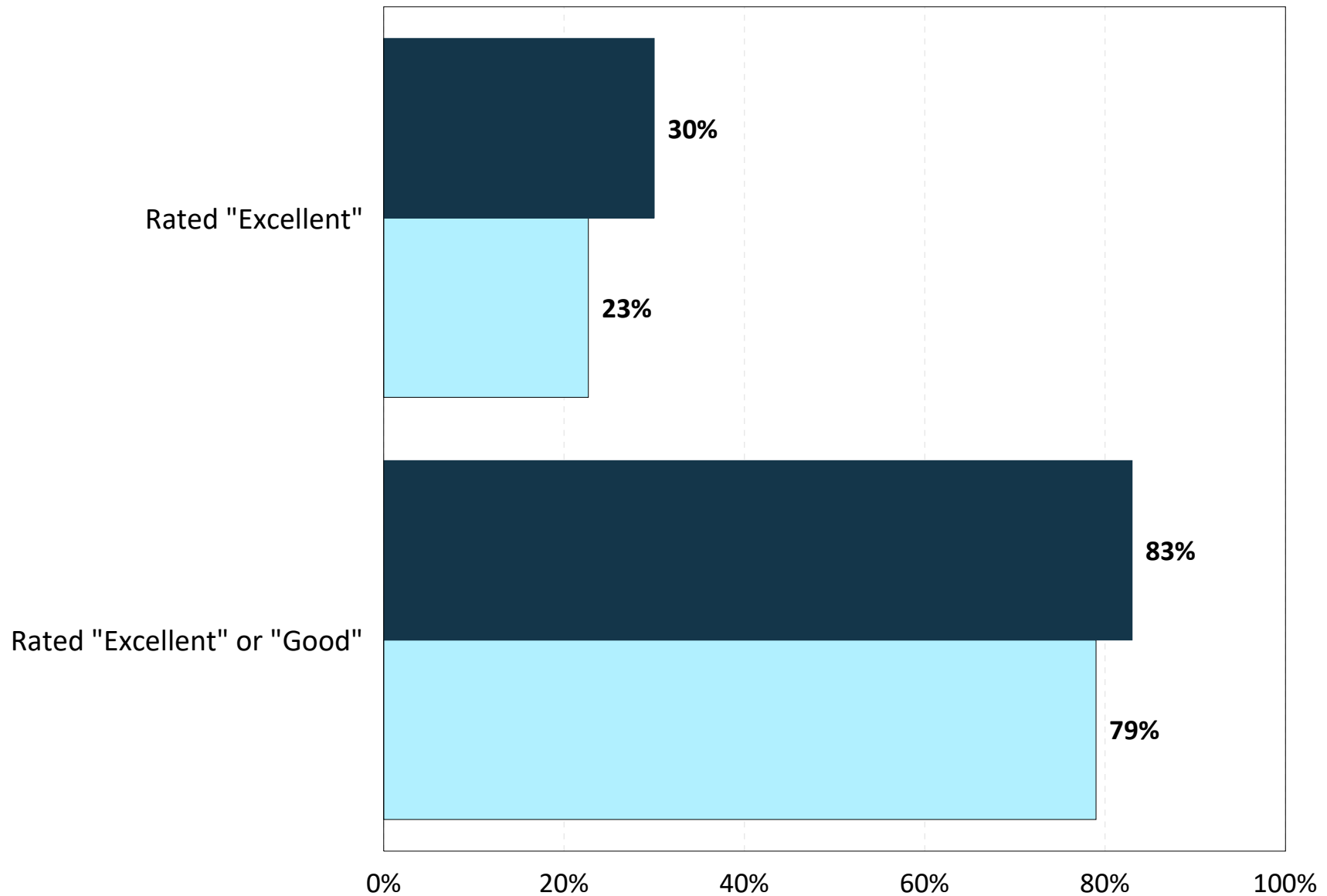
National Benchmarks

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Rating Quality of Parks and Recreation Programs

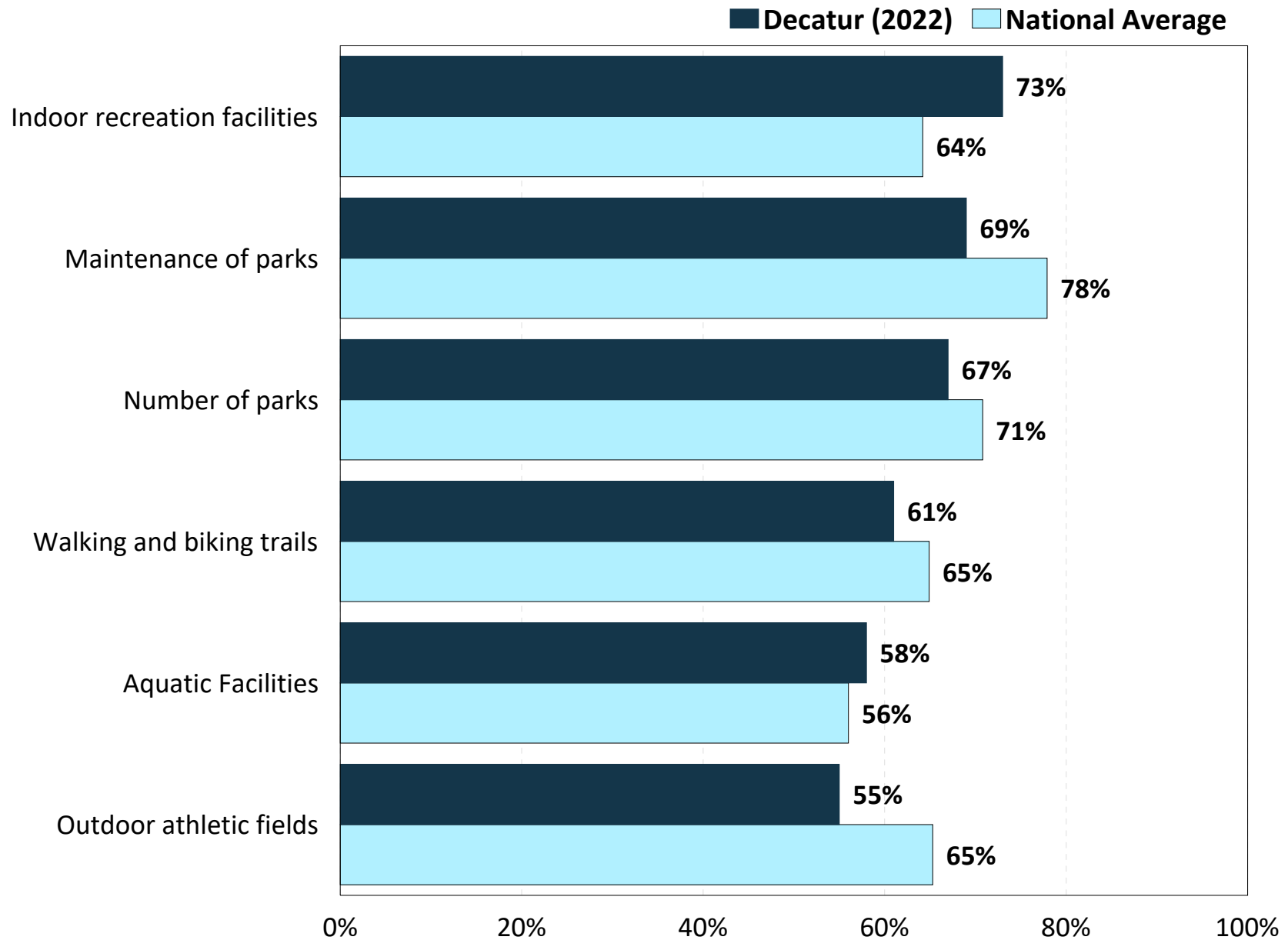
by percentage of households

■ Decatur (2022) ■ National Average



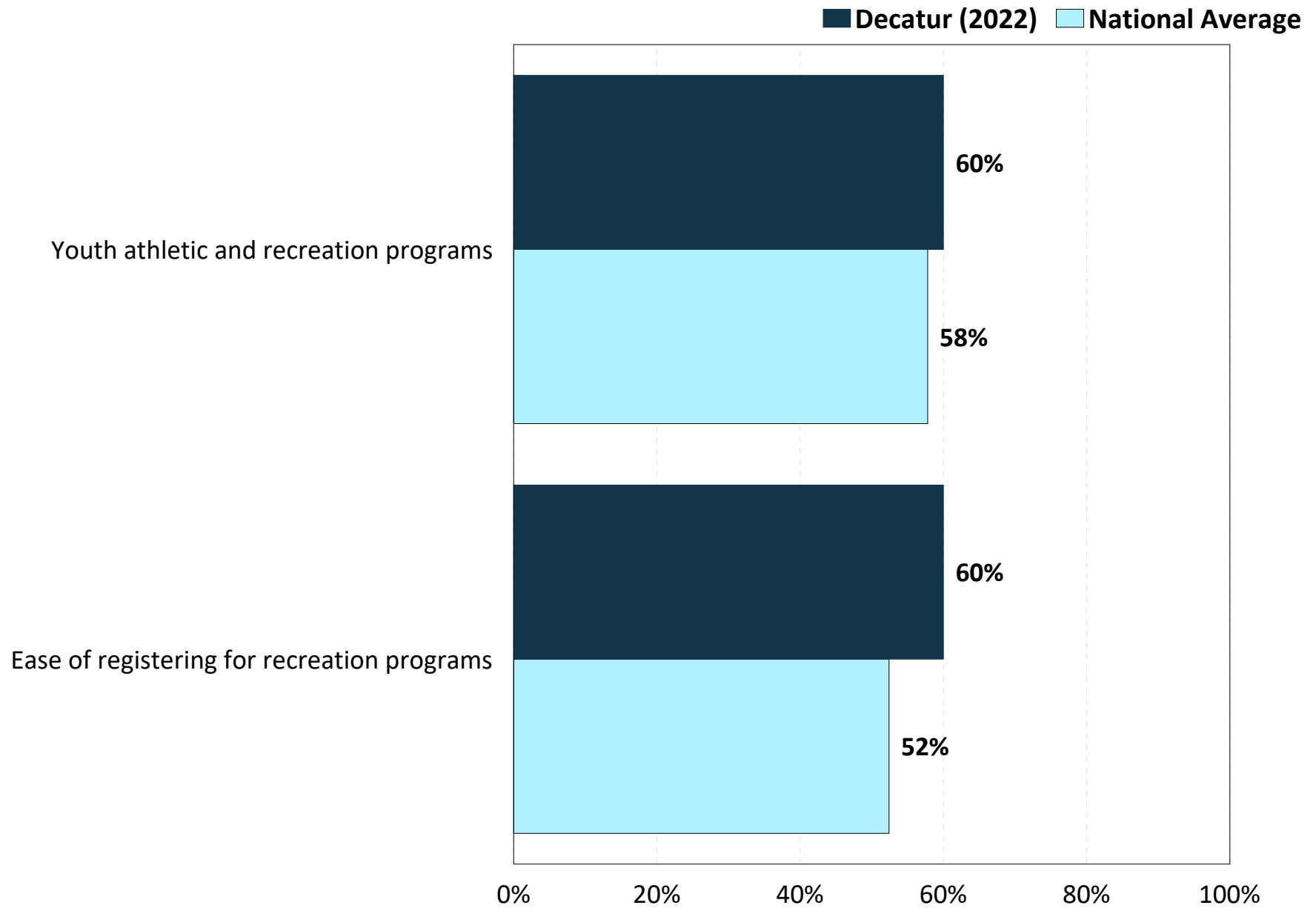
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by percentage of households who were either "very satisfied" or "satisfied" (excluding "don't know")



Satisfaction with Parks and Recreation Programs

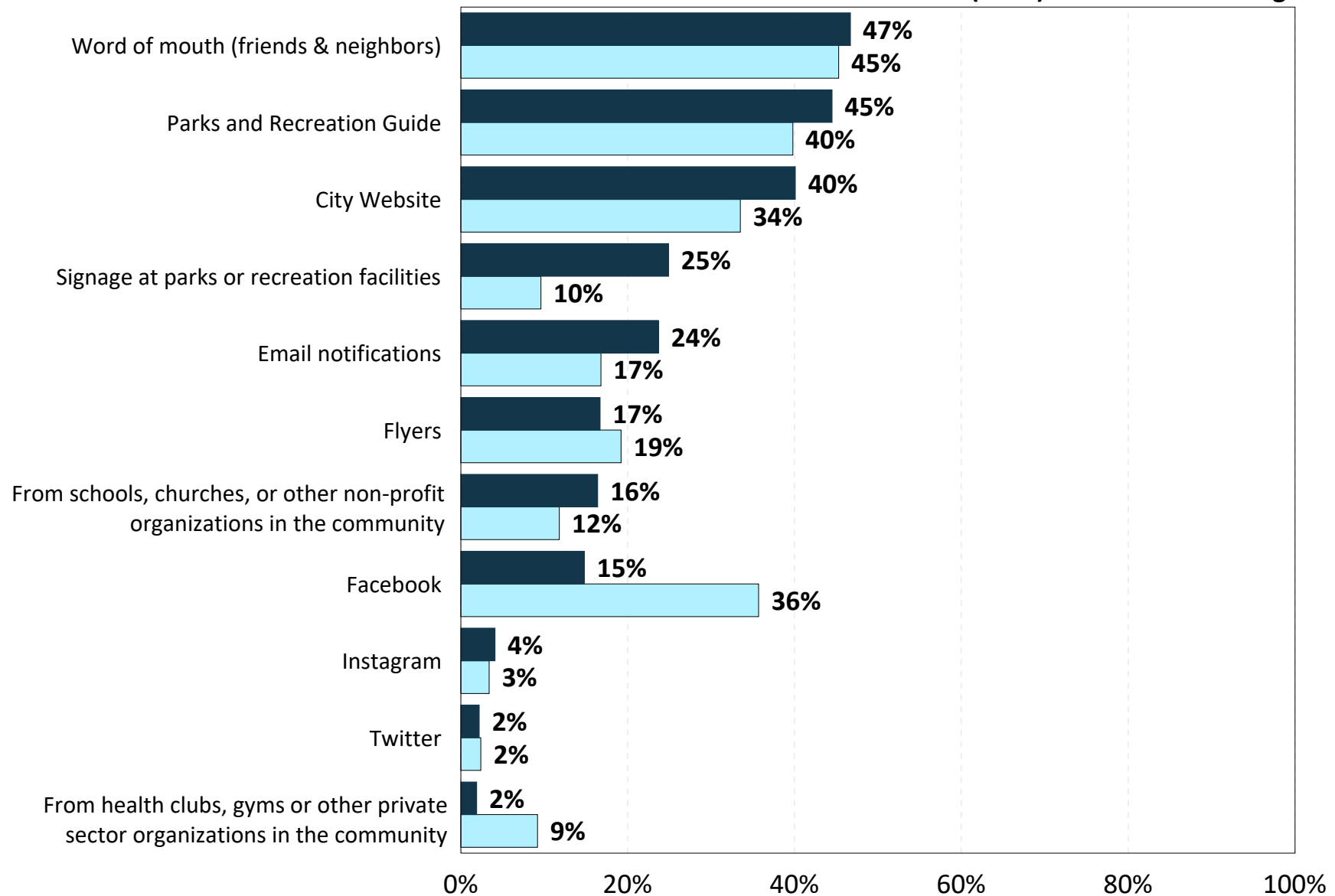
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Sources Used for Parks and Recreation Information

