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**City of Manhattan, KS**

**Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Survey**

**Findings Report**



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# Executive Summary

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# 2023 City of Manhattan Parks and Recreation Survey Executive Summary

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## Overview

ETC Institute administered a parks and recreation survey for the City of Manhattan, KS during the winter months of 2023. The survey will help assess park and recreation needs and priorities for all parks within Manhattan.

## Methodology

ETC Institute mailed a survey packet to a random sample of households in Manhattan. 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 *ManhattanSurvey.org*.

After the surveys were mailed, ETC Institute followed up with residents to encourage participation. To prevent people who were not residents of Manhattan 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 collect a minimum of 400 completed surveys from residents. The goal was met with 438 completed surveys collected. The overall results for the sample of 438 households has a precision of at least +/-4.6 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)
- Benchmarks comparing data from Manhattan to national averages (Section 4)
- Tabular data showing the overall results for all questions on the survey (Section 5)
- Answers to open-ended questions (Section 6)
- A copy of the cover letter and survey instrument (Section 7)

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

## Manhattan Parks, Trails, and Facilities

**Satisfaction with Parks, Trails, and Facilities.** Respondents were provided with a list of 21 parks, trails, and facilities in Manhattan and asked to rate their overall level of satisfaction with each. Respondents were most satisfied (rating “satisfied” or “very satisfied”) with Anthony Recreation Center (94%), Blue Earth Plaza (94%), City Park (93%), and Frederick Douglass Recreation Complex (93%).

**Manhattan Parks Use.** The highest percentage of respondents (26%) visit parks a few times a month followed by a few times per year (22%) and a few times per week (21%). Respondents most often say they are prevented from using parks due to lack of interest or busy schedules (33%), amenities not matching their interests or needs (31%), and condition of amenities (19%). Most respondents (75%) say it is “very important” for the city to provide high quality park facilities.

## Manhattan Recreation Activities, Classes, or Sports Programs

**Recreation Participation.** Almost half of respondents (48%) or their households report participating in any recreation activity, class, or sports program offered by the City of Manhattan during the past two years. Most respondents (72%) rated these programs as either “good” (52%) or “excellent” (20%).

**Barriers to Participation.** The highest percentage of respondents (31%) list not knowing what is offered or too busy/lack of interest as their biggest barriers to participation in Manhattan recreation activities, classes, or sports programs.

## Manhattan Aquatic Facilities Use

**Aquatic Facility Use.** The highest percentage (31%) of respondents use the City Park Waterpark most often followed by not using any facilities (29%) and CiCo Waterpark (20%). Respondents were then provided with a list of four types of aquatic facilities and asked to rate the importance of each. The most important aquatic facilities (rated “important” or “very important”) to respondents were outdoor pools (73%) and indoor recreation centers (72%).

**Aquatic Facility Use.** The highest percentage (31%) of respondents use the City Park Waterpark most often followed by not using any facilities (29%) and CiCo Waterpark (20%).

**Barriers to Use.** The highest percentage of respondents (82%) list being too busy/lack of interest as their main barrier to use of Manhattan’s waterparks or splashpads.

## Support for Recreation Investments

**Preferred Indoor Recreation Option.** Respondents were presented with two options for additional indoor recreation opportunities in Manhattan. Option one was developing a new aquatics-only indoor facility and option two was developing a new recreation center that includes other amenities and a pool, but the pool is smaller. Most respondents (63%) preferred the first option, the aquatics-only indoor facility.

**Support for Aquatics-Only Facility Funding Methods.** Half of respondents (50%) said they were either “supportive” (24%) or “very supportive” (26%) of a sales tax increase for an indoor aquatics-only facility. Of those who were not supportive, the highest percentage (48%) said it was because they believe those who use the facilities should be the ones paying for its development and 46% just do not support incurring debt for capital projects. Almost half of respondents (43%) said they would likely vote in favor of increasing sales tax for an indoor aquatics-only facility, 29% said they might vote in favor, and 28% would vote against.

**Support for Recreation Center with Indoor Aquatics Funding Methods.** Almost half of respondents (45%) said they were either “supportive” (24%) or “very supportive” (21%) of a sales tax increase for a new recreation center with indoor aquatics. Of those who were not supportive, the highest percentage (41%) said it was because they do not support incurring debt for capital projects and 40% believe those who use the facilities should be the ones paying for its development. Around a third of respondents (35%) said they would likely vote in favor of increasing sales tax for a recreation center with indoor aquatics, 31% said they might vote in favor, and 34% would vote against.

**Recreation Priorities.** Respondents were provided with a list of 12 potential priorities for parks and recreation over the next ten years and asked to rate the importance of each. Respondents most often agreed (rating “agree” or “strongly agree”) that its important to update existing park amenities that are aging and in poor condition (91%), focus on quality improvements that consider future needs and growth (91%), continue to expand the trail network with more connections to points of interest (86%), and expand the quality/size of high-demand activities, classes, and programs (86%).

## Overall Satisfaction with Parks and Recreation

**Satisfaction with Aspects of Parks and Recreation.** Respondents were provided with a list of 12 aspects of parks and recreation and asked to rate their overall level of satisfaction with each. Respondents were most satisfied (rating “satisfied” or “very satisfied”) with park safety and security (83%), the park system overall as a whole (80%), and the overall quality of park amenities (80%).

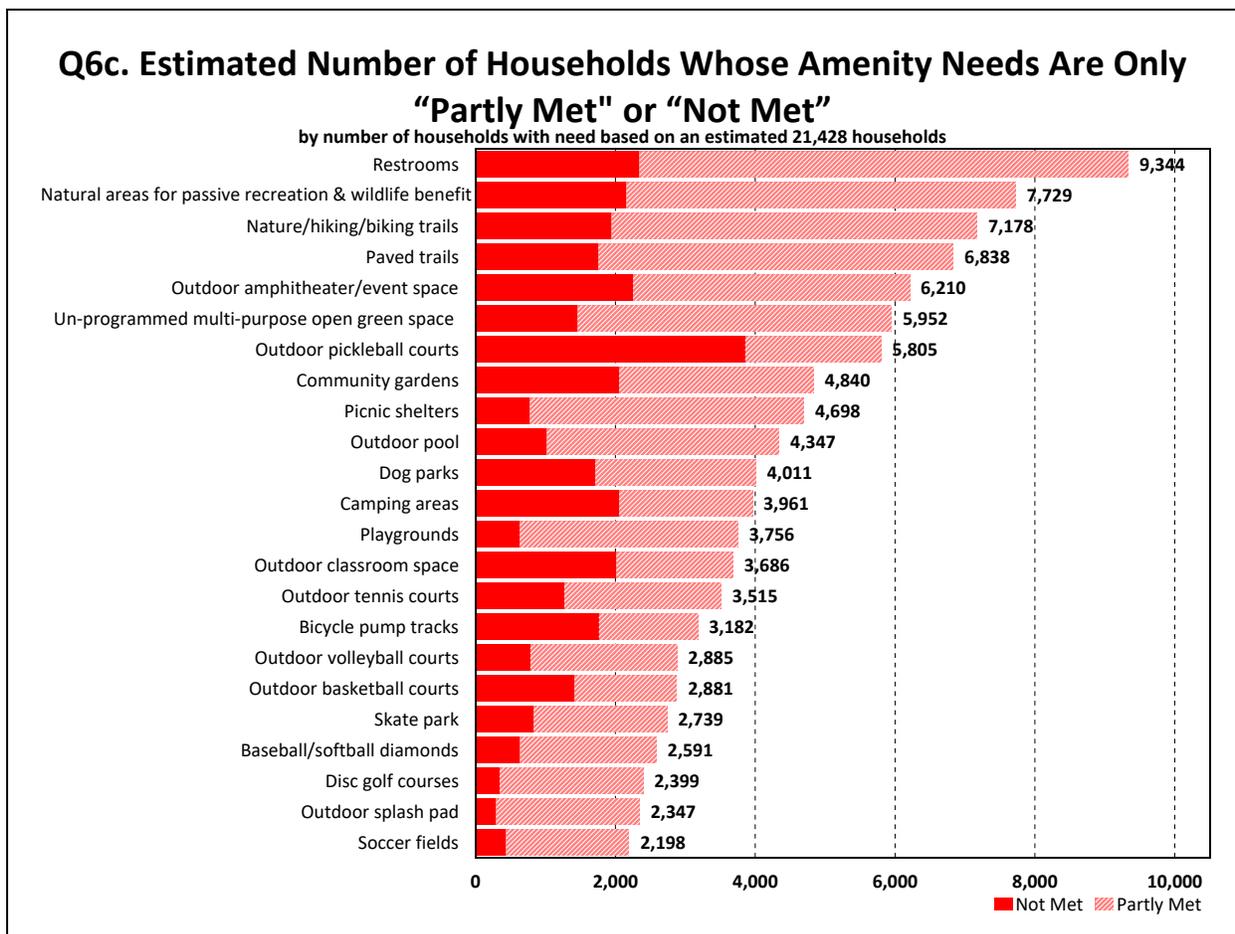
## Outdoor Park Amenities Needs and Priorities

**Amenity Needs:** Respondents were asked to identify if their household had a need for 23 outdoor park 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 outdoor park amenities.

The three outdoor park amenities with the highest percentage of households that have an unmet need:

1. Restrooms – 9,344 households
2. Natural areas for passive recreation and wildlife benefit – 7,729 households
3. Nature/hiking/biking trails – 7,178 households

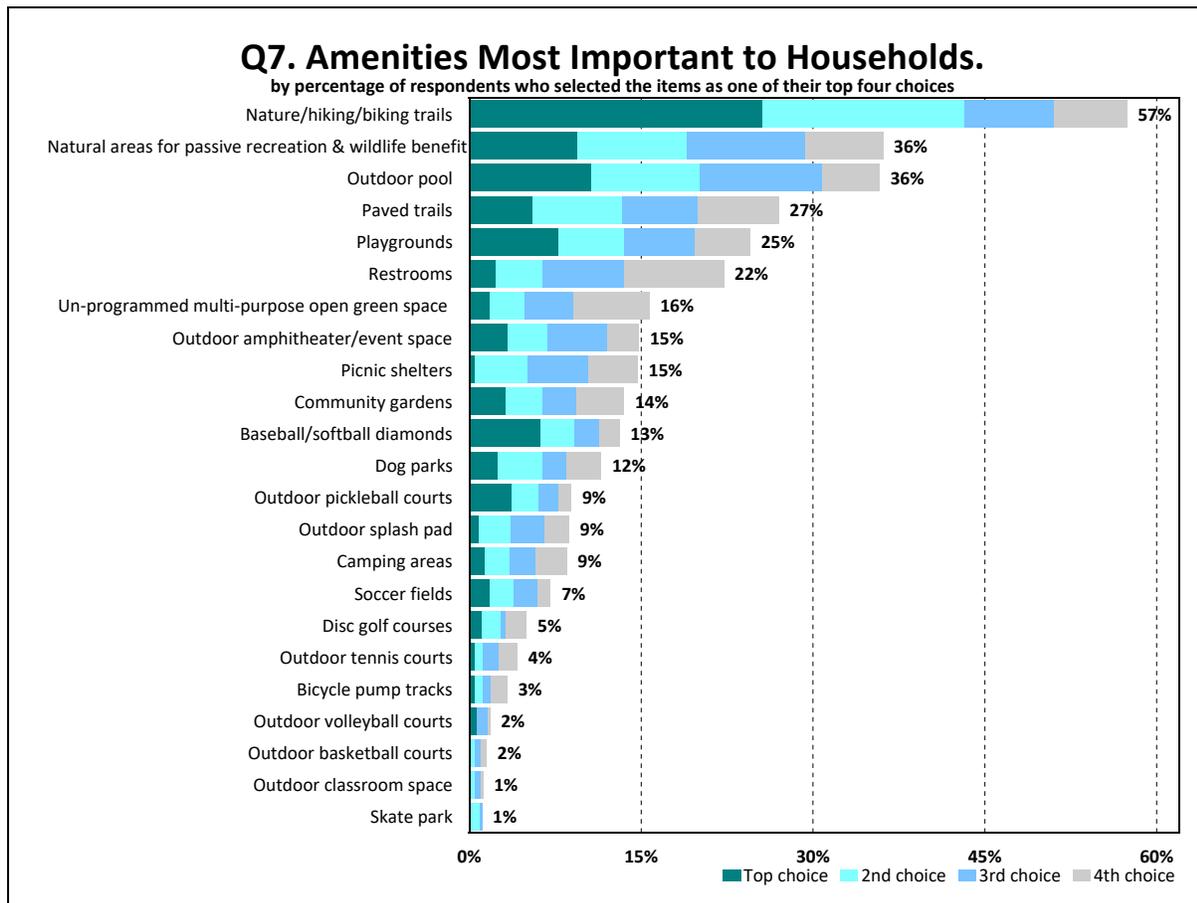
The estimated number of households that have unmet needs for each of the 23 outdoor park amenities assessed is shown in the chart below.



**Outdoor Park Amenities Importance:** In addition to assessing the needs for each outdoor 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 amenities ranked most important to residents:

1. Nature/hiking/biking trails (57%)
2. Natural areas for passive recreation and wildlife benefit (36%) and Outdoor pools (36%)
3. Paved trails (27%)
4. Playgrounds (25%)

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

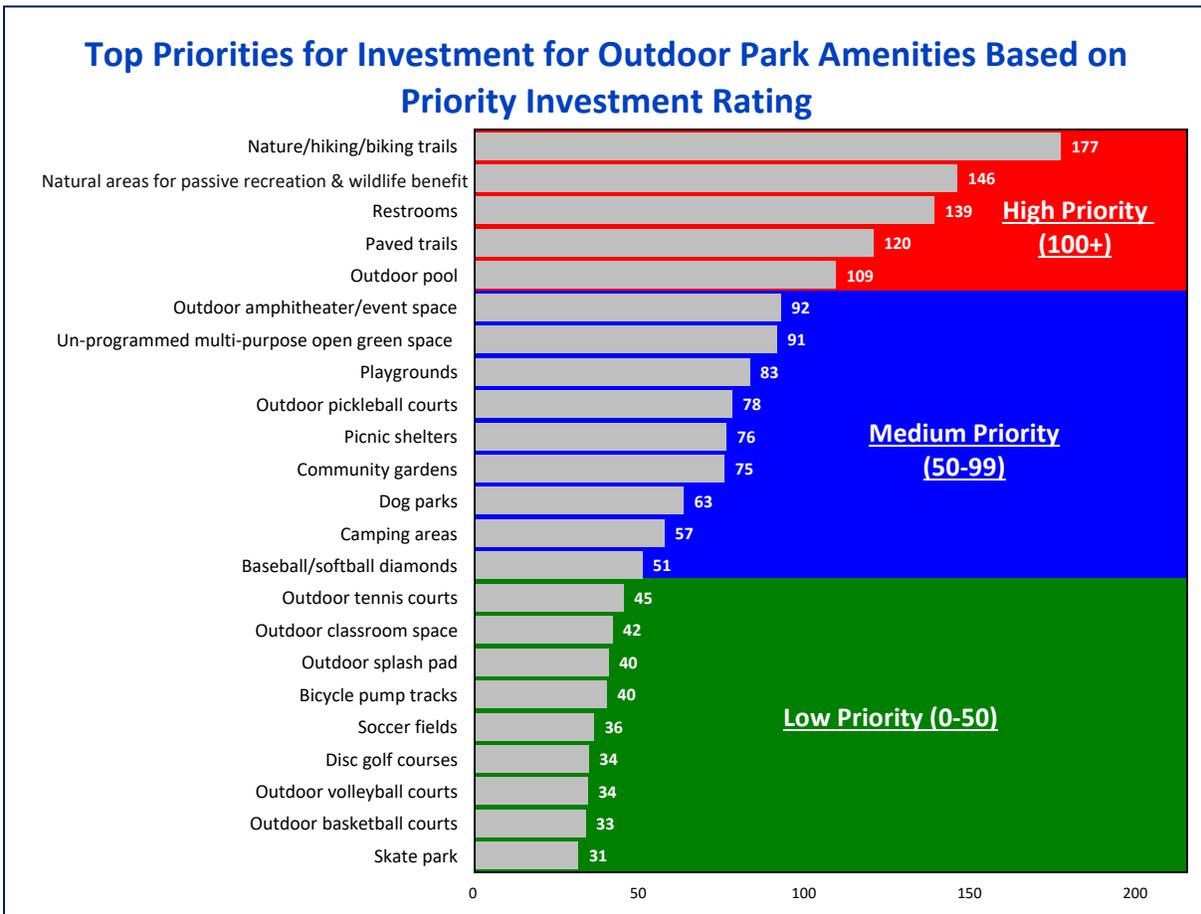


**Priorities for Amenity Investments:** The **Priority Investment Rating (PIR)** was developed by ETC Institute to provide organizations with an objective tool for evaluating the priority that should be placed on recreation and parks investments. The Priority Investment Rating (PIR) equally weighs (1)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

Based the Priority Investment Rating (PIR), the following outdoor park amenities were rated as high priorities for investment:

- Nature/hiking/biking trails (PIR=177)
- Natural areas for passive recreation and wildlife benefit (PIR=146)
- Restrooms (PIR=139)
- Paved trails (PIR=120)
- Outdoor pool (PIR=109)

The chart below shows the Priority Investment Rating for each of the 23 amenities assessed on the survey.



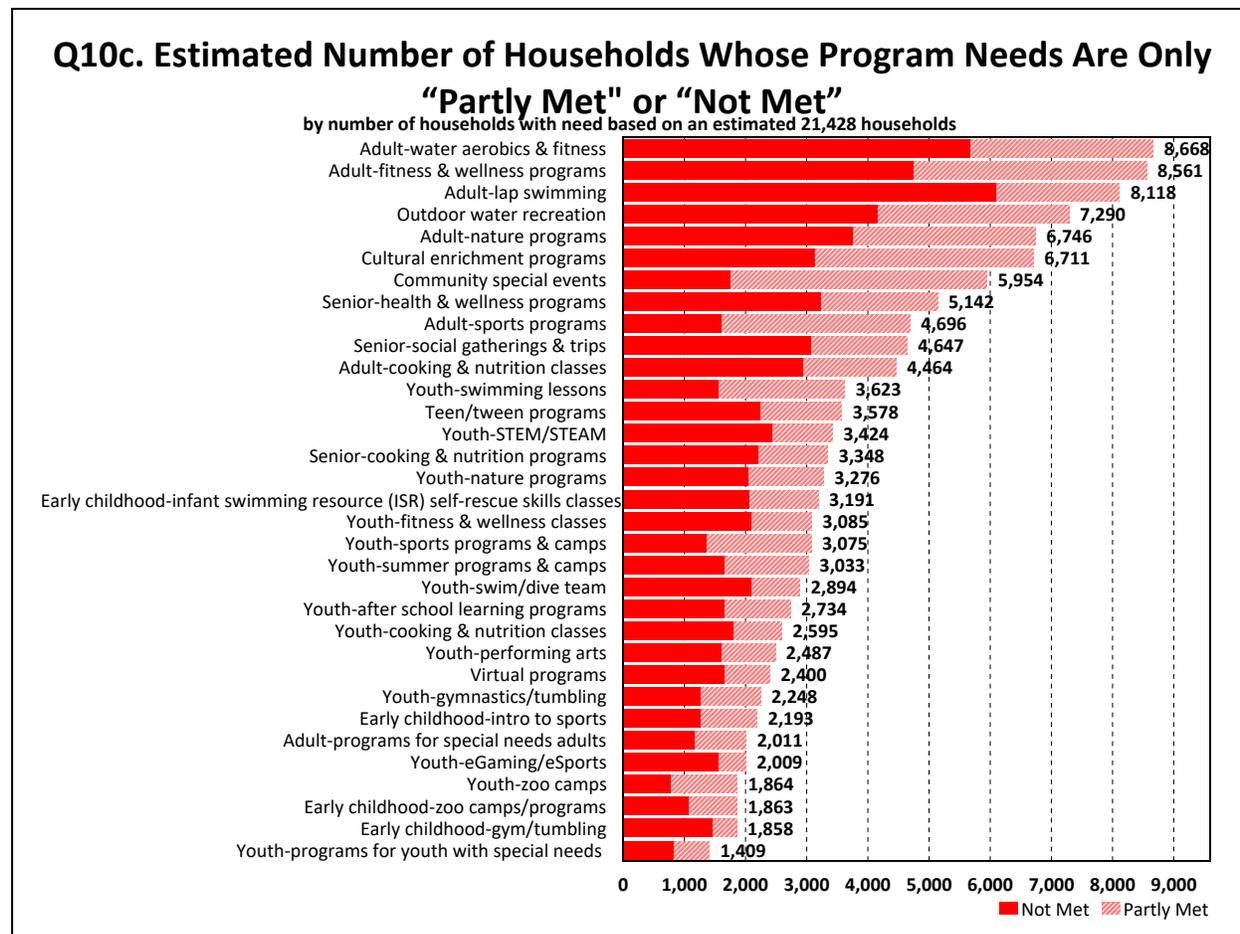
## Recreation Program Needs and Priorities

**Recreation Program Needs:** Respondents were asked to identify if their household had a need for 34 recreation 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 recreation programs.

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

1. Adult—water aerobics and fitness – 8,668 households
2. Adult—fitness and wellness programs – 6,111 households
3. Adult—lap swimming – 8,118 households

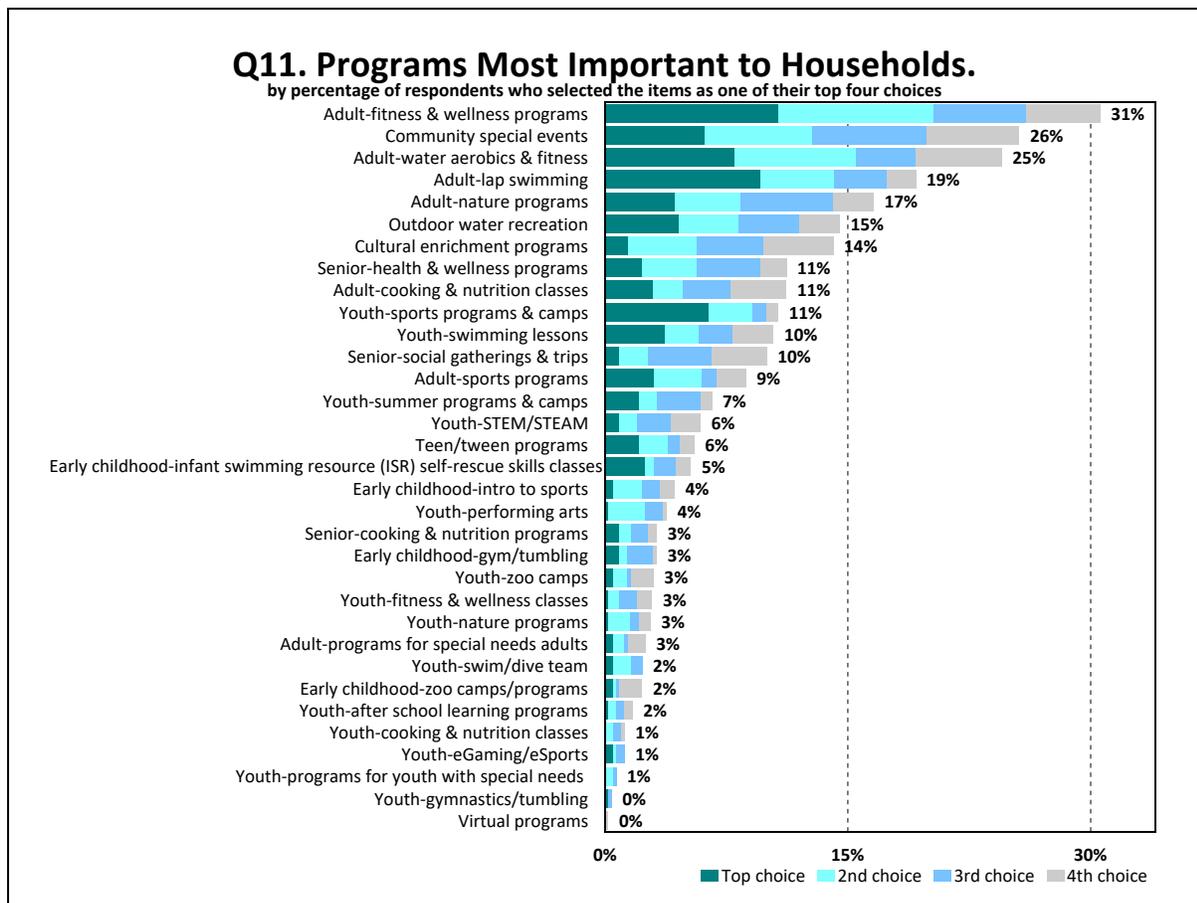
The estimated number of households that have unmet needs for each of the 33 programs assessed is shown in the chart below.



**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 were the four programs ranked most important to residents:

1. Adult—fitness and wellness programs (31%)
2. Community special events (26%)
3. Adult—water aerobics and fitness (25%)
4. Adult—lap swimming (19%)

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

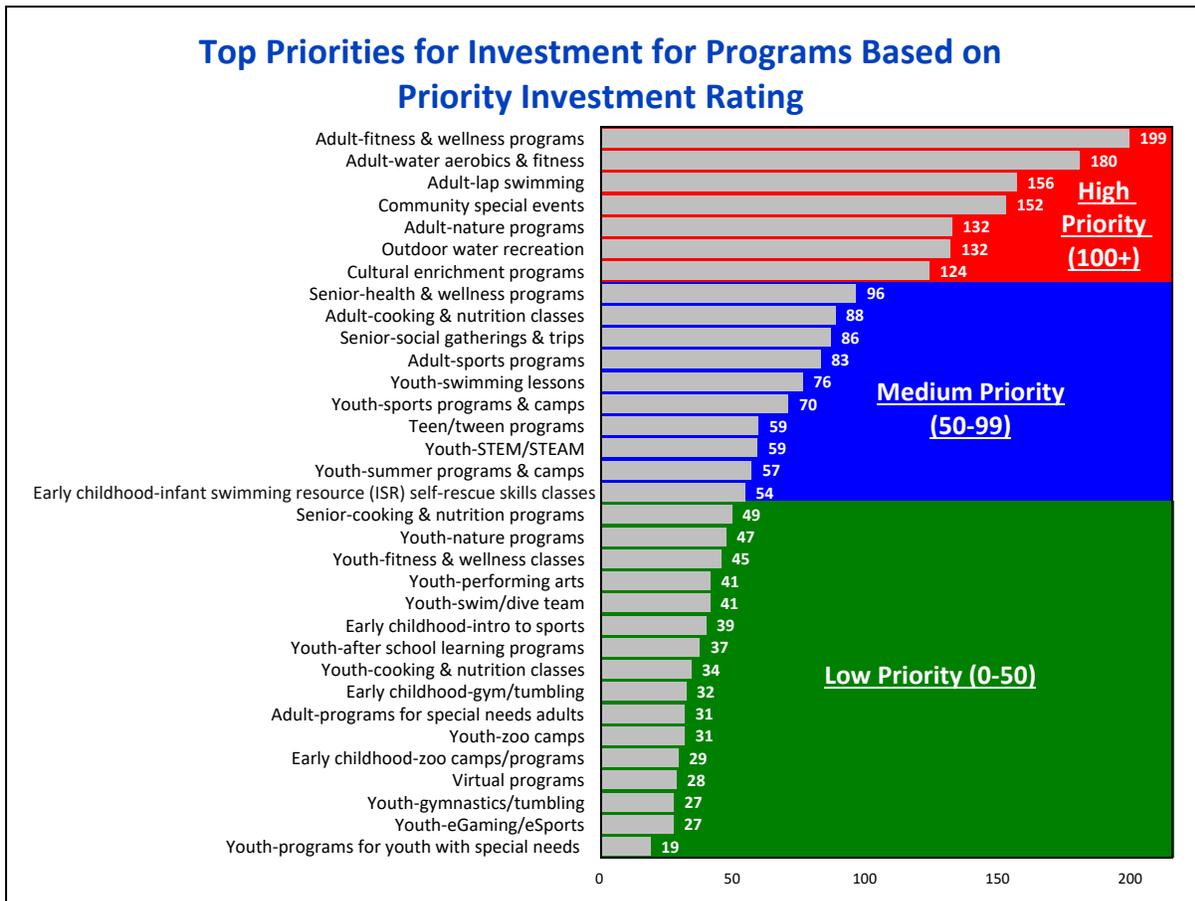


**Priorities for Program Investments:** The **Priority Investment Rating (PIR)** was developed by ETC Institute to provide organizations with an objective tool for evaluating the priority that should be placed on recreation and parks investments. The Priority Investment Rating (PIR) equally weighs (1)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

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

- Adult—fitness and wellness programs (PIR=199)
- Adult—water aerobics and fitness (PIR=180)
- Adult—lap swimming (PIR=156)
- Community special events (PIR=152)
- Adult—nature programs (PIR=132)
- Outdoor water recreation (PIR=132)
- Cultural enrichment programs (PIR=124)

The chart below shows the Priority Investment Rating for each of the 33 programs assessed on the survey.



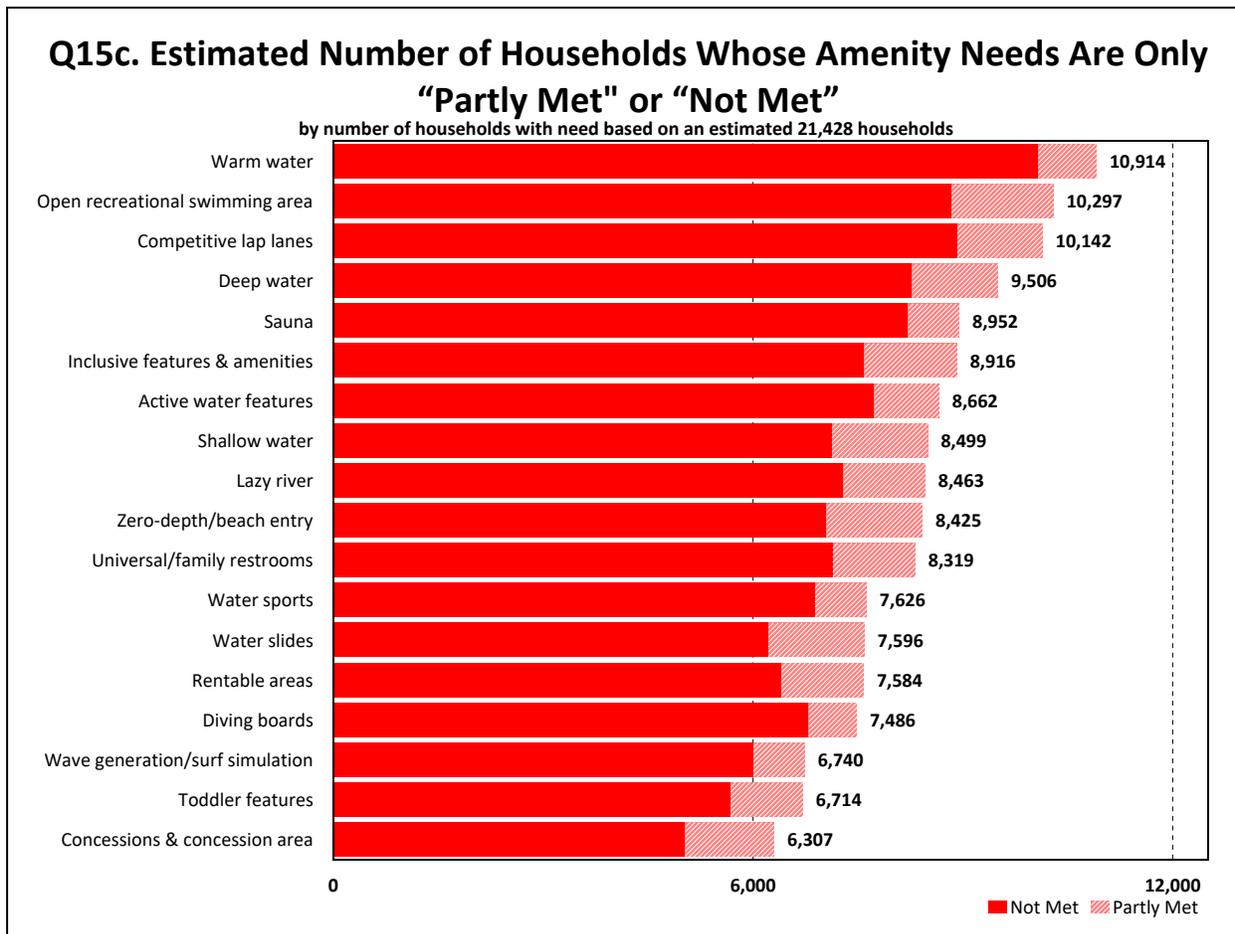
## Indoor Aquatic Amenities Needs and Priorities

**Indoor Aquatic Amenity Needs:** Respondents were asked to identify if their household had a need for 18 indoor aquatic 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 indoor aquatic amenities.

The three indoor aquatic amenities with the highest percentage of households that have an unmet need:

1. Warm Water – 10,914 households
2. Open recreational swimming area – 10,297 households
3. Competitive lap lanes – 10,142 households

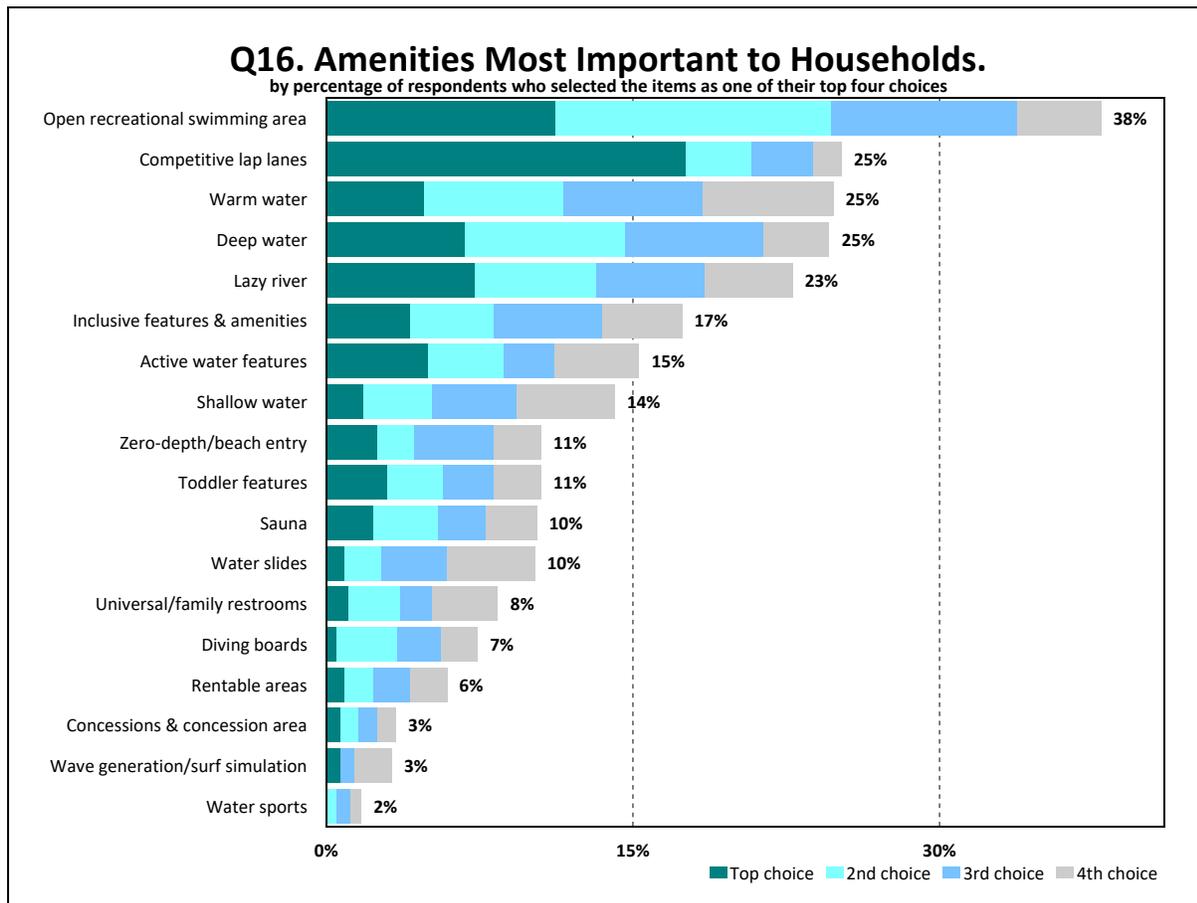
The estimated number of households that have unmet needs for each of the 18 indoor aquatic amenities assessed is shown in the chart below.



**Indoor Aquatic Amenities Importance:** In addition to assessing the needs for each indoor aquatic 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 amenities ranked most important to residents:

1. Open recreational swimming area (38%)
2. Competitive lap lanes (25%), Warm water (25%), Deep Water (25%)
3. Lazy river (23%)
4. Inclusive features and amenities (17%)

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

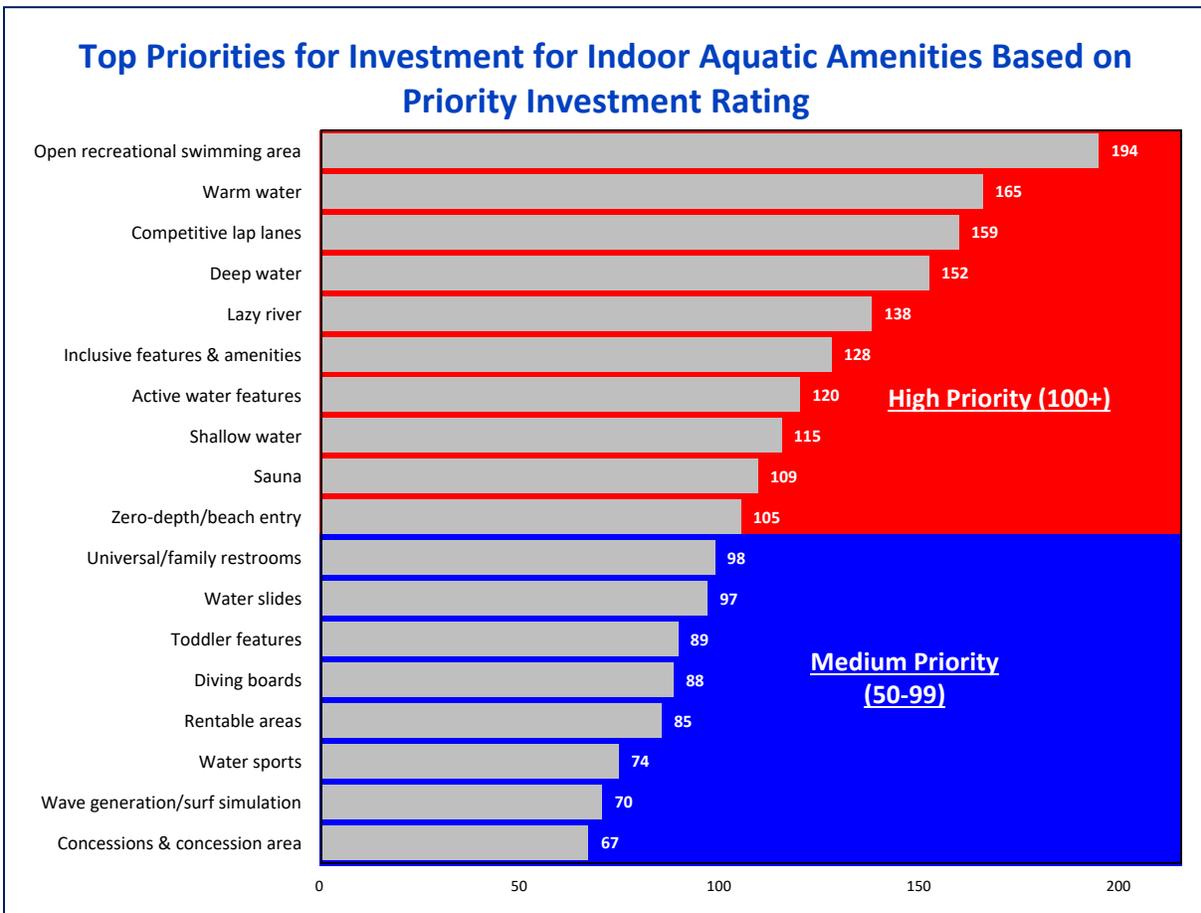


**Priorities for Amenity Investments:** The **Priority Investment Rating (PIR)** was developed by ETC Institute to provide organizations with an objective tool for evaluating the priority that should be placed on recreation and parks investments. The Priority Investment Rating (PIR) equally weighs (1)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

Based the Priority Investment Rating (PIR), the following indoor aquatic amenities were rated as high priorities for investment:

- Open recreational swimming area (PIR=194)
- Warm water (PIR=165)
- Competitive lap lanes (PIR=159)
- Deep water (PIR=152)
- Lazy river (PIR=138)
- Inclusive features and amenities (PIR=128)
- Active water features (PIR=120)
- Shallow water (PIR=115)
- Sauna (PIR=109)
- Zero-depth/beach entry (PIR=105)

The chart below shows the Priority Investment Rating for each of the 18 amenities assessed on the survey.



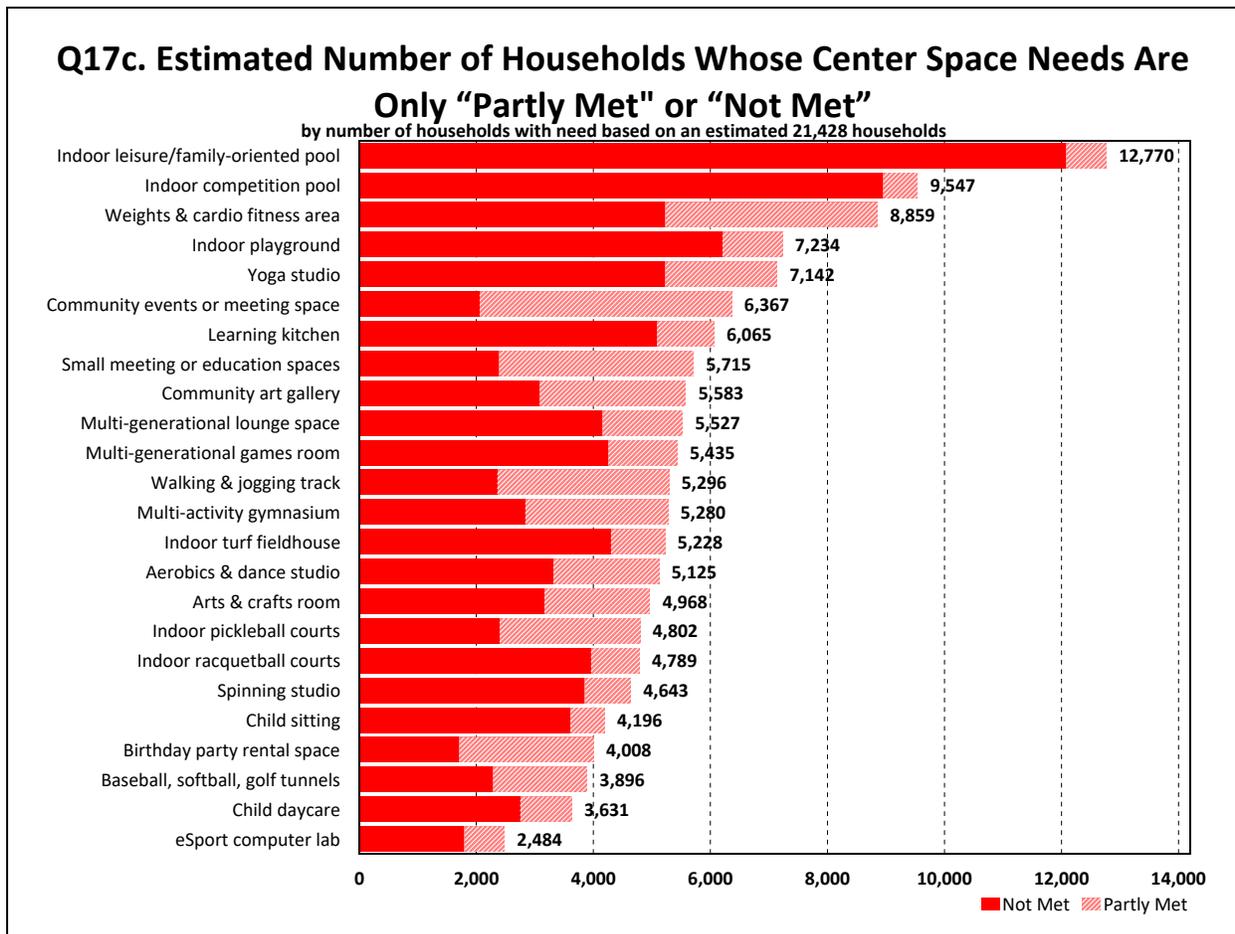
## Recreation Center Amenities Needs and Priorities

**Recreation Center Space Needs:** Respondents were asked to identify if their household had a need for 24 recreation center spaces 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 recreation center spaces.

The three recreation center spaces with the highest percentage of households that have an unmet need:

1. Indoor leisure/family-oriented pool – 12,770 households
2. Indoor competition pool –9,547 households
3. Weights and cardio fitness area – 8,859 households

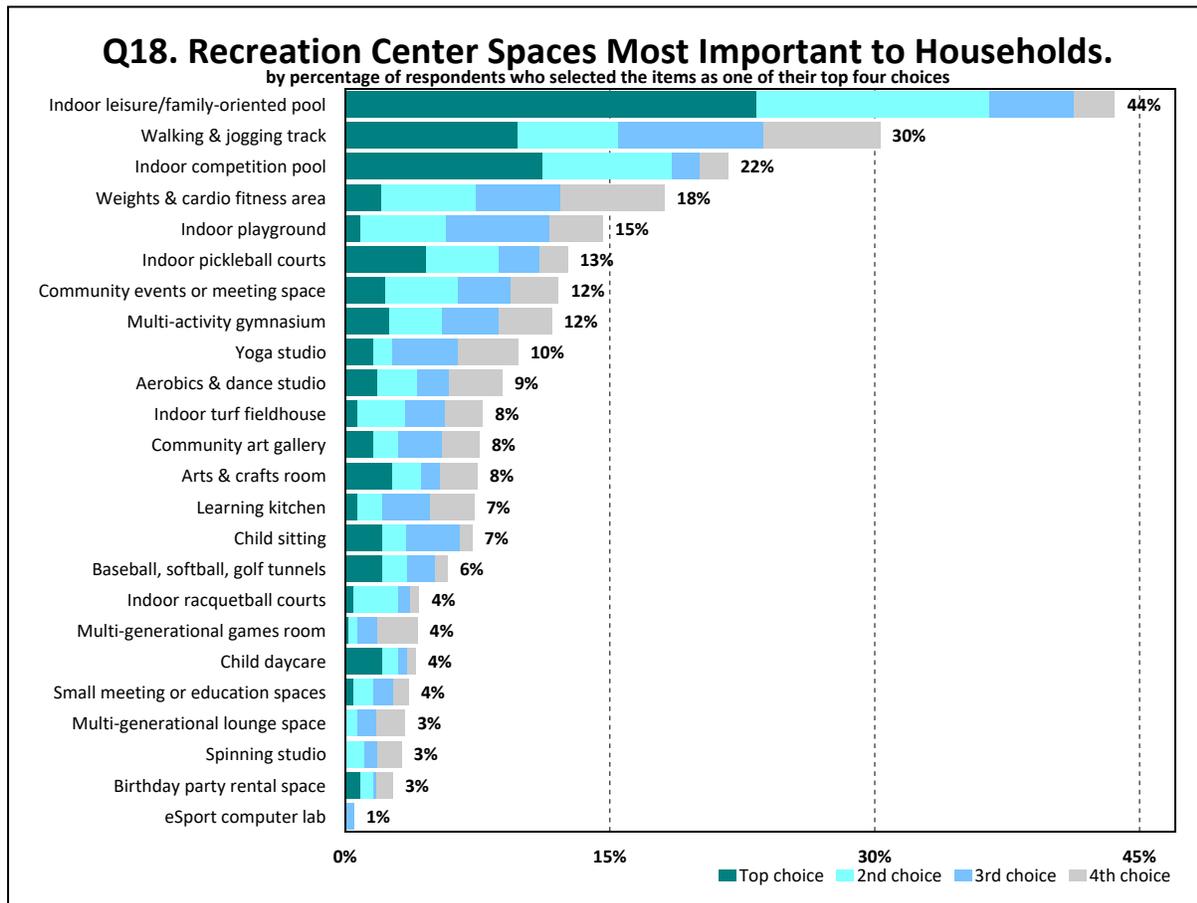
The estimated number of households that have unmet needs for each of the 24 recreation center spaces assessed is shown in the chart below.



**Recreation Center Spaces Importance:** In addition to assessing the needs for each recreation center 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 recreation center spaces ranked most important to residents:

1. Indoor leisure/family-oriented pool (44%)
2. Walking and jogging track (30%)
3. Indoor competition pool (22%)
4. Weights and cardio fitness area (18%)

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

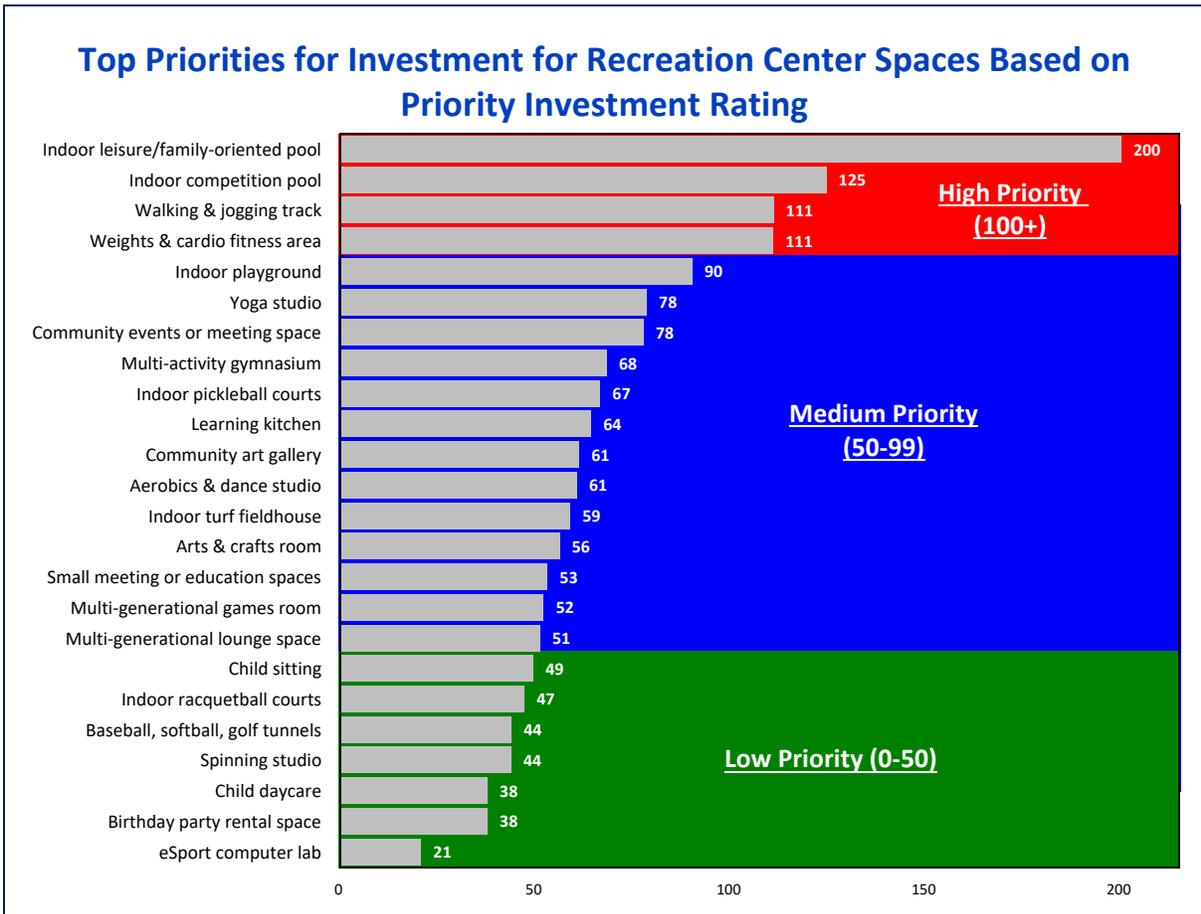


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Based the Priority Investment Rating (PIR), the following recreation center spaces were rated as high priorities for investment:

- Indoor leisure/family-oriented pool (PIR=200)
- Indoor competition pool (PIR=125)
- Walking and jogging track (PIR=111)
- Weights and cardio fitness area (PIR=111)

The chart below shows the Priority Investment Rating for each of the 24 amenities assessed on the survey.

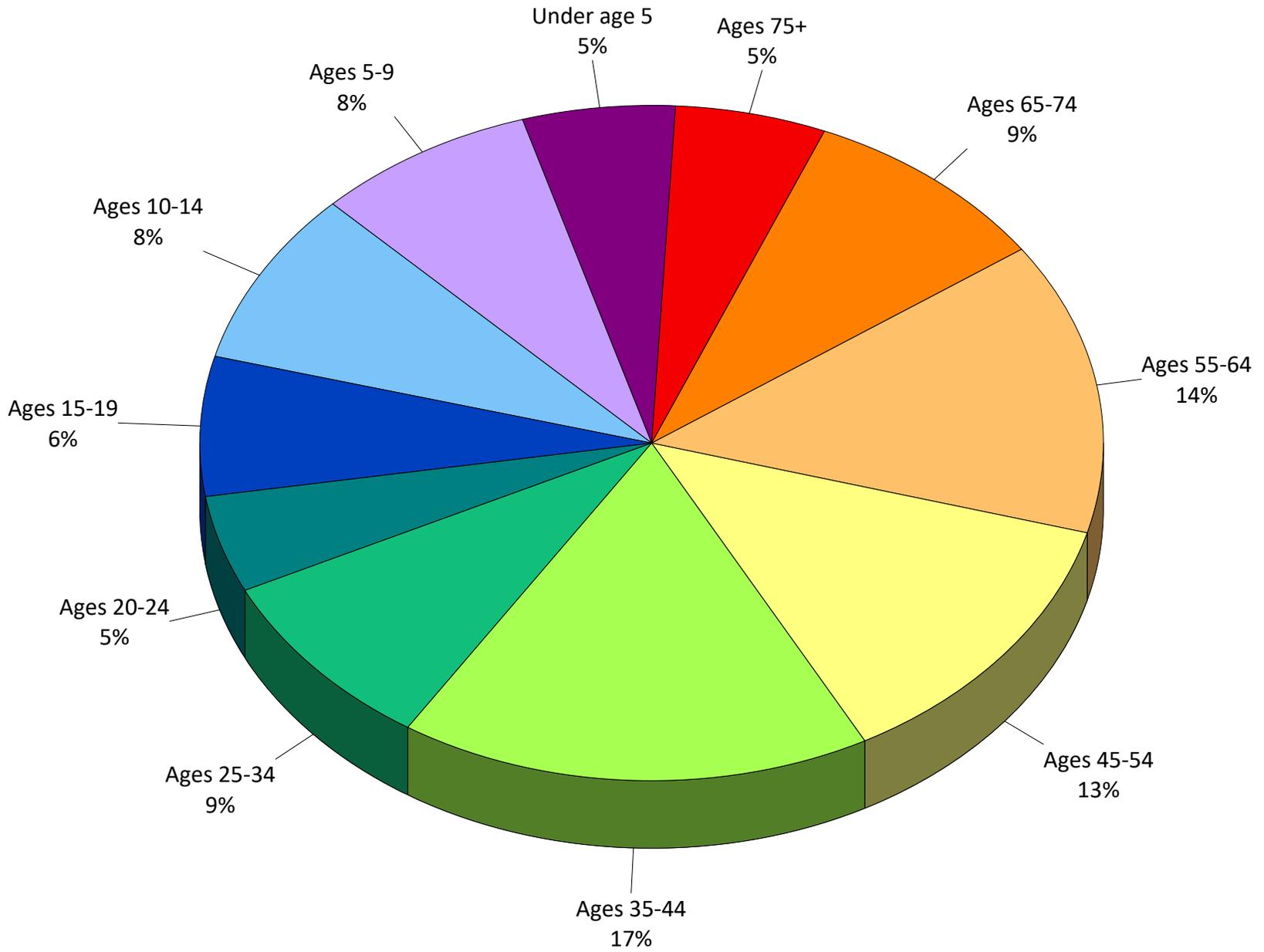


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# Charts & Graphs

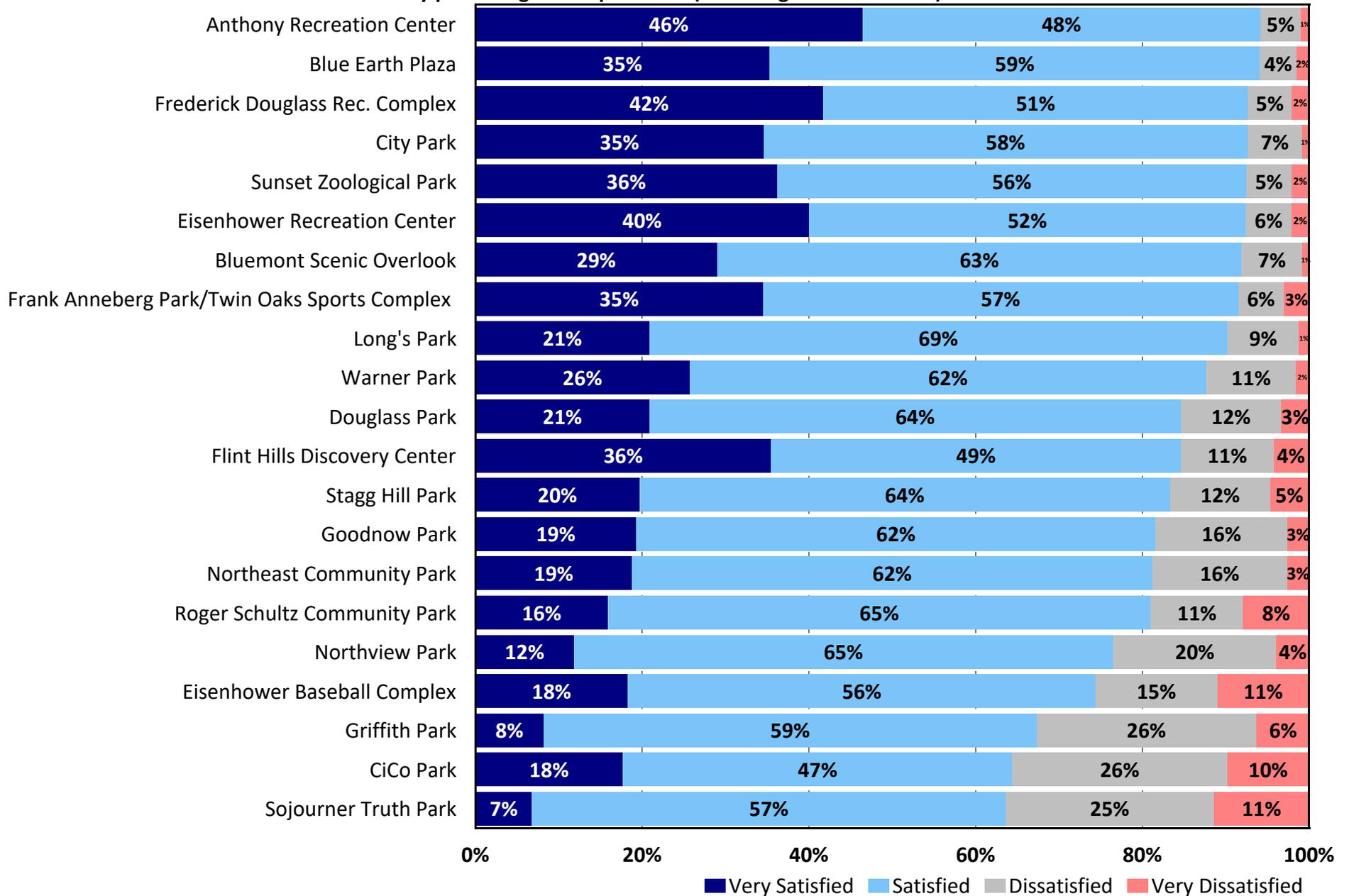
# Q1. Including yourself, how many people in your household are...

