

Sandy Beach & Robert Tedford Memorial Park Master Plan

Ellington, CT
Survey Results

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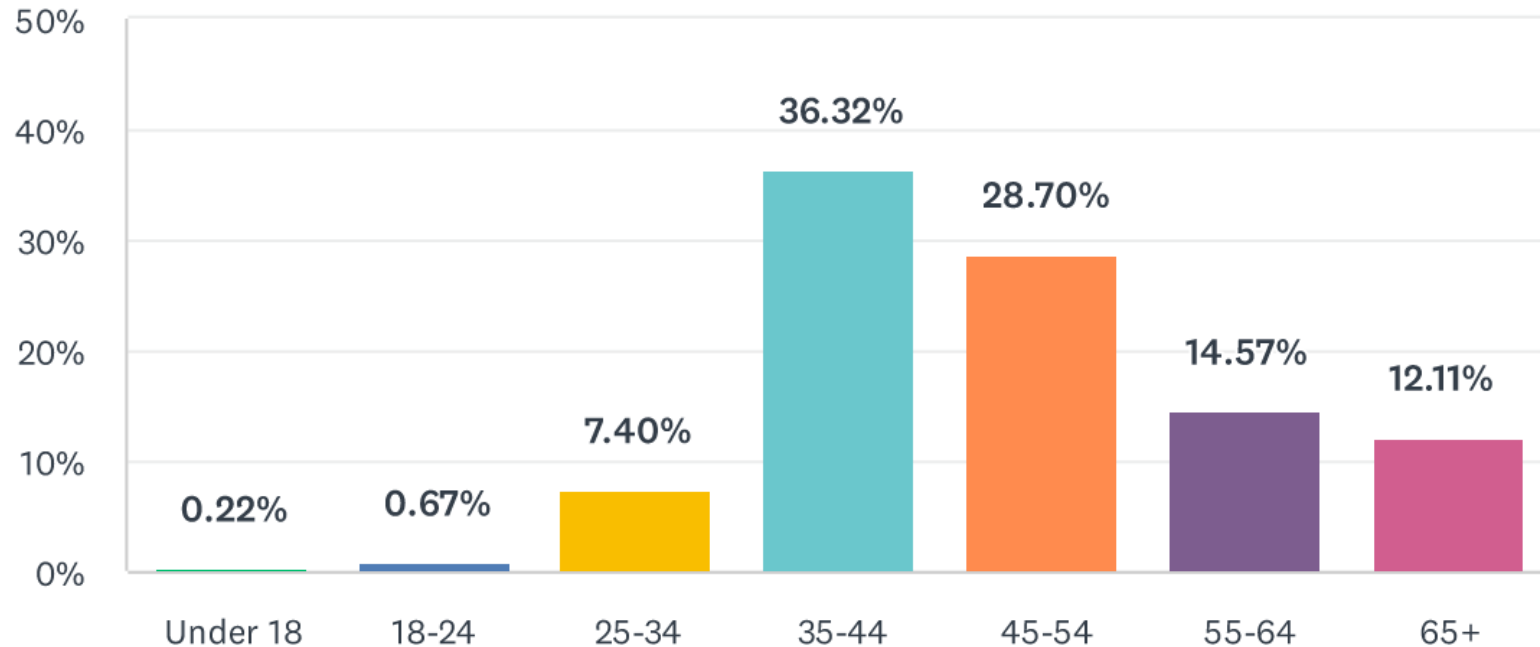
449 Total Respondents

Question 1: Do you live in Ellington? 432 YES

Other towns represented: East Windsor, Tolland, Portland,
Stafford, Enfield, Vernon and Coventry