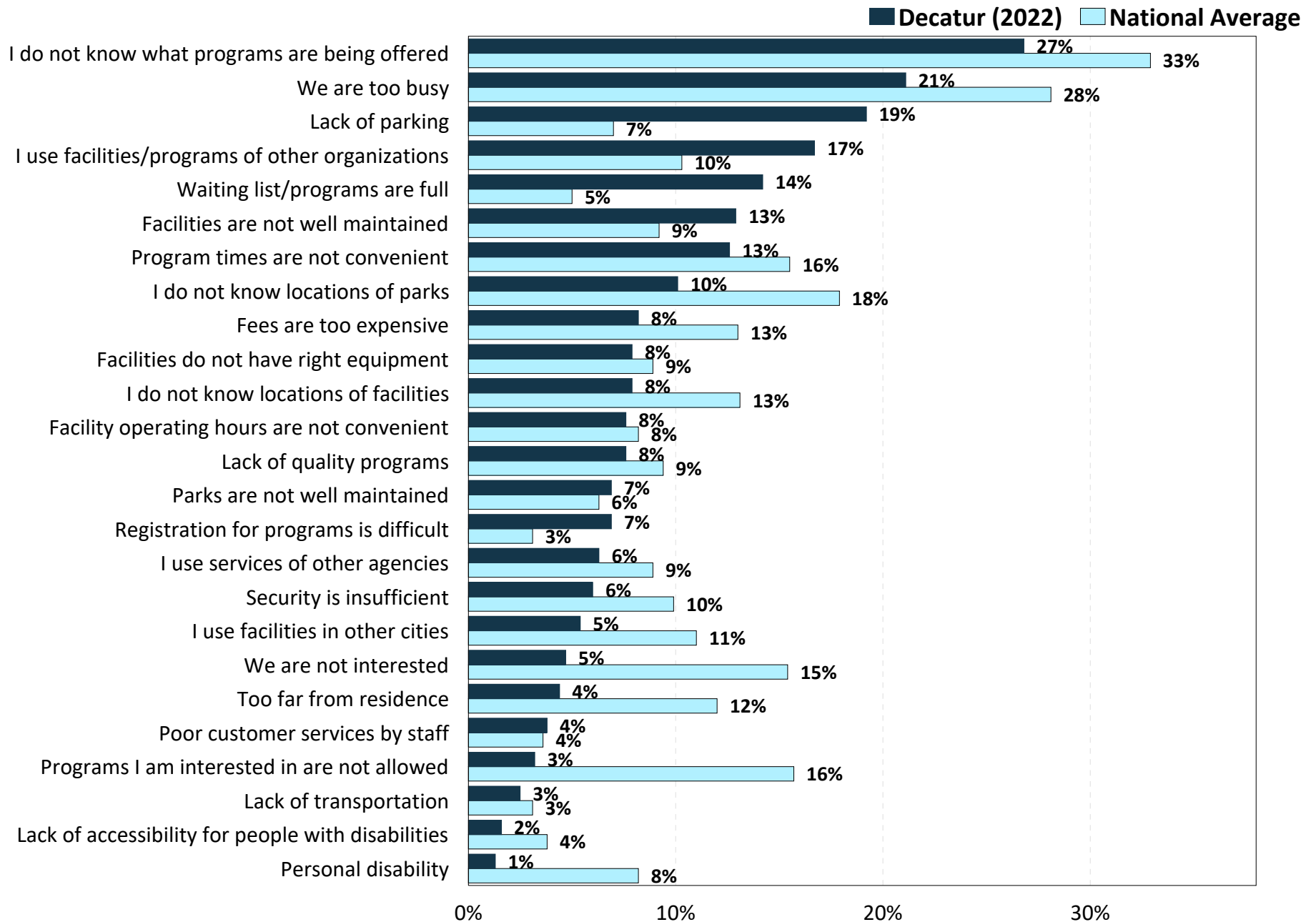
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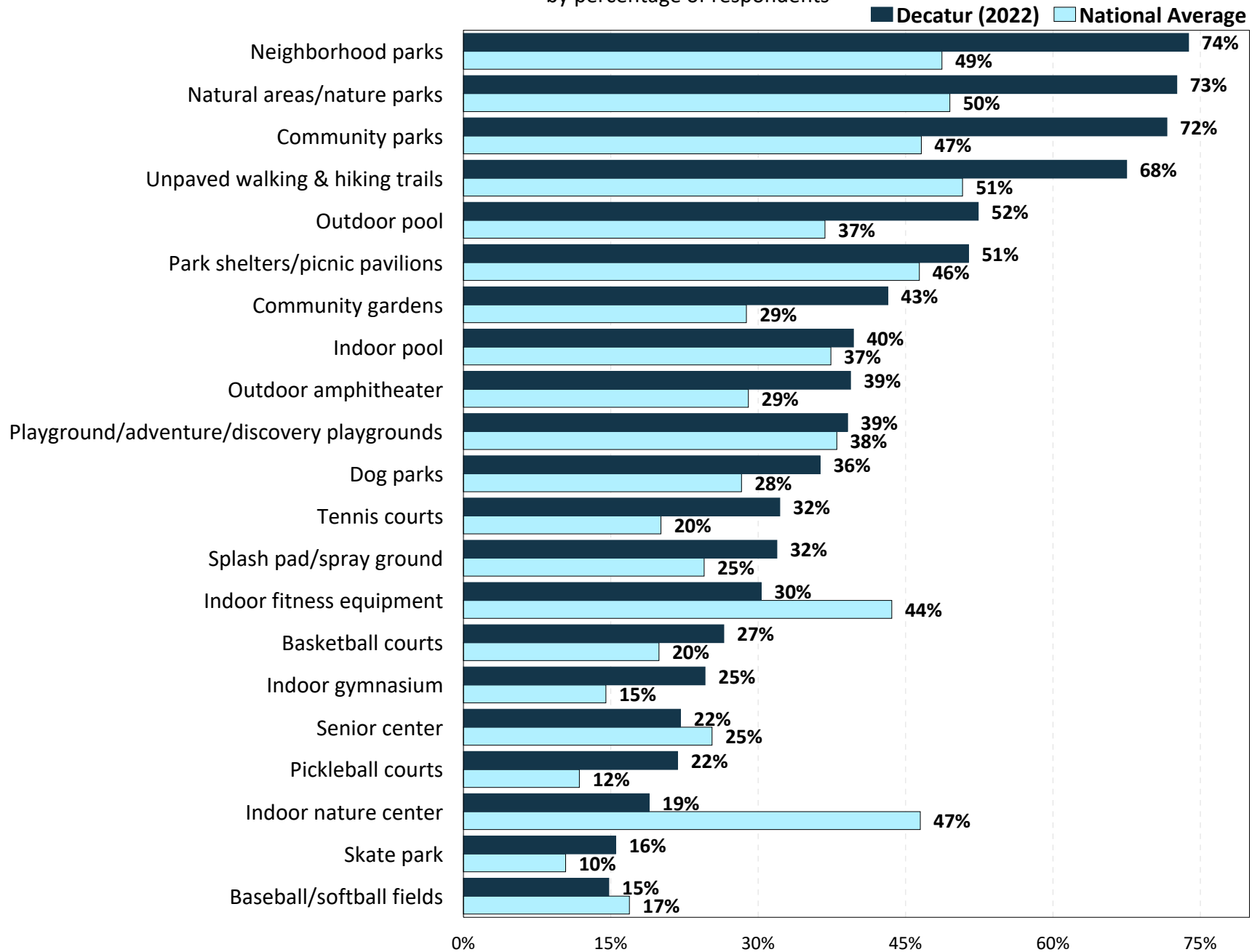
Barriers to Facilities and Programs Use

by percentage of households who listed the item as a barrier



Respondents with Need for Facilities

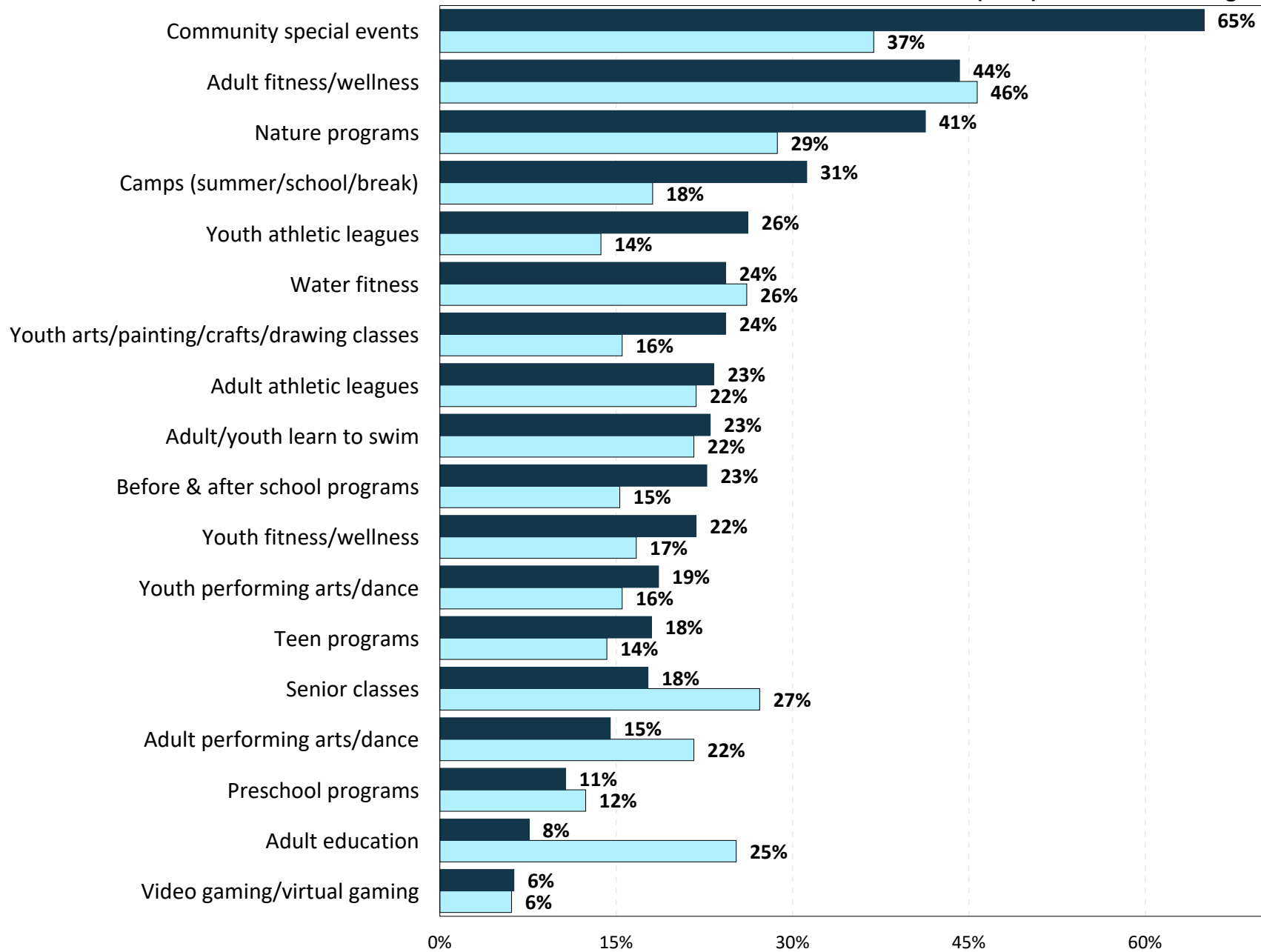
by percentage of respondents



Respondents with Need for Programs

by percentage of respondents

■ Decatur (2022) ■ National Average



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Tabular Data

Q1. Have you or any member of your household visited any parks and recreation facilities operated by the City of Decatur during the past four years?

Q1. Have you visited any City parks & recreation facilities during past four years	Number	Percent
Yes	303	95.6 %
No	14	4.4 %
Total	317	100.0 %

Q1a. Please check ALL the following parks and recreation facilities that you and members of your household have visited during the past four years.

Q1a. All parks & recreation facilities members of your household have visited during past four years	Number	Percent
Adair Dog Park	67	22.1 %
Adair Park	104	34.3 %
Dearborn Park	57	18.8 %
Decatur Cemetery	204	67.3 %
Decatur Recreation Center	169	55.8 %
Ebster Park	83	27.4 %
Ebster Pool	66	21.8 %
Ebster Recreation Center	63	20.8 %
Glenlake Dog Park	52	17.2 %
Glenlake Park	190	62.7 %
Glenlake Pool	112	37.0 %
Glenlake Tennis Center	55	18.2 %
Glenn Creek Nature Preserve	72	23.8 %
Griffin Park	3	1.0 %
Hidden Cove Park	44	14.5 %
Legacy Park	178	58.7 %
Glenlake Dog Park	32	10.6 %
McKoy Park	163	53.8 %
Mead Road Park	42	13.9 %
Oakhurst Dog Park	68	22.4 %
Oakhurst Park	159	52.5 %
Oakhurst Pool	50	16.5 %
Parkwood Park	23	7.6 %
Scott Park	33	10.9 %
Sycamore Park	41	13.5 %
Waddell Park	24	7.9 %
Total	2154	

Q1b. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the parks and recreation facilities that you and members of your household have visited?

Q1b. How would you rate overall quality of parks & recreation facilities your household has visited	Number	Percent
Excellent	83	27.4 %
Good	182	60.1 %
Fair	27	8.9 %
Not provided	11	3.6 %
Total	303	100.0 %

(WITHOUT "NOT PROVIDED")**Q1b. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the parks and recreation facilities that you and members of your household have visited? (without "not provided")**

Q1b. How would you rate overall quality of parks & recreation facilities your household has visited	Number	Percent
Excellent	83	28.4 %
Good	182	62.3 %
Fair	27	9.2 %
Total	292	100.0 %

Q2. Please rate your level of satisfaction with the following parks and recreation facilities.

(N=317)

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know
Q2-1. Dog parks	9.8%	25.9%	10.1%	2.2%	0.6%	51.4%
Q2-2. Facilities with indoor recreation program & classes	11.4%	26.5%	13.2%	0.9%	0.0%	47.9%
Q2-3. Gyms with indoor basketball, volleyball, pickleball, badminton, etc.	9.5%	18.3%	11.0%	2.2%	0.0%	59.0%
Q2-4. Large community parks- above 5 acres (e.g., Glenlake Park, Legacy Park, McKoy Park, Oakhurst Park)	27.8%	49.8%	9.5%	3.2%	0.0%	9.8%
Q2-5. Neighborhood parks/under 5 acres (e.g., Adair Park, Ebster Park, Glenn Creek Nature Preserve, Griffin Park, Hidden Cove Park, etc.)	18.0%	41.0%	12.3%	4.4%	0.6%	23.7%
Q2-6. Number of parks	28.7%	35.0%	18.6%	9.5%	2.5%	5.7%
Q2-7. Outdoor athletic fields (i.e., baseball, softball, soccer)	10.1%	23.0%	16.7%	8.5%	2.8%	38.8%
Q2-8. Outdoor courts (i.e., basketball, volleyball, tennis, pickleball)	7.9%	19.6%	18.6%	9.8%	2.2%	42.0%
Q2-9. Outdoor/indoor swimming pools	13.6%	26.2%	14.2%	12.9%	2.8%	30.3%
Q2-10. Overall maintenance of parks	18.6%	44.5%	19.2%	8.2%	0.9%	8.5%
Q2-11. Park pavilions	12.0%	38.8%	16.1%	6.9%	0.9%	25.2%
Q2-12. Playgrounds	15.5%	35.3%	15.5%	5.7%	0.3%	27.8%
Q2-13. Walking & biking trails	15.1%	36.3%	17.0%	13.6%	2.8%	15.1%

(WITHOUT "DON'T KNOW")**Q2. Please rate your level of satisfaction with the following parks and recreation facilities. (without "don't know")**

(N=317)

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Q2-1. Dog parks	20.1%	53.2%	20.8%	4.5%	1.3%
Q2-2. Facilities with indoor recreation program & classes	21.8%	50.9%	25.5%	1.8%	0.0%
Q2-3. Gyms with indoor basketball, volleyball, pickleball, badminton, etc.	23.1%	44.6%	26.9%	5.4%	0.0%
Q2-4. Large community parks-above 5 acres (e.g., Glenlake Park, Legacy Park, McKoy Park, Oakhurst Park)	30.8%	55.2%	10.5%	3.5%	0.0%
Q2-5. Neighborhood parks/under 5 acres (e.g., Adair Park, Ebster Park, Glenn Creek Nature Preserve, Griffin Park, Hidden Cove Park, etc.)	23.6%	53.7%	16.1%	5.8%	0.8%
Q2-6. Number of parks	30.4%	37.1%	19.7%	10.0%	2.7%
Q2-7. Outdoor athletic fields (i.e., baseball, softball, soccer)	16.5%	37.6%	27.3%	13.9%	4.6%
Q2-8. Outdoor courts (i.e., basketball, volleyball, tennis, pickleball)	13.6%	33.7%	32.1%	16.8%	3.8%
Q2-9. Outdoor/indoor swimming pools	19.5%	37.6%	20.4%	18.6%	4.1%
Q2-10. Overall maintenance of parks	20.3%	48.6%	21.0%	9.0%	1.0%
Q2-11. Park pavilions	16.0%	51.9%	21.5%	9.3%	1.3%
Q2-12. Playgrounds	21.4%	48.9%	21.4%	7.9%	0.4%
Q2-13. Walking & biking trails	17.8%	42.8%	20.1%	16.0%	3.3%

Q3. Have you or any member of your household participated in any recreation programs provided by the City of Decatur during the past four years?

Q3. Has your household participated in any recreation programs during past four years	Number	Percent
Yes	122	38.5 %
No	193	60.9 %
Not provided	2	0.6 %
Total	317	100.0 %

(WITHOUT "NOT PROVIDED")

Q3. Have you or any member of your household participated in any recreation programs provided by the City of Decatur during the past four years? (without "not provided")

Q3. Has your household participated in any recreation programs during past four years	Number	Percent
Yes	122	38.7 %
No	193	61.3 %
Total	315	100.0 %

Q3a. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the programs that you and members of your household have participated in?

Q3a. How would you rate overall quality of programs your household has participated in	Number	Percent
Excellent	35	28.7 %
Good	62	50.8 %
Fair	19	15.6 %
Poor	1	0.8 %
Not provided	5	4.1 %
Total	122	100.0 %

(WITHOUT "NOT PROVIDED")

Q3a. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the programs that you and members of your household have participated in? (without "not provided")

Q3a. How would you rate overall quality of programs your household has participated in	Number	Percent
Excellent	35	29.9 %
Good	62	53.0 %
Fair	19	16.2 %
Poor	1	0.9 %
Total	117	100.0 %

Q3b. Please rate how satisfied you are with the recreation programs listed below...

