

2025 City of Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Survey Findings Report

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1 Executive Summary

City of Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Survey
Executive Summary

Overview

ETC Institute administered a parks and recreation needs assessment survey for the City of Sioux Falls, South Dakota during the winter of 2024-2025. The purpose of the survey was to help determine parks and recreation needs and priorities for the City of Sioux Falls.

Methodology

ETC Institute mailed a survey packet to a random sample of households throughout Sioux Falls. 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.

After the surveys were mailed, ETC Institute followed up with residents to encourage participation. To prevent people who were not residents of Sioux Falls from participating, everyone who completed the survey online was required to enter their home address prior to submitting their survey. ETC Institute then matched the addresses entered online with the addresses 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 receive 400 completed surveys from households within the City of Sioux Falls. This goal was exceeded, with 483 completed surveys collected. The overall results for the sample of 483 residents have a precision of at least +/-4.5% at the 95% level of confidence.

This report contains the following:

- Executive Summary with major findings (Section 1)
- Charts showing the overall results of the survey (Section 2)
- Priority Investment Ratings (PIR) (Section 3)
- Tabular data showing the overall results for all questions on the survey (Section 4)
- A copy of the cover letter and survey instrument (Section 5)

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

Facilities/Programs Use

Facilities Use: Ninety-five percent (95%) indicated that they have visited a park/facility that is offered by the Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Department. They rated the overall quality of the parks/facilities that they have visited. Thirty-eight percent (38%) rated excellent, fifty-three percent (53%) rated good, nine percent (9%) rated fair, and one percent (1%) rated poor. For those who did not visit any parks/facilities in the past year (5%), they selected reasons why they do not visit. The common reasons were: do not feel safe using parks/facilities (17%), fees are too high/lack of financial assistance (13%), and use other city, state, private or HOA facilities (9%).

Programs Use: Fifty percent (50%) indicated that they have participated in a program/event in the past year. They rated the overall quality of the programs/events they participated in. Thirty-nine percent (39%) rated excellent, fifty-one percent (51%) rated good, nine percent (9%) rated fair, and one percent (1%) rated poor. For those who did not participate in programs/events in the past year (50%), they selected reason why they did not participate. The common reasons were: I don't know what is offered (42%), too busy/not interested (33%), and program times are not convenient (18%).

Non-City Organizations

Respondents selected all the non-City organizations that they used for recreation and/or sports activities in the past year. The most used organizations were: South Dakota state recreation areas (63%), places of worship (48%), and school districts (44%).

Communication

Respondents selected the resources they used to keep up with the City's parks and recreation department. The most used resources were: social media (66%), website (56%), and from friends or neighbors (52%). Based on the sum of top three choices, the commonly used resources were: social media (63%), website (49%), and department program guide (39%).

Benefits, Importance, and Improvements to Parks and Recreation

Potential Actions to Improve the Parks and Recreation System: Respondents selected their level of support for potential actions the City could take to improve its parks and recreation system. The most supported actions were: improve existing small neighborhood parks (82%), improve existing paved walking & biking trails (79%), and develop new trails that connect to existing trails (79%). Based on the sum of top three choices, the three improvements they would be most willing to support with their tax dollars were: improve existing small neighborhood parks (35%), improve existing paved walking & biking trails (28%), develop new trails that connect to existing trails (25%).

Potential Funding Mechanisms: Respondents selected their level of support for the potential funding mechanisms that could be used to pay for those actions. The most supported funding mechanisms were: corporate sponsorship & donations (82%), grants from state, federal, & private sources (82%), and enterprise operations (73%). Based on the sum of top three choices, the most supported funding mechanisms are: grants from state, federal, & private sources (57%), corporate sponsorship & donations (56%), and existing sales tax revenue (34%).

Additional Findings

Satisfaction: Respondents rated how satisfied they were with the overall value they received from facilities, programs, or services at Sioux Falls Recreation. Seventeen percent (17%) were very satisfied, forty-three percent (43%) were satisfied, thirty-two percent (32%) were neutral, five percent (5%) were dissatisfied, and three percent (3%) were very dissatisfied.

Weekday Times to Attend Parks and Recreation Services: Respondents selected the times on weekdays that they would like to attend any parks and recreation service. The common times were: evenings (6 pm-8 pm) (61%), evenings (5 pm-6 pm) (48%), and afternoons (3 pm-5 pm) (36%).

Saturday Times to Attend Parks and Recreation Services: Respondents selected the times on Saturdays that they would like to attend any parks and recreation service. The common times were: afternoons (noon-3 pm) (67%), mornings (8 am-noon) (66%), and afternoons (3 pm-5 pm) (60%).

Sunday Times to Attend Parks and Recreation Services: Respondents selected the times on Sundays that they would like to attend any parks and recreation service. The common times were: afternoons (noon-3 pm) (64%), afternoons (3 pm-5 pm) (63%), and evenings (5 pm-8 pm) (41%).

Recreation Programs Needs and Priorities

Programs Needs: Respondents were asked to identify if their household had a need for 24 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 facilities.

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

1. Adult fitness & wellness programs
2. Nature programs
3. Special events

Program 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 facilities that ranked most important to residents:

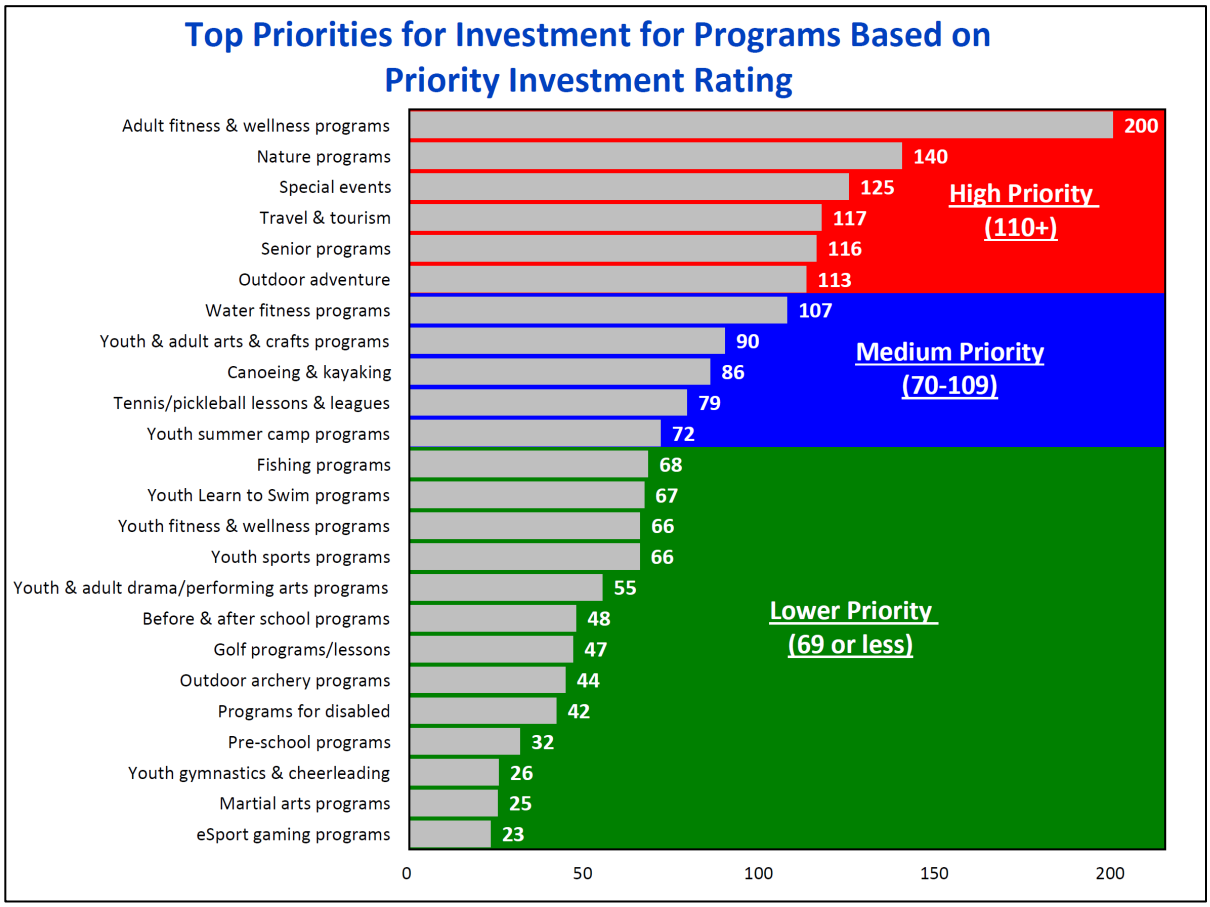
1. Adult fitness & wellness programs
2. Senior programs
3. Nature programs
4. Special events

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 facilities and (2) how many residents have unmet needs for the programs. [Details regarding the methodology for this analysis are provided in Section 4 of this report.]

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

- Adult fitness & wellness programs (PIR=200)
- Nature programs (PIR=140)
- Special events (PIR=125)
- Travel & tourism (PIR=117)
- Senior programs (PIR=116)
- Outdoor adventure (PIR=113)

The chart below shows the Priority Investment Rating for each of the 24 programs assessed in the survey.



Recreation Facilities/Amenities Needs and Priorities

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

The three facilities with the highest percentage of households that have a need:

1. Walking/hiking trails
2. Small neighborhood parks
3. Large community parks

Facility Importance: In addition to assessing the needs for each facility, 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 facilities that ranked most important to residents:

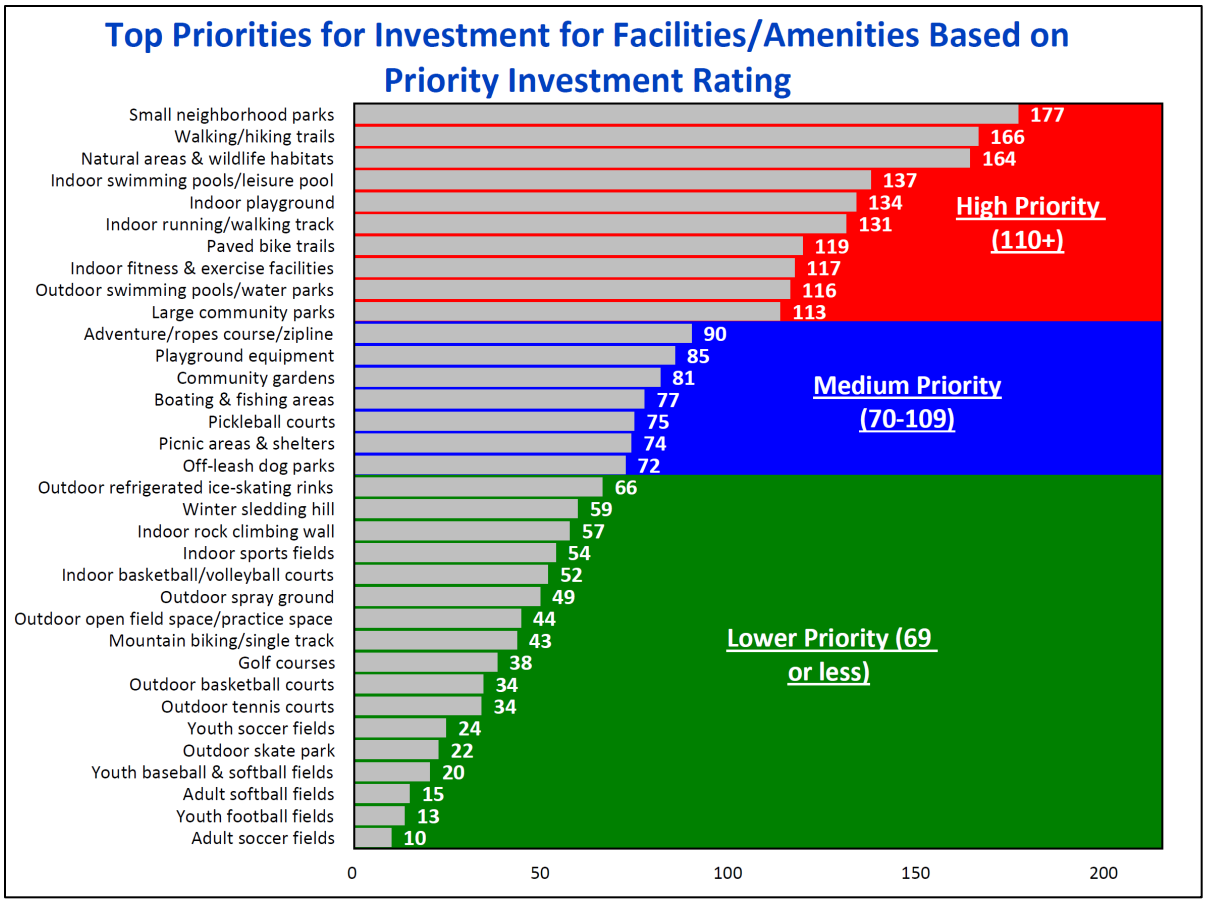
1. Small neighborhood parks
2. Walking/hiking trails
3. Paved bike trails
4. Natural areas & wildlife habitats

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

- Small neighborhood parks (PIR=177)
- Walking/hiking trails (PIR=166)
- Natural areas & wildlife habitats (PIR=164)
- Indoor swimming pools/leisure pool (PIR=137)
- Indoor playground (PIR=134)
- Indoor running/walking track (PIR=131)

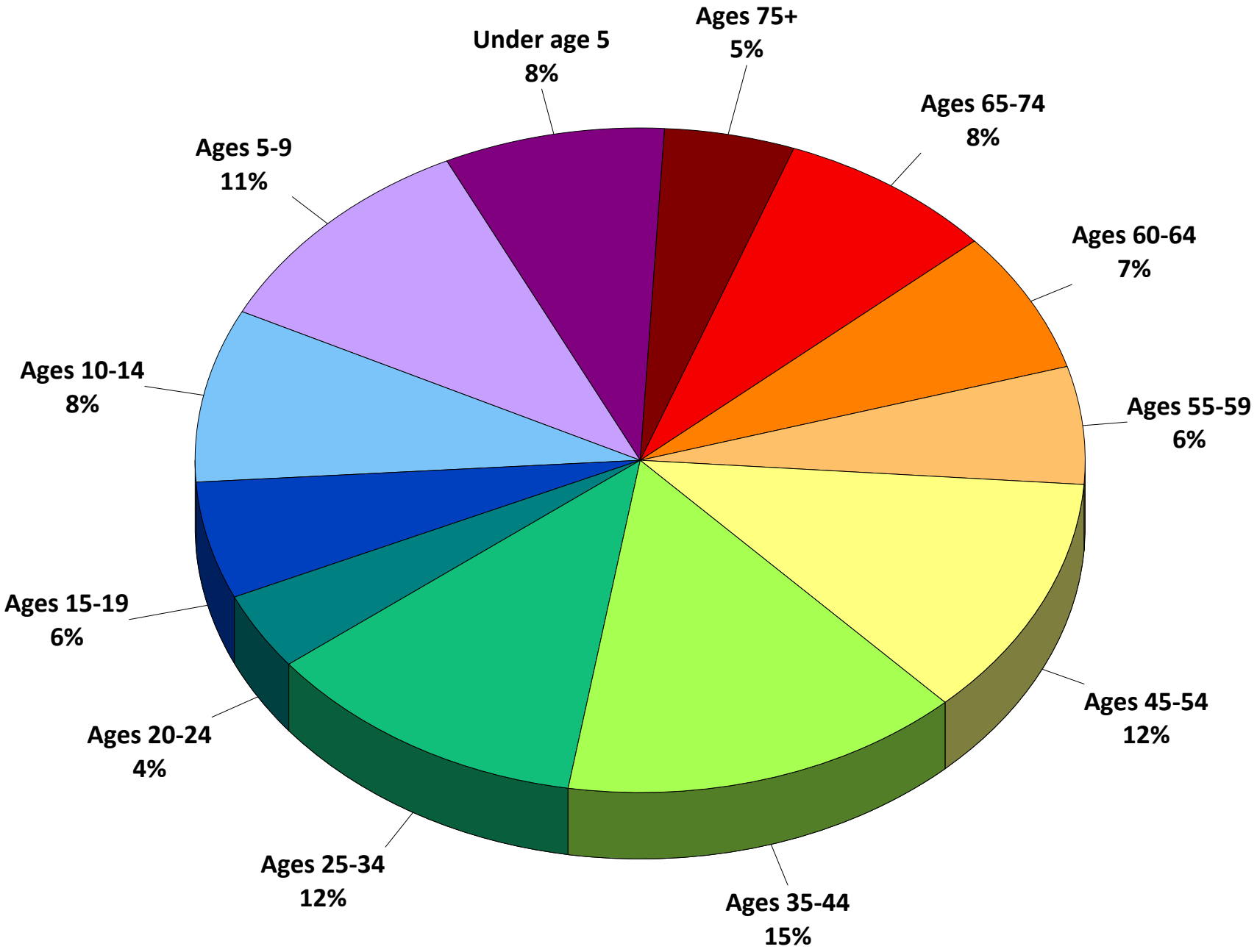
The chart on the next page shows the Priority Investment Rating for each of the 34 facilities assessed in the survey.


Top Priorities for Investment for Facilities/Amenities Based on Priority Investment Rating
Small neighborhood parks 177
Walking/hiking trails 166
Natural areas & wildlife habitats 164
Indoor swimming pools/leisure pool 137
Indoor playground 134
Indoor running/walking track 131
Paved bike trails 119
Indoor fitness & exercise facilities 117
Outdoor swimming pools/water parks 116
Large community parks 113
Adventure/ropes course/zipline 90
Playground equipment 85
Community gardens 81
Boating & fishing areas 77
Pickleball courts 75
Picnic areas & shelters 74
Off-leash dog parks 72
Outdoor refrigerated ice-skating rinks 66
Winter sledding hill 59
Indoor rock climbing wall 57
Indoor sports fields 54
Indoor basketball/volleyball courts 52
Outdoor spray ground 49
Outdoor open field space/practice space 44
Mountain biking/single track 43
Golf courses 38
Outdoor basketball courts 34
Outdoor tennis courts 34
Youth soccer fields 24
Outdoor skate park 22
Youth baseball & softball fields 20
Adult softball fields 15
Youth football fields 13
Adult soccer fields 10
High Priority (110+)
Medium Priority (70-109)
Lower Priority (69 or less)
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50
100
150
200

2 Charts and Graphs

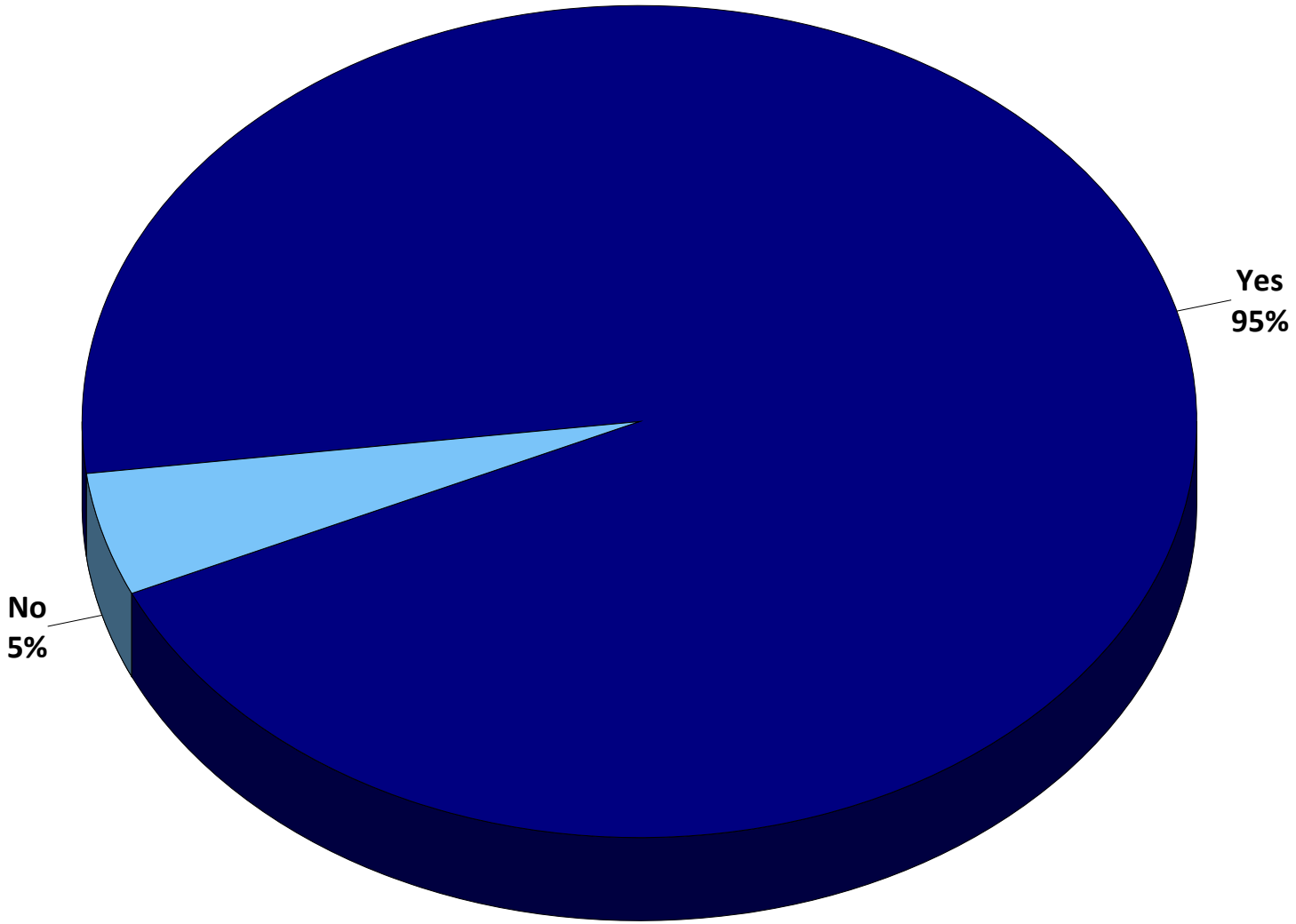
Q1. Including yourself, how many people in your household are...