## by percentage of persons in household

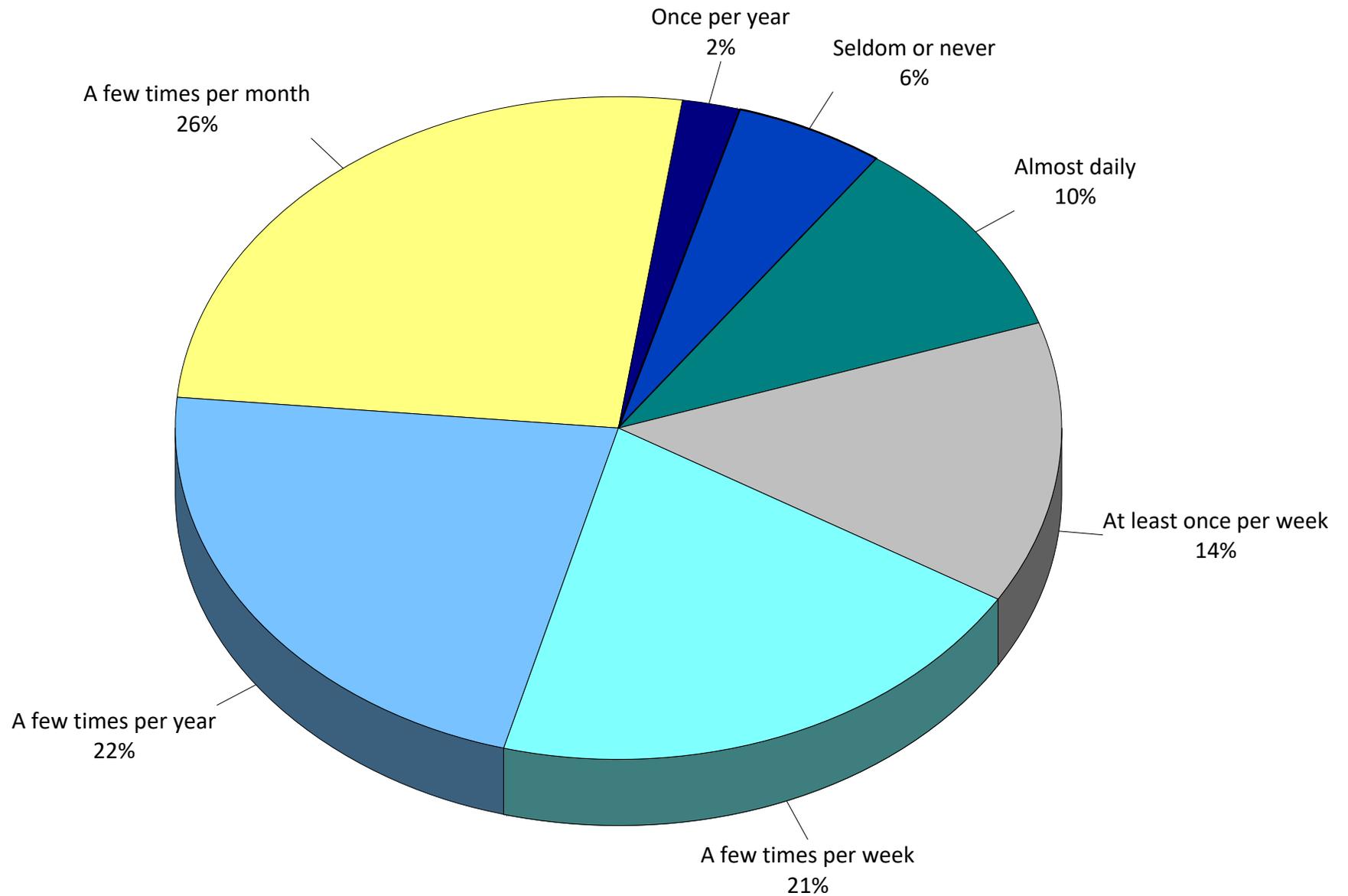


## Q2. Please rate your level of satisfaction with the following parks, trails, and facilities provided by the City of Manhattan.

by percentage of respondents (excluding "haven't used")

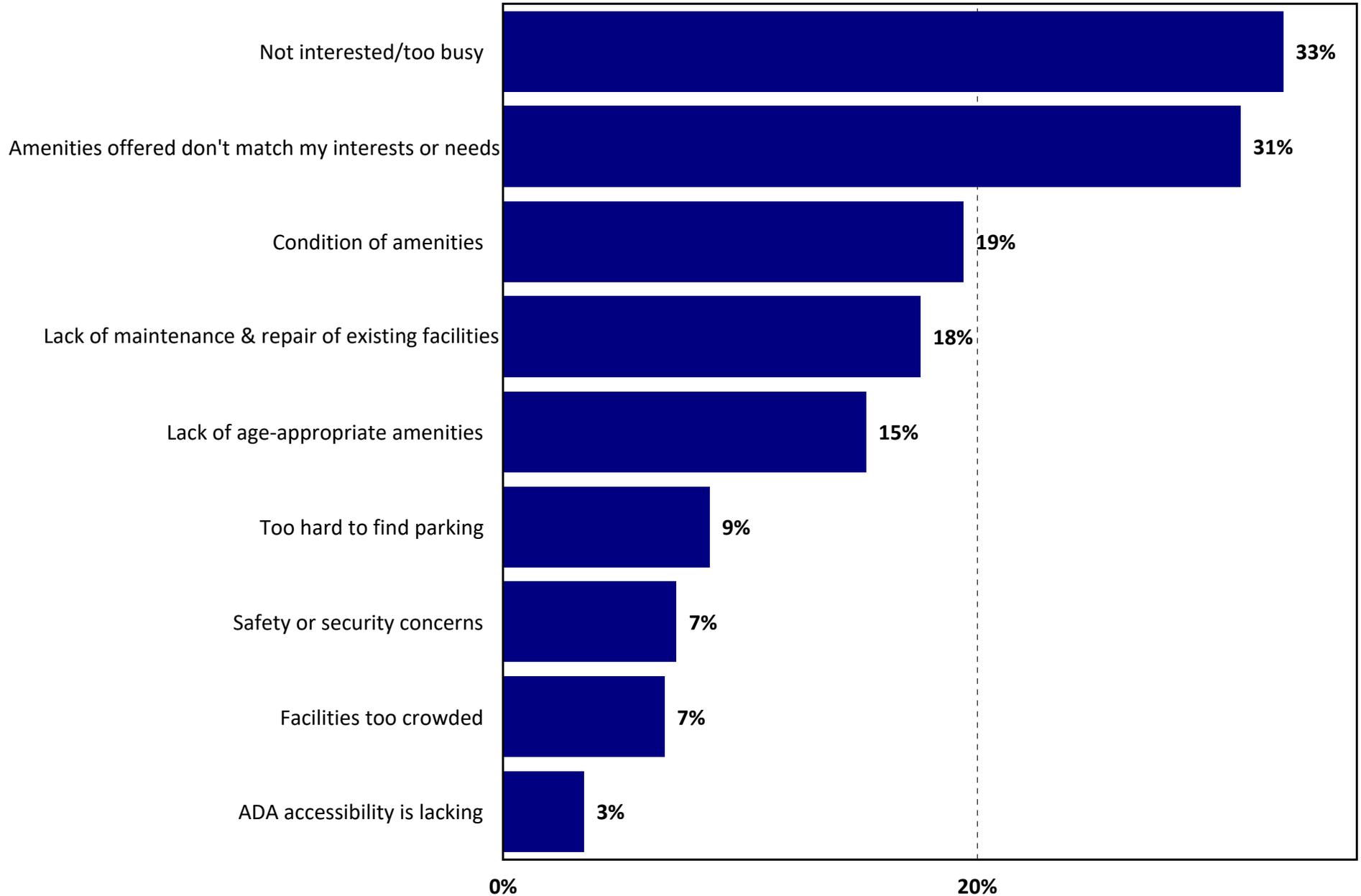


### Q3. On average, how often do you/your household visit parks in Manhattan? by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



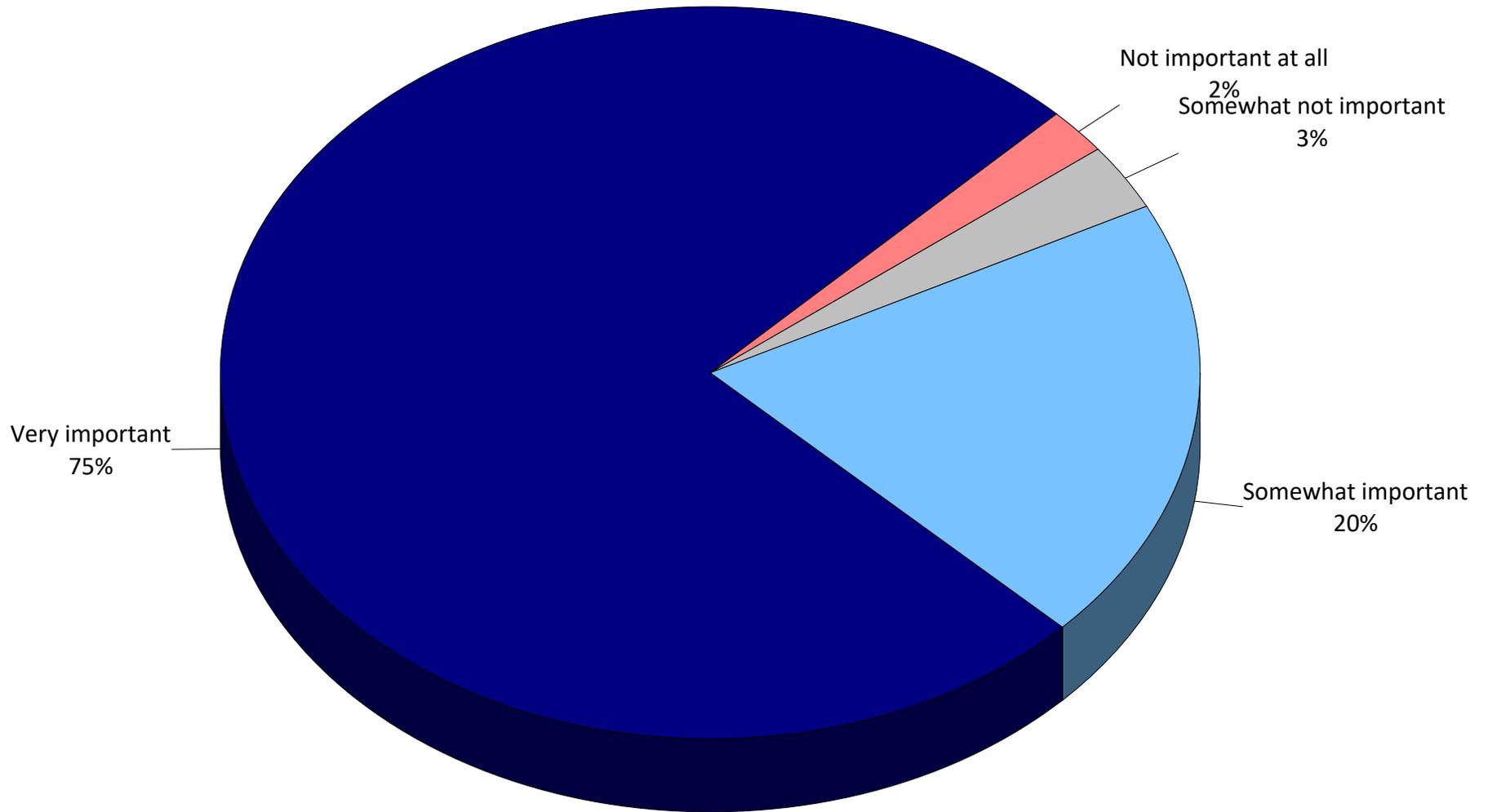
# Q4. Which of the following reasons PREVENT you/your household from using parks in Manhattan, or from using them more often.

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)

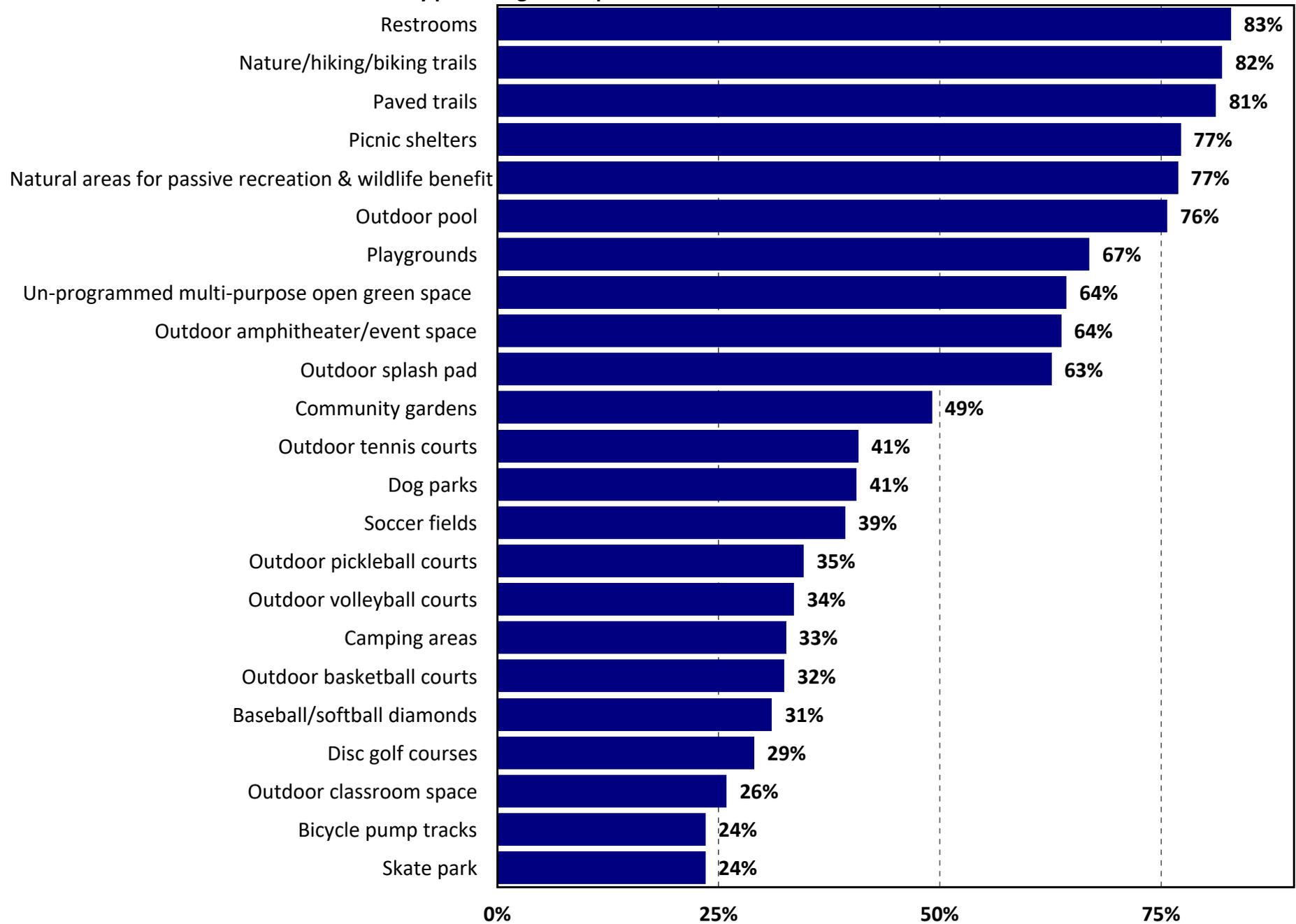


# Q5. How important do you feel it is for the city to provide high quality park facilities?

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

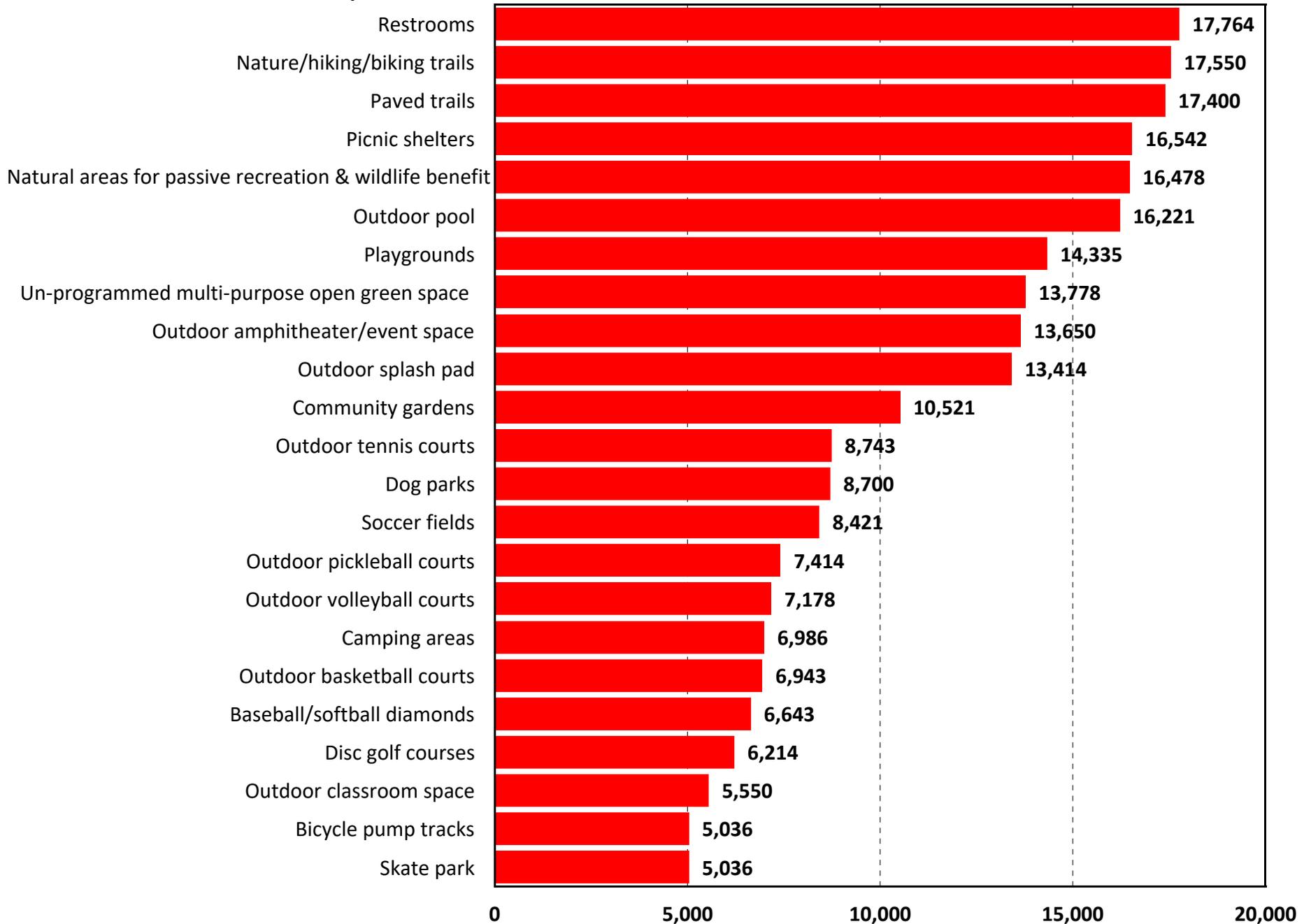


## Q6. Need for Outdoor Park Amenities. by percentage of respondents who indicated need



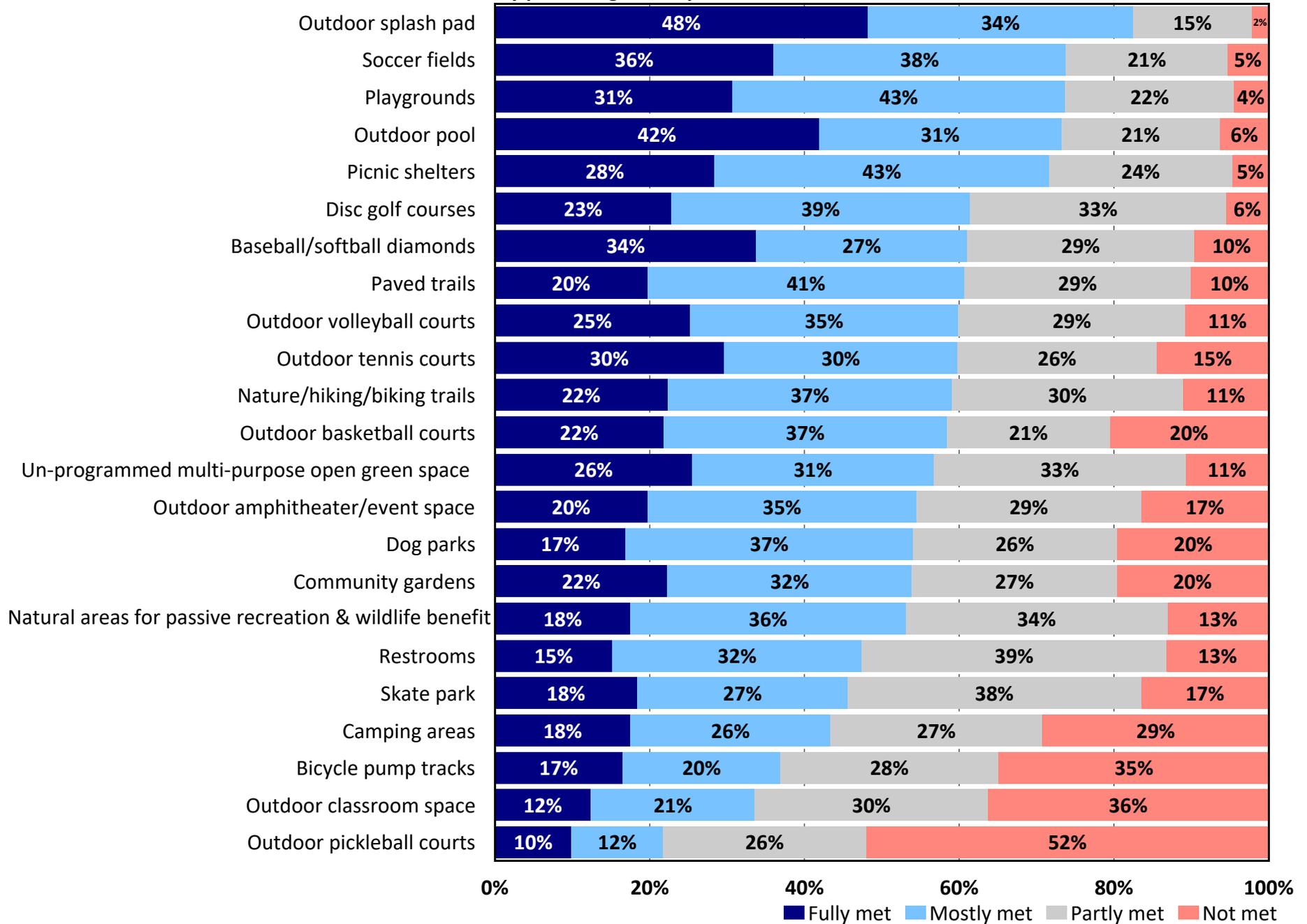
# Q6. Estimated Number of Households Who Have a Need for Amenities

by number of households based on an estimated 21,428 households



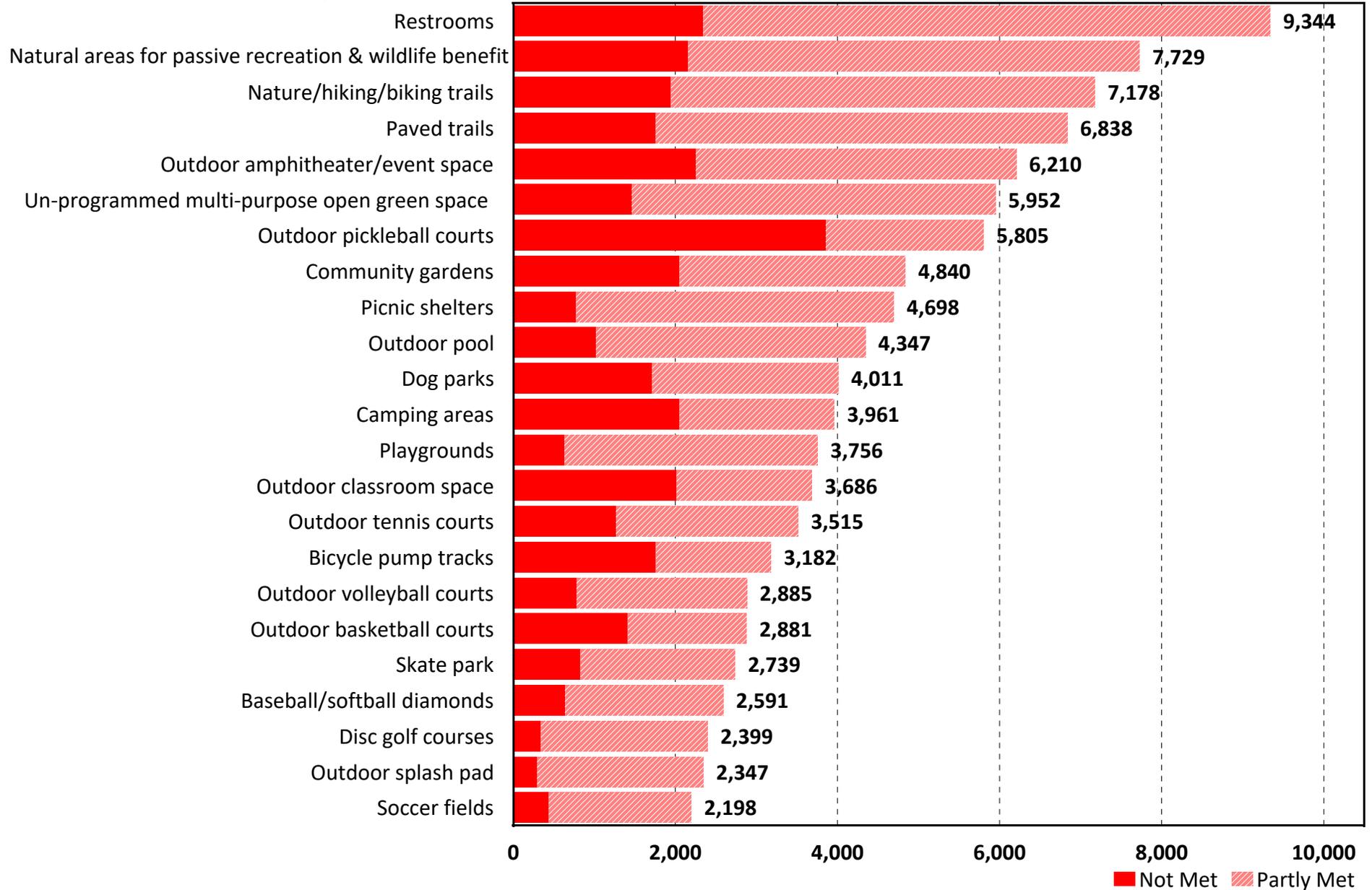
# Q6b. How Well Needs Are Being Met for Outdoor Park Amenities

by percentage of respondents



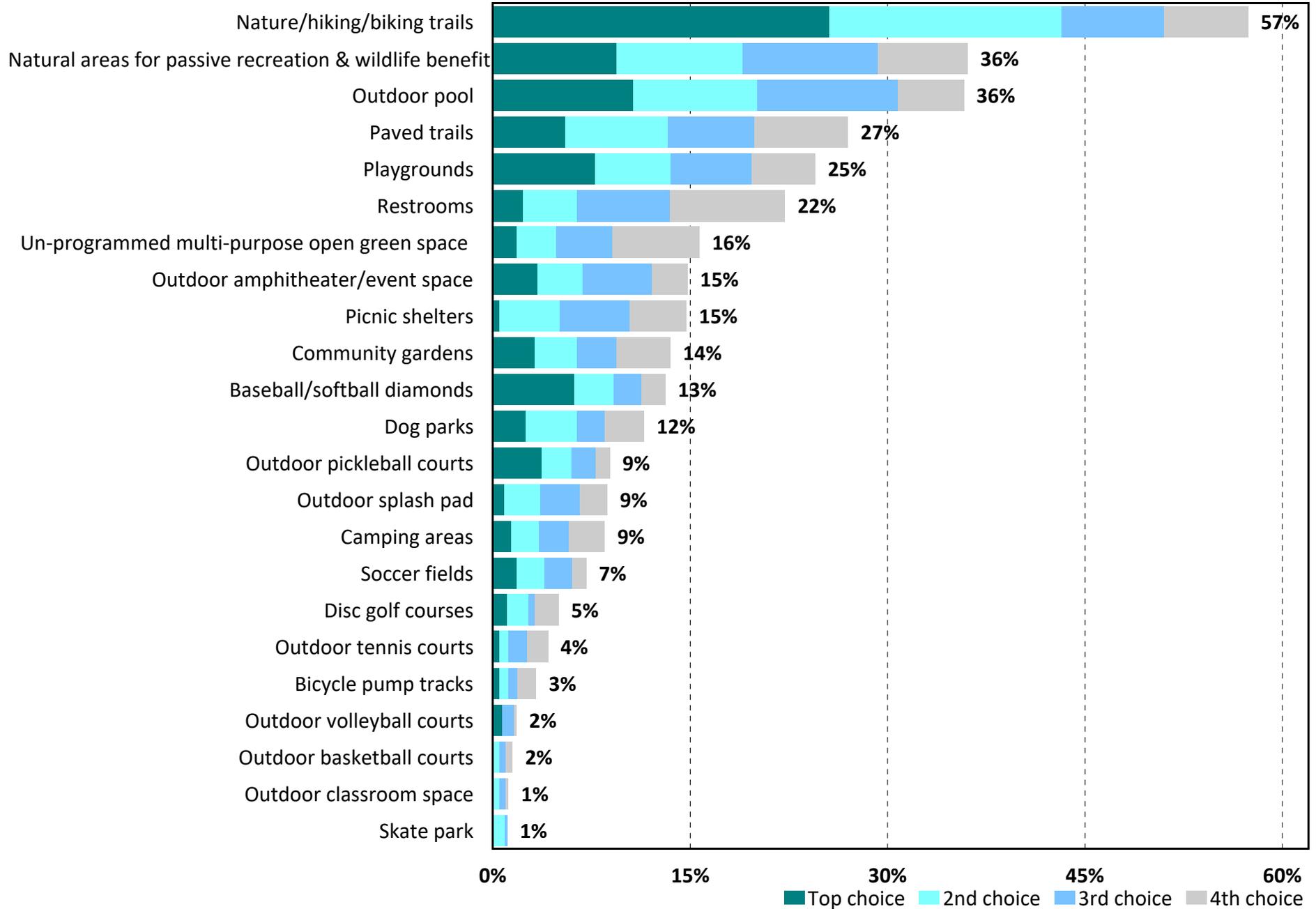
# Q6c. Estimated Number of Households Whose Amenity Needs Are Only "Partly Met" or "Not Met"

by number of households with need based on an estimated 21,428 households

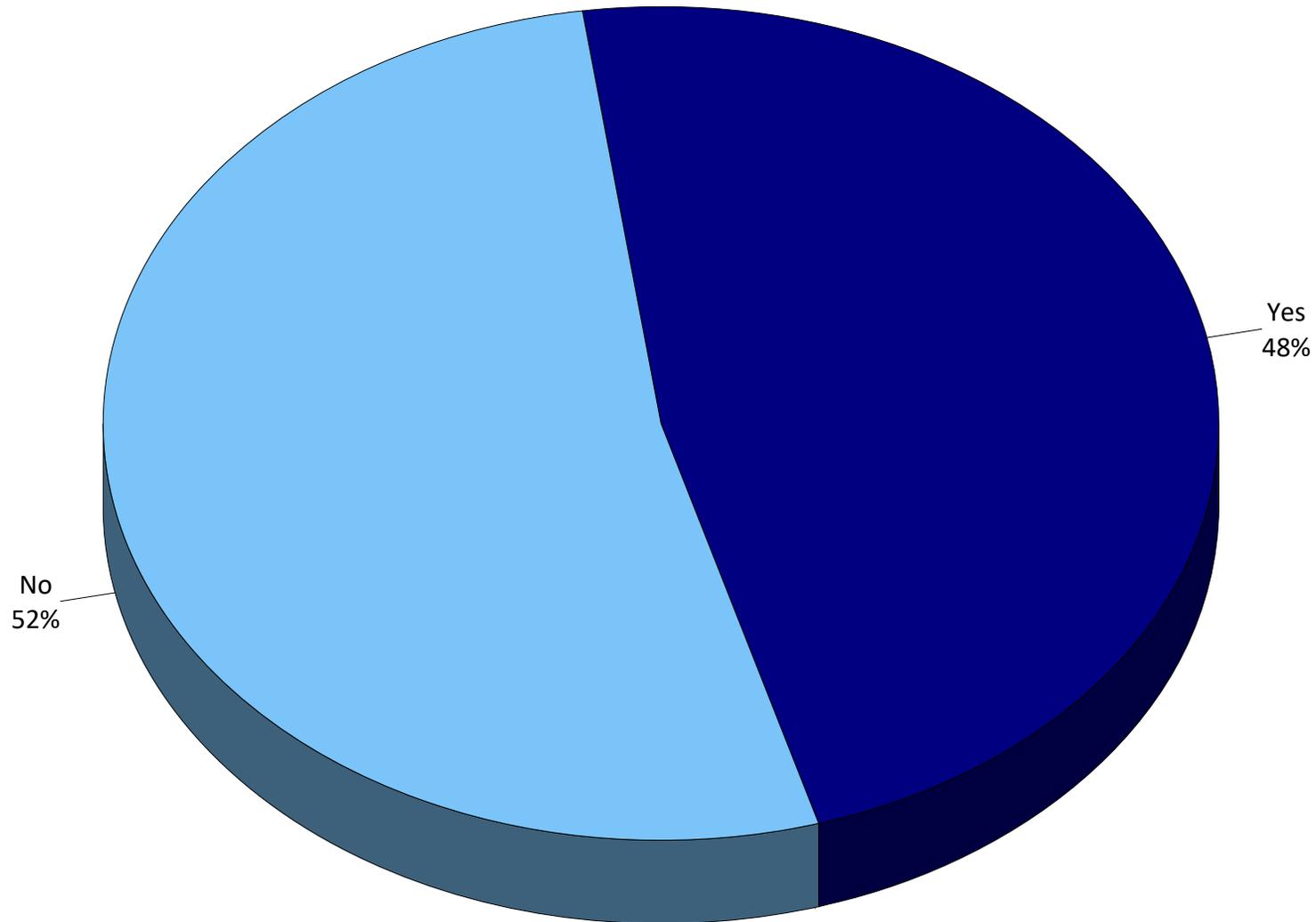


# Q7. Amenities Most Important to Households.

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

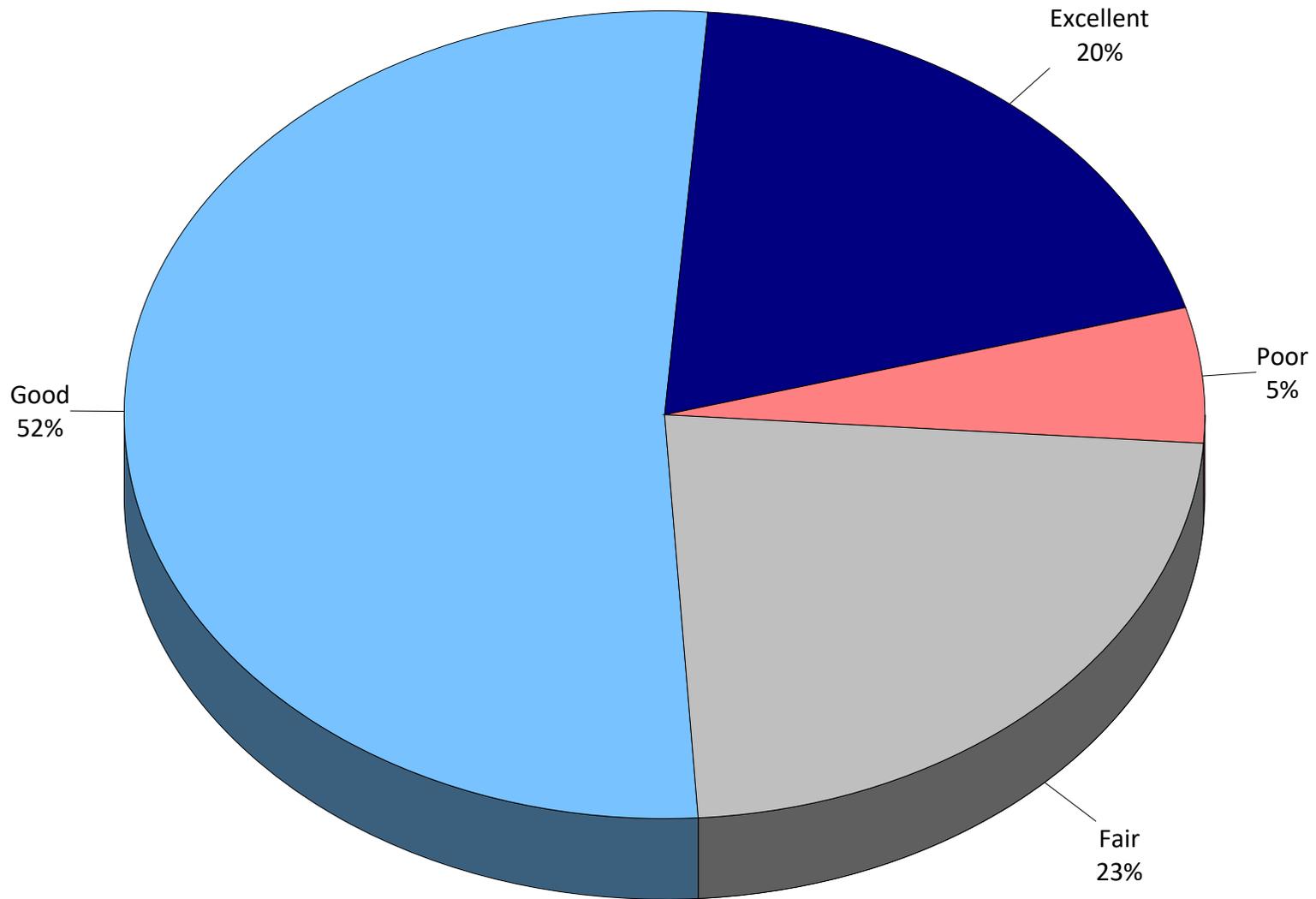


**Q8. Has your household participated in any recreation activities, classes, or sports programs offered by the City of Manhattan during the last 2 years?**  
by percentage of respondents



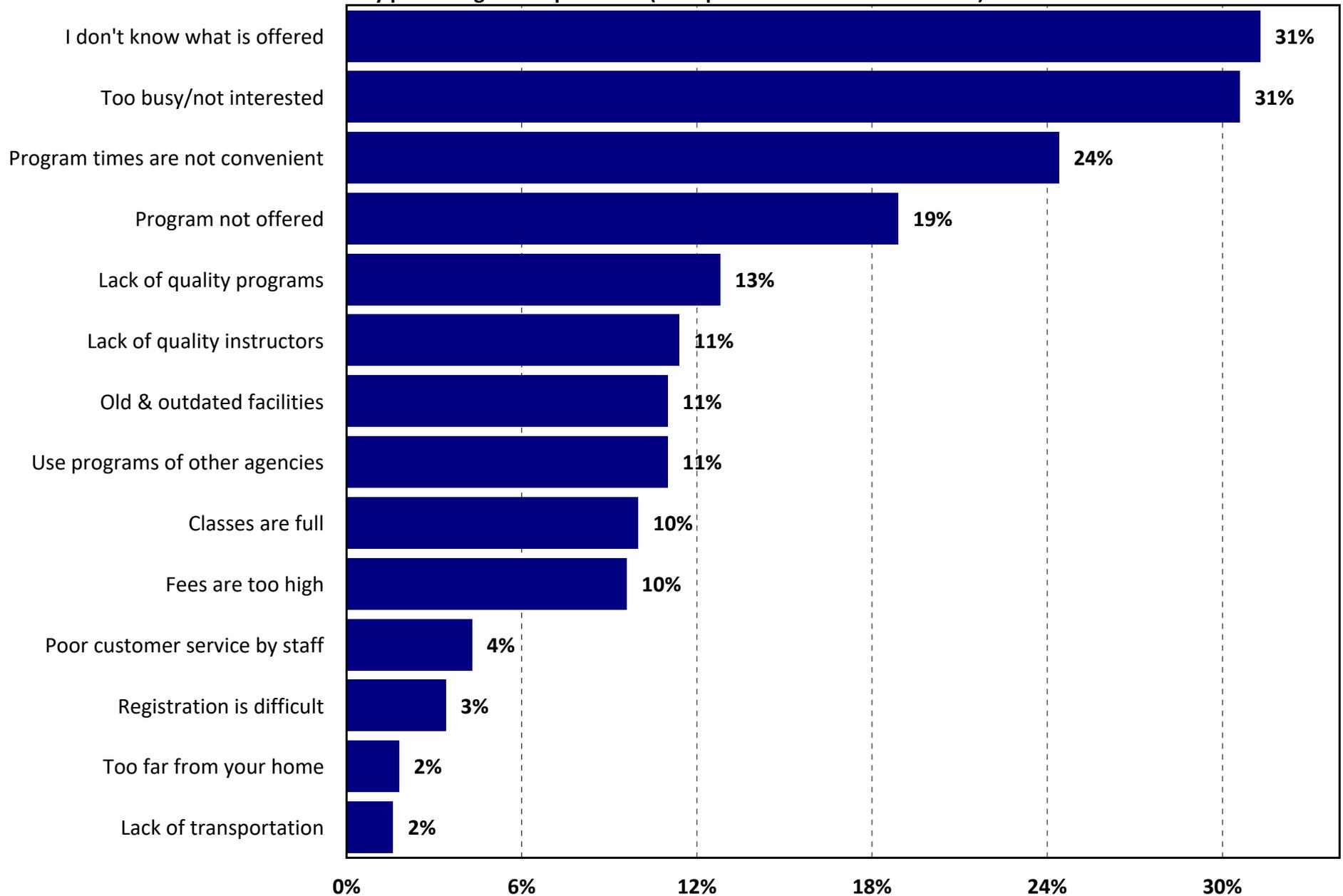
# Q8a. How would you rate the overall quality of the city of Manhattan recreation activities, classes, or sports programs in which your household has participated?

by percentage of respondents



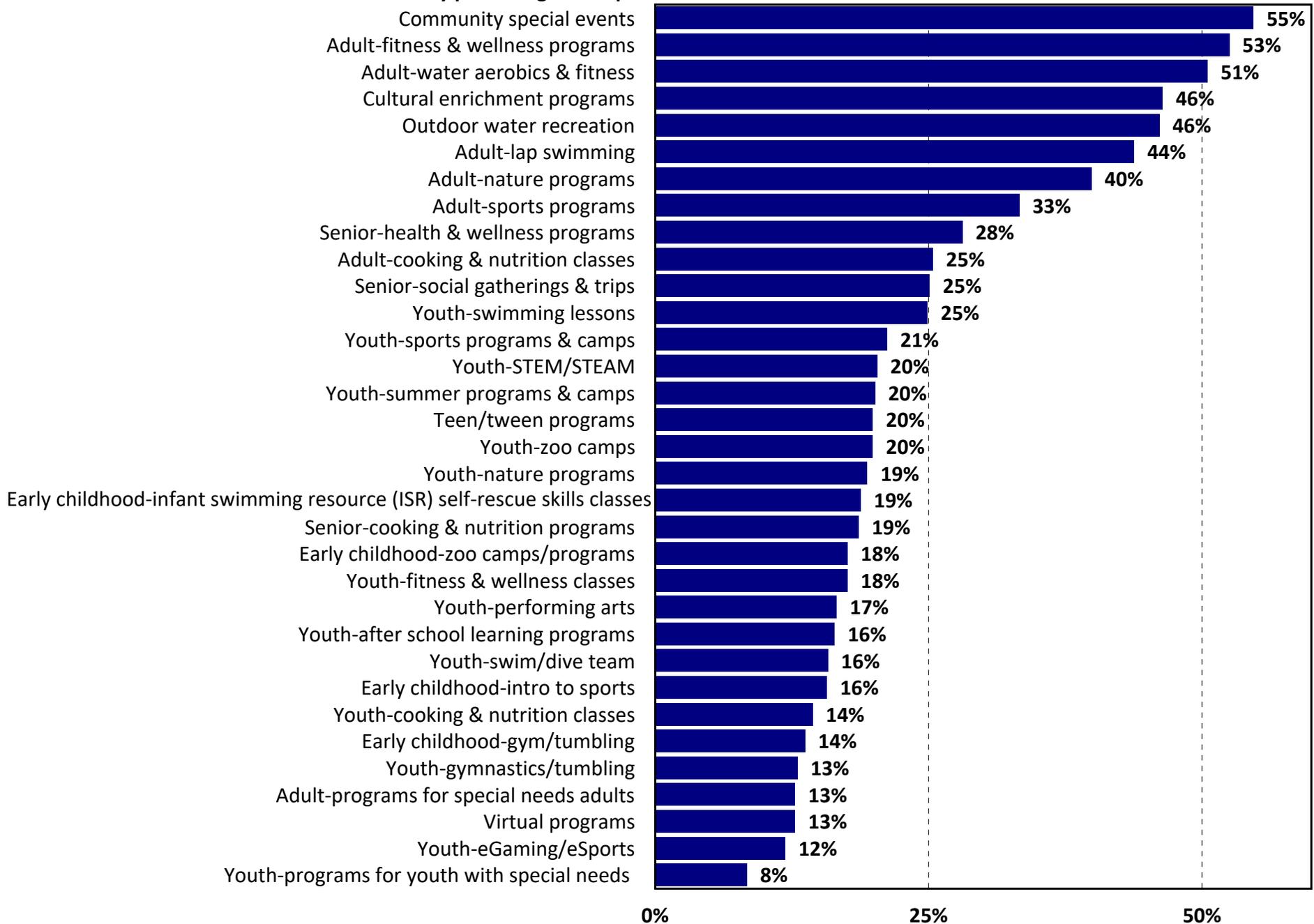
# Q9. Which of the following reasons PREVENT you/your household from using recreation activities, classes, or sports programs more often?