(N=122)

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know
Q3b-1. Adult athletic programs	3.3%	12.3%	6.6%	2.5%	0.8%	74.6%
Q3b-2. Adult recreation programs	5.7%	17.2%	5.7%	1.6%	0.8%	68.9%
Q3b-3. After school programs	10.7%	15.6%	10.7%	3.3%	0.8%	59.0%
Q3b-4. Aquatic programs	10.7%	7.4%	10.7%	5.7%	0.8%	64.8%
Q3b-5. Ease of registering for recreation programs	13.9%	32.8%	18.0%	13.1%	0.0%	22.1%
Q3b-6. Open gym programs	2.5%	12.3%	10.7%	3.3%	1.6%	69.7%
Q3b-7. Overall quality of recreation programs	9.8%	36.9%	17.2%	2.5%	1.6%	32.0%
Q3b-8. Senior recreation programs	3.3%	13.9%	2.5%	3.3%	0.0%	77.0%
Q3b-9. Special events sponsored by local government in your community	13.1%	20.5%	9.8%	4.1%	0.8%	51.6%
Q3b-10. Summer camps	10.7%	23.0%	9.0%	3.3%	0.0%	54.1%
Q3b-11. Tennis programs	4.9%	9.0%	10.7%	4.9%	1.6%	68.9%
Q3b-12. Youth & teen programs	7.4%	16.4%	4.1%	6.6%	0.8%	64.8%
Q3b-13. Youth athletic & recreation programs	9.8%	23.0%	11.5%	9.0%	1.6%	45.1%

(WITHOUT "DON'T KNOW")**Q3b. Please rate how satisfied you are with the recreation programs listed below... (without "don't know")**

(N=122)

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Q3b-1. Adult athletic programs	12.9%	48.4%	25.8%	9.7%	3.2%
Q3b-2. Adult recreation programs	18.4%	55.3%	18.4%	5.3%	2.6%
Q3b-3. After school programs	26.0%	38.0%	26.0%	8.0%	2.0%
Q3b-4. Aquatic programs	30.2%	20.9%	30.2%	16.3%	2.3%
Q3b-5. Ease of registering for recreation programs	17.9%	42.1%	23.2%	16.8%	0.0%
Q3b-6. Open gym programs	8.1%	40.5%	35.1%	10.8%	5.4%
Q3b-7. Overall quality of recreation programs	14.5%	54.2%	25.3%	3.6%	2.4%
Q3b-8. Senior recreation programs	14.3%	60.7%	10.7%	14.3%	0.0%
Q3b-9. Special events sponsored by local government in your community	27.1%	42.4%	20.3%	8.5%	1.7%
Q3b-10. Summer camps	23.2%	50.0%	19.6%	7.1%	0.0%
Q3b-11. Tennis programs	15.8%	28.9%	34.2%	15.8%	5.3%
Q3b-12. Youth & teen programs	20.9%	46.5%	11.6%	18.6%	2.3%
Q3b-13. Youth athletic & recreation programs	17.9%	41.8%	20.9%	16.4%	3.0%

Q4. How do you learn about the programs, activities, and special events that are offered by the City of Decatur?

Q4. How do you learn about City programs, activities, & special events	Number	Percent
BeActiveDecatur blogsite	16	5.0 %
By visiting/attending the park	86	27.1 %
City of Decatur website	127	40.1 %
Decatur Active Living & Children & Youth Services Playbook (Print)	141	44.5 %
Email notifications	75	23.7 %
Flyers	53	16.7 %
From health clubs, gyms or other private sector organizations in the community	6	1.9 %
From schools, churches, or other non-profit organizations in the community	52	16.4 %
Signage at parks or recreation facilities	79	24.9 %
Social media-Facebook	47	14.8 %
Social media-Instagram	13	4.1 %
Social media-Twitter	7	2.2 %
Word of mouth (friends & neighbors)	148	46.7 %
Other	55	17.4 %
Total	905	

Q4-14. Other

Q4-14. Other	Number	Percent
Decatur Focus Magazine	40	72.7 %
Nextdoor	2	3.6 %
By phoning the park (Glenlake)	1	1.8 %
Mailings	1	1.8 %
Decatur Business Assn	1	1.8 %
Media	1	1.8 %
Newsletter	1	1.8 %
Decatur Living	1	1.8 %
Library	1	1.8 %
Decatur Focus Magazine, AJC Living	1	1.8 %
Decatur Focus Magazine, signs in Downtown Decatur, outside of rec ctr	1	1.8 %
Decatur Focus Magazine, signs in Downtown Decatur	1	1.8 %
Google	1	1.8 %
Decatur Living and Decatur Focus Magazine	1	1.8 %
Call for information	1	1.8 %
Total	55	100.0 %

Q5. What are your THREE most preferred ways of learning about City of Decatur recreation programs and activities?

Q5. Top choice	Number	Percent
BeActiveDecatur blogsite	5	1.6 %
By visiting/attending the park	12	3.8 %
City of Decatur website	48	15.1 %
Decatur Active Living & Children & Youth Services Playbook (Print)	76	24.0 %
Email notifications	55	17.4 %
Flyers	12	3.8 %
From health clubs, gyms or other private sector organizations in the community	2	0.6 %
From schools, churches, or other non-profit organizations in the community	8	2.5 %
Signage at parks or recreation facilities	3	0.9 %
Social media-Facebook	14	4.4 %
Social media-Instagram	4	1.3 %
Social media-Twitter	1	0.3 %
Word of mouth (friends & neighbors)	11	3.5 %
Other	27	8.5 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>12.3 %</u>
Total	317	100.0 %

Q5. What are your THREE most preferred ways of learning about City of Decatur recreation programs and activities?

Q5. 2nd choice	Number	Percent
BeActiveDecatur blogsite	6	1.9 %
By visiting/attending the park	18	5.7 %
City of Decatur website	43	13.6 %
Decatur Active Living & Children & Youth Services Playbook (Print)	35	11.0 %
Email notifications	43	13.6 %
Flyers	15	4.7 %
From health clubs, gyms or other private sector organizations in the community	3	0.9 %
From schools, churches, or other non-profit organizations in the community	13	4.1 %
Signage at parks or recreation facilities	17	5.4 %
Social media-Facebook	16	5.0 %
Social media-Instagram	10	3.2 %
Social media-Twitter	3	0.9 %
Word of mouth (friends & neighbors)	20	6.3 %
Other	12	3.8 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>19.9 %</u>
Total	317	100.0 %

Q5. What are your THREE most preferred ways of learning about City of Decatur recreation programs and activities?

Q5. 3rd choice	Number	Percent
BeActiveDecatur blogsite	4	1.3 %
By visiting/attending the park	17	5.4 %
City of Decatur website	34	10.7 %
Decatur Active Living & Children & Youth Services Playbook (Print)	20	6.3 %
Email notifications	24	7.6 %
Flyers	15	4.7 %
From health clubs, gyms or other private sector organizations in the community	2	0.6 %
From schools, churches, or other non-profit organizations in the community	13	4.1 %
Signage at parks or recreation facilities	30	9.5 %
Social media-Facebook	18	5.7 %
Social media-Instagram	6	1.9 %
Social media-Twitter	1	0.3 %
Word of mouth (friends & neighbors)	31	9.8 %
Other	4	1.3 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>30.9 %</u>
Total	317	100.0 %

(SUM OF TOP 3)

Q5. What are your THREE most preferred ways of learning about City of Decatur recreation programs and activities? (top 3)

Q5. Top choice	Number	Percent
BeActiveDecatur blogsite	15	4.7 %
By visiting/attending the park	47	14.8 %
City of Decatur website	125	39.4 %
Decatur Active Living & Children & Youth Services Playbook (Print)	131	41.3 %
Email notifications	122	38.5 %
Flyers	42	13.2 %
From health clubs, gyms or other private sector organizations in the community	7	2.2 %
From schools, churches, or other non-profit organizations in the community	34	10.7 %
Signage at parks or recreation facilities	50	15.8 %
Social media-Facebook	48	15.1 %
Social media-Instagram	20	6.3 %
Social media-Twitter	5	1.6 %
Word of mouth (friends & neighbors)	62	19.6 %
Other	43	13.6 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>12.3 %</u>
Total	790	

Q6. Please check ALL of the reasons that have discouraged you or members of your household from using the City of Decatur parks, trails, facilities, or programs more often during the past four years.

Q6. All the reasons that have discouraged your household from using City parks, trails, facilities, or programs more often during past four years

	Number	Percent
Facilities are not well maintained	41	12.9 %
Facilities do not have right equipment	25	7.9 %
Facility operating hours are not convenient	24	7.6 %
Fees are too expensive	26	8.2 %
Health concerns related to Covid	101	31.9 %
I do not know locations of facilities	25	7.9 %
I do not know locations of parks	32	10.1 %
I do not know what programs are being offered	85	26.8 %
I use facilities in other cities	17	5.4 %
I use facilities/programs of other organizations	53	16.7 %
I use services of other agencies	20	6.3 %
Lack of accessibility for people with disabilities	5	1.6 %
Lack of parking	61	19.2 %
Lack of quality programs	24	7.6 %
Lack of transportation	8	2.5 %
Parks are not well maintained	22	6.9 %
Personal disability	4	1.3 %
Poor customer services by staff	12	3.8 %
Program times are not convenient	40	12.6 %
Programs I am interested in are not allowed	10	3.2 %
Registration for programs is difficult	22	6.9 %
Security is insufficient	19	6.0 %
Too far from residence	14	4.4 %
Waiting list/programs are full	45	14.2 %
We are not interested	15	4.7 %
We are too busy	67	21.1 %
Other	35	11.0 %
Total	852	

Q7. Please indicate if you or any member of your household has a need for each of the parks and recreation facilities/amenities listed below.

(N=317)

	Yes	No
Q7-1. Baseball/softball fields	14.8%	85.2%
Q7-2. Basketball courts	26.5%	73.5%
Q7-3. Community gardens	43.2%	56.8%
Q7-4. Community parks (five acres or above)	71.6%	28.4%
Q7-5. Cricket fields	3.8%	96.2%
Q7-6. Dog parks	36.3%	63.7%
Q7-7. Food forests/edible landscaping	30.3%	69.7%
Q7-8. Indoor fitness equipment (i.e., free weights, machines)	30.3%	69.7%
Q7-9. Indoor gymnasium	24.6%	75.4%
Q7-10. Indoor nature center	18.9%	81.1%
Q7-11. Indoor pool	39.7%	60.3%
Q7-12. Mini parks (less than an acre)	51.1%	48.9%
Q7-13. Multi-generational center (community center of all ages)	26.8%	73.2%
Q7-14. Natural areas/nature parks	72.6%	27.4%
Q7-15. Neighborhood parks (one to four acres)	73.8%	26.2%
Q7-16. Outdoor amphitheater	39.4%	60.6%
Q7-17. Outdoor fitness	32.5%	67.5%
Q7-18. Outdoor futsal/mini soccer courts	16.7%	83.3%
Q7-19. Outdoor picnic areas	53.6%	46.4%
Q7-20. Outdoor pool	52.4%	47.6%

Q7. Please indicate if you or any member of your household has a need for each of the parks and recreation facilities/amenities listed below.

	Yes	No
Q7-21. Park shelters/picnic pavilions	51.4%	48.6%
Q7-22. Paved multi-purpose trails	62.1%	37.9%
Q7-23. Pickleball courts	21.8%	78.2%
Q7-24. Playground/adventure/discovery playgrounds	39.1%	60.9%
Q7-25. Rectangle multi-purpose sports fields (i.e., soccer, football)	26.2%	73.8%
Q7-26. Restrooms at parks	72.9%	27.1%
Q7-27. Sand volleyball	8.8%	91.2%
Q7-28. Senior center	22.1%	77.9%
Q7-29. Sidewalks	70.7%	29.3%
Q7-30. Skate park	15.5%	84.5%
Q7-31. Splash pad/spray ground	31.9%	68.1%
Q7-32. Teen center	17.4%	82.6%
Q7-33. Tennis courts	32.2%	67.8%
Q7-34. Transportation to parks (i.e., public transit, service stops)	11.0%	89.0%
Q7-35. Unpaved walking & hiking trails	67.5%	32.5%
Q7-36. Other	4.7%	95.3%

Q7. If "Yes," please rate how well your need for facilities/amenities of this type is being met using a scale of 1 to 4, where 4 means "Needs Are Fully Met" and 1 means "Needs Are Not Met."

(N=308)

	Fully met	Mostly met	Slightly met	Not met
Q7-1. Baseball/softball fields	34.1%	47.7%	13.6%	4.5%
Q7-2. Basketball courts	27.5%	42.5%	27.5%	2.5%
Q7-3. Community gardens	20.8%	39.2%	25.6%	14.4%
Q7-4. Community parks (five acres or above)	34.0%	42.9%	20.3%	2.8%
Q7-5. Cricket fields	20.0%	20.0%	30.0%	30.0%
Q7-6. Dog parks	43.4%	38.7%	12.3%	5.7%
Q7-7. Food forests/edible landscaping	6.0%	13.3%	20.5%	60.2%
Q7-8. Indoor fitness equipment (i.e., free weights, machines)	3.6%	20.5%	30.1%	45.8%
Q7-9. Indoor gymnasium	19.4%	40.3%	25.4%	14.9%
Q7-10. Indoor nature center	9.8%	11.8%	19.6%	58.8%
Q7-11. Indoor pool	15.7%	22.6%	40.0%	21.7%
Q7-12. Mini parks (less than an acre)	23.8%	37.7%	29.8%	8.6%
Q7-13. Multi-generational center (community center of all ages)	21.3%	36.3%	27.5%	15.0%
Q7-14. Natural areas/nature parks	18.7%	44.9%	29.9%	6.5%
Q7-15. Neighborhood parks (one to four acres)	27.1%	44.0%	21.6%	7.3%
Q7-16. Outdoor amphitheater	6.6%	19.0%	18.2%	56.2%
Q7-17. Outdoor fitness	6.1%	33.7%	32.7%	27.6%
Q7-18. Outdoor futsal/mini soccer courts	14.0%	14.0%	40.0%	32.0%
Q7-19. Outdoor picnic areas	25.6%	44.4%	23.1%	6.9%
Q7-20. Outdoor pool	38.5%	35.9%	17.9%	7.7%

Q7. If "Yes," please rate how well your need for facilities/amenities of this type is being met using a scale of 1 to 4, where 4 means "Needs Are Fully Met" and 1 means "Needs Are Not Met."

	Fully met	Mostly met	Slightly met	Not met
Q7-21. Park shelters/picnic pavilions	30.1%	44.9%	19.2%	5.8%
Q7-22. Paved multi-purpose trails	16.2%	33.0%	36.8%	14.1%
Q7-23. Pickleball courts	11.3%	14.5%	35.5%	38.7%
Q7-24. Playground/adventure/discovery playgrounds	21.7%	50.4%	22.6%	5.2%
Q7-25. Rectangle multi-purpose sports fields (i.e., soccer, football)	22.1%	29.9%	33.8%	14.3%
Q7-26. Restrooms at parks	11.5%	33.0%	39.9%	15.6%
Q7-27. Sand volleyball	7.7%	34.6%	19.2%	38.5%
Q7-28. Senior center	8.1%	29.0%	41.9%	21.0%
Q7-29. Sidewalks	19.7%	51.0%	19.7%	9.6%
Q7-30. Skate park	20.0%	26.7%	28.9%	24.4%
Q7-31. Splash pad/spray ground	6.3%	10.5%	18.9%	64.2%
Q7-32. Teen center	6.0%	12.0%	28.0%	54.0%
Q7-33. Tennis courts	22.7%	37.1%	27.8%	12.4%
Q7-34. Transportation to parks (i.e., public transit, service stops)	6.5%	16.1%	29.0%	48.4%
Q7-35. Unpaved walking & hiking trails	12.6%	31.2%	40.7%	15.6%
Q7-36. Other	7.1%	0.0%	7.1%	85.7%

Q7-36. Other

Q7-36. Other	Number	Percent
Disc golf course	3	20.0 %
More passive parks without defined activities	1	6.7 %
Participatory arts programming	1	6.7 %
Outdoor track	1	6.7 %
Soccer fields with full size nets	1	6.7 %
An urban park	1	6.7 %
Safe bike lanes	1	6.7 %
Water fountains at parks	1	6.7 %
Bike trails	1	6.7 %
Climbing nets at playground	1	6.7 %
Mountain bike trails	1	6.7 %
Beacon Amphitheater under utilized, need programming	1	6.7 %
Coffee house	1	6.7 %
Total	15	100.0 %

Q8. Which FOUR facilities/amenities from the list in Question 7 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