by percentage of persons in household



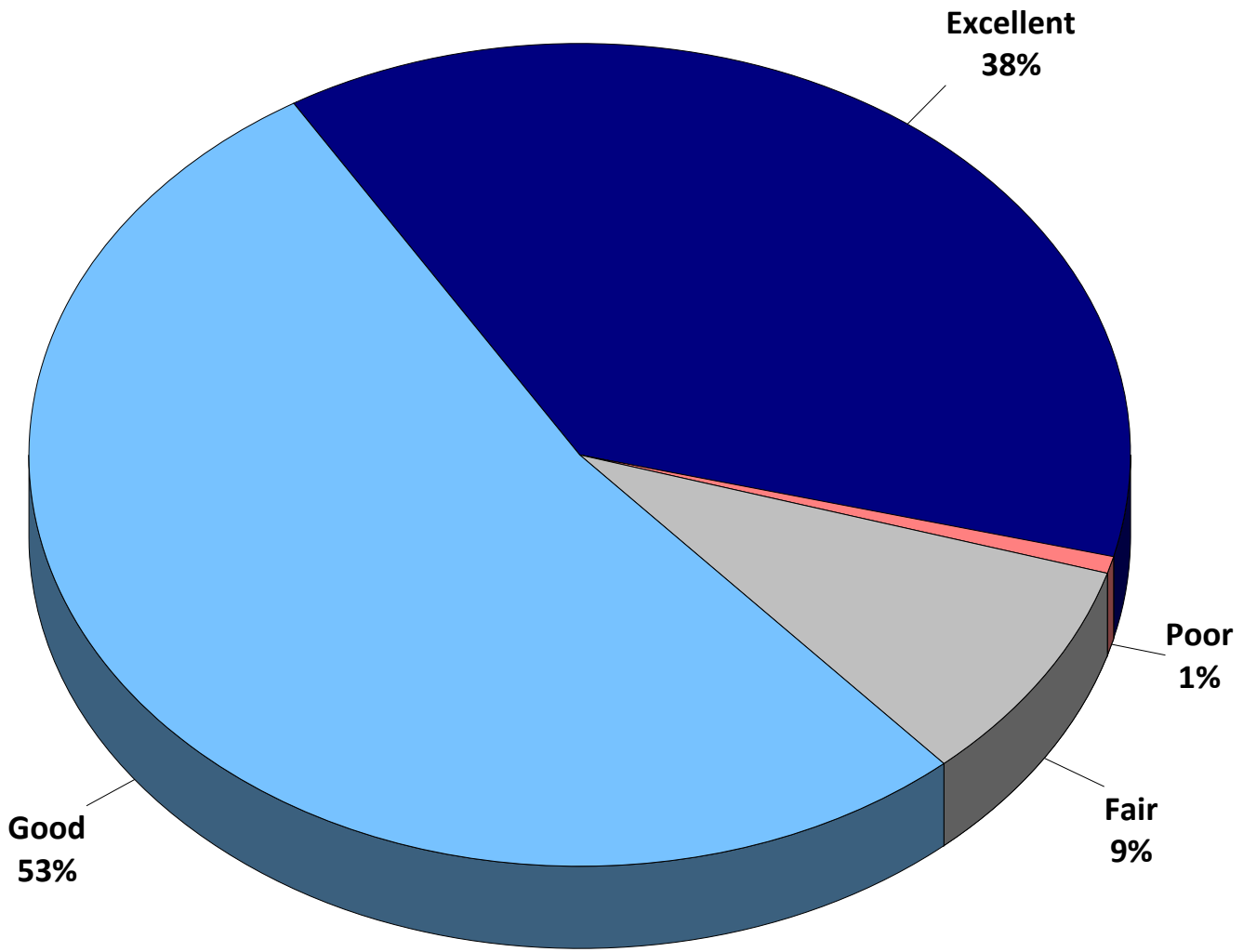
Q2. During a typical year, do you/your household visit any parks and/or recreation facilities offered by the Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Department?

by percentage of respondents



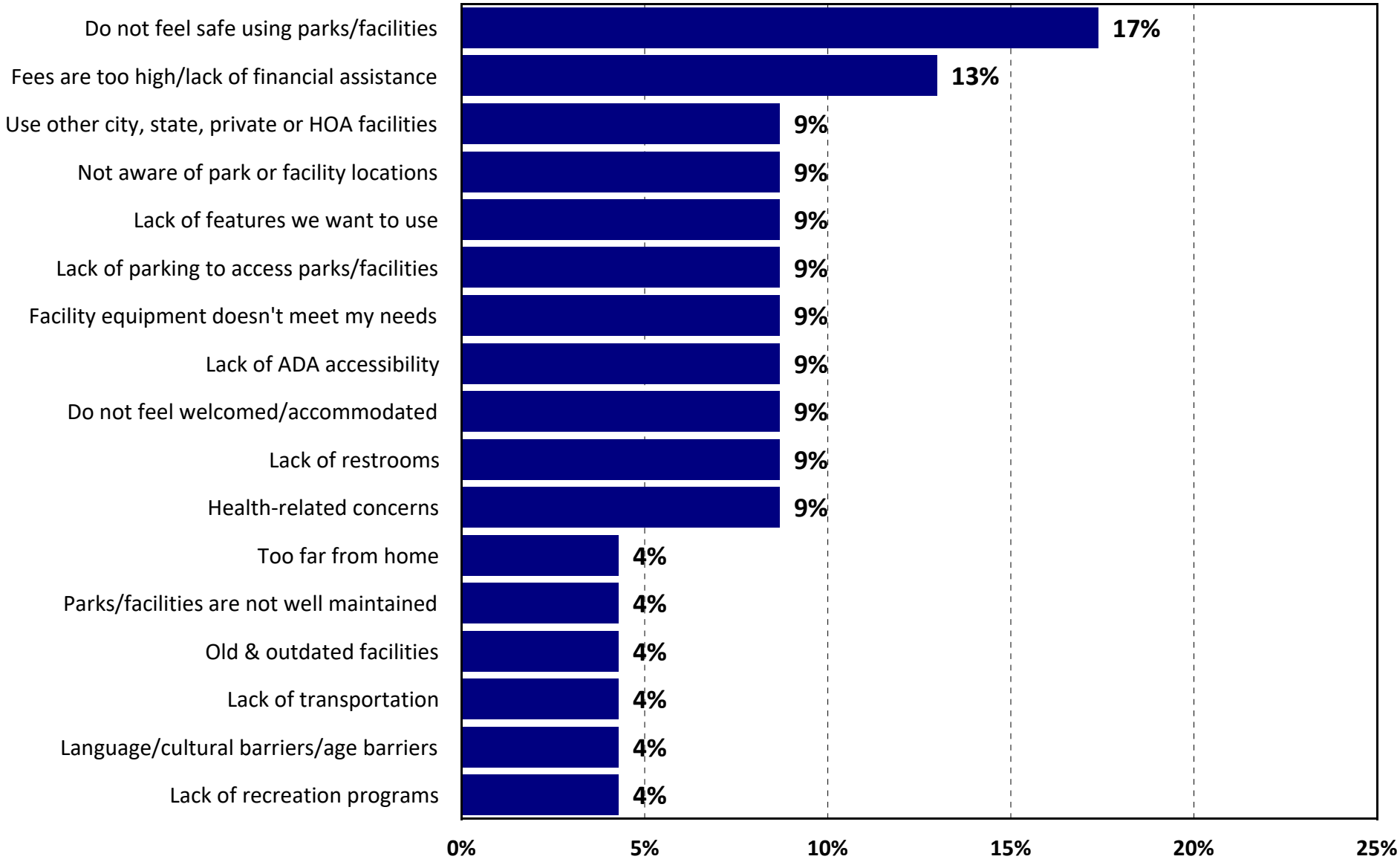
Q2a. How would you rate the overall quality of the parks and recreation facilities offered by the Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Department that you/your household have visited?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



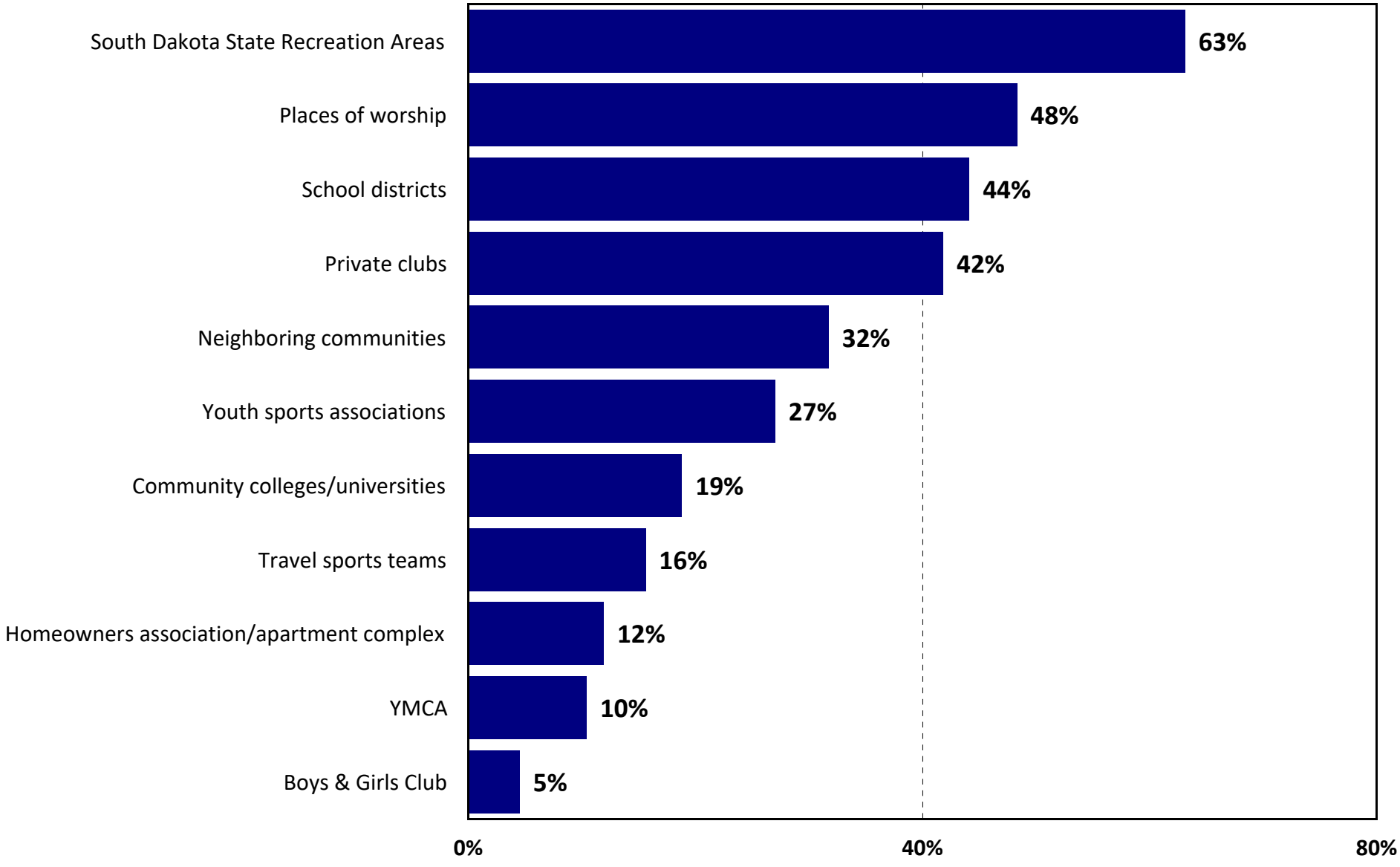
Q2b. If your household does not visit any Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Department parks and recreation facilities in a typical year, please check all of the reasons why you do not visit.

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



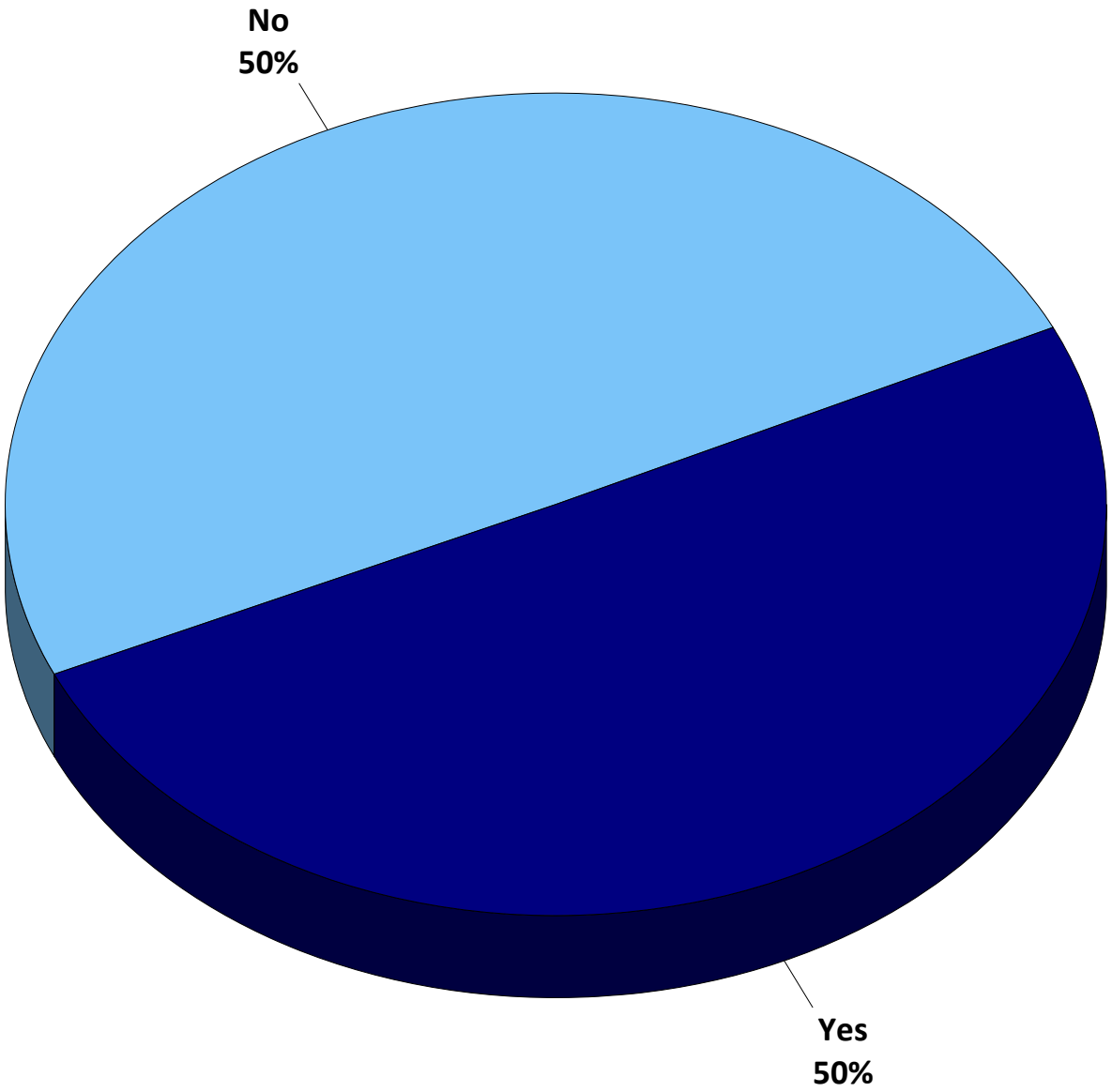
Q3. From the following list, please check all of the non-City organizations that you/your household have used for recreation and/or sports activities during the last year.

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made; excluding "none of these")



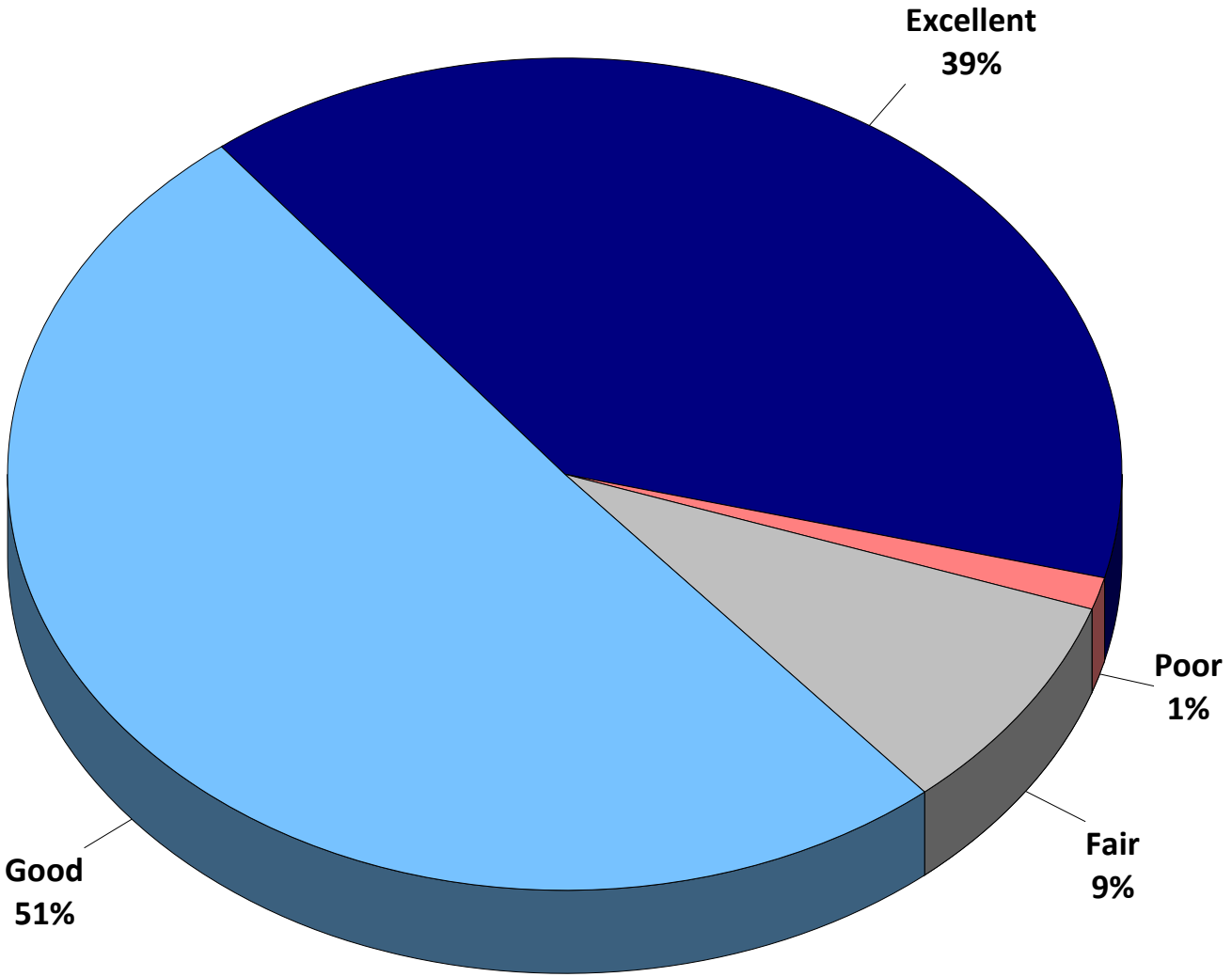
Q4. During a typical year, do you/your household participate in any recreation programs or events offered and/or hosted by the Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Department?