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



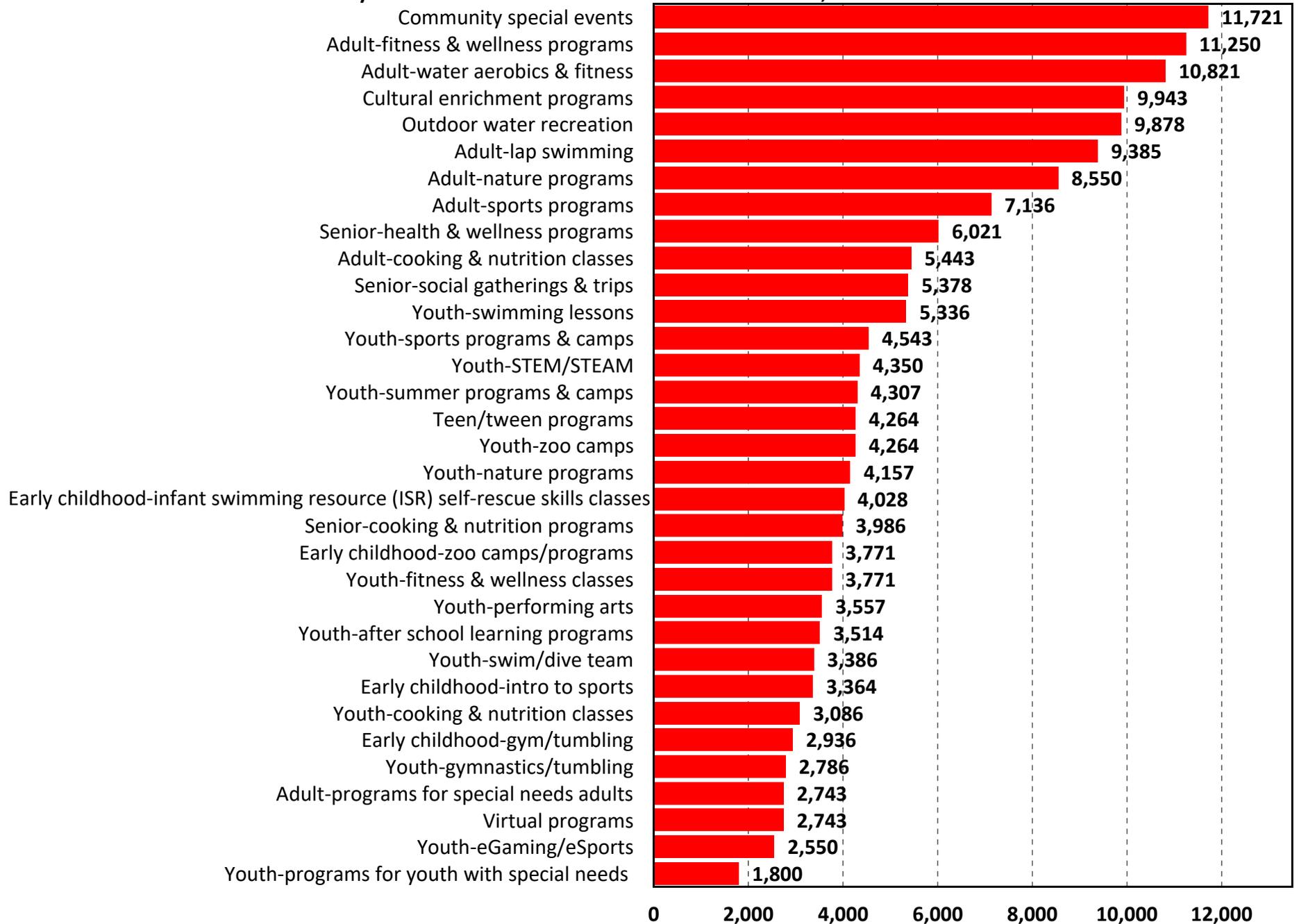
# Q10. Need for Recreation Programs.

by percentage of respondents who indicated need



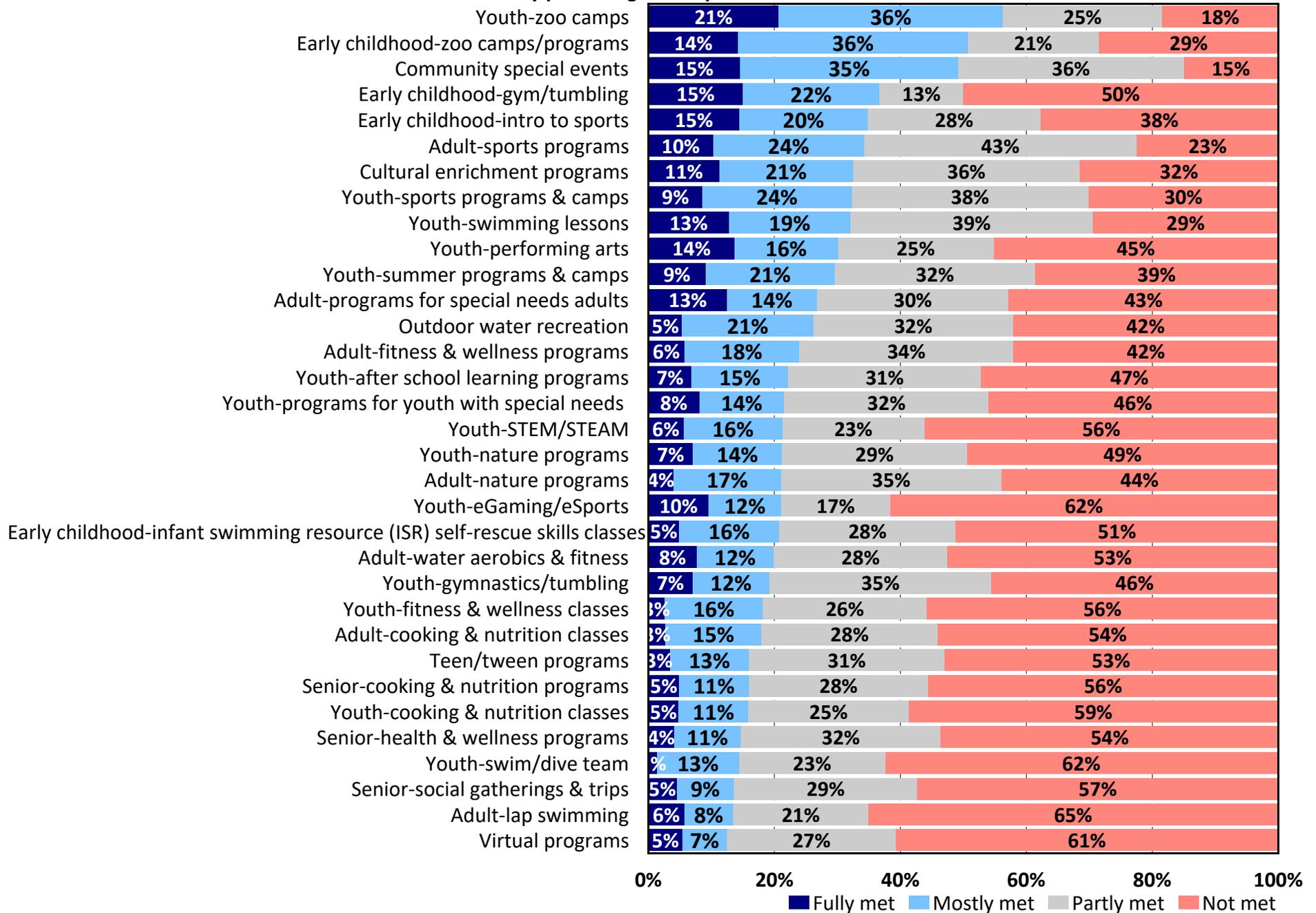
# Q10. Estimated Number of Households Who Have a Need for Programs

by number of households based on an estimated 21,428 households



# Q10b. How Well Needs Are Being Met for Recreation Programs

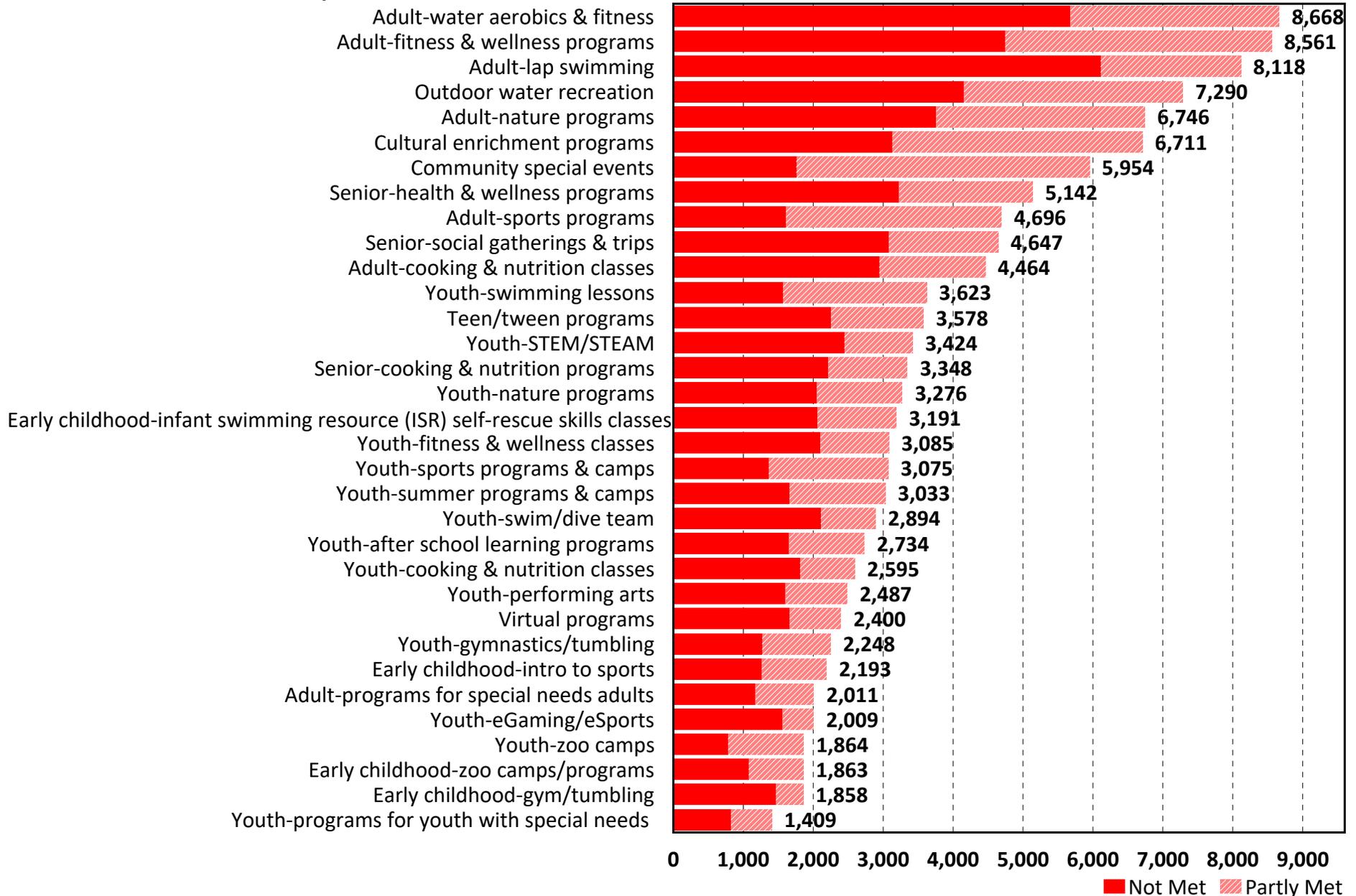
by percentage of respondents



# Q10c. Estimated Number of Households Whose Program Needs Are Only

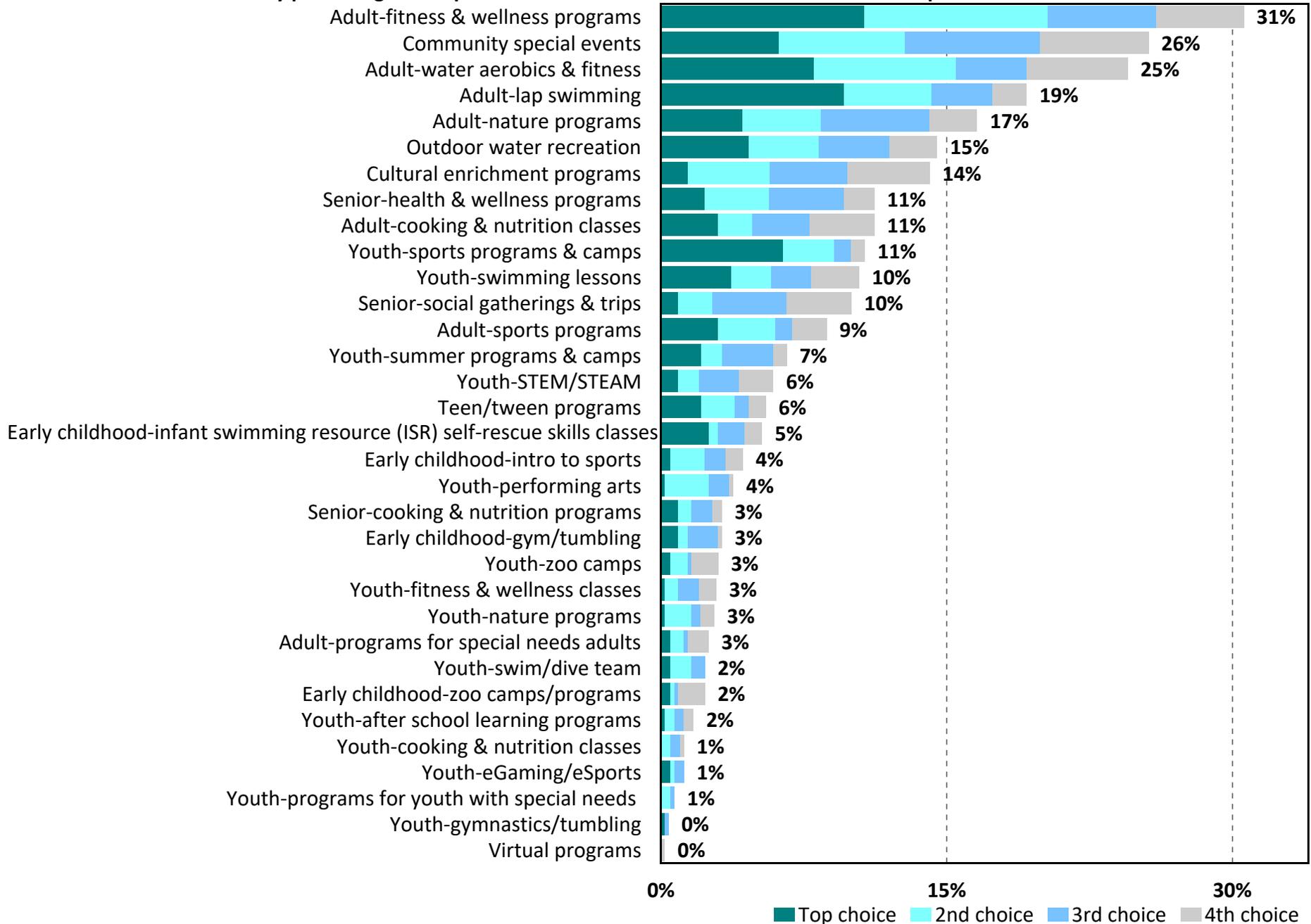
## “Partly Met” or “Not Met”

by number of households with need based on an estimated 21,428 households

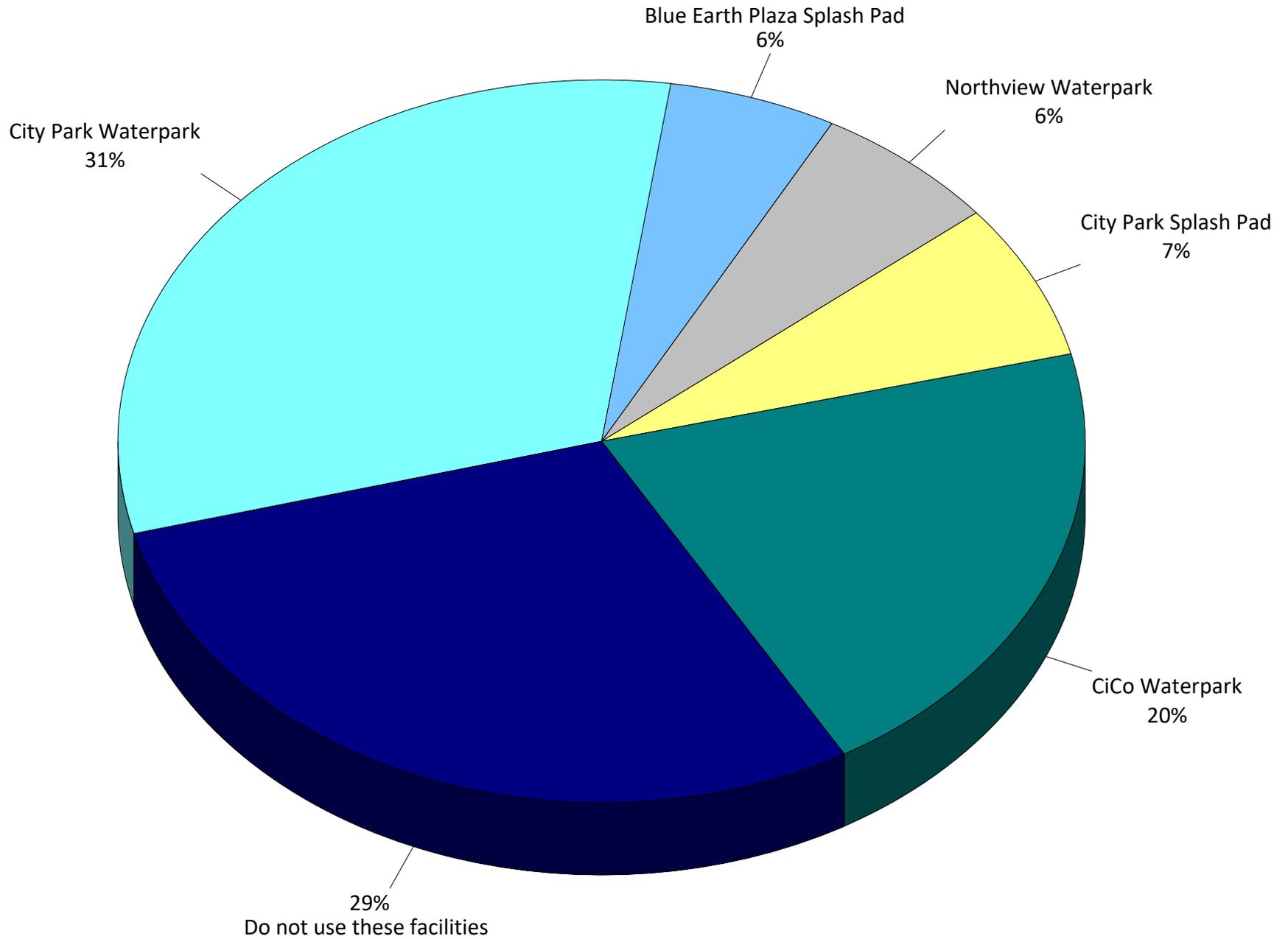


# Q11. Programs Most Important to Households.

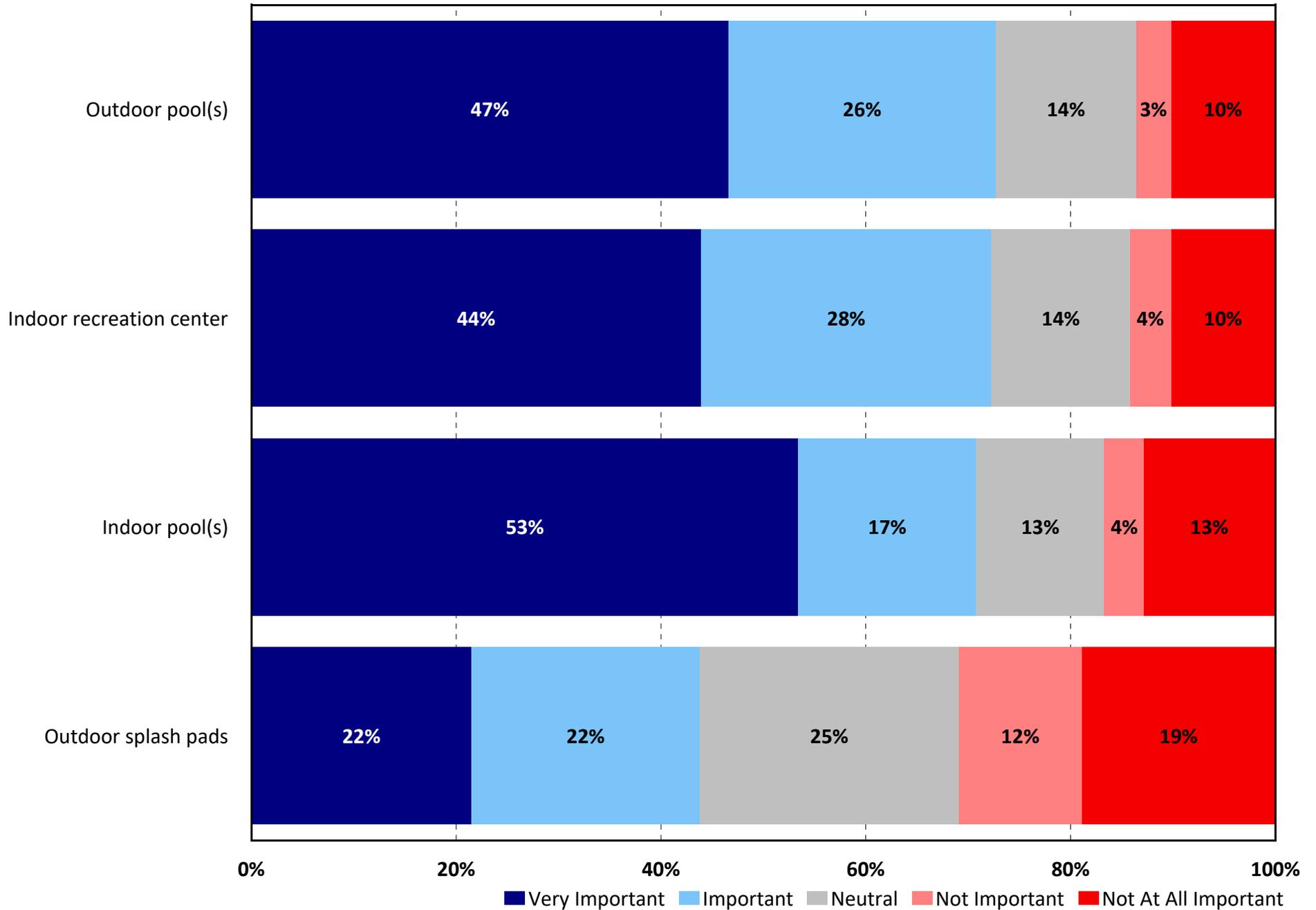
by percentage of respondents who selected the items as one of their top four choices



# Q12. Which aquatic facility do you/your household use more often? by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")

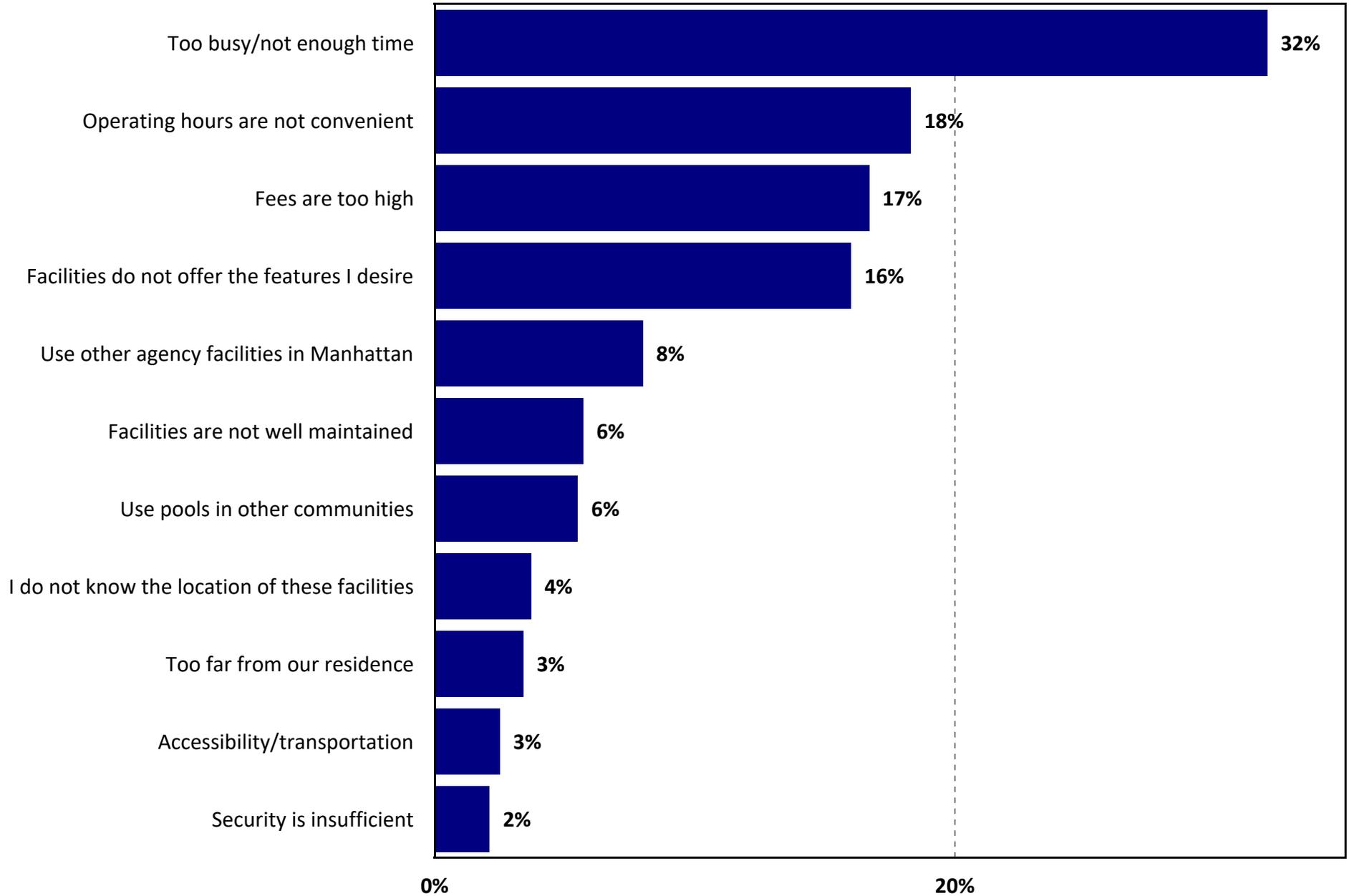


### Q13. Please indicate how important each type of facility is to you/your household? by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



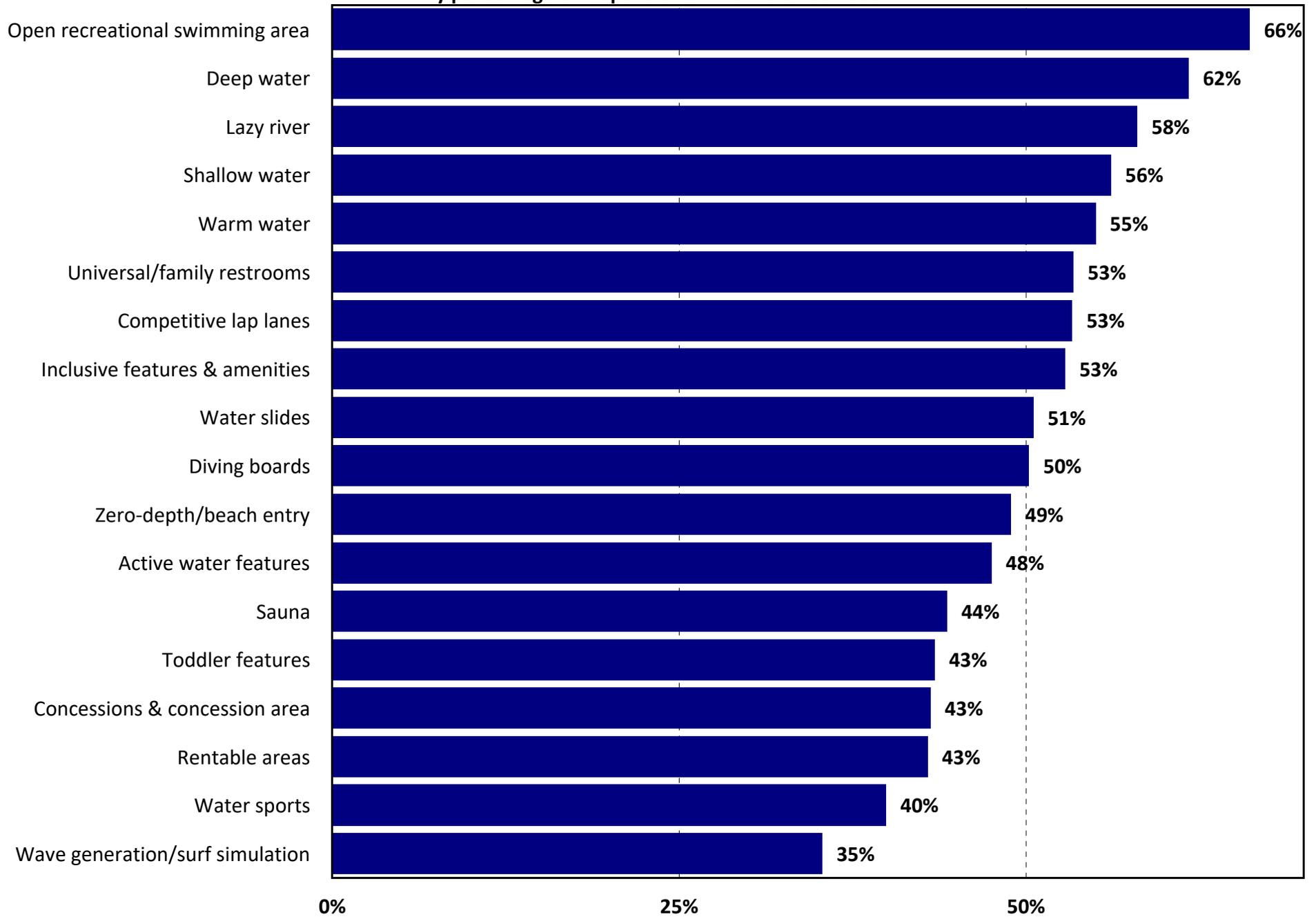
# Q14. Please CHECK ALL of the following reasons that prevent you/your household from using any of Manhattan's waterparks or splashpads MORE OFTEN.

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



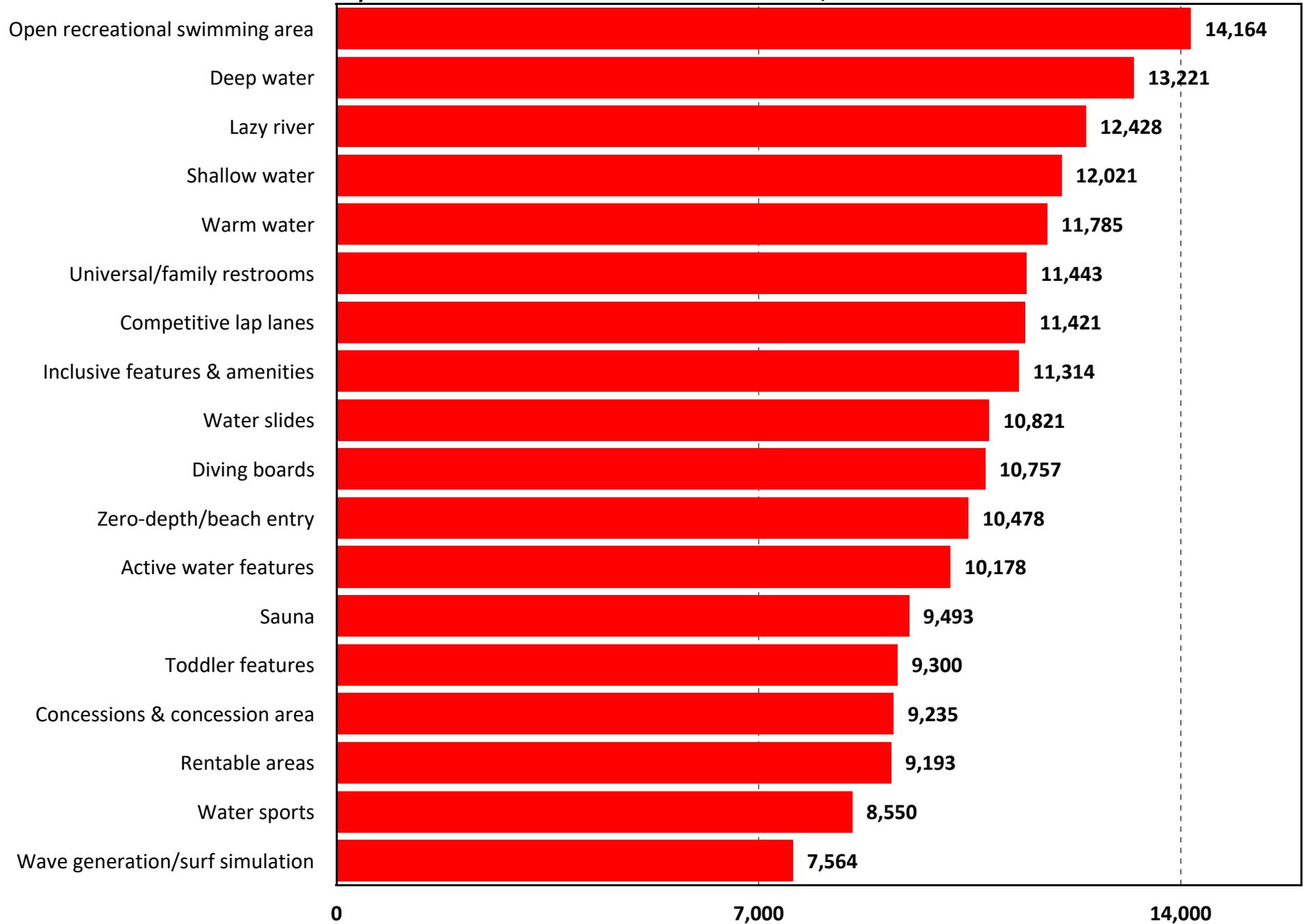
# Q15. Need for Indoor Aquatic Amenities.

by percentage of respondents who indicated need



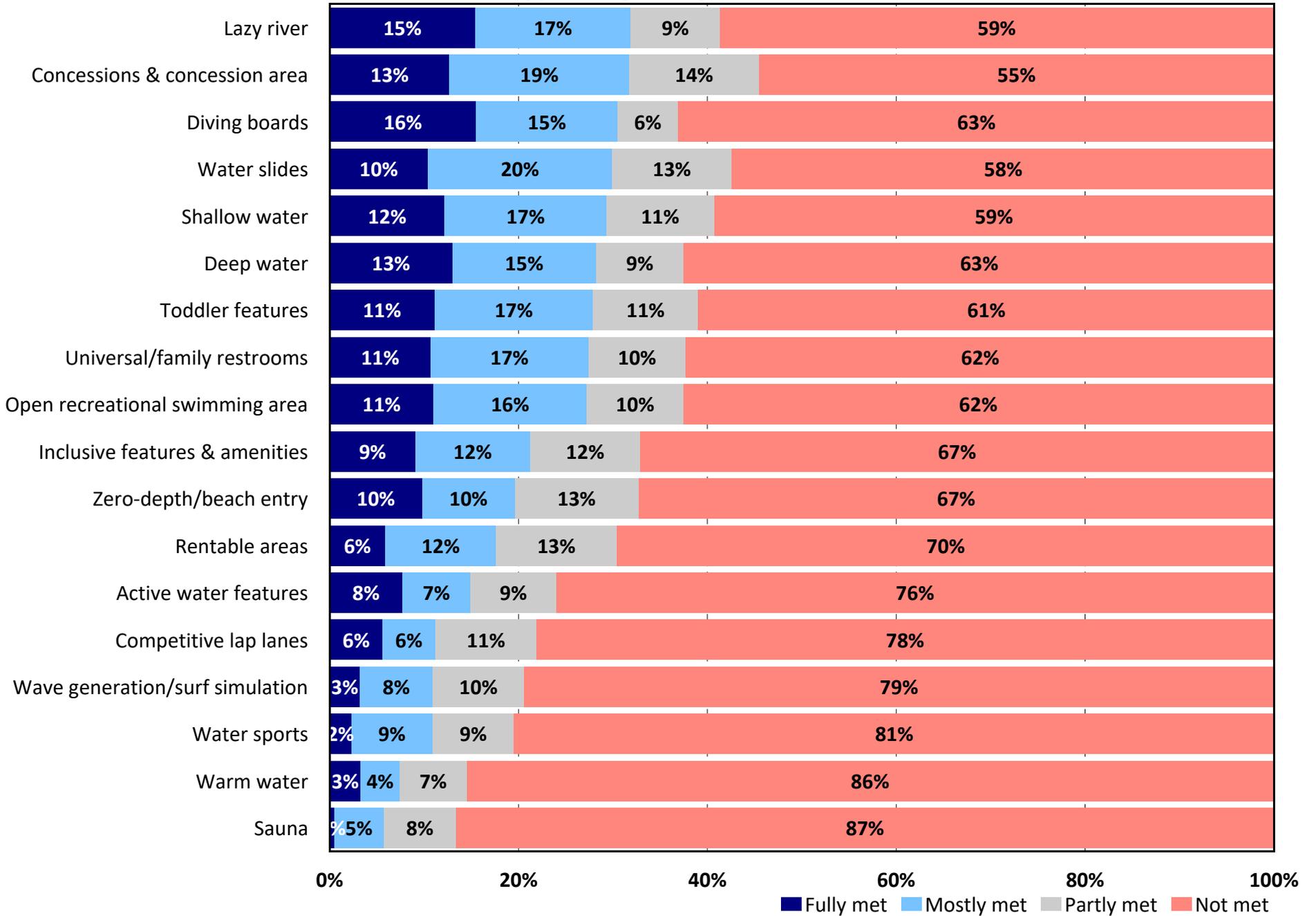
# Q15. Estimated Number of Households Who Have a Need for Amenities

by number of households based on an estimated 21,428 households



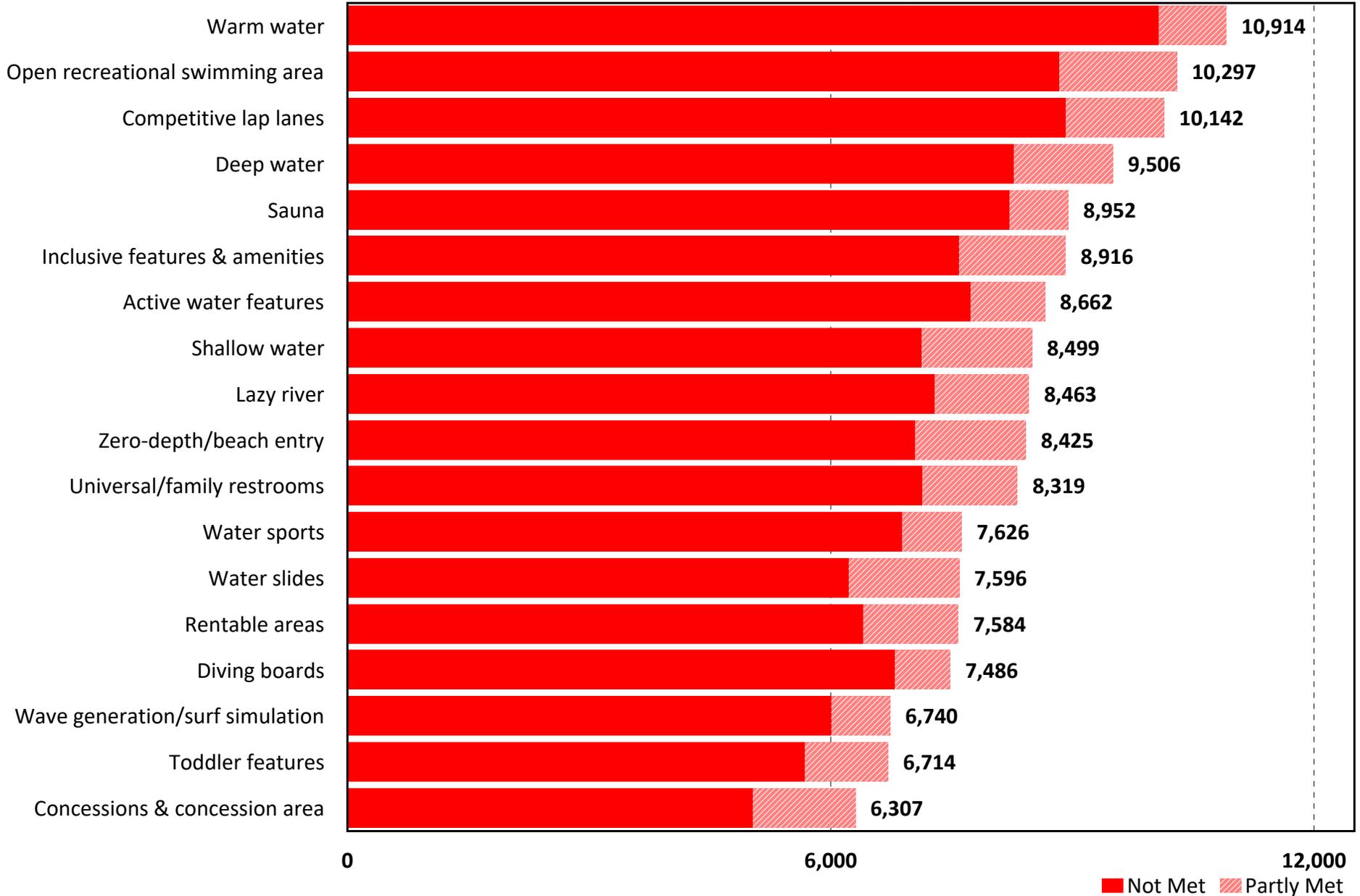
# Q15b. How Well Needs Are Being Met for Indoor Aquatic Amenities

by percentage of respondents



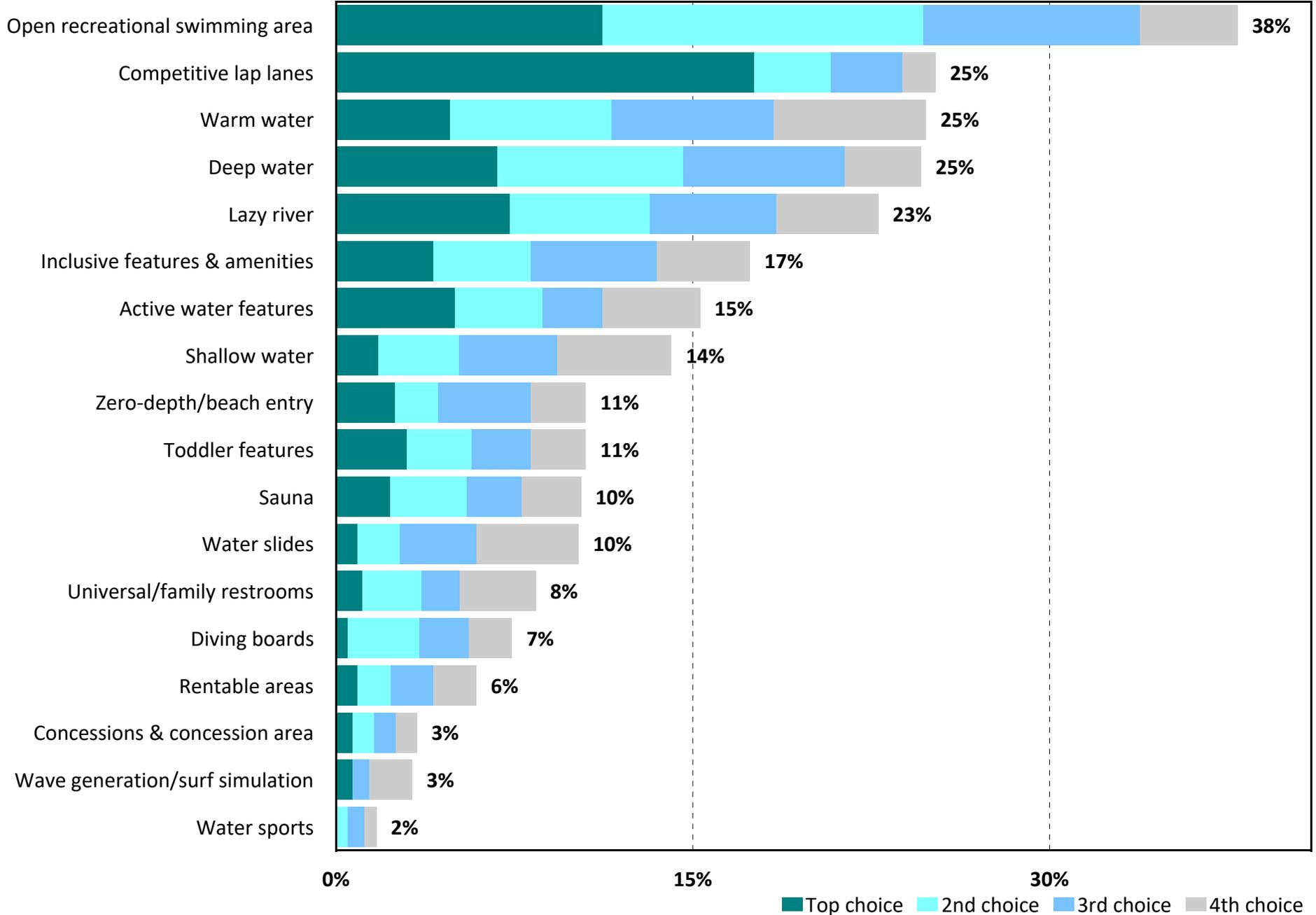
# Q15c. Estimated Number of Households Whose Amenity Needs Are Only “Partly Met” or “Not Met”

by number of households with need based on an estimated 21,428 households



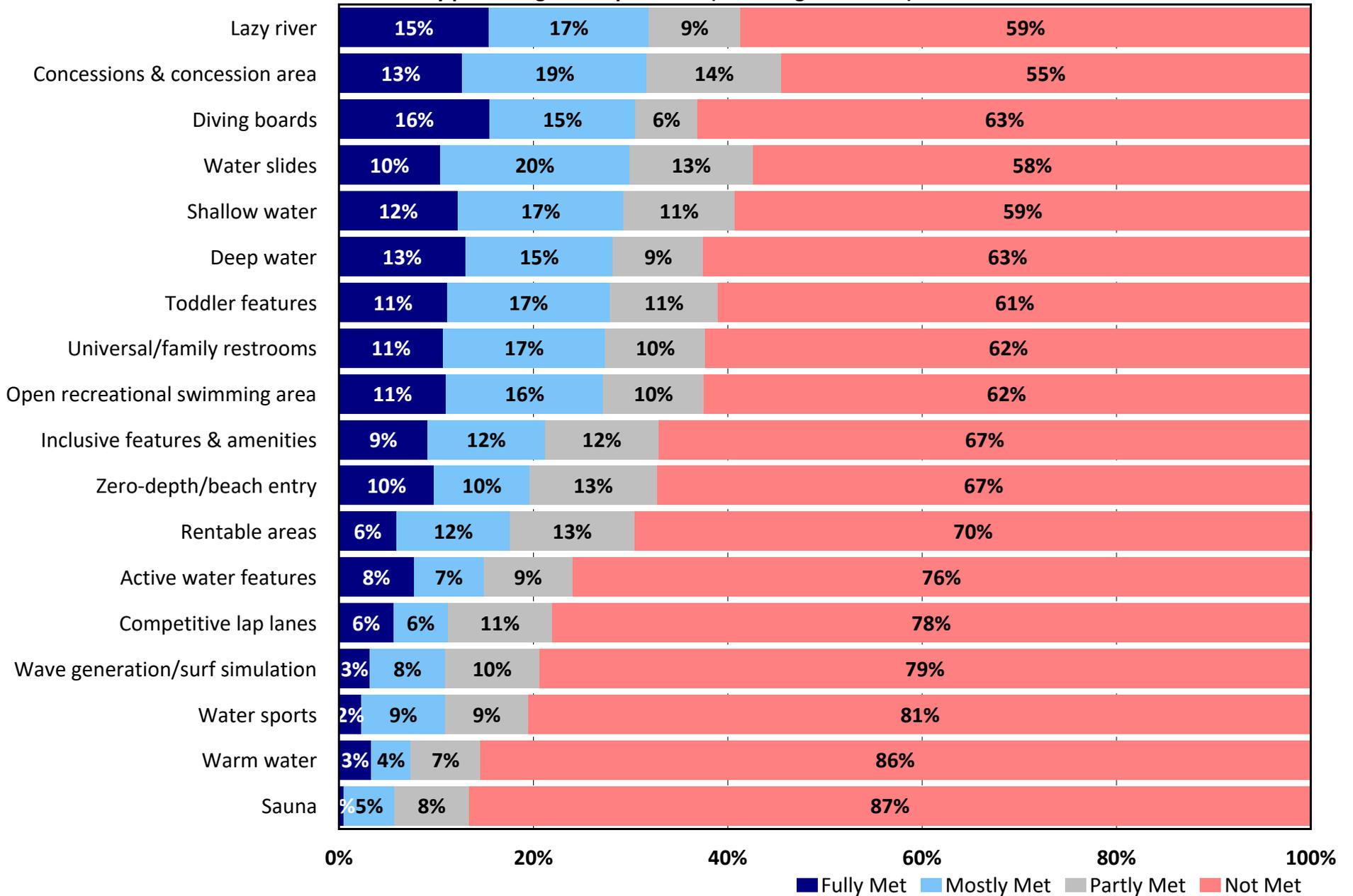
# Q16. Amenities Most Important to Households.

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



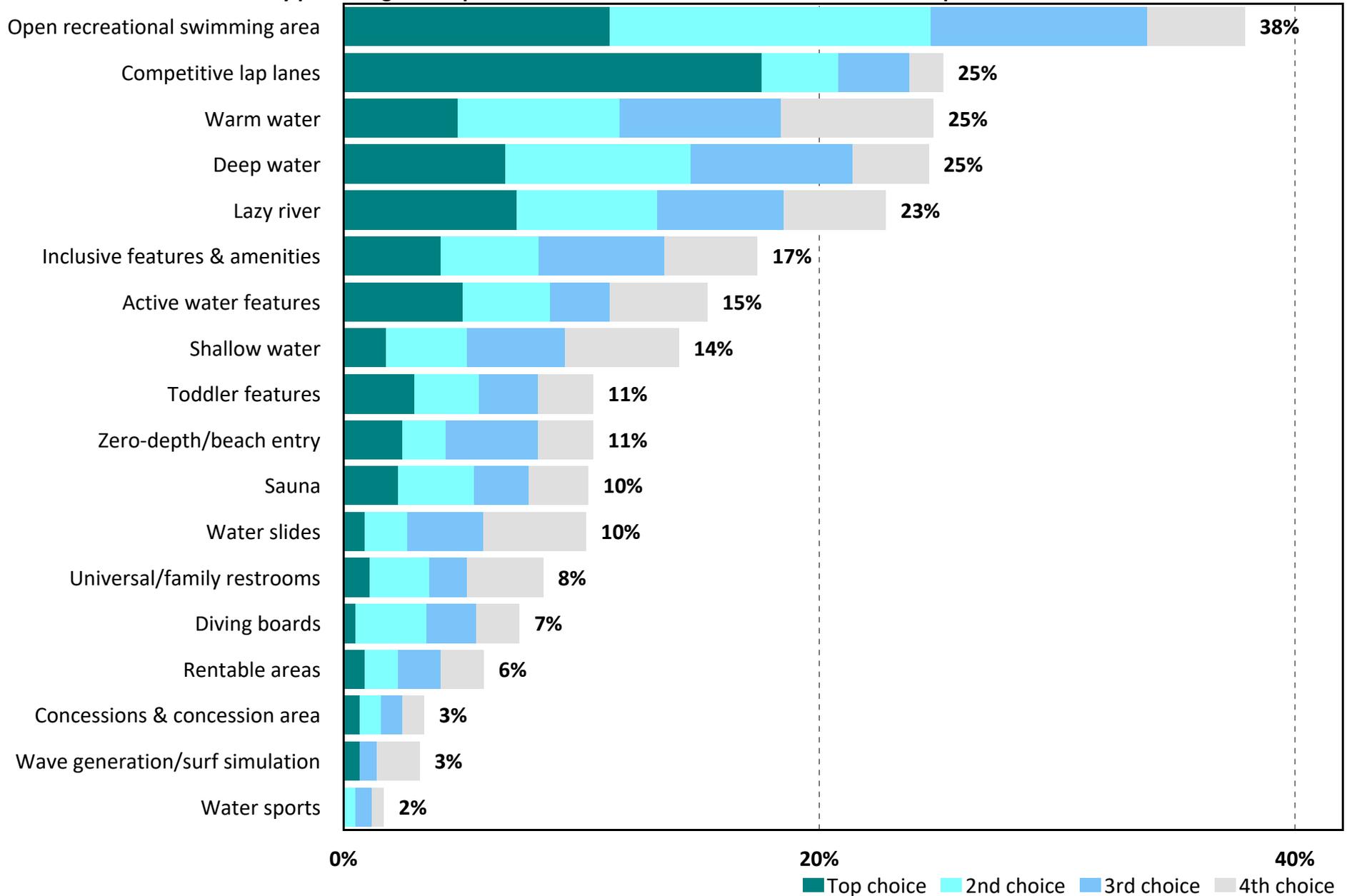
# Q15. Please indicate how well your needs are being met for each of the INDOOR AQUATIC AMENITIES listed below.

by percentage of respondents (excluding "no need")



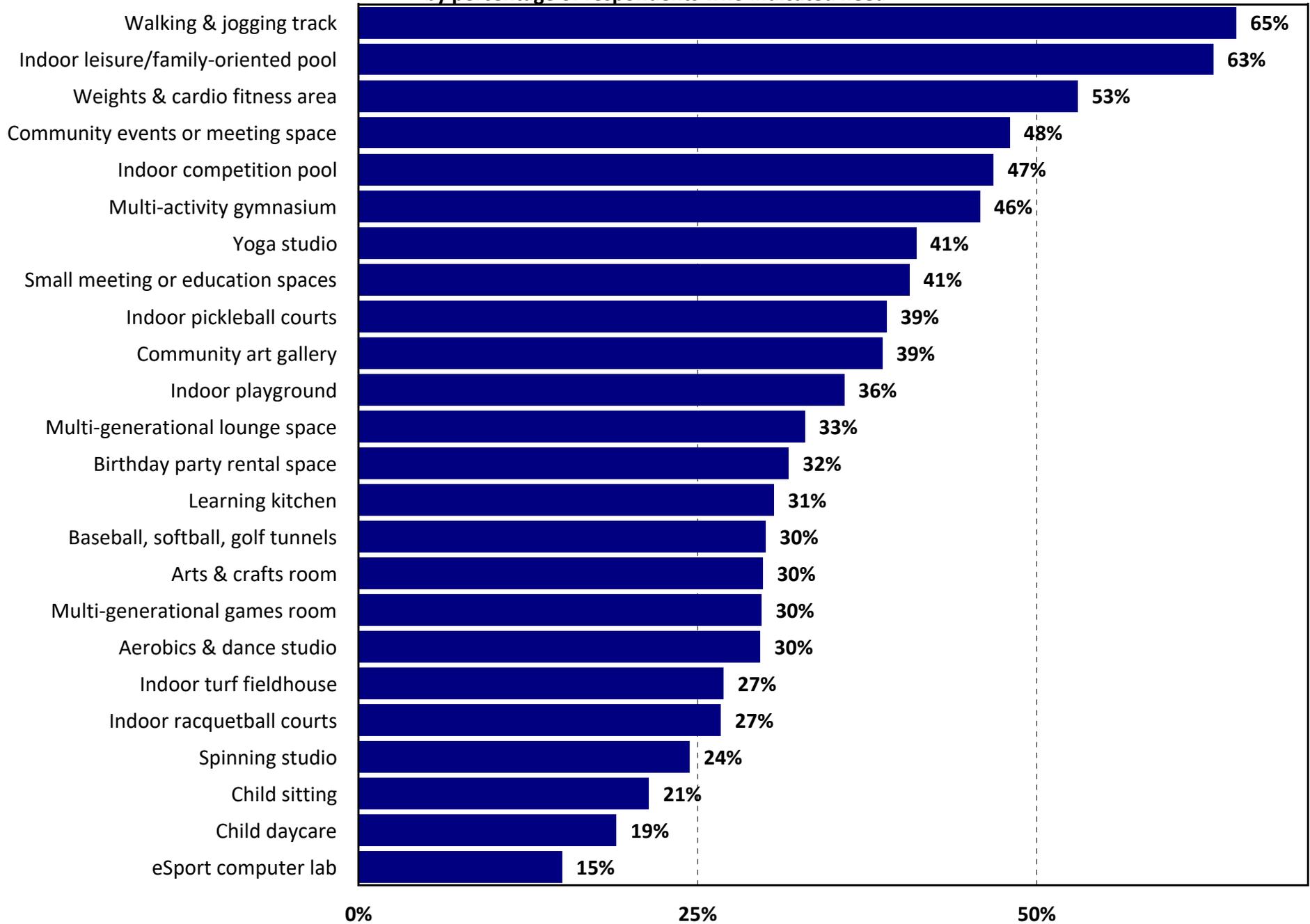
# Q16. Which FOUR of the amenities listed in Question 15 are the most important to your household?