<u>Q8. Top choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Baseball/softball fields	6	1.9 %
Basketball courts	7	2.2 %
Community gardens	2	0.6 %
Community parks (five acres or above)	35	11.0 %
Dog parks	17	5.4 %
Food forests/edible landscaping	2	0.6 %
Indoor fitness equipment (i.e., free weights, machines)	5	1.6 %
Indoor gymnasium	1	0.3 %
Indoor nature center	1	0.3 %
Indoor pool	11	3.5 %
Mini parks (less than an acre)	3	0.9 %
Natural areas/nature parks	32	10.1 %
Neighborhood parks (one to four acres)	16	5.0 %
Outdoor amphitheater	2	0.6 %
Outdoor fitness	5	1.6 %
Outdoor futsal/mini soccer courts	1	0.3 %
Outdoor picnic areas	4	1.3 %
Outdoor pool	13	4.1 %
Park shelters/picnic pavilions	4	1.3 %
Paved multi-purpose trails	14	4.4 %
Pickleball courts	4	1.3 %
Playground/adventure/discovery playgrounds	20	6.3 %
Rectangle multi-purpose sports fields (i.e., soccer, football)	5	1.6 %
Restrooms at parks	5	1.6 %
Sand volleyball	1	0.3 %
Senior center	6	1.9 %
Sidewalks	13	4.1 %
Skate park	1	0.3 %
Splash pad/spray ground	8	2.5 %
Teen center	2	0.6 %
Tennis courts	13	4.1 %
Transportation to parks (i.e., public transit, service stops)	1	0.3 %
Unpaved walking & hiking trails	26	8.2 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>9.8 %</u>
Total	317	100.0 %

Q8. Which FOUR facilities/amenities from the list in Question 7 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

Q8. 2nd choice	Number	Percent
Baseball/softball fields	4	1.3 %
Basketball courts	5	1.6 %
Community gardens	10	3.2 %
Community parks (five acres or above)	23	7.3 %
Cricket fields	1	0.3 %
Dog parks	9	2.8 %
Food forests/edible landscaping	7	2.2 %
Indoor fitness equipment (i.e., free weights, machines)	6	1.9 %
Indoor nature center	1	0.3 %
Indoor pool	9	2.8 %
Mini parks (less than an acre)	13	4.1 %
Multi-generational center (community center of all ages)	3	0.9 %
Natural areas/nature parks	29	9.1 %
Neighborhood parks (one to four acres)	22	6.9 %
Outdoor amphitheater	3	0.9 %
Outdoor fitness	5	1.6 %
Outdoor futsal/mini soccer courts	2	0.6 %
Outdoor picnic areas	2	0.6 %
Outdoor pool	16	5.0 %
Park shelters/picnic pavilions	3	0.9 %
Paved multi-purpose trails	14	4.4 %
Pickleball courts	4	1.3 %
Playground/adventure/discovery playgrounds	8	2.5 %
Rectangle multi-purpose sports fields (i.e., soccer, football)	7	2.2 %
Restrooms at parks	16	5.0 %
Sidewalks	12	3.8 %
Skate park	3	0.9 %
Splash pad/spray ground	8	2.5 %
Tennis courts	5	1.6 %
Transportation to parks (i.e., public transit, service stops)	2	0.6 %
Unpaved walking & hiking trails	23	7.3 %
None chosen	42	13.2 %
Total	317	100.0 %

Q8. Which FOUR facilities/amenities from the list in Question 7 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

Q8. 3rd choice	Number	Percent
Baseball/softball fields	2	0.6 %
Community gardens	9	2.8 %
Community parks (five acres or above)	18	5.7 %
Dog parks	8	2.5 %
Food forests/edible landscaping	3	0.9 %
Indoor fitness equipment (i.e., free weights, machines)	2	0.6 %
Indoor gymnasium	4	1.3 %
Indoor pool	9	2.8 %
Mini parks (less than an acre)	9	2.8 %
Multi-generational center (community center of all ages)	2	0.6 %
Natural areas/nature parks	21	6.6 %
Neighborhood parks (one to four acres)	23	7.3 %
Outdoor amphitheater	4	1.3 %
Outdoor fitness	4	1.3 %
Outdoor futsal/mini soccer courts	4	1.3 %
Outdoor picnic areas	5	1.6 %
Outdoor pool	18	5.7 %
Paved multi-purpose trails	20	6.3 %
Pickleball courts	7	2.2 %
Playground/adventure/discovery playgrounds	7	2.2 %
Rectangle multi-purpose sports fields (i.e., soccer, football)	6	1.9 %
Restrooms at parks	17	5.4 %
Sand volleyball	1	0.3 %
Senior center	3	0.9 %
Sidewalks	20	6.3 %
Skate park	1	0.3 %
Splash pad/spray ground	8	2.5 %
Tennis courts	3	0.9 %
Transportation to parks (i.e., public transit, service stops)	4	1.3 %
Unpaved walking & hiking trails	28	8.8 %
None chosen	47	14.8 %
Total	317	100.0 %

Q8. Which FOUR facilities/amenities from the list in Question 7 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

Q8. 4th choice	Number	Percent
Baseball/softball fields	1	0.3 %
Basketball courts	9	2.8 %
Community gardens	7	2.2 %
Community parks (five acres or above)	15	4.7 %
Cricket fields	2	0.6 %
Dog parks	6	1.9 %
Food forests/edible landscaping	7	2.2 %
Indoor fitness equipment (i.e., free weights, machines)	2	0.6 %
Indoor gymnasium	4	1.3 %
Indoor pool	9	2.8 %
Mini parks (less than an acre)	5	1.6 %
Multi-generational center (community center of all ages)	4	1.3 %
Natural areas/nature parks	17	5.4 %
Neighborhood parks (one to four acres)	17	5.4 %
Outdoor amphitheater	9	2.8 %
Outdoor fitness	5	1.6 %
Outdoor futsal/mini soccer courts	2	0.6 %
Outdoor picnic areas	5	1.6 %
Outdoor pool	10	3.2 %
Park shelters/picnic pavilions	5	1.6 %
Paved multi-purpose trails	15	4.7 %
Pickleball courts	1	0.3 %
Playground/adventure/discovery playgrounds	5	1.6 %
Rectangle multi-purpose sports fields (i.e., soccer, football)	5	1.6 %
Restrooms at parks	18	5.7 %
Senior center	3	0.9 %
Sidewalks	21	6.6 %
Skate park	1	0.3 %
Splash pad/spray ground	7	2.2 %
Teen center	2	0.6 %
Tennis courts	2	0.6 %
Unpaved walking & hiking trails	23	7.3 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>23.0 %</u>
Total	317	100.0 %

Q8. Which FOUR facilities/amenities from the list in Question 7 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household? (top 4)

Q8. Top choice	Number	Percent
Baseball/softball fields	13	4.1 %
Basketball courts	21	6.6 %
Community gardens	28	8.8 %
Community parks (five acres or above)	91	28.7 %
Cricket fields	3	0.9 %
Dog parks	40	12.6 %
Food forests/edible landscaping	19	6.0 %
Indoor fitness equipment (i.e., free weights, machines)	15	4.7 %
Indoor gymnasium	9	2.8 %
Indoor nature center	2	0.6 %
Indoor pool	38	12.0 %
Mini parks (less than an acre)	30	9.5 %
Multi-generational center (community center of all ages)	9	2.8 %
Natural areas/nature parks	99	31.2 %
Neighborhood parks (one to four acres)	78	24.6 %
Outdoor amphitheater	18	5.7 %
Outdoor fitness	19	6.0 %
Outdoor futsal/mini soccer courts	9	2.8 %
Outdoor picnic areas	16	5.0 %
Outdoor pool	57	18.0 %
Park shelters/picnic pavilions	12	3.8 %
Paved multi-purpose trails	63	19.9 %
Pickleball courts	16	5.0 %
Playground/adventure/discovery playgrounds	40	12.6 %
Rectangle multi-purpose sports fields (i.e., soccer, football)	23	7.3 %
Restrooms at parks	56	17.7 %
Sand volleyball	2	0.6 %
Senior center	12	3.8 %
Sidewalks	66	20.8 %
Skate park	6	1.9 %
Splash pad/spray ground	31	9.8 %
Teen center	4	1.3 %
Tennis courts	23	7.3 %
Transportation to parks (i.e., public transit, service stops)	7	2.2 %
Unpaved walking & hiking trails	100	31.5 %
None chosen	31	9.8 %
Total	1106	

Q9. Please indicate if you or any member of your household has a need for each of the recreation programs/activities listed below.

(N=317)

	Yes	No
Q9-1. Adult athletic leagues	23.3%	76.7%
Q9-2. Adult education (i.e., GED, degree, trade, etc.)	7.6%	92.4%
Q9-3. Adult fitness/wellness	44.2%	55.8%
Q9-4. Adult performing arts/dance	14.5%	85.5%
Q9-5. Adult/youth learn to swim	23.0%	77.0%
Q9-6. Athletic special events (i.e., 5K, marathons, etc.)	28.4%	71.6%
Q9-7. Before & after school programs	22.7%	77.3%
Q9-8. Camps (summer/school/break)	31.2%	68.8%
Q9-9. Child day care	12.3%	87.7%
Q9-10. Community meetings	24.9%	75.1%
Q9-11. Community outings	15.1%	84.9%
Q9-12. Community special events (i.e., concerts, green markets, etc.)	65.0%	35.0%
Q9-13. Cooking & nutrition classes	21.1%	78.9%
Q9-14. Digital media, photography programs	14.8%	85.2%
Q9-15. Educational lecture series	28.1%	71.9%
Q9-16. Galas, formal events	9.5%	90.5%
Q9-17. Language classes	24.9%	75.1%
Q9-18. Movies in parks	46.4%	53.6%
Q9-19. Nature programs	41.3%	58.7%
Q9-20. Parent & child programs	17.7%	82.3%

Q9. Please indicate if you or any member of your household has a need for each of the recreation programs/activities listed below.

	Yes	No
Q9-21. Preschool programs	10.7%	89.3%
Q9-22. Programs for people with disabilities	7.6%	92.4%
Q9-23. Programs with children's/senior meals	6.3%	93.7%
Q9-24. Senior classes (i.e., computer, social interests, etc.)	17.7%	82.3%
Q9-25. STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts, & mathematics) programming	27.8%	72.2%
Q9-26. Teen programs	18.0%	82.0%
Q9-27. Temporary art exhibits	34.4%	65.6%
Q9-28. Video gaming/virtual gaming	6.3%	93.7%
Q9-29. Water fitness	24.3%	75.7%
Q9-30. Youth arts/painting/crafts/drawing classes	24.3%	75.7%
Q9-31. Youth athletic leagues	26.2%	73.8%
Q9-32. Youth education (i.e., computer, programming, etc.)	19.6%	80.4%
Q9-33. Youth fitness/wellness	21.8%	78.2%
Q9-34. Youth performing arts/dance	18.6%	81.4%
Q9-35. Other	3.5%	96.5%

Q9. If "Yes," please rate how well your need for programs/activities of this type is being met using a scale of 1 to 4, where 4 means "Needs Are Fully Met" and 1 means "Needs Are Not Met."

(N=287)

	Fully met	Mostly met	Slightly met	Not met
Q9-1. Adult athletic leagues	6.0%	31.3%	43.3%	19.4%
Q9-2. Adult education (i.e., GED, degree, trade, etc.)	9.5%	19.0%	19.0%	52.4%
Q9-3. Adult fitness/wellness	6.6%	33.6%	41.8%	18.0%
Q9-4. Adult performing arts/dance	2.4%	21.4%	40.5%	35.7%
Q9-5. Adult/youth learn to swim	10.3%	26.5%	25.0%	38.2%
Q9-6. Athletic special events (i.e., 5K, marathons, etc.)	14.8%	43.2%	32.1%	9.9%
Q9-7. Before & after school programs	30.3%	28.8%	25.8%	15.2%
Q9-8. Camps (summer/school/break)	13.3%	44.4%	32.2%	10.0%
Q9-9. Child day care	14.3%	20.0%	31.4%	34.3%
Q9-10. Community meetings	14.9%	48.6%	29.7%	6.8%
Q9-11. Community outings	4.4%	40.0%	37.8%	17.8%
Q9-12. Community special events (i.e., concerts, green markets, etc.)	18.2%	51.3%	21.9%	8.6%
Q9-13. Cooking & nutrition classes	5.6%	14.8%	35.2%	44.4%
Q9-14. Digital media, photography programs	5.3%	15.8%	31.6%	47.4%
Q9-15. Educational lecture series	1.3%	18.7%	44.0%	36.0%
Q9-16. Galas, formal events	3.8%	11.5%	19.2%	65.4%
Q9-17. Language classes	1.5%	9.0%	29.9%	59.7%
Q9-18. Movies in parks	3.0%	8.3%	33.3%	55.3%
Q9-19. Nature programs	7.1%	19.5%	44.2%	29.2%
Q9-20. Parent & child programs	4.3%	8.5%	31.9%	55.3%

Q9. If "Yes," please rate how well your need for programs/activities of this type is being met using a scale of 1 to 4, where 4 means "Needs Are Fully Met" and 1 means "Needs Are Not Met."

	Fully met	Mostly met	Slightly met	Not met
Q9-21. Preschool programs	3.4%	10.3%	37.9%	48.3%
Q9-22. Programs for people with disabilities	5.0%	5.0%	30.0%	60.0%
Q9-23. Programs with children's/senior meals	6.3%	18.8%	18.8%	56.3%
Q9-24. Senior classes (i.e., computer, social interests, etc.)	4.3%	23.4%	38.3%	34.0%
Q9-25. STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts, & mathematics) programming	2.6%	11.8%	50.0%	35.5%
Q9-26. Teen programs	2.0%	20.4%	46.9%	30.6%
Q9-27. Temporary art exhibits	6.3%	26.0%	37.5%	30.2%
Q9-28. Video gaming/virtual gaming	5.3%	10.5%	31.6%	52.6%
Q9-29. Water fitness	6.2%	23.1%	35.4%	35.4%
Q9-30. Youth arts/painting/crafts/drawing classes	6.0%	17.9%	41.8%	34.3%
Q9-31. Youth athletic leagues	12.7%	45.1%	25.4%	16.9%
Q9-32. Youth education (i.e., computer, programming, etc.)	3.9%	25.5%	31.4%	39.2%
Q9-33. Youth fitness/wellness	5.2%	22.4%	46.6%	25.9%
Q9-34. Youth performing arts/dance	8.3%	20.8%	27.1%	43.8%
Q9-35. Other	0.0%	33.3%	33.3%	33.3%

Q9-35. Other

Q9-35. Other	Number	Percent
Adult arts/painting/crafts/drawing classes	1	9.1 %
Dog obedience and agility classes	1	9.1 %
Adult swim team	1	9.1 %
Gym equipment like weights, treadmills, etc	1	9.1 %
History	1	9.1 %
CPR, lifeguard class	1	9.1 %
Disc golf league	1	9.1 %
Gardening, continuing education	1	9.1 %
More water fitness times	1	9.1 %
Bike riding trails and places	1	9.1 %
Programming for dementia	1	9.1 %
Total	11	100.0 %

Q10. Which FOUR programs/activities from the list in Question 9 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

<u>Q10. Top choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Adult athletic leagues	15	4.7 %
Adult education (i.e., GED, degree, trade, etc.)	1	0.3 %
Adult fitness/wellness	30	9.5 %
Adult performing arts/dance	8	2.5 %
Adult/youth learn to swim	6	1.9 %
Athletic special events (i.e., 5K, marathons, etc.)	7	2.2 %
Before & after school programs	19	6.0 %
Camps (summer/school/break)	18	5.7 %
Child day care	6	1.9 %
Community meetings	10	3.2 %
Community outings	1	0.3 %
Community special events (i.e., concerts, green markets, etc.)	44	13.9 %
Cooking & nutrition classes	3	0.9 %
Digital media, photography programs	1	0.3 %
Educational lecture series	10	3.2 %
Language classes	7	2.2 %
Movies in parks	7	2.2 %
Nature programs	14	4.4 %
Parent & child programs	4	1.3 %
Preschool programs	1	0.3 %
Programs for people with disabilities	3	0.9 %
Senior classes (i.e., computer, social interests, etc.)	4	1.3 %
STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts, & mathematics) programming	4	1.3 %
Teen programs	3	0.9 %
Temporary art exhibits	2	0.6 %
Video gaming/virtual gaming	1	0.3 %
Water fitness	3	0.9 %
Youth arts/painting/crafts/drawing classes	3	0.9 %
Youth athletic leagues	20	6.3 %
Youth education (i.e., computer, programming, etc.)	1	0.3 %
Youth fitness/wellness	1	0.3 %
Youth performing arts/dance	1	0.3 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>18.6 %</u>
Total	317	100.0 %

Q10. Which FOUR programs/activities from the list in Question 9 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

Q10. 2nd choice	Number	Percent
Adult athletic leagues	6	1.9 %
Adult education (i.e., GED, degree, trade, etc.)	1	0.3 %
Adult fitness/wellness	15	4.7 %
Adult performing arts/dance	4	1.3 %
Adult/youth learn to swim	4	1.3 %
Athletic special events (i.e., 5K, marathons, etc.)	10	3.2 %
Before & after school programs	12	3.8 %
Camps (summer/school/break)	20	6.3 %
Child day care	1	0.3 %
Community meetings	3	0.9 %
Community outings	6	1.9 %
Community special events (i.e., concerts, green markets, etc.)	32	10.1 %
Cooking & nutrition classes	8	2.5 %
Digital media, photography programs	5	1.6 %
Educational lecture series	8	2.5 %
Galas, formal events	2	0.6 %
Language classes	6	1.9 %
Movies in parks	20	6.3 %
Nature programs	14	4.4 %
Parent & child programs	1	0.3 %
Preschool programs	5	1.6 %
Programs for people with disabilities	1	0.3 %
Senior classes (i.e., computer, social interests, etc.)	12	3.8 %
STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts, & mathematics) programming	5	1.6 %
Teen programs	3	0.9 %
Temporary art exhibits	9	2.8 %
Video gaming/virtual gaming	1	0.3 %
Water fitness	5	1.6 %
Youth arts/painting/crafts/drawing classes	1	0.3 %
Youth athletic leagues	11	3.5 %
Youth education (i.e., computer, programming, etc.)	5	1.6 %
Youth fitness/wellness	3	0.9 %
Youth performing arts/dance	3	0.9 %
None chosen	75	23.7 %
Total	317	100.0 %