by percentage of respondents



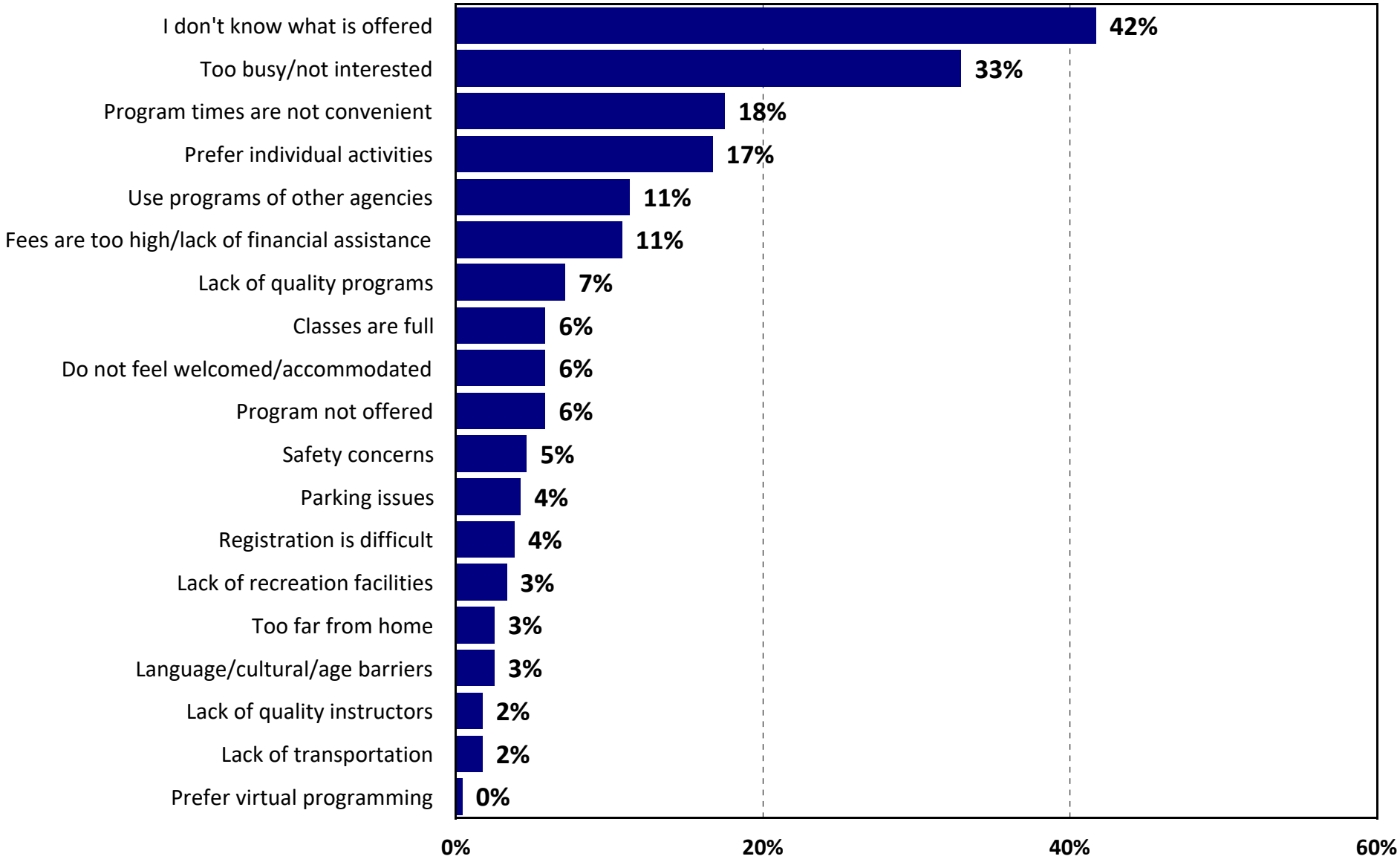
Q4a. How would you rate the overall quality of the recreation programs/events offered by the Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Department that you/your household have participated in?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



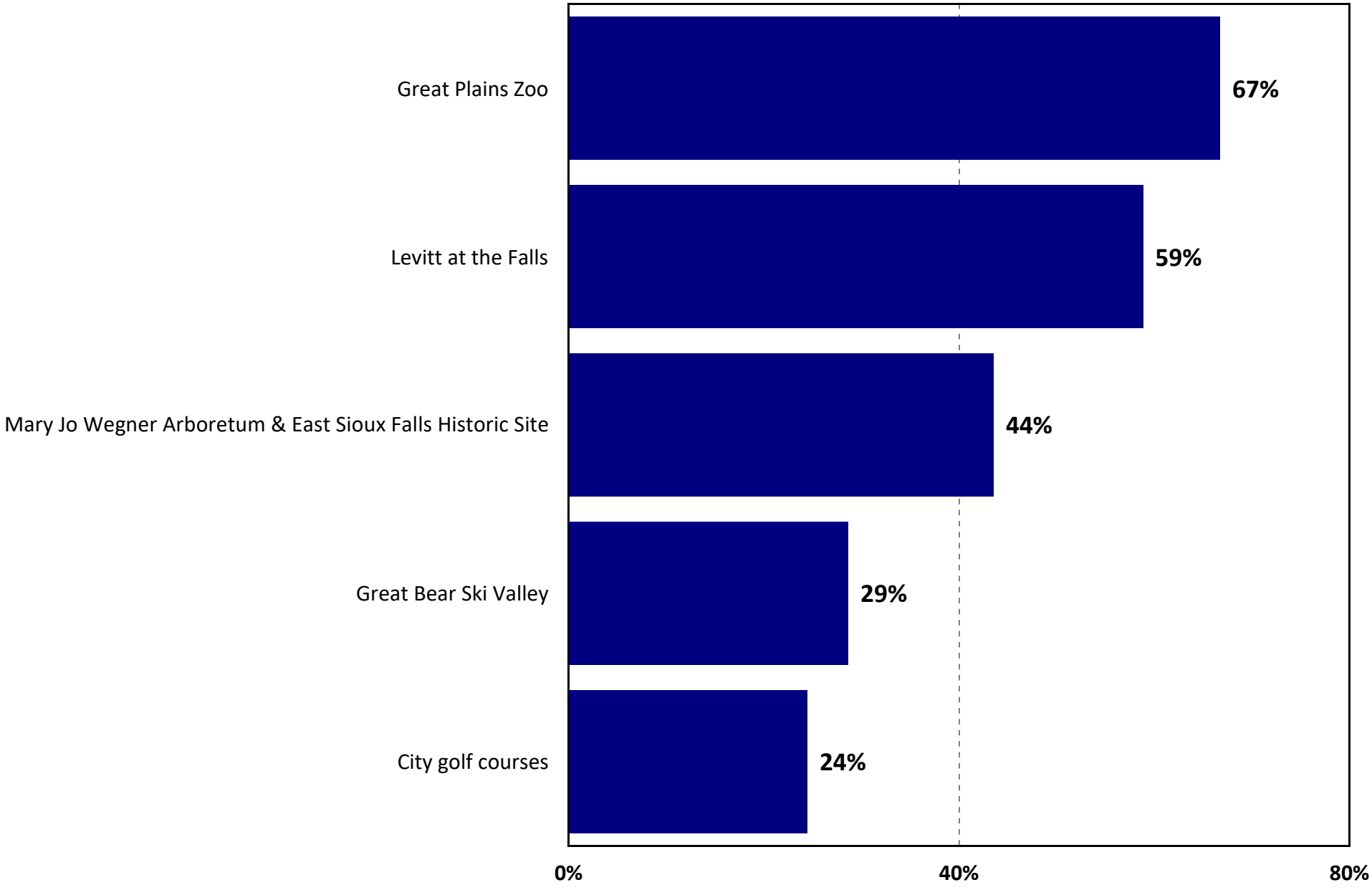
Q4b. If your household does not participate in any Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Department recreation programs/events during a typical year, please check all of the following reasons why you have not participated.

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



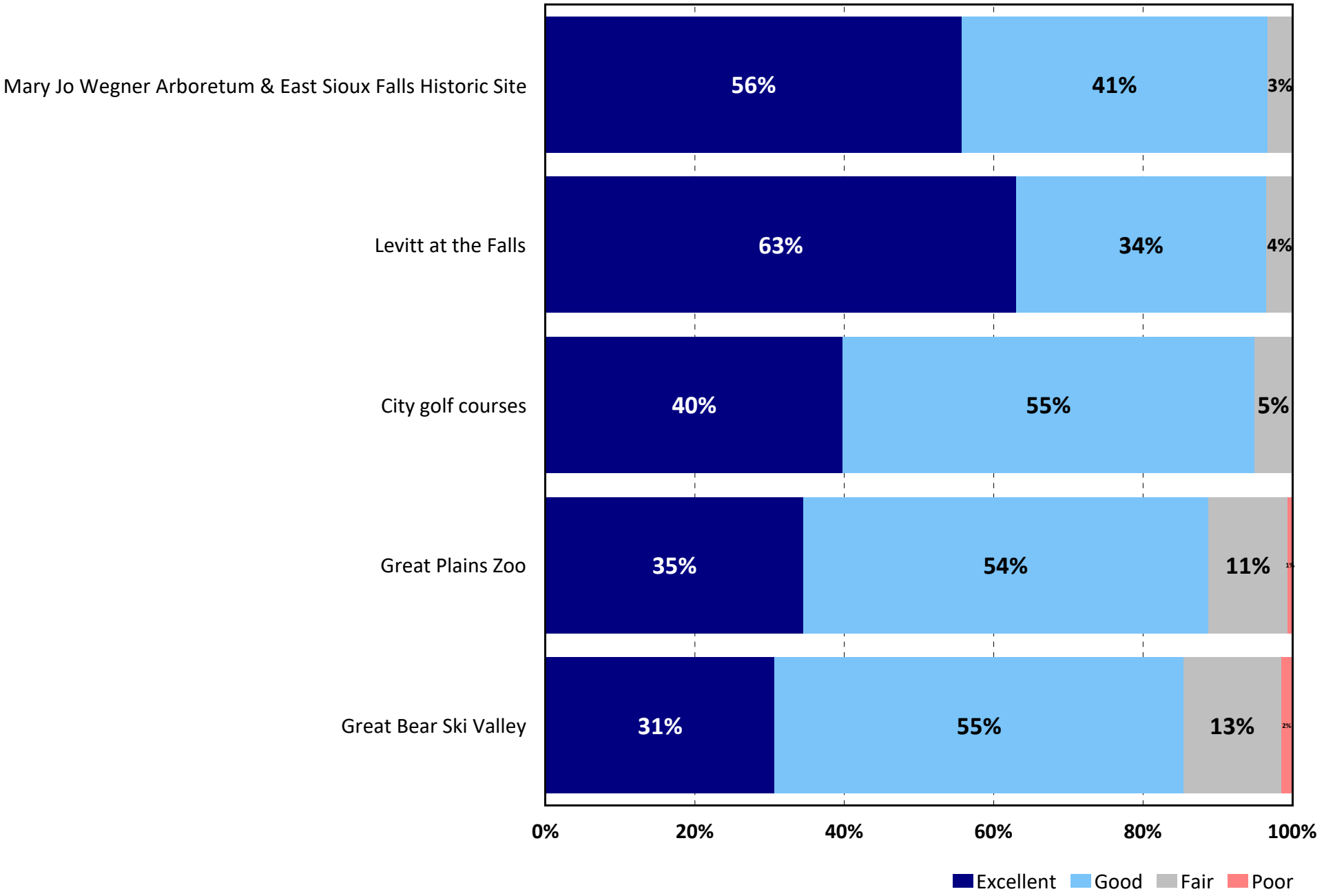
Q5. Please indicate whether or not you/your household have utilized any of the recreation facilities listed below in the past two years.

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



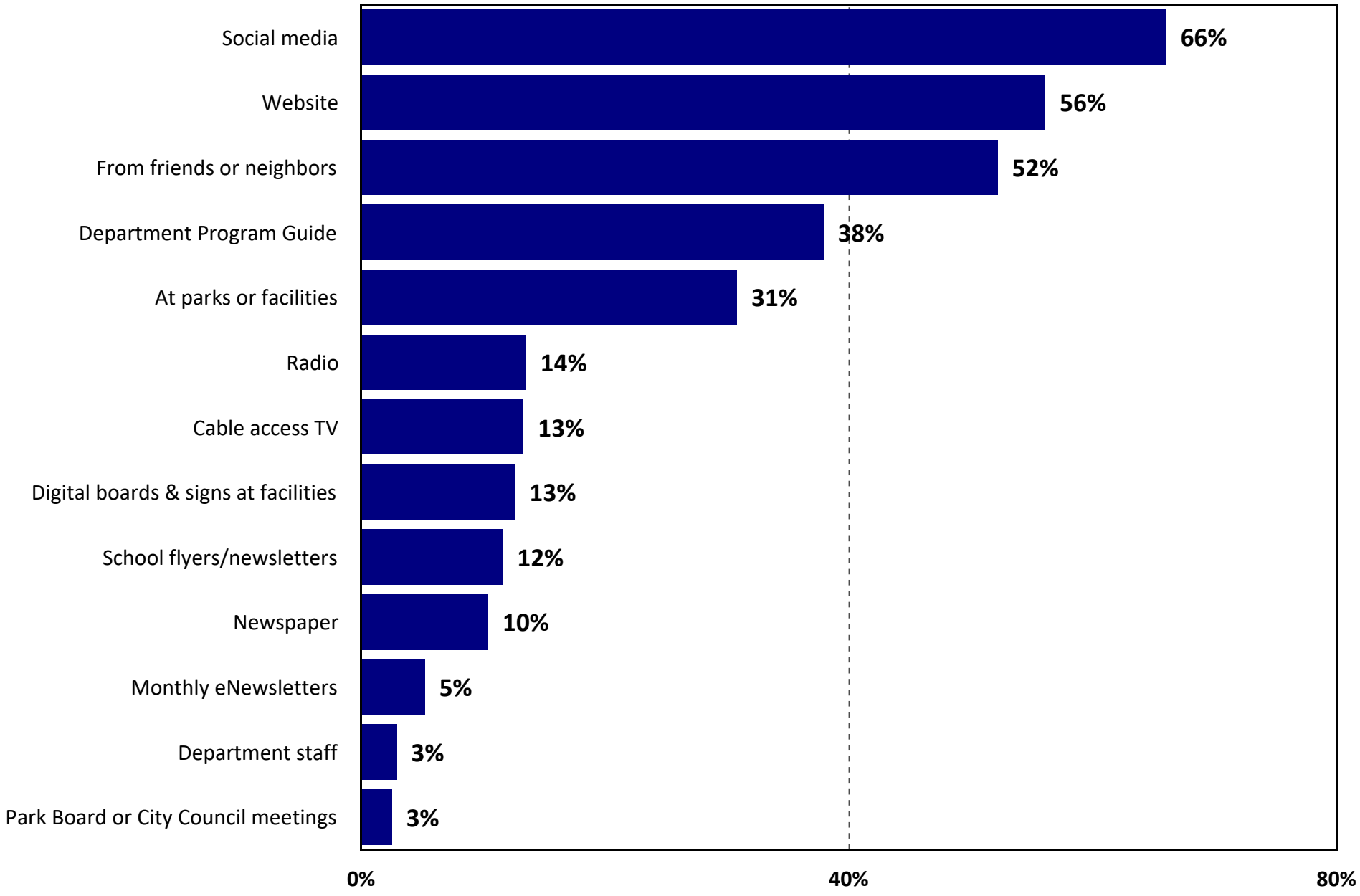
Q5. If "YES," please rate the overall quality of the recreation facility.

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



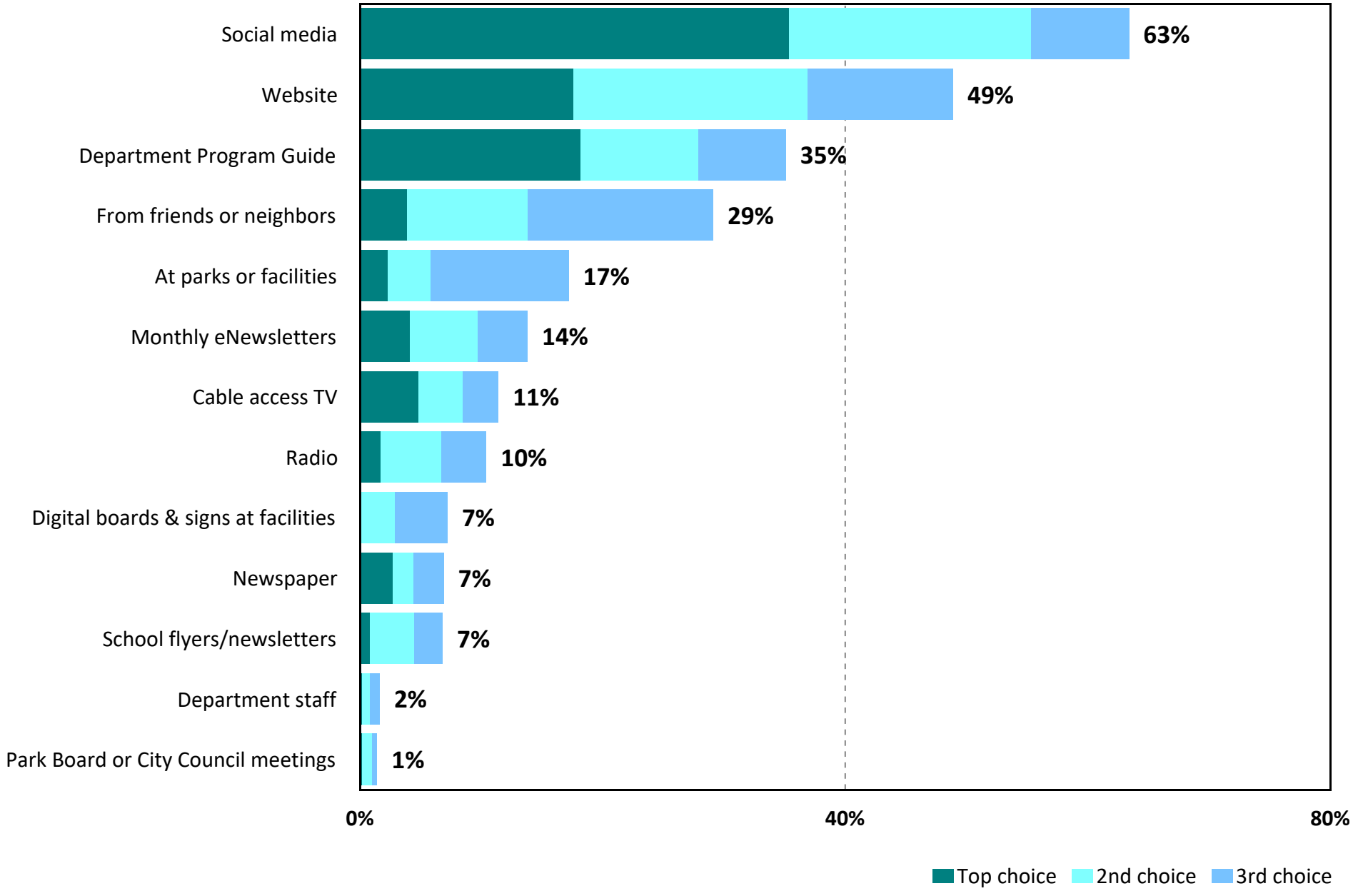
Q6. From the following list, please check all the ways you currently learn about the Sioux Falls Recreation Department.

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



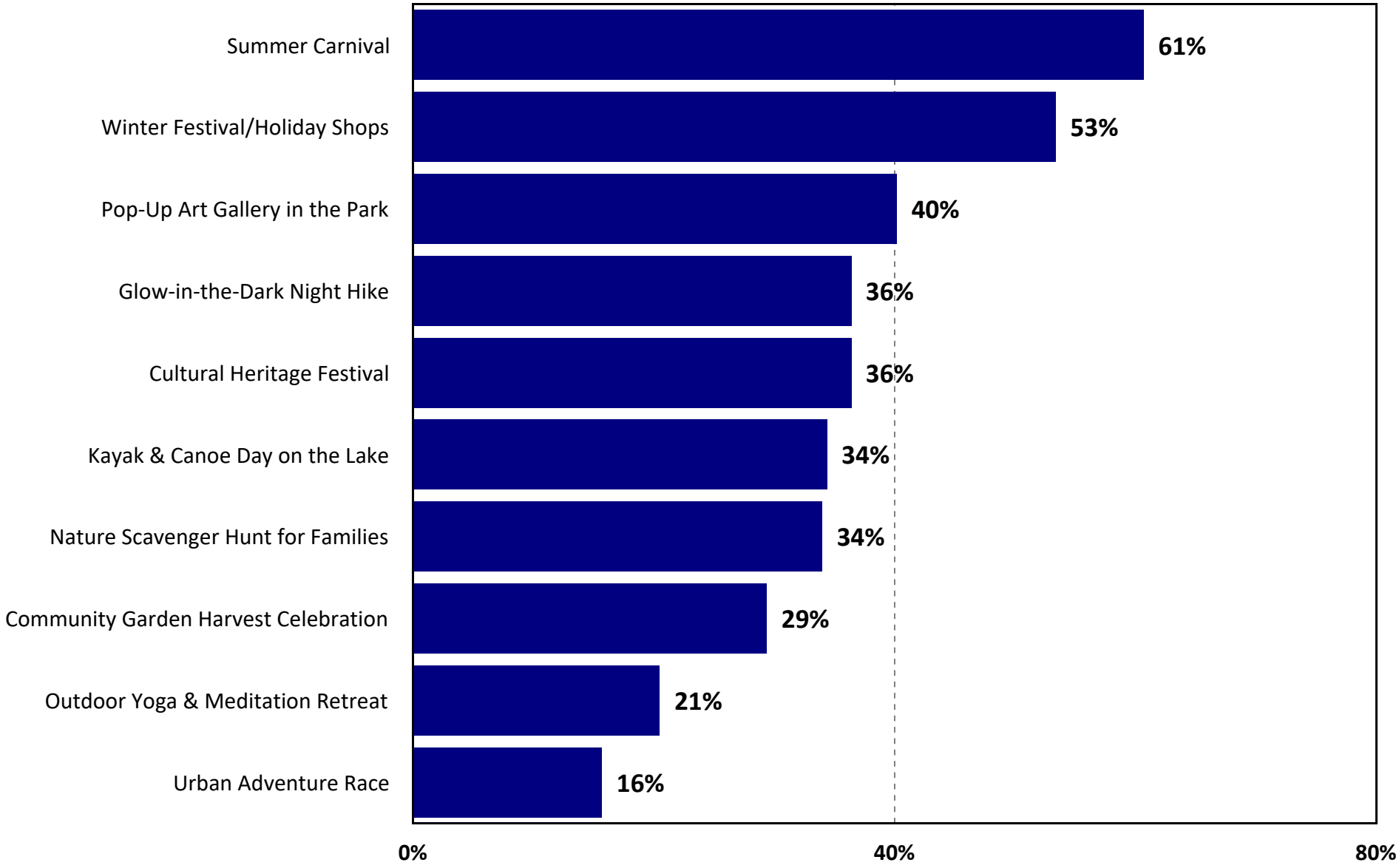
Q7. Which three sources are your most preferred sources for learning about recreation programs/activities?