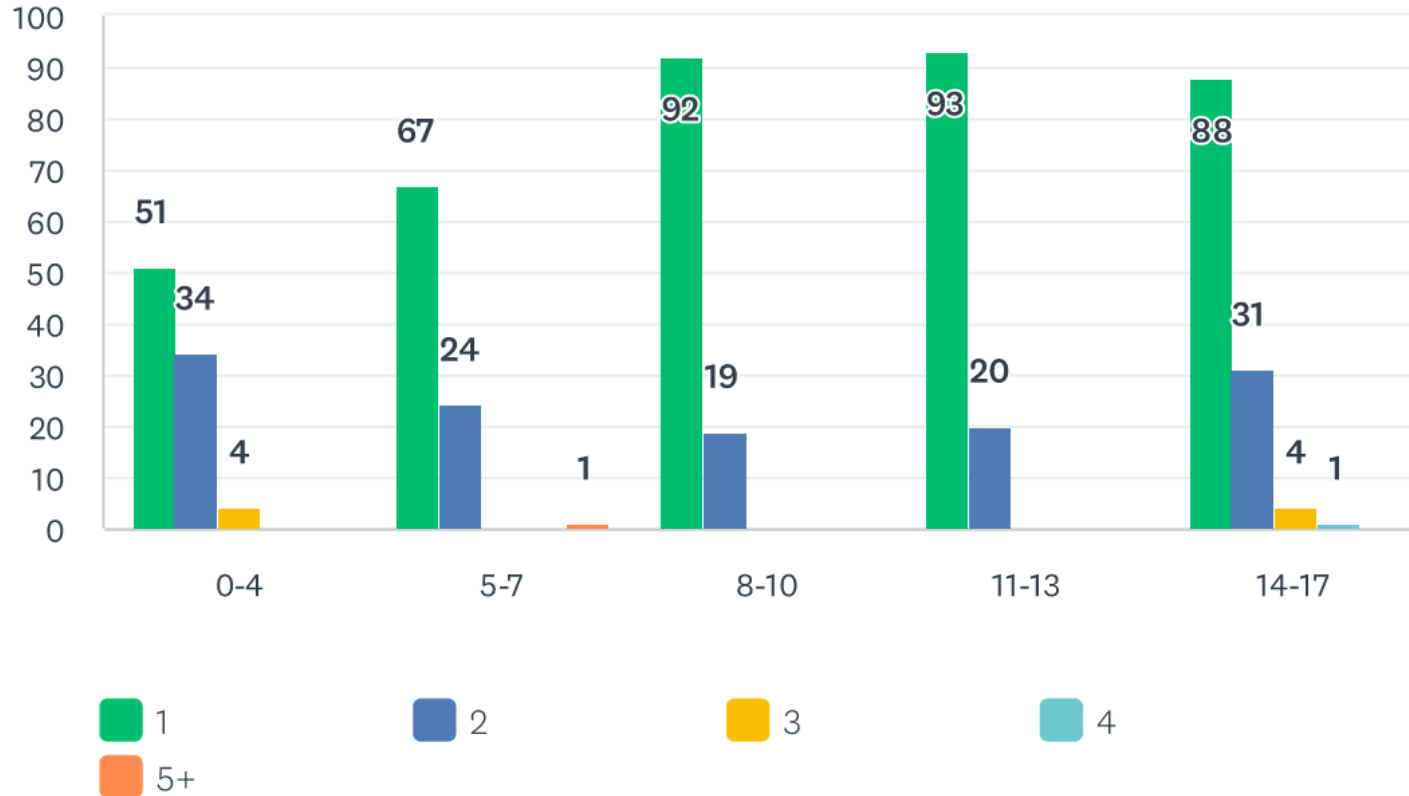
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2: How old are you?