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



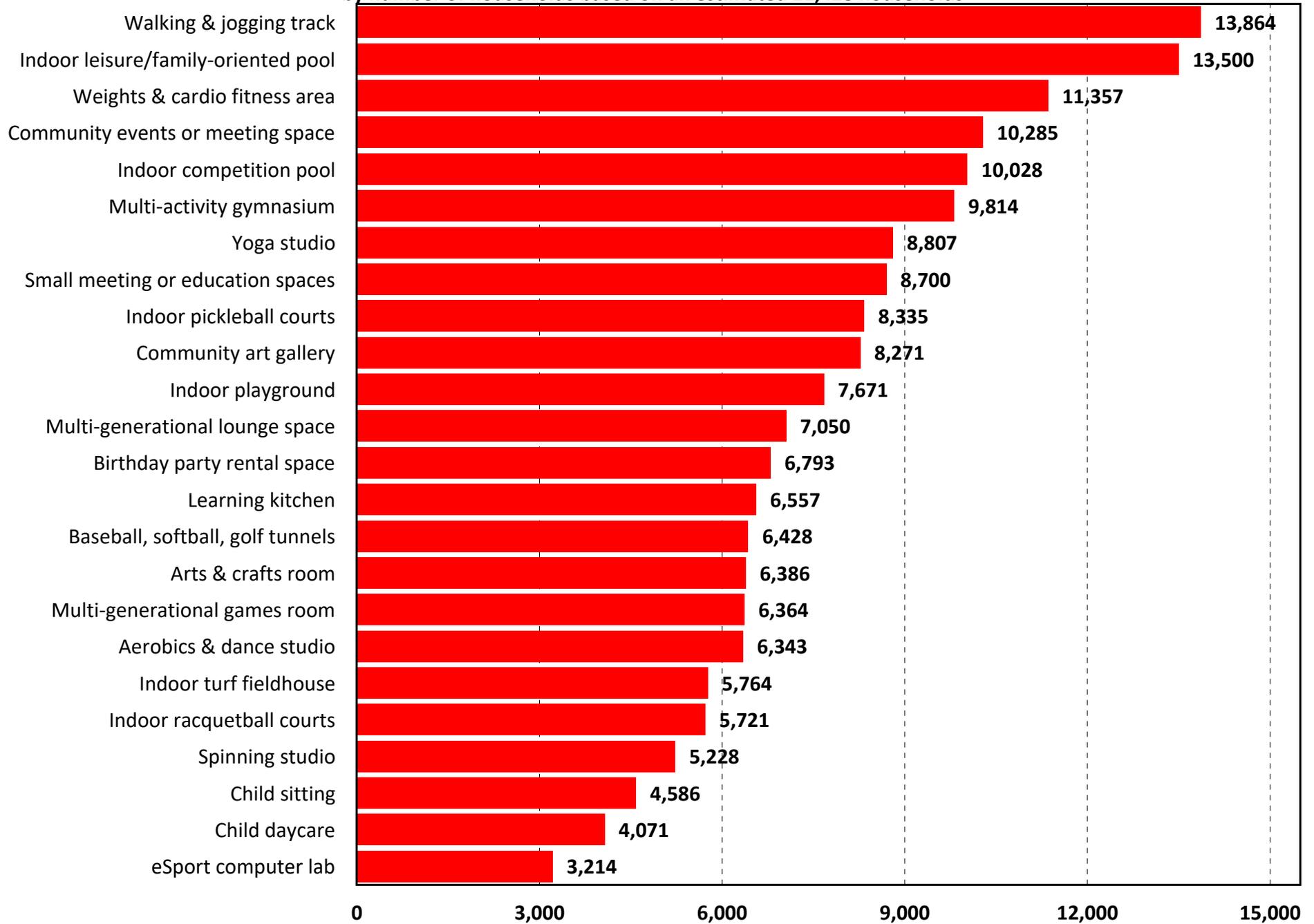
# Q17. Need for Recreation Center Spaces.

by percentage of respondents who indicated need



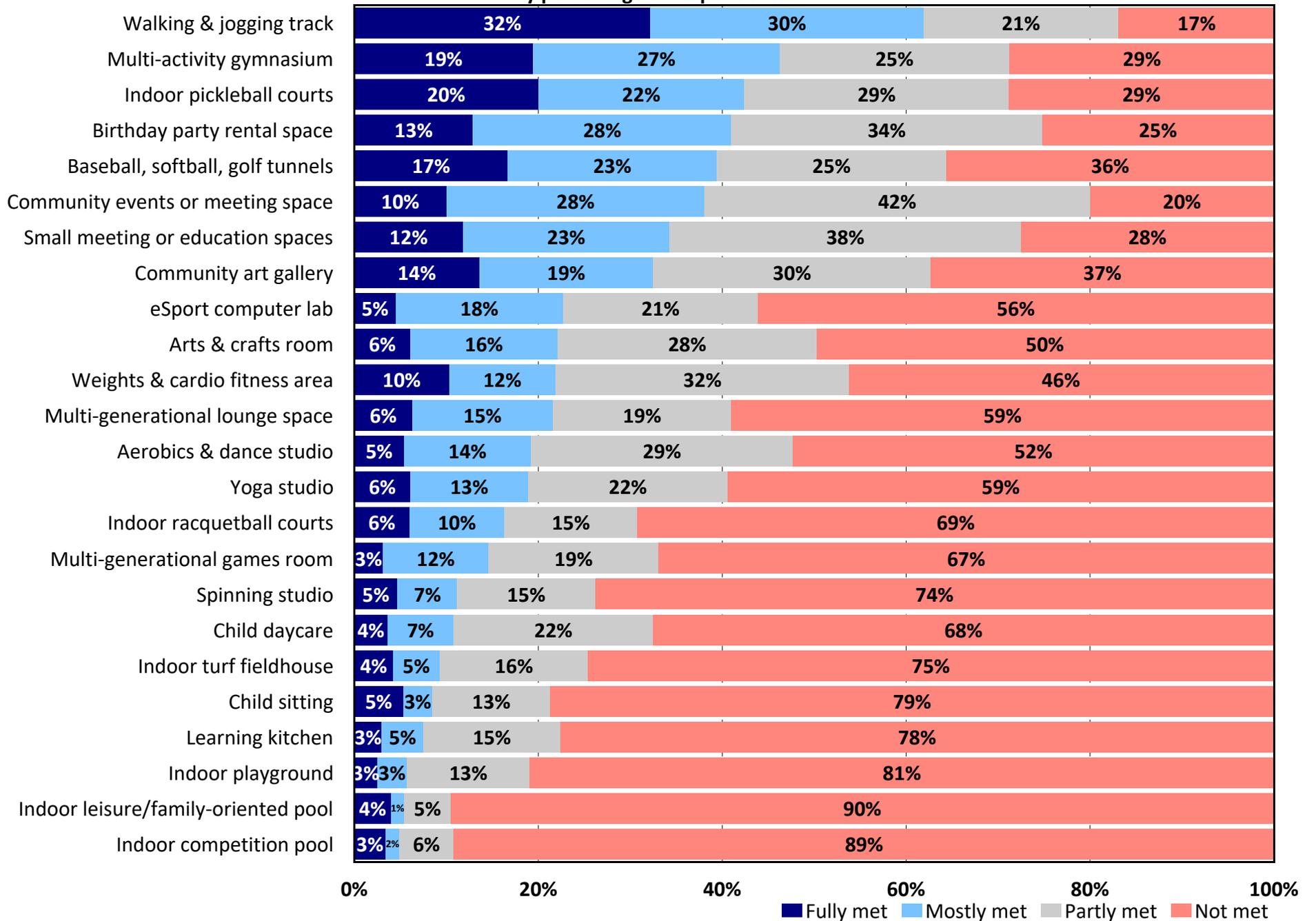
# Q17. Estimated Number of Households Who Have a Need for Center Spaces

by number of households based on an estimated 21,428 households



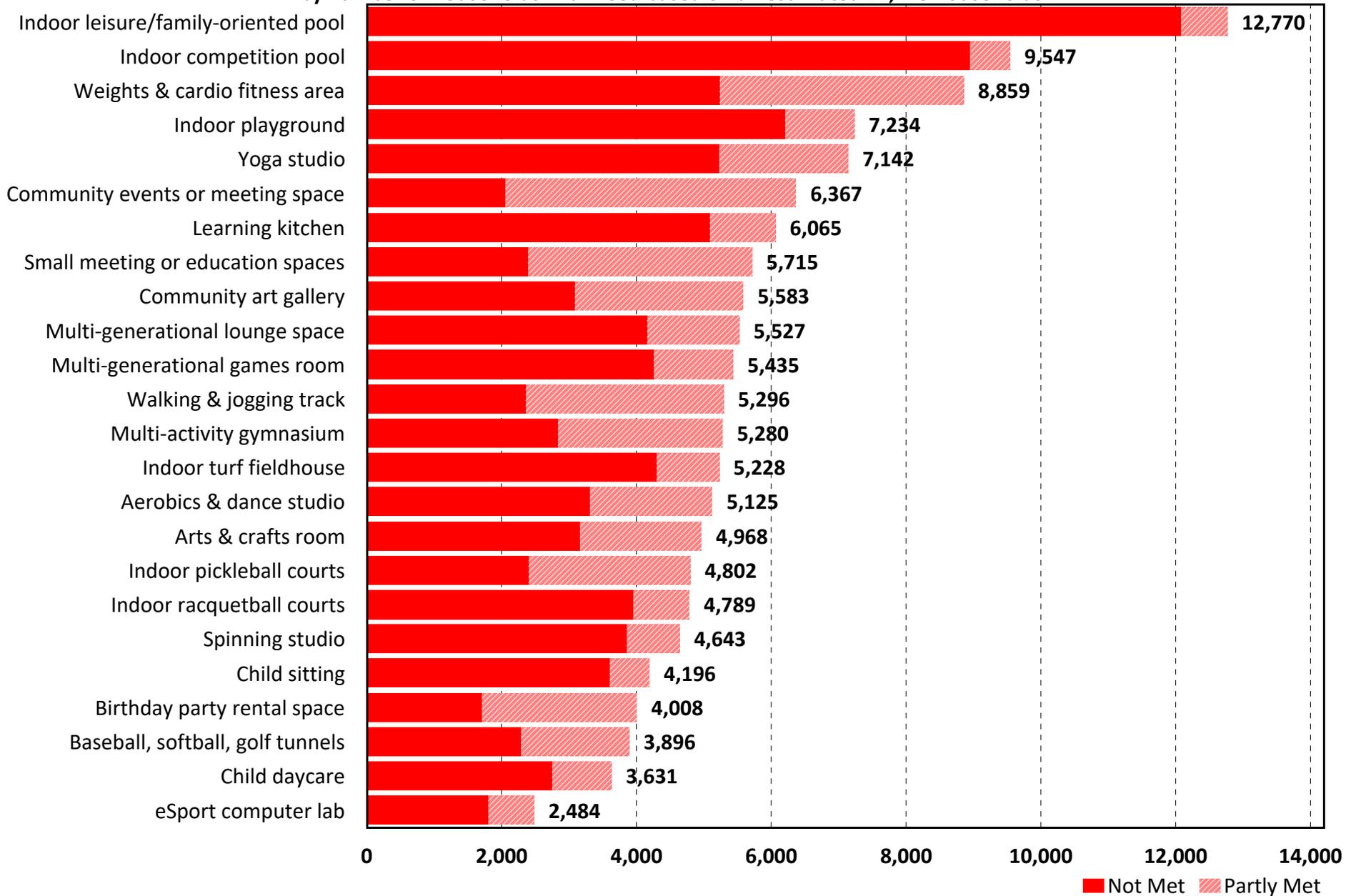
# Q17b. How Well Needs Are Being Met for Recreation Center Spaces

by percentage of respondents



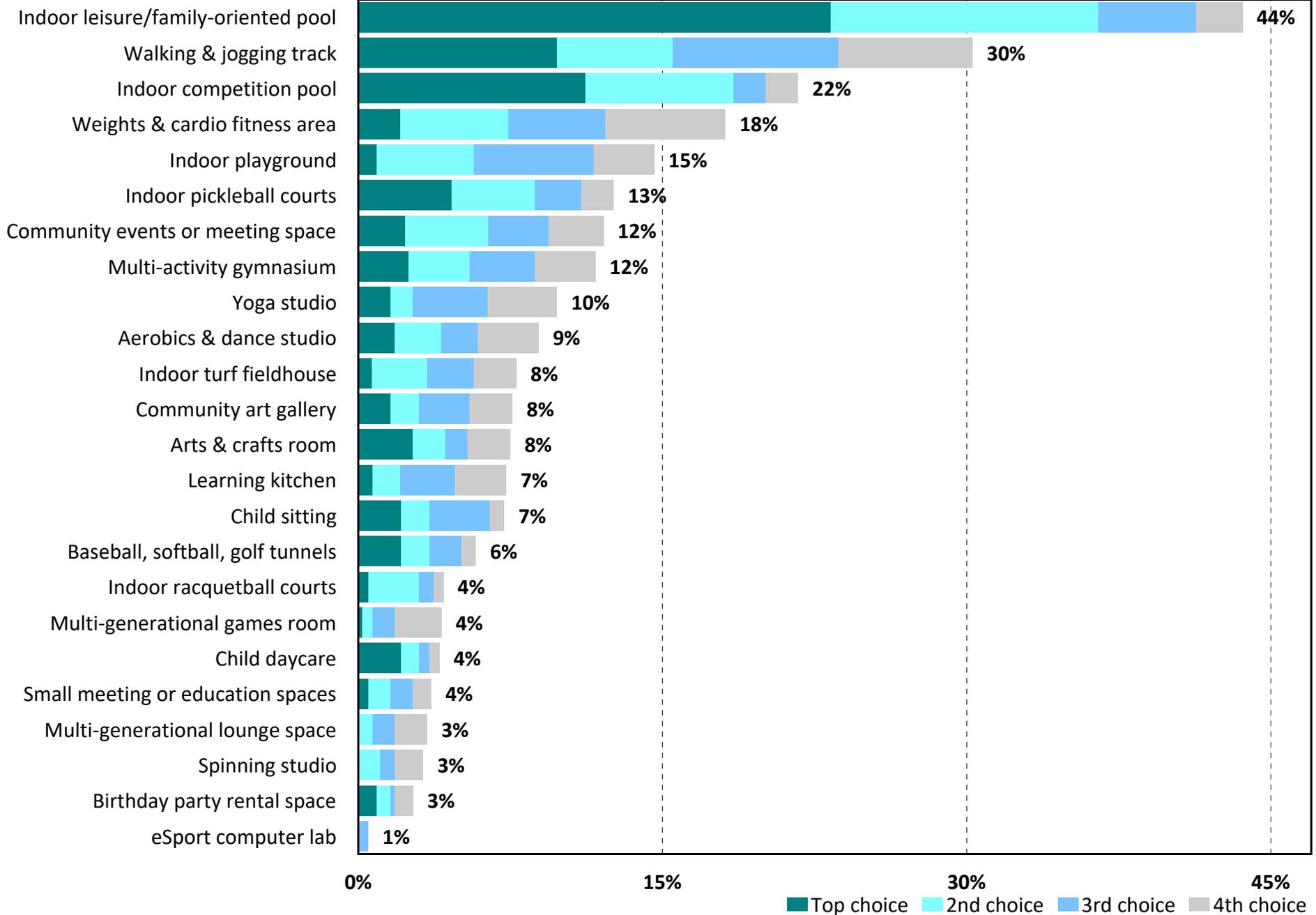
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by number of households with need based on an estimated 21,428 households

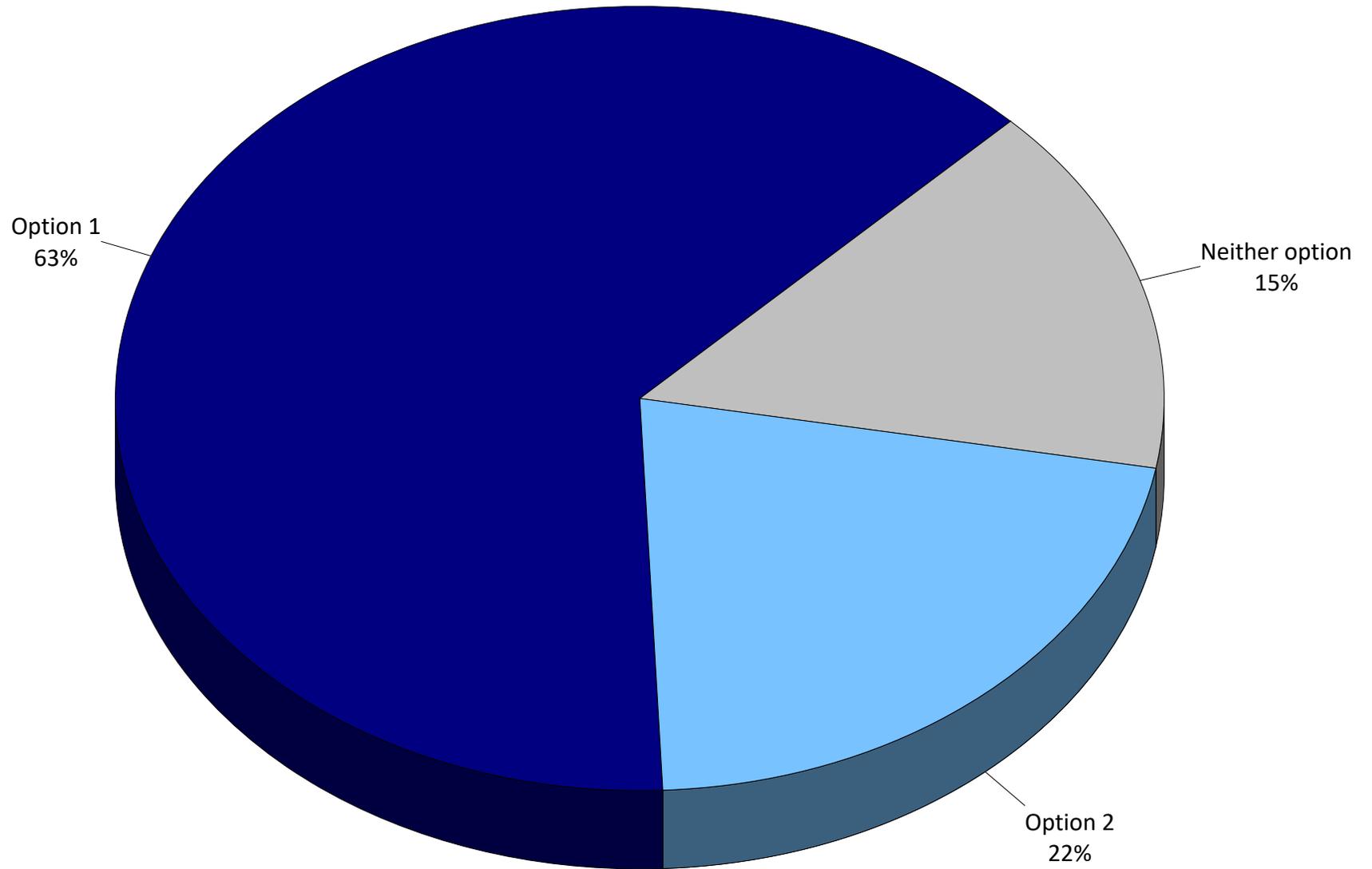


# Q18. Recreation Center Spaces Most Important to Households.

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

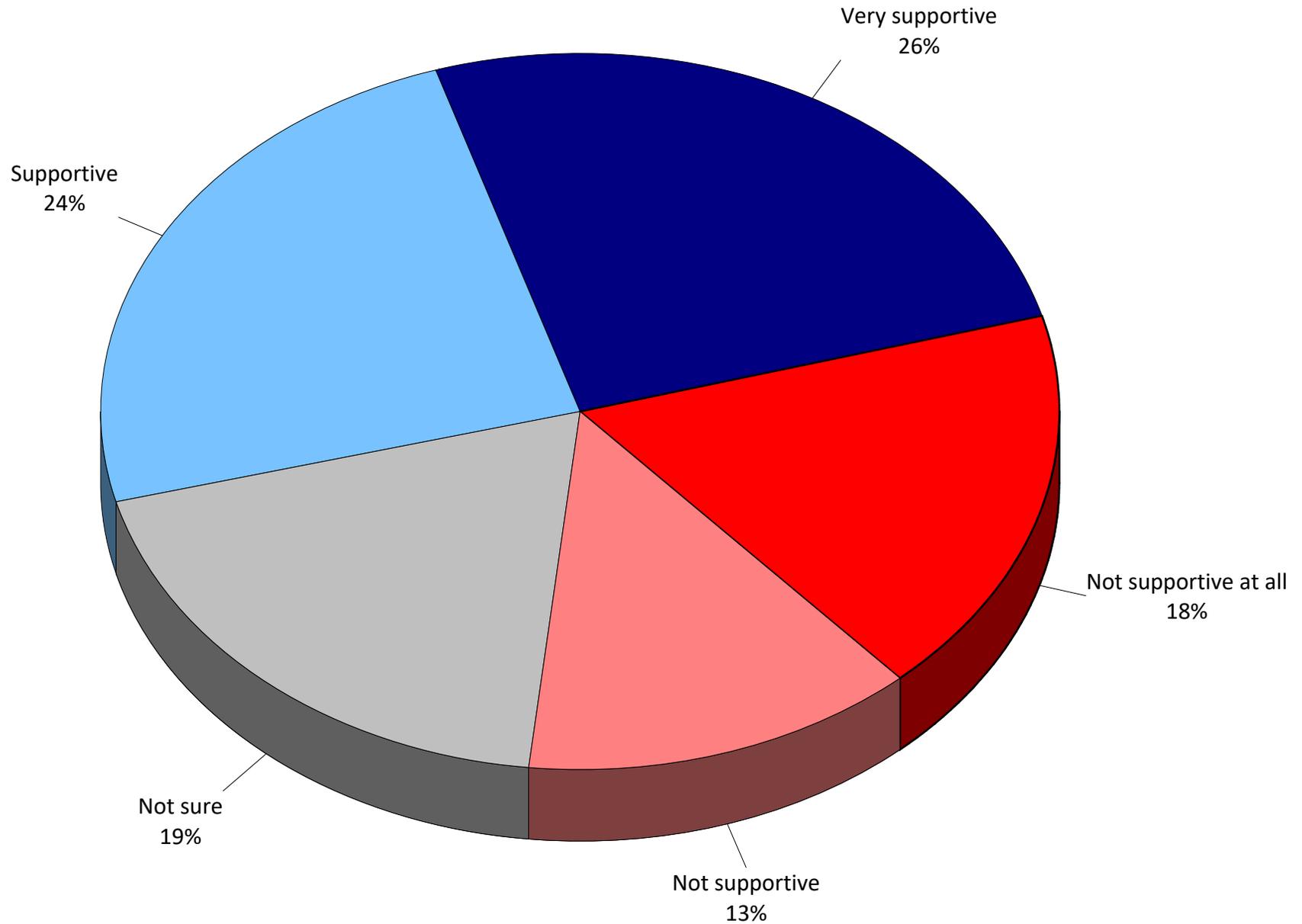


# Q19. Which one of the options listed best fits the needs of you/your household? by percentage of respondents (excluding "don't know")



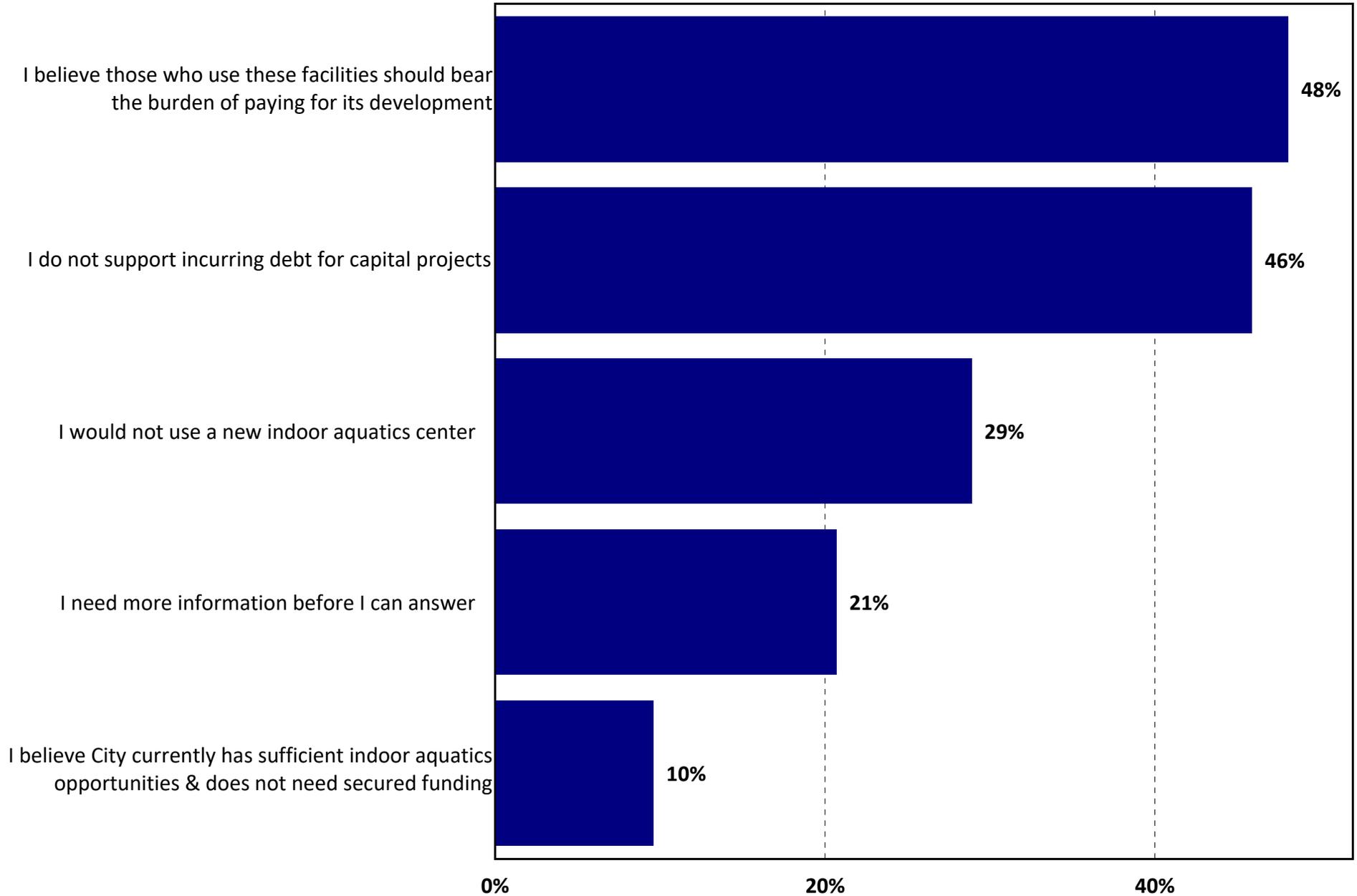
# Q20. How supportive would you be of a sales tax increase to fund an indoor aquatics-only facility?

by percentage of respondents



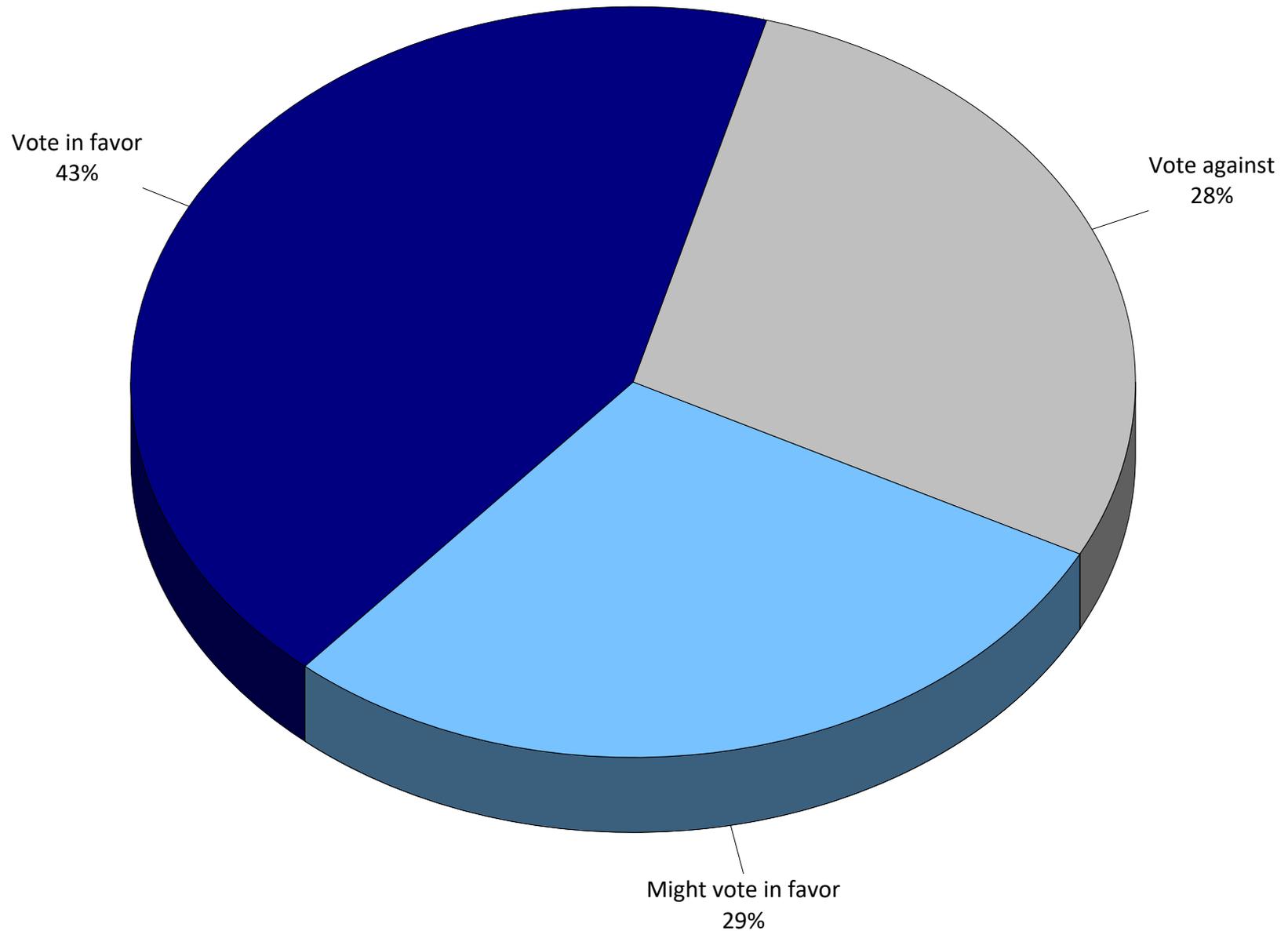
# Q20a. If “Not Supportive”/“Not Supportive At All” to Question 20, please indicate why you answered this way.

by percentage of respondents



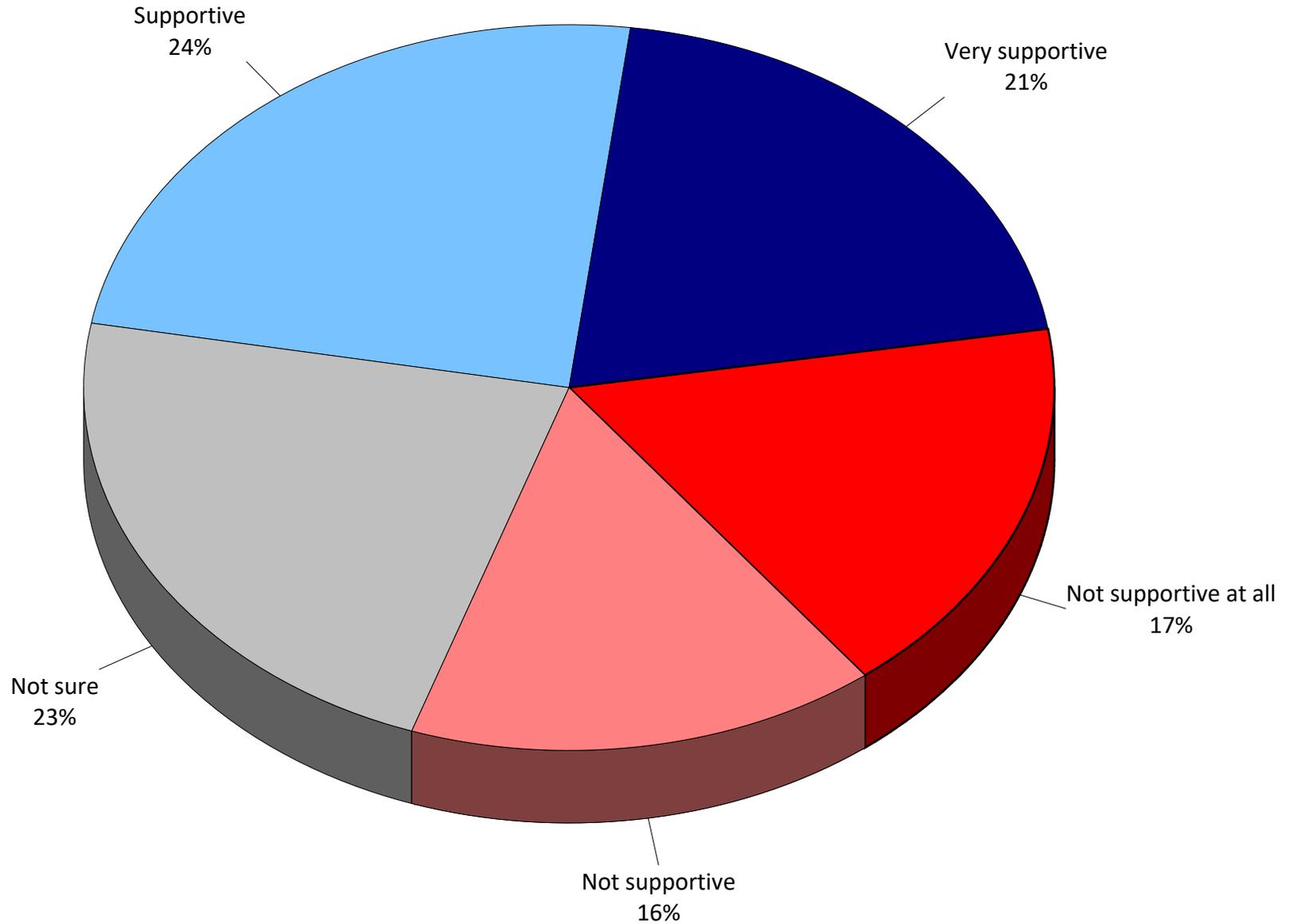
# Q21. If a voter election was held to determine whether or not to increase sales tax for an indoor aquatics-only facility, how would you vote?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not sure")



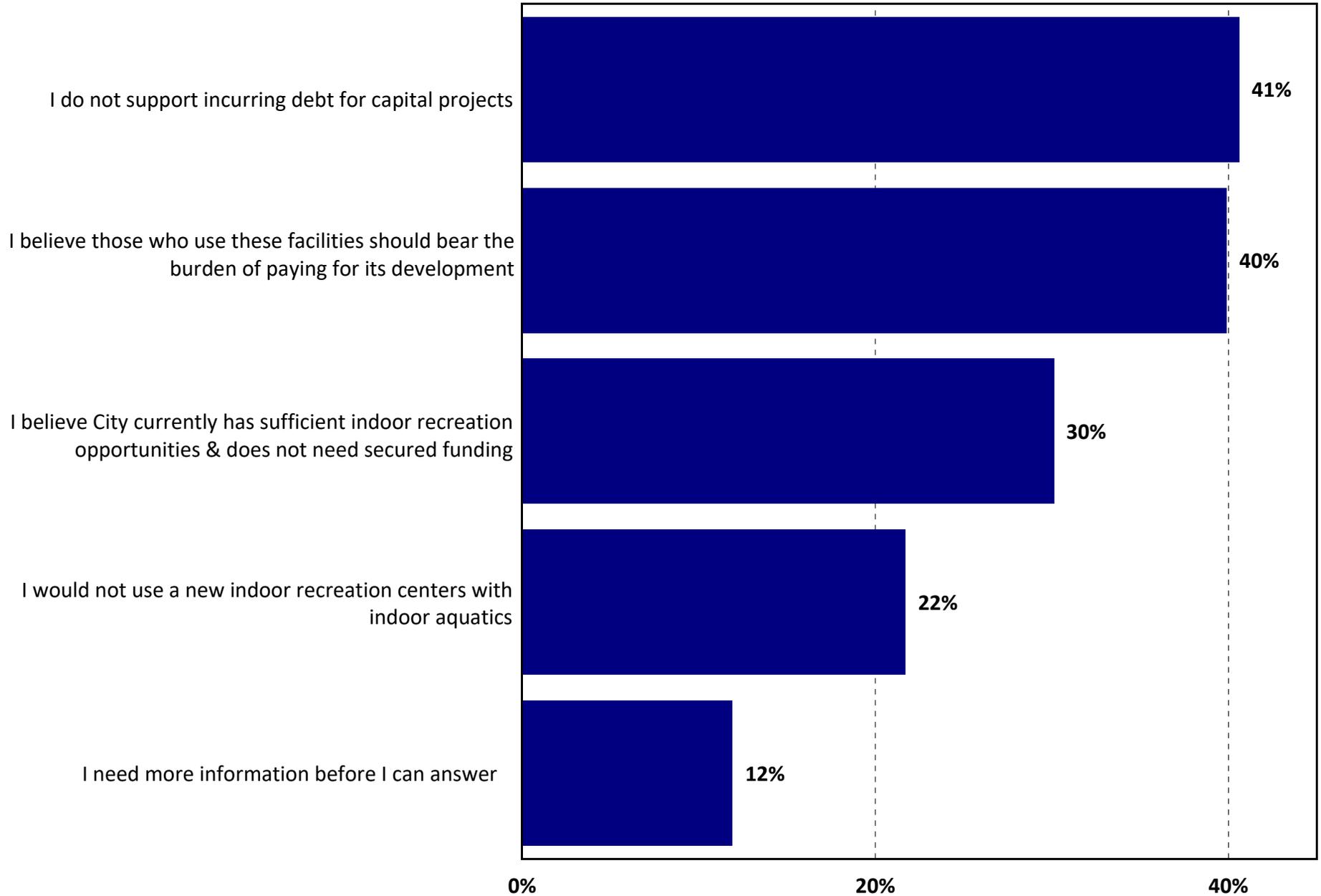
# Q22. How supportive would you be of a sales tax increase and ongoing operations and maintenance of a new RECREATION CENTER WITH INDOOR AQUATICS?

by percentage of respondents



# Q22a. If “Not Supportive”/“Not Supportive At All” to Question 22, please indicate why you answered this way.

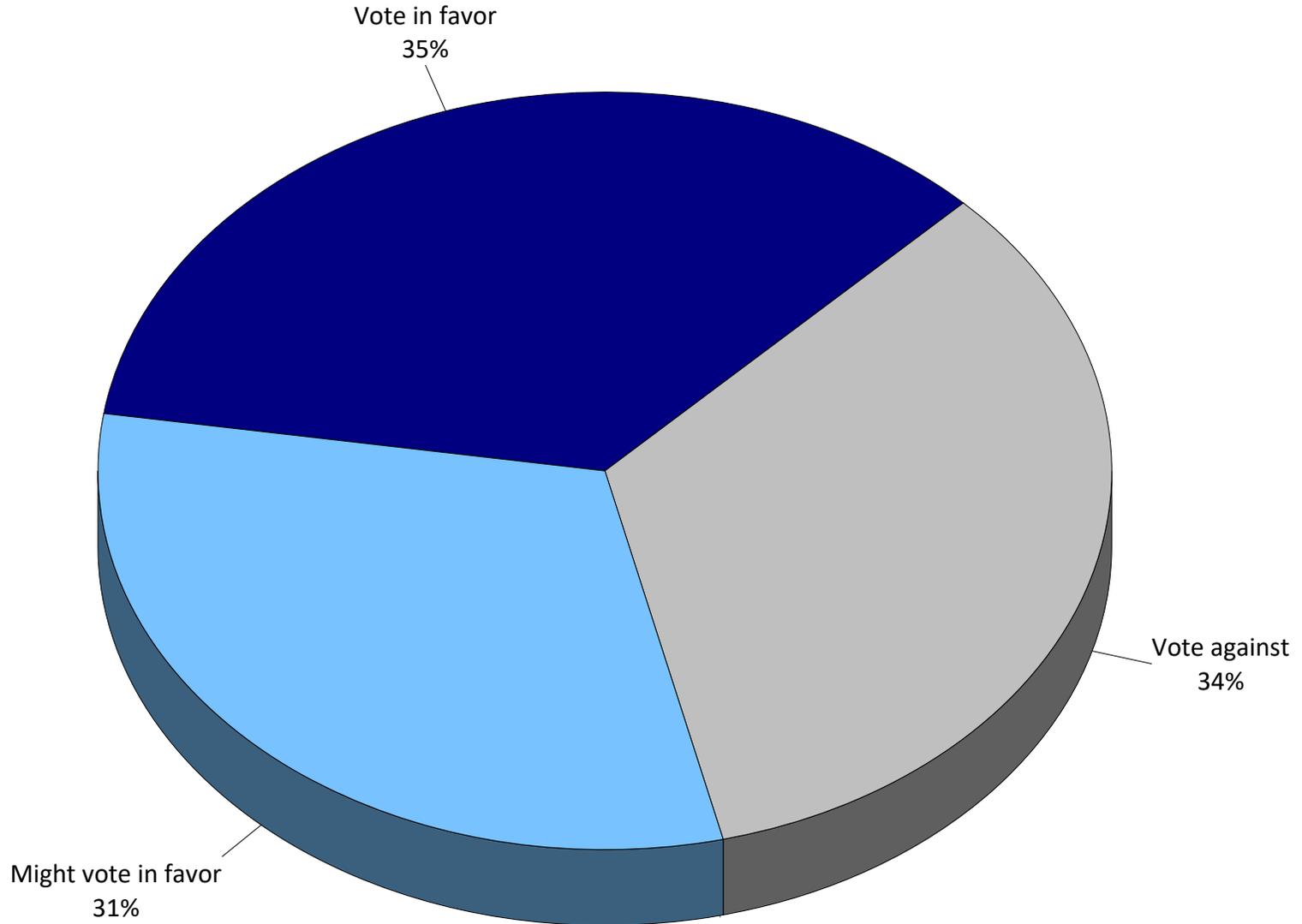
by percentage of respondents



**Q23. If a voter election was held to determine whether or not to increase sales tax in perpetuity and maintain a new RECREATION CENTER WITH INDOOR AQUATICS,**

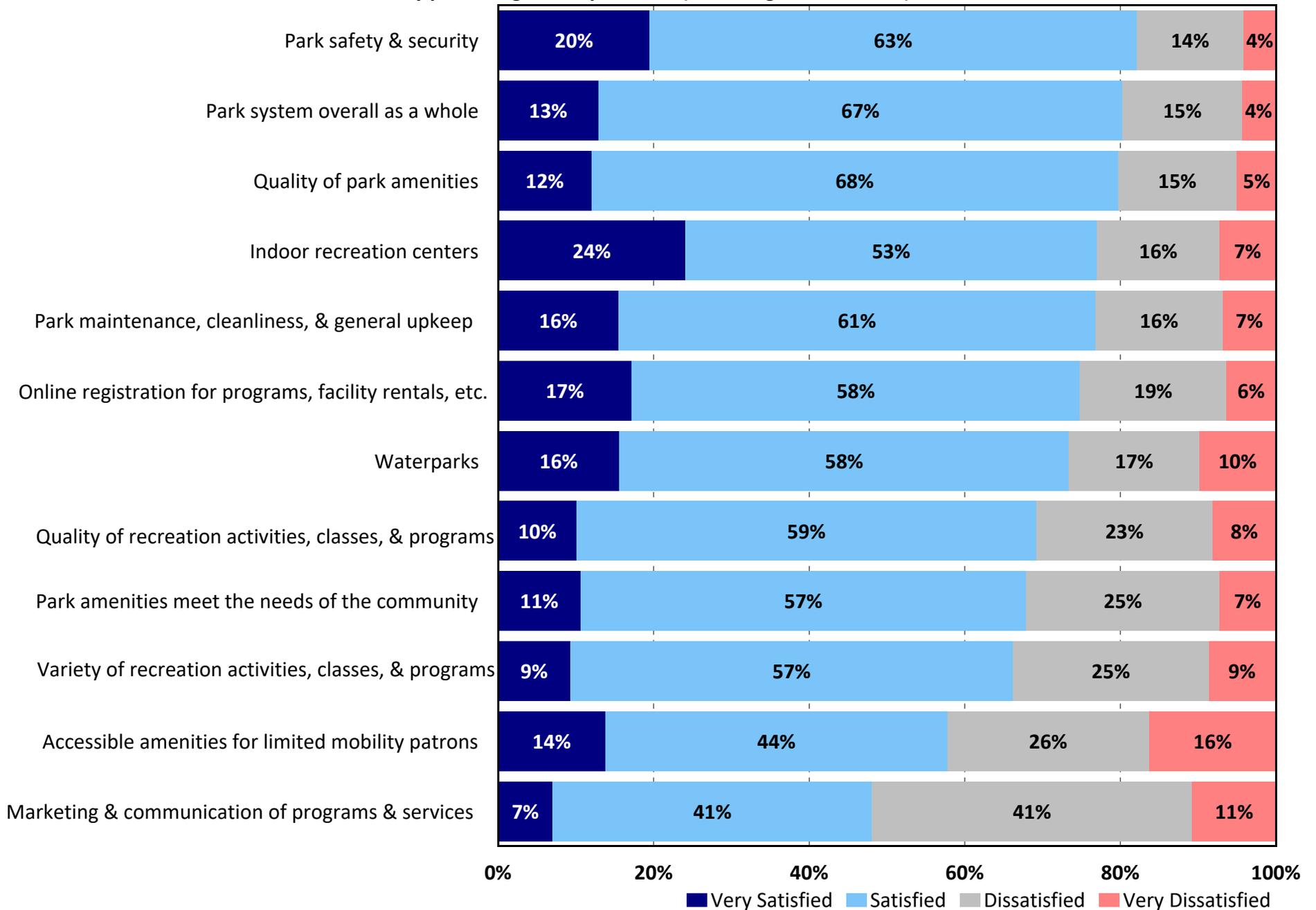
**how would you vote?**

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not sure")



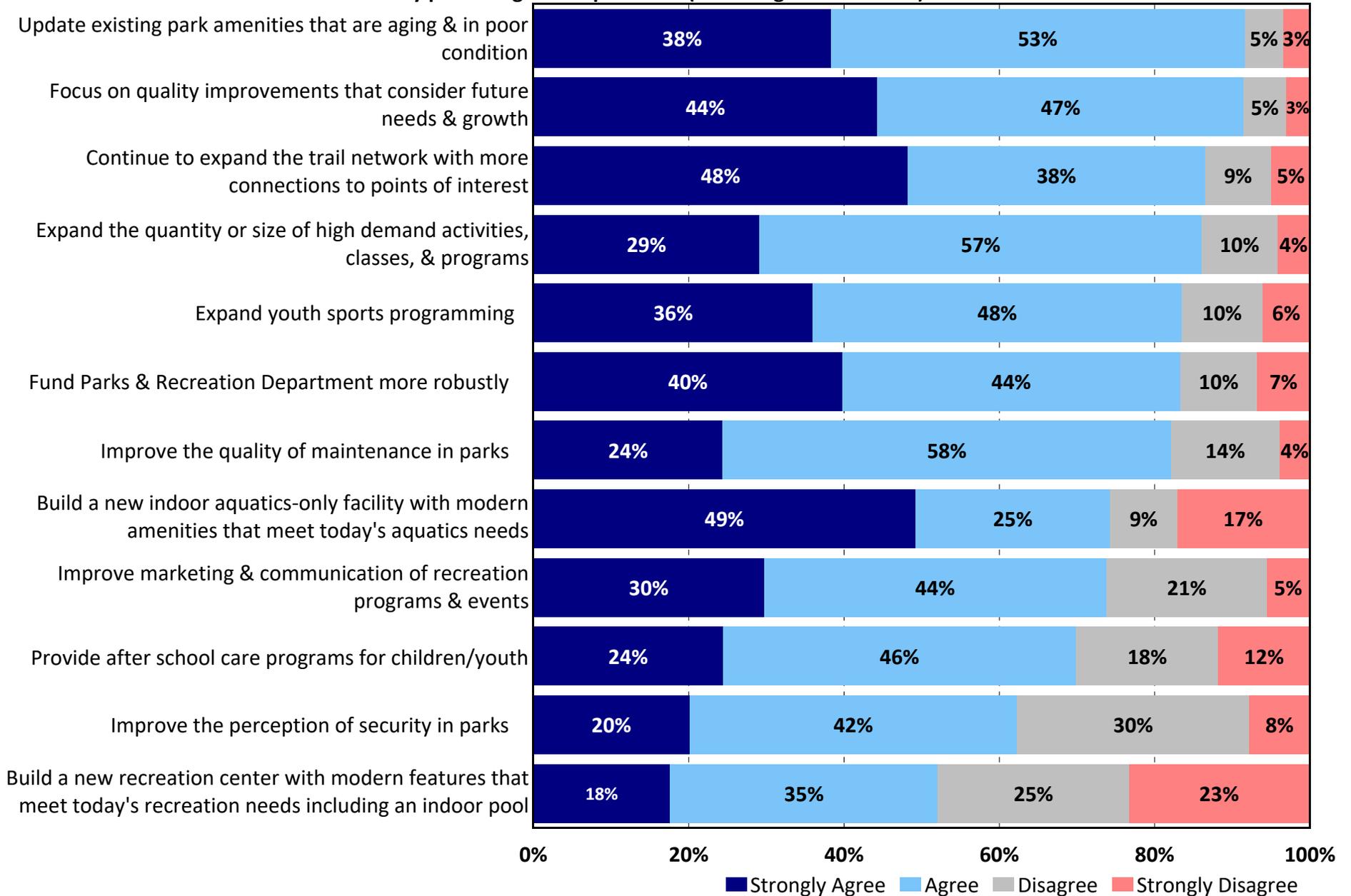
## Q24. Please rate your level of satisfaction with the following terms.

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

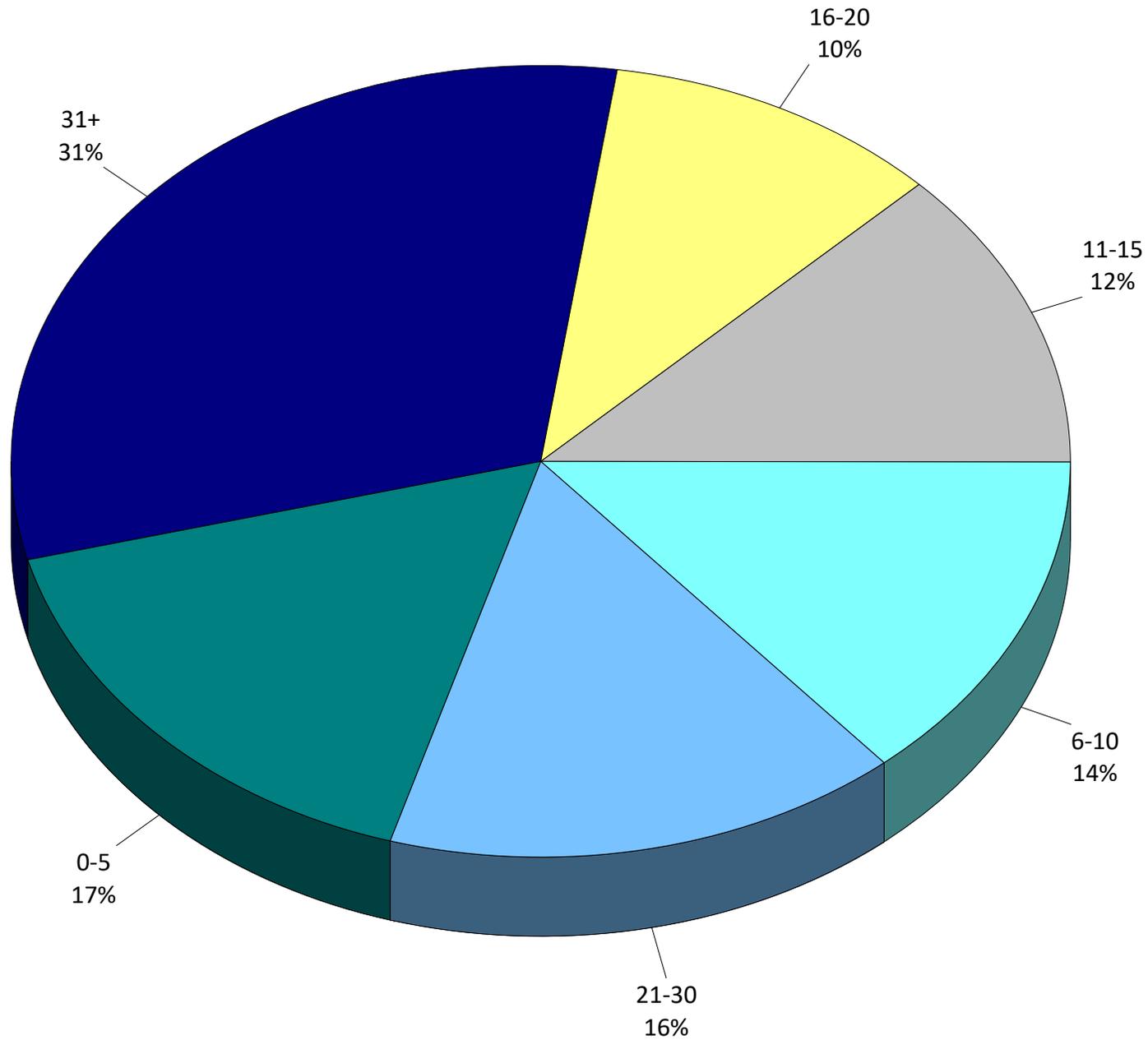


# Q25. Please indicate how much you agree that the following are important priorities over the next 10 years.

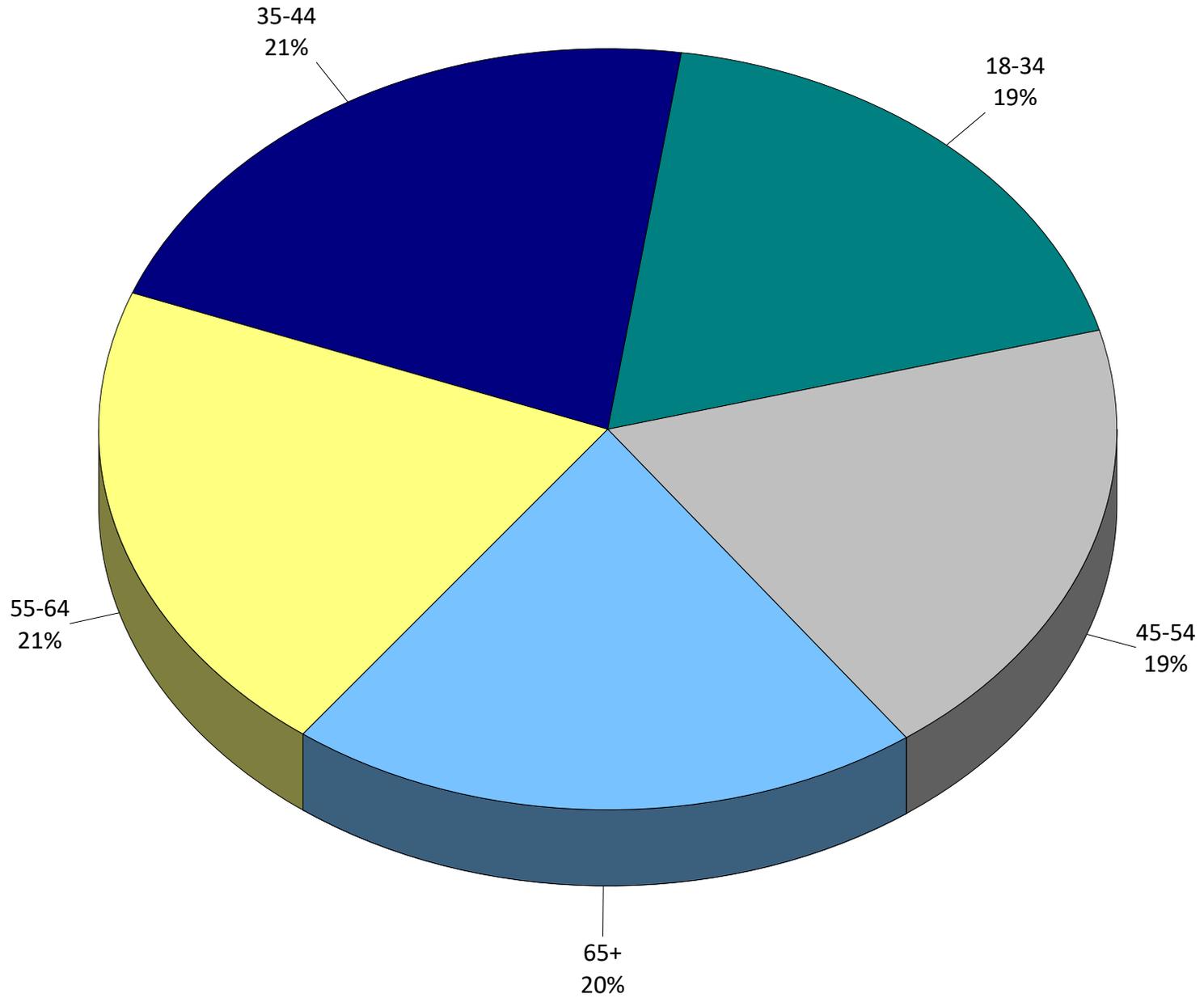
by percentage of respondents (excluding "don't know")



# Q26. Approximately how many years has your household resided in Manhattan? by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")