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



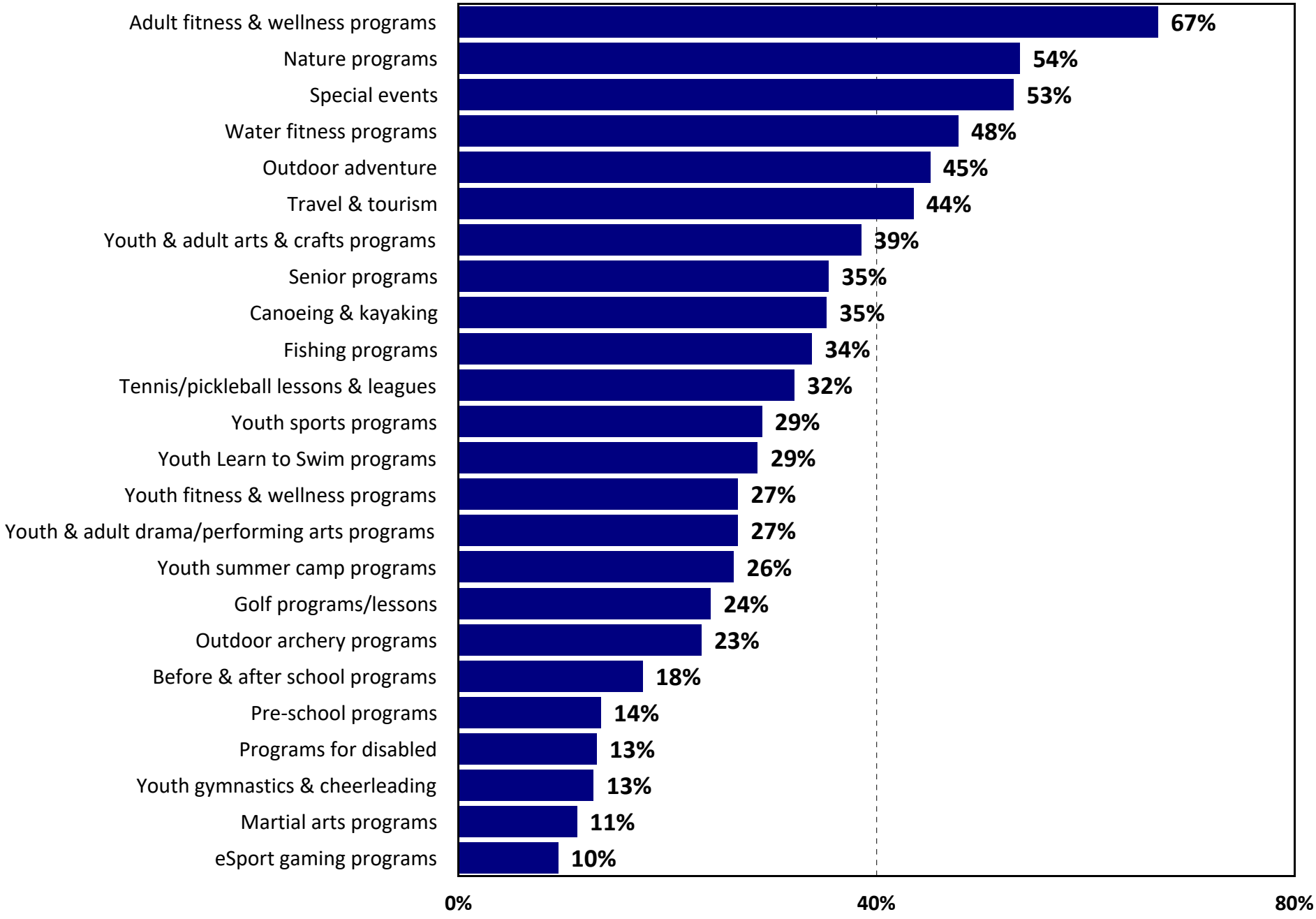
Q8. As the City of Sioux Falls explores additional special event offerings, please check all the special event concepts listed below you/your household would like to attend or participate in.

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



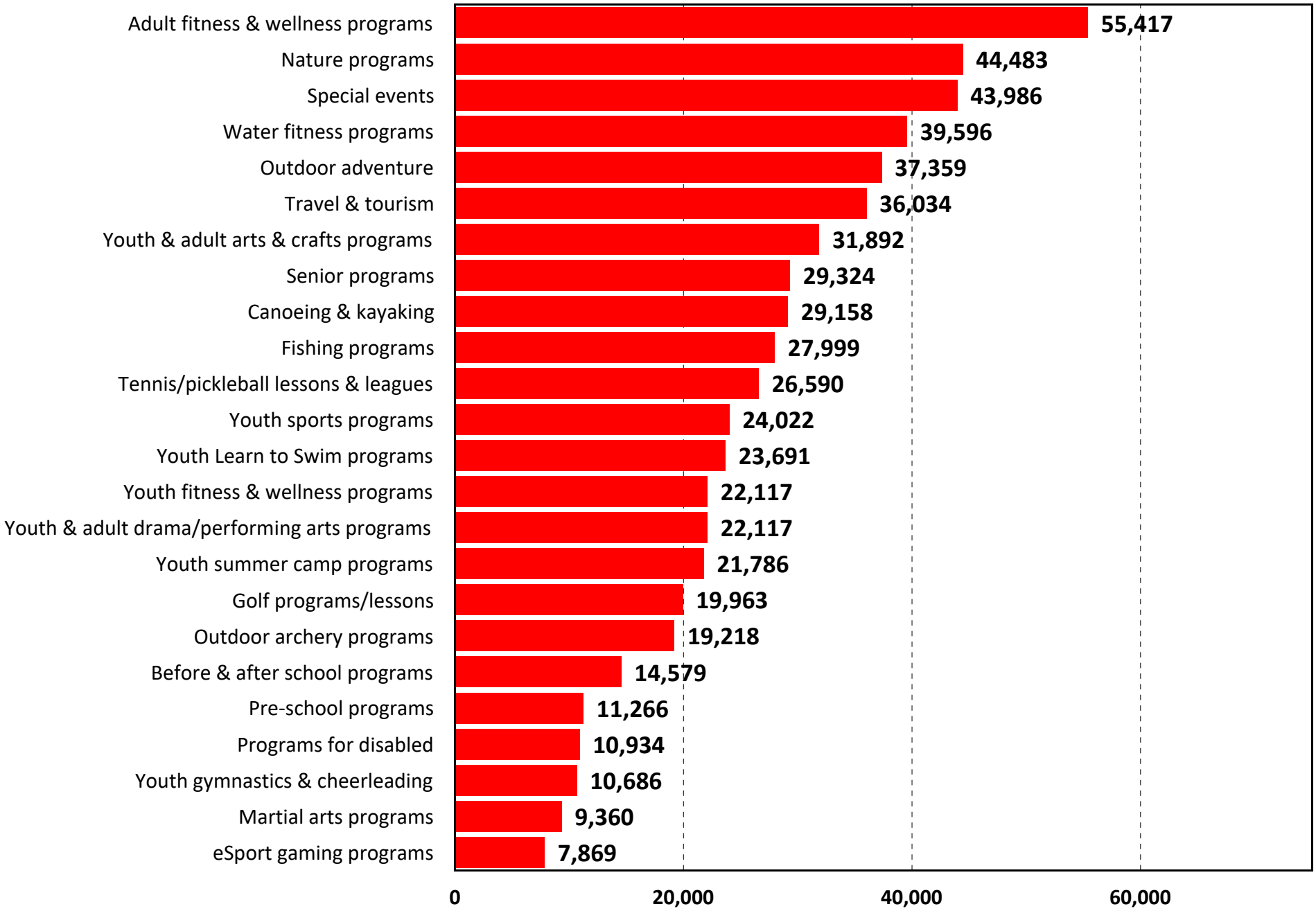
Q9. Households that have a need for various programs.

by percentage of respondents who indicated need



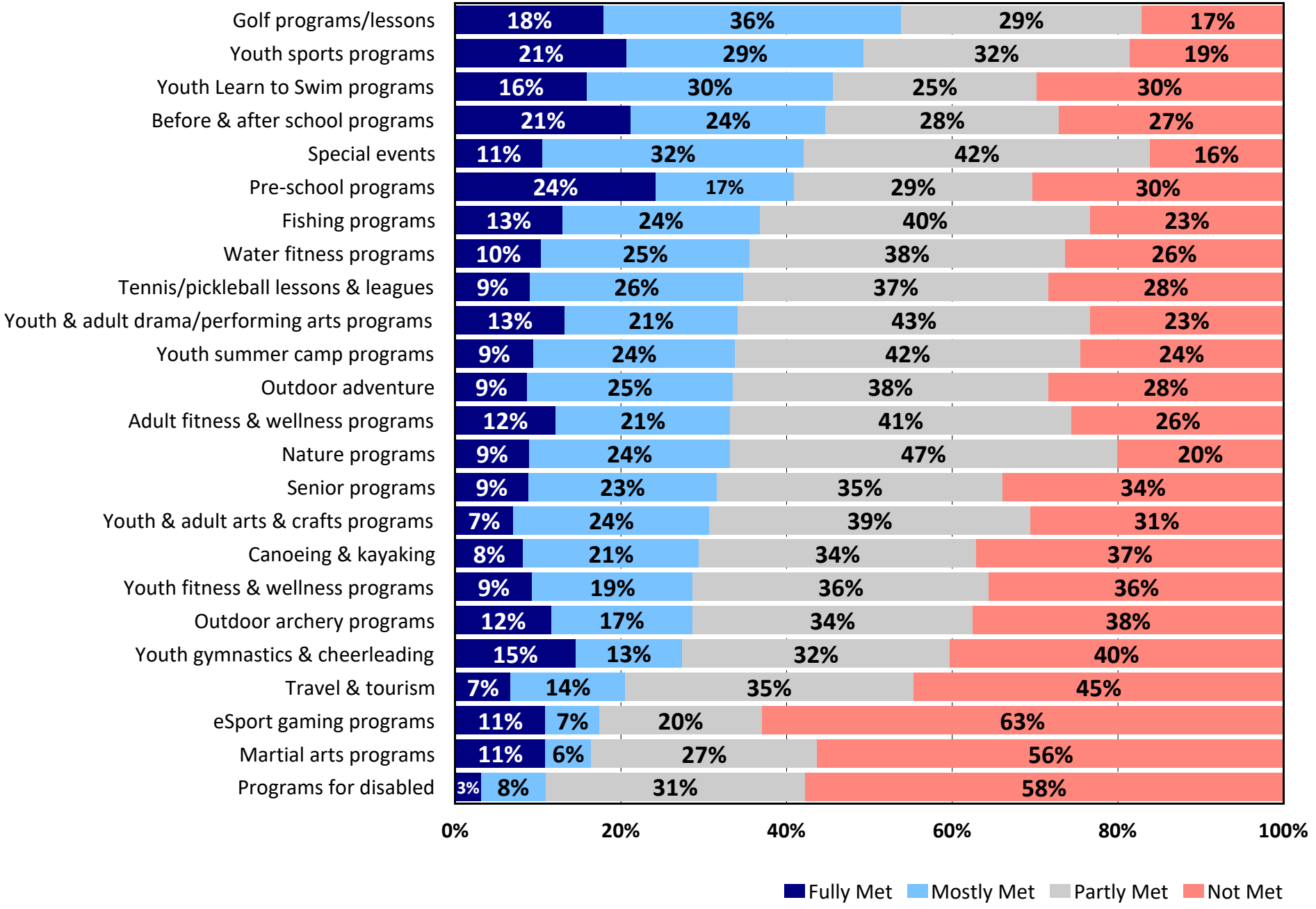
Q9b. Estimated number of households who have a need for programs.

by number of households based on an estimated 82,836 households in the City of Sioux Falls



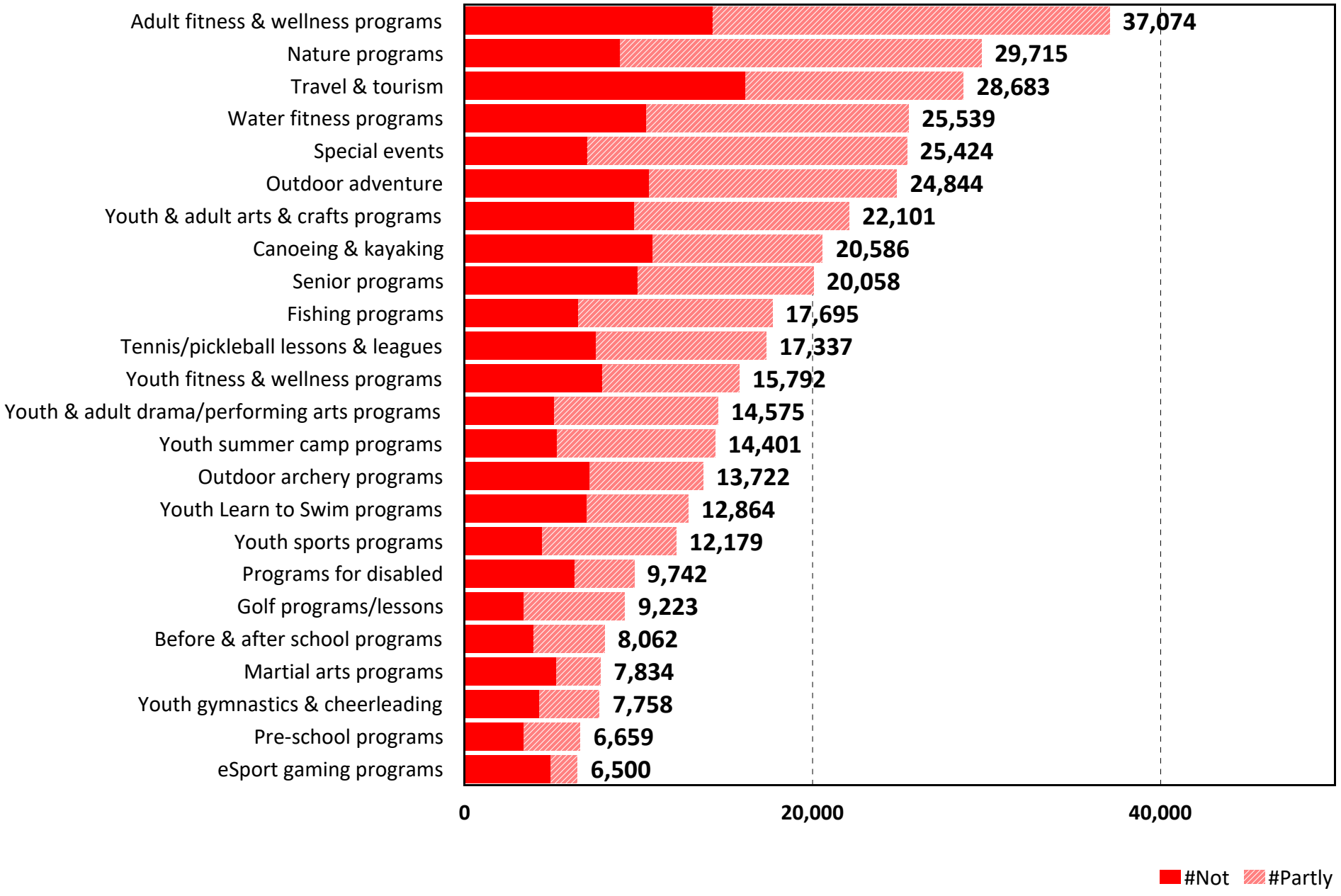
Q9c. How well needs are being met for various programs.

by percentage of respondents (excluding "no need")



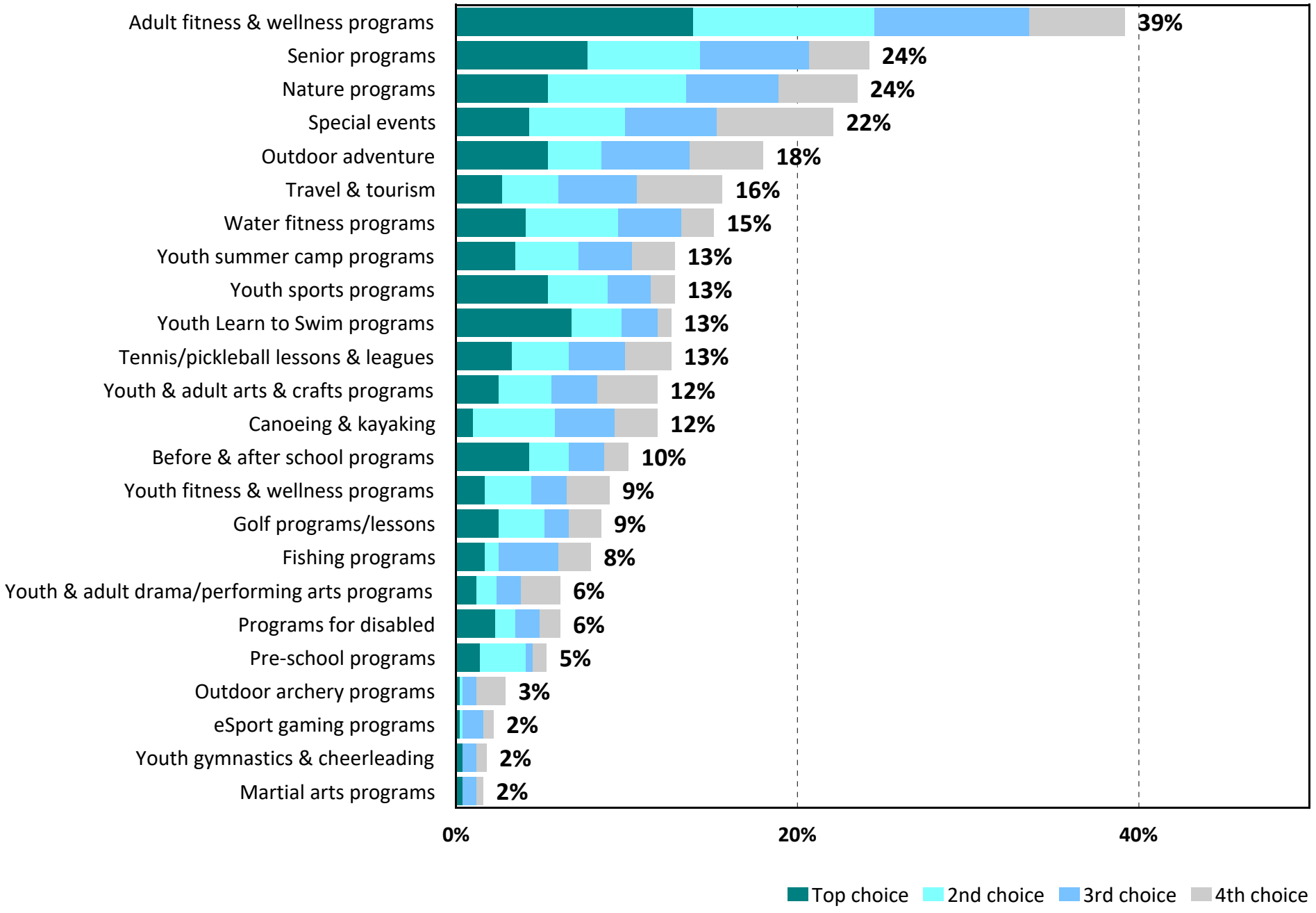
Q9d. Estimated number of households in Sioux Falls whose program needs are only "partly met" or "not met".

by number of households with need based on an estimated 6,930 households in the City of Sioux Falls