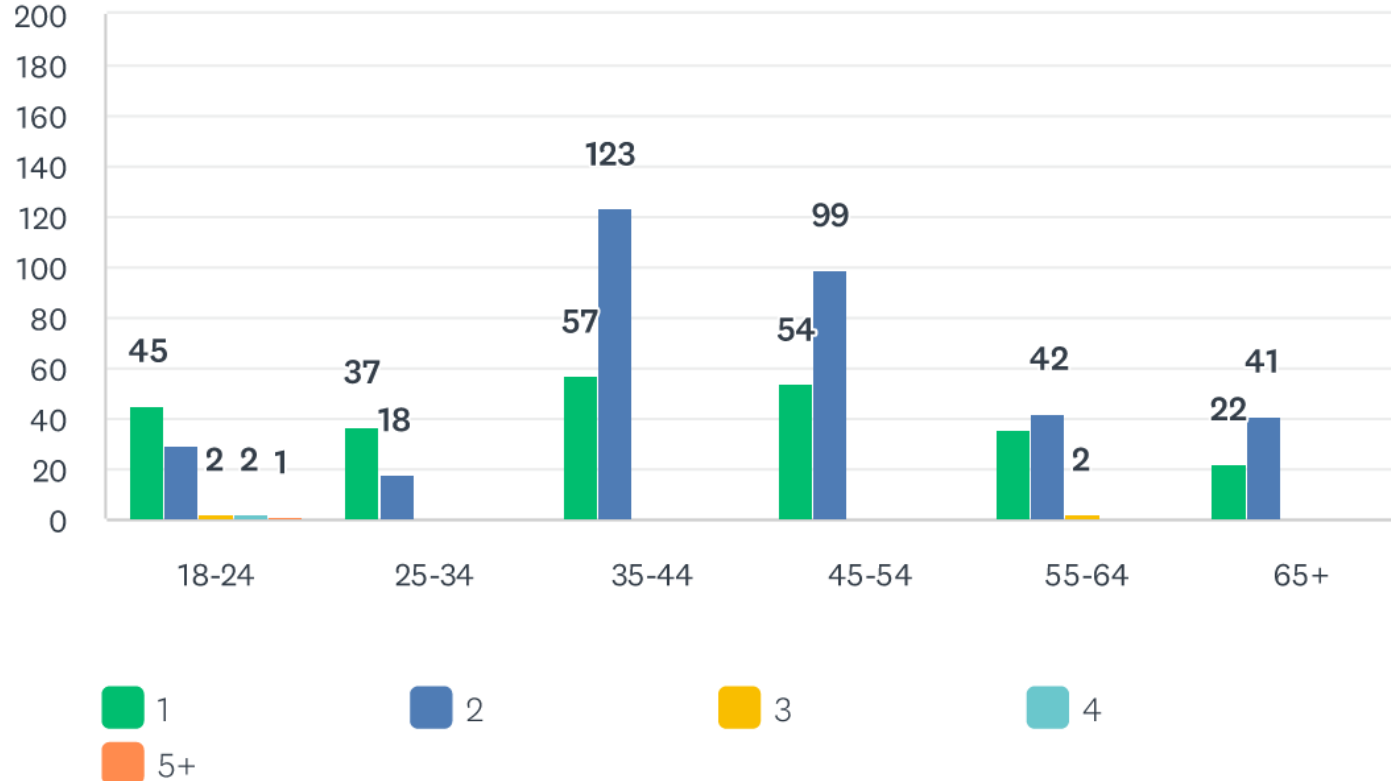
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3: How many children, by age range, currently live in your household?



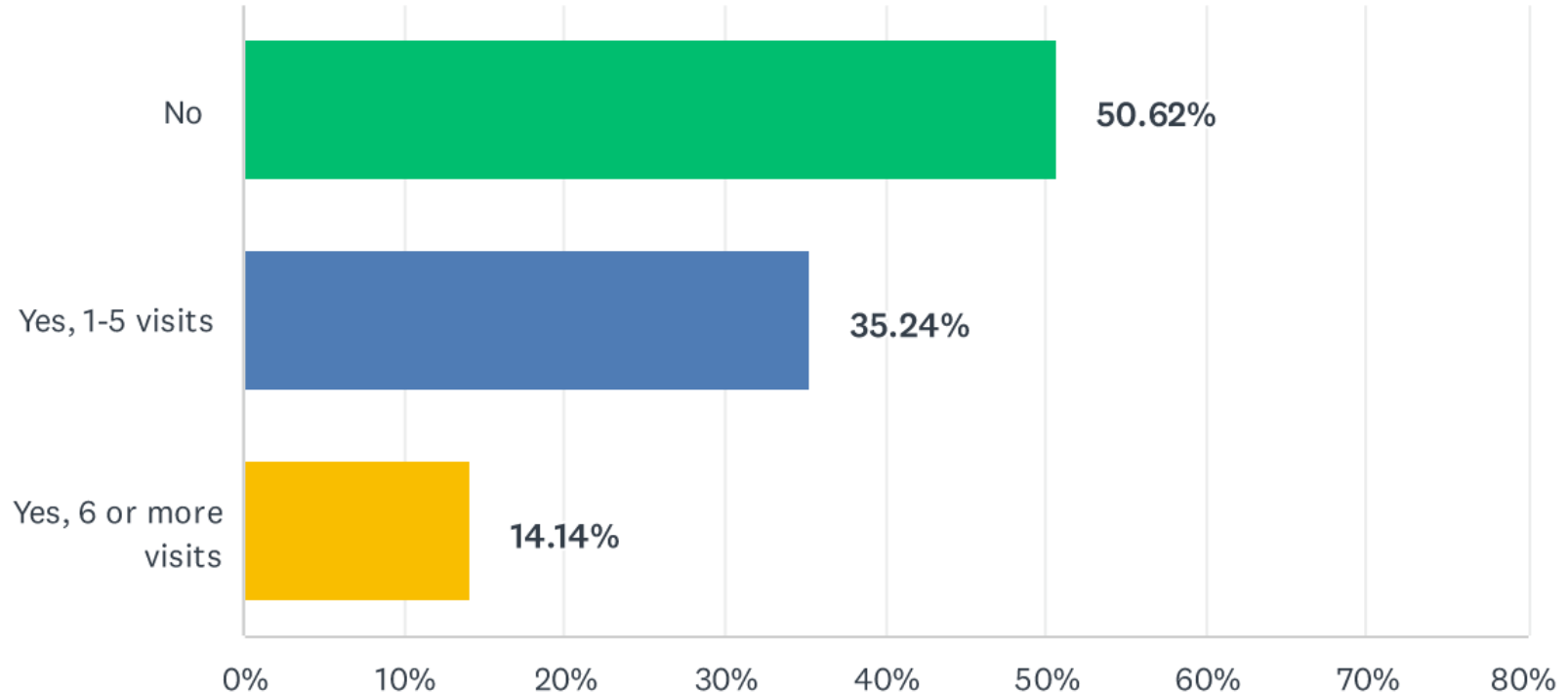
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4: How many adults, by age range, currently live in your household?