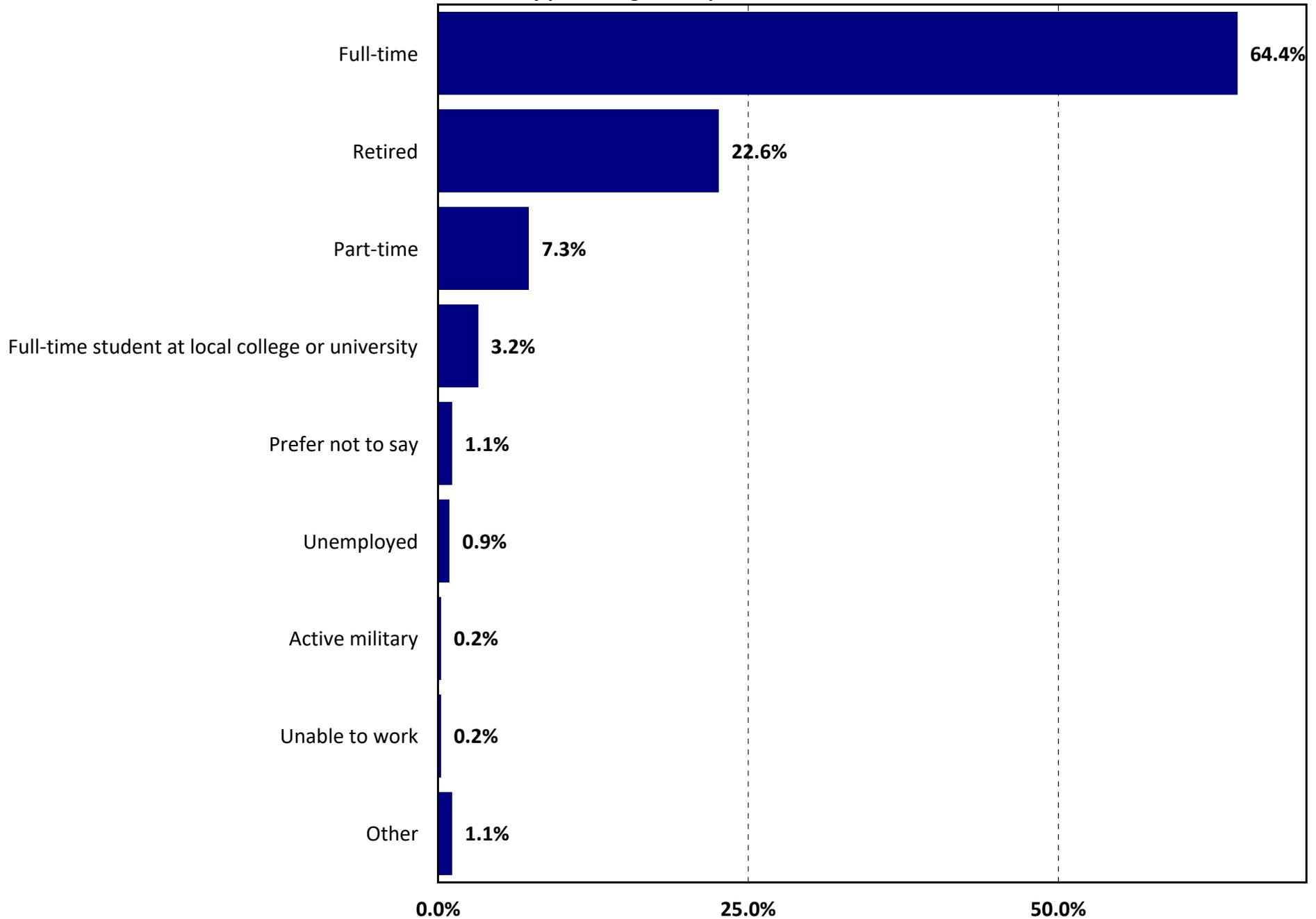


### Q27. What is your age? by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")

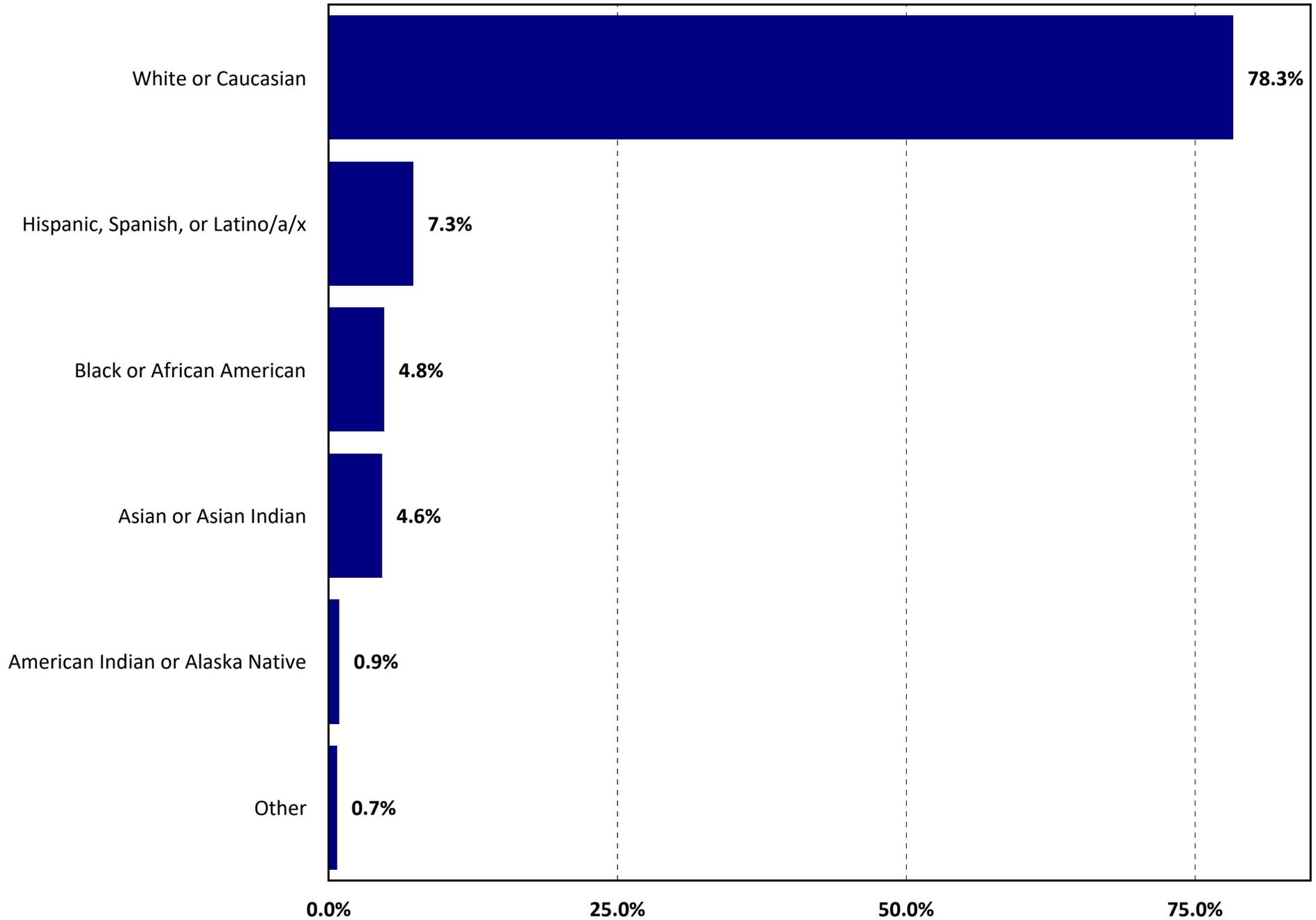


# Q28. Which of the following best describes your employment status?

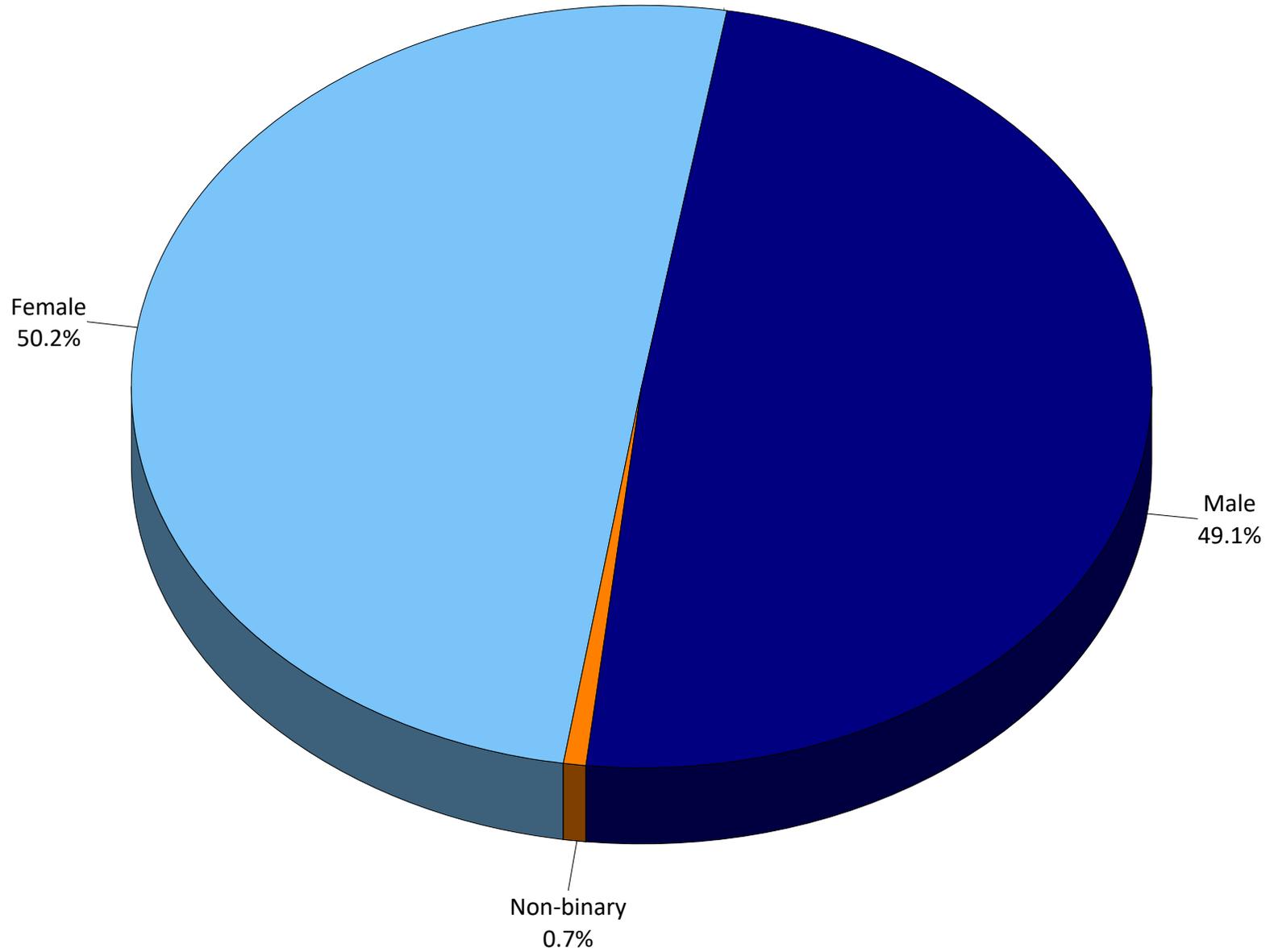
by percentage of respondents



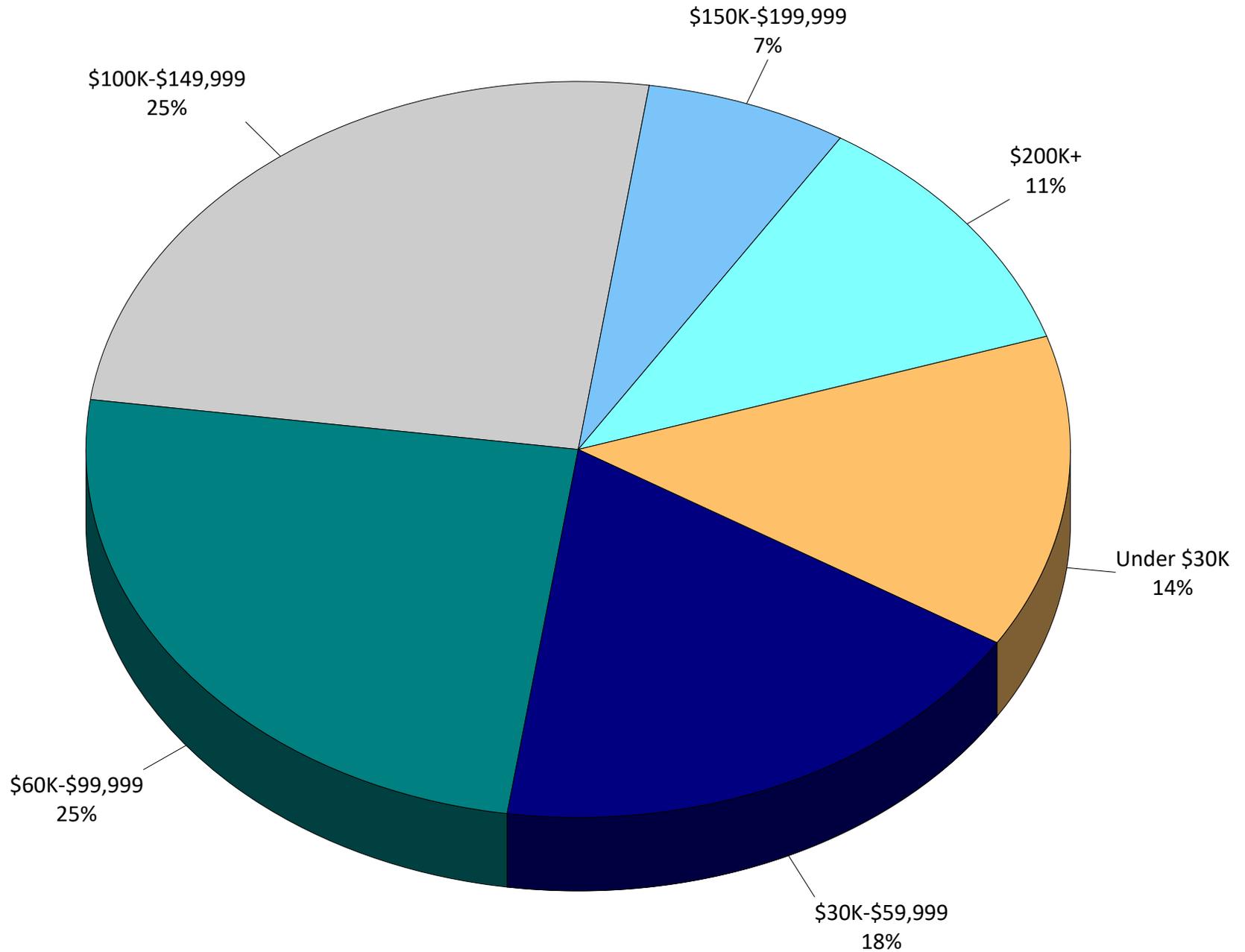
## Q29. Which of the following best describes your race? by percentage of respondents



### Q30. With what gender do you identify most? by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



### Q31. Which of the following BEST describes your annual household income? by percentage of respondents (excluding "prefer not to answer")



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## **Priority Investment Rating**

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# Priority Investment Rating

## Manhattan, KS

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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, if the Unmet Needs Rating for Community Gardens were 98.9 (out of 100) and the Importance Rating for Community Gardens were 21.6 (out of 100), the Priority Investment Rating for Community Gardens would be 120.5 (out of 200).

### How to Analyze the Charts:

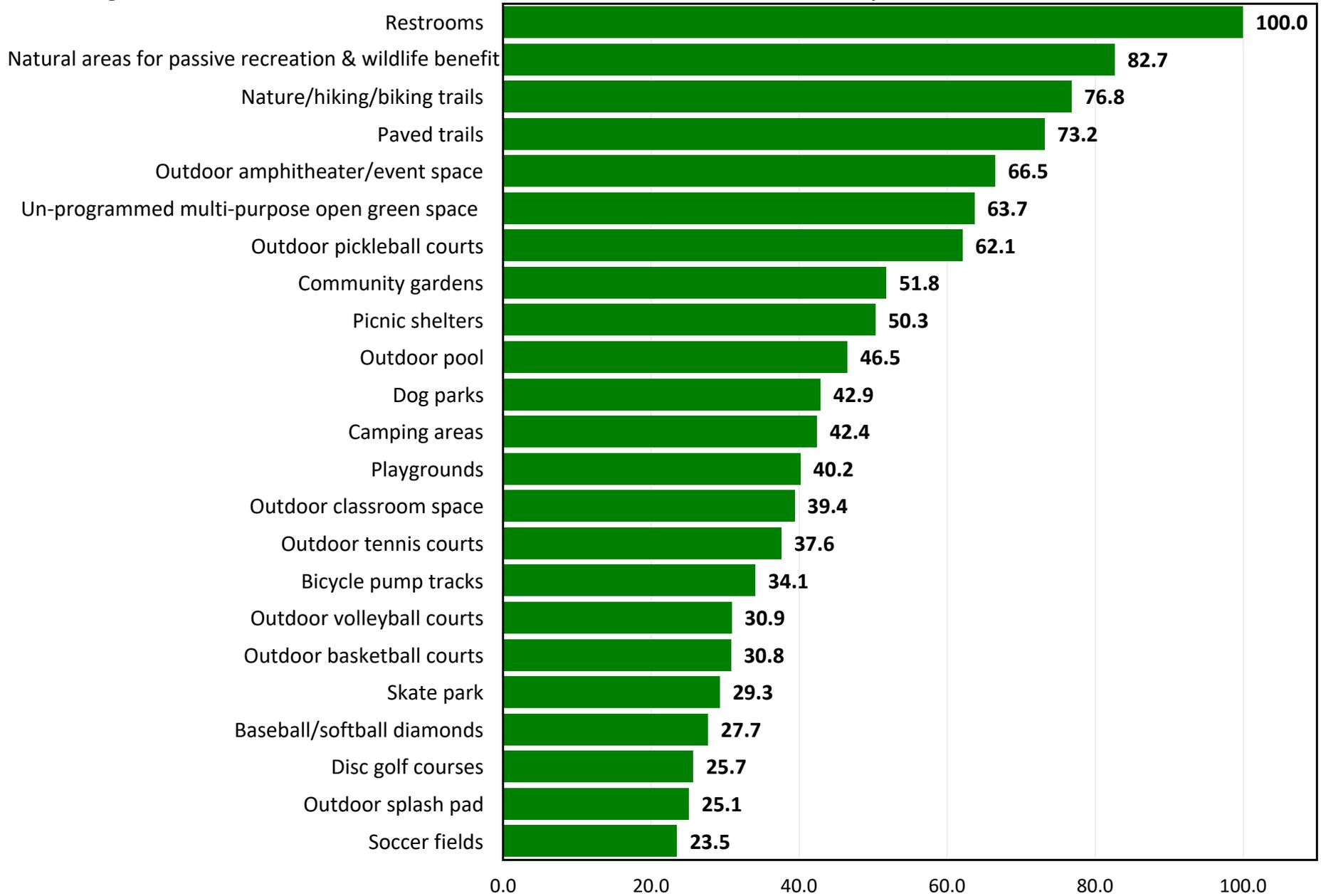
- **High Priority Areas** are those with a PIR of at least 100. A rating of 100 or above generally indicates there is a relatively high level of unmet need and residents generally think it is important to fund improvements in these areas. Improvements in this area are likely to have a positive impact 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 Outdoor Park Amenities

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

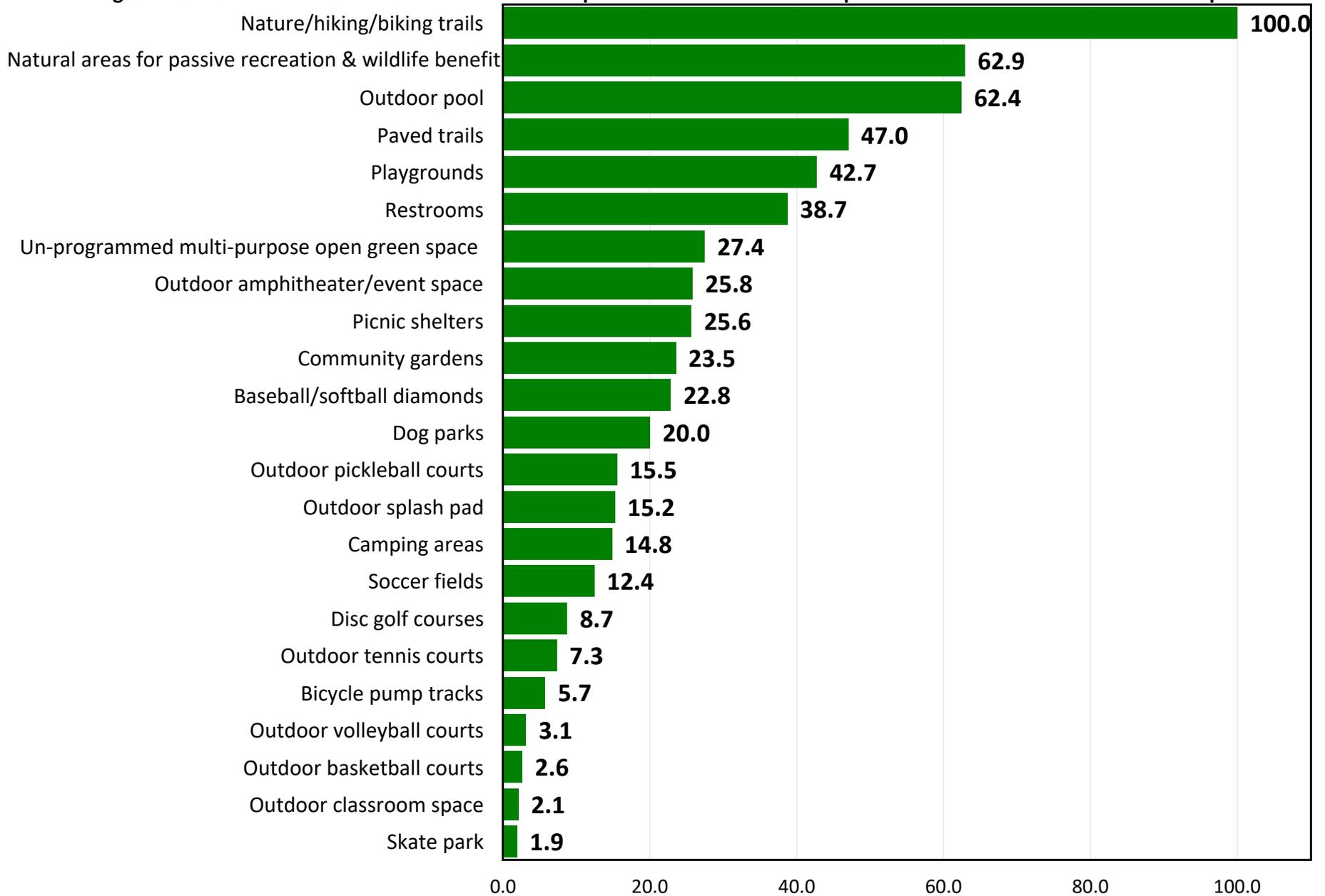
the rating of all other items reflects the relative amount of unmet need for each item compared to the item with the most unmet need



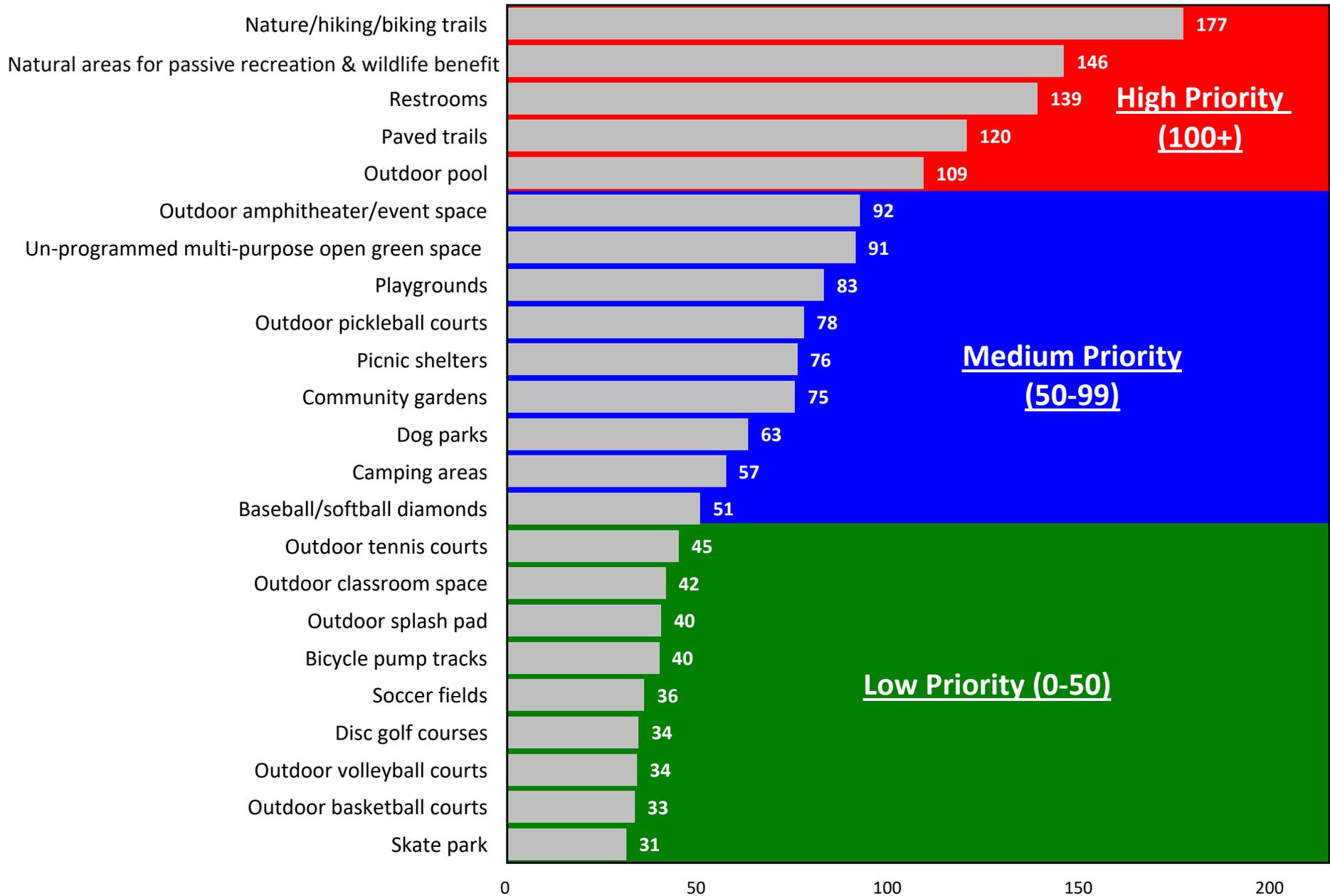
# Importance Rating for Outdoor Park Amenities

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



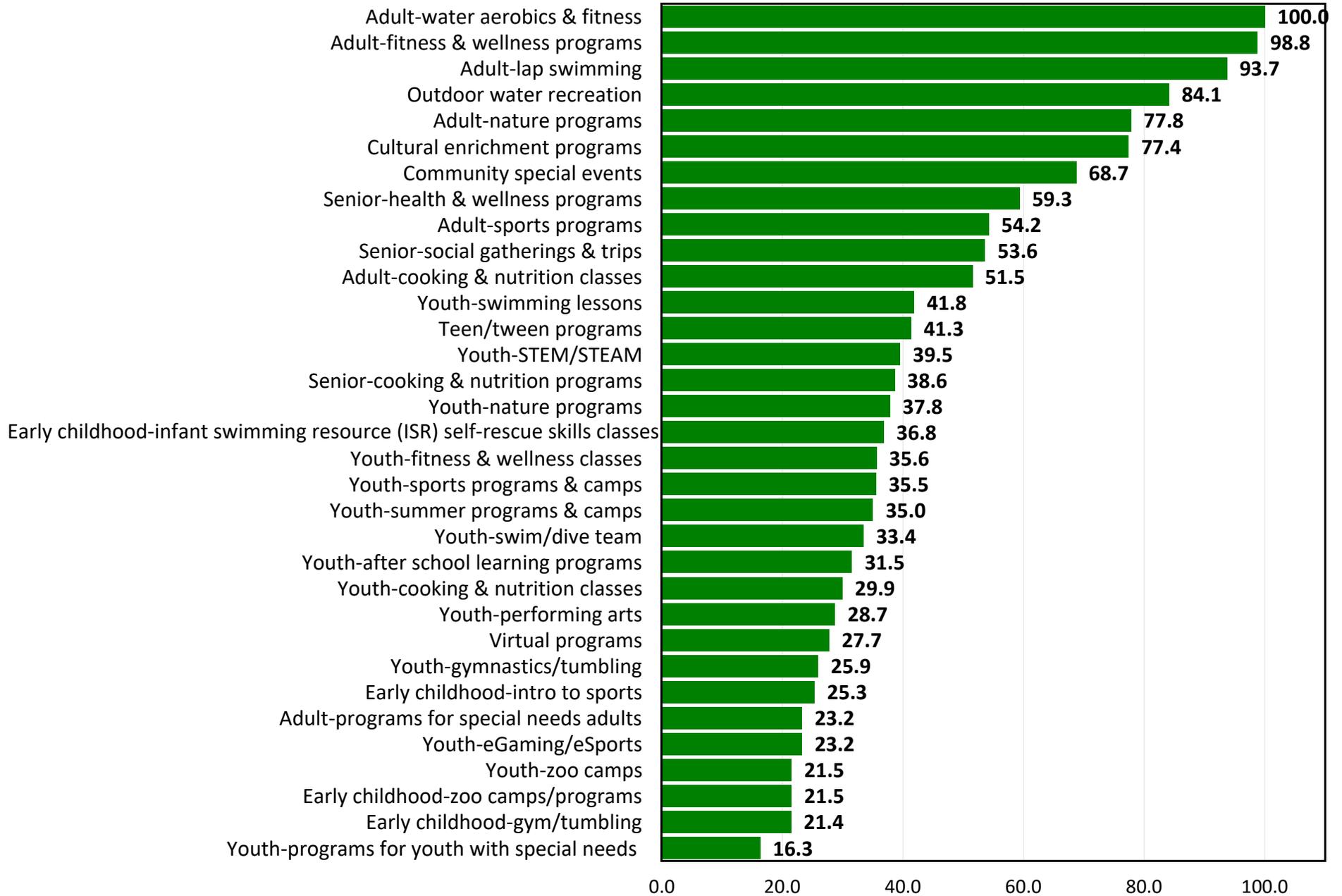
# Top Priorities for Investment for Outdoor Park Amenities Based on Priority Investment Rating



# Unmet Needs Rating for Programs

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

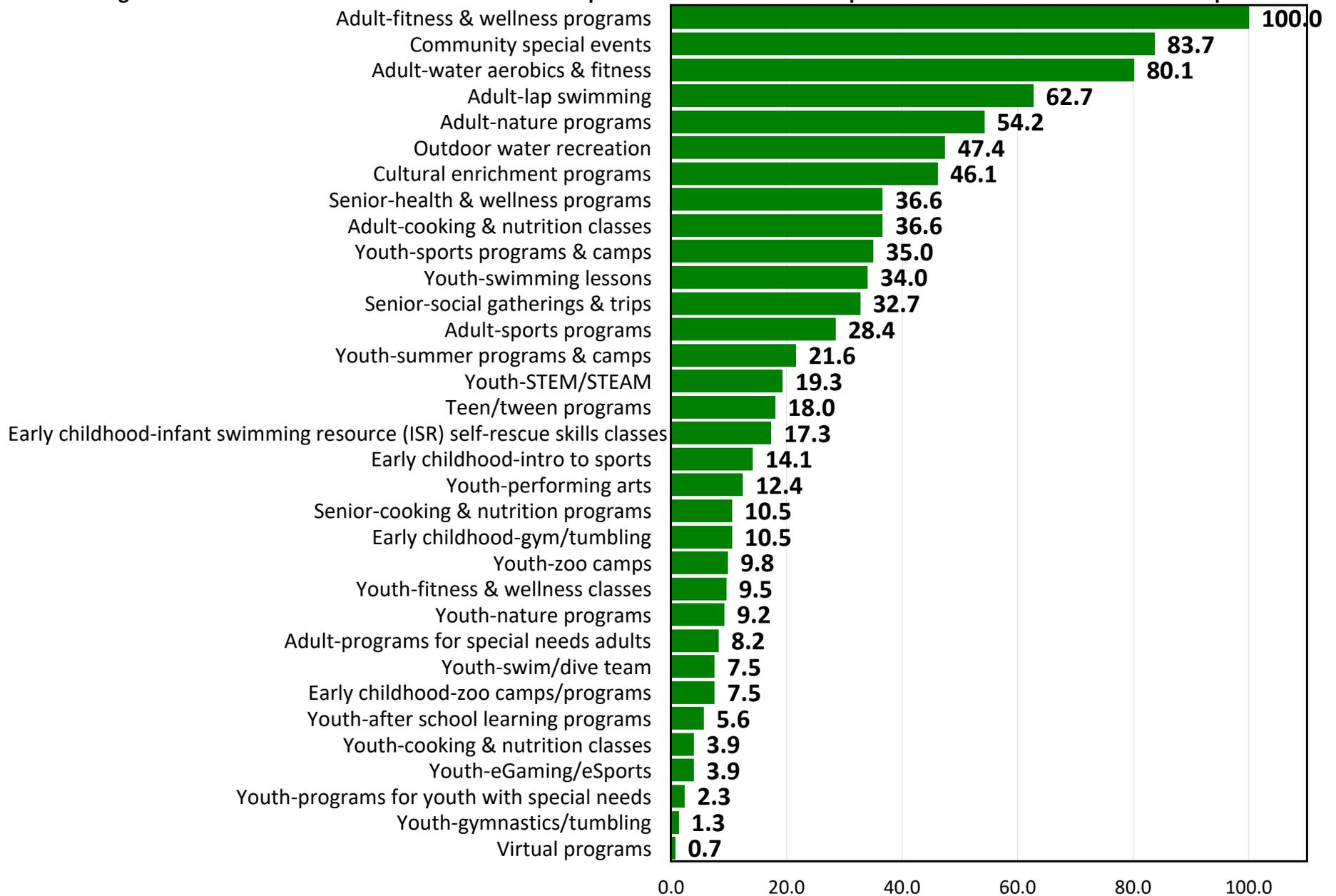
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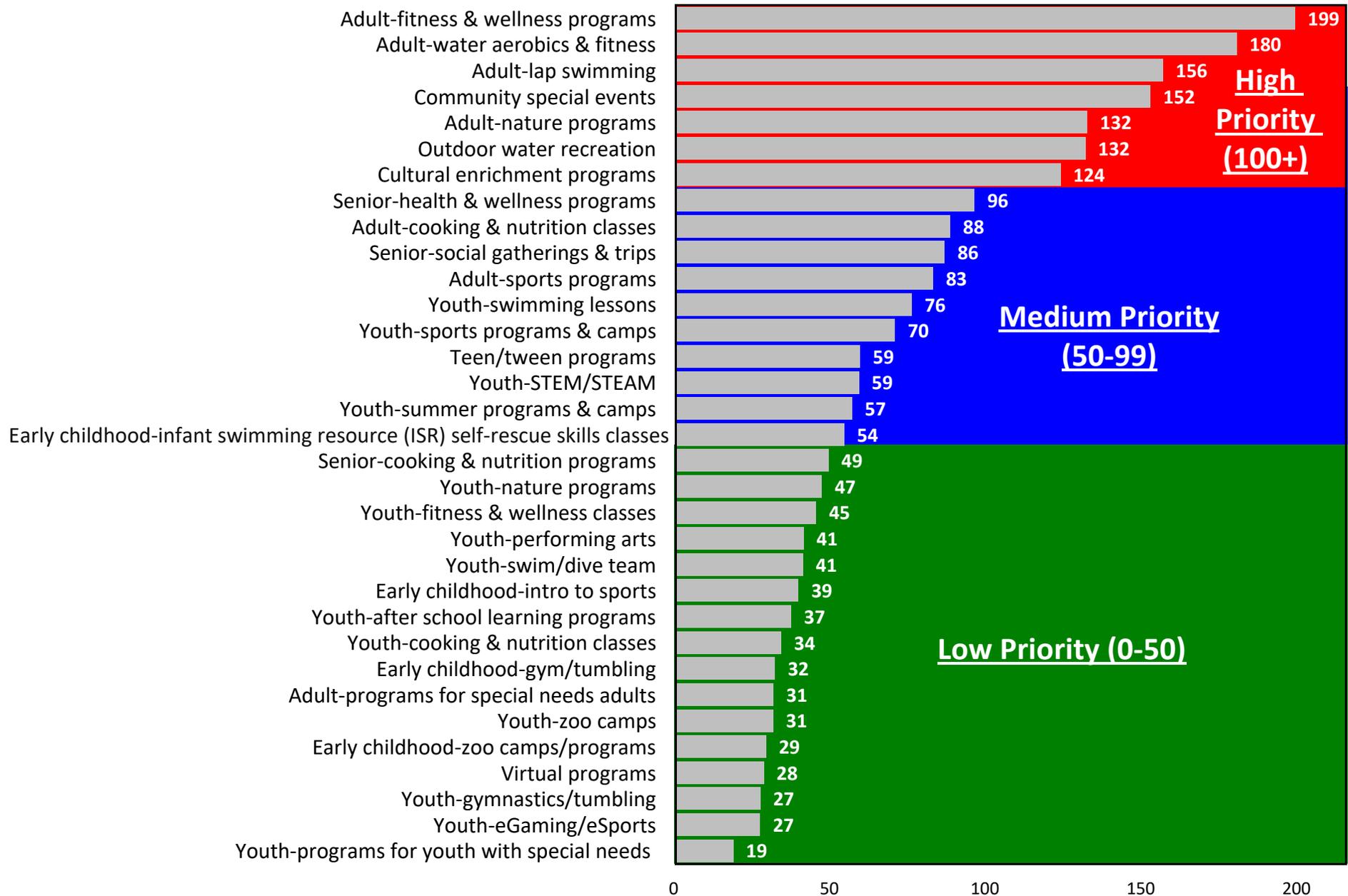
# Importance Rating for Programs

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



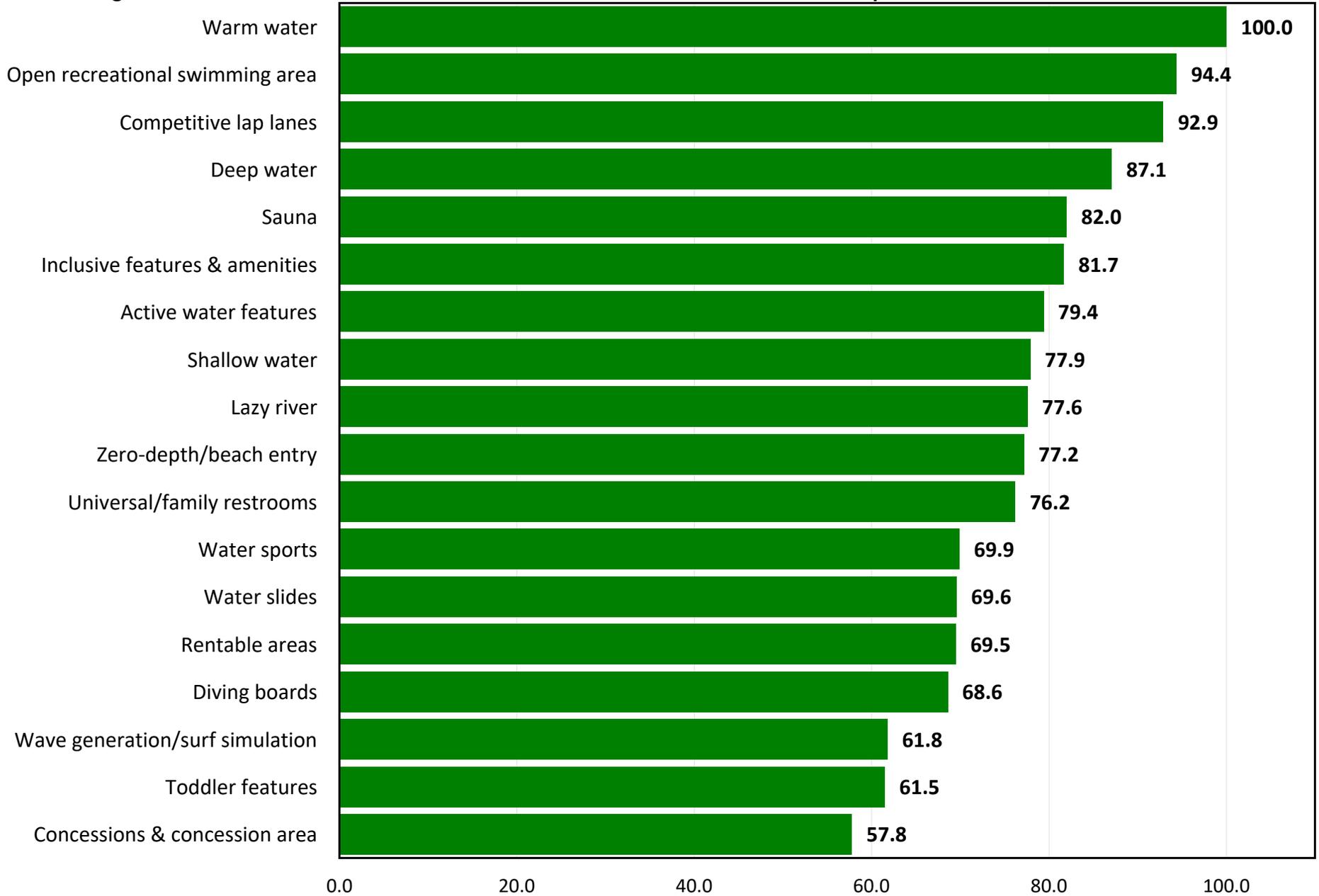
# Top Priorities for Investment for Programs Based on Priority Investment Rating



# Unmet Needs Rating for Indoor Aquatic Amenities

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

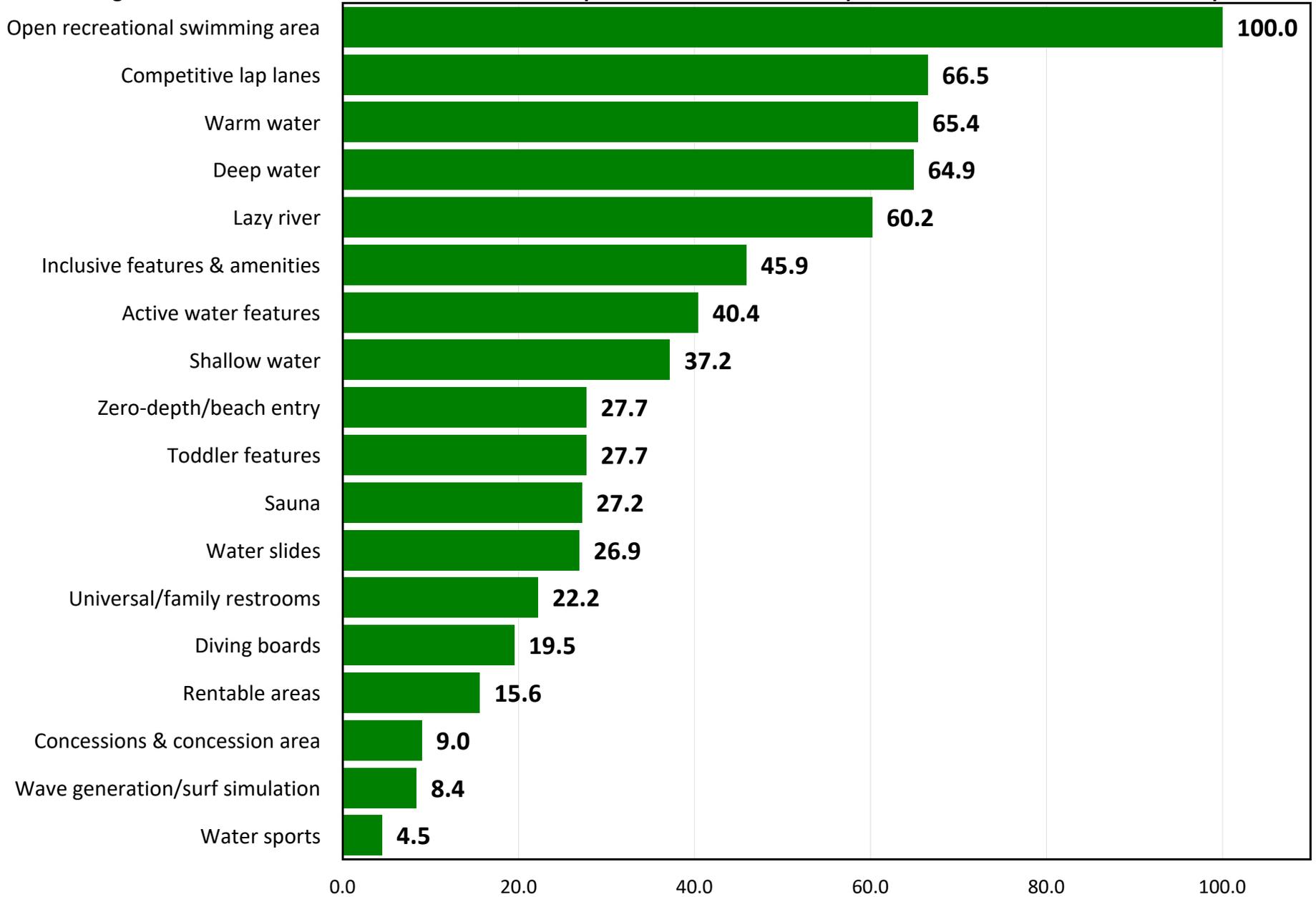
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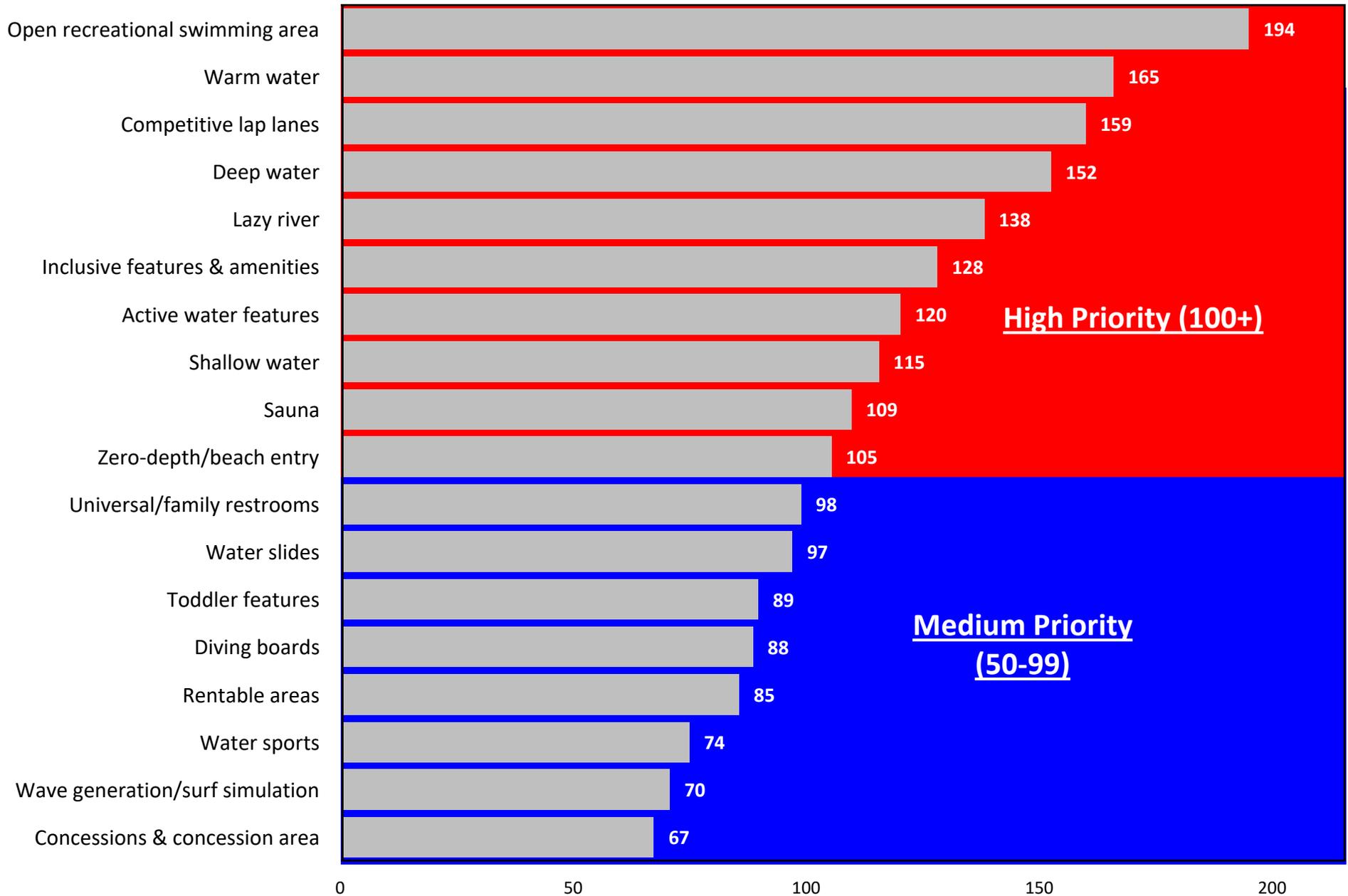
# Importance Rating for Indoor Aquatic Amenities

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



# Top Priorities for Investment for Indoor Aquatic Amenities Based on Priority Investment Rating



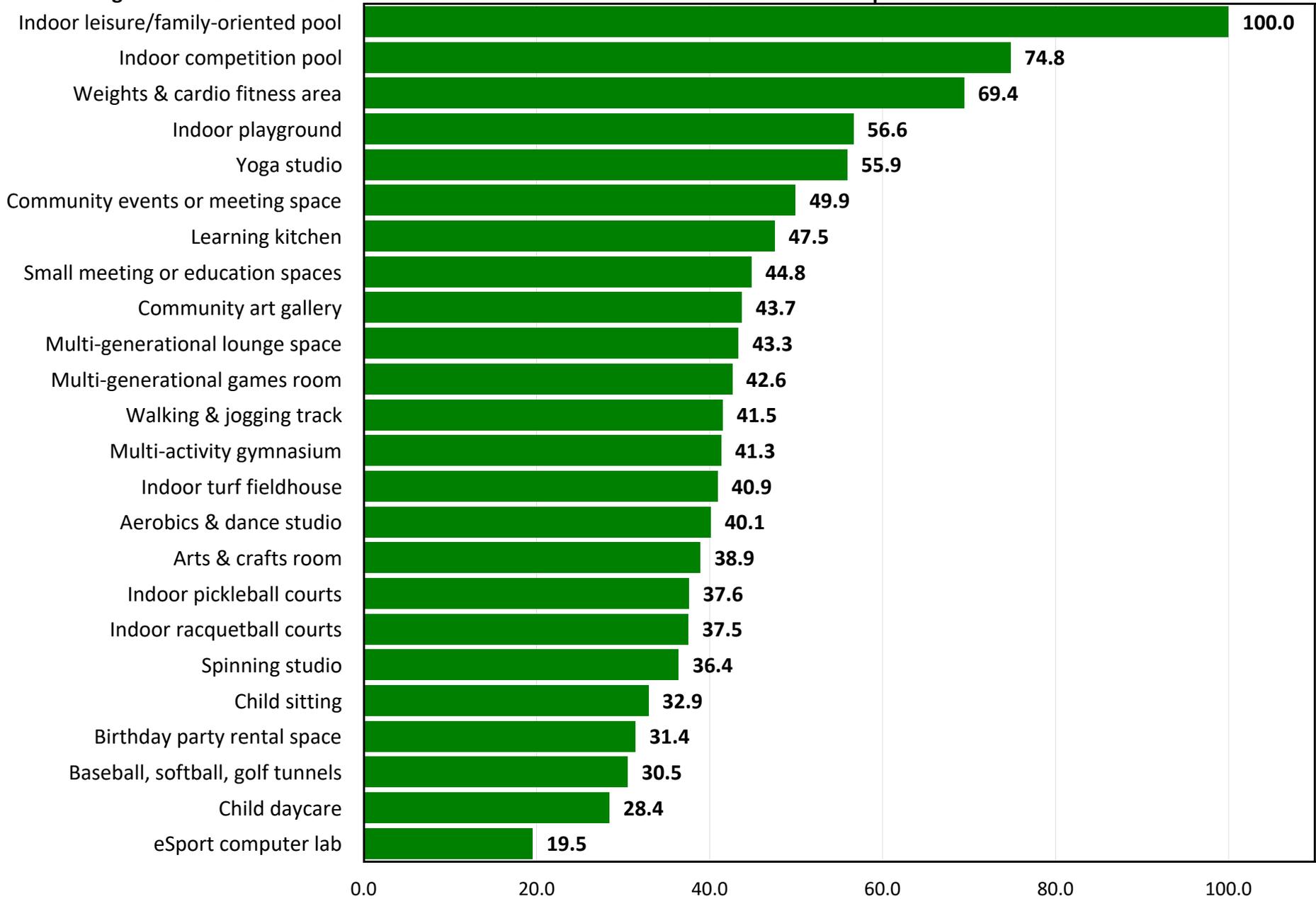
**High Priority (100+)**

**Medium Priority (50-99)**

# Unmet Needs Rating for Recreation Center Spaces

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

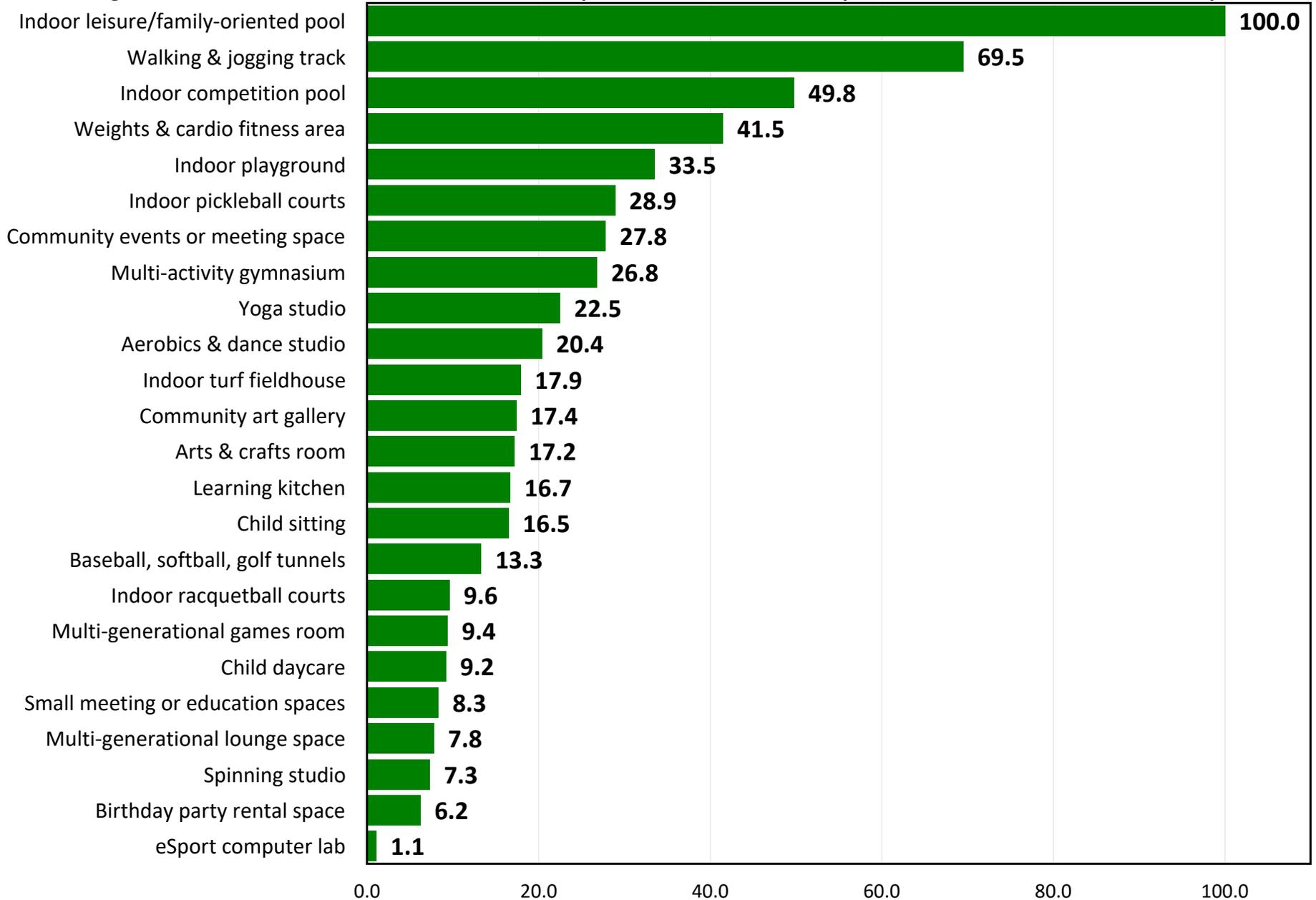
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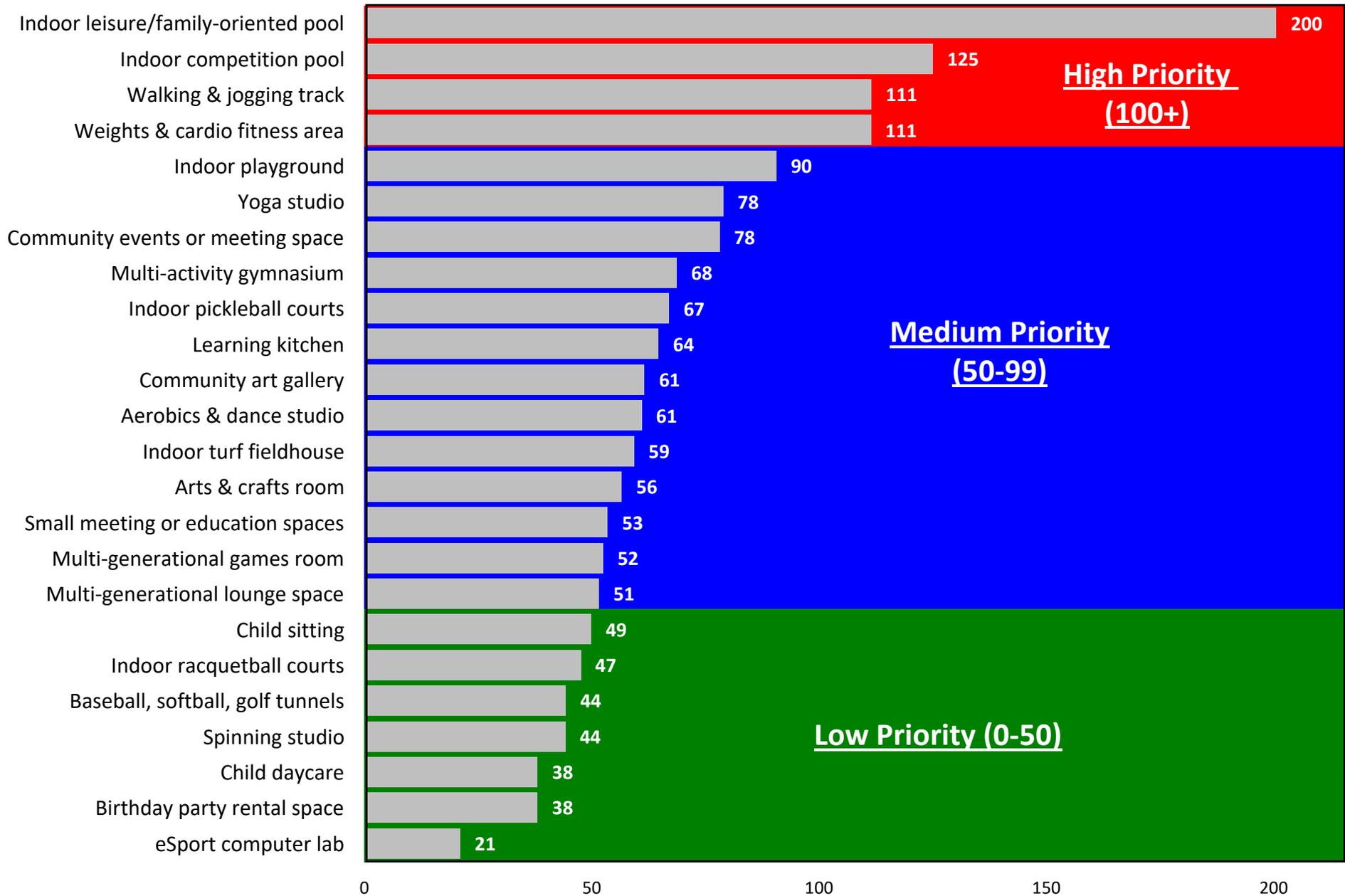
# Importance Rating for Recreation Center Spaces

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

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# Top Priorities for Investment for Recreation Center Spaces Based on Priority Investment Rating



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# Benchmarks

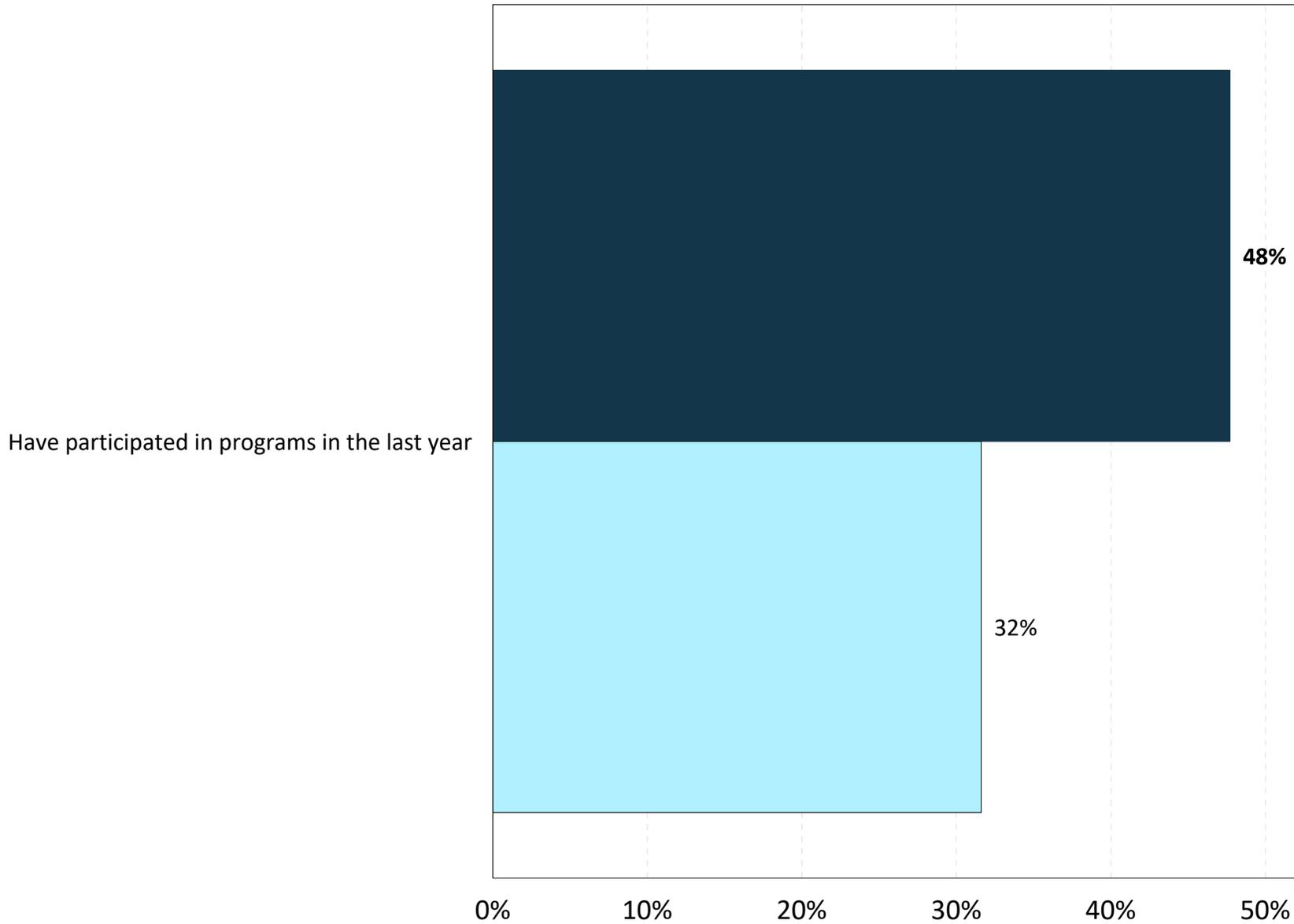
# National Benchmarks

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# Use of Recreation Programs