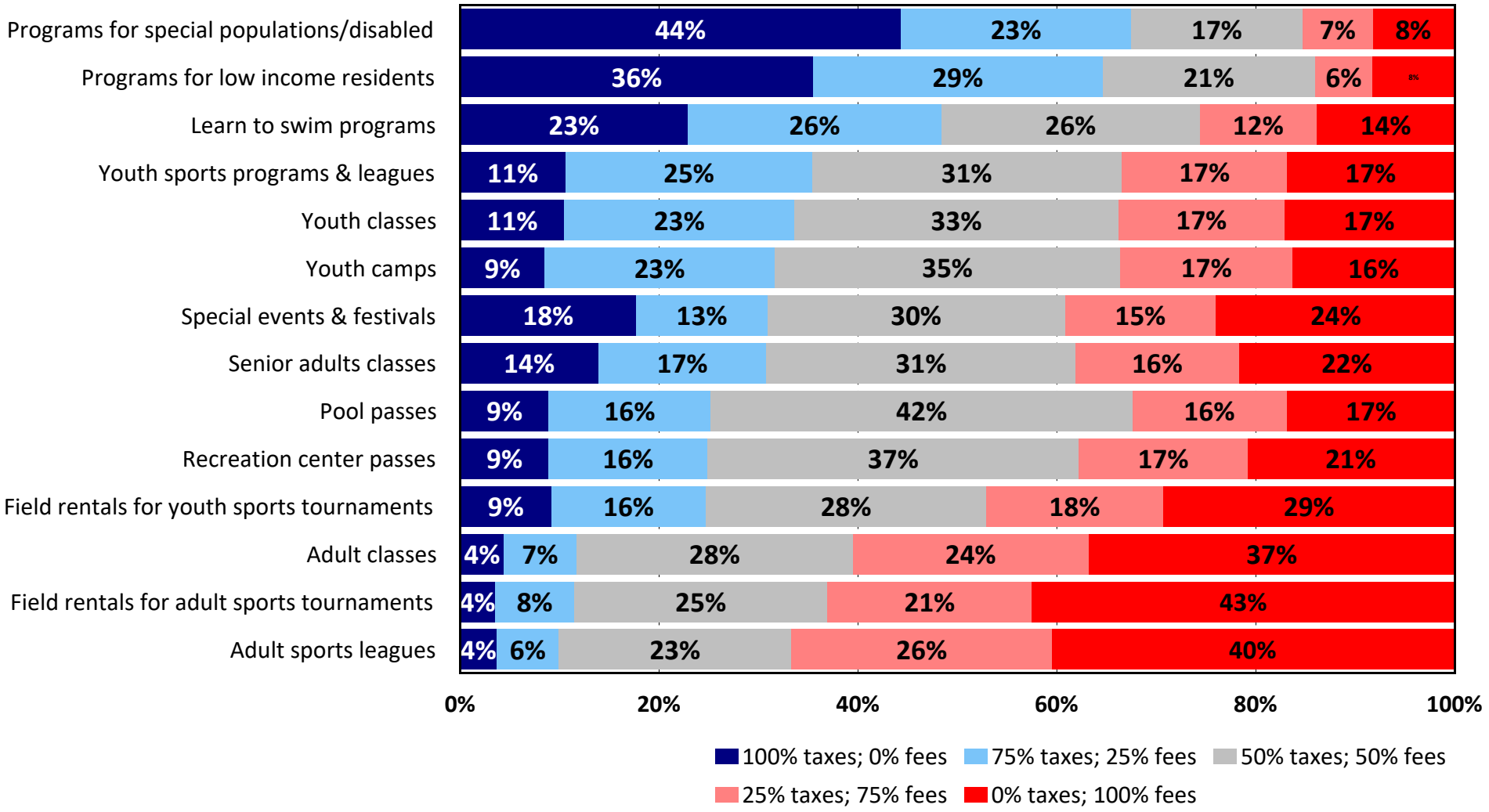
Q10. Which four programs are most important to your household?

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



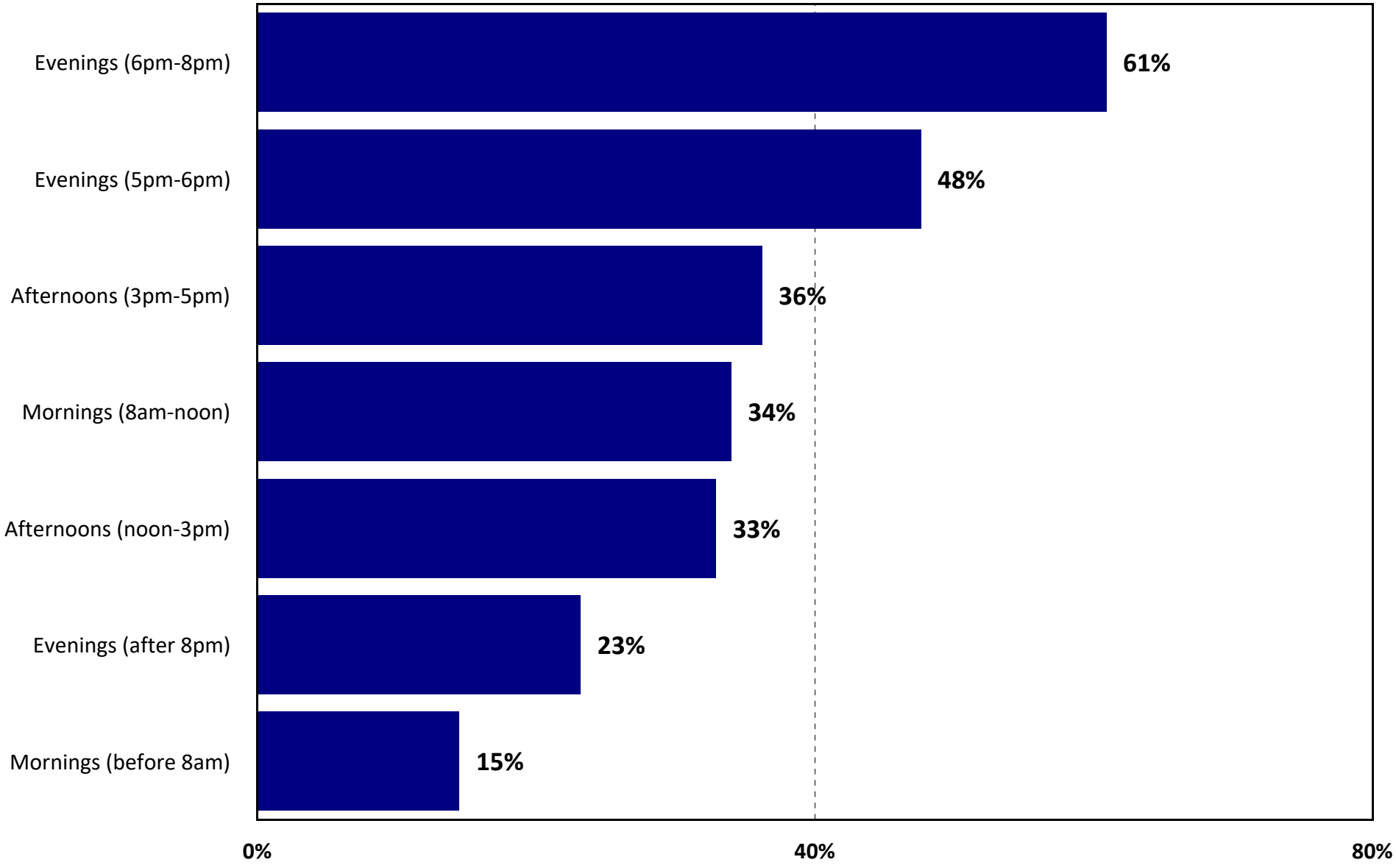
Q11. The cost to provide recreation programs are funded through a combination of participant fees and general tax revenues. The following are categories of programs offered by Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation. For each program category, please indicate what percent of the program cost should be paid by taxes and what percent by user fees.

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



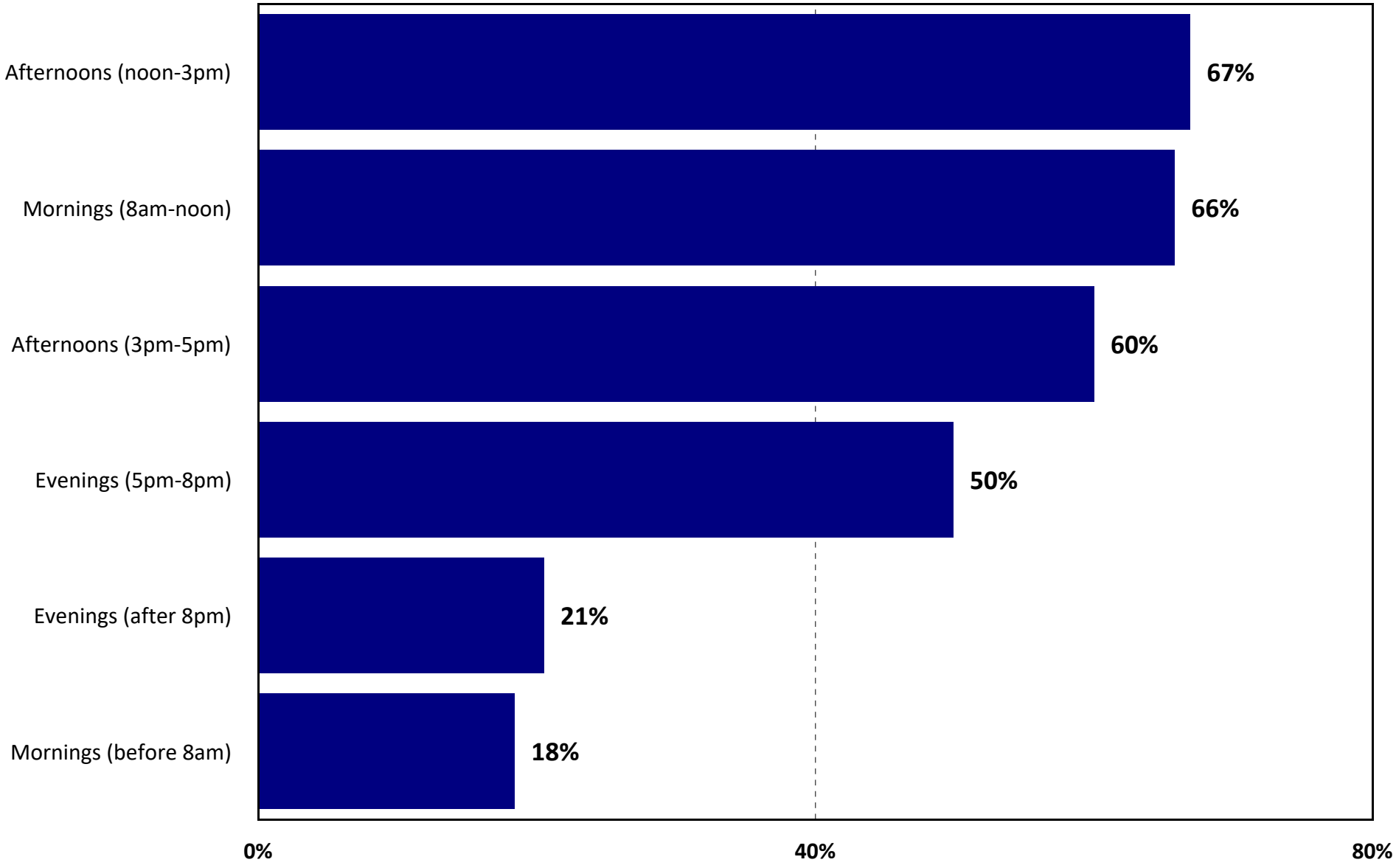
Q12. From the following list, please check all the times on weekdays that you/your household would be interested in Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation offering programs, services and facilities.

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



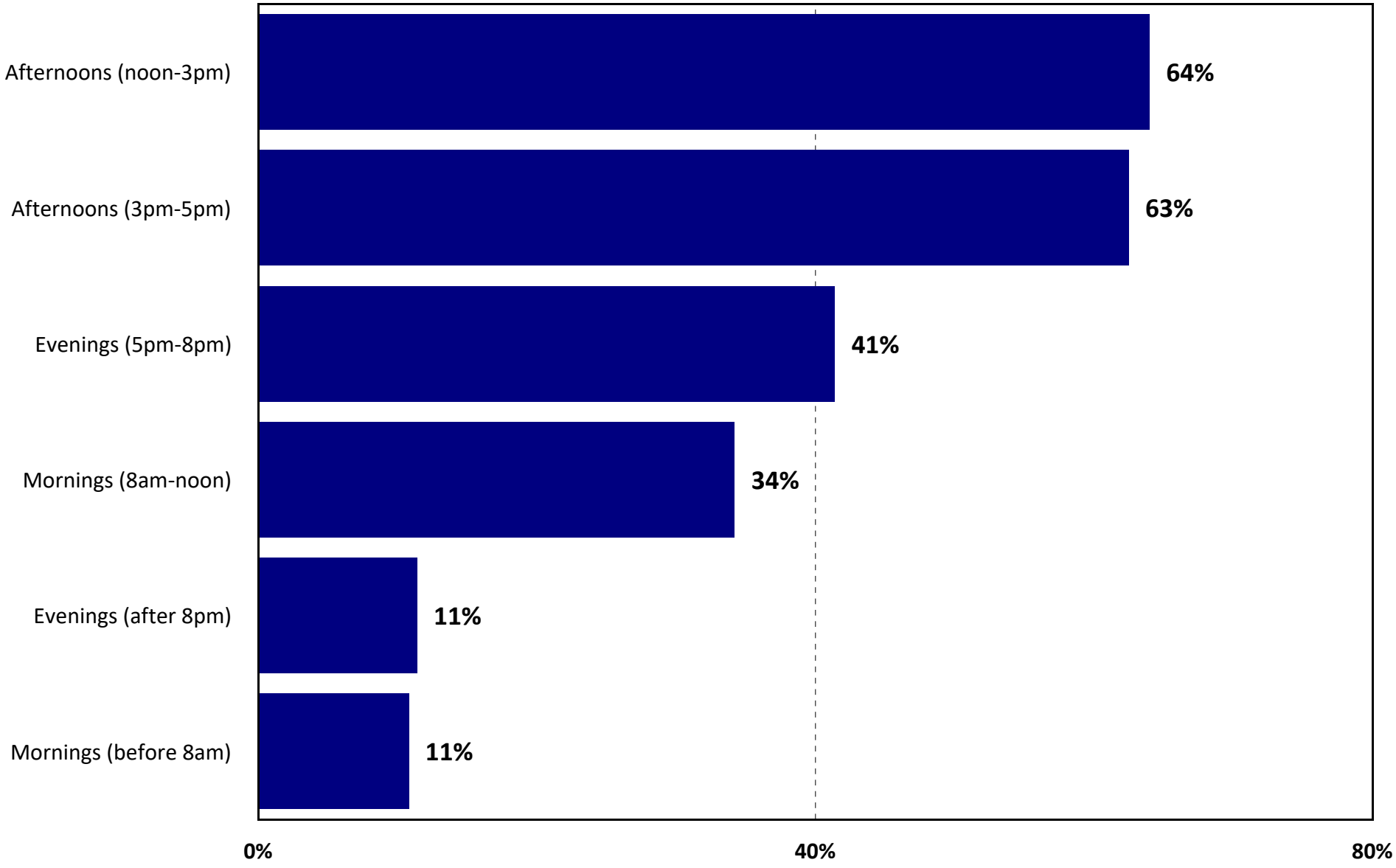
Q12. From the following list, please check all the times on saturdays that you/your household would be interested in Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation offering programs, services and facilities.

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



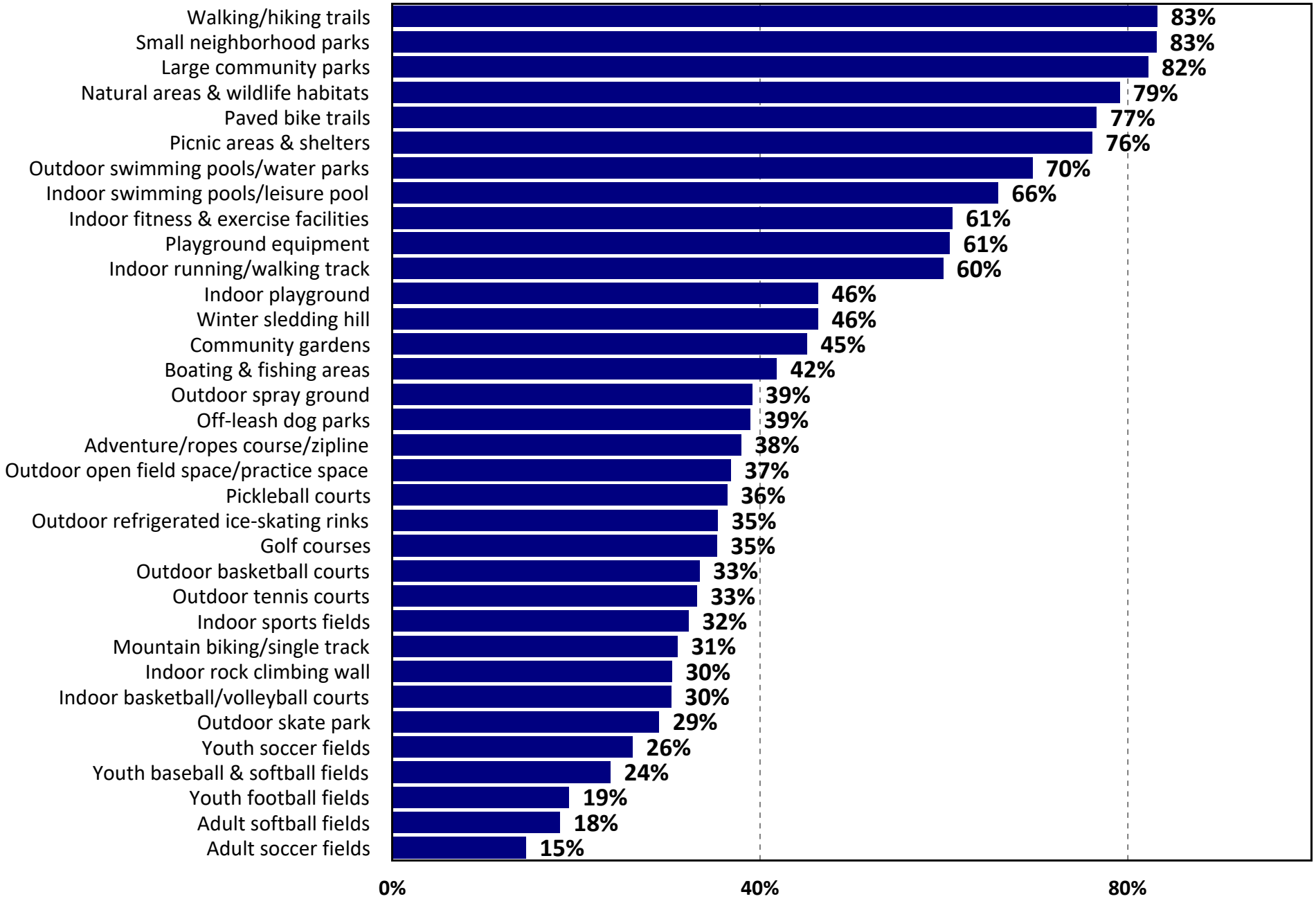
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by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



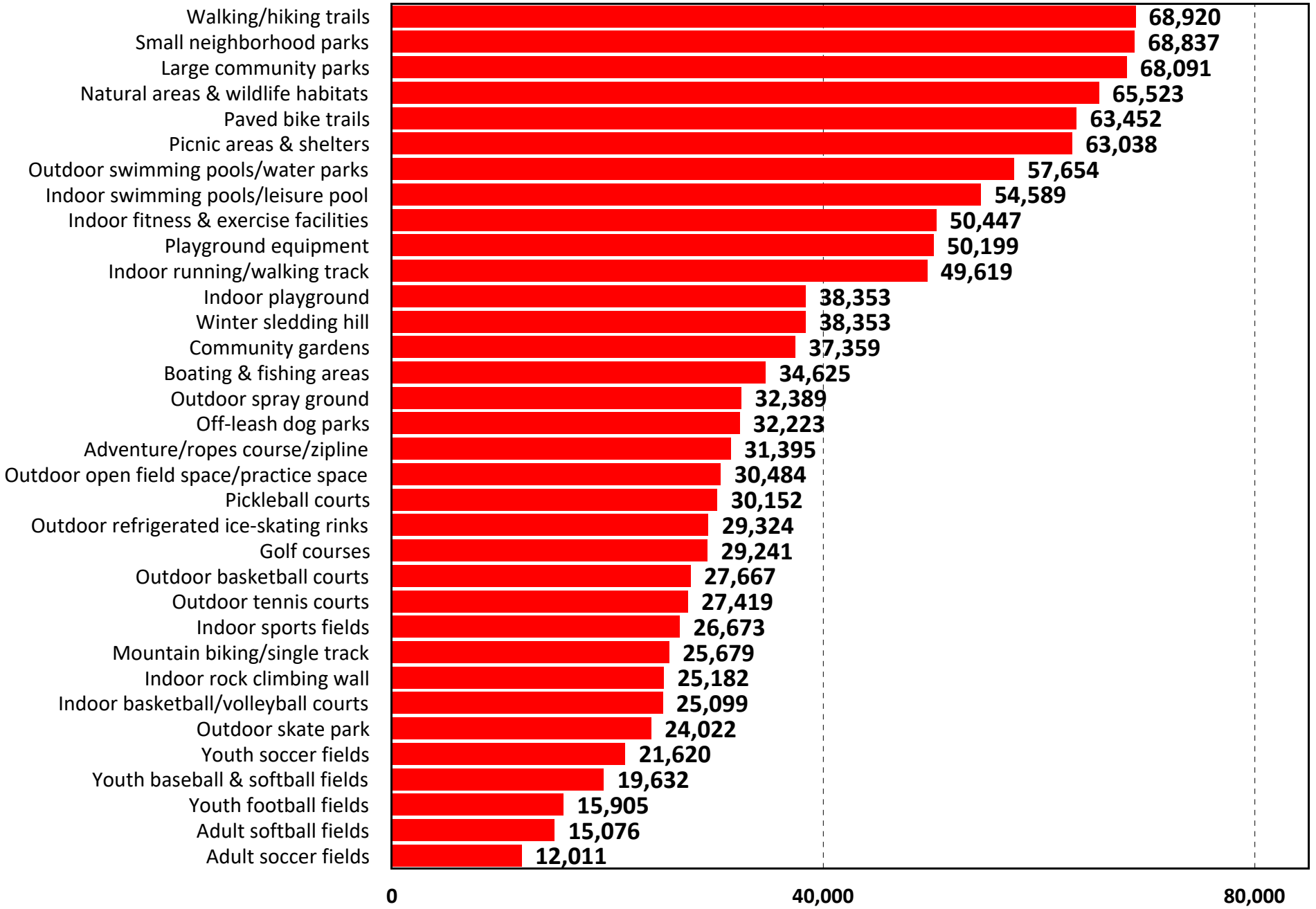
Q13. Households that have a need for various facilities/amenities.