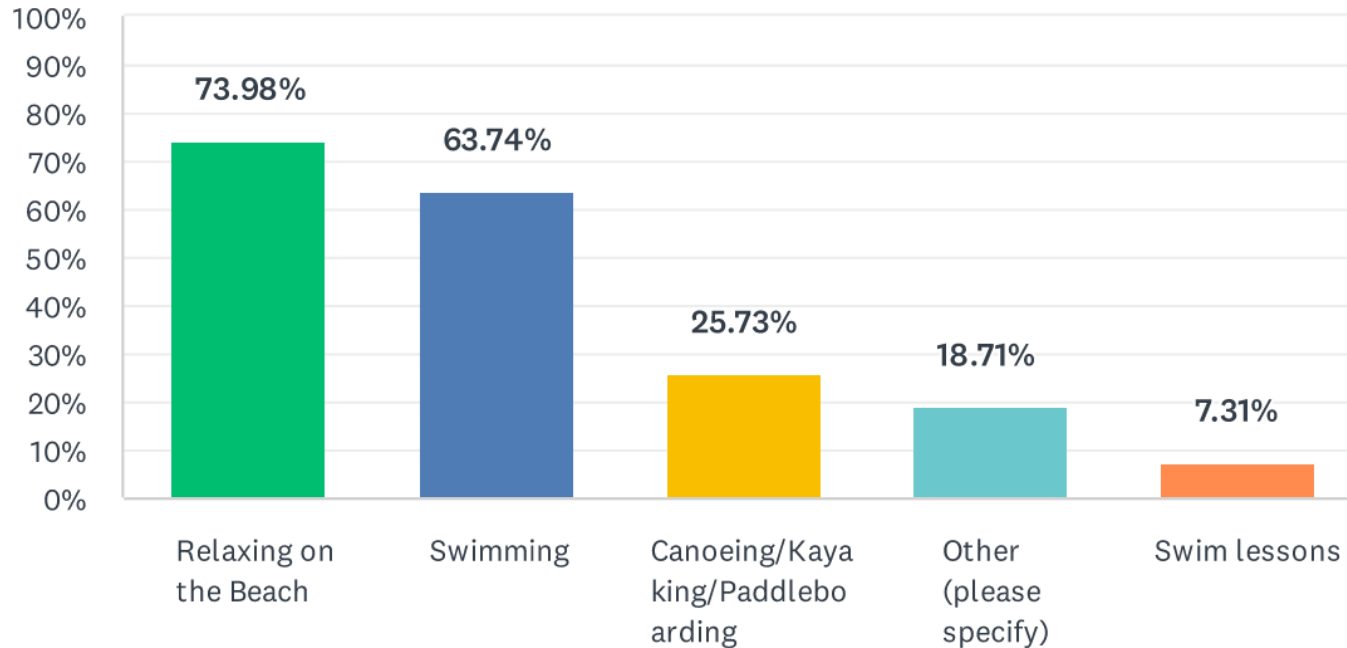
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5: Have you or anyone in your household visited Sandy Beach in the past year?