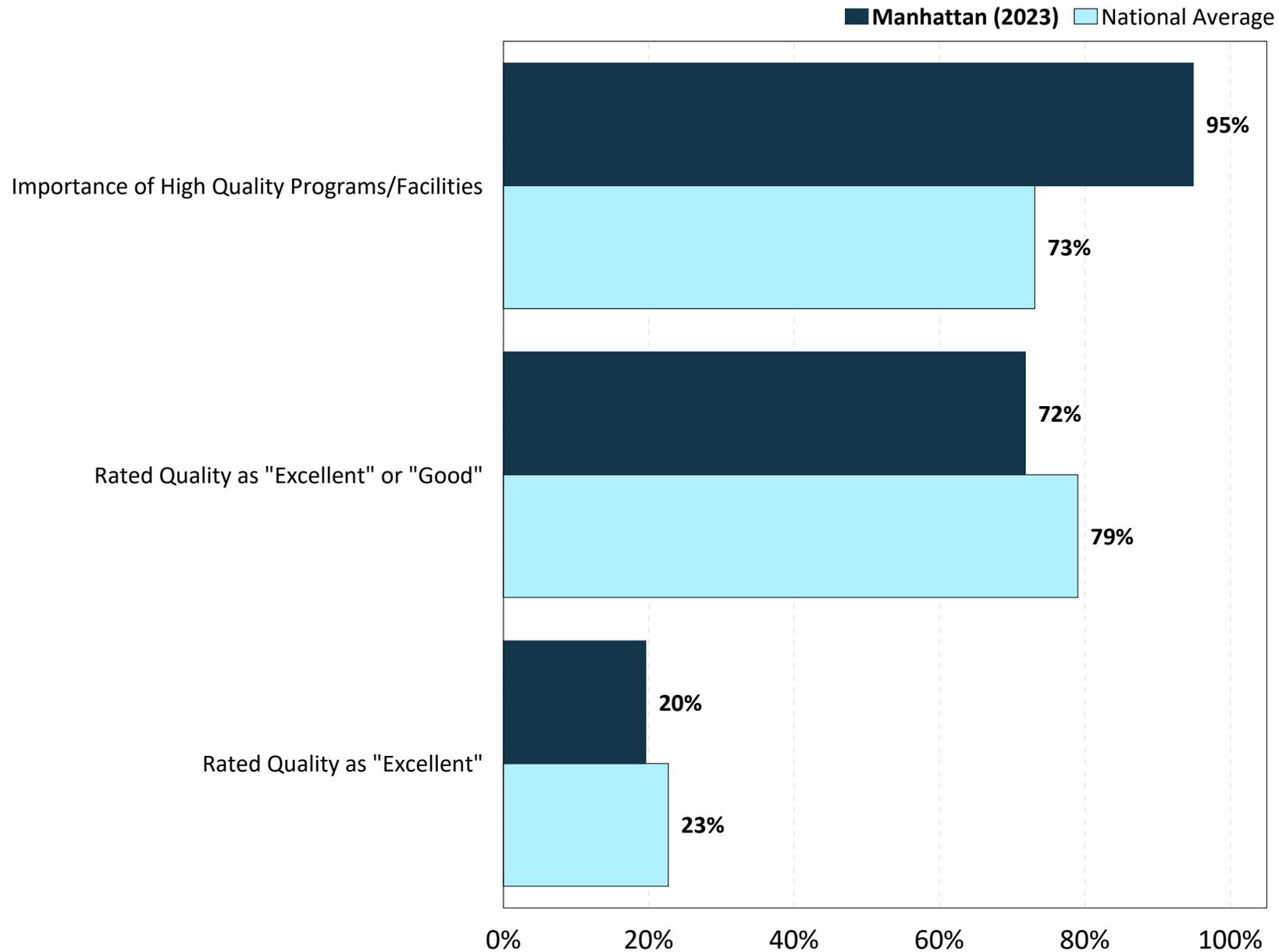
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■ Manhattan (2023) ■ National Average



# Rating Parks and Recreation Locations

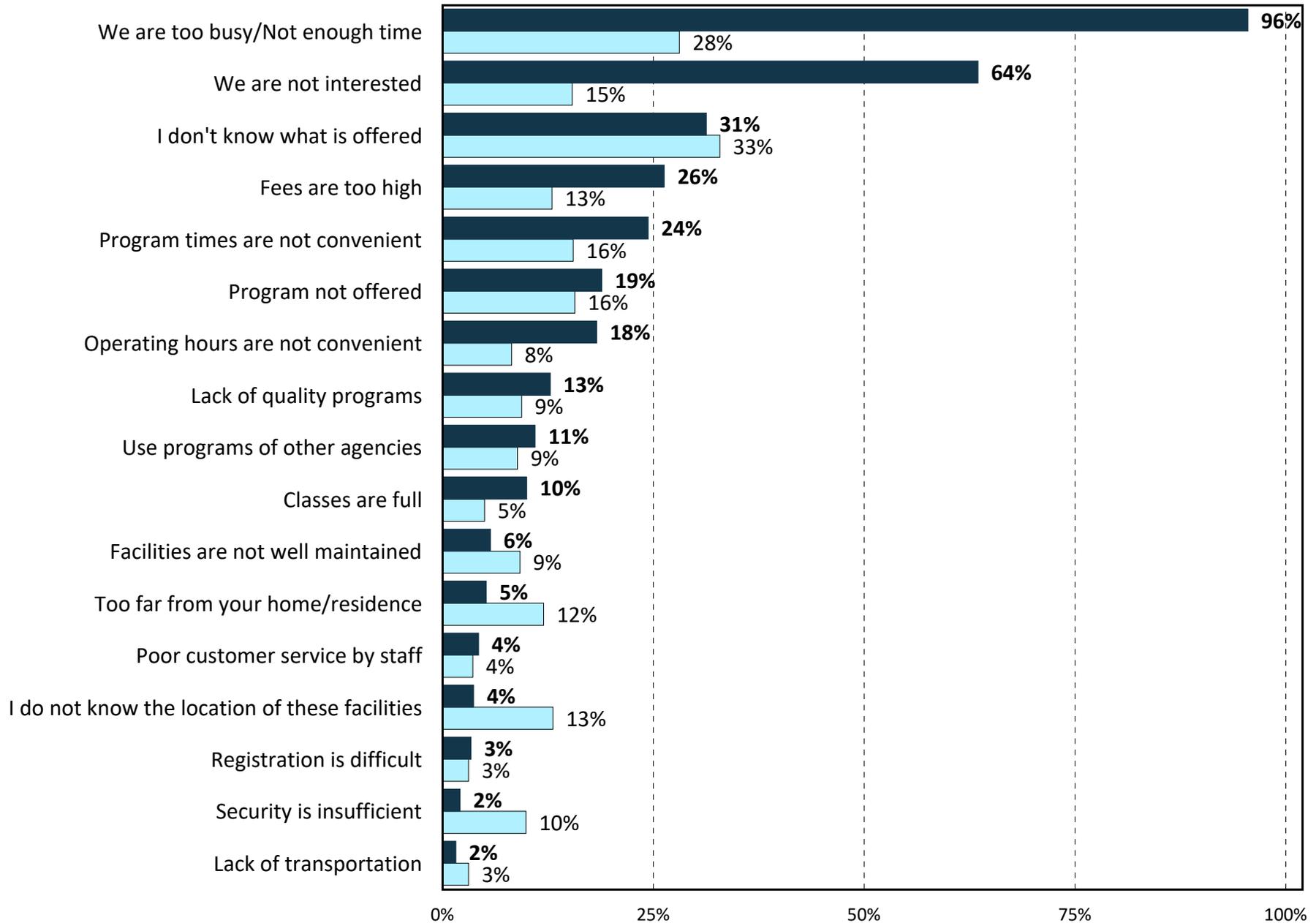
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# Barriers

by % of respondents

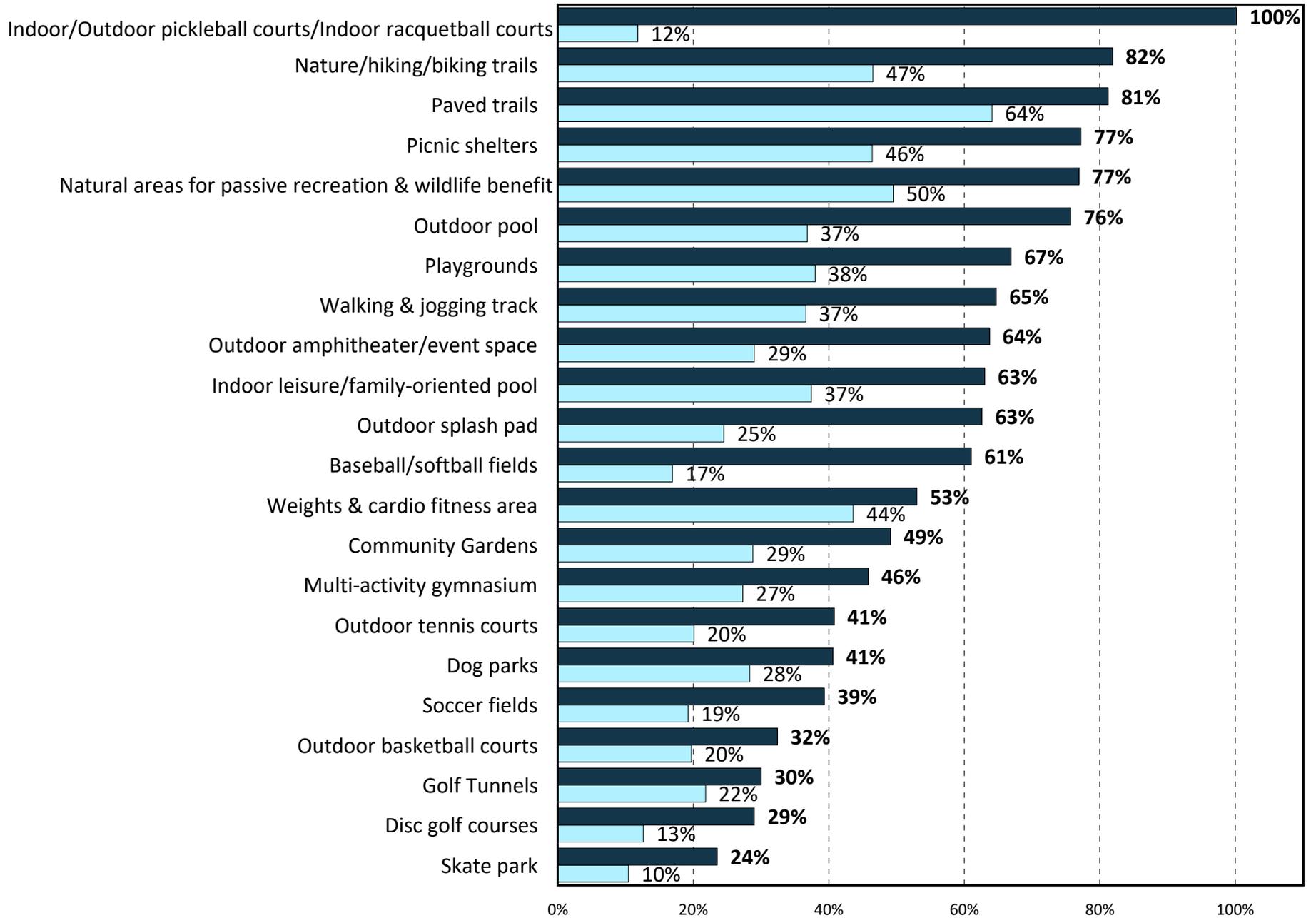
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# Respondents with Need for Facilities and Amenities

by percentage of respondents

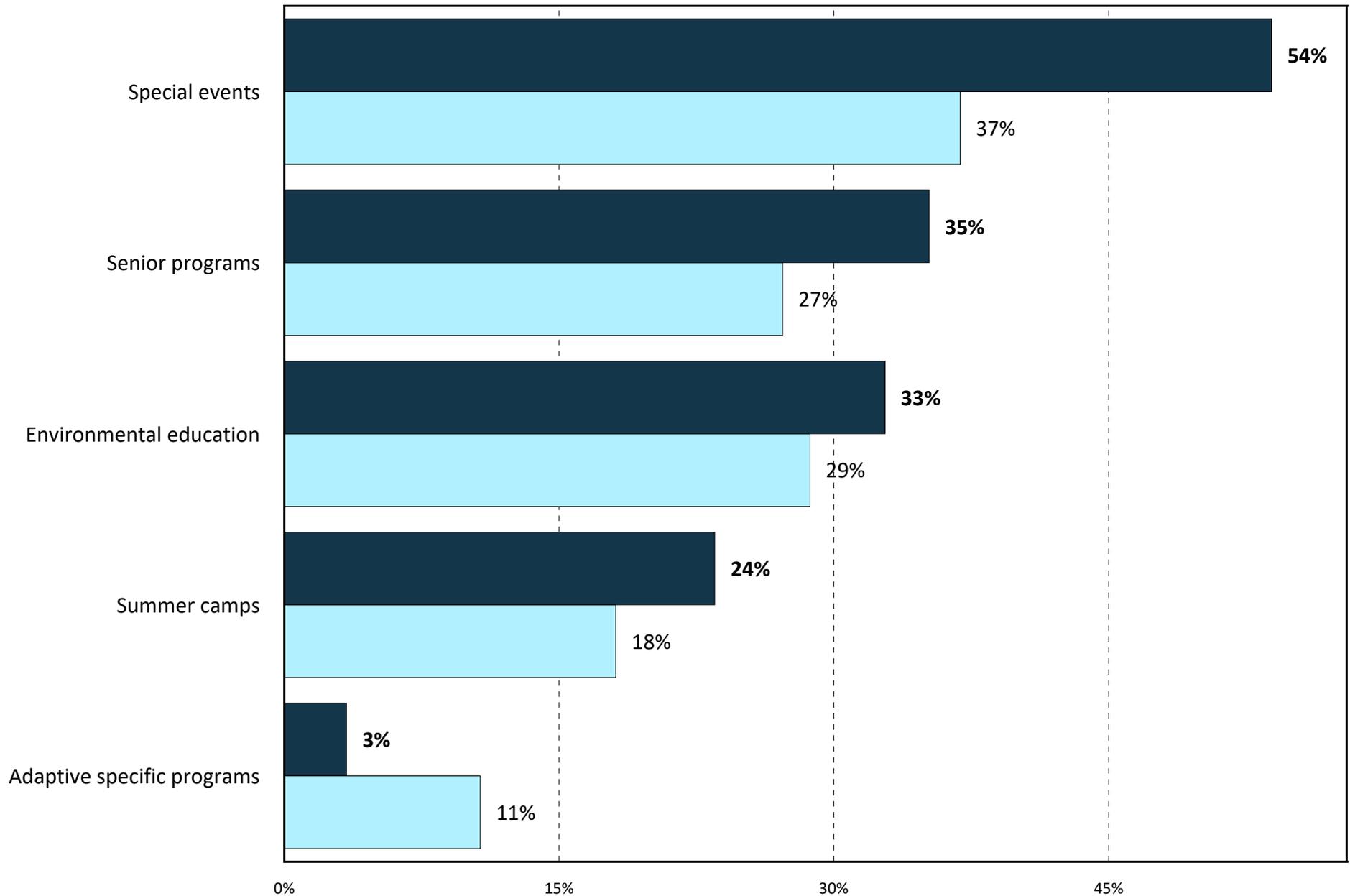
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# Respondents with Need for Recreation Programs

by percentage of respondents

■ Manhattan (2023) ■ National Average



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# Tabular Data

**Q1. Including yourself, how many people in your household are...**

	Mean	Sum
number	2.69	1143
Under age 5	0.14	61
Ages 5-9	0.21	91
Ages 10-14	0.23	97
Ages 15-19	0.17	74
Ages 20-24	0.12	53
Ages 25-34	0.24	102
Ages 35-44	0.45	191
Ages 45-54	0.35	150
Ages 55-64	0.37	158
Ages 65-74	0.25	105
Ages 75+	0.14	61

**Q2. Using a scale of 1 to 4, where 4 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied," please rate your level of satisfaction with the following parks, trails, and facilities provided by the City of Manhattan.**

(N=438)

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Haven't used
Q2-1. Anthony Recreation Center	21.9%	22.6%	2.3%	0.5%	52.7%
Q2-2. Blue Earth Plaza	27.4%	45.7%	3.4%	1.1%	22.4%
Q2-3. Bluemont Scenic Overlook	16.4%	35.6%	4.1%	0.5%	43.4%
Q2-4. CiCo Park	14.8%	39.3%	21.7%	8.2%	16.0%
Q2-5. City Park	31.1%	52.1%	5.9%	0.7%	10.3%
Q2-6. Douglass Park	4.3%	13.2%	2.5%	0.7%	79.2%
Q2-7. Eisenhower Baseball Complex	3.4%	10.5%	2.7%	2.1%	81.3%
Q2-8. Eisenhower Recreation Center	13.2%	17.4%	1.8%	0.7%	66.9%
Q2-9. Flint Hills Discovery Center	27.4%	37.9%	8.7%	3.2%	22.8%
Q2-10. Frank Anneberg Park/Twin Oaks Sports Complex	26.0%	42.9%	4.1%	2.3%	24.7%
Q2-11. Frederick Douglass Rec. Complex	9.1%	11.2%	1.1%	0.5%	78.1%
Q2-12. Goodnow Park	5.0%	16.2%	4.1%	0.7%	74.0%
Q2-13. Griffith Park	2.1%	14.8%	6.6%	1.6%	74.9%
Q2-14. Long's Park	7.8%	25.8%	3.2%	0.5%	62.8%
Q2-15. Northeast Community Park	5.0%	16.7%	4.3%	0.7%	73.3%
Q2-16. Northview Park	2.7%	15.1%	4.6%	0.9%	76.7%
Q2-17. Roger Schultz Community Park	2.3%	9.4%	1.6%	1.1%	85.6%
Q2-18. Sojourner Truth Park	0.7%	5.7%	2.5%	1.1%	90.0%
Q2-19. Stagg Hill Park	3.0%	9.6%	1.8%	0.7%	84.9%
Q2-20. Sunset Zoological Park	27.6%	42.9%	4.1%	1.6%	23.7%
Q2-21. Warner Park	11.0%	26.5%	4.6%	0.7%	57.3%

**ONLY INCLUDING HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAVE USED THE PARK/FACILITY**

**Q2. Using a scale of 1 to 4, where 4 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied," please rate your level of satisfaction with the following parks, trails, and facilities provided by the City of Manhattan. (without "haven't used")**

(N=438)

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Q2-1. Anthony Recreation Center	46.4%	47.8%	4.8%	1.0%
Q2-2. Blue Earth Plaza	35.3%	58.8%	4.4%	1.5%
Q2-3. Bluemont Scenic Overlook	29.0%	62.9%	7.3%	0.8%
Q2-4. CiCo Park	17.7%	46.7%	25.8%	9.8%
Q2-5. City Park	34.6%	58.0%	6.6%	0.8%
Q2-6. Douglass Park	20.9%	63.7%	12.1%	3.3%
Q2-7. Eisenhower Baseball Complex	18.3%	56.1%	14.6%	11.0%
Q2-8. Eisenhower Recreation Center	40.0%	52.4%	5.5%	2.1%
Q2-9. Flint Hills Discovery Center	35.5%	49.1%	11.2%	4.1%
Q2-10. Frank Anneberg Park/Twin Oaks Sports Complex	34.5%	57.0%	5.5%	3.0%
Q2-11. Frederick Douglass Rec. Complex	41.7%	51.0%	5.2%	2.1%
Q2-12. Goodnow Park	19.3%	62.3%	15.8%	2.6%
Q2-13. Griffith Park	8.2%	59.1%	26.4%	6.4%
Q2-14. Long's Park	20.9%	69.3%	8.6%	1.2%
Q2-15. Northeast Community Park	18.8%	62.4%	16.2%	2.6%
Q2-16. Northview Park	11.8%	64.7%	19.6%	3.9%
Q2-17. Roger Schultz Community Park	15.9%	65.1%	11.1%	7.9%
Q2-18. Sojourner Truth Park	6.8%	56.8%	25.0%	11.4%
Q2-19. Stagg Hill Park	19.7%	63.6%	12.1%	4.5%
Q2-20. Sunset Zoological Park	36.2%	56.3%	5.4%	2.1%
Q2-21. Warner Park	25.7%	62.0%	10.7%	1.6%

**Q3. On average, how often do you or other members of your household visit parks in Manhattan?**

Q3. How often does your household visit parks in

Manhattan on average	Number	Percent
Almost daily	44	10.0 %
A few times per week	89	20.3 %
At least once per week	59	13.5 %
A few times per month	112	25.6 %
A few times per year	97	22.1 %
Once per year	9	2.1 %
Seldom or never	24	5.5 %
Not provided	4	0.9 %
Total	438	100.0 %

**WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED**

**Q3. On average, how often do you or other members of your household visit parks in Manhattan? (without "not provided")**

Q3. How often does your household visit parks in

Manhattan on average	Number	Percent
Almost daily	44	10.1 %
A few times per week	89	20.5 %
At least once per week	59	13.6 %
A few times per month	112	25.8 %
A few times per year	97	22.4 %
Once per year	9	2.1 %
Seldom or never	24	5.5 %
Total	434	100.0 %

**Q4. Which of the following reasons PREVENT you or other members of your household from using parks in Manhattan, or from using them more often?**

Q4. Which following reasons prevent your household from using parks in Manhattan	Number	Percent
Too hard to find parking	38	8.7 %
ADA accessibility is lacking	15	3.4 %
Condition of amenities	85	19.4 %
Lack of age-appropriate amenities	67	15.3 %
Safety or security concerns	32	7.3 %
Lack of maintenance & repair of existing facilities	77	17.6 %
Not interested/too busy	144	32.9 %
Amenities offered don't match my interests or needs	136	31.1 %
Facilities too crowded	30	6.8 %
Other	75	17.1 %
Total	699	

**Q5. How important do you feel it is for the City to provide high quality PARK FACILITIES?**

Q5. How important is it for City to provide high quality park facilities	Number	Percent
Very important	326	74.4 %
Somewhat important	85	19.4 %
Somewhat not important	13	3.0 %
Not important at all	9	2.1 %
Don't know	5	1.1 %
Total	438	100.0 %

**WITHOUT DON'T KNOW**

**Q5. How important do you feel it is for the City to provide high quality PARK FACILITIES? (without "don't know")**

Q5. How important is it for City to provide high quality park facilities	Number	Percent
Very important	326	75.3 %
Somewhat important	85	19.6 %
Somewhat not important	13	3.0 %
Not important at all	9	2.1 %
Total	433	100.0 %

**Q6. Please indicate how well your needs are being met for each of the OUTDOOR PARK AMENITIES listed below on a scale of 4 to 1, where 4 means your needs are "Fully Met," and 1 means your needs are "Not Met" at all.**

(N=438)

	Fully met	Mostly met	Partly met	Not met	No need
Q6-1. Baseball/softball diamonds	10.5%	8.4%	9.1%	3.0%	68.9%
Q6-2. Bicycle pump tracks	3.9%	4.8%	6.6%	8.2%	76.5%
Q6-3. Camping areas	5.7%	8.4%	8.9%	9.6%	67.4%
Q6-4. Community gardens	11.0%	15.5%	13.0%	9.6%	50.9%
Q6-5. Disc golf courses	6.6%	11.2%	9.6%	1.6%	71.0%
Q6-6. Dog parks	6.8%	15.1%	10.7%	8.0%	59.4%
Q6-7. Natural areas for passive recreation & wildlife benefit	13.5%	27.4%	26.0%	10.0%	23.1%
Q6-8. Nature/hiking/biking trails	18.3%	30.1%	24.4%	9.1%	18.0%
Q6-9. Outdoor amphitheater/event space	12.6%	22.1%	18.5%	10.5%	36.3%
Q6-10. Outdoor basketball courts	7.1%	11.9%	6.8%	6.6%	67.6%
Q6-11. Outdoor classroom space	3.2%	5.5%	7.8%	9.4%	74.2%
Q6-12. Outdoor pickleball courts	3.4%	4.1%	9.1%	18.0%	65.3%
Q6-13. Outdoor pool	31.7%	23.7%	15.5%	4.8%	24.2%
Q6-14. Outdoor splash pad	30.1%	21.5%	9.6%	1.4%	37.4%
Q6-15. Outdoor tennis courts	12.1%	12.3%	10.5%	5.9%	59.1%
Q6-16. Outdoor volleyball courts	8.4%	11.6%	9.8%	3.7%	66.4%
Q6-17. Paved trails	16.0%	33.3%	23.7%	8.2%	18.7%
Q6-18. Picnic shelters	21.9%	33.3%	18.3%	3.7%	22.8%
Q6-19. Playgrounds	20.5%	28.8%	14.6%	3.0%	33.1%
Q6-20. Restrooms	12.6%	26.7%	32.6%	11.0%	17.1%
Q6-21. Skate park	4.3%	6.4%	8.9%	3.9%	76.5%
Q6-22. Soccer fields	14.2%	14.8%	8.2%	2.1%	60.7%
Q6-23. Un-programmed multi-purpose open green space	16.4%	20.1%	21.0%	6.8%	35.6%
Q6-24. Other	0.7%	0.5%	0.9%	8.9%	89.0%

**ONLY INCLUDING HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAVE A NEED**

**Q6. Please indicate how well your needs are being met for each of the OUTDOOR PARK AMENITIES listed below on a scale of 4 to 1, where 4 means your needs are "Fully Met," and 1 means your needs are "Not Met" at all. (without "no need")**

(N=438)

	Fully met	Mostly met	Partly met	Not met
Q6-1. Baseball/softball diamonds	33.8%	27.2%	29.4%	9.6%
Q6-2. Bicycle pump tracks	16.5%	20.4%	28.2%	35.0%
Q6-3. Camping areas	17.5%	25.9%	27.3%	29.4%
Q6-4. Community gardens	22.3%	31.6%	26.5%	19.5%
Q6-5. Disc golf courses	22.8%	38.6%	33.1%	5.5%
Q6-6. Dog parks	16.9%	37.1%	26.4%	19.7%
Q6-7. Natural areas for passive recreation & wildlife benefit	17.5%	35.6%	33.8%	13.1%
Q6-8. Nature/hiking/biking trails	22.3%	36.8%	29.8%	11.1%
Q6-9. Outdoor amphitheater/event space	19.7%	34.8%	29.0%	16.5%
Q6-10. Outdoor basketball courts	21.8%	36.6%	21.1%	20.4%
Q6-11. Outdoor classroom space	12.4%	21.2%	30.1%	36.3%
Q6-12. Outdoor pickleball courts	9.9%	11.8%	26.3%	52.0%
Q6-13. Outdoor pool	41.9%	31.3%	20.5%	6.3%
Q6-14. Outdoor splash pad	48.2%	34.3%	15.3%	2.2%
Q6-15. Outdoor tennis courts	29.6%	30.2%	25.7%	14.5%
Q6-16. Outdoor volleyball courts	25.2%	34.7%	29.3%	10.9%
Q6-17. Paved trails	19.7%	41.0%	29.2%	10.1%
Q6-18. Picnic shelters	28.4%	43.2%	23.7%	4.7%
Q6-19. Playgrounds	30.7%	43.0%	21.8%	4.4%
Q6-20. Restrooms	15.2%	32.2%	39.4%	13.2%
Q6-21. Skate park	18.4%	27.2%	37.9%	16.5%
Q6-22. Soccer fields	36.0%	37.8%	20.9%	5.2%
Q6-23. Un-programmed multi-purpose open green space	25.5%	31.2%	32.6%	10.6%
Q6-24. Other	6.3%	4.2%	8.3%	81.3%

**Q7. Which FOUR types of parks/amenities from the list in Question 6 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?**

<u>Q7. Top choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Baseball/softball diamonds	27	6.2 %
Bicycle pump tracks	2	0.5 %
Camping areas	6	1.4 %
Community gardens	14	3.2 %
Disc golf courses	5	1.1 %
Dog parks	11	2.5 %
Natural areas for passive recreation & wildlife benefit	41	9.4 %
Nature/hiking/biking trails	112	25.6 %
Outdoor amphitheater/event space	15	3.4 %
Outdoor pickleball courts	16	3.7 %
Outdoor pool	47	10.7 %
Outdoor splash pad	4	0.9 %
Outdoor tennis courts	2	0.5 %
Outdoor volleyball courts	3	0.7 %
Paved trails	24	5.5 %
Picnic shelters	2	0.5 %
Playgrounds	34	7.8 %
Restrooms	10	2.3 %
Soccer fields	8	1.8 %
Un-programmed multi-purpose open green space	8	1.8 %
Other	9	2.1 %
None chosen	38	8.7 %
Total	438	100.0 %

**Q7. Which FOUR types of parks/amenities from the list in Question 6 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?**

Q7. 2nd choice	Number	Percent
Baseball/softball diamonds	13	3.0 %
Bicycle pump tracks	3	0.7 %
Camping areas	9	2.1 %
Community gardens	14	3.2 %
Disc golf courses	7	1.6 %
Dog parks	17	3.9 %
Natural areas for passive recreation & wildlife benefit	42	9.6 %
Nature/hiking/biking trails	77	17.6 %
Outdoor amphitheater/event space	15	3.4 %
Outdoor basketball courts	2	0.5 %
Outdoor classroom space	2	0.5 %
Outdoor pickleball courts	10	2.3 %
Outdoor pool	41	9.4 %
Outdoor splash pad	12	2.7 %
Outdoor tennis courts	3	0.7 %
Paved trails	34	7.8 %
Picnic shelters	20	4.6 %
Playgrounds	25	5.7 %
Restrooms	18	4.1 %
Skate park	4	0.9 %
Soccer fields	9	2.1 %
Un-programmed multi-purpose open green space	13	3.0 %
None chosen	48	11.0 %
Total	438	100.0 %

**Q7. Which FOUR types of parks/amenities from the list in Question 6 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?**

Q7. 3rd choice	Number	Percent
Baseball/softball diamonds	9	2.1 %
Bicycle pump tracks	3	0.7 %
Camping areas	10	2.3 %
Community gardens	13	3.0 %
Disc golf courses	2	0.5 %
Dog parks	9	2.1 %
Natural areas for passive recreation & wildlife benefit	45	10.3 %
Nature/hiking/biking trails	34	7.8 %
Outdoor amphitheater/event space	23	5.3 %
Outdoor basketball courts	2	0.5 %
Outdoor classroom space	2	0.5 %
Outdoor pickleball courts	8	1.8 %
Outdoor pool	47	10.7 %
Outdoor splash pad	13	3.0 %
Outdoor tennis courts	6	1.4 %
Outdoor volleyball courts	4	0.9 %
Paved trails	29	6.6 %
Picnic shelters	23	5.3 %
Playgrounds	27	6.2 %
Restrooms	31	7.1 %
Skate park	1	0.2 %
Soccer fields	9	2.1 %
Un-programmed multi-purpose open green space	19	4.3 %
Other	2	0.5 %
None chosen	67	15.3 %
Total	438	100.0 %

**Q7. Which FOUR types of parks/amenities from the list in Question 6 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?**

Q7. 4th choice	Number	Percent
Baseball/softball diamonds	8	1.8 %
Bicycle pump tracks	6	1.4 %
Camping areas	12	2.7 %
Community gardens	18	4.1 %
Disc golf courses	8	1.8 %
Dog parks	13	3.0 %
Natural areas for passive recreation & wildlife benefit	30	6.8 %
Nature/hiking/biking trails	28	6.4 %
Outdoor amphitheater/event space	12	2.7 %
Outdoor basketball courts	2	0.5 %
Outdoor classroom space	1	0.2 %
Outdoor pickleball courts	5	1.1 %
Outdoor pool	22	5.0 %
Outdoor splash pad	9	2.1 %
Outdoor tennis courts	7	1.6 %
Outdoor volleyball courts	1	0.2 %
Paved trails	31	7.1 %
Picnic shelters	19	4.3 %
Playgrounds	21	4.8 %
Restrooms	38	8.7 %
Soccer fields	5	1.1 %
Un-programmed multi-purpose open green space	29	6.6 %
None chosen	113	25.8 %
Total	438	100.0 %

**SUM OF TOP 4 CHOICES****Q7. Which FOUR types of parks/amenities from the list in Question 6 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household? (top 4)**

Q7. Top choice	Number	Percent
Baseball/softball diamonds	57	13.0 %
Bicycle pump tracks	14	3.2 %
Camping areas	37	8.4 %
Community gardens	59	13.5 %
Disc golf courses	22	5.0 %
Dog parks	50	11.4 %
Natural areas for passive recreation & wildlife benefit	158	36.1 %
Nature/hiking/biking trails	251	57.3 %
Outdoor amphitheater/event space	65	14.8 %
Outdoor basketball courts	6	1.4 %
Outdoor classroom space	5	1.1 %
Outdoor pickleball courts	39	8.9 %
Outdoor pool	157	35.8 %
Outdoor splash pad	38	8.7 %
Outdoor tennis courts	18	4.1 %
Outdoor volleyball courts	8	1.8 %
Paved trails	118	26.9 %
Picnic shelters	64	14.6 %
Playgrounds	107	24.4 %
Restrooms	97	22.1 %
Skate park	5	1.1 %
Soccer fields	31	7.1 %
Un-programmed multi-purpose open green space	69	15.8 %
Other	11	2.5 %
None chosen	38	8.7 %
Total	1524	

**Q8. Has your household participated in any recreation activities, classes, or sports programs offered by the City of Manhattan (for all ages) during the last 2 years?**

Q8. Has your household participated in any recreation activities, classes, or sports programs during last 2 years	Number	Percent
Yes	209	47.7 %
No	229	52.3 %
Total	438	100.0 %

**Q8a. How would you rate the overall quality of the City of Manhattan recreation activities, classes, or sports programs in which your household has participated?**

Q8a. How would you rate overall quality of recreation activities, classes, or sports programs	Number	Percent
Excellent	41	19.6 %
Good	109	52.2 %
Fair	48	23.0 %
Poor	11	5.3 %
Total	209	100.0 %

**Q9. Which of the following reasons PREVENT you or other members of your household from using recreation activities, classes, or sports programs offered by the City of Manhattan, or from using them more often?**

Q9. Which following reasons prevent your household from using recreation activities, classes, or sports programs	Number	Percent
Lack of quality instructors	50	11.4 %
Old & outdated facilities	48	11.0 %
Classes are full	44	10.0 %
I don't know what is offered	137	31.3 %
Lack of quality programs	56	12.8 %
Fees are too high	42	9.6 %
Too far from your home	8	1.8 %
Program times are not convenient	107	24.4 %
Use programs of other agencies	48	11.0 %
Program not offered	83	18.9 %
Registration is difficult	15	3.4 %
Poor customer service by staff	19	4.3 %
Lack of transportation	7	1.6 %
Too busy/not interested	134	30.6 %
Other	58	13.2 %
Total	856	

**Q10. Please indicate how well your needs are being met for each of the RECREATION PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, OR CLASSES listed below on a scale of 4 to 1, where 4 means your needs are "Fully Met," and 1 means your needs are "Not Met" at all.**

(N=438)

	Fully met	Mostly met	Partly met	Not met	No need
Q10-1. Adult-cooking & nutrition classes	0.7%	3.9%	7.1%	13.7%	74.7%
Q10-2. Adult-fitness & wellness programs	3.0%	9.6%	17.8%	22.1%	47.5%
Q10-3. Adult-lap swimming	2.5%	3.4%	9.4%	28.5%	56.2%
Q10-4. Adult-nature programs	1.6%	6.8%	13.9%	17.6%	60.0%
Q10-5. Adult-programs for special needs adults	1.6%	1.8%	3.9%	5.5%	87.2%
Q10-6. Adult-sports programs	3.4%	8.0%	14.4%	7.5%	66.7%
Q10-7. Adult-water aerobics & fitness	3.9%	6.2%	13.9%	26.5%	49.5%
Q10-8. Community special events	8.0%	18.9%	19.6%	8.2%	45.2%
Q10-9. Cultural enrichment programs	5.3%	9.8%	16.7%	14.6%	53.7%
Q10-10. Early childhood (3-5 years old)-gym/tumbling	2.1%	3.0%	1.8%	6.8%	86.3%
Q10-11. Early childhood (3-5 years old)-intro to sports	2.3%	3.2%	4.3%	5.9%	84.2%
Q10-12. Early childhood (3-5 years old)-zoo camps/programs	2.5%	6.4%	3.7%	5.0%	82.4%
Q10-13. Early childhood (6 months-6 years old)-infant swimming resource (ISR) self-rescue skills classes	0.9%	3.0%	5.3%	9.6%	81.3%
Q10-14. Outdoor water recreation (canoeing, kayaking, boating, etc.)	2.5%	9.6%	14.6%	19.4%	53.9%
Q10-15. Senior-cooking & nutrition programs	0.9%	2.1%	5.3%	10.3%	81.5%
Q10-16. Senior-health & wellness programs	1.1%	3.0%	8.9%	15.1%	71.9%
Q10-17. Senior-social gatherings & trips	1.1%	2.3%	7.3%	14.4%	74.9%
Q10-18. Teen/tween programs	0.7%	2.5%	6.2%	10.5%	80.1%
Q10-19. Virtual programs	0.7%	0.9%	3.4%	7.8%	87.2%
Q10-20. Youth (6-12 years old)-after school learning programs	1.1%	2.5%	5.0%	7.8%	83.6%
Q10-21. Youth (6-12 years old)-cooking & nutrition classes	0.7%	1.6%	3.7%	8.4%	85.6%
Q10-22. Youth (6-12 years old)-eGaming/eSports	1.1%	1.4%	2.1%	7.3%	88.1%

**Q10. Please indicate how well your needs are being met for each of the RECREATION PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, OR CLASSES listed below on a scale of 4 to 1, where 4 means your needs are "Fully Met," and 1 means your needs are "Not Met" at all.**

	Fully met	Mostly met	Partly met	Not met	No need
Q10-23. Youth (6-12 years old)-fitness & wellness classes	0.5%	2.7%	4.6%	9.8%	82.4%
Q10-24. Youth (6-12 years old)-gymnastics/tumbling	0.9%	1.6%	4.6%	5.9%	87.0%
Q10-25. Youth (6-12 years old)-nature programs	1.4%	2.7%	5.7%	9.6%	80.6%
Q10-26. Youth (6-12 years old)-performing arts (dance/music)	2.3%	2.7%	4.1%	7.5%	83.3%
Q10-27. Youth (6-12 years old)-programs for youth with special needs	0.7%	1.1%	2.7%	3.9%	91.6%
Q10-28. Youth (6-12 years old)-sports programs & camps	1.8%	5.0%	8.0%	6.4%	78.8%
Q10-29. Youth (6-12 years old)-STEM/STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts & mathematics)	1.1%	3.2%	4.6%	11.4%	79.7%
Q10-30. Youth (6-12 years old)-summer programs & camps	1.8%	4.1%	6.4%	7.8%	79.9%
Q10-31. Youth (6-12 years old)-swim/dive team	0.2%	2.1%	3.7%	9.8%	84.2%
Q10-32. Youth (6-12 years old)-swimming lessons	3.2%	4.8%	9.6%	7.3%	75.1%
Q10-33. Youth (6-12 years old)-zoo camps	4.1%	7.1%	5.0%	3.7%	80.1%
Q10-34. Other	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	3.7%	95.9%

**ONLY INCLUDING HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAVE A NEED**

**Q10. Please indicate how well your needs are being met for each of the RECREATION PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, OR CLASSES listed below on a scale of 4 to 1, where 4 means your needs are "Fully Met," and 1 means your needs are "Not Met" at all. (without "no need")**

(N=438)

	Fully met	Mostly met	Partly met	Not met
Q10-1. Adult-cooking & nutrition classes	2.7%	15.3%	27.9%	54.1%
Q10-2. Adult-fitness & wellness programs	5.7%	18.3%	33.9%	42.2%
Q10-3. Adult-lap swimming	5.7%	7.8%	21.4%	65.1%
Q10-4. Adult-nature programs	4.0%	17.1%	34.9%	44.0%
Q10-5. Adult-programs for special needs adults	12.5%	14.3%	30.4%	42.9%
Q10-6. Adult-sports programs	10.3%	24.0%	43.2%	22.6%
Q10-7. Adult-water aerobics & fitness	7.7%	12.2%	27.6%	52.5%
Q10-8. Community special events	14.6%	34.6%	35.8%	15.0%
Q10-9. Cultural enrichment programs	11.3%	21.2%	36.0%	31.5%
Q10-10. Early childhood (3-5 years old)-gym/tumbling	15.0%	21.7%	13.3%	50.0%
Q10-11. Early childhood (3-5 years old)-intro to sports	14.5%	20.3%	27.5%	37.7%
Q10-12. Early childhood (3-5 years old)-zoo camps/programs	14.3%	36.4%	20.8%	28.6%
Q10-13. Early childhood (6 months-6 years old)-infant swimming resource (ISR) self-rescue skills classes	4.9%	15.9%	28.0%	51.2%
Q10-14. Outdoor water recreation (canoeing, kayaking, boating, etc.)	5.4%	20.8%	31.7%	42.1%
Q10-15. Senior-cooking & nutrition programs	4.9%	11.1%	28.4%	55.6%
Q10-16. Senior-health & wellness programs	4.1%	10.6%	31.7%	53.7%
Q10-17. Senior-social gatherings & trips	4.5%	9.1%	29.1%	57.3%
Q10-18. Teen/tween programs	3.4%	12.6%	31.0%	52.9%
Q10-19. Virtual programs	5.4%	7.1%	26.8%	60.7%
Q10-20. Youth (6-12 years old)-after school learning programs	6.9%	15.3%	30.6%	47.2%
Q10-21. Youth (6-12 years old)-cooking & nutrition classes	4.8%	11.1%	25.4%	58.7%
Q10-22. Youth (6-12 years old)-eGaming/eSports	9.6%	11.5%	17.3%	61.5%

**ONLY INCLUDING HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAVE A NEED**

**Q10. Please indicate how well your needs are being met for each of the RECREATION PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, OR CLASSES listed below on a scale of 4 to 1, where 4 means your needs are "Fully Met," and 1 means your needs are "Not Met" at all. (without "no need")**

	Fully met	Mostly met	Partly met	Not met
Q10-23. Youth (6-12 years old)-fitness & wellness classes	2.6%	15.6%	26.0%	55.8%
Q10-24. Youth (6-12 years old)-gymnastics/tumbling	7.0%	12.3%	35.1%	45.6%
Q10-25. Youth (6-12 years old)-nature programs	7.1%	14.1%	29.4%	49.4%
Q10-26. Youth (6-12 years old)-performing arts (dance/music)	13.7%	16.4%	24.7%	45.2%
Q10-27. Youth (6-12 years old)-programs for youth with special needs	8.1%	13.5%	32.4%	45.9%
Q10-28. Youth (6-12 years old)-sports programs & camps	8.6%	23.7%	37.6%	30.1%
Q10-29. Youth (6-12 years old)-STEM/STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts & mathematics)	5.6%	15.7%	22.5%	56.2%
Q10-30. Youth (6-12 years old)-summer programs & camps	9.1%	20.5%	31.8%	38.6%
Q10-31. Youth (6-12 years old)-swim/dive team	1.4%	13.0%	23.2%	62.3%
Q10-32. Youth (6-12 years old)-swimming lessons	12.8%	19.3%	38.5%	29.4%
Q10-33. Youth (6-12 years old)-zoo camps	20.7%	35.6%	25.3%	18.4%
Q10-34. Other	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%	88.9%

**Q11. Which FOUR programs/activities from the list in Question 10 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?**

<u>Q11. Top choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Adult-cooking & nutrition classes	13	3.0 %
Adult-fitness & wellness programs	47	10.7 %
Adult-lap swimming	42	9.6 %
Adult-nature programs	19	4.3 %
Adult-programs for special needs adults	2	0.5 %
Adult-sports programs	13	3.0 %
Adult-water aerobics & fitness	35	8.0 %
Community special events	27	6.2 %
Cultural enrichment programs	6	1.4 %
Early childhood (3-5 years old)-gym/tumbling	4	0.9 %
Early childhood (3-5 years old)-intro to sports	2	0.5 %
Early childhood (3-5 years old)-zoo camps/programs	2	0.5 %
Early childhood (6 months-6 years old)-infant swimming resource (ISR) self-rescue skills classes	11	2.5 %
Outdoor water recreation (canoeing, kayaking, boating, etc.)	20	4.6 %
Senior-cooking & nutrition programs	4	0.9 %
Senior-health & wellness programs	10	2.3 %
Senior-social gatherings & trips	4	0.9 %
Teen/tween programs	9	2.1 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-after school learning programs	1	0.2 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-eGaming/eSports	2	0.5 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-fitness & wellness classes	1	0.2 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-gymnastics/tumbling	1	0.2 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-nature programs	1	0.2 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-performing arts (dance/music)	1	0.2 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-sports programs & camps	28	6.4 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-STEM/STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts & mathematics)	4	0.9 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-summer programs & camps	9	2.1 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-swim/dive team	2	0.5 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-swimming lessons	16	3.7 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-zoo camps	2	0.5 %
Othe	1	0.2 %
None chosen	99	22.6 %
Total	438	100.0 %

**Q11. Which FOUR programs/activities from the list in Question 10 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?**

<u>Q11. 2nd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Adult-cooking & nutrition classes	8	1.8 %
Adult-fitness & wellness programs	42	9.6 %
Adult-lap swimming	20	4.6 %
Adult-nature programs	18	4.1 %
Adult-programs for special needs adults	3	0.7 %
Adult-sports programs	13	3.0 %
Adult-water aerobics & fitness	33	7.5 %
Community special events	29	6.6 %
Cultural enrichment programs	19	4.3 %
Early childhood (3-5 years old)-gym/tumbling	2	0.5 %
Early childhood (3-5 years old)-intro to sports	8	1.8 %
Early childhood (3-5 years old)-zoo camps/programs	1	0.2 %
Early childhood (6 months-6 years old)-infant swimming resource (ISR) self-rescue skills classes	2	0.5 %
Outdoor water recreation (canoeing, kayaking, boating, etc.)	16	3.7 %
Senior-cooking & nutrition programs	3	0.7 %
Senior-health & wellness programs	15	3.4 %
Senior-social gatherings & trips	8	1.8 %
Teen/tween programs	8	1.8 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-after school learning programs	2	0.5 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-cooking & nutrition classes	2	0.5 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-eGaming/eSports	1	0.2 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-fitness & wellness classes	3	0.7 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-nature programs	6	1.4 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-performing arts (dance/music)	10	2.3 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-programs for youth with special needs	2	0.5 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-sports programs & camps	12	2.7 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-STEM/STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts & mathematics)	5	1.1 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-summer programs & camps	5	1.1 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-swim/dive team	5	1.1 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-swimming lessons	9	2.1 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-zoo camps	4	0.9 %
None chosen	124	28.3 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>

**Q11. Which FOUR programs/activities from the list in Question 10 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?**

<u>Q11. 3rd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Adult-cooking & nutrition classes	13	3.0 %
Adult-fitness & wellness programs	25	5.7 %
Adult-lap swimming	14	3.2 %
Adult-nature programs	25	5.7 %
Adult-programs for special needs adults	1	0.2 %
Adult-sports programs	4	0.9 %
Adult-water aerobics & fitness	16	3.7 %
Community special events	31	7.1 %
Cultural enrichment programs	18	4.1 %
Early childhood (3-5 years old)-gym/tumbling	7	1.6 %
Early childhood (3-5 years old)-intro to sports	5	1.1 %
Early childhood (3-5 years old)-zoo camps/programs	1	0.2 %
Early childhood (6 months-6 years old)-infant swimming resource (ISR) self-rescue skills classes	6	1.4 %
Outdoor water recreation (canoeing, kayaking, boating, etc.)	16	3.7 %
Senior-cooking & nutrition programs	5	1.1 %
Senior-health & wellness programs	17	3.9 %
Senior-social gatherings & trips	17	3.9 %
Teen/tween programs	3	0.7 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-after school learning programs	2	0.5 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-cooking & nutrition classes	2	0.5 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-eGaming/eSports	2	0.5 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-fitness & wellness classes	5	1.1 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-gymnastics/tumbling	1	0.2 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-nature programs	2	0.5 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-performing arts (dance/music)	5	1.1 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-programs for youth with special needs	1	0.2 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-sports programs & camps	4	0.9 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-STEM/STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts & mathematics)	9	2.1 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-summer programs & camps	12	2.7 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-swim/dive team	3	0.7 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-swimming lessons	9	2.1 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-zoo camps	1	0.2 %
None chosen	156	35.6 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>

**Q11. Which FOUR programs/activities from the list in Question 10 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?**

<u>Q11. 4th choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Adult-cooking & nutrition classes	15	3.4 %
Adult-fitness & wellness programs	20	4.6 %
Adult-lap swimming	8	1.8 %
Adult-nature programs	11	2.5 %
Adult-programs for special needs adults	5	1.1 %
Adult-sports programs	8	1.8 %
Adult-water aerobics & fitness	23	5.3 %
Community special events	25	5.7 %
Cultural enrichment programs	19	4.3 %
Early childhood (3-5 years old)-gym/tumbling	1	0.2 %
Early childhood (3-5 years old)-intro to sports	4	0.9 %
Early childhood (3-5 years old)-zoo camps/programs	6	1.4 %
Early childhood (6 months-6 years old)-infant swimming resource (ISR) self-rescue skills classes	4	0.9 %
Outdoor water recreation (canoeing, kayaking, boating, etc.)	11	2.5 %
Senior-cooking & nutrition programs	2	0.5 %
Senior-health & wellness programs	7	1.6 %
Senior-social gatherings & trips	15	3.4 %
Teen/tween programs	4	0.9 %
Virtual programs	1	0.2 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-after school learning programs	2	0.5 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-cooking & nutrition classes	1	0.2 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-fitness & wellness classes	4	0.9 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-nature programs	3	0.7 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-performing arts (dance/music)	1	0.2 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-sports programs & camps	3	0.7 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-STEM/STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts & mathematics)	8	1.8 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-summer programs & camps	3	0.7 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-swimming lessons	11	2.5 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-zoo camps	6	1.4 %
None chosen	207	47.3 %
Total	438	100.0 %

**SUM OF TOP 4 CHOICES****Q11. Which FOUR programs/activities from the list in Question 10 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household? (top 4)**

Q11. Sum of Top 4 Choices	Number	Percent
Adult-cooking & nutrition classes	49	11.2 %
Adult-fitness & wellness programs	134	30.6 %
Adult-lap swimming	84	19.2 %
Adult-nature programs	73	16.7 %
Adult-programs for special needs adults	11	2.5 %
Adult-sports programs	38	8.7 %
Adult-water aerobics & fitness	107	24.4 %
Community special events	112	25.6 %
Cultural enrichment programs	62	14.2 %
Early childhood (3-5 years old)-gym/tumbling	14	3.2 %
Early childhood (3-5 years old)-intro to sports	19	4.3 %
Early childhood (3-5 years old)-zoo camps/programs	10	2.3 %
Early childhood (6 months-6 years old)-infant swimming resource (ISR) self-rescue skills classes	23	5.3 %
Outdoor water recreation (canoeing, kayaking, boating, etc.)	63	14.4 %
Senior-cooking & nutrition programs	14	3.2 %
Senior-health & wellness programs	49	11.2 %
Senior-social gatherings & trips	44	10.0 %
Teen/tween programs	24	5.5 %
Virtual programs	1	0.2 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-after school learning programs	7	1.6 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-cooking & nutrition classes	5	1.1 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-eGaming/eSports	5	1.1 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-fitness & wellness classes	13	3.0 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-gymnastics/tumbling	2	0.5 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-nature programs	12	2.7 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-performing arts (dance/music)	17	3.9 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-programs for youth with special needs	3	0.7 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-sports programs & camps	47	10.7 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-STEM/STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts & mathematics)	26	5.9 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-summer programs & camps	29	6.6 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-swim/dive team	10	2.3 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-swimming lessons	45	10.3 %
Youth (6-12 years old)-zoo camps	13	3.0 %
Othe	1	0.2 %
None chosen	99	22.6 %
Total	1265	

**Q12. Which aquatic facility do you or members of your household use most often?**

<u>Q12. Which aquatic facility do you use most often</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
CiCo Waterpark	84	19.2 %
City Park Waterpark	128	29.2 %
Northview Waterpark	26	5.9 %
City Park Splash Pad	29	6.6 %
Blue Earth Plaza Splash Pad	23	5.3 %
Do not use these facilities	120	27.4 %
Not provided	28	6.4 %
Total	438	100.0 %

**WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED**

**Q12. Which aquatic facility do you or members of your household use most often? (without "not provided")**

<u>Q12. Which aquatic facility do you use most often</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
CiCo Waterpark	84	20.5 %
City Park Waterpark	128	31.2 %
Northview Waterpark	26	6.3 %
City Park Splash Pad	29	7.1 %
Blue Earth Plaza Splash Pad	23	5.6 %
Do not use these facilities	120	29.3 %
Total	410	100.0 %

**Q13. Please indicate how important each type of facility is to you and members of your household: (without "not provided")**

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	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>
Q13-1. Outdoor pool(s)	46.6%	26.1%	13.7%	3.4%	10.2%
Q13-2. Outdoor splash pads	21.5%	22.3%	25.3%	12.0%	18.9%
Q13-3. Indoor pool(s)	53.4%	17.4%	12.5%	3.9%	12.7%
Q13-4. Indoor recreation center	43.9%	28.4%	13.5%	4.0%	10.2%

**Q14. Please CHECK ALL of the following reasons that prevent you or other members of your household from using any of Manhattan's waterparks or splash pads MORE OFTEN.**

Q14. All the reasons that prevent you from using any waterparks or splash pads

	Number	Percent
Facilities are not well maintained	25	5.7 %
Facilities do not offer the features I desire	70	16.0 %
Security is insufficient	9	2.1 %
Too far from our residence	15	3.4 %
Fees are too high	73	16.7 %
Use pools in other communities	24	5.5 %
I do not know the location of these facilities	16	3.7 %
Use other agency facilities in Manhattan	35	8.0 %
Operating hours are not convenient	80	18.3 %
Too busy/not enough time	140	32.0 %
Accessibility/transportation	11	2.5 %
Other	96	21.9 %
Total	594	

**Q15. Please indicate how well your needs are being met for each of the INDOOR AQUATIC AMENITIES listed below on a scale of 4 to 1, where 4 means your needs are "Fully Met," and 1 means your needs are "Not Met" at all.**

(N=438)

	Fully met	Mostly met	Partly met	Not met	No need
Q15-1. Active water features (climbing wall, obstacle course, lily pad walk, zip line, etc.)	3.7%	3.4%	4.3%	36.1%	52.5%
Q15-2. Competitive lap lanes (25 yards or 25 meters)	3.0%	3.0%	5.7%	41.6%	46.8%
Q15-3. Concessions & concession area	5.5%	8.2%	5.9%	23.5%	56.8%
Q15-4. Deep water (5+ feet)	8.0%	9.4%	5.7%	38.6%	38.4%
Q15-5. Diving boards	7.8%	7.5%	3.2%	31.7%	49.8%
Q15-6. Inclusive features & amenities (for all abilities)	4.8%	6.4%	6.2%	35.4%	47.3%
Q15-7. Lazy river	8.9%	9.6%	5.5%	34.0%	42.0%
Q15-8. Open recreational swimming area	7.3%	10.7%	6.8%	41.3%	33.8%
Q15-9. Rentable areas (rentable party space)	2.5%	5.0%	5.5%	29.9%	57.1%
Q15-10. Sauna	0.2%	2.3%	3.4%	38.4%	55.7%
Q15-11. Shallow water (2-4 feet)	6.8%	9.6%	6.4%	33.3%	43.8%
Q15-12. Toddler features (slide, sprays, play structures, etc.)	4.8%	7.3%	4.8%	26.5%	56.6%
Q15-13. Universal/family restrooms	5.7%	8.9%	5.5%	33.3%	46.6%
Q15-14. Warm water (therapy, rehab, classes, etc.)	1.8%	2.3%	3.9%	47.0%	45.0%
Q15-15. Water slides	5.3%	9.8%	6.4%	29.0%	49.5%
Q15-16. Water sports (basketball, volleyball, log roll, etc.)	0.9%	3.4%	3.4%	32.2%	60.0%
Q15-17. Wave generation/surf simulation	1.1%	2.7%	3.4%	28.1%	64.6%
Q15-18. Zero-depth/beach entry	4.8%	4.8%	6.4%	32.9%	51.1%
Q15-19. Other	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	2.7%	96.8%