by percentage of respondents who indicated need



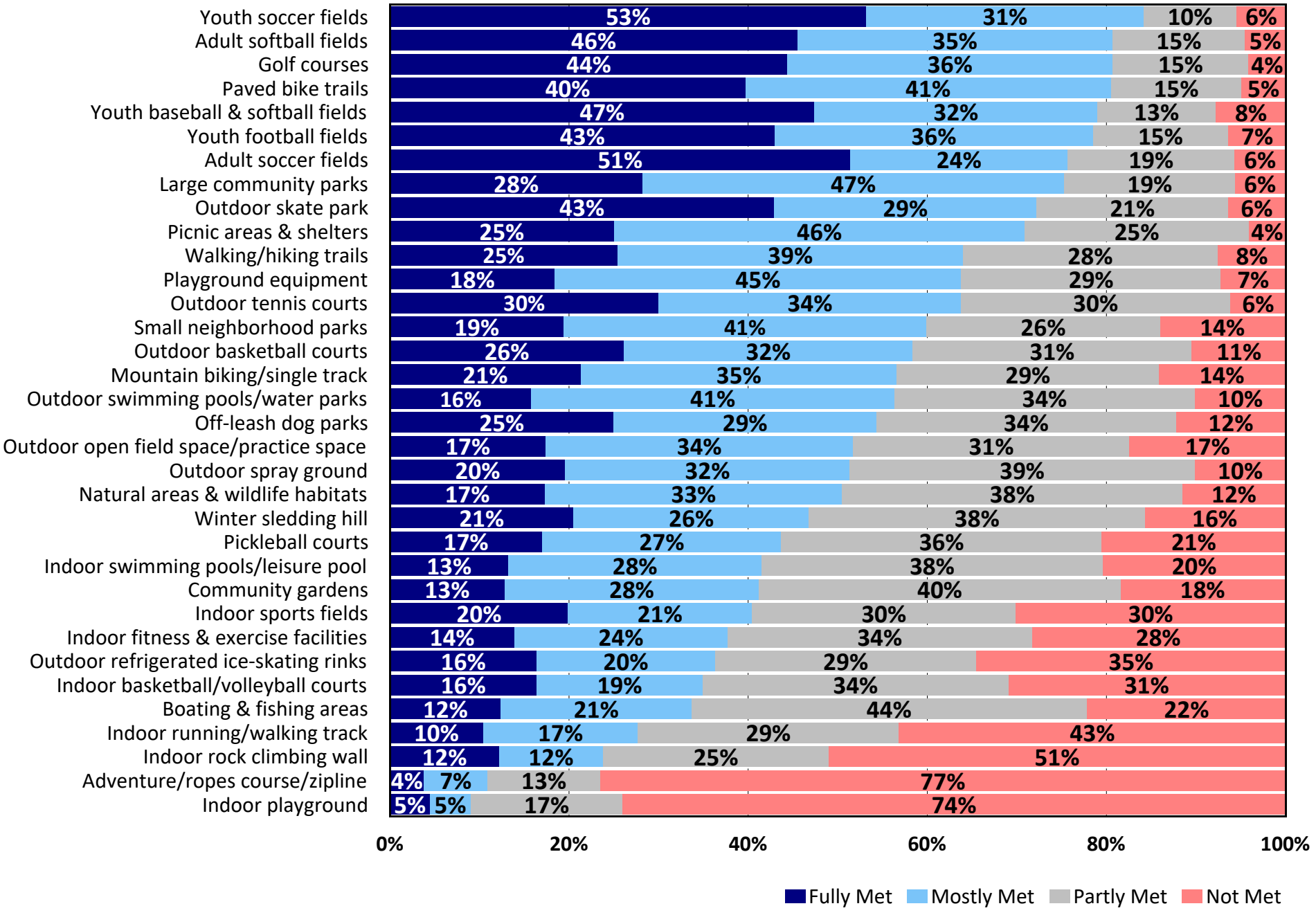
Q13b. Estimated number of households who have a need for facilities/amenities.

by number of households based on an estimated 82,836 households in the City of Sioux Falls



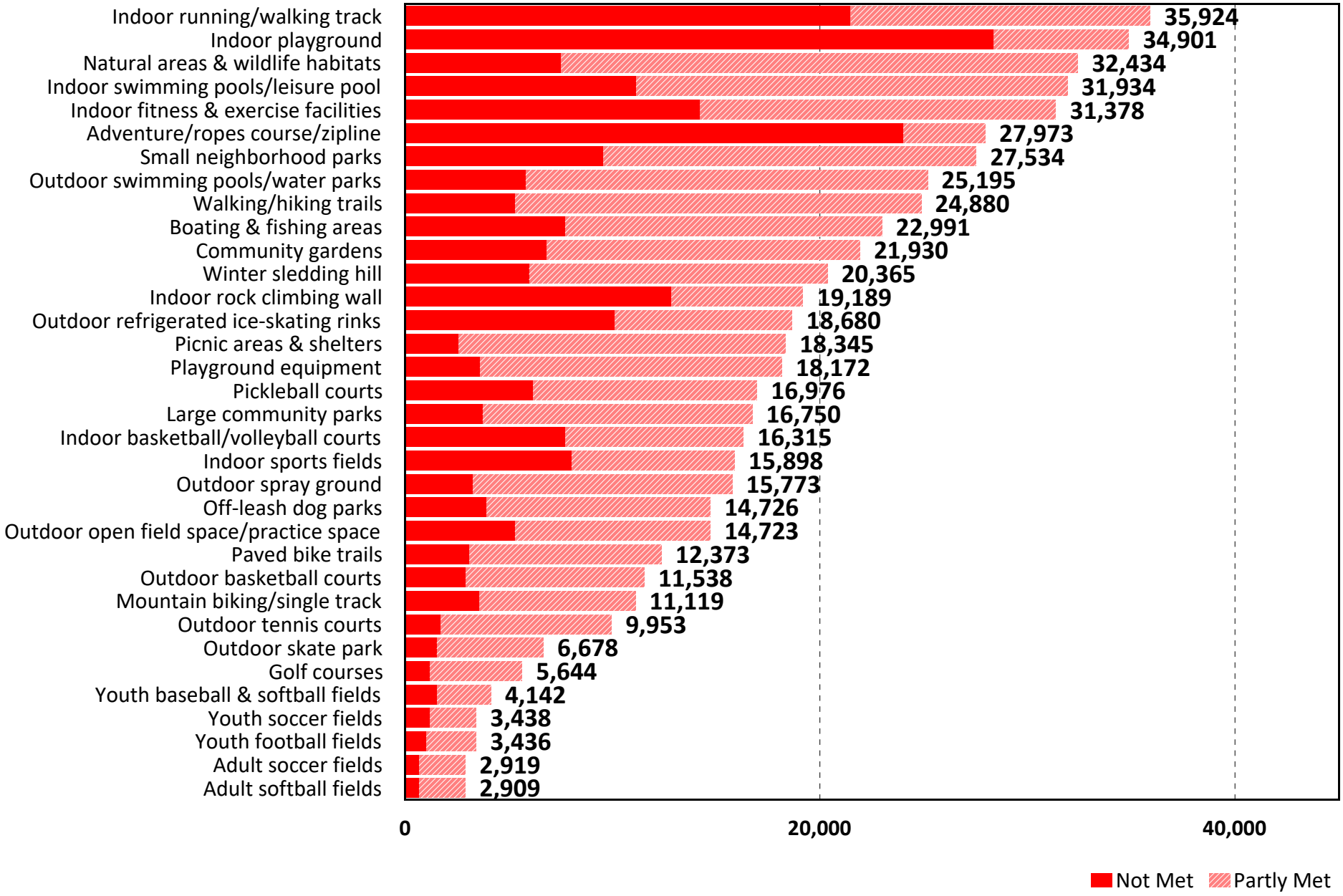
Q13c. How well needs are being met for various facilities/amenities.

by percentage of respondents (excluding "no need")



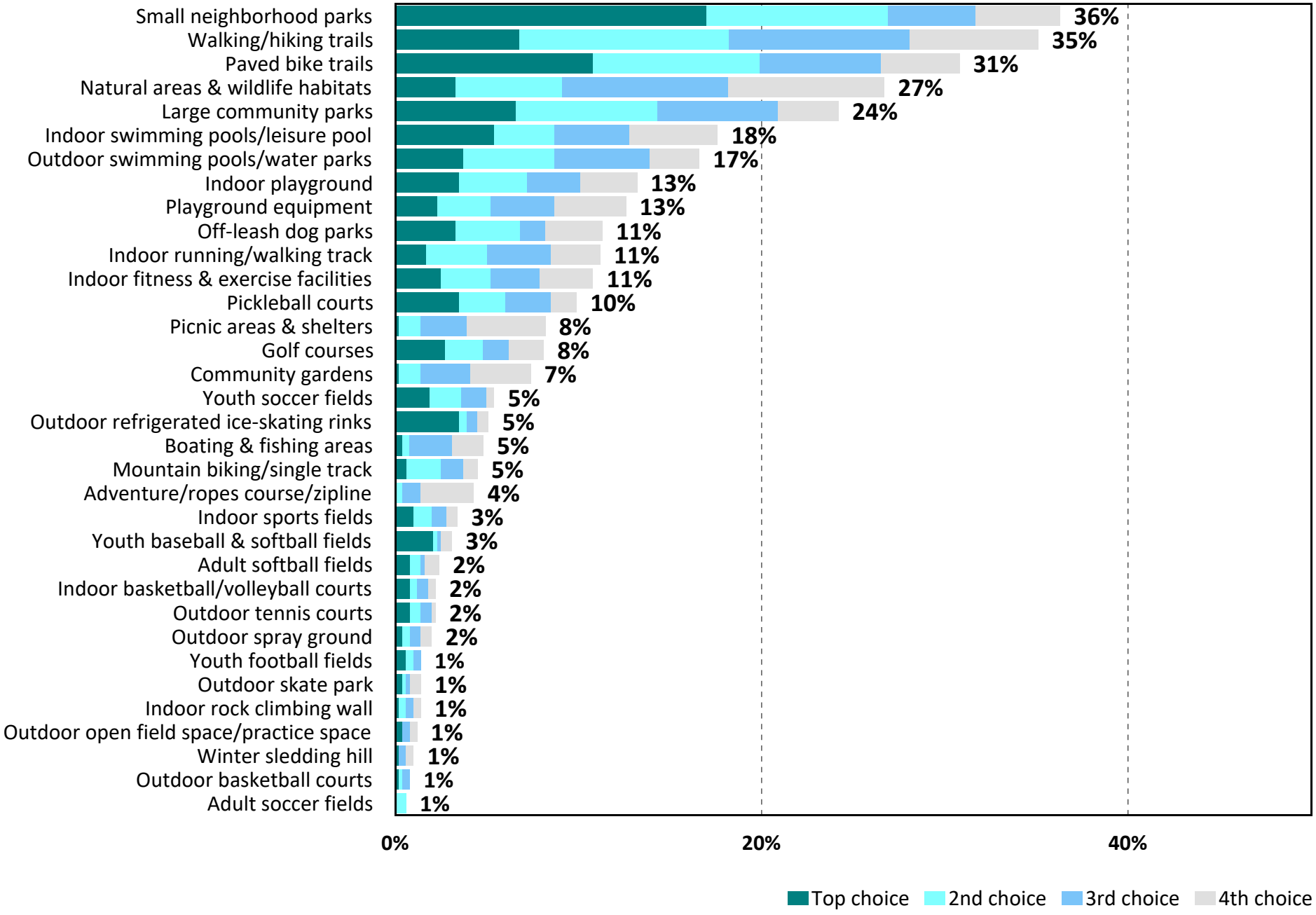
Q13d. Estimated number of households in Sioux Falls whose facility/amenity needs are only “partly met" or “not met”.

by number of households with need based on an estimated 82,836 households in the City of Sioux Falls



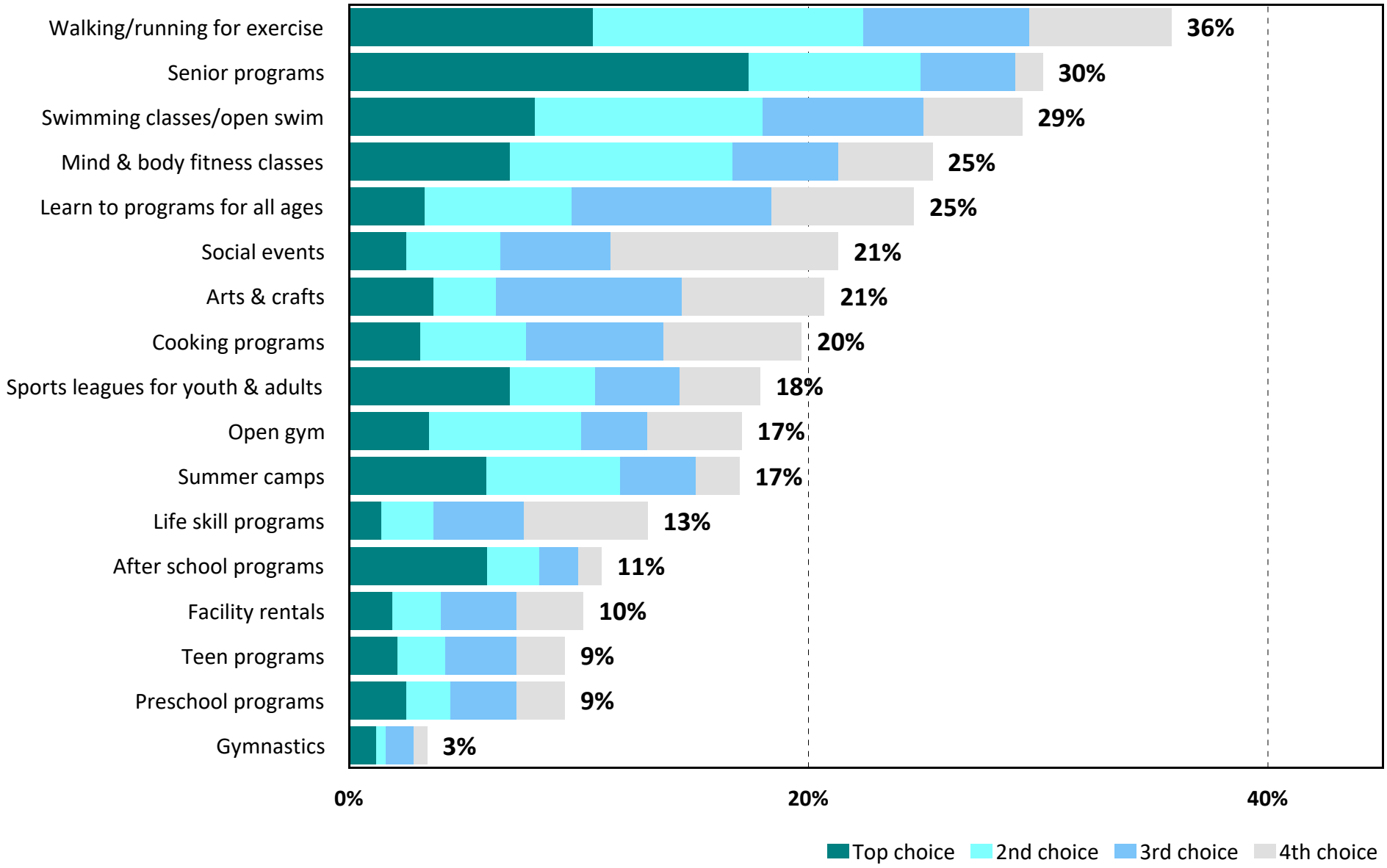
Q14. Which four facilities/amenities are most important to your household?

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



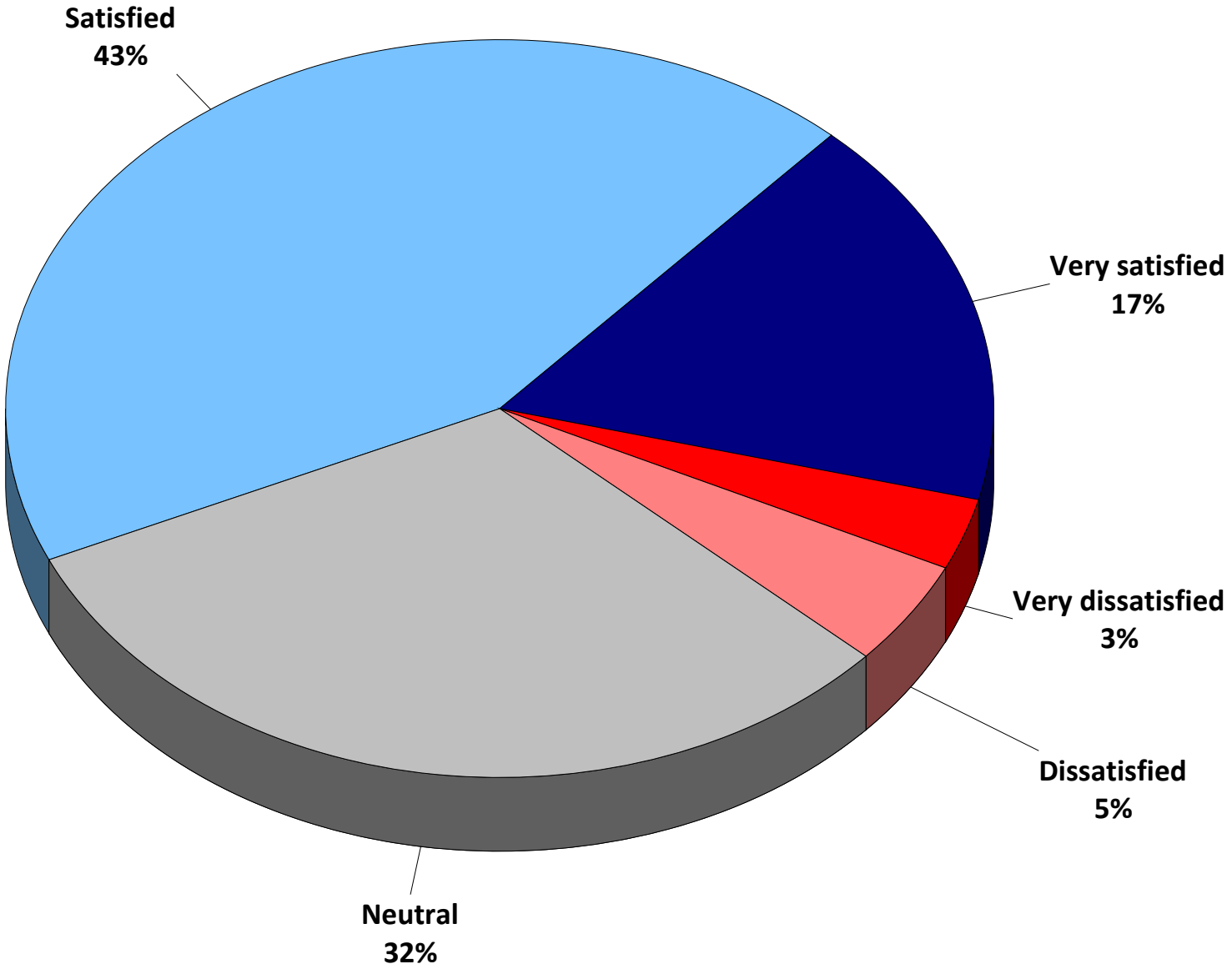
Q15. As the City of Sioux Falls explores their current and potentially some new indoor recreation amenities, please select up to four activities listed below that you/your household would like to utilize.