Q10. Which FOUR programs/activities from the list in Question 9 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

Q10. 3rd choice	Number	Percent
Adult athletic leagues	7	2.2 %
Adult education (i.e., GED, degree, trade, etc.)	3	0.9 %
Adult fitness/wellness	12	3.8 %
Adult performing arts/dance	2	0.6 %
Adult/youth learn to swim	7	2.2 %
Athletic special events (i.e., 5K, marathons, etc.)	5	1.6 %
Before & after school programs	9	2.8 %
Camps (summer/school/break)	12	3.8 %
Child day care	2	0.6 %
Community meetings	4	1.3 %
Community special events (i.e., concerts, green markets, etc.)	24	7.6 %
Cooking & nutrition classes	8	2.5 %
Digital media, photography programs	3	0.9 %
Educational lecture series	9	2.8 %
Galas, formal events	4	1.3 %
Language classes	9	2.8 %
Movies in parks	15	4.7 %
Nature programs	14	4.4 %
Parent & child programs	4	1.3 %
Preschool programs	2	0.6 %
Programs for people with disabilities	2	0.6 %
Programs with children's/senior meals	1	0.3 %
Senior classes (i.e., computer, social interests, etc.)	7	2.2 %
STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts, & mathematics) programming	8	2.5 %
Teen programs	6	1.9 %
Temporary art exhibits	16	5.0 %
Video gaming/virtual gaming	1	0.3 %
Water fitness	5	1.6 %
Youth arts/painting/crafts/drawing classes	3	0.9 %
Youth athletic leagues	7	2.2 %
Youth education (i.e., computer, programming, etc.)	5	1.6 %
Youth fitness/wellness	4	1.3 %
Youth performing arts/dance	2	0.6 %
None chosen	95	30.0 %
Total	317	100.0 %

Q10. Which FOUR programs/activities from the list in Question 9 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

Q10. 4th choice	Number	Percent
Adult athletic leagues	3	0.9 %
Adult education (i.e., GED, degree, trade, etc.)	1	0.3 %
Adult fitness/wellness	6	1.9 %
Adult/youth learn to swim	4	1.3 %
Athletic special events (i.e., 5K, marathons, etc.)	11	3.5 %
Before & after school programs	2	0.6 %
Camps (summer/school/break)	10	3.2 %
Child day care	1	0.3 %
Community meetings	3	0.9 %
Community outings	2	0.6 %
Community special events (i.e., concerts, green markets, etc.)	13	4.1 %
Cooking & nutrition classes	1	0.3 %
Digital media, photography programs	3	0.9 %
Educational lecture series	8	2.5 %
Galas, formal events	6	1.9 %
Language classes	9	2.8 %
Movies in parks	18	5.7 %
Nature programs	13	4.1 %
Parent & child programs	8	2.5 %
Preschool programs	2	0.6 %
Programs with children's/senior meals	3	0.9 %
Senior classes (i.e., computer, social interests, etc.)	7	2.2 %
STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts, & mathematics) programming	8	2.5 %
Teen programs	6	1.9 %
Temporary art exhibits	11	3.5 %
Water fitness	4	1.3 %
Youth arts/painting/crafts/drawing classes	10	3.2 %
Youth athletic leagues	7	2.2 %
Youth fitness/wellness	3	0.9 %
Youth performing arts/dance	4	1.3 %
None chosen	130	41.0 %
Total	317	100.0 %

Q10. Which FOUR programs/activities from the list in Question 9 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household? (top 4)

Q10. Top choice	Number	Percent
Adult athletic leagues	31	9.8 %
Adult education (i.e., GED, degree, trade, etc.)	6	1.9 %
Adult fitness/wellness	63	19.9 %
Adult performing arts/dance	14	4.4 %
Adult/youth learn to swim	21	6.6 %
Athletic special events (i.e., 5K, marathons, etc.)	33	10.4 %
Before & after school programs	42	13.2 %
Camps (summer/school/break)	60	18.9 %
Child day care	10	3.2 %
Community meetings	20	6.3 %
Community outings	9	2.8 %
Community special events (i.e., concerts, green markets, etc.)	113	35.6 %
Cooking & nutrition classes	20	6.3 %
Digital media, photography programs	12	3.8 %
Educational lecture series	35	11.0 %
Galas, formal events	12	3.8 %
Language classes	31	9.8 %
Movies in parks	60	18.9 %
Nature programs	55	17.4 %
Parent & child programs	17	5.4 %
Preschool programs	10	3.2 %
Programs for people with disabilities	6	1.9 %
Programs with children's/senior meals	4	1.3 %
Senior classes (i.e., computer, social interests, etc.)	30	9.5 %
STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts, & mathematics) programming	25	7.9 %
Teen programs	18	5.7 %
Temporary art exhibits	38	12.0 %
Video gaming/virtual gaming	3	0.9 %
Water fitness	17	5.4 %
Youth arts/painting/crafts/drawing classes	17	5.4 %
Youth athletic leagues	45	14.2 %
Youth education (i.e., computer, programming, etc.)	11	3.5 %
Youth fitness/wellness	11	3.5 %
Youth performing arts/dance	10	3.2 %
None chosen	59	18.6 %
Total	968	

Q11. Please indicate how supportive you would be of the following actions that the City of Decatur could take to improve the parks and recreation system.

(N=317)

	Very supportive	Supportive	Not sure	Not supportive
Q11-1. Develop parks for un-organized & free play/general community recreation access & that are not permitted for organized sports	47.0%	31.5%	19.6%	1.9%
Q11-2. Develop additional outdoor sports facilities for organized sports (ex. soccer, football, lacrosse, basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, etc.)	31.2%	33.8%	26.5%	8.5%
Q11-3. Develop additional multi-purpose indoor gymnasiums throughout City that provide opportunities to play indoor basketball, volleyball, pickleball	25.2%	29.0%	35.6%	10.1%
Q11-4. Develop new outdoor aquatics facilities	28.4%	24.9%	32.5%	14.2%
Q11-5. Develop new indoor aquatics facilities	26.8%	23.7%	34.4%	15.1%
Q11-6. Development of walking & biking facilities	58.7%	25.2%	12.3%	3.8%
Q11-7. Purchase of land to expand or create new parks & recreation facilities	54.6%	22.1%	17.0%	6.3%
Q11-8. Develop a new splash pad facility	25.6%	23.7%	34.7%	16.1%
Q11-9. Develop adult fitness equipment in all parks	22.4%	28.1%	32.8%	16.7%
Q11-10. Develop outdoor pickleball facilities	17.0%	21.1%	43.5%	18.3%
Q11-11. Other	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Q12. Which FOUR items listed in Question 11 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

<u>Q12. Top choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Develop parks for un-organized & free play/general community recreation access & that are not permitted for organized sports	51	16.1 %
Develop additional outdoor sports facilities for organized sports (ex. soccer, football, lacrosse, basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, etc.)	23	7.3 %
Develop additional multi-purpose indoor gymnasiums throughout City that provide opportunities to play indoor basketball, volleyball, pickleball	8	2.5 %
Develop new outdoor aquatics facilities	19	6.0 %
Develop new indoor aquatics facilities	24	7.6 %
Development of walking & biking facilities	66	20.8 %
Purchase of land to expand or create new parks & recreation facilities	29	9.1 %
Develop a new splash pad facility	20	6.3 %
Develop adult fitness equipment in all parks	7	2.2 %
Develop outdoor pickleball facilities	9	2.8 %
Other	23	7.3 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>12.0 %</u>
Total	317	100.0 %

Q12. Which FOUR items listed in Question 11 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

<u>Q12. 2nd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Develop parks for un-organized & free play/general community recreation access & that are not permitted for organized sports	49	15.5 %
Develop additional outdoor sports facilities for organized sports (ex. soccer, football, lacrosse, basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, etc.)	19	6.0 %
Develop additional multi-purpose indoor gymnasiums throughout City that provide opportunities to play indoor basketball, volleyball, pickleball	12	3.8 %
Develop new outdoor aquatics facilities	29	9.1 %
Develop new indoor aquatics facilities	19	6.0 %
Development of walking & biking facilities	57	18.0 %
Purchase of land to expand or create new parks & recreation facilities	39	12.3 %
Develop a new splash pad facility	17	5.4 %
Develop adult fitness equipment in all parks	11	3.5 %
Develop outdoor pickleball facilities	11	3.5 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>17.0 %</u>
Total	317	100.0 %

Q12. Which FOUR items listed in Question 11 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

<u>Q12. 3rd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Develop parks for un-organized & free play/general community recreation access & that are not permitted for organized sports	27	8.5 %
Develop additional outdoor sports facilities for organized sports (ex. soccer, football, lacrosse, basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, etc.)	21	6.6 %
Develop additional multi-purpose indoor gymnasiums throughout City that provide opportunities to play indoor basketball, volleyball, pickleball	13	4.1 %
Develop new outdoor aquatics facilities	20	6.3 %
Develop new indoor aquatics facilities	21	6.6 %
Development of walking & biking facilities	44	13.9 %
Purchase of land to expand or create new parks & recreation facilities	38	12.0 %
Develop a new splash pad facility	19	6.0 %
Develop adult fitness equipment in all parks	27	8.5 %
Develop outdoor pickleball facilities	9	2.8 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>24.6 %</u>
Total	317	100.0 %

Q12. Which FOUR items listed in Question 11 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

<u>Q12. 4th choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Develop parks for un-organized & free play/general community recreation access & that are not permitted for organized sports	30	9.5 %
Develop additional outdoor sports facilities for organized sports (ex. soccer, football, lacrosse, basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, etc.)	23	7.3 %
Develop additional multi-purpose indoor gymnasiums throughout City that provide opportunities to play indoor basketball, volleyball, pickleball	13	4.1 %
Develop new outdoor aquatics facilities	23	7.3 %
Develop new indoor aquatics facilities	10	3.2 %
Development of walking & biking facilities	27	8.5 %
Purchase of land to expand or create new parks & recreation facilities	27	8.5 %
Develop a new splash pad facility	13	4.1 %
Develop adult fitness equipment in all parks	19	6.0 %
Develop outdoor pickleball facilities	11	3.5 %
Other	7	2.2 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>36.0 %</u>
Total	317	100.0 %

(SUM OF TOP 4)**Q12. Which FOUR items listed in Question 11 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household? (top 4)**

Q12. Top choice	Number	Percent
Develop parks for un-organized & free play/general community recreation access & that are not permitted for organized sports	157	49.5 %
Develop additional outdoor sports facilities for organized sports (ex. soccer, football, lacrosse, basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, etc.)	86	27.1 %
Develop additional multi-purpose indoor gymnasiums throughout City that provide opportunities to play indoor basketball, volleyball, pickleball	46	14.5 %
Develop new outdoor aquatics facilities	91	28.7 %
Develop new indoor aquatics facilities	74	23.3 %
Development of walking & biking facilities	194	61.2 %
Purchase of land to expand or create new parks & recreation facilities	133	42.0 %
Develop a new splash pad facility	69	21.8 %
Develop adult fitness equipment in all parks	64	20.2 %
Develop outdoor pickleball facilities	40	12.6 %
Other	30	9.5 %
None chosen	38	12.0 %
Total	1022	

Q13. Listed below are benefits that you and your household could receive from parks, trails and recreation facilities in the City. Please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following potential benefits provided by parks, trails, and recreation facilities.

(N=317)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Q13-1. Helps attract new residents & businesses	42.6%	35.0%	12.0%	1.6%	0.6%	8.2%
Q13-2. Helps reduce crime	21.1%	27.8%	29.3%	7.6%	0.9%	13.2%
Q13-3. Improved physical health & fitness	56.2%	35.6%	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%	6.0%
Q13-4. Improves mental health & reduces stress	62.8%	30.3%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	5.4%
Q13-5. Increases opportunities for people of different cultures to interact	41.0%	37.5%	11.7%	2.2%	0.6%	6.9%
Q13-6. Increases property values in surrounding area	46.4%	35.3%	8.5%	1.9%	0.6%	7.3%
Q13-7. Makes Decatur a more desirable place to live	64.0%	25.2%	4.7%	0.6%	0.0%	5.4%
Q13-8. Preserve open space & environment	67.8%	22.7%	2.5%	1.3%	0.3%	5.4%
Q13-9. Promotes tourism to the community	20.8%	28.1%	29.7%	7.9%	2.2%	11.4%
Q13-10. Protects historical attributes of Decatur	27.8%	27.8%	28.4%	3.8%	1.6%	10.7%
Q13-11. Other	88.9%	11.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

(WITHOUT "DON'T KNOW")

Q13. Listed below are benefits that you and your household could receive from parks, trails and recreation facilities in the City. Please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following potential benefits provided by parks, trails, and recreation facilities. (without "don't know")

(N=317)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Q13-1. Helps attract new residents & businesses	46.4%	38.1%	13.1%	1.7%	0.7%
Q13-2. Helps reduce crime	24.4%	32.0%	33.8%	8.7%	1.1%
Q13-3. Improved physical health & fitness	59.7%	37.9%	2.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Q13-4. Improves mental health & reduces stress	66.3%	32.0%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%
Q13-5. Increases opportunities for people of different cultures to interact	44.1%	40.3%	12.5%	2.4%	0.7%
Q13-6. Increases property values in surrounding area	50.0%	38.1%	9.2%	2.0%	0.7%
Q13-7. Makes Decatur a more desirable place to live	67.7%	26.7%	5.0%	0.7%	0.0%
Q13-8. Preserve open space & environment	71.7%	24.0%	2.7%	1.3%	0.3%
Q13-9. Promotes tourism to the community	23.5%	31.7%	33.5%	8.9%	2.5%
Q13-10. Protects historical attributes of Decatur	31.1%	31.1%	31.8%	4.2%	1.8%
Q13-11. Other	88.9%	11.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Q14. Which THREE of the potential benefits listed in Question 13 are MOST IMPORTANT to the future of the Decatur community?

Q14. Top choice	Number	Percent
Helps attract new residents & businesses	11	3.5 %
Helps reduce crime	19	6.0 %
Improved physical health & fitness	56	17.7 %
Improves mental health & reduces stress	51	16.1 %
Increases opportunities for people of different cultures to interact	16	5.0 %
Increases property values in surrounding area	8	2.5 %
Makes Decatur a more desirable place to live	52	16.4 %
Preserve open space & environment	55	17.4 %
Promotes tourism to the community	1	0.3 %
Protects historical attributes of Decatur	4	1.3 %
Other	6	1.9 %
None chosen	38	12.0 %
Total	317	100.0 %

Q14. Which THREE of the potential benefits listed in Question 13 are MOST IMPORTANT to the future of the Decatur community?

Q14. 2nd choice	Number	Percent
Helps attract new residents & businesses	5	1.6 %
Helps reduce crime	11	3.5 %
Improved physical health & fitness	55	17.4 %
Improves mental health & reduces stress	65	20.5 %
Increases opportunities for people of different cultures to interact	26	8.2 %
Increases property values in surrounding area	18	5.7 %
Makes Decatur a more desirable place to live	46	14.5 %
Preserve open space & environment	35	11.0 %
Promotes tourism to the community	2	0.6 %
Protects historical attributes of Decatur	8	2.5 %
None chosen	46	14.5 %
Total	317	100.0 %

Q14. Which THREE of the potential benefits listed in Question 13 are MOST IMPORTANT to the future of the Decatur community?

Q14. 3rd choice	Number	Percent
Helps attract new residents & businesses	11	3.5 %
Helps reduce crime	9	2.8 %
Improved physical health & fitness	34	10.7 %
Improves mental health & reduces stress	44	13.9 %
Increases opportunities for people of different cultures to interact	30	9.5 %
Increases property values in surrounding area	25	7.9 %
Makes Decatur a more desirable place to live	44	13.9 %
Preserve open space & environment	44	13.9 %
Promotes tourism to the community	4	1.3 %
Protects historical attributes of Decatur	11	3.5 %
None chosen	61	19.2 %
Total	317	100.0 %

(SUM OF TOP 3)**Q14. Which THREE of the potential benefits listed in Question 13 are MOST IMPORTANT to the future of the Decatur community? (top 3)**

Q14. Top choice	Number	Percent
Helps attract new residents & businesses	27	8.5 %
Helps reduce crime	39	12.3 %
Improved physical health & fitness	145	45.7 %
Improves mental health & reduces stress	160	50.5 %
Increases opportunities for people of different cultures to interact	72	22.7 %
Increases property values in surrounding area	51	16.1 %
Makes Decatur a more desirable place to live	142	44.8 %
Preserve open space & environment	134	42.3 %
Promotes tourism to the community	7	2.2 %
Protects historical attributes of Decatur	23	7.3 %
Other	6	1.9 %
None chosen	38	12.0 %
Total	844	

Q15. Costs to improve existing parks, trails, aquatics, sports, and cultural facilities, as well as build new facilities would need to be paid through tax revenues and user fees. Knowing that, what is the maximum amount of additional tax revenue you would be willing to pay to develop and operate the types of parks, trails, aquatics, sports, and cultural facilities that are most important to you and your household?