**ONLY INCLUDING HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAVE A NEED**

**Q15. Please indicate how well your needs are being met for each of the INDOOR AQUATIC AMENITIES listed below on a scale of 4 to 1, where 4 means your needs are "Fully Met," and 1 means your needs are "Not Met" at all. (without "no need")**

(N=438)

	Fully met	Mostly met	Partly met	Not met
Q15-1. Active water features (climbing wall, obstacle course, lily pad walk, zip line, etc.)	7.7%	7.2%	9.1%	76.0%
Q15-2. Competitive lap lanes (25 yards or 25 meters)	5.6%	5.6%	10.7%	78.1%
Q15-3. Concessions & concession area	12.7%	19.0%	13.8%	54.5%
Q15-4. Deep water (5+ feet)	13.0%	15.2%	9.3%	62.6%
Q15-5. Diving boards	15.5%	15.0%	6.4%	63.2%
Q15-6. Inclusive features & amenities (for all abilities)	9.1%	12.1%	11.7%	67.1%
Q15-7. Lazy river	15.4%	16.5%	9.4%	58.7%
Q15-8. Open recreational swimming area	11.0%	16.2%	10.3%	62.4%
Q15-9. Rentable areas (rentable party space)	5.9%	11.7%	12.8%	69.7%
Q15-10. Sauna	0.5%	5.2%	7.7%	86.6%
Q15-11. Shallow water (2-4 feet)	12.2%	17.1%	11.4%	59.3%
Q15-12. Toddler features (slide, sprays, play structures, etc.)	11.1%	16.8%	11.1%	61.1%
Q15-13. Universal/family restrooms	10.7%	16.7%	10.3%	62.4%
Q15-14. Warm water (therapy, rehab, classes, etc.)	3.3%	4.1%	7.1%	85.5%
Q15-15. Water slides	10.4%	19.5%	12.7%	57.5%
Q15-16. Water sports (basketball, volleyball, log roll, etc.)	2.3%	8.6%	8.6%	80.6%
Q15-17. Wave generation/surf simulation	3.2%	7.7%	9.7%	79.4%
Q15-18. Zero-depth/beach entry	9.8%	9.8%	13.1%	67.3%
Q15-19. Other	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	85.7%

**Q16. Which FOUR of the amenities listed in Question 15 are the most important to your household?**

Q16. Top choice	Number	Percent
Active water features (climbing wall, obstacle course, lily pad walk, zip line, etc.)	22	5.0 %
Competitive lap lanes (25 yards or 25 meters)	77	17.6 %
Concessions & concession area	3	0.7 %
Deep water (5+ feet)	30	6.8 %
Diving boards	2	0.5 %
Inclusive features & amenities (for all abilities)	18	4.1 %
Lazy river	32	7.3 %
Open recreational swimming area	49	11.2 %
Rentable areas (rentable party space)	4	0.9 %
Sauna	10	2.3 %
Shallow water (2-4 feet)	8	1.8 %
Toddler features (slide, sprays, play structures, etc.)	13	3.0 %
Universal/family restrooms	5	1.1 %
Warm water (therapy, rehab, classes, etc.)	21	4.8 %
Water slides	4	0.9 %
Wave generation/surf simulation	3	0.7 %
Zero-depth/beach entry	11	2.5 %
None chosen	126	28.8 %
Total	438	100.0 %

**Q16. Which FOUR of the amenities listed in Question 15 are the most important to your household?**

Q16. 2nd choice	Number	Percent
Active water features (climbing wall, obstacle course, lily pad walk, zip line, etc.)	16	3.7 %
Competitive lap lanes (25 yards or 25 meters)	14	3.2 %
Concessions & concession area	4	0.9 %
Deep water (5+ feet)	34	7.8 %
Diving boards	13	3.0 %
Inclusive features & amenities (for all abilities)	18	4.1 %
Lazy river	26	5.9 %
Open recreational swimming area	59	13.5 %
Rentable areas (rentable party space)	6	1.4 %
Sauna	14	3.2 %
Shallow water (2-4 feet)	15	3.4 %
Toddler features (slide, sprays, play structures, etc.)	12	2.7 %
Universal/family restrooms	11	2.5 %
Warm water (therapy, rehab, classes, etc.)	30	6.8 %
Water slides	8	1.8 %
Water sports (basketball, volleyball, log roll, etc.)	2	0.5 %
Zero-depth/beach entry	8	1.8 %
None chosen	148	33.8 %
Total	438	100.0 %

**Q16. Which FOUR of the amenities listed in Question 15 are the most important to your household?**

Q16. 3rd choice	Number	Percent
Active water features (climbing wall, obstacle course, lily pad walk, zip line, etc.)	11	2.5 %
Competitive lap lanes (25 yards or 25 meters)	13	3.0 %
Concessions & concession area	4	0.9 %
Deep water (5+ feet)	30	6.8 %
Diving boards	9	2.1 %
Inclusive features & amenities (for all abilities)	23	5.3 %
Lazy river	23	5.3 %
Open recreational swimming area	40	9.1 %
Rentable areas (rentable party space)	8	1.8 %
Sauna	10	2.3 %
Shallow water (2-4 feet)	18	4.1 %
Toddler features (slide, sprays, play structures, etc.)	11	2.5 %
Universal/family restrooms	7	1.6 %
Warm water (therapy, rehab, classes, etc.)	30	6.8 %
Water slides	14	3.2 %
Water sports (basketball, volleyball, log roll, etc.)	3	0.7 %
Wave generation/surf simulation	3	0.7 %
Zero-depth/beach entry	17	3.9 %
None chosen	164	37.4 %
Total	438	100.0 %

**Q16. Which FOUR of the amenities listed in Question 15 are the most important to your household?**

Q16. 4th choice	Number	Percent
Active water features (climbing wall, obstacle course, lily pad walk, zip line, etc.)	18	4.1 %
Competitive lap lanes (25 yards or 25 meters)	6	1.4 %
Concessions & concession area	4	0.9 %
Deep water (5+ feet)	14	3.2 %
Diving boards	8	1.8 %
Inclusive features & amenities (for all abilities)	17	3.9 %
Lazy river	19	4.3 %
Open recreational swimming area	18	4.1 %
Rentable areas (rentable party space)	8	1.8 %
Sauna	11	2.5 %
Shallow water (2-4 feet)	21	4.8 %
Toddler features (slide, sprays, play structures, etc.)	10	2.3 %
Universal/family restrooms	14	3.2 %
Warm water (therapy, rehab, classes, etc.)	28	6.4 %
Water slides	19	4.3 %
Water sports (basketball, volleyball, log roll, etc.)	2	0.5 %
Wave generation/surf simulation	8	1.8 %
Zero-depth/beach entry	10	2.3 %
None chosen	203	46.3 %
Total	438	100.0 %

**SUM OF TOP 4 CHOICES****Q16. Which FOUR of the amenities listed in Question 15 are the most important to your household? (top 4)**

<u>Q16. Sum of Top 4 Choices</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Active water features (climbing wall, obstacle course, lily pad walk, zip line, etc.)	67	15.3 %
Competitive lap lanes (25 yards or 25 meters)	110	25.1 %
Concessions & concession area	15	3.4 %
Deep water (5+ feet)	108	24.7 %
Diving boards	32	7.3 %
Inclusive features & amenities (for all abilities)	76	17.4 %
Lazy river	100	22.8 %
Open recreational swimming area	166	37.9 %
Rentable areas (rentable party space)	26	5.9 %
Sauna	45	10.3 %
Shallow water (2-4 feet)	62	14.2 %
Toddler features (slide, sprays, play structures, etc.)	46	10.5 %
Universal/family restrooms	37	8.4 %
Warm water (therapy, rehab, classes, etc.)	109	24.9 %
Water slides	45	10.3 %
Water sports (basketball, volleyball, log roll, etc.)	7	1.6 %
Wave generation/surf simulation	14	3.2 %
Zero-depth/beach entry	46	10.5 %
None chosen	126	28.8 %
Total	1237	

**Q17. Please indicate how well your needs are being met for each of the RECREATION CENTER SPACES listed below on a scale of 4 to 1, where 4 means your needs are "Fully Met," and 1 means your needs are "Not Met" at all.**

(N=438)

	Fully met	Mostly met	Partly met	Not met	No need
Q17-1. Aerobics & dance studio	1.6%	4.1%	8.4%	15.5%	70.3%
Q17-2. Arts & crafts room	1.8%	4.8%	8.4%	14.8%	70.1%
Q17-3. Baseball, softball, golf tunnels	5.0%	6.8%	7.5%	10.7%	69.9%
Q17-4. Birthday party rental space	4.1%	8.9%	10.7%	8.0%	68.3%
Q17-5. Child daycare (licensed & all day)	0.7%	1.4%	4.1%	12.8%	81.1%
Q17-6. Child sitting (so parent can use center amenities freely)	1.1%	0.7%	2.7%	16.9%	78.5%
Q17-7. Community art gallery	5.3%	7.3%	11.6%	14.4%	61.4%
Q17-8. Community events or meeting space	4.8%	13.5%	20.1%	9.6%	52.1%
Q17-9. eSport computer lab	0.7%	2.7%	3.2%	8.4%	84.9%
Q17-10. Indoor competition pool	1.6%	0.7%	2.7%	41.8%	53.2%
Q17-11. Indoor leisure/family-oriented pool	2.5%	0.9%	3.2%	56.4%	37.0%
Q17-12. Indoor pickleball courts	7.8%	8.7%	11.2%	11.2%	61.2%
Q17-13. Indoor playground	0.9%	1.1%	4.8%	29.0%	64.2%
Q17-14. Indoor racquetball courts	1.6%	2.7%	3.9%	18.5%	73.3%
Q17-15. Indoor turf fieldhouse	1.1%	1.4%	4.3%	20.1%	73.1%
Q17-16. Learning kitchen	0.9%	1.4%	4.6%	23.7%	69.4%
Q17-17. Multi-activity gymnasium	8.9%	12.3%	11.4%	13.2%	54.1%
Q17-18. Multi-generational games room	0.9%	3.4%	5.5%	19.9%	70.3%
Q17-19. Multi-generational lounge space	2.1%	5.0%	6.4%	19.4%	67.1%
Q17-20. Small meeting or education spaces	4.8%	9.1%	15.5%	11.2%	59.4%
Q17-21. Spinning studio	1.1%	1.6%	3.7%	18.0%	75.6%
Q17-22. Walking & jogging track	20.8%	19.2%	13.7%	11.0%	35.4%
Q17-23. Weights & cardio fitness area	5.5%	6.2%	16.9%	24.4%	47.0%
Q17-24. Yoga studio	2.5%	5.3%	8.9%	24.4%	58.9%
Q17-25. Other	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	98.2%

**ONLY INCLUDING HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAVE A NEED**

**Q17. Please indicate how well your needs are being met for each of the RECREATION CENTER SPACES listed below on a scale of 4 to 1, where 4 means your needs are "Fully Met," and 1 means your needs are "Not Met" at all. (without "no need")**

(N=438)

	Fully met	Mostly met	Partly met	Not met
Q17-1. Aerobics & dance studio	5.4%	13.8%	28.5%	52.3%
Q17-2. Arts & crafts room	6.1%	16.0%	28.2%	49.6%
Q17-3. Baseball, softball, golf tunnels	16.7%	22.7%	25.0%	35.6%
Q17-4. Birthday party rental space	12.9%	28.1%	33.8%	25.2%
Q17-5. Child daycare (licensed & all day)	3.6%	7.2%	21.7%	67.5%
Q17-6. Child sitting (so parent can use center amenities freely)	5.3%	3.2%	12.8%	78.7%
Q17-7. Community art gallery	13.6%	18.9%	30.2%	37.3%
Q17-8. Community events or meeting space	10.0%	28.1%	41.9%	20.0%
Q17-9. eSport computer lab	4.5%	18.2%	21.2%	56.1%
Q17-10. Indoor competition pool	3.4%	1.5%	5.9%	89.3%
Q17-11. Indoor leisure/family-oriented pool	4.0%	1.4%	5.1%	89.5%
Q17-12. Indoor pickleball courts	20.0%	22.4%	28.8%	28.8%
Q17-13. Indoor playground	2.5%	3.2%	13.4%	80.9%
Q17-14. Indoor racquetball courts	6.0%	10.3%	14.5%	69.2%
Q17-15. Indoor turf fieldhouse	4.2%	5.1%	16.1%	74.6%
Q17-16. Learning kitchen	3.0%	4.5%	14.9%	77.6%
Q17-17. Multi-activity gymnasium	19.4%	26.9%	24.9%	28.9%
Q17-18. Multi-generational games room	3.1%	11.5%	18.5%	66.9%
Q17-19. Multi-generational lounge space	6.3%	15.3%	19.4%	59.0%
Q17-20. Small meeting or education spaces	11.8%	22.5%	38.2%	27.5%
Q17-21. Spinning studio	4.7%	6.5%	15.0%	73.8%
Q17-22. Walking & jogging track	32.2%	29.7%	21.2%	17.0%
Q17-23. Weights & cardio fitness area	10.3%	11.6%	31.9%	46.1%
Q17-24. Yoga studio	6.1%	12.8%	21.7%	59.4%
Q17-25. Other	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%

**Q18. Which FOUR spaces from the list in Question 17 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?**

<u>Q18. Top choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Aerobics & dance studio	8	1.8 %
Arts & crafts room	12	2.7 %
Baseball, softball, golf tunnels	9	2.1 %
Birthday party rental space	4	0.9 %
Child daycare (licensed & all day)	9	2.1 %
Child sitting (so parent can use center amenities freely)	9	2.1 %
Community art gallery	7	1.6 %
Community events or meeting space	10	2.3 %
Indoor competition pool	49	11.2 %
Indoor leisure/family-oriented pool	102	23.3 %
Indoor pickleball courts	20	4.6 %
Indoor playground	4	0.9 %
Indoor racquetball courts	2	0.5 %
Indoor turf fieldhouse	3	0.7 %
Learning kitchen	3	0.7 %
Multi-activity gymnasium	11	2.5 %
Multi-generational games room	1	0.2 %
Small meeting or education spaces	2	0.5 %
Walking & jogging track	43	9.8 %
Weights & cardio fitness area	9	2.1 %
Yoga studio	7	1.6 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>26.0 %</u>
Total	438	100.0 %

**Q18. Which FOUR spaces from the list in Question 17 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?**

<u>Q18. 2nd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Aerobics & dance studio	10	2.3 %
Arts & crafts room	7	1.6 %
Baseball, softball, golf tunnels	6	1.4 %
Birthday party rental space	3	0.7 %
Child daycare (licensed & all day)	4	0.9 %
Child sitting (so parent can use center amenities freely)	6	1.4 %
Community art gallery	6	1.4 %
Community events or meeting space	18	4.1 %
Indoor competition pool	32	7.3 %
Indoor leisure/family-oriented pool	58	13.2 %
Indoor pickleball courts	18	4.1 %
Indoor playground	21	4.8 %
Indoor racquetball courts	11	2.5 %
Indoor turf fieldhouse	12	2.7 %
Learning kitchen	6	1.4 %
Multi-activity gymnasium	13	3.0 %
Multi-generational games room	2	0.5 %
Multi-generational lounge space	3	0.7 %
Small meeting or education spaces	5	1.1 %
Spinning studio	5	1.1 %
Walking & jogging track	25	5.7 %
Weights & cardio fitness area	23	5.3 %
Yoga studio	5	1.1 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>31.7 %</u>
Total	438	100.0 %

**Q18. Which FOUR spaces from the list in Question 17 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?**

<u>Q18. 3rd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Aerobics & dance studio	8	1.8 %
Arts & crafts room	5	1.1 %
Baseball, softball, golf tunnels	7	1.6 %
Birthday party rental space	1	0.2 %
Child daycare (licensed & all day)	2	0.5 %
Child sitting (so parent can use center amenities freely)	13	3.0 %
Community art gallery	11	2.5 %
Community events or meeting space	13	3.0 %
eSport computer lab	2	0.5 %
Indoor competition pool	7	1.6 %
Indoor leisure/family-oriented pool	21	4.8 %
Indoor pickleball courts	10	2.3 %
Indoor playground	26	5.9 %
Indoor racquetball courts	3	0.7 %
Indoor turf fieldhouse	10	2.3 %
Learning kitchen	12	2.7 %
Multi-activity gymnasium	14	3.2 %
Multi-generational games room	5	1.1 %
Multi-generational lounge space	5	1.1 %
Small meeting or education spaces	5	1.1 %
Spinning studio	3	0.7 %
Walking & jogging track	36	8.2 %
Weights & cardio fitness area	21	4.8 %
Yoga studio	16	3.7 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>41.6 %</u>
Total	438	100.0 %

**Q18. Which FOUR spaces from the list in Question 17 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?**

<u>Q18. 4th choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Aerobics & dance studio	13	3.0 %
Arts & crafts room	9	2.1 %
Baseball, softball, golf tunnels	3	0.7 %
Birthday party rental space	4	0.9 %
Child daycare (licensed & all day)	2	0.5 %
Child sitting (so parent can use center amenities freely)	3	0.7 %
Community art gallery	9	2.1 %
Community events or meeting space	12	2.7 %
Indoor competition pool	7	1.6 %
Indoor leisure/family-oriented pool	10	2.3 %
Indoor pickleball courts	7	1.6 %
Indoor playground	13	3.0 %
Indoor racquetball courts	2	0.5 %
Indoor turf fieldhouse	9	2.1 %
Learning kitchen	11	2.5 %
Multi-activity gymnasium	13	3.0 %
Multi-generational games room	10	2.3 %
Multi-generational lounge space	7	1.6 %
Small meeting or education spaces	4	0.9 %
Spinning studio	6	1.4 %
Walking & jogging track	29	6.6 %
Weights & cardio fitness area	26	5.9 %
Yoga studio	15	3.4 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>214</u>	<u>48.9 %</u>
Total	438	100.0 %

**SUM OF TOP 4 CHOICES****Q18. Which FOUR spaces from the list in Question 17 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household? (top 4)**

Q18. Sum of Top 4 Choices	Number	Percent
Aerobics & dance studio	39	8.9 %
Arts & crafts room	33	7.5 %
Baseball, softball, golf tunnels	25	5.7 %
Birthday party rental space	12	2.7 %
Child daycare (licensed & all day)	17	3.9 %
Child sitting (so parent can use center amenities freely)	31	7.1 %
Community art gallery	33	7.5 %
Community events or meeting space	53	12.1 %
eSport computer lab	2	0.5 %
Indoor competition pool	95	21.7 %
Indoor leisure/family-oriented pool	191	43.6 %
Indoor pickleball courts	55	12.6 %
Indoor playground	64	14.6 %
Indoor racquetball courts	18	4.1 %
Indoor turf fieldhouse	34	7.8 %
Learning kitchen	32	7.3 %
Multi-activity gymnasium	51	11.6 %
Multi-generational games room	18	4.1 %
Multi-generational lounge space	15	3.4 %
Small meeting or education spaces	16	3.7 %
Spinning studio	14	3.2 %
Walking & jogging track	133	30.4 %
Weights & cardio fitness area	79	18.0 %
Yoga studio	43	9.8 %
None chosen	114	26.0 %
Total	1217	

**Q19. The City of Manhattan currently has 3 outdoor waterparks, 2 splash pads, and 3 recreation centers. It has been identified that there is a desire for additional indoor recreation opportunities, including indoor aquatics. The City of Manhattan needs to understand the level of interest in each of the options listed below. Which one of the options listed best fits the needs of you and your household?**

Q19. Which option best fits the needs of you & your household	Number	Percent
Option 1	240	54.8 %
Option 2	82	18.7 %
Neither option	58	13.2 %
I don't know	58	13.2 %
Total	438	100.0 %

**WITHOUT DON'T KNOW**

**Q19. The City of Manhattan currently has 3 outdoor waterparks, 2 splash pads, and 3 recreation centers. It has been identified that there is a desire for additional indoor recreation opportunities, including indoor aquatics. The City of Manhattan needs to understand the level of interest in each of the options listed below. Which one of the options listed best fits the needs of you and your household? (without "don't know")**

Q19. Which option best fits the needs of you & your household	Number	Percent
Option 1	240	63.2 %
Option 2	82	21.6 %
Neither option	58	15.3 %
Total	380	100.0 %

**Q20. How supportive would you be of a sales tax increase, in perpetuity, to specifically fund the construction, and ongoing operations and maintenance of an INDOOR AQUATICS-ONLY facility?**

Q20. How supportive would you be of a sales tax increase	Number	Percent
Very supportive	112	25.6 %
Supportive	106	24.2 %
Not sure	85	19.4 %
Not supportive	58	13.2 %
Not supportive at all	77	17.6 %
Total	438	100.0 %

**Q20a. If you answered "Not Supportive" or "Not Supportive at All" to Question 20, please indicate why you answered this way.**

Q20a. Why did you answer Not Supportive or Not Supportive at All to Question 20	Number	Percent
I need more information before I can answer	28	20.7 %
I would not use a new indoor aquatics center	39	28.9 %
I believe City currently has sufficient indoor aquatics opportunities & does not need secured funding	13	9.6 %
I believe those who use these facilities should bear the burden of paying for its development	65	48.1 %
I do not support incurring debt for capital projects	62	45.9 %
Other	35	25.9 %
Total	242	

**Q21. If a voter election was held to determine whether or not to increase sales tax, in perpetuity, to specifically fund, operate, and maintain a new INDOOR AQUATICS-ONLY CENTER, how would you vote?**

Q21. How would you vote in an election to determine whether or not to increase sales tax	Number	Percent
Vote in favor	168	38.4 %
Might vote in favor	113	25.8 %
Vote against	111	25.3 %
Not sure	46	10.5 %
Total	438	100.0 %

**WITHOUT NOT SURE**

**Q21. If a voter election was held to determine whether or not to increase sales tax, in perpetuity, to specifically fund, operate, and maintain a new INDOOR AQUATICS-ONLY CENTER, how would you vote? (without "not sure")**

Q21. How would you vote in an election to determine whether or not to increase sales tax	Number	Percent
Vote in favor	168	42.9 %
Might vote in favor	113	28.8 %
Vote against	111	28.3 %
Total	392	100.0 %

**Q22. How supportive would you be of a sales tax increase, in perpetuity, to specifically fund the construction, and ongoing operations and maintenance of a new RECREATION CENTER WITH INDOOR AQUATICS?**

Q22. How supportive would you be of a sales tax increase	Number	Percent
Very supportive	90	20.5 %
Supportive	106	24.2 %
Not sure	99	22.6 %
Not supportive	68	15.5 %
Not supportive at all	75	17.1 %
Total	438	100.0 %

**Q22a. If you answered "Not Supportive" or "Not Supportive at All" to Question 22, please indicate why you answered this way.**

Q22a. Why did you answer Not Supportive or Not Supportive at All to Question 22	Number	Percent
I need more information before I can answer	17	11.9 %
I would not use a new indoor recreation centers with indoor aquatics	31	21.7 %
I believe City currently has sufficient indoor recreation opportunities & does not need secured funding	43	30.1 %
I believe those who use these facilities should bear the burden of paying for its development	57	39.9 %
I do not support incurring debt for capital projects	58	40.6 %
Other	28	19.6 %
Total	234	

**Q23. If a voter election was held to determine whether or not to increase sales tax in perpetuity, to specifically fund, operate, and maintain a new RECREATION CENTER WITH INDOOR AQUATICS, how would you vote?**

Q23. How would you vote to determine whether or not to increase sales tax in perpetuity	Number	Percent
Vote in favor	134	30.6 %
Might vote in favor	118	26.9 %
Vote against	129	29.5 %
Not sure	57	13.0 %
Total	438	100.0 %

**WITHOUT NOT SURE**

**Q23. If a voter election was held to determine whether or not to increase sales tax in perpetuity, to specifically fund, operate, and maintain a new RECREATION CENTER WITH INDOOR AQUATICS, how would you vote? (without "not sure")**

Q23. How would you vote to determine whether or not to increase sales tax in perpetuity	Number	Percent
Vote in favor	134	35.2 %
Might vote in favor	118	31.0 %
Vote against	129	33.9 %
Total	381	100.0 %

**Q24. Using a scale of 1 to 4, where 4 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied," please rate your level of satisfaction with the following items.**

(N=438)

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know
Q24-1. Accessible amenities for limited mobility patrons	3.7%	11.6%	6.8%	4.3%	73.5%
Q24-2. Indoor recreation centers	16.0%	35.2%	10.5%	4.8%	33.6%
Q24-3. Marketing & communication of programs & services	4.6%	26.7%	26.7%	7.1%	34.9%
Q24-4. Online registration for programs, facility rentals, etc.	9.4%	31.3%	10.3%	3.4%	45.7%
Q24-5. Park amenities meet the needs of the community	7.8%	42.0%	18.3%	5.3%	26.7%
Q24-6. Park maintenance, cleanliness, & general upkeep	12.6%	49.5%	13.2%	5.5%	19.2%
Q24-7. Park safety & security	14.2%	45.4%	10.0%	3.0%	27.4%
Q24-8. Park system overall as a whole	10.5%	54.8%	12.6%	3.4%	18.7%
Q24-9. Quality of park amenities	9.1%	51.6%	11.6%	3.9%	23.7%
Q24-10. Quality of recreation activities, classes, & programs	5.7%	33.3%	12.8%	4.6%	43.6%
Q24-11. Variety of recreation activities, classes, & programs	5.3%	32.0%	14.2%	4.8%	43.8%
Q24-12. Waterparks	11.2%	41.6%	12.1%	7.1%	28.1%

**WITHOUT DON'T KNOW**

**Q24. Using a scale of 1 to 4, where 4 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied," please rate your level of satisfaction with the following items. (without "don't know")**

(N=438)

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Q24-1. Accessible amenities for limited mobility patrons	13.8%	44.0%	25.9%	16.4%
Q24-2. Indoor recreation centers	24.1%	52.9%	15.8%	7.2%
Q24-3. Marketing & communication of programs & services	7.0%	41.1%	41.1%	10.9%
Q24-4. Online registration for programs, facility rentals, etc.	17.2%	57.6%	18.9%	6.3%
Q24-5. Park amenities meet the needs of the community	10.6%	57.3%	24.9%	7.2%
Q24-6. Park maintenance, cleanliness, & general upkeep	15.5%	61.3%	16.4%	6.8%
Q24-7. Park safety & security	19.5%	62.6%	13.8%	4.1%
Q24-8. Park system overall as a whole	12.9%	67.4%	15.4%	4.2%
Q24-9. Quality of park amenities	12.0%	67.7%	15.3%	5.1%
Q24-10. Quality of recreation activities, classes, & programs	10.1%	59.1%	22.7%	8.1%
Q24-11. Variety of recreation activities, classes, & programs	9.3%	56.9%	25.2%	8.5%
Q24-12. Waterparks	15.6%	57.8%	16.8%	9.8%

**Q25. From the statements below, please indicate how much you agree that the following are important priorities for the Parks and Recreation Department over the next 10 years.**

(N=438)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Q25-1. Build a new indoor aquatics-only facility with modern amenities that meet today's aquatics needs	41.6%	21.2%	7.3%	14.4%	15.5%
Q25-2. Build a new recreation center with modern features that meet today's recreation needs including an indoor pool	14.4%	28.1%	20.1%	18.9%	18.5%
Q25-3. Update existing park amenities that are aging & in poor condition	33.1%	46.1%	4.3%	3.0%	13.5%
Q25-4. Improve the quality of maintenance in parks	18.7%	44.3%	10.7%	3.0%	23.3%
Q25-5. Improve the perception of security in parks	13.5%	28.3%	20.1%	5.3%	32.9%
Q25-6. Improve marketing & communication of recreation programs & events	22.6%	33.6%	15.8%	4.1%	24.0%
Q25-7. Expand the quantity or size of high demand activities, classes, & programs	21.9%	42.9%	7.3%	3.2%	24.7%
Q25-8. Expand youth sports programming	24.4%	32.2%	7.1%	4.1%	32.2%
Q25-9. Provide after school care programs for children/youth	15.5%	29.0%	11.6%	7.5%	36.3%
Q25-10. Continue to expand the trail network with more connections to points of interest	39.0%	31.1%	6.8%	4.1%	18.9%
Q25-11. Fund Parks & Recreation Department more robustly	29.2%	32.0%	7.3%	5.0%	26.5%
Q25-12. Focus on quality improvements that consider future needs & growth	35.6%	37.9%	4.3%	2.5%	19.6%
Q25-13. Other	5.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	94.7%

**WITHOUT DON'T KNOW****Q25. From the statements below, please indicate how much you agree that the following are important priorities for the Parks and Recreation Department over the next 10 years. (without "don't know")**

(N=438)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Q25-1. Build a new indoor aquatics-only facility with modern amenities that meet today's aquatics needs	49.2%	25.1%	8.6%	17.0%
Q25-2. Build a new recreation center with modern features that meet today's recreation needs including an indoor pool	17.6%	34.5%	24.6%	23.2%
Q25-3. Update existing park amenities that are aging & in poor condition	38.3%	53.3%	5.0%	3.4%
Q25-4. Improve the quality of maintenance in parks	24.4%	57.7%	14.0%	3.9%
Q25-5. Improve the perception of security in parks	20.1%	42.2%	29.9%	7.8%
Q25-6. Improve marketing & communication of recreation programs & events	29.7%	44.1%	20.7%	5.4%
Q25-7. Expand the quantity or size of high demand activities, classes, & programs	29.1%	57.0%	9.7%	4.2%
Q25-8. Expand youth sports programming	36.0%	47.5%	10.4%	6.1%
Q25-9. Provide after school care programs for children/youth	24.4%	45.5%	18.3%	11.8%
Q25-10. Continue to expand the trail network with more connections to points of interest	48.2%	38.3%	8.5%	5.1%
Q25-11. Fund Parks & Recreation Department more robustly	39.8%	43.5%	9.9%	6.8%
Q25-12. Focus on quality improvements that consider future needs & growth	44.3%	47.2%	5.4%	3.1%
Q25-13. Other	95.7%	0.0%	0.0%	4.3%

**Q26. Approximately how many years has your household resided in Manhattan?**

Q26. How many years has your household resided in Manhattan	Number	Percent
0-5	70	16.0 %
6-10	58	13.2 %
11-15	52	11.9 %
16-20	44	10.0 %
21-30	66	15.1 %
31+	131	29.9 %
Not provided	17	3.9 %
Total	438	100.0 %

**WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED**

**Q26. Approximately how many years has your household resided in Manhattan? (without "not provided")**

Q26. How many years has your household resided in Manhattan	Number	Percent
0-5	70	16.6 %
6-10	58	13.8 %
11-15	52	12.4 %
16-20	44	10.5 %
21-30	66	15.7 %
31+	131	31.1 %
Total	421	100.0 %

**Q27. What is your age?**

Q27. Your age	Number	Percent
18-34	80	18.3 %
35-44	92	21.0 %
45-54	82	18.7 %
55-64	88	20.1 %
65+	86	19.6 %
Not provided	10	2.3 %
Total	438	100.0 %

**WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED****Q27. What is your age? (without "not provided")**

Q27. Your age	Number	Percent
18-34	80	18.7 %
35-44	92	21.5 %
45-54	82	19.2 %
55-64	88	20.6 %
65+	86	20.1 %
Total	428	100.0 %

**Q28. Which of the following best describes your employment status?**

Q28. Your employment status	Number	Percent
Full-time	282	64.4 %
Part-time	32	7.3 %
Active military	1	0.2 %
Retired	99	22.6 %
Unemployed	4	0.9 %
Unable to work	1	0.2 %
Full-time student at local college or university	14	3.2 %
Prefer not to say	5	1.1 %
Other	5	1.1 %
Total	443	

**Q28-9. Other:**

Q28-9. Other	Number	Percent
Stay at home mom	2	40.0 %
Full time parent	1	20.0 %
Home schooling mom	1	20.0 %
Disabled	1	20.0 %
Total	5	100.0 %

**Q29. Which of the following best describes your race?**

Q29. Your race	Number	Percent
Asian or Asian Indian	20	4.6 %
Black or African American	21	4.8 %
American Indian or Alaska Native	4	0.9 %
White or Caucasian	343	78.3 %
Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino/a/x	32	7.3 %
Other	3	0.7 %
Total	423	

**Q29-6. Self-describe your race:**

Q29-6. Self-describe your race/ethnicity.	Number	Percent
Multi-racial	1	33.3 %
European	1	33.3 %
Mixed	1	33.3 %
Total	3	100.0 %

**Q30. With which gender do you identify most?**

Q30. Your gender identity	Number	Percent
Male	213	48.6 %
Female	218	49.8 %
Non-binary	3	0.7 %
Not provided	4	0.9 %
Total	438	100.0 %

**WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED****Q30. With which gender do you identify most? (without "not provided")**

Q30. Your gender identity	Number	Percent
Male	213	49.1 %
Female	218	50.2 %
Non-binary	3	0.7 %
Total	434	100.0 %

**Q31. Which of the following BEST describes your annual household income?**

<u>Q31. Your annual household income</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under \$30K	47	10.7 %
\$30K-\$59,999	64	14.6 %
\$60K-\$99,999	86	19.6 %
\$100K-\$149,999	87	19.9 %
\$150K-\$199,999	23	5.3 %
\$200K+	39	8.9 %
Prefer not to answer	92	21.0 %
Total	438	100.0 %

**WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED****Q31. Which of the following BEST describes your annual household income? (without "prefer not to answer")**

<u>Q31. Your annual household income</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under \$30K	47	13.6 %
\$30K-\$59,999	64	18.5 %
\$60K-\$99,999	86	24.9 %
\$100K-\$149,999	87	25.1 %
\$150K-\$199,999	23	6.6 %
\$200K+	39	11.3 %
Total	346	100.0 %



# Open-Ended Comments

### Open-Ended Question Responses

**Q4--"Other": Which of the following reasons PREVENT you or other members of your household from using parks in Manhattan, or from using them more often?**

- Bathrooms are sometimes locked
- BUSY
- BUSY SCHEDULES
- COST
- Didn't know about them
- Difficulties in safely accessing by bicycle as a family riding to and from without cars. Sidewalks don't always connect and riding in the streets with children feels unsafe.
- DOG PARK TOO MUDDY AND POOR CLEANUP BY OTHER USERS
- don't have time
- Each park is would have different reasons. Northeast Community Park is perfect. Goodnow park is also great. Longs park is a great park, but there often seems to be sketchy behavior happening in and around the bathrooms there. I am 100% totally PRO HOMELESS sharing parks and spaces and having EVERY right to be there too. Goodnow park is a good example of where homeless people sleep under the pavilion and do not bother us or deter us from going at all. Longs park however with the bathroom attracts a clear substance using population that parks without a bathroom do not. It feels like every time I am there (3-4x a month), there is unwanted behavior happening around the bathrooms/little parking lot area. I am a social worker and do a lot of work with substance use, so to me it is very clear what's happening there. Cico park is simply a travesty. There is absolutely no reason that it shouldn't have the same playground setup as CITY park. Cico park is probably the worst playground in town, which just seems kind of inexcusable for a big park with a swimming complex.
- FEEL THAT WE USE AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE
- FEW PLACES TO SIT-MANY MORE BENCHES ARE NEEDED FOR OLD PEOPLE
- Have you seen the parking lot at Schultz Park? Disgusting.
- I enjoy using the various trails at the parks to walk my dog. I usually go to Northeast Park but there's often sticker patches in the grass along the trail that get stuck in her paws and she nearly bites me when I take it out. There's also a lot of muddy puddles blocking the trails in the fall, winter and spring. At Northeast Park the south end of the trail loop will be completely blocked with water and you have to turn back because you can't get around it due to the tall prairie grass on one side and trees and bushes on the other side. Of course I'll wait a few days after a rain to walk the trail but even when the rest of the trail is mostly bone dry there will still be lots of water on the south end. There was some recent maintenance work done so maybe that won't happen now on the south side. I really appreciate the grass being mowed down now over the whole field area so if someone can't make it around the whole trail they can get across the field to their vehicle.
- I only go when I'm invited to an activity, since I live alone.
- I use the Hudson/Linear trail mainly. However I have a new family member, so I may use the parks close by more next spring.
- Just too busy but when I go with my friends little boy we have a blast
- Lack of awareness of available trails and where they lead to

- Lack of energy.
- lack of lighting at CICO, sidewalks.
- LACK OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK ON LARGER ROADS NEARBY
- lack of usable restrooms
- LIGHTING
- limited bike trails
- Linear Trail Closed
- linear trail is still under repair
- Medical
- MOBILITY AND VISION ISSUES
- More benches, variety of pathway loops, and trees planted to hide power lines @Annenberg, Cico shelters in disrepair. City park needs better parking, traffic flow, and ADA parking.
- more dog parks and paved trails
- more seating & shelters
- MPRD is doing a disservice to the Manhattan Soccer community. MPRD dropped their soccer program, a club started a rec program since there was not one offered from MPRD, the club did a great job. Hundreds of players from the Manhattan community sign up every season. Instead of working with the club, MPRD is seemingly working against the club.
- My age. Up to age 60,I used to do a lot of walking and taking granddaughter to parks. Now with physical liabilities, It's harder to access
- My granddaughter and I have played Pickleball after school at Anthony Rec Center until we were not allowed in because it was closed to the public when some group, I think it was the Boys & Girls clubs took over.
- My kids used the parks a lot when young and their children do know. But they live out of the country and don't get here often
- new here
- No negative reasons
- NO RESTROOMS
- none within walking distance in Amherst area
- NOT CLOSE TO MY HOME
- NOT ENOUGH SINGLE TRACK TRAILS FOR HIKERS AND BIKERS
- Not enough spare time
- NOT FULL TIME RESIDENT
- Not having restrooms available
- NOT INTERESTED RIGHT NOW
- Not well connected via public transport systems (e.g., aTa bus).
- Nothing prevents us
- prefer school playgrounds
- QUALITY OF AMENITIES/LOCATION
- Sidewalks to city park are poorly maintained
- SIDEWALKS TO GO TO THE PARKS NEED REPAIRING
- Spend more time there when grandchildren visiting

- The parks that are within walking distance to me don't have the amenities that a single woman, two teenagers, and our giant dog would need. I do really love Roger Schultz for walking my dog in a natural setting and the new park on Amherst with the pond is very cute and serene. But we have to make an effort to drive to Cico and City for bigger things to do.
- Time & health
- TOO MANY OTHER THINGS
- USED MORE WHEN KIDS WERE GOING
- Used path almost every day, one of best thing Manhattan had to offer. Now it's been closed for two years, bad planning
- Walking my dogs off leash!
- We do use parks
- We don't know much about them.
- WE LIKE SOLITUDE
- WE USE ANNEBERG MOST OFTEN FOR WALKING. OUR GIRLS HAVE OUTGROWN THE PARKS. BUT WE LOVED THEM WHEN THEY WERE YOUNGER
- Weather
- WEEDS
- Who has time to go every day with school and work?
- work

#### **Q6--"Other": Needs for Outdoor Park Amenities**

- Amenities for special needs
- ANNES BERG PARK
- BASKETBALL GYMS
- bike trails/lanes
- Exercise classes
- Flag football fields which have been either in baseball outfield or on soccer fields
- I am desperate to have an indoor heated pool.
- I just think Manhattan could improve some of their parks.
- I would like more hiking trails that are easy or moderate use.
- Ice Skate Rink
- INDOOR ALL-YEAR SWIMMING FACILITY
- Indoor Aquatic Facility

- Indoor aquatics center
- Indoor aquatics. I have arthritis and joint replacements. An indoor heated pool would help me increase my health and fitness AND increase capacity for using other amenities.
- INDOOR CITY POOL
- indoor pickleball
- indoor pool
- indoor swimming facility open year round at cico Park. Large consolidated athletic fields to facilitate hosting big tournaments. The fields are too spread out around town.
- Indoor swimming facility.
- Indoor swimming pool
- Indoor swimming pool
- Indoor swimming pool
- Indoor year round that pool the public can access
- Making town more easily bikeable from all neighborhoods (Amherst especially)
- mountain bike trails
- Need more areas for dogs off-leash. The dog parks aren't enough.
- No need for indoor pool. Too costly because of on-going maintenance. KSU pool was poorly maintained and caused bronchial issues for swimmers. Also, if community-funded we will not have unlimited access due to reduced hour availability because of swim team practice and meets (my child was a competitive swimmer). Pool if it was a priority should have been considered in the Anthony / Eisenhower gym expansions or the large USD383 Bond that funded the HS updates.
- PARKING AT BASEBALL/SOFTBALL/SOCCER FIELDS(ANNEBERG)
- QUALITY MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS
- Rockwall for bouldering
- See city people driving in gators around the park doing nothing. Restrooms vandalized by homeless. Trees not being trimmed around the trails people have to duck around them. Parking areas are sloppy don't drain well. Ball/activity fields are lacking on restroom facilities an seating.
- SITTING PLACES TO REST-EVENLY PLACED SO OLD PEOPLE CAN REST-WHY NO DOG PARK IN CITY PARK

- SWIMMING POOLS HOURS/LENGTH OF SEASON
- The main dog park at Cico Park use to have a great big tree in the middle that provided nice shade in the sun. For some reason it was cut down and now there isn't any shade in the middle where most people are sitting or watching the dogs interact. If you want shade you have to walk to the far end and then you aren't really close to your dog to monitor their behavior.
- The soccer complex was well ran, well maintained until MPRD decided to move Soccer Goals out of the Soccer Field. The city did not paint 7v7 lines nor 9v9 lines in years on the turf field.
- Trails are not paved for running
- WALKING TRAILS-PAVED
- Want indoor pool for the city
- We need a public indoor pool option. We have been asking for one for years, including previous polls.
- We need a year round water facility with Olympic length lanes. It should be centrally located and on the ATA bus route. It's insane a city this size doesn't have one. The rates at Genesis are very expensive and the lanes are way too short.
- What happened to softball and soccer etc. teams for kids. Especially during summer. Also, why are pools closed during the summer.
- Wildlife viewing areas
- YMCA

**Q9--"Other": Which of the following reasons PREVENT you or other members of your household from using recreation activities, classes, or sports programs offered by the City of Manhattan, or from using them more often?**

- ADA ACCESS
- City park Pool closes too early at end of summer
- Closed path
- CURRENT AGE OF CHILD AND AVAILABLE ACTIVITIES
- Difficult website
- disabled
- Don't find out about sign ups until they are closed
- Don't know about early morning (5-6 am exercise for senior citizens)
- facilities are always busy
- Facilities for Baseball/Basketball, too crowded too busy
- Have no desire
- Health
- I don't have kids that age anymore
- I don't need some of the services anymore
- I GO TO GENESIS
- I'D LOVE MORE OPTIONS FOR OUR 10YR OLD BUT WE'RE ALWAYS TOO LATE. DONT KNOW WHEN TO SIGN UP
- KIDS ARE GROWN-OUT OF HOUSE-NO LONGER GOING TO BASEBALL, SOCCER OR FOOTBALL OR SOFTBALL GAMES
- kids too young

- Lack of a indoor lap pool for swimming
- LACK OF COACHES/TEAMS GOING TO JC FOR DAUGHTER'S OLLEYBALL AND TO TOPEKA FOR CHEER
- LACK OF COMMUNICATION ABOUT SPORTS/DATES-FOR EXAMPLE OVERLAP OF SOCCER AND BASEBALL
- Lack of staffing to assist 1 on 1 with special populations activities
- Lack of variety of classes, and for all ages
- Linear Trail Closed, no phased construction or detour provided
- MOBILITY AND POOR VISION
- Multiple surgeries.
- My kids always change their minds and chicken out at the last second.
- My main interests are in well-maintained and expanding cycling, Mtn biking, running/hiking trails, open spaces rather than programmed activities. For a geography so readily adaptable to such activities, they are shockingly rare around town (and county & region). And big portions of what there is - Linear Trail - are closed in seeming perpetuity.
- my skill level not offered
- NEED MORE AND BETTER CREATION MULTI GENERATIONAL VENUES-BLUE EARTH PLAZA IS BEST EXAMPLE
- Needing to provide our own score keepers.
- new here
- No children in household
- No heated indoor pool for water exercise and aerobics
- NO INDOOR POOL
- No programs that interest me
- Not promoted or valued for all socioeconomic status
- Not publicized in newspaper
- Nothing negative
- Nothing offered for teens...sport wise
- Only just moved to Manhattan in September, participating in my first sports program this winter!
- Our kids just aren't old enough yet but this will be very important to us in a couple years.
- People agree that the rec services leagues for adults are not met. MPRD used to have fantastic softball and sand volleyball leagues and since Covid haven't been good. Revamp and offer. Also, pickleball courts and leagues are needed!
- PHYSICAL PROBLEMS-INDOOR POOL WITH SPECIAL TIMES FOR ADULTS & LAPS
- POOR SERVICE DURING COVID, SLOW TO RECOVER, CLUBS DID BETTER JOB
- Program not offered for age.
- Programs seem geared to youth or elderly. Not for middle-age without kids.
- RECENT INJURIES TO MYSELF
- Restricted use hours.
- Seasons are too short, some sports need to last longer than six weeks.
- Special needs classes for toddler and youth
- SPECIAL NEEDS-PARKING-VAN ACCESSIBILITY
- SWIM LESSONS INSUFFICIENT

- too busy
- TOO TIRED
- Travel for work
- use my own methods
- We use programs nothing prevent us from using

**Q10—“Other”: Need for recreation programs, activities, or classes.**

- 13 to 18 year old programming
- ADULT DANCE CLASSES
- As an elementary physical education teacher my goal is to introduce students to new opportunities. MPRD is a great way for families to let their children start team sports in our community. As a mother of 2 boys who participate in parks and rec activities, I would prefer youth sports participants to only play within their grade level. Having an all 1st grade team for flag football was not safe or fun for the players as they played against teams who were either all 2nd graders or majority 2nd graders. Our PE standards are based on development for each grade level and there is a huge difference between 1st and 2nd grade, and 3rd and 4th grade. Moving forward I would recommend not mixing kids together, but allowing them to play with kids their own age who not only have the same skill level, but social skills too. I would rather play the same grade level team multiple times to allow kids to develop the appropriate grade level skills for their sport. Our goal is to let these kids to fall in love with being active or a sport at their age and not hate it because they are bored playing kids who are a year younger, or lack confidence because they can't play at the older kids level. I appreciate the programs that MPRD is offering, and enjoy seeing more youth being active in our community!
- Indoor pool
- Indoor pool
- Indoor swim is needed
- Indoor swimming, Year round swimming
- Indoor water exercise needed
- Mixed ages for families to do together
- MORNING SWIMMING IN SUMMER
- Need indoor pool and more full family friendly options for all ages
- Need more options for teen/young adults
- Northview area has a need for a gathering space for area. Eisenhower meeting space charges and NV School is not open to the public.
- Special education programs.
- teen sports programs
- THE CITY NEEDS AN INDOOR YEAR ROUND POOL !!!!!!!
- We have autistic child. What programs are available ?
- Would love to see outdoor plays in Manhattan

**Q14--"Other": Please CHECK ALL of the following reasons that prevent you or other members of your household from using any of Manhattan's waterparks or splash pads MORE OFTEN.**

- busy
- can not be in the sun too long
- Capacity too small
- CHILD IS NOT OLD ENOUGH YET
- CITY PARK POOL TOO CROWDED SO USE NORTHVIEW OR CICO
- CITY PARK SPLASH PARK IS TOO POWERFUL
- CITY POOL IS OFTEN 'WILD' BUT NOW THAT OUR KIDS ARE OLDER, WE'LL USE IT MORE OFTEN
- city splash pad water pressure is too high.
- CLOSE TOO EARLY
- crowded
- crowded
- CROWDED FACILITIES
- Crowds, kids, don't know how to use/when available for adult laps
- Desire indoor!
- Doesn't offer what I would like to do
- Don't know @ activities offered
- DONT KNOW WHEN THESE THINGS ARE HAPPENING
- Don't use any waterparks or facilities.
- DONT USE DUE TO AGE
- FACILITIES TOO BUSY
- Getting old and tired. Takes more effort and energy to go to the pool.
- Homeless people frequently bathing in the splashpad area.
- I am unaware of many of the programs and intimidated to try the "first time."
- I go to City Pool because they are open later but would definitely go to Cico if they were open later
- I RUN A BUSINESS-NO TIME
- I use them almost every day when they are open, the season is simply too short to be paying what is paid for the pools.
- I work full time so it's hard to get my kids there. We wouldn't use a summer pass enough to get out money's worth and individual visits get expensive.
- I'd like quiet swimming times for older adults/seniors. And an indoor pool should be a requirement for a community of this size!!
- I'm getting older and no longer swim
- Indoor aquatic facilities DO NOT EXIST in Manhattan!!!!!!
- Indoor pool is not available.
- It is difficult to lap swim at the city pools. An indoor pool with good lap swimming would be AMAZING.
- LACK OF AWARENESS
- Lack of Pool Manager being on site and handling situations.
- Linear Trail Closed

- NATATORIUM CLOSED
- Need Dedicated Adult Outdoor Summer Swim Time. This was provided in other cities I have lived.
- need indoor facilities
- need indoor facility due to medical reasons.
- New to town & ten closed early
- no indoor pool
- no interest
- no interest
- no interest
- NO KIDS NO DESIRE
- No longer applicable in my life.
- NO NEED ANTICIPATED
- No problem using facilities.
- No reason
- NO SMALL CHILDREN-WILL GO WHEN GRANDCHILDREN ARRIVE
- Not a swimmer
- Not age appropriate for our family now.
- NOT ALWAYS OPENED DUE TO STAFFING
- not interested
- Not interested in swimming.
- Nothing negative
- Only just moved to Manhattan in September
- only seasonal
- OUR STROBE LIGHT WATER FOUNTAINS GONE
- Outdoor and too many people of too many ages
- Overall pool should be bigger
- pools are always busy
- SEASON IS TOO SHORT FOR OUTDOOR POOLS
- SEASON TOO SHORT, NEED INDOOR POOL
- SHORT SEASON FOR POOLS
- SPACE MINIMAL
- STAFF
- STAFFING DONT ALWAYS OPEN BECAUSE NOT ENOUGH STAFF

- staffing problems lead to early closure
- Terrible rude staffing
- The splash park is often very crowded!
- There are no indoor pools that offer a casual lane swimming for adults during the year other than summer
- too crowded
- too crowded
- too crowded
- TOO FAR FOR WALKING TO
- Too old
- Unorganized. Lacks leadership and mature employees.
- USE COUNTRY CLUB POOL
- Use only when grandchildren are here.
- Use other city indoor pool as Manhattan does not provide one and seems to be a huge desire among citizens to have one.
- Use our pool provided by the HOA.
- We go all the time
- We go with the grandkids
- We have our own community pool.
- We own a pool and use it during the months that the pools are open in Manhattan. It would be great to have an indoor option when the outdoor conditions are not conducive to a pool.
- WEATHER

#### **Q15—"Other": Need for Indoor Aquatic Amenities**

- Child friendly tubes for lazy rivers
- Competition pool to host meets for swim & dive
- Diving well
- Indoor 50 meter lanes would be good for competitive swimming
- Indoor non competitive lap swim
- Indoor pool
- Indoor pool
- indoor water aerobics
- INDOOR YEAR ROUND
- Love the aquatics for our city, just wished we had an indoor pool and also longer hours
- Manhattan truly needs a full indoor aquatic center that caters to infants all the way to seniors. Add an affordable rate. With good management and knowledgeable, instructors and lifeguards.
- USE WAMEGO AQUATIC CENTER
- We desperately need an indoor aquatics facility. Sad that MHK does not and many of the smaller communities have excellent facilities.
- We don't have an indoor water park.

**Q17--"Other": Need for Recreation Center Spaces**

- ceramics, painting, card games
- Community Fitness/Weights even w/ membership
- Extended hours, most of the hours I work as an educator are during open hours for these facilities, I need extended/late hours.
- Indoor bouldering climbing wall
- Indoor Therapy Pool
- More fitness equipment available at other locations as well as classes
- Needs for indoor table tennis area are not met
- PUBLIC STEAM ROOMS

**Q20a—"Other": If you answered "Not Supportive" or "Not Supportive at All" to Question 20, please indicate why you answered this way.**

- Bring in more businesses to help off set tax increases.
- city takes enough tax
- Difficulty unstiffens
- GET ENOUGH STAFF TO COVER
- happy to pay a usage fee
- HIGH COST TO MAINTAIN A POOL
- I am a grad student @ksu, and our stipends are very tight with the current inflation of everything else.
- I AM LEERY OF INCREASING THE COST AND SIZE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
- I PAY A TON OF TAXES ALREADY. THEY INCREASE EVERY YEAR
- KSU, CITY, COUNTY, SWIMCLUBS, ETC
- MONEY NEEDS TO BE MANAGED BETTER BY THE CITY
- NOT SUPPORTIVE TO INCREASE TAXES ABOVE THE 10 PERCENT THRESHOLD-CITY NEEDS TO THIN FROM OTHER PLACES AND HAVE HIGHER FEE FOR USERS
- Our city needs to maintain what they have before even considering adding more debt & maintenance that residents have to continue paying for!!!
- PLEASE FIX THE ROADS
- POOL HOURS AND LENGTH OF SEASON TOO SHORT NOW
- REALLY. way back when the city was building the new outdoor pools. there was talk of having an indoor pool. this town is already overtaxed. our gas and food and, property tax is higher than so many other Kansas towns/cities. Whenever I'm visiting other places in KS and I'm asked where do I live I tell them Manhattan. They always say they have some of the highest taxes in the state.
- Sales tax is regressive and we should find other funding sources
- See comment, cut to Bund.
- TAX ALREADY TOO HIGH
- taxes are already one of the highest in state.
- Taxes are already too high
- taxes are already too high, I am retired
- Taxes are too high already. Fix the streets, take care of what we have.

- TAXES ARE TOO HIGH AS IT IS-THE ONLY ROADS I HAVE SEEN BEING REPAIRED ARE AROUND THE COLLEGE AND COLBERT HRLS
- THE CITY CAN STAFF POOLS DURING SUMMER AND CLOSE POOLS DUE TO STAFFING. HOW CAN THEY STAFF AN INDOOR POOL?
- There are other more pressing needs to be addressed. I would support a long term plan to improve facilities, but only if job creation and expanding tax base comes first. While greatly needed, we can't afford recreational development at this time.
- THIS SHOULD BE DONE WITH UESRS PRIVATE FUNDING. THIS IS AN AMENITY THAT A FEW WOULD BENEFIT FROM
- Use your money better, our sales tax is already one of the highest in KS.
- WE DO NOT NEED SUCH PUBLICALLY FUNDED
- We have already had tax increases for parks and recs. I don't feel it was use for what we vote on
- We pay too much already.
- What will the city do with the outdoor pools and rec centers? Can we afford all those AND a new indoor aquatics-only center? I'd rather see a sales tax increase go to more than just aquatics? What about the Discovery Center, arts and culture programs, green spaces? That would be a much stronger package for voters and get more support.
- Whenever there is a development it always too fancy and unnecessary
- You need to find another way to fund this, my property taxes are so high I wonder how long I can afford to stay in my house

**Q22a—"Other": If you answered "Not Supportive" or "Not Supportive at All" to Question 22, please indicate why you answered this way.**

- AND AGAIN, I PAY A TON OF TAXES ALREADY
- CANNOT STAFF AN INDOOR POOL
- City does not currently properly manage funds
- City has enough indoor recreation programs already. We need an indoor pool.
- CITY ISNT RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS USE
- City needs to bring in more businesses to off set tax hikes.
- For swimming competitions-larger pool
- HIGH ONGOING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH POOLS
- I AM LEERY OF INCREASING THE COST AND SIZE OF GOVERNMENT
- "I am weary of my new tax in the city of Manhattan, projects like this are costly, difficult to maintain. My annual property tax has risen from 1901.12 in year 2004 (city portion 659.77) to \$4712.80 in year 2022, city portion \$1682.28. That's a 154% increase. The City officials complain about affordable housing, they don't build houses, they can control tax but they don't.
- If someone wants to swim inside, go to the local gym, or pay for it yourself, but not tax."
- I barely can afford to live in Manhattan as it is now without more taxes
- It is weird that we have such high taxes.
- MANAGE MONEY BETTER BY THE CITY
- MOST MOTHERS JUST WANT THE AQUATICS, NOT THE REC CENTER
- only a pool needed, not another center
- OPTION 2 DOES NOT MEET THE NEEDS OF THIS COMMUNITY

- Sales tax is regressive
- sales tax is too high the way it is.
- SALES TAX PENALIZES LOW INCOME FAMILIES
- Same as above, I am being priced out of being able to live as it is.
- taxes are too high
- taxes are too high
- TAXES ARE TOO HIGH MORE ROADS NEED TO BE REPAIRED
- too expensive
- Use your money better, our sales tax is already one of the highest in KS.
- We pay too much already.
- With the cost of living going up so fast I cannot afford to pay more taxes at this time.