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



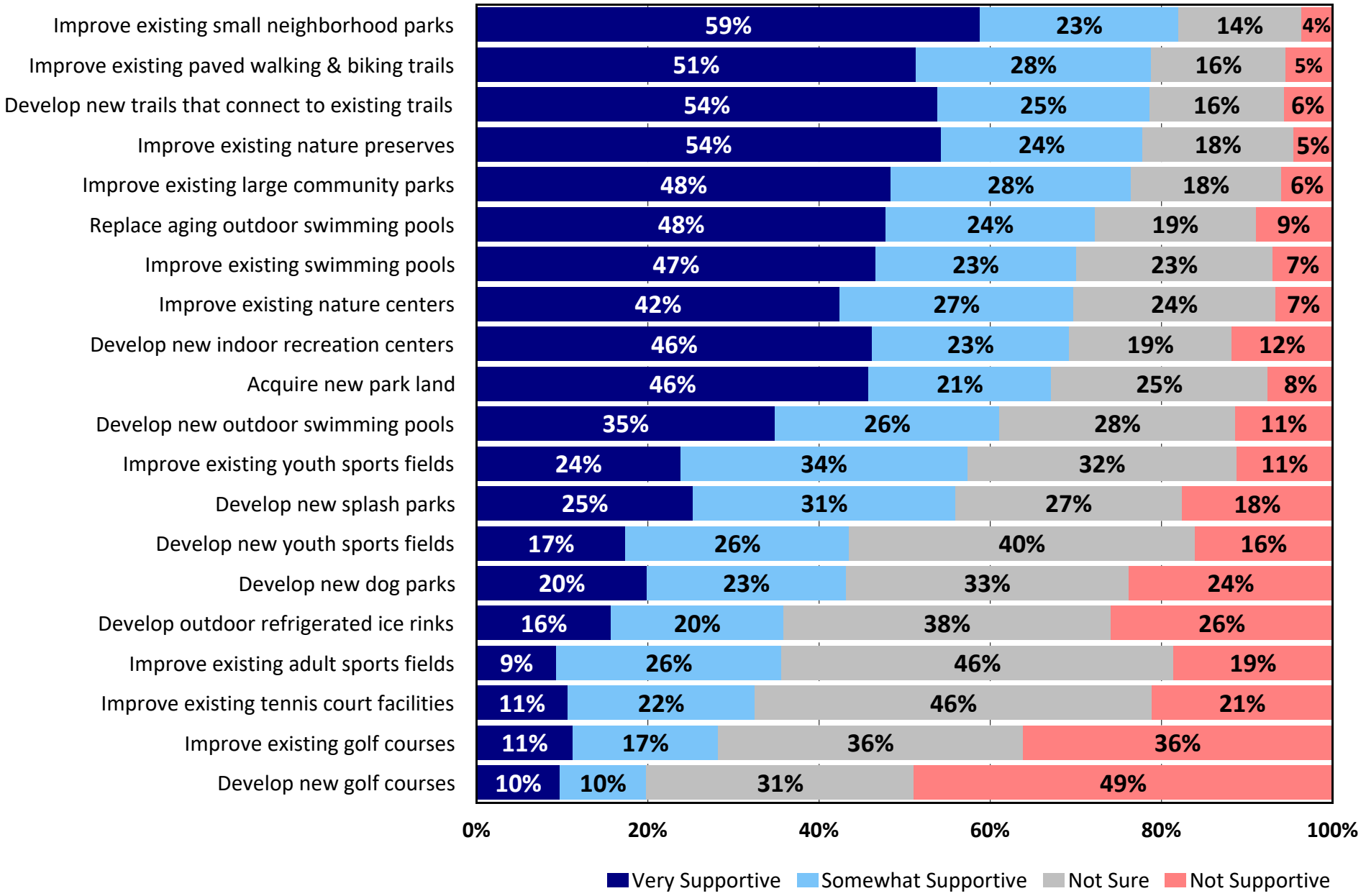
Q16. Please rate your level of satisfaction with the overall value that your household receives from facilities, programs, or services at Sioux Falls Recreation.

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



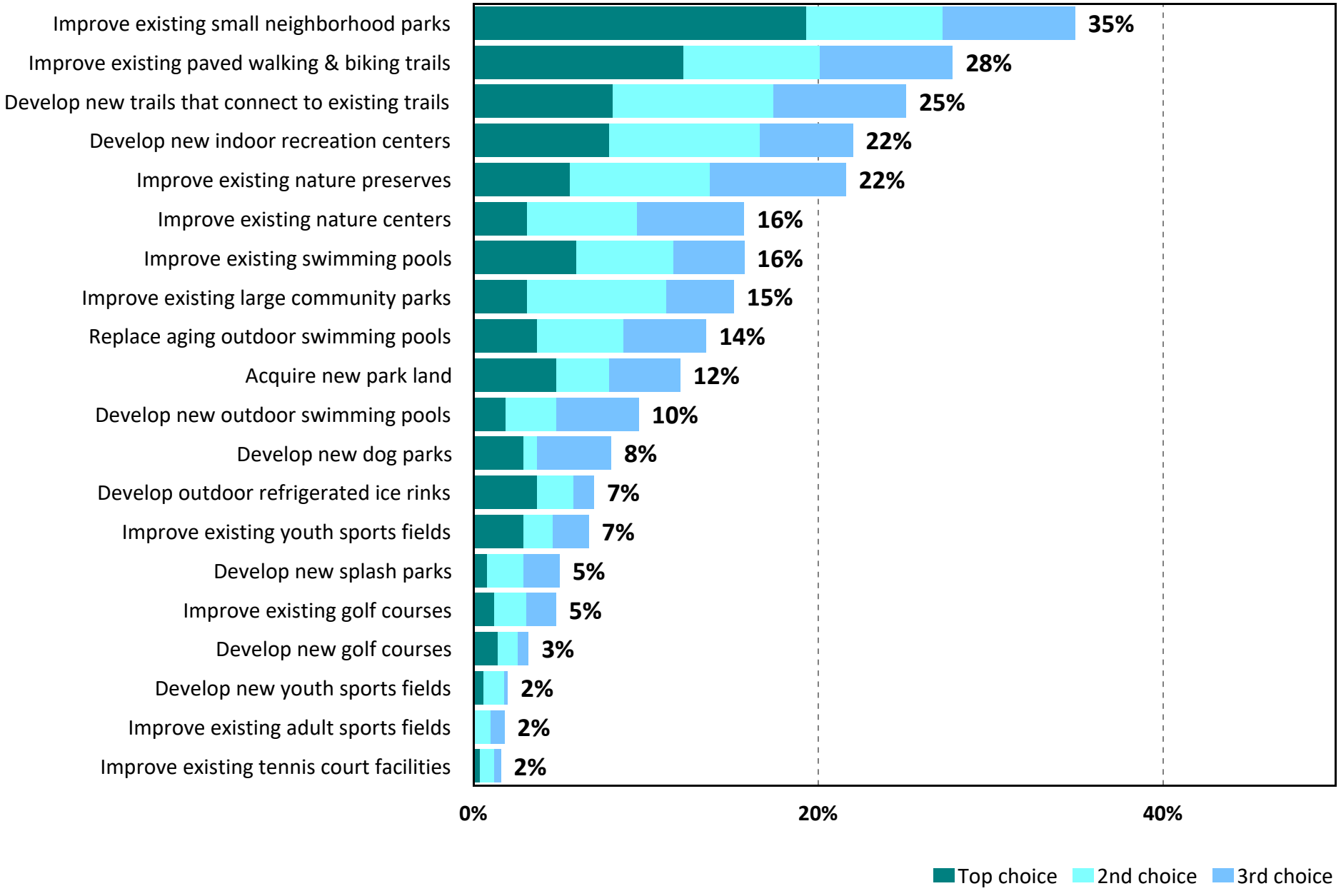
Q17. The following is a list of actions the City of Sioux Falls could take to improve its parks and recreation system. Please indicate your support for each potential action.

by percentage of respondents



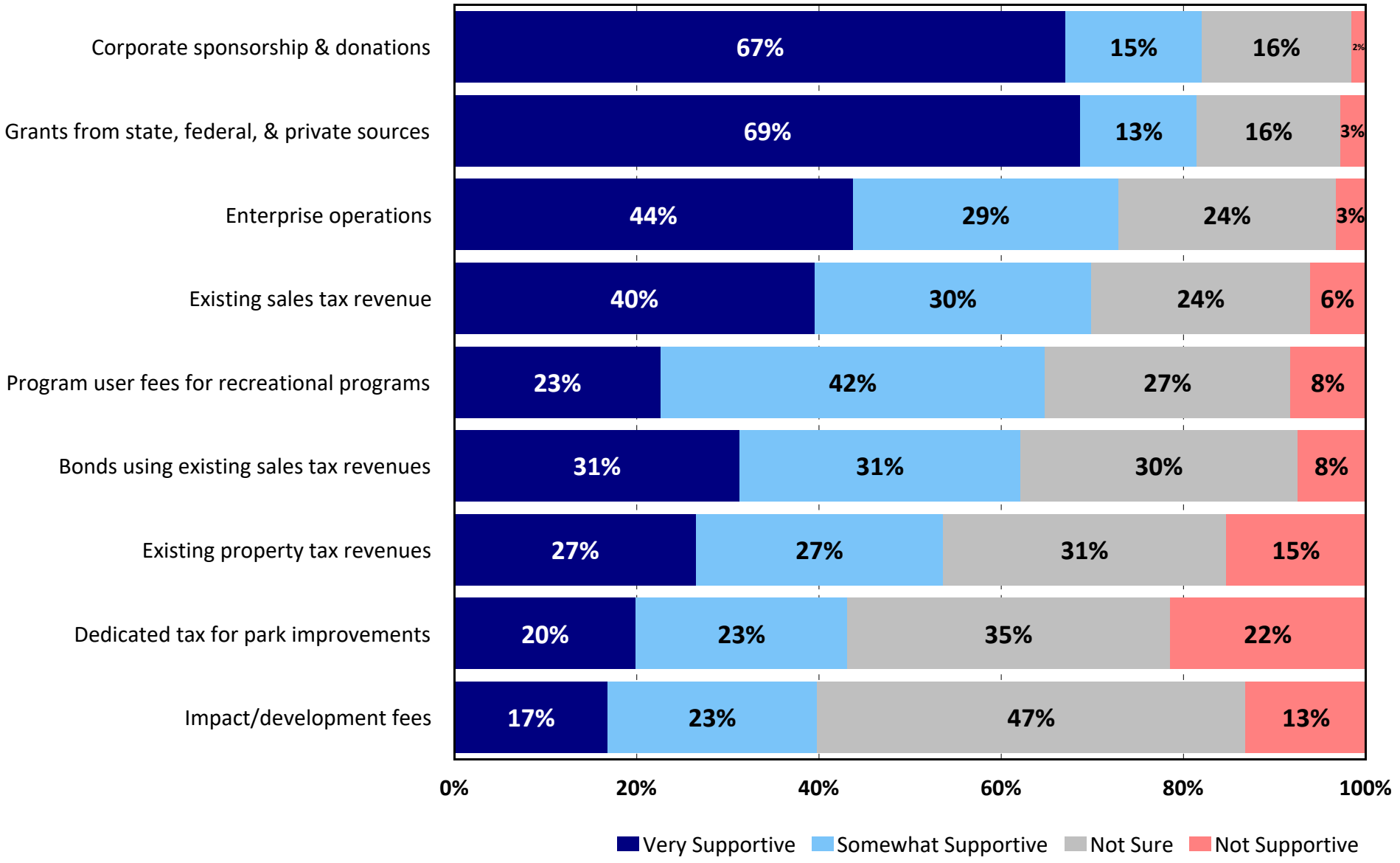
Q18. Which three improvements would you be most willing to support with your tax dollars?

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



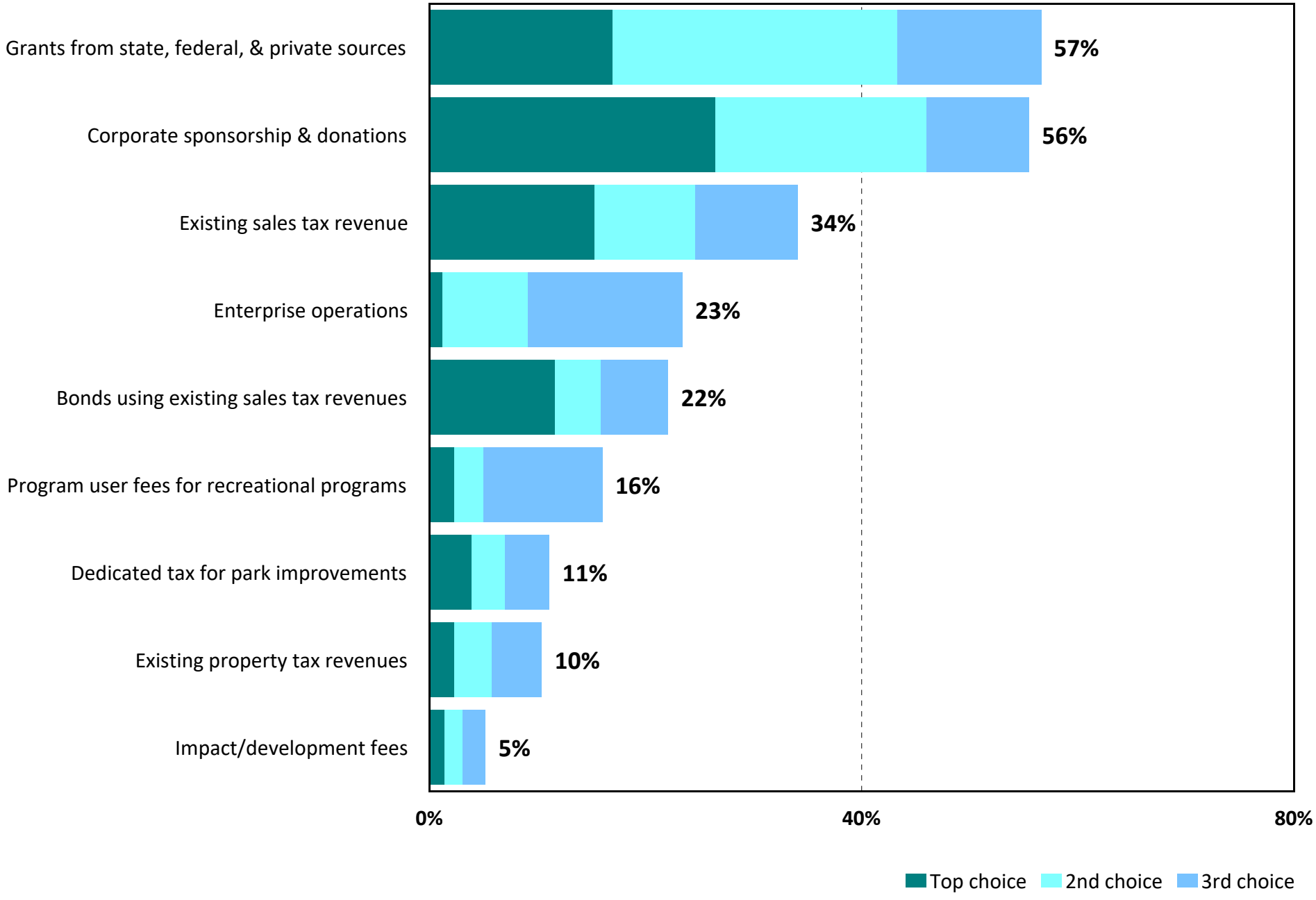
Q19. Listed below are the potential funding mechanisms that could be used to pay for the actions you indicated you most support in Question 18. Please rate your level of support for each of the following funding mechanisms.

by percentage of respondents



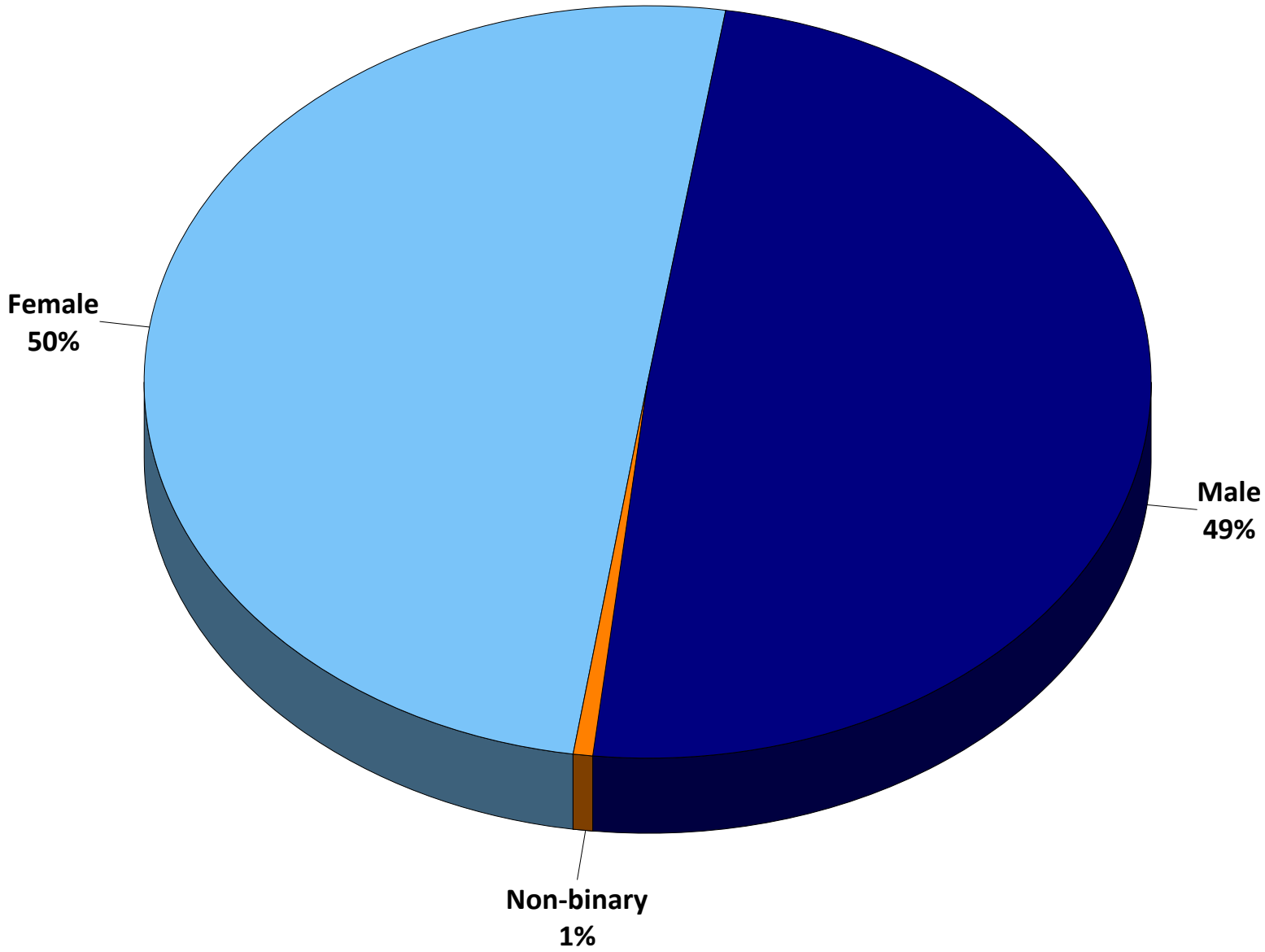
Q20. Which three funding mechanisms would you be most willing to support?