Q15. Maximum amount of additional tax revenue you would be willing to pay	Number	Percent
\$3-\$4 per month	55	17.4 %
\$5-\$6 per month	59	18.6 %
\$7-\$8 per month	57	18.0 %
\$9+ per month	107	33.8 %
Nothing	30	9.5 %
Not provided	9	2.8 %
Total	317	100.0 %

(WITHOUT "NOT PROVIDED")**Q15. Costs to improve existing parks, trails, aquatics, sports, and cultural facilities, as well as build new facilities would need to be paid through tax revenues and user fees. Knowing that, what is the maximum amount of additional tax revenue you would be willing to pay to develop and operate the types of parks, trails, aquatics, sports, and cultural facilities that are most important to you and your household? (without "not provided")**

Q15. Maximum amount of additional tax revenue you would be willing to pay	Number	Percent
\$3-\$4 per month	55	17.9 %
\$5-\$6 per month	59	19.2 %
\$7-\$8 per month	57	18.5 %
\$9+ per month	107	34.7 %
Nothing	30	9.7 %
Total	308	100.0 %

Q16. Recreation and parks systems have the potential to help improve some of the difficult health, social, economic, and environmental challenges facing communities. Please select the top FIVE areas of concern that are MOST IMPORTANT to you and your household.

Q16. Areas of concern that are most important to your household	Number	Percent
Access to healthcare, doctors, & medicines	79	24.9 %
Access to healthy foods, such as fresh fruits, vegetables, & whole foods (i.e. healthy foods are too far away)	88	27.8 %
Access to transportation (i.e. sidewalks, bikeways, trails, public transit)	124	39.1 %
Affordable housing	119	37.5 %
Blight (i.e. dilapidated, unsafe, and/or unsightly conditions in your neighborhood and/or community)	41	12.9 %
Caregiving required for family members with special events, aging parents, grandparents raising grandchildren	19	6.0 %
Community divisiveness/isolation/loneliness/anxiety & depression	68	21.5 %
Community safety/crime/violence	165	52.1 %
Cost of healthy foods, such as fresh fruits, vegetables, & whole foods	40	12.6 %
Economic development (i.e. transformation of underutilized places into new stores, restaurants, offices, housing, etc.)	81	25.6 %
Flooding	20	6.3 %
High quality jobs with adequate incomes/wages & benefits such as health care	53	16.7 %
Unhoused population	71	22.4 %
Panhandling	55	17.4 %
Neighborhood change/displacement (i.e. gentrification)	64	20.2 %
Preservation of natural areas	168	53.0 %
Substance abuse/drug & alcohol use	12	3.8 %
Traffic congestion	132	41.6 %
Trash/litter	47	14.8 %
Other	6	1.9 %
Total	1452	

Q16-20. Other

Q16-20. Other	Number	Percent
Climate change	1	16.7 %
Noise control	1	16.7 %
Physical fitness, obesity	1	16.7 %
Environmental sustainability	1	16.7 %
Program for tweens and teens	1	16.7 %
Housing for special needs and multi-generational	1	16.7 %
Total	6	100.0 %

Q17. What can the City of Decatur do to help promote a healthier lifestyle for you and your family?

Q17. What can City do to help promote a healthier lifestyle for your family

	Number	Percent
Provide healthcare services in recreation centers	71	22.4 %
Offer healthy snacks & beverages in vending machines	69	21.8 %
Offer opportunities to grow fruits & vegetables in parks	82	25.9 %
Offer green markets to purchase fresh fruits & vegetables in parks & indoor recreation centers	175	55.2 %
Provide activities, classes & events recognizing health issues & solutions	103	32.5 %
Provide activities, classes, & events that recognize health benefits of the time spent outdoors	148	46.7 %
Provide healthy cooking demonstrations	58	18.3 %
Provide healthcare themed events	58	18.3 %
Virtual health & wellness programming	48	15.1 %
Other	26	8.2 %
Total	838	

Q18. From the following list, please CHECK ALL the organizations that you or members of your household have used for indoor and outdoor recreation activities during the last four years.

Q18. All the organizations your household has used for indoor & outdoor recreation activities during last four years

	Number	Percent
Chamblee Parks & Recreation	15	4.7 %
Churches	55	17.4 %
City of Atlanta Parks & Recreation	144	45.4 %
Decatur Active Living & Children & Youth Services	99	31.2 %
DeKalb Parks & Recreation	156	49.2 %
Doraville Parks & Recreation	5	1.6 %
Dunwoody Parks & Recreation	26	8.2 %
Private fitness clubs	107	33.8 %
Private sports leagues	58	18.3 %
Tucker Parks & Recreation	18	5.7 %
YMCA	121	38.2 %
Other	49	15.5 %
I do not use other organizations other than City of Decatur for recreation activities	28	8.8 %
Total	881	

Q18-2. Which churches?

<u>Q18-2. Which churches</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
First Baptist	2	4.5 %
Presbyterian	2	4.5 %
DFUMC	2	4.5 %
All Souls	2	4.5 %
STM	2	4.5 %
On Dekalb Industrial Way	1	2.3 %
Holy Trinity	1	2.3 %
First Baptist (Book Fairs), Christian Church (Symphony)	1	2.3 %
Energy Wellness Center	1	2.3 %
Common Table Decatur	1	2.3 %
Rehoboth Baptist Church but I think they sold their baseball fields	1	2.3 %
The Toy Park, Decatur Baptist playground	1	2.3 %
NDPC	1	2.3 %
WESTMINSTER PRES	1	2.3 %
Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Midtown Atlanta	1	2.3 %
Oakhurst Baptist	1	2.3 %
St Luke	1	2.3 %
Accc.Fac	1	2.3 %
City Church	1	2.3 %
Methodist Baptist	1	2.3 %
D Func	1	2.3 %
Baptist	1	2.3 %
Lutheran	1	2.3 %
FBCD	1	2.3 %
Methodist	1	2.3 %
North Decatur Presbyterian	1	2.3 %
LA Fitness	1	2.3 %
UMC	1	2.3 %
Decatur City	1	2.3 %
Glenn Methodist Church	1	2.3 %
Decatur 1st UMC	1	2.3 %
Friends meeting	1	2.3 %
First Baptist Farmers Market	1	2.3 %
Venetian Pool	1	2.3 %
LDS	1	2.3 %
North Avenue Pres Church	1	2.3 %
CPC, Decatur First Baptist	1	2.3 %
KUCC	1	2.3 %
Catholic	1	2.3 %
Total	44	100.0 %

Q18-8. Which private fitness clubs?

Q18-8. Which private fitness clubs	Number	Percent
LA Fitness	14	16.3 %
FitWit	6	7.0 %
Snap Fitness	6	7.0 %
Orange Theory	3	3.5 %
Orange Theory Fitness	3	3.5 %
Jazzercise	2	2.3 %
Pinnacle	2	2.3 %
YOGA	2	2.3 %
Emory	2	2.3 %
Snap Fitness at Agnes Scott	2	2.3 %
Dance 101, Stone Mountain	1	1.2 %
Emory Wellness Center	1	1.2 %
Clarity	1	1.2 %
Joe Gym	1	1.2 %
Atlanta Barbell Club, Decatur Boxing Club	1	1.2 %
YMCA, Druid Hills Golf Club	1	1.2 %
Emory and Agnes Acott	1	1.2 %
Emory Decatur	1	1.2 %
Atlanta Barbell	1	1.2 %
Clarity but I am quitting because they don't require vaccinations	1	1.2 %
Burn Boot Camp	1	1.2 %
ActiveCore, Atlanta	1	1.2 %
Orange Fitness	1	1.2 %
Club Pilates	1	1.2 %
FitWit, Emory	1	1.2 %
WORKOUT	1	1.2 %
DHGC	1	1.2 %
FitWit, Planet Fitness, Snap Fitness	1	1.2 %
Track Club	1	1.2 %
Stone Summit, Mason Mill Tennis Center	1	1.2 %
LIV	1	1.2 %
Team Octopus	1	1.2 %
Boxing Club	1	1.2 %
Highland Yoga, Orange Theory	1	1.2 %
LA Fitness, Emory	1	1.2 %
Pure Barre	1	1.2 %
YMCA, FitWit	1	1.2 %
Dynamo Fitness	1	1.2 %
Summit Climbing	1	1.2 %
Phoenix Club	1	1.2 %
Lifetime	1	1.2 %
Wellness Center	1	1.2 %
DeKalb	1	1.2 %
Burn Boot Camp, gym at office building	1	1.2 %
Planet Fitness	1	1.2 %
Episco	1	1.2 %

Q18-8. Which private fitness clubs?

Q18-8. Which private fitness clubs	Number	Percent
Emory University tennis courts, Indoor pool	1	1.2 %
Emory University	1	1.2 %
Venetian Pool	1	1.2 %
Dekalb Wellness Center	1	1.2 %
4 Fitness	1	1.2 %
Atlanta Barbell Gym	1	1.2 %
Emory Gym	1	1.2 %
YMCA	1	1.2 %
Total	86	100.0 %

Q18-9. Which private sports leagues?

Q18-9. Which private sports leagues	Number	Percent
Inter Atlanta	6	12.8 %
ALTA	4	8.5 %
Tsunami Volleyball	2	4.3 %
Inter Atlanta Soccer	2	4.3 %
Inter Atlanta Football Club	2	4.3 %
SSA	2	4.3 %
Soccer	2	4.3 %
ATTA, ALTA, USTA, GLTA, ASSC	1	2.1 %
SSA Soccer	1	2.1 %
Wallcrawler Rock Club	1	2.1 %
Soccer club (kids)	1	2.1 %
Tucker Youth Soccer Association (TYSA)	1	2.1 %
Atlanta Kickball	1	2.1 %
Druid Hills Youth Sports, Inter Atlanta Soccer Club	1	2.1 %
Swim Atlanta	1	2.1 %
Track Club	1	2.1 %
Tsunami Atlanta	1	2.1 %
DAQ	1	2.1 %
Rush Union Soccer	1	2.1 %
UFA Metro, Ninth Inning Baseball	1	2.1 %
DHYB	1	2.1 %
I9 Sports	1	2.1 %
Pickleball	1	2.1 %
Trail Blazers Youth Cross Country	1	2.1 %
IAFC	1	2.1 %
TYSA, Venetian, Dance Foundry	1	2.1 %
Soccer in the streets	1	2.1 %
DeKalb	1	2.1 %
ALTA tennis	1	2.1 %
Swimming	1	2.1 %
T2 Tennis	1	2.1 %
Eaglestix	1	2.1 %
Concord Fire Soccer	1	2.1 %
Youth soccer	1	2.1 %
Total	47	100.0 %

Q19. Please CHECK ALL the reasons why you or members of your household use organizations OTHER THAN City of Decatur for indoor and outdoor recreation activities.

Q19. All the reasons why your household use organizations other than City for indoor & outdoor recreation activities

	Number	Percent
Better customer service by staff	23	7.3 %
Childcare available	13	4.1 %
Closer to residence	31	9.8 %
Friends/family participate there	86	27.1 %
More parking	39	12.3 %
Programs are of higher quality	81	25.6 %
Program days are more convenient	49	15.5 %
Programs fit my budget	40	12.6 %
Program not offered by City of Decatur	124	39.1 %
Registration process is easier	16	5.0 %
Program times are more convenient	42	13.2 %
Other	49	15.5 %
I do not use other organizations other than City for recreation activities	29	9.1 %
Total	622	

Q20. Please CHECK ALL the recreation programs you or members of your household participate in via organizations OTHER THAN City of Decatur.

Q20. All recreation programs your household participates in via organizations other than City of Decatur

	Number	Percent
Adult athletics	56	17.7 %
Aquatics	74	23.3 %
Camps	79	24.9 %
Group fitness	82	25.9 %
Senior Center programs	14	4.4 %
Special events	65	20.5 %
Tennis	38	12.0 %
Sports conditioning	31	9.8 %
Youth sports	74	23.3 %
Other	41	12.9 %
I do not participate in programs other than City of Decatur	51	16.1 %
Total	605	

Q21. If you had a budget of \$100 for FACILITIES/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS provided by the City of Decatur, how would you allocate the funds among the categories of funding listed below?

	Mean
Development of new parks facilities (e.g., athletic fields, playgrounds, restrooms, etc.) in existing parks	16.05
Development of new walking & biking facilities (paved and/or unpaved paths)	17.54
Development of new indoor recreation centers	5.93
Improvements to existing parks & recreation facilities (e.g., repairs, replacements, or renovations)	21.85
Improvements to existing indoor recreation centers (e.g., repairs replacements, renovations, etc.)	8.31
Improvements/maintenance to existing walking & biking facilities (e.g., repairs replacements, renovations, etc.)	12.04
Acquiring new park land	15.22
Other	3.05

Q22. If you had a budget of \$100 for PROGRAMS/OPERATIONS provided by the City of Decatur, how would you allocate the funds among the categories of funding listed below?

	<u>Mean</u>
Additional adult recreation programs and/or classes (excluding athletics)	10.09
Additional youth recreation programs and/or classes (excluding athletics)	14.23
Additional senior recreation programs and/or classes (excluding athletics)	9.41
Additional adult athletic programs/leagues	8.60
Additional youth athletic programs/leagues	12.81
Increasing frequency of programs/classes and/or extended hours of programming	13.91
Increase staff to improve maintenance of parks & facilities (additional cleaning, mowing, tree trimming, etc.)	25.44
Other	5.49

Q23. Counting yourself, how many people in your household are...

	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Sum</u>
number	2.9	905
Under age 5	0.2	58
Ages 5-9	0.3	89
Ages 10-14	0.3	81
Ages 15-19	0.2	59
Ages 20-24	0.1	30
Ages 25-34	0.3	83
Ages 35-44	0.4	131
Ages 45-54	0.4	140
Ages 55-64	0.3	109
Ages 65-74	0.2	66
Ages 75+	0.2	59

Q24. What is your age?

<u>Q24. Your age</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
18-34	60	18.9 %
35-44	68	21.5 %
45-54	69	21.8 %
55-64	60	18.9 %
65+	56	17.7 %
<u>Not provided</u>	4	1.3 %
Total	317	100.0 %

(WITHOUT "NOT PROVIDED")**Q24. What is your age? (without "not provided")**

Q24. Your age	Number	Percent
18-34	60	19.2 %
35-44	68	21.7 %
45-54	69	22.0 %
55-64	60	19.2 %
65+	56	17.9 %
Total	313	100.0 %

Q25. How do you identify?

Q25. Your gender	Number	Percent
Male	150	47.3 %
Female	155	48.9 %
Non-binary	10	3.2 %
Not provided	2	0.6 %
Total	317	100.0 %

(WITHOUT "NOT PROVIDED")**Q25. How do you identify? (without "not provided")**

Q25. Your gender	Number	Percent
Male	150	47.6 %
Female	155	49.2 %
Non-binary	10	3.2 %
Total	315	100.0 %

Q26. Which of the following best describes your race/ethnicity?

Q26. Which following best describes your race/ethnicity	Number	Percent
Asian or Asian Indian	14	4.4 %
Black or African American	49	15.5 %
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	0.3 %
White	230	72.6 %
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	1	0.3 %
Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino/a/x	18	5.7 %
Prefer to self-describe	7	2.2 %
Total	320	

Q26-7. Self-describe your race/ethnicity:

Q26-7. Self-describe your race/ethnicity	Number	Percent
Mixed	3	42.9 %
More than one	1	14.3 %
American Indian/White	1	14.3 %
West Indian	1	14.3 %
Multi-racial	1	14.3 %
Total	7	100.0 %

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Open-Ended Responses

Open-Ended Question Responses

Q6—“Other”: Please check ALL of the reasons that have discouraged you or members of your household from using the City of Decatur parks, trails, facilities, or programs more often during the past four years.