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6: How do you or your household use your time at Sandy Beach? Check all that apply.



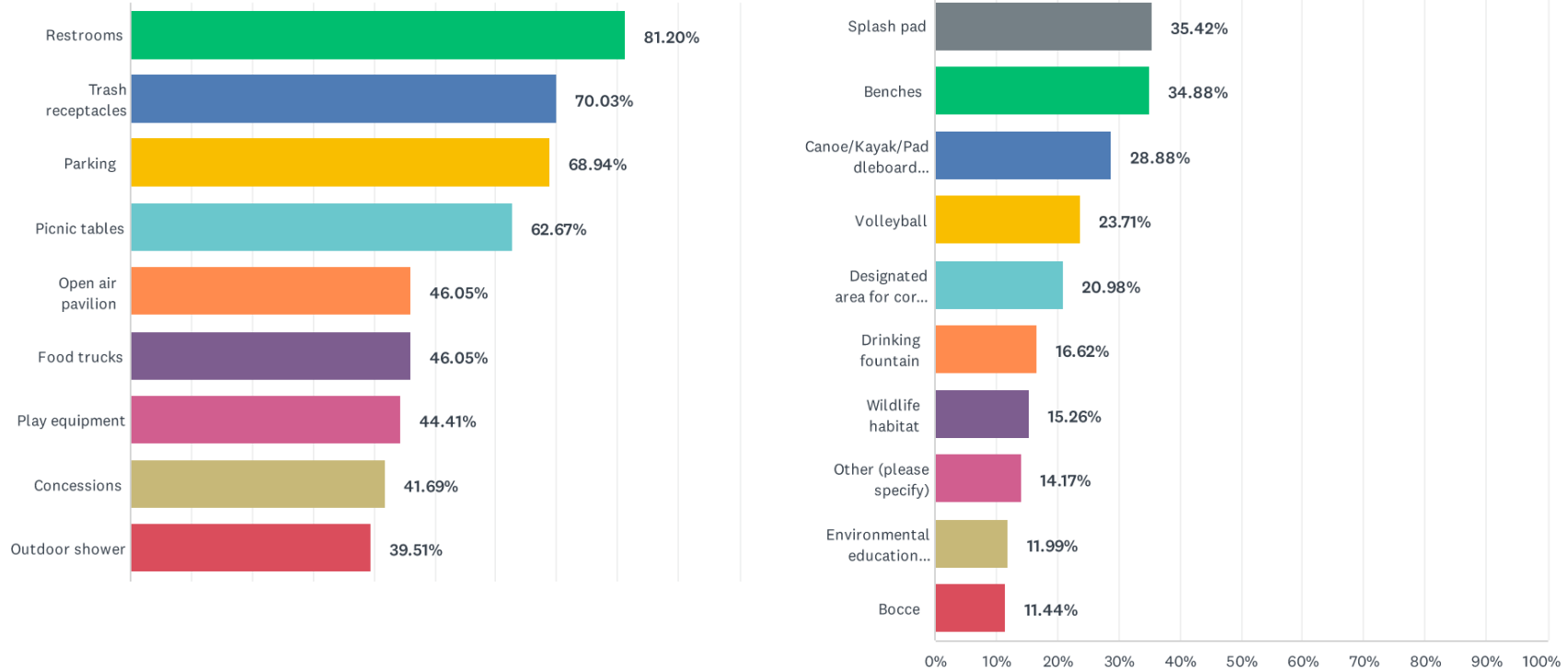
Typical Other Response: Fishing, Sailing, Boating, Walking, Games on Beach and Picnics

7: What do you most enjoy about Sandy Beach that would be important to retain?

- Shade
- Cleanliness
- Family friendly
- Natural beauty
- Swimming lessons

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8: What amenities would you like to see at Sandy Beach? Check all that apply.