**Q25—“Please indicate how much you agree that the following are important priorities for the Parks and Recreation Department over the next 10 years.**

- 13-18 year old programs/sports
- Accessibility and inclusion of people in wheelchairs- park benches adapted for this purpose, playground equipment for wheelchair users, fully equipped accessible restrooms.
- Accessibility for all people
- Bring back adult rec leagues for softball and sand volleyball. Have outdoor pickleball courts and leagues! If indoor facility have racquetball courts and nice pool with lazy river or fun activities.
- Bring soccer back to Manhattan rec. so many dislike Manhattan surf and how they handle their teams.
- Competitive pool and recreationally swimming year round.
- COMPLETE ROGER SCHULTZ MASTER PLAN
- Connect bike lanes and sidewalks as well as add multi use pathways
- CREATE UNPAVED NATURE TRAILS
- DOG PARK IN CITY PARK
- Family friendly activities/events, not just 1 age group at a time
- IMPROVE CITY POOLS AND STAFF BETTER
- Indoor aquatics!!!!
- INDOOR POOL
- MORE LIGHTS
- My biggest concern is having enough staff to competently run the programs. We can have all the programs and facilities out there but without the people to run them what’s the point?
- need to expand youth programs
- OFFER MORE FREE OPTIONS TO SENIORS
- restrooms in all parks
- Restrooms not being provided at playgrounds renders them all but useless
- Returf TWIN oaks
- Scoreboards need updating/repair
- The only thing I want Parks and Rec to focus on is building an indoor aquatics only facility. I am open to brand new or incorporating part of the City Park Waterpark.

**Q32—“Please tell us if you have any other suggestions or comments to improve the overall quality of Manhattan Parks and Recreation or about the potential for future parks in the City of Manhattan”**

- ADD 2-3 MORE PICNIC SHELTER TO CITY PARK (ONE/SIDE) SENIORS SHOULD BE ALLOWED FREE ADMISSION TO POOLS
- All parks should have a restroom facility. Better parking at Soccer fields. Indoor pool and play area. Would love to see a weekday mid morning/early afternoon yoga or similar type class. More affordable facility rental fees would be nice as well. My kids took an art class summer 2021 and loved it, took the art class in 2022 and the programming went significantly downhill, they didn't event want to continue attending the sessions.
- ALL TENNIS COURTS SHOULD ALSO BE MADE FOR PICKLEBALL
- Amenities for special needs of all ages
- An indoor aquatic facility is necessary if Manhattan is to consider itself a growing vibrant community.
- An indoor pool is long overdue for Manhattan. A competition space would allow for swim meets to be held here once again. We could also have one of the nicest, most up to date facilities in the state. We need a public indoor pool option that can handle the strong demand that will be placed on it. The natatorium was always very, very busy. Getting a spot for swimming lessons through UFM was competitive. We have been asking for an indoor pool for years, including previous polls. Shrinking it in size to offer more rec space could be a mistake if we are duplicating what is offered at our existing rec centers.
- An indoor pool where swim teams can practice at and have competitions is needed and also family friendly kid are with slides and fun like city pool is needed.
- An indoor pool would be the perfect addition to Manhattan's great parks and rec facilities and programs.
- As a college town and a military adjacent town, there are cyclists who arrive annually and are shocked at the low level of cycling amenities in the City and surrounding area. I have to apologize regularly and try to help them find safe routes to ride.
- AS A COMMUNITY, WE MUST PLAN FOR A COMPETITIVE 10 LANE, 50 METER INDOOR POOL
- AS PART OF A SERVICE INDUSTRY, I RUN AROUND TOWN ALOT THROUGH THE DAY AND OFTEN EAT LUNCH AT PARKS. THE AVAILABILITY OF RESTROOMS HAS BEEN MUCH APPRECIATED
- As someone who uses the parks and recreation of Manhattan regularly, my top things I would love to see would be an indoor pool, updating the playground at Cico, expanding the Discover Center to have more indoor play areas, and making it easier to sign youth up for sports or swimming lessons (classes fill very quickly)
- Baseball facilities need repair of scoreboards & improved parking and more of them. Need more gym space & fitness and maybe the pool.
- Because we are an older couple, our children and grandchildren are grown, we don't use the things that a lot of families could use.
- Better communication. I often don't know about things my family would love until they are over.
- BETTER PARKING AND RESTROOM FACILITIES FOR MANY PARKS, INCLUDING ACCESSIBILITY. BETTER PATHS AND CIRCULATION THROUGH PARKS. MORE ADULT ACTIVITIES THAT ARE WELL MAINTAINED. WELL-DESIGNED HIKING AND BIKING TRAILS. GOOD OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT

- Bike/Linear trail need to be maintained. Complete Linear trail to completely loop around Manhattan, or loop to Wamego. More bike paths out of traffic.
- BOND WAS APPROVED TO IMPROVE CICO PARK IN 2012. GET THAT PROJECT STARTED SO MANHATTAN CAN HOST LARGE TOURNAMENTS THAT OTHER COMMUNITIES ARE CURRENTLY HOSTING. CONTINUE TO LINK TRAILS AROUND THE CITY FOR OUTDOOR VARIATION
- Build a real restroom at Frank-Annenberg park instead of having a porta potty over by the kids park and lake.
- Build an indoor aquatics facility. Embarrassing that a town this size does not have one.
- Build indoor pool, I know people not retiring to Manhattan because of lack of pool
- Cico ballfields need redone, need an indoor pool and more offerings for youth sports for older age kids
- CICO parks need improved lighting on paths and sidewalks. They are very dark and unsafe at night.
- CITY NEEDS TO GO BACK TO RUNNING SPORTS PROGRAMS; MANAGE MONEY BETTER
- City of Manhattan only has a 9 hole disc golf course, this is substandard compared to comparable sized communities. The cost is very minimal compared to other city supported sports activities.
- Communication is improving, appreciate the Instagram posts. Concerned about why fields and facilities are always empty- where are the youth tournaments?
- Consolidated indoor aquatics facility connected to the outside pool at cico Park. Open year round. Consolidate ball fields and athletic facilities to make large events easier to bring to Manhattan. Multiple facilities spread out are harder & more expensive to staff & maintain.
- Continue to have the meetings with the Director in various locations around town and invite him to attend parent teacher organization meetings, as well as school district events since school teachers/coaches can be a great encouragement to kids in schools and teachers knowing programs that are available through the city are very important.
- Continue to implement cost recovery policies and update the way PR does business.
- COURTS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND COURTS FOR COMPETITIVE PLAY SHOULD BE AVAILABLE. MAKING SOCCER PLAYERS WAIT TO USE SOCCER FIELD BECAUSE FLAG FOOTBALL DOES NOT USE GRASS FIELDS FOR FOOTBALL
- Develop a true long range plan (10-20 yrs.) that can address needs. Think bigger ( i. e. Lawrence rec center at Rock Chalk is much better than the three smaller mediocre facilities we built), partner with other public/private entities, become a chosen locale for events/tournaments to expand tax base & provide revenue for rec dept, adequately budget to staff & operate facilities
- do not build facilities that compete with tax [paying private enterprise.
- Do not take away availability for people to use the indoor rec centers, so that the Boys and Girls Club can have after school activities. Boys and Girls Club has their own building to use. Do not set up baseball nets or other sports practice apparatus in gyms that people use daily for pickleball. Anthony Rec center has a leaky ceiling and a lot of bugs - need to improve maintenance and cleanliness of sport courts. Facility workers need to use common sense regarding heating and air conditioning. It can be 80 degrees in the gym and they won't turn on air conditioning or use fans. I've experienced this at Douglass Center and Anthony.
- DOG PARK AT CICO NEEDS MORE SEATING AND SHADE FOR OWNERS-SHADE COULD BE TREES AND SOME TYPE OF PERMANENT COVERING

- DOG PARK IN CITY PARK, ADDITIONAL DOG PARKS. ADD MORE BENCHES ALONG MAIN STREETS. OLD PEOPLE GET TIRED FAST. THEY NEED PLACES TO REST. YOU SHOULDN'T HIDE THE FACT YOU'RE TRYING TO GET SUPPORT FOR YOUR AQUATIC FACILITIES
- Eliminate zoo, antiquated concept.
- ENLIST THE INSIGHT AND EXPERIENCE OF PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY KNOW ABOUT AQUATICS: SWIM TEAMS, SPECIAL OLYMPICS CLIENTELE, POOL MANAGERS, COACHES-NOT A PANEL OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE NEVER SWAM.
- Expand the trail network.
- Focus needs to be place on qualify if life in the Northview area. The poor maintenance and amenities at parks in this area make it clear that we are forgotten. Bathrooms in playground areas are a must if they are to be used. We don't need another indoor pool with excessive features, just water to swim in.
- Focus on current parks and rec facilities first. The City has some great facilities that I worry might be overshadowed (politically and financially) by a big aquatics project.
- Focus on maintaining and updating what the city has before adding more.
- Focus on maintaining current facilities. We've lived in over 8 communities and find the offerings to be exceptional. It is not economically feasible for our community to offer everything available in large cities. We need to be realistic and operate without additional tax burden. If the city wants a pool, why not attract a YMCA that takes on profitability targets and has vast experience in managing an indoor aquatic program, gym options and youth programming / care.
- For any future program, please try to have affordable programs for the elderly. So many things are priced out of our range but we have very productive for our community when younger
- Get the kids back to summer sports affordably.
- GET YOUTH PROGRAMS GOING. YOU HAVE TOTALLY FAILED IN THOSE
- "Go back to hosting flag football on the turf fields on the weekends. There are plenty of parks in Manhattan that can host flag football, there is only one soccer complex that can hold the hundreds of Manhattan players participating several times a week.
- Other parks in Manhattan do not have lights, soccer goals, appropriate level ground that can accommodate the hundreds of Manhattan kids that play soccer. "
- Green space, picnic tables, benches, food carts, safety especially at night.
- Having a ping pong table to be able to be set up in one of the rec centers would be excellent, and I would love to see more bike trails/a more bike friendly community in general
- Having access to an affordable, public indoor pool is an important priority in my life. Considering the size of Manhattan, I see no reason why we should not have one of these facilities.
- I am mostly disappointed in the CiCo Park ballfields. I know the city voted to rehabilitate the facility after a 10 year period of tax collecting, but those fields and amenities have been allowed to decline into disrepair. Example, we competed in a fall softball tournament that was to be in Manhattan this past October. The majority of the tournament had to be moved to Salina due to the lack of ballfields, concessions, and usable restrooms because of the decline of CiCo Park ballfields and the lack of a good number of fields. The City of Manhattan lost out on retail, hotel and dining tax dollars that weekend. That is truly disappointing.
- Have been frustrated with the existing rec centers—went recently and all courts reserved at one location (no communication about that on social media or elsewhere so didn't know until we drove there) so went to other location, and 3/4 courts reserved with the fourth one already a full

court game of basketball happening with a large group. Another time we went to Douglass, which wasn't to be used for group practices, and there was clearly a team practicing and taking up a full court. Communication about when courts are reserved would be great. Would appreciate if lap swimming, aerobics etc. are included with an aquatics pass instead of paying extra. Would like to do those things AND take my kids to the pool but can't justify paying extra for the lap swim/river walk/aerobics. Registration site is usually challenging. It has gotten better but still an issue. Parks and Rec should offer youth sports so that ALL youth can have access, not just those who have financial means to join a traveling team. Example: soccer. Youth soccer is largely available only to club teams now. Scheduling of games—games should not start at 5:15, that is a nightmare for working parents especially given the traffic into Anneberg. Impossible to get off work, pick up kids and make it to a game in time let alone warm up time. Maybe space games out so one round ends at :30 and the next starts at :45 to alleviate some parking issues. Don't like that overflow parking is now in green spaces!"

- I am interested in shared mountain biking and hiking trails (bikers clockwise, walkers counter clockwise) that are multi skill level. The trail by the zoo is difficult. I love City, CiCo Parks, Triangle Park, and Bluemont Overlook with all of the green space. Would like to see better maintenance of the grounds and refresh if tables and cooking areas. Kayaking is important to me but I don't know where to access. Safety along the river is a factor (lighting, poor visibility of parking areas). Would like more multi-use paved paths to get to points of interest (e.g., Monon Trail System - Indianapolis, Portage Creek Bicentennial Trail System - Portage, Michigan). I would support property tax increase because I consider parks and rec to be long term investments used by the home. A sales tax increase seems that it should support infrastructure like roads, curbs, sidewalks, drainage, derives like ATA. Thank you for all that you offer and the opportunity to provide feedback.
- I am not aware of adult classes offered by PR. I follow on Facebook, but do not remember anything.
- I AM WAITING FOR AN INDOOR POOL
- I appreciate much of what MPRD does. There are just some areas with inefficient policies that cause frustration.
- I BELIEVE THE ZOO NEEDS HELP TO MAINTAIN THE GROUNDS-NOT THE ANIMALS TO BE CLEAR. THE ZOO NEEDS MORE STAFFING OUTSIDE-ESPECIALLY SUMMER BUT WE LOVE TO VISIT
- I don't know what is available for Sr. citizens in early morning exercise activities.
- I don't want to answer all of those questions to tell you that my only problem with Parks and Rec is the lack of anything available for 16-17 year olds and up. My 16 year old son has nothing to do and when he wants to do something like yoga, he can't. A 16 year old should be able to take yoga with their parent. If he were to get into trouble, esp. now as a 17 year old, they would try him as an adult but he's not allowed to participate in adult sports. Very problematic.
- I have difficulty walking.
- I hope that cico park will be supported and improved
- I THINK A SECOND ENTRANCE INTO AMNESTY PARK SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. SOCCER PROGRAMS ARE BOOMING AND CONGESTION IS A PROBLEM. I ALSO WONDER IF ADDITIONAL SOCCER FIELDS SHOULD BE BUILT. THESE WOULD SERVE MANY MORE PEOPLE THAN AN INDOOR POOL, AT LESS COST. AND I DISAGREED WITH OTHER PROGRAMMING BEING MOVED FROM

AMNESTY THIS FALL TO ACCOMMODATE A FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE THAT SERVED FEWER PEOPLE-THOUGH I DONT HAVE ALL THE FACTS ABOUT THIS.

- I THINK NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS AND POOLS ARE IMPORTANT. THE NEIGHBORHOOD POOLS SUCH AS CI-CO NEEDS TO BE OPENED REGULAR HOURS AND UNTIL LABOR DAY
- I think our taxes are already way too high. The fat needs to be trimmed and we deserve to have better services without an increase in taxes. Someone with better sense needs to make a stricter budget that allows for things like an indoor pool. Our money isn't being used properly!
- I USED TO STAY IN TOUCH IN OTHER PLACES I LIVED, BY READING THE PAPER. THE MANHATTAN PAPER HAS BEEN VERY INFREQUENTLY PRINTED AND IS NOT WORTH THE PER COPY PRICE. WHERE ELSE WOULD I FIND OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING?
- I want to clarify that I don't think we need another rec center with a pool since we already have 2 brand new rec centers. I would not support building a third one. I would probably support building an aquatics-only center. However, there are other needs that are more immediately important to me, like updating playground equipment at ALL parks (Northview is sorely neglected), expanding operating hours for outdoor pools to accommodate little people (opening at 1pm means after nap and before bed is the only time to swim), improving paved trails (strollers!), expanding youth sports opportunities, updating facilities at CICO (barns, Pottorf Hall) etc. I would rather my tax dollars go here first.
- I WOULD LIKE TO BUY A SENIOR SWIM PASS AT SENIOR RATE( USABLE FOR A SPECIFIC POOL) PERHAPS LIMITED TO 2 HOURS IN LATE AFTERNOON
- I would like to see an indoor pool that has water aerobics. Especially looking for deep water aerobics in warm water to help with arthritis.
- I would like to see more outdoor trails established.
- I would like to see you possibly reach out to Cecil O'Brate in Garden City and see if he might be interested in funding a pool project. His Granddaughters went to KSU and will have great-grandchildren here someday. He is originally from Ingalls. I'm sure you are familiar with him as he supported a ton of things in Garden City (Where we are from originally) I was unable to get to the Gym owner meeting but would love to see all the locally owned gyms included in some sort of "available services" directory. or team up with he Rec. to provide a discounted membership.
- I would love to see swim lessons for babies and younger toddlers
- IF ITS REALLY NEEDED, A COMMERCIAL ENTITY OR SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP WILL FUND OR PROVIDE THE RECREATION FACILITY
- IF YOU HAVE AN INDOOR AQUATIC CENTER MAKE SURE YOU CAN STAFF, NOT LIKE THE OUTDOOR FACILITIES
- IMPROVE TRAIL IN NE COMM PARK; IMPROVE TRAIL IN CECIL BEST BIRD TRAIL--GET LEVEE OPEN
- Improving accessibility is very important. I am not disabled but work w/ populations who have wide varieties of access mobility issues & this needs to improve in our community. Also focusing on cost as a factor to accessibility.
- INDOOR AQUATIC FACILITIES ARE NEEDED. NEED MORE COMMUNICATION INFORMING RESIDENTS OF FACILITIES, PROGRAMS AVAILABLE.
- Indoor aquatic facility with capabilities to host swim meets and competitive meets is a logical next step.
- Indoor aquatics!

- Indoor recreation center with pool! Long cold winters and not enough indoor amenities to keeps kids and family active
- Indoor swimming pool, many have to drive to Wamego in the Winter to exercise.
- indoor year round aquatics is my top priority. it is a safety issue for the children in our town that they cannot have a sustained program teaching them to swim for longer than the summer. I believe that all children in Manhattan should be able to swim enough to safely get out of a pool and not drown, so swimming lessons should be a top priority at any new indoor aquatic facility.
- IT IS A TRAVESTY THAT YOU MAKE THOSE LITTLE GIRLS DANCE AT ROUNDHOUSE-THEY SHOULD MOVE TO DOUGLAS DANCE STUDIO
- It's nice to have classes offered but the customer service is terrible. It's unorganized. Not enough adults paying attention. I won't enroll my child in any program related to parks and rec again. It's not safe. There are no benefits.
- It's time to build an indoor pool that supports competitions and fitness for residents.
- It's hard to answer the tax question because you didn't say how much the increase would be or if any sales taxes are expiring. Our tax rate is one of the highest in the state so this is an important detail. "I" can afford a slight increase, others cannot.
- Its unbelievable to me that KSU is demolishing aquatics at the very moment that so many want it. Why can't city & university work together?
- Keep in good repair what we have. No tax dollars should be added for anything new. Figure out how to pay for it, without debt, before going ahead with anything new.
- Keep up the great work...I absolutely luv Manhattan...??
- LAWRENCE, KS IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF THE NEEDED INDOOR AQUATIC CENTER WITH FACILITIES FOR YOUNG KIDS AND A JOINT INDOOR REC CENTER WITH KU WITH THE SAME TAXES
- Looking for info on events for autistic children. If there are events not enough public notifications
- Maintain existing first.
- Maintain what we have. Increase nature, parking, accessibility. We just built 2 large rec centers that are of no interest to me. Utilize what exists.
- Maintain what we have-taxes are high enough.
- MAINTAINING THE TRAILS SEEMS TO BE AN ISSUE AS IT IS SO WHY ADD MORE TO THE PLATE? OUR TAXES INCREASE EVERY YEAR AND IT IS GETTING SERIOUSLY HARD KEEPING UP WITH IT. DEMOGRAPHICS QUESTIONS HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT
- Maintenance of existing facilities, particularly Cico. Training program to create a pool of life guards over time. Class time considerate to working professionals.
- MAKE PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES AFFORDABLE TO EVERYONE WHO WISHES TO PARTICIPATE. FEES KEEP MANY FROM PARTICIPATING IN ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES
- MAKE SURE PLANNING, CONSTRUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF QUALITY, TESTED MATERIALS, SYSTEMS, EQUIPMENT, ETC ARE USED. TOO MANY TIMES THEY DO NOT HOLD UP, DUE TO POOR QUALITY AND ARE SHUT DOWN FOR REPAIRS TOO SOON
- Manhattan has a large indoor pool...called Genesis. They want that can pay for it. We need to improve Cico ballpark...which is ignored.
- MANHATTAN HAS BECOME UNAFFORDABLE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS ON FIXED INCOMES. STREETS IN TERRIBLE CONDITION

- Manhattan needs an indoor pool. It doesn't have to have every amenity...just a place to swim in winter and give our swim teams a place to practice. It needs to focus on the areas that are getting used. Fewer high quality areas rather than lots of spread out amenities...City Park and Anneburg and the Anthony rec center are most important to me.
- Manhattan Parks and Recreation is one of the best things about this town! My family has benefited tremendously from your programs and facilities.
- MANY MANHATTAN RESIDENTS ARE RETIRED OR CLOSE TO. IMPROVE THE MOST USED FACILITIES TO ACCOMMODATE HANDICAPPED RESIDENTS
- More community volleyball events
- More live entertainment
- MORE NATURE RESERVES, NATURE TRAILS, COMMUNITY GARDENS
- More options for single adults. From what I can see, mostly team applications for activities for adults. Makes it difficult to become involved as a single adult who is looking to join without a team.
- More programs for tweens and teens, we need more active participation from our youth in structured/guided activities.
- My hope would be an affordable, robust community recreation center with a competition sized pool.
- Need an indoor aquatic center. Create more youth sports available for all children, not just traveling teams. Upgrade facilities for tournaments but use revenue to subsidize local youth programming.
- Need an indoor pool.
- Need to know numbers of people (especially sub 18) who would actually use an indoor aquatic facility. Otherwise one question actual demand for such-compared to more inclusive recreational facilities
- Need to prioritize-need to support youth programs first-more access-pay the officials-more tournaments-soccer, basketball, baseball
- Need to support youth sports programs fully , improve sports facility. Need a lot of pocket parks all over town.
- No taxpayer funds for this.
- NORTHVIEW PARK IS VERY DARK AT NIGHT. PEOPLE PARK FOR LOVERS LANE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES, LEAVING TRASH
- not lived here long enough. Very active, have a dog, hike, bike, walk. Anxious for linear trail to reopen
- OPEN SWIM DURING OPEN HOURS. ABLE TO AQUA JOG AT ANYTIME. SO OFTEN WHEN I HAVE TIME TO FREE EXERCISE IN THE WATER, THE POOLS ARE BUSY WITH CLASSES, LAP SWIM. A SAUNA, HOT TUB WOULD BE NICE
- Open the gyms at 6 AM-longer hours for ice rink lights on outdoor pickleball court (adult time) (9th grade campus) TaiChi??
- Open up trail indoor pool
- Organization of adult leagues is 1st (grow/build back softball/sand volleyball). Then, look at pickleball courts/leagues. Last, look at new facilities (don't do this until you do first two well). All in that order.

- Outdoor tennis courts w/ tree cover for shade. More & better maintained Linear Trail. Trails like Konza Prairie, but closer to MHK.
- Overall, parks facilities are good but aging. Upkeep has been a problem over the past 10+ years. In addition to local citizens, visitors also use our parks facilities. The city parks department has dropped the ball in being competitive for weekend sports tournaments of all kinds. This is more of a revenue source that the city has been willing to recognize. Other cities in our region and state are taking full advantage of this to improve facilities, Manhattan needs to get on board with this. And, for the size of our town, I don't think we need another recreation facility with a pool. I think we need an indoor aquatics facility that is focused primarily on the pool and not just another recreation center.
- P&R Program budgets should be more transparent, which means no sudden surprises just as summer or fall programs commence. The public/parents need to be informed when rec programs are proposed to be eliminated or expanded. Parks & Rec funds should not be diverted to other city budgets. Maintenance facilities should not be ignored so the city can do away with them.
- Park maintenance is necessary. Cico park is very dilapidated. Need a lifeguard development program so pools can stay open for working professionals.
- Parks and Rec are improving and try to turn things around. Thank you for your hard work.
- People want more from Parks and Rec for their own swimming needs, and for their grandchildren's sports and swimming needs. Residents can't afford more taxes because of property tax and specials (only 2 counties in Ks. have specials?), sales tax is also too high (thank goodness for Gov. and food tax relief), and personal property car tax. When I was in Johnson County, I could go swimming for free (retired - just showed my driver's license). There are no specials there. The roads were beautiful and were fixed immediately. It was such a clean and attractive county. I love the size of Riley County and the people here, and want more for our children (and adults).
- Please build an indoor public pool or heat an existing one.
- Please build indoor aquatics only facility.
- Please connect the sidewalks and add them where missing in high speed areas especially
- Please consider 24 hr. access to lap swimming for those of us with strange schedule.
- Please fix the disgraceful parking lot at Schultz Park.
- Please keep record of swim lesson level. My son is always starting over and making no progress. Waste of money.
- Please leave more trees when making parks. The park recently made up in Millar Ranch is so ugly because they took out all the forest around the lake.
- Please take down the 'diversity' announcement with the rainbow flag behind it, from the community announcements. The rainbow flag is symbolic of a partisan identity group that should not be privileged with community tax dollars.
- Put some playgrounds in Amherst and Miller Ranch. Also a competition disc golf course!
- quit wasting tax money. Street sweepers cleans street 3x that has nothing at curbs. Snow plow grades last inch of snow in curbs.
- Rec center spaces are often closed for cleaning on weekends. It is a problem for those of us who work fulltime.
- Rec programs for kids-it seems traveling teams have taken over-more communications.

- Reduce fees for kids to use pools. Support youth sports.
- RESTORE OUR STROH LIGHT WATER FOUNTAIN IN CITY PARK, OPEN BACK UP OUR PUBLIC PLACES SOLD TO PRIVATE PEOPLE-THAT WAS WRONG
- Return twin oaks and open Eisenhower once HS moves to Cico. Why don't we use the facilities at Griffith anymore?
- Schultz park needs finished.
- Separate out recreations into its own department and better. Collaborate with private & nonprofit organizations to expand, not duplicate services/offerings. Put maintenance under PW dept. & planning under CD dept.
- So many parents would desire you bring soccer back as an option.
- Something inspired by Gathering Place in Tulsa OK. I enjoyed going there with no kids and just walking around. Great activity for all ages.
- Sorry-I was not much help. Don't use much of anything.
- Stop hiding behind lack of funding, lack of employees and lack of maintenance. Join the real world, suits might have to mow a yard, drag a field or run a scoreboard. No one is above these responsibilities.
- Stop the take over of USD 383 of Cico park. There needs to be more community amenities in Cico Park along with an indoor pool and a new skate park, with 4 tennis/pickle ball/basketball courts with follow-up maintenance
- Take care of what you have before expanding! Have monies/funding available before presenting new projects - not relying on tax dollars.
- Tax dollars would be better spent on repairing our streets and roads than on park projects-there are enough existing parks.
- Thank you
- THE ABILITY TO HAVE ACCESS TO OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES IS VITAL FOR A COMMUNITY'S GROWTH AND RETENTION. WE HAVE LOST SO MANY FRIENDS TO COLORADO DUE T LACK OF ACCESS AND ABILITY TO DO THINGS IN THE COMMUNITY
- The aquatics Cap Fed facility is exceptional for swim meets. We desperately need a facility like a YMCA.
- The city is just desperately lacking like a YMCA or PUBLIC, lower cost gym center. Expecting people to get into crazy contracts with Genesis to meet this need is just wild and not an option for so many people here. The Anthony/Eisenhower things are a good start but they definitely do not meet the need of like a public place to work out and use gym equipment that does not require a fancy genesis gym membership.
- The facilities here are terrible compared to our peers. Look at Salina, we look like a joke.
- THE FHDC IS AMAZING
- The heated indoor pool and water aerobics classes, and gender-specific saunas would be great!
- THE LENGTH OF THE OUTDOOR POOL SEASON BEING EXTENDED BY A MONTH OR MORE ON EITHER SIDE WOULD BE GREAT FOR THE COMMUNITY. LUNCH HOUR FOR LAPS EXTENDED TO PARKS OTHER THAN CITY PARK WOULD ALSO BE GREAT
- The quality of our Parks & Recreation department is fine as is. We can't afford additional facilities, programming, etc. Manhattan is taxing its citizens too much already.

- THE RESTRICTED HOURS (NO MORNINGS AT ANY POOLS?) AND SHORT SEASON OF POOLS - EARLY MID AUGUST HAS BEEN VERY DISAPPOINTING. PRIOR INFO FROM CITY DID NOT SAY HOURS/LENGTH WERE THIS RESTRICTED
- The summer youth musical should be affordable, well-advertised, performed in a large auditorium, and overseen by qualified professionals.
- There is a need for a lap pool separate from recreational/family activity pools. Swimmers who are training or using swimming as a fitness tool need space, focus and expanded access to a lap pool. Early morning and late evenings are important for working folks. 5am-10pm would be idea.
- Trail along Marlatt to connect trails on east & west
- Trail development would definitely be nice. I also love all the ideas for more engagement of young kids and adults in community classes. An indoor pool is sorely needed both for the community in terms of leisure and for competitive swimming teams. Indoor aquatics would boost town health overall, and a facility with the ability to host swim competitions would bring in more people.
- TREE CARE-PARTICULARLY IDENTIFICATION FOR THE DIVERSITY AND MORE KNOWLEDGE FOR THE COMMUNITY
- Use money well on youth programs & what helps the community. More info by mail on what is provided would be very helpful.
- USE THE PARK BY THE WATER DEPT TO PUT IN A LAP POOL
- UTILIZE OUR EXISTING FACILITIES. USE RESOURCES EFFICIENTLY. AND PERSONNEL
- Very disappointed in MPRD programs and the direction City Management has gone with Parks & Rec.
- VERY GLAD YOU DID THIS SURVEY AND FOCUSED ON AN INDOOR AQUATICS CENTER. BADLY NEEDED SINCE NATATORIUM CLOSED
- Very supportive of the parks and use them frequently. Have had some uncomfortable situations with safety and Blue Earth and Longs Park in the last year. I don't want people kicked out of the parks, but want to be able to enjoy the parks when I'm by myself with my two young children. Not sure what the solution is.
- We are empty-nesters now but when our boys were school age we will very involved with baseball & basketball for youth. We think its important for MPRD to offer sports/activities for all especially youth. We are not against indoor pool just need more info.
- We have a great HS swim team and the Manhattan Marlins that need a home pool to expand the participation of young swimmers. Beautiful community to have natural running trails, not sidewalks.
- We have great parks. Although new indoor facilities sound nice, I would rather maintain what we have than use tax dollars to fund something new. The indoor facilities will become outdated very quickly and require more maintenance, utility expenses, staffing, etc.
- WE HAVE PUT OFF INDOOR AQUATIC CENTER TOO LONG. YOUTH ATHLETIC PROGRAMS HAVE DETERIORATED. PARK MAINTENANCE IS LAX
- We like what's offered, it could just be a little better (i.e. quality, opportunity, use of community resources).
- WE LOVE WARNER PARK
- WE MOVED TO TOWN IN 2022 AND WERE VERY DISAPPOINTED IN LACK OF INDOOR LAP POOL. THANKS FOR PROPOSING-WE STRONGLY SUPPORT

- WE NEED A LARGE INDOOR POOL FOR ADULTS SWIM TEAM AND EVERYONE TO USE
- We need better pickleball facilities, both indoor and outdoor. Can the ARC and ERC find a way to give live info on a website so we can tell how many courts are available before we arrive? It is frustrating to arrive and find a tournament underway - or to find three courts occupied with BB and Volleyball and only one for pickleball. When 20 pickleball players are squished into one half with three nets while one person shoots baskets in the other half, that is incredibly frustrating (and has happened on numerous weekends). Assigned hours or info online would alleviate having to be frustrated upon arrival.
- We need greater wheelchair accessibility, indoor pool, consistent maintenance, and sports exploration for kids older than 5.
- We need public indoor aquatics, we are in the minority (2%) of cities 50k+ nationally without this and it's embarrassing a city our size doesn't have this.
- WE USE THE BIKE TRAILS. DAUGHTER USES THE POOL (CITY) DURING THE SUMMER. WE USE THE RECS FOR VOLLEYBALL COMPETITIONS. THEY ARE NICE BUT DUE TO THE LIMITED TEAMS HAVING TO GO TO JC FOR VOLLEYBALL AND A GIRLS YOUTH SOFTBALL WOULD BE NICE
- We would benefit from a YMCA
- We would LOVE indoor aquatics center for water aerobics & indoor pool space like lazy river. While our "new" rec centers are nice, they don't offer amenities like other countries/cities like wamego, Johnson County, etc. Without a YMCA, Manhattan lacks options!!!
- WHY IS THERE NO YMCA IN MANHATTAN TO COVER SOME OF THESE NEEDS?
- wish indoor pool facility had been built at the time the Cico park pool was built many years ago. Doing so now will be a much more costly endeavor. Cico Park was the best place to build an indoor, year round, pool(s)
- Wish they had more things for people in wheel chairs to do outside and inside.
- With 3 dogs in the house obviously dog parks and walking trails are the most important to my household waist baskets and baggies are also a great feature I know in truth not everyone picks up as they should but most are more inclined to do so if they're their to use
- Would appreciate more older adult programming. Take transportation needs of seniors into account in long-range planning.
- Would like to see additional programs for your special population programs.
- WOULD LOVE TO HAVE DEDICATED INDOOR PICKLEBALL COURTS AND ADDITIONAL OUTDOOR COURTS. BUT THE REC CENTERS ARE VERY NICE, CLEAN AND WELL STAFFED
- Would love to see the Roger Schultz trails extended, and wonder if local neighborhood groups could be created to help neighborhood parks.
- Ya'll are awesome, thanks for spending time and money on engagement on your planning process.
- You're fighting against rising costs with wages not increasing and fewer full-time work opportunities, so pricing folks out of using services will be an issue.
- YOUTH PROGRAM CLARITY FOR WHEN TO SIGN UP FOR EACH SEASON AND MORE OPPORTUNITIES



# Survey Instrument



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Dear Resident,

**Your response to the enclosed survey is very important.  
We need to know what YOU think!**

The City of Manhattan is updating their Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The purpose of the project is to develop a community-supported systemwide comprehensive plan that will provide strategic guidance for the Department over the next 10 years. This plan will create a clear set of goals and objectives for the Department, Parks & Rec. Advisory Board, and City Commission.

**We appreciate your time.**

We realize that this survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete, but each question is important. The time you invest in completing this survey will aid the City in taking a resident-driven approach to making decisions that will enrich the future of our community and positively affect the lives of all its residents.

Most of the survey consists of general questions pertaining to all aspects of the Parks and Recreation Department. However, there are questions specifically targeted towards support to fund a new indoor aquatics facility.

**Please complete and return your survey within the next two weeks.**

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 early next year.

**Your responses will remain confidential.**

Please return your completed survey in the enclosed postage- paid envelope addressed to ETC Institute, 725 W. Frontier Circle, Olathe, KS 66061. If you prefer, you can complete the survey online at [Manhattansurvey.org](http://Manhattansurvey.org).

If you have any questions about the Parks Master Plan project, please feel free to contact Aaron Stewart.

If you have any questions about how to complete the survey, contact ETC Institute at (913) 254-4514 or by email at [jason.morado@etcinstitute.com](mailto:jason.morado@etcinstitute.com).

Sincerely,

Aaron Stewart





This survey should be completed by one adult representing a single household. Input will be used to assess park and recreation needs and priorities for all parks within Manhattan. You may complete the survey on-line at [Manhattansurvey.org](http://Manhattansurvey.org). If you have questions, please call Aaron Stewart, Director of Parks and Recreation, at 785-587-2754.

**1. Including yourself, how many people in your household are...**

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: \_\_\_\_

**2. Using a scale of 1 to 4, where 4 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied," please rate your level of satisfaction with the following parks, trails, and facilities provided by the City of Manhattan. If you haven't used the park/facility, please circle "9" for "Haven't Used."**

Type of Park/Facility (Listed Alphabetically)	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Haven't Used
01. Anthony Recreation Center	4	3	2	1	9
02. Blue Earth Plaza	4	3	2	1	9
03. Bluemont Scenic Overlook	4	3	2	1	9
04. CiCo Park	4	3	2	1	9
05. City Park	4	3	2	1	9
06. Douglass Park	4	3	2	1	9
07. Eisenhower Baseball Complex	4	3	2	1	9
08. Eisenhower Recreation Center	4	3	2	1	9
09. Flint Hills Discovery Center	4	3	2	1	9
10. Frank Anneberg Park/Twin Oaks Sports Complex	4	3	2	1	9
11. Frederick Douglass Rec. Complex	4	3	2	1	9
12. Goodnow Park	4	3	2	1	9
13. Griffith Park	4	3	2	1	9
14. Long's Park	4	3	2	1	9
15. Northeast Community Park	4	3	2	1	9
16. Northview PARK	4	3	2	1	9
17. Roger Schultz Community Park	4	3	2	1	9
18. Sojourner Truth Park	4	3	2	1	9
19. Stagg Hill Park	4	3	2	1	9
20. Sunset Zoological Park	4	3	2	1	9
21. Warner Park	4	3	2	1	9

**3. On average, how often do you or other members of your household visit parks in Manhattan?**

\_\_\_\_(1) Almost daily      \_\_\_\_ (4) A few times per month      \_\_\_\_ (7) Seldom or never  
 \_\_\_\_ (2) A few times per week      \_\_\_\_ (5) A few times per year  
 \_\_\_\_ (3) At least once per week      \_\_\_\_ (6) Once per year

**4. Which of the following reasons PREVENT you or other members of your household from using parks in Manhattan, or from using them more often? [Check all that apply.]**

\_\_\_\_(01) Too hard to find parking      \_\_\_\_ (06) Lack of maintenance and repair of existing facilities  
 \_\_\_\_ (02) ADA accessibility is lacking      \_\_\_\_ (07) Not interested/too busy  
 \_\_\_\_ (03) Condition of amenities      \_\_\_\_ (08) Amenities offered don't match my interests or needs  
 \_\_\_\_ (04) Lack of age-appropriate amenities      \_\_\_\_ (09) Facilities too crowded  
 \_\_\_\_ (05) Safety or security concerns      \_\_\_\_ (10) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. How important do you feel it is for the City to provide high quality PARK FACILITIES?**

\_\_\_\_ (4) Very important      \_\_\_\_ (2) Somewhat not important      \_\_\_\_ (9) Don't know  
 \_\_\_\_ (3) Somewhat important      \_\_\_\_ (1) Not important at all

6. Please indicate how well your needs are being met for each of the **OUTDOOR PARK AMENITIES** listed below on a scale of 4 to 1, where 4 means your needs are "Fully Met," and 1 means your needs are "Not Met" at all. If you do not have a need for an item listed, please circle "9" for "No Need."

Type of Park or Amenity (Listed Alphabetically)	Fully Met	Mostly Met	Partly Met	Not Met	No Need
01. Baseball/softball diamonds	4	3	2	1	9
02. Bicycle pump tracks	4	3	2	1	9
03. Camping areas	4	3	2	1	9
04. Community gardens	4	3	2	1	9
05. Disc golf courses	4	3	2	1	9
06. Dog parks	4	3	2	1	9
07. Natural areas for passive recreation and wildlife benefit	4	3	2	1	9
08. Nature/hiking/biking trails	4	3	2	1	9
09. Outdoor amphitheater/event space	4	3	2	1	9
10. Outdoor basketball courts	4	3	2	1	9
11. Outdoor classroom space	4	3	2	1	9
12. Outdoor pickleball courts	4	3	2	1	9
13. Outdoor pool	4	3	2	1	9
14. Outdoor splash pad	4	3	2	1	9
15. Outdoor tennis courts	4	3	2	1	9
16. Outdoor volleyball courts	4	3	2	1	9
17. Paved trails	4	3	2	1	9
18. Picnic shelters	4	3	2	1	9
19. Playgrounds	4	3	2	1	9
20. Restrooms	4	3	2	1	9
21. Skate park	4	3	2	1	9
22. Soccer fields	4	3	2	1	9
23. Un-programmed multi-purpose open green space	4	3	2	1	9
24. Other: _____	4	3	2	1	9

7. Which **FOUR** types of parks/amenities from the list in Question 6 are **MOST IMPORTANT** to your household? [Write in your answers below using the numbers from the list in Question 6, or circle "NONE."]

1st: \_\_\_\_ 2nd: \_\_\_\_ 3rd: \_\_\_\_ 4th: \_\_\_\_ NONE

8. Has your household participated in any recreation activities, classes, or sports programs offered by the City of Manhattan (for all ages) during the last 2 years?

\_\_\_\_(1) Yes [Answer Q8a.]      \_\_\_\_ (2) No [Skip to Q9.]

8a. How would you rate the overall quality of the City of Manhattan recreation activities, classes, or sports programs in which your household has participated?

\_\_\_\_(4) Excellent      \_\_\_\_ (3) Good      \_\_\_\_ (2) Fair      \_\_\_\_ (1) Poor

9. Which of the following reasons **PREVENT** you or other members of your household from using recreation activities, classes, or sports programs offered by the City of Manhattan, or from using them more often? [Check all that apply.]

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|--|--|
| ____ (01) Lack of quality instructors      | ____ (09) Use programs of other agencies |
| ____ (02) Old and outdated facilities      | ____ (10) Program not offered            |
| ____ (03) Classes are full                 | ____ (11) Registration is difficult      |
| ____ (04) I don't know what is offered     | ____ (12) Poor customer service by staff |
| ____ (05) Lack of quality programs         | ____ (13) Lack of transportation         |
| ____ (06) Fees are too high                | ____ (14) Too busy/Not interested        |
| ____ (07) Too far from your home           | ____ (15) Other: _____                   |
| ____ (08) Program times are not convenient |  |

10. Please indicate how well your needs are being met for each of the RECREATION PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, OR CLASSES listed below on a scale of 4 to 1, where 4 means your needs are "Fully Met," and 1 means your needs are "Not Met" at all. If you do not have a need for an item listed, please circle "9" for "No Need."

Type of Program or Activity (Listed Alphabetically)	Fully Met	Mostly Met	Partly Met	Not Met	No Need
01. Adult - Cooking and nutrition classes	4	3	2	1	9
02. Adult - Fitness and wellness programs	4	3	2	1	9
03. Adult - Lap swimming	4	3	2	1	9
04. Adult - Nature programs	4	3	2	1	9
05. Adult - Programs for special needs adults	4	3	2	1	9
06. Adult - Sports programs	4	3	2	1	9
07. Adult - Water aerobics and fitness	4	3	2	1	9
08. Community special events	4	3	2	1	9
09. Cultural enrichment programs	4	3	2	1	9
10. Early childhood (3-5 years old) - Gym/Tumbling	4	3	2	1	9
11. Early childhood (3-5 years old) - Intro to sports	4	3	2	1	9
12. Early childhood (3-5 years old) - Zoo camps/programs	4	3	2	1	9
13. Early childhood (6mo-6 years old) - Infant swimming resource (ISR) self-rescue skills classes	4	3	2	1	9
14. Outdoor water recreation (canoeing, kayaking, boating, etc.)	4	3	2	1	9
15. Senior - Cooking and nutrition programs	4	3	2	1	9
16. Senior - Health and wellness programs	4	3	2	1	9
17. Senior - Social gatherings and trips	4	3	2	1	9
18. Teen/Tween programs	4	3	2	1	9
19. Virtual programs	4	3	2	1	9
20. Youth (6-12 years old) - After school learning programs	4	3	2	1	9
21. Youth (6-12 years old) - Cooking and nutrition classes	4	3	2	1	9
22. Youth (6-12 years old) - e-Gaming/e-Sports	4	3	2	1	9
23. Youth (6-12 years old) - Fitness and wellness classes	4	3	2	1	9
24. Youth (6-12 years old) - Gymnastics/Tumbling	4	3	2	1	9
25. Youth (6-12 years old) - Nature programs	4	3	2	1	9
26. Youth (6-12 years old) - Performing arts (dance/music)	4	3	2	1	9
27. Youth (6-12 years old) - Programs for youth with special needs	4	3	2	1	9
28. Youth (6-12 years old) - Sports programs and camps	4	3	2	1	9
29. Youth (6-12 years old) - STEM/STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics)	4	3	2	1	9
30. Youth (6-12 years old) - Summer programs and camps	4	3	2	1	9
31. Youth (6-12 years old) - Swim/dive team	4	3	2	1	9
32. Youth (6-12 years old) - Swimming lessons	4	3	2	1	9
33. Youth (6-12 years old) - Zoo camps	4	3	2	1	9
34. Other: _____	4	3	2	1	9

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

1st: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd: \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd: \_\_\_\_\_ 4th: \_\_\_\_\_ NONE

12. Which aquatic facility do you or members of your household use most often?

- |                              |                                      |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| ____ (1) CiCo Waterpark      | ____ (4) City Park Splash Pad        |
| ____ (2) City Park Waterpark | ____ (5) Blue Earth Plaza Splash Pad |
| ____ (3) Northview Waterpark | ____ (6) Do not use these facilities |

**13. Please indicate how important each type of facility is to you and members of your household:**

	Very Important	Important	Neutral	Not Important	Not at all Important
1. Outdoor pool(s)	5	4	3	2	1
2. Outdoor splash pads	5	4	3	2	1
3. Indoor pool(s)	5	4	3	2	1
4. Indoor recreation center	5	4	3	2	1

**14. Please CHECK ALL of the following reasons that prevent you or other members of your household from using any of Manhattan's waterparks or splash pads MORE OFTEN.**

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (01) Facilities are not well maintained            | <input type="checkbox"/> (07) I do not know the location of these facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (02) Facilities do not offer the features I desire | <input type="checkbox"/> (08) Use other agency facilities in Manhattan       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (03) Security is insufficient                      | <input type="checkbox"/> (09) Operating hours are not convenient             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (04) Too far from our residence                    | <input type="checkbox"/> (10) Too busy/not enough time                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (05) Fees are too high                             | <input type="checkbox"/> (11) Accessibility/Transportation                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (06) Use pools in other communities                | <input type="checkbox"/> (12) Other: _____                                   |

**15. Please indicate how well your needs are being met for each of the INDOOR AQUATIC AMENITIES listed below on a scale of 4 to 1, where 4 means your needs are "Fully Met," and 1 means your needs are "Not Met" at all. If you do not have a need for an item listed, please circle "9" for "No Need."**

Type of Indoor Aquatic Activity (Listed Alphabetically)	Fully Met	Mostly Met	Partly Met	Not Met	No Need
01. Active water features (climbing wall, obstacle course, lily pad walk, zip line, etc.)	4	3	2	1	9
02. Competitive lap lanes (25 yards or 25 meters)	4	3	2	1	9
03. Concessions and concession area	4	3	2	1	9
04. Deep water (5+ feet)	4	3	2	1	9
05. Diving boards	4	3	2	1	9
06. Inclusive features and amenities (for all abilities)	4	3	2	1	9
07. Lazy river	4	3	2	1	9
08. Open recreational swimming area	4	3	2	1	9
09. Rentable areas (rentable party space)	4	3	2	1	9
10. Sauna	4	3	2	1	9
11. Shallow water (2-4 feet)	4	3	2	1	9
12. Toddler features (slide, sprays, play structures, etc.)	4	3	2	1	9
13. Universal/family restrooms	4	3	2	1	9
14. Warm water (therapy, rehab, classes, etc.)	4	3	2	1	9
15. Water slides	4	3	2	1	9
16. Water sports (basketball, volleyball, log roll, etc.)	4	3	2	1	9
17. Wave generation/surf simulation	4	3	2	1	9
18. Zero-depth/beach entry	4	3	2	1	9
19. Other: _____	4	3	2	1	9

**16. Which FOUR of the amenities listed in Question 15 are the most important to your household? [Write in your answers below using the numbers from the list in Question 15, or circle "NONE."]**

1st: \_\_\_\_ 2nd: \_\_\_\_ 3rd: \_\_\_\_ 4th: \_\_\_\_ NONE

17. Please indicate how well your needs are being met for each of the RECREATION CENTER SPACES listed below on a scale of 4 to 1, where 4 means your needs are "Fully Met," and 1 means your needs are "Not Met" at all. If you do not have a need for an item listed, please circle "9" for "No Need."

Type of Recreation Center Space (Listed Alphabetically)	Fully Met	Mostly Met	Partly Met	Not Met	No Need
01. Aerobics and dance studio	4	3	2	1	9
02. Arts and crafts room	4	3	2	1	9
03. Baseball, softball, golf tunnels	4	3	2	1	9
04. Birthday party rental space	4	3	2	1	9
05. Child daycare (licensed and all day)	4	3	2	1	9
06. Child sitting (so parent can use center amenities freely)	4	3	2	1	9
07. Community art gallery	4	3	2	1	9
08. Community events or meeting space	4	3	2	1	9
09. E-sport computer lab	4	3	2	1	9
10. Indoor competition pool	4	3	2	1	9
11. Indoor leisure/family-oriented pool	4	3	2	1	9
12. Indoor pickleball courts	4	3	2	1	9
13. Indoor playground	4	3	2	1	9
14. Indoor racquetball courts	4	3	2	1	9
15. Indoor turf fieldhouse	4	3	2	1	9
16. Learning kitchen	4	3	2	1	9
17. Multi-activity gymnasium	4	3	2	1	9
18. Multi-generational games room	4	3	2	1	9
19. Multi-generational lounge space	4	3	2	1	9
20. Small meeting or education spaces	4	3	2	1	9
21. Spinning studio	4	3	2	1	9
22. Walking and jogging track	4	3	2	1	9
23. Weights and cardio fitness area	4	3	2	1	9
24. Yoga studio	4	3	2	1	9
25. Other: _____	4	3	2	1	9

18. Which FOUR spaces from the list in Question 17 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household? [Write in your answers below using the numbers from the list in Question 17, or circle "NONE."]

1st: \_\_\_\_ 2nd: \_\_\_\_ 3rd: \_\_\_\_ 4th: \_\_\_\_ NONE

19. The City of Manhattan currently has 3 outdoor waterparks, 2 splash pads, and 3 recreation centers. It has been identified that there is a desire for additional indoor recreation opportunities, including indoor aquatics. The City of Manhattan needs to understand the level of interest in each of the options listed below.

**Option 1:** The City of Manhattan should develop a new aquatics-only indoor facility with modern amenities that meets today's aquatics needs. (This type of facility typically has a larger pool than commonly seen in a recreation center with an indoor pool.)

**Option 2:** The City of Manhattan should develop a new recreation center with modern features that meets today's recreation needs including an indoor pool. (This type of facility typically has a smaller pool than commonly seen in an indoor aquatics-only facility.)

Which one of the options listed above best fits the needs of you and your household?

\_\_\_\_(1) Option 1    \_\_\_\_ (2) Option 2    \_\_\_\_ (3) Neither option    \_\_\_\_ (9) I don't know

20. How supportive would you be of a sales tax increase, in perpetuity, to specifically fund the construction, and ongoing operations and maintenance of an INDOOR AQUATICS-ONLY facility? This may include features such as a lap and leisure swimming pool, therapy pool, etc.

\_\_\_\_(5) Very supportive    \_\_\_\_ (3) Not sure    \_\_\_\_ (1) Not supportive at all [Answer Q20a.]  
 \_\_\_\_ (4) Supportive    \_\_\_\_ (2) Not supportive [Answer Q20a.]

**20a. If you answered "Not Supportive" or "Not Supportive at All" to Question 20, please indicate why you answered this way. [Check all that apply.]**

- \_\_\_(1) I need more information before I can answer.
- \_\_\_(2) I would not use a new indoor aquatics center.
- \_\_\_(3) I believe the City currently has sufficient indoor aquatics opportunities and does not need secured funding.
- \_\_\_(4) I believe those who use these facilities should bear the burden of paying for its development.
- \_\_\_(5) I do not support incurring debt for capital projects.
- \_\_\_(6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**21. If a voter election was held to determine whether or not to increase sales tax, in perpetuity, to specifically fund, operate, and maintain a new INDOOR AQUATICS-ONLY CENTER, how would you vote? This may include features such as a lap and leisure swimming pool, therapy pool, etc.**

- \_\_\_(1) Vote in favor      \_\_\_(2) Might vote in favor      \_\_\_(3) Vote against      \_\_\_(9) Not sure

**22. How supportive would you be of a sales tax increase, in perpetuity, to specifically fund the construction, and ongoing operations and maintenance of a new RECREATION CENTER WITH INDOOR AQUATICS?**

- \_\_\_(5) Very supportive      \_\_\_(3) Not sure      \_\_\_(1) Not supportive at all [Answer Q22a.]  
 \_\_\_(4) Supportive      \_\_\_(2) Not supportive [Answer Q22a.]

**22a. If you answered "Not Supportive" or "Not Supportive at All" to Question 22, please indicate why you answered this way. [Check all that apply.]**

- \_\_\_(1) I need more information before I can answer.
- \_\_\_(2) I would not use a new indoor recreation centers with indoor aquatics.
- \_\_\_(3) I believe the City currently has sufficient indoor recreation opportunities and does not need secured funding.
- \_\_\_(4) I believe those who use these facilities should bear the burden of paying for its development.
- \_\_\_(5) I do not support incurring debt for capital projects.
- \_\_\_(6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**23. If a voter election was held to determine whether or not to increase sales tax in perpetuity, to specifically fund, operate, and maintain a new RECREATION CENTER WITH INDOOR AQUATICS, how would you vote? This may include features such as a gymnasium, weights and cardio, multi-purpose rooms, and an indoor leisure or competition pool.**

- \_\_\_(1) Vote in favor      \_\_\_(2) Might vote in favor      \_\_\_(3) Vote against      \_\_\_(9) Not sure

**24. Using a scale of 1 to 4, where 4 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied," please rate your level of satisfaction with the following items.**

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't Know
01. Accessible amenities for limited mobility patrons	4	3	2	1	9
02. Indoor recreation centers	4	3	2	1	9
03. Marketing and communication of programs and services	4	3	2	1	9
04. Online registration for programs, facility rentals, etc.	4	3	2	1	9
05. Park amenities meet the needs of the community	4	3	2	1	9
06. Park maintenance, cleanliness, and general upkeep	4	3	2	1	9
07. Park safety and security	4	3	2	1	9
08. Park system overall as a whole	4	3	2	1	9
09. Quality of park amenities	4	3	2	1	9
10. Quality of recreation activities, classes, and programs	4	3	2	1	9
11. Variety of recreation activities, classes, and programs	4	3	2	1	9
12. Waterparks	4	3	2	1	9

**25. From the statements below, please indicate how much you agree that the following are important priorities for the Parks and Recreation Department over the next 10 years. Circle the corresponding number to the right using a scale of 1 to 4, where 4 means "Strongly Agree" and 1 means "Strongly Disagree," please rate your level of agreement with the following:**

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
01.	Build a new INDOOR AQUATICS-ONLY FACILITY with modern amenities that meet today's aquatics needs. (This type of facility typically has a larger pool than commonly seen in a recreation center with an indoor pool.)	4	3	2	1	9
02.	Build a new RECREATION CENTER with modern features that meet today's recreation needs including an indoor pool. (This type of facility typically has a smaller pool than commonly seen in an indoor aquatics-only facility.)	4	3	2	1	9
03.	Update existing park amenities that are aging and in poor condition.	4	3	2	1	9
04.	Improve the quality of maintenance in parks.	4	3	2	1	9
05.	Improve the perception of security in parks.	4	3	2	1	9
06.	Improve marketing and communication of recreation programs and events.	4	3	2	1	9
07.	Expand the quantity or size of high demand activities, classes, and programs	4	3	2	1	9
08.	Expand youth sports programming.	4	3	2	1	9
09.	Provide after school care programs for children/youth.	4	3	2	1	9
10.	Continue to expand the trail network with more connections to points of interest.	4	3	2	1	9
11.	Fund the Parks and Recreation Department more robustly.	4	3	2	1	9
12.	Focus on quality improvements that consider future needs and growth.	4	3	2	1	9
13.	Other:	4	3	2	1	9

**26. Approximately how many years has your household resided in Manhattan?** \_\_\_\_\_ years

**27. What is your age?** \_\_\_\_\_ years

**28. Which of the following best describes your employment status? [Check all that apply.]**

- \_\_\_\_(1) Full-time                      \_\_\_\_ (4) Retired                      \_\_\_\_ (7) Full-time student at local college or university
- \_\_\_\_(2) Part-time                      \_\_\_\_ (5) Unemployed                      \_\_\_\_ (8) Prefer not to say
- \_\_\_\_(3) Active military                      \_\_\_\_ (6) Unable to work                      \_\_\_\_ (9) Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**29. Which of the following best describes your race? [Check all that apply.]**

- \_\_\_\_ (01) Asian or Asian Indian                      \_\_\_\_ (05) Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- \_\_\_\_ (02) Black or African American                      \_\_\_\_ (06) Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino/a/x
- \_\_\_\_ (03) American Indian or Alaska Native                      \_\_\_\_ (99) Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ (04) White or Caucasian

**30. With which gender do you identify most?** \_\_\_\_ (1) Male      \_\_\_\_ (2) Female      \_\_\_\_ (3) Non-binary

**31. Which of the following BEST describes your annual household income?**

- \_\_\_\_ (1) Under \$30,000                      \_\_\_\_ (4) \$100,000-\$149,999                      \_\_\_\_ (7) Prefer not to answer
- \_\_\_\_ (2) \$30,000-\$59,999                      \_\_\_\_ (5) \$150,000-\$199,999
- \_\_\_\_ (3) \$60,000-\$99,999                      \_\_\_\_ (6) \$200,000 or more

**32. Please tell us if you have any other suggestions or comments to improve the overall quality of Manhattan Parks and Recreation or about the potential for future parks in the City of Manhattan.**

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**This concludes the survey. Thank you for your time!**

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

Your responses will remain completely confidential. The information to the right will ONLY be used to help identify the level of need in your area. Thank you.