- 2nd residence- not here enough
- Bathroom access limited
- Cleanliness.
- dog parks need cameras, lack of parking at Glenlake, demographic changing in lots of places
- Don't offer programs that we are interested in.
- Having a code to enter tennis courts at Oakhurst, need on-line sign up process, so we don't have to go to Glenlake to sign up.
- I just haven't had time to investigate participating in anything like this
- I want to clarify on my judgement because it is harsh. My concerns are mainly with the dog parks, pools, sports areas and garbage. The staff I have encountered are always friendly and helpful. So this is not a critique of them. This is about the thoughts I have had while visiting our parks and pools. The Oakhurst indoor pool is terrible. I feel like I am breathing chlorine gas whenever inside we have moved to Agnes Scott :((I do not love Dynamo and they are super expensive for the level of coaching. The wait lists are ridiculous.) The pools are a little funky and older but for the most part always clean. I know they are expensive to maintain so that is tricky but I feel if they were a bit nicer (think resort style) more folks would spend time using them we could charge more and offer discounts or vouchers for folks that this might prevent from attending. I hate that I am saying this but as the income level in Decatur has risen the level of our parks and pools has not. The Adair dog park is not great. it is muddy and floods. Again I know this is tricky because of the location but maybe something can be done. We need some tables or bleachers in this park as well. Lots of kids sports here and parents have no where sit and we have a porta-potty as a bathroom. Would bathrooms be an option. The Oakhurst dog park is great but mainly because of volunteer work. The garbage is a mess all over the city. So that could go a long way around the park areas in the spring and summer. Please know that I am proud of our city and the folks that work here. I just want to be truly honest about what I think could help. Oh and that last bit is just open park play space. My son plays ultimate frisbee and the Ebser field is great, we just need some bathrooms!! this field is shared with many sports at the same time. A pavilion/shade area would be helpful and may of the parks. The crazy temps this past week have made this even more apparent. Thanks for listening.
- I would love emails about youth programs , registrations, opening? but don't know how to sign up.
- Insufficient bathrooms at parks
- Interested, but with Covid I have not signed up, due to them being inside.
- Kids are getting too old for programs.
- lack of bathrooms
- Lack of clean and working restrooms
- lack of track and field programs, not enough swim lessons
- lack of trash collection
- need more reminders

- new to area
- New to the area.
- no outdoor volleyball court
- no programs for under 7 age
- Not confident I will feel comfortable/enjoy an activity
- Not enough choices. Programs are understaffed. Focus on seniors rather than families.
- Overcrowded pool, too many kids.
- pool is too crowded
- pools are too crowded. Older teens need supervision.
- pools too crowded
- poor access by bike
- poor pedestrian and bike access. not safe to cross road
- Restrooms are locked.
- tennis courts always full
- Unclear how to access services and lack of information for reserving tennis courts, fees for pools, etc.
- vandals
- We live in the downtown area of Decatur and visit the Rec Dept and its park on Sycamore. Would like to have more parks in the downtown area.
- We use a vast amount of parks in the city. We are walkable and have not had any issues with any of the parks at this time.

Q11—“Other”: Please indicate how supportive you would be of the following actions that the City of Decatur could take to improve the parks and recreation system.

- Add 01 type parks in downtown Decatur.
- add disc golf at Legacy Park
- adult/child program
- agility for dogs
- Anything supporting dramatic and performing arts.
- Better integrate parks system planning with housing and transportation strategies city-wide
- Create a permanent outdoor agility course for dog agility classes and an agility exercise course like in Stonnie Dennis videos (steps, ramps, tables, weaves, teeter, raised walks, jumps,...). This could help reduce some of the wear and tear on the dog parks.
- Decatur needs more tennis courts and a running track for DHS students and the community. It's unfortunate that our students have to travel in order to practice, and these facilities would be used by community members as well.
- DISC GOLF
- I would like hiking and walking unpaved trails where bicycles are not allowed and all dogs must be on leashes. There are plenty of biking trails and roads. Almost all of Decatur is bike-friendly, but hiking/walking on unpaved trails is limited.
- invasive plants, need to plant native plants
- Legacy park trails
- Modify the DRC with pickleball courts.
- More complete streets - better bike path to connect Avondale and City of Decatur
- more tennis courts
- more tennis courts
- Most parks do not provide enough shelters and tables when the park is in high demand for individuals to be able to sit, read, eat, talk in a shaded or covered area. On the weekends, the pavilions are often reserved for large groups and the benches are often in sunny or uncovered areas. Even Decatur Square bought some decent picnic tables and placed them under the shaded area near the chess board. Why do the parks not have more picnic tables under shaded areas separately?
- natural wildlife habitat
- open space
- preserve walking trails at Legacy Park
- resurface Oakhurst tennis courts, update lighting
- Sand volleyball courts
- Senior Fitness
- tennis courts
- Unprogrammed urban park.
- Upgrade current playground/park equipment and pools
- water fountains
- water slide at pool
- web based tennis court reservations

Q13—“Other”: Listed below are benefits that you and your households could receive from parks, trails and recreation facilities in the City. Please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following potential benefits provided by parks, trails, and recreation facilities.

- Creates public service opportunities
- environment
- Locate more small parks in the Downtown area.
- make rentals affordable
- preserve green space and trees
- Promote diversity by providing resources for activity beyond one’s backyard and offering resources (e.g. Legacy community garden). Increase residents feeling of community and connectedness and feeling of belonging.
- Protects historical attributes of Decatur. This is number 10 but I wanted to comment. The City of Decatur couldn't care less about this. When historical markers are removed in the dark of night without consulting the community, but instead following their own PC emotions, that's just wrong. Cancel culture is not good government. Follow the process and serve the community. Doing what you "think" should happen is not governing, it's cowardice and abuse.
- residents use our own parks
- safety for pedestrian and cyclist

Q17—“Other”: What can the City of Decatur do to help promote a healthier lifestyle for you and your family?

- Become a dementia friendly community.
- Clean up the trash and maintain the parks to make it easier and more pleasant to use the existing parks.
- Community events, kickball night at the park.
- Connected bike trails
- Decatur should not be in the business of promoting healthier lifestyles. It should be in the business of supporting those things that promote healthier lifestyles. That is, don't do stuff, but instead, don't inhibit the things that are desirable. I would suggest doing this by getting rid of all street parking meters. Parking meters just hurt businesses, vendors, churches and the like. They are the ones that make things healthier and generally better across the board. Parking meters are just another revenue generator which is what all government bodies are obsessed with. Think of it as a creature that eats and never stops. It will become obese and that is NOT healthy. You can make things healthier by making the City of Decatur healthier. Go on a diet. Do the Decatur businesses a favor and ditch the parking meters.
- green space
- I think some programs already exist for my multi-generational family, but when I go to sign up they are full or not offered at times that work.
- Improve existing parks with more access for biking and walking. Provide outdoor adult exercise equipment at all parks.
- Keep fees for athletic/camp programs low like pool fees
- Lower our taxes.
- maintenance
- mental health programs
- More downtown greenspace space for walking and air quality.
- More walking and biking trails.
- new leadership in youth sports
- noise control
- organized fitness events
- Outdoor exercise equipment
- outdoor space, play 60 program
- PROVIDE INDOOR/OUTDOOR space to play. Help those in need.
- Provide small parks in the downtown area.
- Restripe bike lanes
- Safe walking / biking to school, work, transportation, & recreation
- sustainability
- Traffic congestion.
- tree canopy prevents home gardens

Q18—Other: From the following list, please CHECK ALL the organizations that you or members of your household have used for indoor and outdoor recreation activities during the last four years.

- Agape Tennis Center
- All the neighborhood parks.
- Aqua tots
- Avondale
- Barre
- Beltline
- Bike paths throughout the city.
- Decatur School of Ballet
- DeKalb Wellness Center
- Druid Hills Golf Club
- Dynamo Swim Team (at Oakhurst pool)
- Emory
- Emory
- Emory Decatur hospital, wellness center
- Emory Decatur Wellness Center.
- Emory Rec
- Federal Park Facilities.
- Georgia State Parks, US National Parks
- Girls on the run
- Group bike ride organizations like Critical Mass, M+M, and Midweek Roll
- Gwinnet parks/pool
- Gwinnett, Cobb.
- hiking at Sweet water, etc.
- Invitations to friends' health clubs, state parks, national parks
- Lake Claire Pool, Pepoton
- Marcus Jewish Com Center
- National parks
- Orange Theory.
- Private swim and Dekalb Aquatics
- Sagamore Pool
- State and National Parks in North Georgia.
- state parks
- State Parks and other DNR facilities; National Parks/recreation areas/forests; US Army Corps areas; Emory University properties/facilities; Georgia State University properties/facilities; Fulton County; Clayton County
- State Parks, Georgia
- State Parks, National parks
- Swim lessons
- Swim Team Dynamo
- Swim/tennis community HOA
- The schools green spaces and parking lots.
- Theater - Decatur Community Players;
- Toncha Tae Kwan Do
- Venetian Pool
- Venetian Pool
- Wellness Center
- Woodlands Garden

Q19—Other: Please CHECK ALL the reasons why you or members of your household use organizations OTHER THAN City of Decatur for indoor and outdoor recreation activities.

- accessibility by bikes
- Afterschool is full.
- beautiful natural areas
- better dog parks elsewhere
- better organization
- bigger playgrounds
- bird watching, wild life viewing
- convenience
- different play options for kids
- Dynamo runs the program at Oakhurst, not City of Decatur.
- employee benefit
- fishing
- Fitness equipment at YMCA; personal trainer
- Hiking trails and primitive camping are better in the mountains.
- included as a benefit at work
- Interesting or involve friends
- joining friends/family
- larger events
- larger outdoor space
- Larger parks.
- level of connection
- Like to enjoy what Metro Atlanta has to offer.
- location
- More competitive training.
- more cultural
- More time slots for water fitness.
- more variety
- more variety of running trails
- new places
- offered for younger children
- On my way home from work.
- organization
- outdoor volleyball
- pickle ball courts all taken
- Piedmont park (bc it is big and we used to live there); Stone Mountain: bc we use the lake
- Piedmont Park, Lull water Park at Emory, Mason Mill Park, the pocket parks along E Ponce de Leon have easier parking, more tables for sitting, less concentrated demands for limited acreage.
- pools and gyms are better
- programs for younger kids
- Silver Sneakers.
- Similar facility not available in Decatur (e.g. South Peachtree Creek boardwalk trail).
- singing program
- Size, scenery, good value for money, existing taxes provide what I am looking for.

- Something different
- Specific workout services provided.
- Splash pad.
- The Y has a more equipment and more variety in terms of classes.
- There are a variety of options in the region beyond City of Decatur facilities
- trail/variety
- Wider access to outdoors (e.g. Medlock Park boardwalks)

Q20—“Other”: Please CHECK ALL the recreation programs you or members of your household participate in via organizations OTHER THAN City of Decatur.

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|--|--|
| • Aerobic and Strength conditioning. | • outdoor recreation |
| • aviation show | • Park facilities closer to friends. |
| • biking, spin class, Jiu Jitsu | • Personal fitness training |
| • dance | • Pickleball |
| • Dance activities | • pickleball |
| • disc golf | • pickleball |
| • disc golf | • pickleball |
| • dog agility | • Playgrounds |
| • Fitness center. | • Playgrounds and splash pads |
| • Free play - mostly playgrounds. | • Scouting |
| • Group bike rides. | • singing groups |
| • gym | • Soccer in the streets. |
| • hiking | • state and national parks |
| • hiking, kayaking, fishing, bird watching | • Strength training |
| • Hiking, sightseeing, enjoying nature | • trails |
| • I participate in programs offered by the State of Georgia, Georgia Parks, and then private organizations for swimming. | • trails, outdoor space |
| • Individual weight training | • Water fitness. |
| • Kickball league | • Work out facilities |
| • Mountain biking, gardening | • yoga |
| • Orange Theory | • Yoga at home, Stone Mountain paddle boarding |
| | • youth conditioning |

Q21—“Other”: If you had a budget of \$100 for FACILITIES/ CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS provided by the City of Decatur, how would you allocate the funds among the categories of funding listed below?

- Add more soccer fields.
- After school activities.
- Any green technology investments
- Better public transportation.
- connect parks to provide access. Glenn Creek Park to Glendale Ave to Pool
- Connecting with community members to communicate program offerings, costs, how to register for events, evaluating community needs and familiarizing with community desires, creating a suggestion box that is accessible to community members
- easier reservation process for courts
- food forest, edible landscaping
- I would like new unpaved walking facilities. There are enough bike lanes and paths in Decatur. In fact, so much money has been spent for their needs, other areas have been neglected.
- more natural/native landscaping in existing areas
- more pools
- more tennis courts
- New/larger pool facility.
- Outdoor pool for adults or seniors only.
- Pay raise for parks employees.
- safety
- security, call boxes, cameras
- senior center
- track and splash pad

Q22—“Other”: If you had a budget of \$100 for PROGRAMS/ OPERATIONS provided by the City of Decatur, how would you allocate the funds among the categories of funding listed below?

- Another water source at Adfair dog park at top of hill
- Add a running club for kids, practice in Legacy park on the shaded trails.
- adult beginner tennis, soccer, pickleball
- Anti Housing action Club at Legacy Park
- better landscaping
- Better training for staff.
- clean up/pick up litter on streets
- Fit wit for youth.
- food forest/edible landscaping
- Improve quality and access to after care. Solutions to prevent required calendar reminder and signup within minutes for access youth programs.
- improve quality of summer camps, athletics/child care
- Increasing communication about existing opportunities and athletic offerings to community members, re-evaluating best way to reach the community and share information especially regarding new community members who moved during Covid when everything was closed.
- maintenance, landscape work
- make operation green
- new leadership
- Offer variety of classes.
- Recreation and social activities for people with dementia and their caretakers.
- safety
- security, bike police
- Whatever Stacey Green needs, she is awesome.
- youth biology ecology classes
- youth dept staffing



Survey Instrument



*A few minutes of your time will help the City of Decatur
become an even better place to Live, Work, and Play!*

Dear City of Decatur Resident:

Your response to the enclosed survey is extremely important...

The City of Decatur is embarking on RECREATUR, a Parks and Recreation Master Plan to guide the future of parks and recreation services in our community. In addition to special events input, public workshops, focus groups, and stakeholder interviews, the City is conducting a Community Interest and Opinion Survey. The survey is to assist the City and its consultant team to better understand residents' priorities for parks, indoor and outdoor recreation facilities, and recreational, social, and cultural programs within the community. Your household is one of a limited number selected at random to receive this survey, so we hope that you will be able to participate.

We appreciate your time...

We recognize your time is limited. This survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. The time you invest in completing this survey will aid us in taking a resident-driven approach to making decisions that will enrich the future of our community and positively affect the lives of its residents.

Completion of the survey form within the next two weeks can happen in two ways...

- Return your completed paper form survey in the enclosed postage-paid envelope addressed to ETC Institute, 725 W. Frontier Circle, Olathe, KS 66061.
- Or if you would prefer, enter your responses online at DecaturParkSurvey.org

We have selected ETC Institute, an independent consulting company, as our partner to administer this survey. They will compile the data received and present the results to the City of Decatur. **Your responses will remain confidential.**

The Community Interest and Opinion Survey is a public input tool that will benefit all residents. Please take this opportunity to let your voice be heard.

Sincerely,

Andrea Arnold
City Manager



2022 City of Decatur Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey

Let your voice be heard today!

The City of Decatur would like your input to help determine parks and recreation priorities for the City. This survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. When you are finished, please return your survey in the enclosed postage-paid, return-reply envelope. If you prefer, you can complete the survey online at DecaturParkSurvey.org. We greatly appreciate and value your time!

1. Have you or any member of your household visited any parks and recreation facilities operated by the City of Decatur during the past four years?

___(1) Yes [Answer Question 1a-b.] ___(2) No [Skip to Question 2.]

1a. Please check ALL the following parks and recreation facilities that you and members of your household have visited during the past four years.

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ___(01) Adair Dog Park | ___(10) Glenlake Park | ___(19) Mead Road Park |
| ___(02) Adair Park | ___(11) Glenlake Pool | ___(20) Oakhurst Dog Park |
| ___(03) Dearborn Park | ___(12) Glenlake Tennis Center | ___(21) Oakhurst Park |
| ___(04) Decatur Cemetery | ___(13) Glenn Creek Nature Preserve | ___(22) Oakhurst Pool |
| ___(05) Decatur Recreation Center | ___(14) Griffin Park | ___(23) Parkwood Park |
| ___(06) Ebster Park | ___(15) Hidden Cove Park | ___(24) Scott Park |
| ___(07) Ebster Pool | ___(16) Legacy Park | ___(25) Sycamore Park |
| ___(08) Ebster Recreation Center | ___(17) Glenlake Dog Park | ___(26) Waddell Park |
| ___(09) Glenlake Dog Park | ___(18) McKoy Park | |

1b. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the parks and recreation facilities that you and members of your household have visited?

___(4) Excellent ___(3) Good ___(2) Fair ___(1) Poor

2. Please rate your level of satisfaction with the following parks and recreation facilities.

How satisfied are you with.....		Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't Know
01.	Dog parks	5	4	3	2	1	9
02.	Facilities with indoor recreation program and classes	5	4	3	2	1	9
03.	Gyms with indoor basketball, volleyball, pickleball, badminton, etc.	5	4	3	2	1	9
04.	Large community parks - above 5 acres (e.g., Glenlake Park, Legacy Park, McKoy Park, Oakhurst Park)	5	4	3	2	1	9
05.	Neighborhood Parks/under 5 acres (e.g., Adair Park, Ebster Park, Glenn Creek Nature Preserve, Griffin Park, Hidden Cove Park, etc.)	5	4	3	2	1	9
06.	Number of parks	5	4	3	2	1	9
07.	Outdoor athletic fields (i.e., baseball, softball, soccer)	5	4	3	2	1	9
08.	Outdoor courts (i.e., basketball, volleyball, tennis, pickleball)	5	4	3	2	1	9
09.	Outdoor/indoor swimming pools	5	4	3	2	1	9
10.	Overall maintenance of parks	5	4	3	2	1	9
11.	Park pavilions	5	4	3	2	1	9
12.	Playgrounds	5	4	3	2	1	9
13.	Walking and biking trails	5	4	3	2	1	9

3. Have you or any member of your household participated in any recreation programs provided by the City of Decatur during the past four years?