Typical Other Response: Shade, Rentals, Swim Dock, Dog Area, Slide, Grills, Remove Fence, Music, ADA Access and Lawn Area. Extend hours park is open.

9: Are there any barriers that make it difficult to use Sandy Beach?

- Limited hours and short seasons
- Lack of parking
- Not enough shade
- High cost
- Fence

10: Identify specific improvements that would enhance your experience when visiting Sandy Beach?

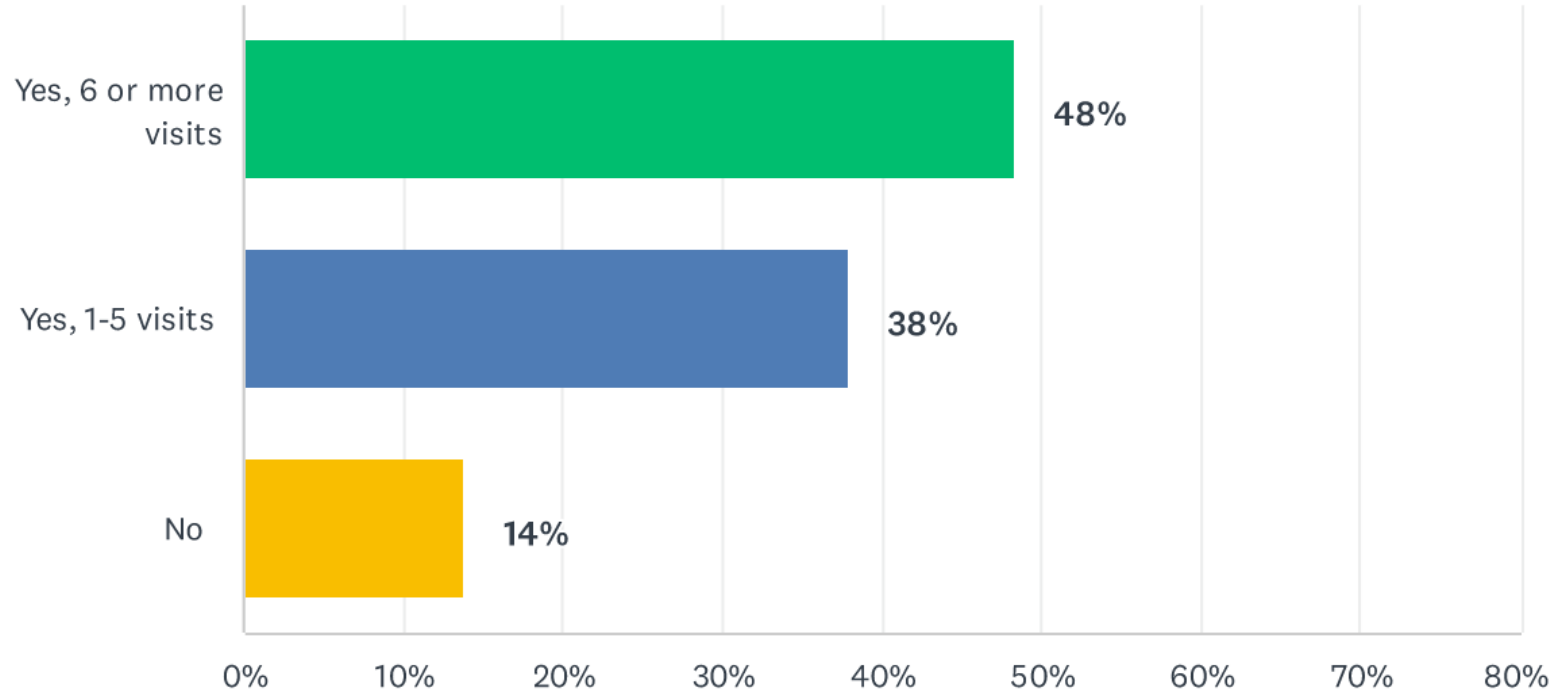
- Shade
- More amenities (including dock, picnic tables, play areas for kids, concession area, food trucks, etc.)
- Longer hours and season
- Parking (including easier access between parking lot and beach, more parking spaces)
- Water activities (boat/kayak launch)
- Bathrooms
- Better sand
- Expanded beach
- Fencing

11: Additional comments/overall impressions of Sandy Beach?

- Family friendly beach accessible to local residents
- Hours and season too short
- Lack of shade trees
- Need for more and better amenities
- Lack of watersport activities

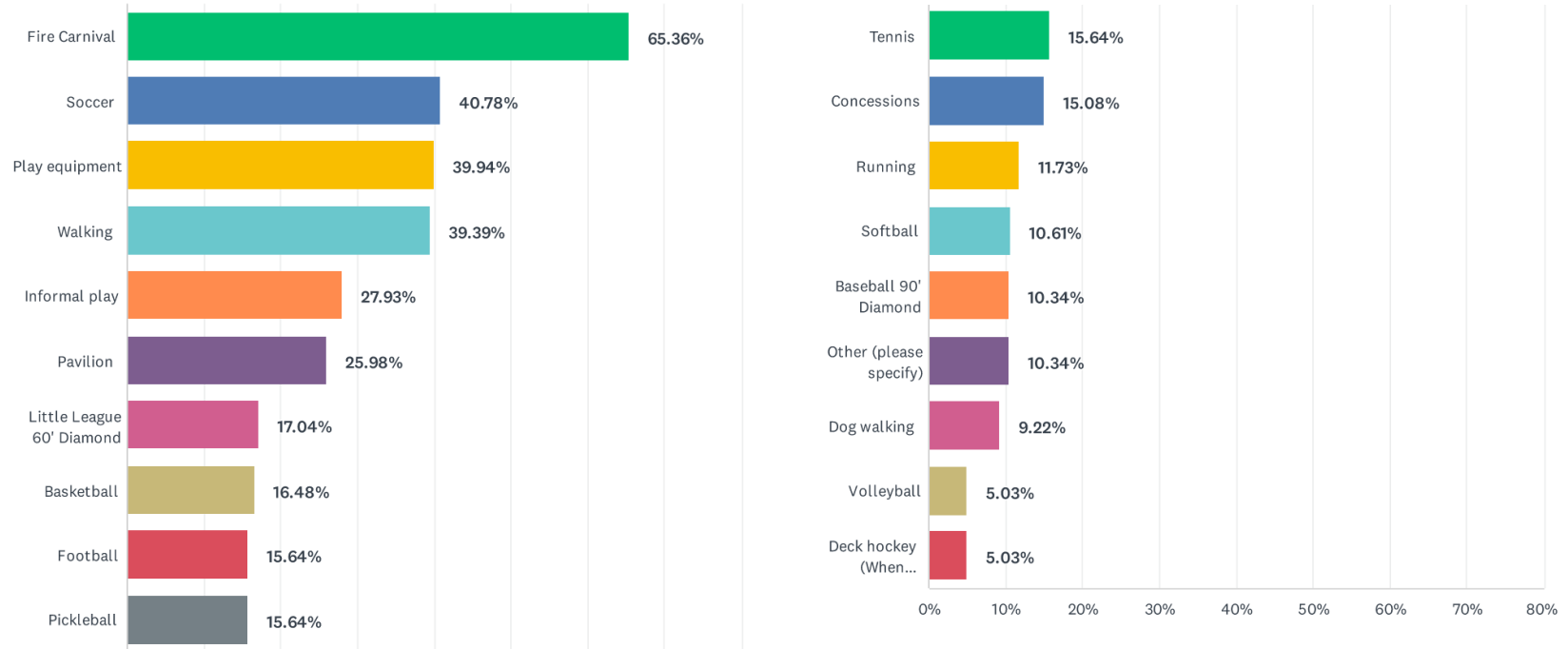
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12: Have you or anyone in your household visited Robert Tedford Memorial Park in the past year?



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13: How do you or your household use your time at Robert Tedford Memorial Park?
Check all that apply.