___(1) Yes [Answer Question 3a-b.] ___(2) No [Skip to Question 4.]

3a. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the programs that you and members of your household have participated in?

___(4) Excellent ___(3) Good ___(2) Fair ___(1) Poor

3b. Please rate how satisfied you are with the recreation programs listed below....	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't Know
01. Adult athletic programs	5	4	3	2	1	9
02. Adult recreation programs	5	4	3	2	1	9
03. After school programs	5	4	3	2	1	9
04. Aquatic programs	5	4	3	2	1	9
05. Ease of registering for recreation programs	5	4	3	2	1	9
06. Open gym programs	5	4	3	2	1	9
07. Overall quality of recreation programs	5	4	3	2	1	9
08. Senior recreation programs	5	4	3	2	1	9
09. Special events sponsored by local government in your community	5	4	3	2	1	9
10. Summer Camps	5	4	3	2	1	9
11. Tennis programs	5	4	3	2	1	9
12. Youth and Teen programs	5	4	3	2	1	9
13. Youth athletic and recreation programs	5	4	3	2	1	9

4. How do you learn about the programs, activities, and special events that are offered by the City of Decatur? [Check all that apply.]

- ___(01) BeActiveDecatur blogsite
- ___(02) By visiting/attending the park
- ___(03) City of Decatur website
- ___(04) Decatur Active Living and Children and Youth Services Playbook (Print)
- ___(05) Email notifications
- ___(06) Flyers
- ___(07) From health clubs, gyms or other private sector organizations in the community
- ___(08) From schools, churches, or other non-profit organizations in the community
- ___(09) Signage at parks or recreation facilities
- ___(10) Social Media: Facebook
- ___(11) Social Media: Instagram
- ___(12) Social Media: Twitter
- ___(13) Word of Mouth (Friends and Neighbors)
- ___(14) Other: _____

5. What are your THREE most preferred ways of learning about City of Decatur recreation programs and activities? [Write in your answers below using the numbers from Question 4, or circle "NONE."]

1st: ___ 2nd: ___ 3rd: ___ NONE

6. Please check ALL of the reasons that have discouraged you or members of your household from using the City of Decatur parks, trails, facilities, or programs more often during the past four years.

- ___(01) Facilities are not well maintained
- ___(02) Facilities do not have the right equipment
- ___(03) Facility operating hours are not convenient
- ___(04) Fees are too expensive
- ___(05) Health concerns related to Covid
- ___(06) I do not know the locations of facilities
- ___(07) I do not know the locations of parks
- ___(08) I do not know what programs are being offered
- ___(09) I use facilities in other cities
- ___(10) I use facilities/programs of other organizations
- ___(11) I use services of other agencies
- ___(12) Lack of accessibility for people with disabilities
- ___(13) Lack of parking
- ___(14) Lack of quality programs
- ___(15) Lack of transportation
- ___(16) Parks are not well maintained
- ___(17) Personal disability
- ___(18) Poor customer services by staff
- ___(19) Program times are not convenient
- ___(20) Programs I am interested in are not allowed
- ___(21) Registration for programs is difficult
- ___(22) Security is insufficient
- ___(23) Too far from residence
- ___(24) Waiting list/programs are full
- ___(25) We are not interested
- ___(26) We are too busy
- ___(27) Other: _____

7. Please indicate if you or any member of your household has a need for each of the parks and recreation facilities/amenities below by circling either "Yes" or "No." If "Yes," please rate how well your need for facilities/amenities of this type is being met using a scale of 1 to 4, where 4 means "Needs Are Fully Met" and 1 means "Needs Are Not Met".

Type of Facility/Amenity	Do you have a need for this facility/amenity?		If Yes, how well are your needs met?			
	Yes	No	Fully Met	Mostly Met	Slightly Met	Not Met
01. Baseball/softball fields	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
02. Basketball courts	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
03. Community gardens	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
04. Community parks (five acres or above)	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
05. Cricket fields	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
06. Dog parks	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
07. Food forests/edible landscaping	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
08. Indoor fitness equipment (i.e., free weights, machines)	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
09. Indoor gymnasium	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
10. Indoor nature center	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
11. Indoor pool	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
12. Mini parks (less than an acre)	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
13. Multi-generational center (Community center of all ages)	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
14. Natural areas/nature parks	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
15. Neighborhood parks (one to four acres)	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
16. Outdoor amphitheater	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
17. Outdoor fitness	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
18. Outdoor futsal/mini soccer courts	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
19. Outdoor picnic areas	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
20. Outdoor pool	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
21. Park shelters/picnic pavilions	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
22. Paved multi-purpose trails	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
23. Pickleball courts	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
24. Playground/adventure/discovery playgrounds	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
25. Rectangle multi-purpose sports fields (i.e., soccer, football)	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
26. Restrooms at parks	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
27. Sand volleyball	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
28. Senior center	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
29. Sidewalks	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
30. Skate park	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
31. Splash pad/spray ground	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
32. Teen center	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
33. Tennis courts	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
34. Transportation to parks (i.e., public transit, service stops)	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
35. Unpaved walking and hiking trails	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
36. Other: _____	Yes	No	4	3	2	1

8. Which FOUR facilities/amenities from the list in Question 7 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household? [Write in your answers below using the numbers from the first column in Question 7, or circle "NONE."]

1st: _____ 2nd: _____ 3rd: _____ 4th: _____ NONE

9. Please indicate if you or any member of your household has a need for each of the recreation programs/activities below by circling either "Yes" or "No." If "Yes," please rate how well your need for programs/activities of this type is being met using a scale of 1 to 4, where 4 means "Needs Are Fully Met" and 1 means "Needs Are Not Met".

Type of Program/Activity	Do you have a need for this program/activity?		If Yes, how well are your needs met?			
	Yes	No	Fully Met	Mostly Met	Slightly Met	Not Met
01. Adult athletic leagues	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
02. Adult education (i.e., GED, degree, trade, etc.)	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
03. Adult fitness/wellness	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
04. Adult performing arts/dance	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
05. Adult/Youth learn to swim	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
06. Athletic special events (i.e., 5K, marathons, etc.)	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
07. Before and after school programs	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
08. Camps (summer/ school/ break)	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
09. Child day care	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
10. Community meetings	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
11. Community outings	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
12. Community special events (i.e., concerts, green markets, etc.)	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
13. Cooking and nutrition classes	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
14. Digital media, photography programs	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
15. Educational lecture series	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
16. Galas, formal events	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
17. Language classes	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
18. Movies in parks	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
19. Nature programs	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
20. Parent and child programs	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
21. Preschool programs	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
22. Programs for people with disabilities	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
23. Programs with children's/senior meals	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
24. Senior classes (i.e., computer, social interests, etc.)	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
25. STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics) programming	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
26. Teen programs	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
27. Temporary art exhibits	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
28. Video gaming/virtual gaming	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
29. Water fitness	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
30. Youth arts/painting/crafts/drawing classes	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
31. Youth athletic leagues	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
32. Youth education (i.e., computer, programming, etc.)	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
33. Youth fitness/wellness	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
34. Youth performing arts/dance	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
35. Other: _____	Yes	No	4	3	2	1

10. Which FOUR programs/activities from the list in Question 9 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household? [Write in your answers below using the numbers from the first column in Question 9, or circle "NONE."]

1st: _____ 2nd: _____ 3rd: _____ 4th: _____ NONE

11. Please indicate how supportive you would be of the following actions that the City of Decatur could take to improve the parks and recreation system.

How supportive are you of the following.....		Very Supportive	Supportive	Not Sure	Not Supportive
01.	Develop parks for un-organized and free play/general community recreation access and that are not permitted for organized sports.	4	3	2	1
02.	Develop additional outdoor sports facilities for organized sports (ex. Soccer, Football, Lacrosse, Basketball, Volleyball, Baseball, Softball, etc.)	4	3	2	1
03.	Develop additional multi-purpose indoor gymnasiums throughout the City that provide opportunities to play indoor basketball, volleyball, pickleball.	4	3	2	1
04.	Develop new outdoor aquatics facilities	4	3	2	1
05.	Develop new indoor aquatics facilities	4	3	2	1
06.	Development of walking and biking facilities	4	3	2	1
07.	Purchase of land to expand or create new parks and recreation facilities	4	3	2	1
08.	Develop a new splash pad facility	4	3	2	1
09.	Develop adult fitness equipment in all parks	4	3	2	1
10.	Develop outdoor pickleball facilities	4	3	2	1
11.	Other: _____	4	3	2	1

12. Which FOUR items listed in Question 11 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household? [Write in your answers below using the numbers from the first column in Question 11, or circle "NONE."]

1st: ____ 2nd: ____ 3rd: ____ 4th: ____ NONE

13. Listed below are benefits that you and your households could receive from parks, trails and recreation facilities in the City. Please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following potential benefits provided by parks, trails, and recreation facilities.

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
01.	Helps attract new residents and businesses	5	4	3	2	1	9
02.	Helps reduce crime	5	4	3	2	1	9
03.	Improved physical health and fitness	5	4	3	2	1	9
04.	Improves mental health and reduces stress	5	4	3	2	1	9
05.	Increases opportunities for people of different cultures to interact	5	4	3	2	1	9
06.	Increases property values in surrounding area	5	4	3	2	1	9
07.	Makes Decatur a more desirable place to live	5	4	3	2	1	9
08.	Preserve open space and the environment	5	4	3	2	1	9
09.	Promotes tourism to the community	5	4	3	2	1	9
10.	Protects historical attributes of Decatur	5	4	3	2	1	9
11.	Other: _____	5	4	3	2	1	9

14. Which THREE of the potential benefits listed in Question 13 are MOST IMPORTANT to the future of the Decatur community? [Write in your answers below using the numbers from the first column in Question 13, or circle "NONE."]

1st: ____ 2nd: ____ 3rd: ____ NONE

15. Costs to improve existing parks, trails, aquatics, sports, and cultural facilities, as well as build new facilities would need to be paid through tax revenues and user fees. Knowing that, what is the maximum amount of additional tax revenue you would be willing to pay to develop and operate the types of parks, trails, aquatics, sports, and cultural facilities that are most important to you and your household?

____(1) \$3-\$4 per month ____ (3) \$7-\$8 per month ____ (5) Nothing
 ____ (2) \$5-\$6 per month ____ (4) \$9 or more per month

16. Recreation and parks systems have the potential to help improve some of the difficult health, social, economic, and environmental challenges facing communities. Please select the top FIVE areas of concern that are MOST IMPORTANT to you and your household.

- ___ (01) Access to healthcare, doctors, and medicines
 ___ (02) Access to healthy foods, such as fresh fruits, vegetables, and whole foods (i.e. healthy foods are too far away)
 ___ (03) Access to transportation (i.e. sidewalks, bikeways, trails, public transit)
 ___ (04) Affordable housing
 ___ (05) Blight (i.e. dilapidated, unsafe, and/or unsightly conditions in your neighborhood and/or community)
 ___ (06) Caregiving required for family members with special events, aging parents, grandparents raising grandchildren
 ___ (07) Community divisiveness/isolation/loneliness/anxiety and depression
 ___ (08) Community safety/crime/violence
 ___ (09) Cost of healthy foods, such as fresh fruits, vegetables, and whole foods
 ___ (10) Economic development (i.e. transformation of underutilized places into new stores, restaurants, offices, housing, etc.)
 ___ (11) Flooding
 ___ (12) High quality jobs with adequate incomes/wages and benefits such as health care
 ___ (13) Unhoused population
 ___ (14) Panhandling
 ___ (15) Neighborhood change/displacement (i.e. gentrification)
 ___ (16) Preservation of natural areas
 ___ (17) Substance abuse/drug and alcohol use
 ___ (18) Traffic congestion
 ___ (19) Trash/litter
 ___ (20) Other: _____

17. What can the City of Decatur do to help promote a healthier lifestyle for you and your family?
[Check all that apply.]

- ___ (01) Provide healthcare services in recreation centers
 ___ (02) Offer healthy snacks and beverages in vending machines
 ___ (03) Offer opportunities to grow fruits and vegetables in parks
 ___ (04) Offer green markets to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables in parks and indoor recreation centers
 ___ (05) Provide activities, classes and events recognizing health issues and solutions
 ___ (06) Provide activities, classes, and events that recognize the health benefits of the time spent outdoors
 ___ (07) Provide healthy cooking demonstrations
 ___ (08) Provide healthcare themed events
 ___ (09) Virtual health and wellness programming
 ___ (10) Other: _____

18. From the following list, please CHECK ALL the organizations that you or members of your household have used for indoor and outdoor recreation activities during the last four years.

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| ___ (01) Chamblee Parks & Recreation | ___ (08) Private fitness clubs: which one(s)? _____ |
| ___ (02) Churches: which one(s)? _____ | ___ (09) Private sports leagues: which one(s)? _____ |
| ___ (03) City of Atlanta Parks & Recreation | ___ (10) Tucker Parks & Recreation |
| ___ (04) Decatur Active Living and Children and Youth Services | ___ (11) YMCA |
| ___ (05) DeKalb Parks & Recreation | ___ (12) Other: _____ |
| ___ (06) Doraville Parks & Recreation | ___ (13) I do not use other organizations other than the City of Decatur for recreation activities |
| ___ (07) Dunwoody Parks & Recreation | |

19. Please CHECK ALL the reasons why you or members of your household use organizations OTHER THAN City of Decatur for indoor and outdoor recreation activities.

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| ___ (01) Better customer service by staff | ___ (08) Programs fit my budget |
| ___ (02) Childcare available | ___ (09) Program not offered by City of Decatur |
| ___ (03) Closer to residence | ___ (10) Registration process is easier |
| ___ (04) Friends/family participate there | ___ (11) Program times are more convenient |
| ___ (05) More parking | ___ (12) Other: _____ |
| ___ (06) Programs are of higher quality | ___ (13) I do not use other organizations other than the City of Decatur for recreation activities |
| ___ (07) Program days are more convenient | |

20. Please CHECK ALL the recreation programs you or members of your household participate in via organizations OTHER THAN City of Decatur.

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (01) Adult athletics | <input type="checkbox"/> (06) Special events | <input type="checkbox"/> (11) I do not participate in programs other than the City of Decatur |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (02) Aquatics | <input type="checkbox"/> (07) Tennis | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (03) Camps | <input type="checkbox"/> (08) Sports conditioning | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (04) Group fitness | <input type="checkbox"/> (09) Youth sports | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (05) Senior Center programs | <input type="checkbox"/> (10) Other: _____ | |

21. If you had a budget of \$100 for FACILITIES/ CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS provided by the City of Decatur, how would you allocate the funds among the categories of funding listed below? [Please be sure your total adds up to \$100].

- \$ _____ Development of new parks facilities (e.g., Athletic fields, playgrounds, restrooms, etc.) in existing parks
- \$ _____ Development of new walking and biking facilities (paved and/or unpaved paths)
- \$ _____ Development of new indoor recreation centers
- \$ _____ Improvements to existing parks and recreation facilities (e.g., repairs, replacements, or renovations)
- \$ _____ Improvements to existing indoor recreation centers (e.g., repairs replacements, renovations, etc.)
- \$ _____ Improvements/maintenance to existing walking and biking facilities (e.g., repairs replacements, renovations, etc.)
- \$ _____ Acquiring new park land
- \$ _____ Other: _____

22. If you had a budget of \$100 for PROGRAMS/ OPERATIONS provided by the City of Decatur, how would you allocate the funds among the categories of funding listed below? [Please be sure your total adds up to \$100].

- \$ _____ Additional adult recreation programs and/or classes (excluding athletics)
- \$ _____ Additional youth recreation programs and/or classes (excluding athletics)
- \$ _____ Additional senior recreation programs and/or classes (excluding athletics)
- \$ _____ Additional adult athletic programs/leagues
- \$ _____ Additional youth athletic programs/leagues
- \$ _____ Increasing frequency of programs/classes and/or extended hours of programming
- \$ _____ Increase staff to improve maintenance of parks and facilities (additional cleaning, mowing, tree trimming, etc.)
- \$ _____ Other: _____

23. Counting yourself, how many people in your household are...

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|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Under age 5: _____ | Ages 15-19: _____ | Ages 35-44: _____ | Ages 65-74: _____ |
| Ages 5-9: _____ | Ages 20-24: _____ | Ages 45-54: _____ | Ages 75+: _____ |
| Ages 10-14: _____ | Ages 25-34: _____ | Ages 55-64: _____ | |

24. What is your age? _____ years

25. How do you identify? _____ (1) Male _____ (2) Female _____ (3) Non-binary _____ (4) Prefer to self-describe: _____

26. Which of the following best describes your race/ethnicity? [Check all that apply.]

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| <input type="checkbox"/> (01) Asian or Asian Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> (05) Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (02) Black or African American | <input type="checkbox"/> (06) Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino/a/x |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (03) American Indian or Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> (99) Prefer to self-describe: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (04) White | |

This concludes the survey. Thank you for your time!

Please return your survey in the enclosed postage-paid envelope addressed to:
ETC Institute. 725 West Frontier Circle. Olathe. KS 66061

Your responses will remain completely confidential. The information printed to the right will ONLY be used to help identify needs for parks and recreation facilities and services in different areas of the City. Thank you.