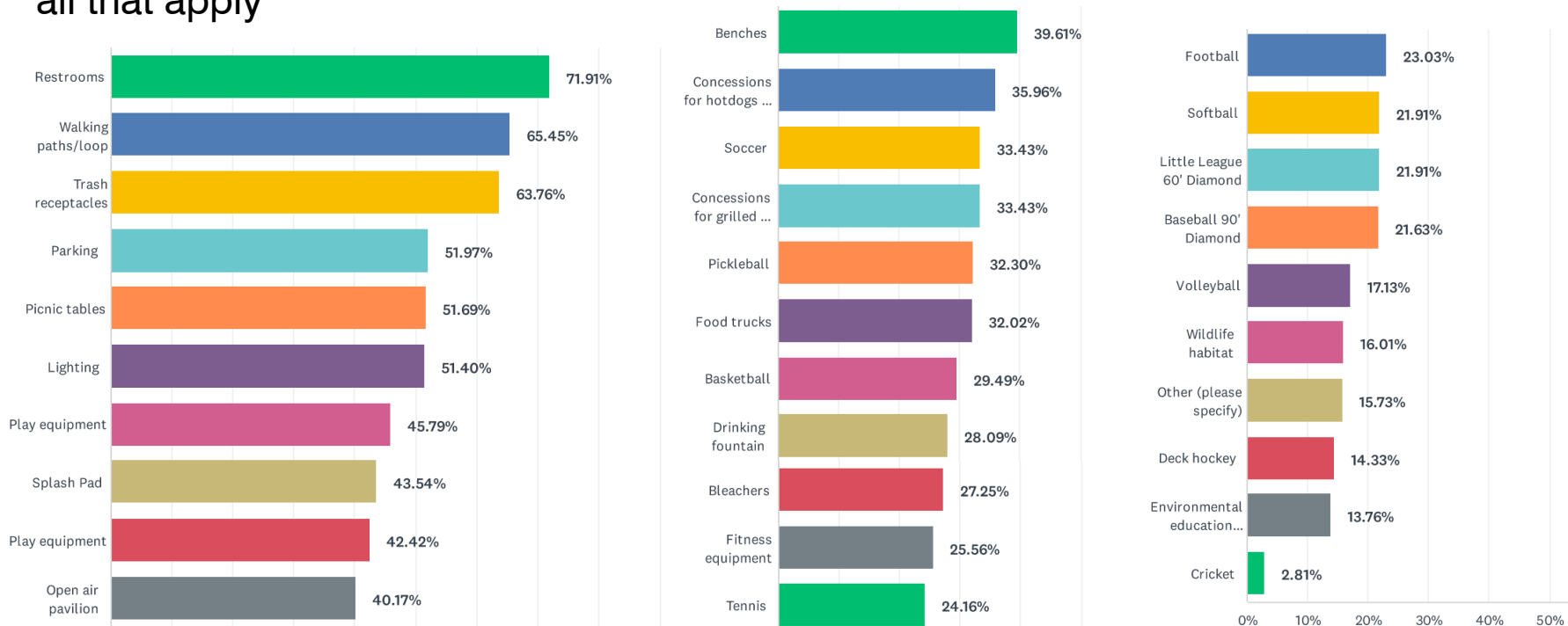
Typical Other Response: Trail of Treats, Bike riding in parking area, Ultimate Frisbee and Cheer

14: What do you most enjoy about Robert Tedford Memorial Park that would be important to retain?

- Sports field and playground
- Cleanliness
- Large open space
- Ample parking spaces
- Nice bathrooms
- Good maintenance
- Easy access to public

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15: What amenities would you like to see at Robert Tedford Memorial Park? Check all that apply



Typical Other Response: Field lights, Ropes Course, Dog Park, Ice Skating/Loop, Running Track, Exercise Trail and Internet Access

16: Are there any barriers that make it difficult to use Robert Tedford Memorial Park?

- Parking (full during events, poor configuration)
- Bathrooms (not clean, mostly locked)
- Lack of trash cans
- Lack of adequate lighting
- Park not dog friendly
- Park not ADA accessible
- Facilities outdated
- Shortage of pickleball courts

17: Identify specific improvements that would enhance your experience when visiting Robert Tedford Memorial Park.

- Upgrade playground
- Add splash pad
- Walking/Running path
- Improvements to bathrooms
- Upgrade lighting
- Add more trash cans
- Make park dog friendly
- Improve soccer field conditions
- Add more pickleball courts
- Landscape maintenance
- Parking configuration
- More food options

18: Additional comments/overall impressions of Robert Tedford Memorial Park?

- Nice facilities and diverse activities
- Playground rundown
- Outdated
- Not dog friendly
- Need more trash cans
- Need better bathrooms
- Need walking trail