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



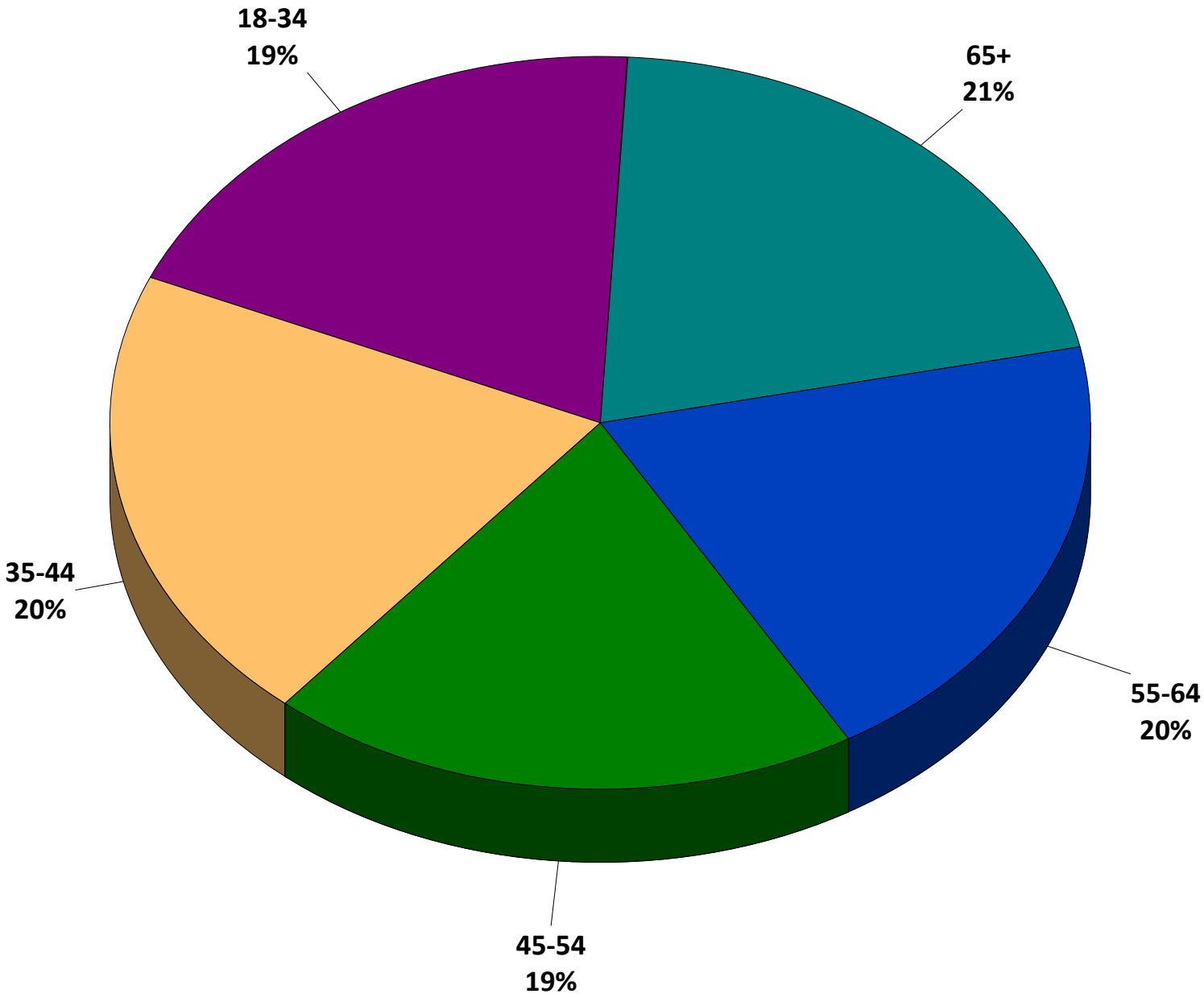
Q21. Your gender:

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



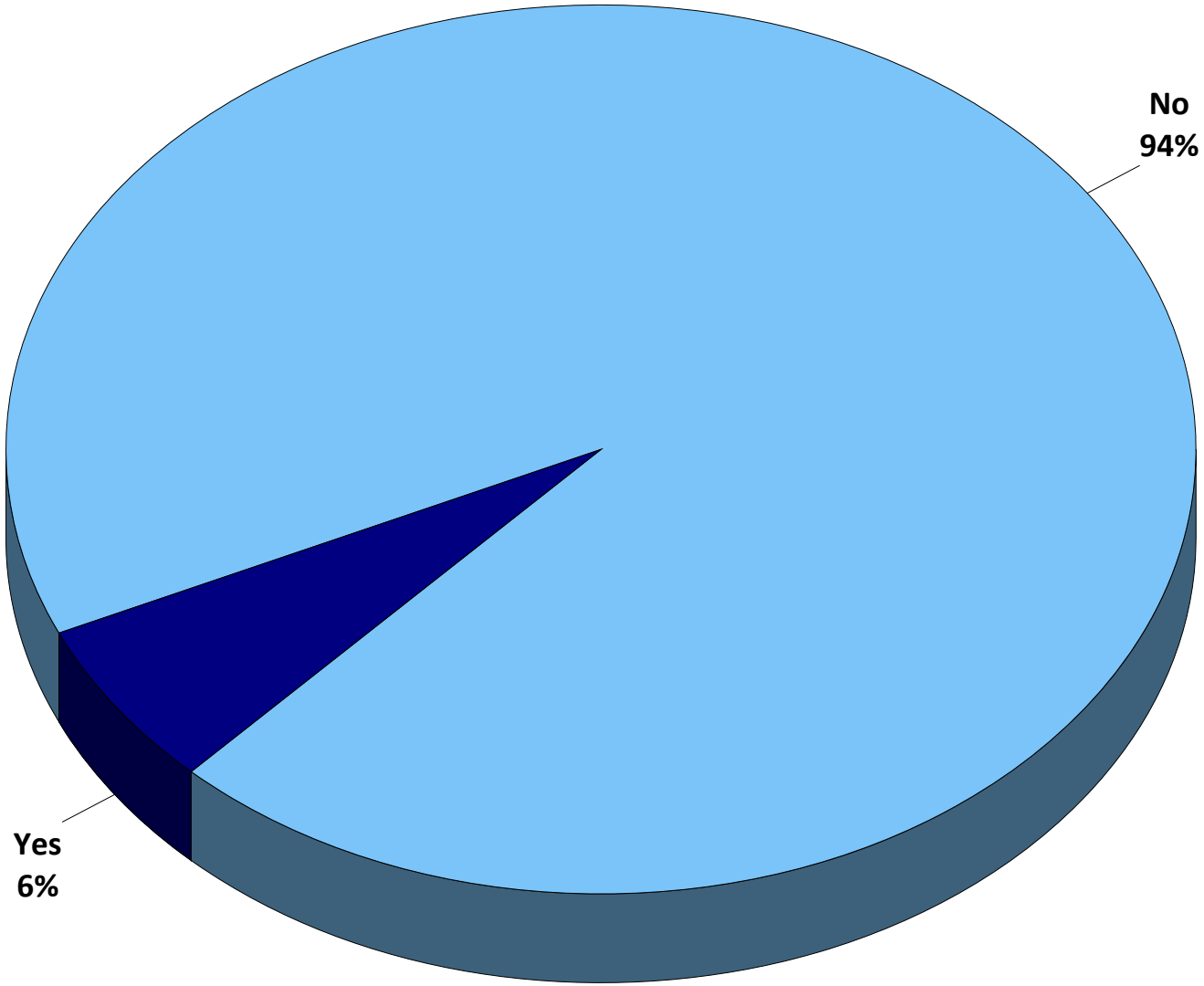
Q22. Your age:

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



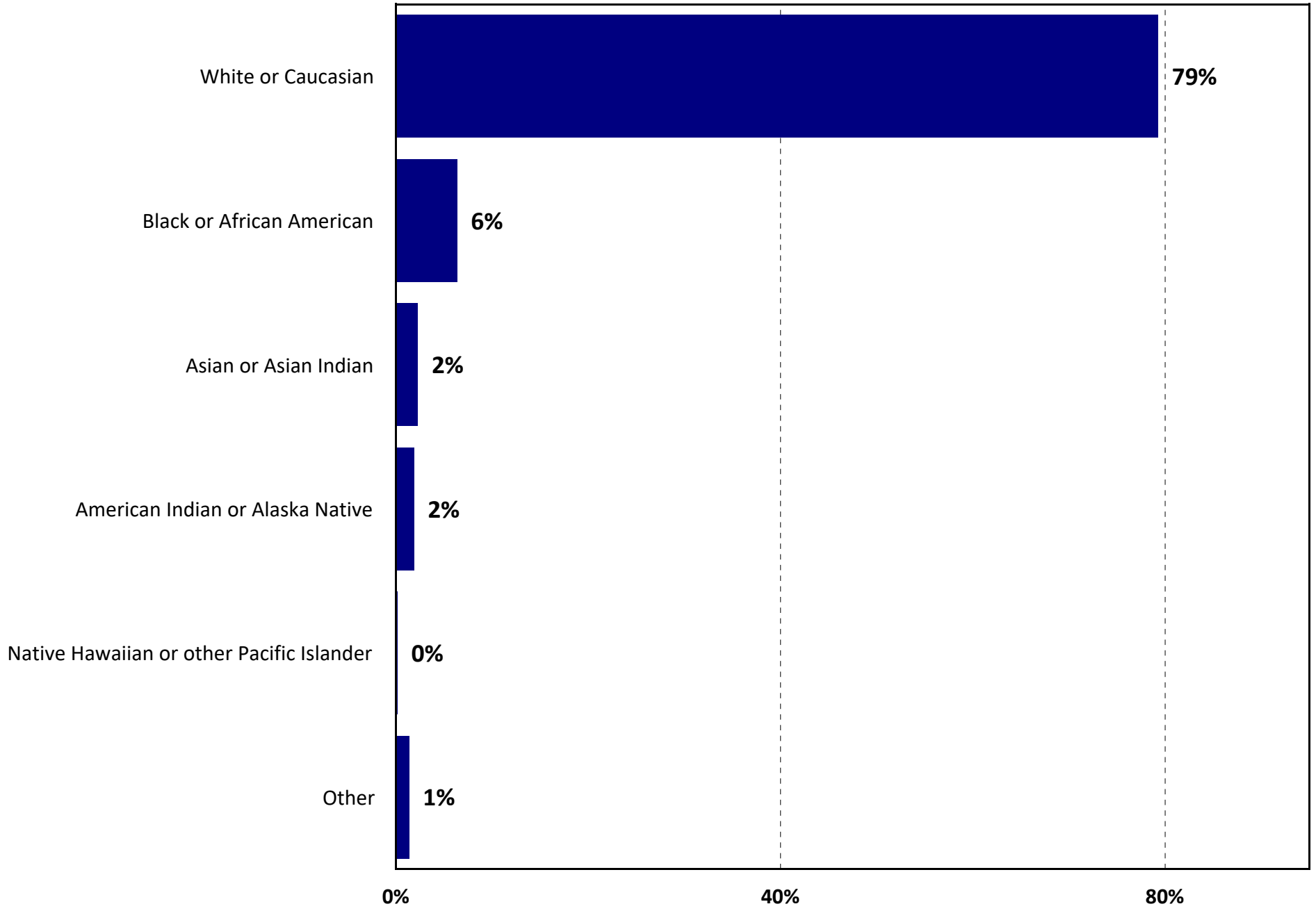
Q23. Are you/your household of Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino/a/x ancestry?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



Q24. Which of the following best describes your race/ethnicity?

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



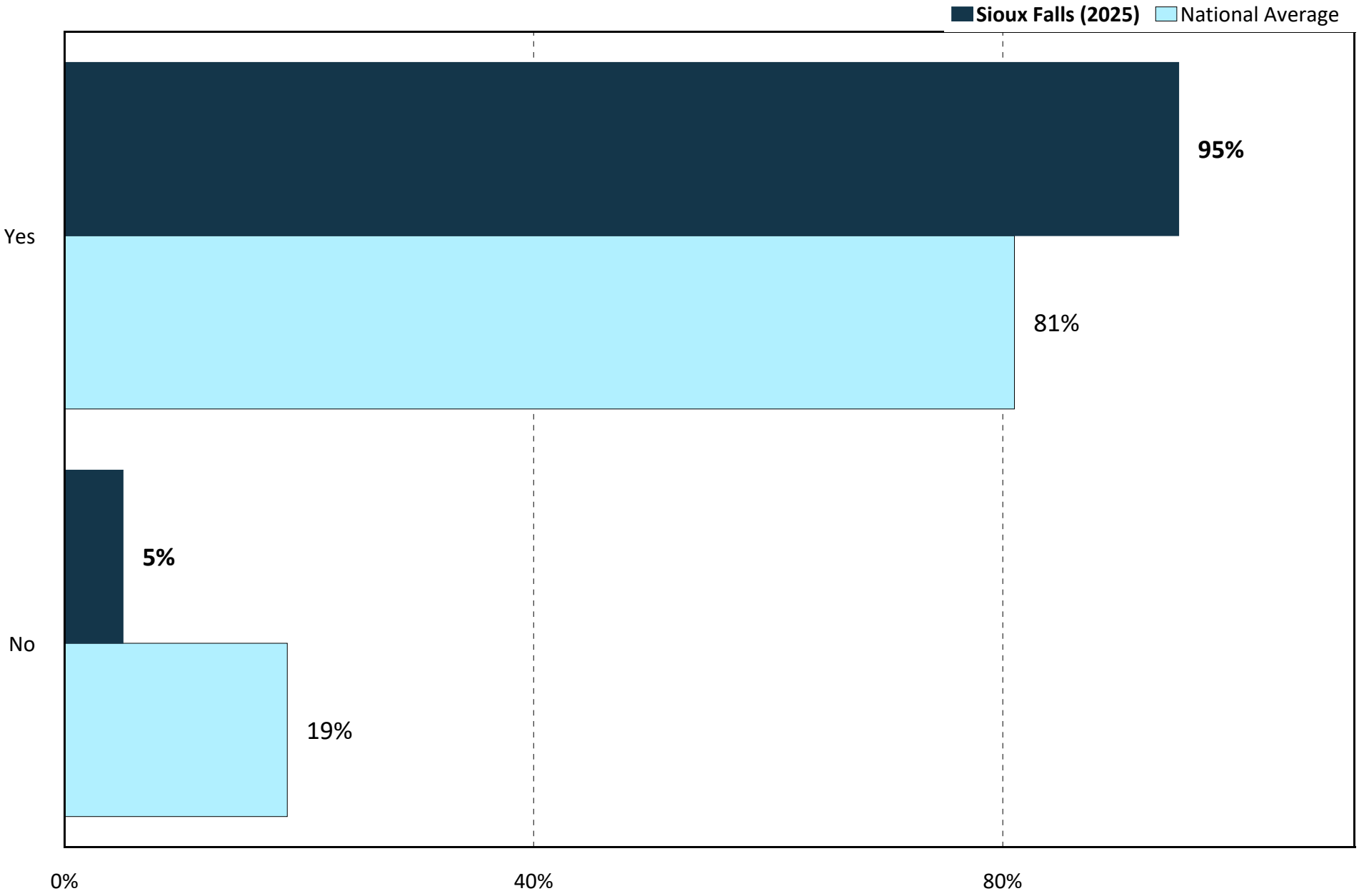
3 Benchmarks

National Benchmarks

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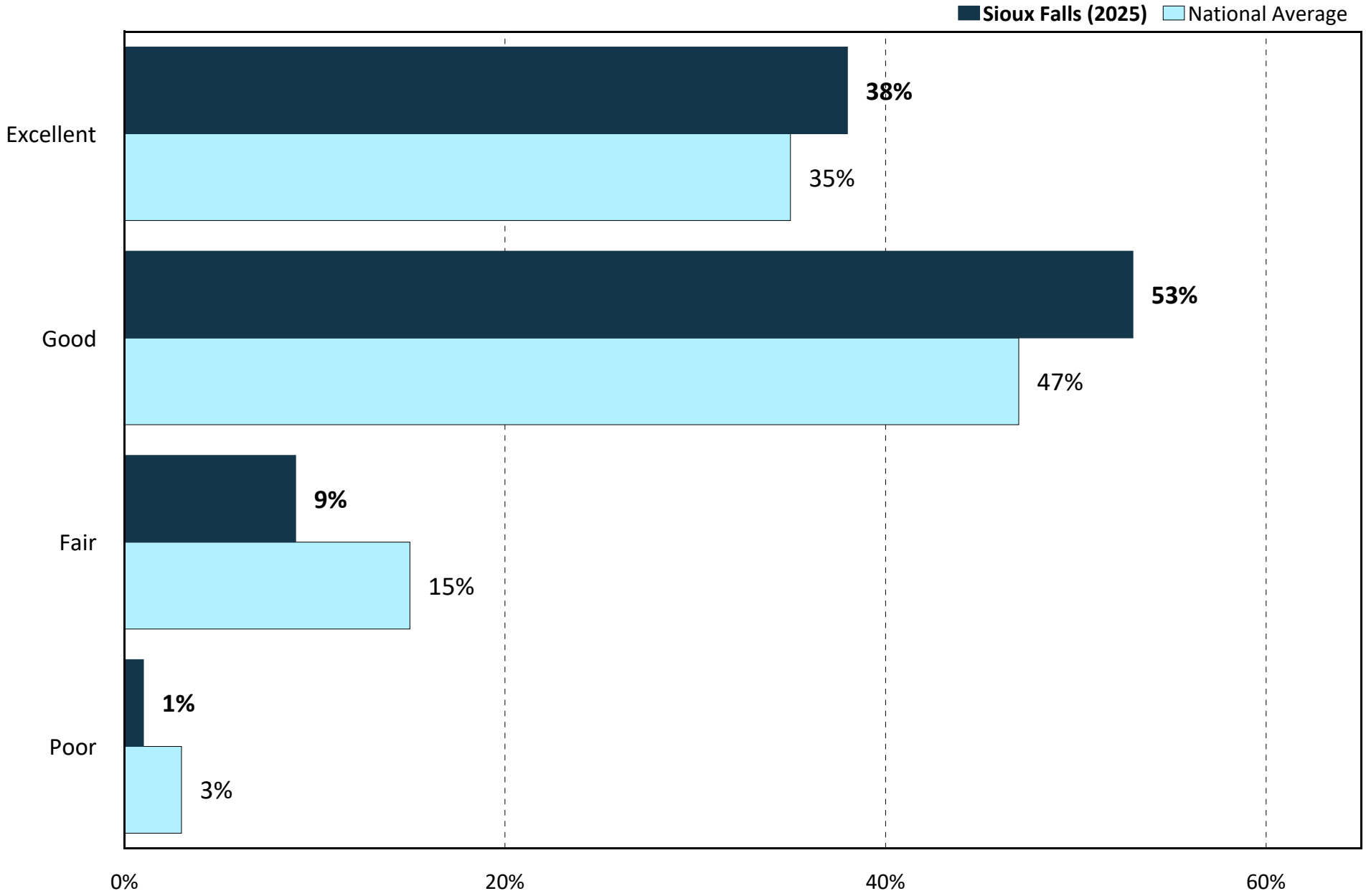
Have you/your household visited any parks or recreation facilities/amenities in your community during the past year?

by % of respondents



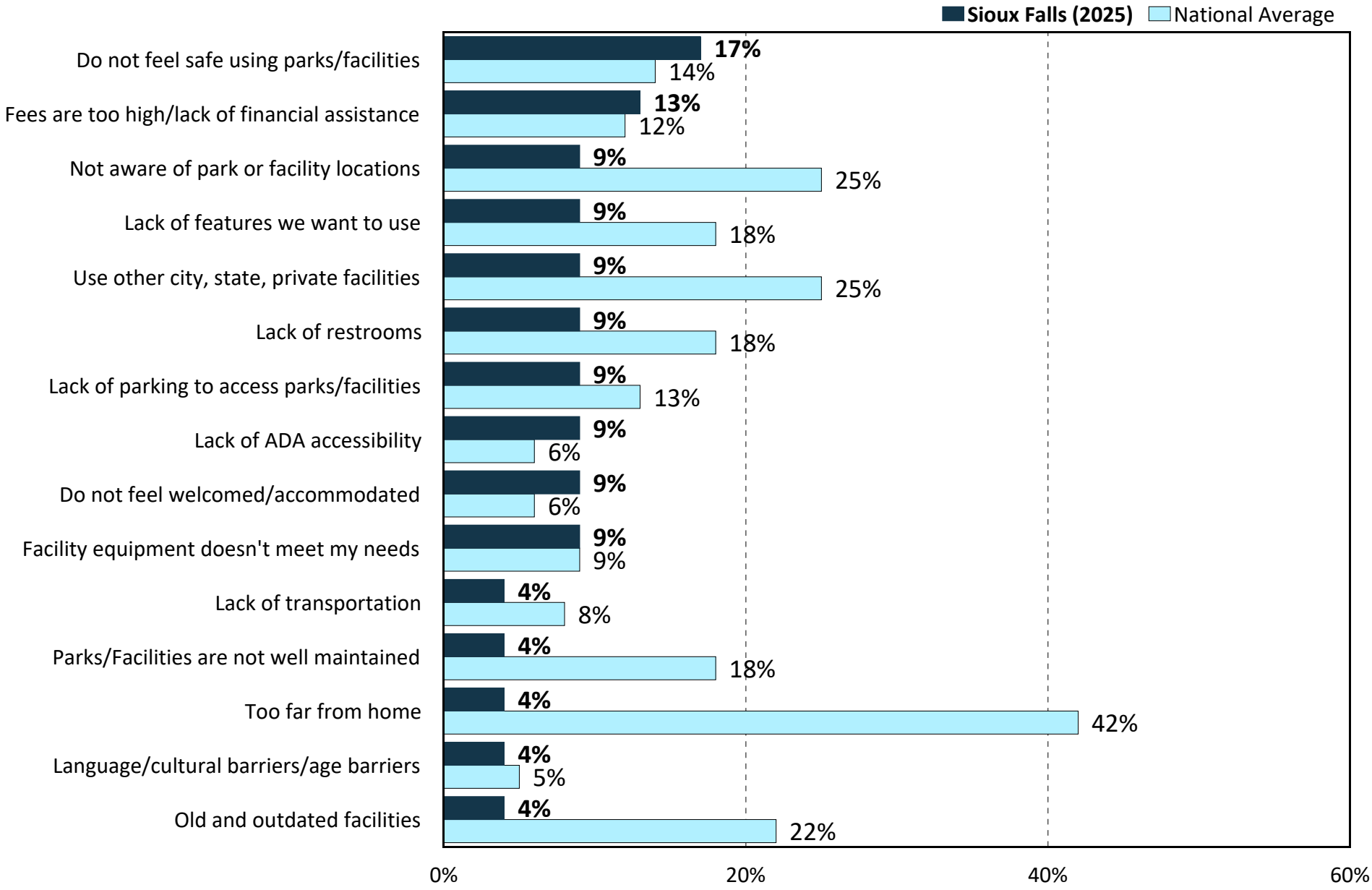
Please rate the overall condition of all the parks and recreation facilities/amenities you/your households have visited over the past year.

by % of respondents (excluding "not provided")



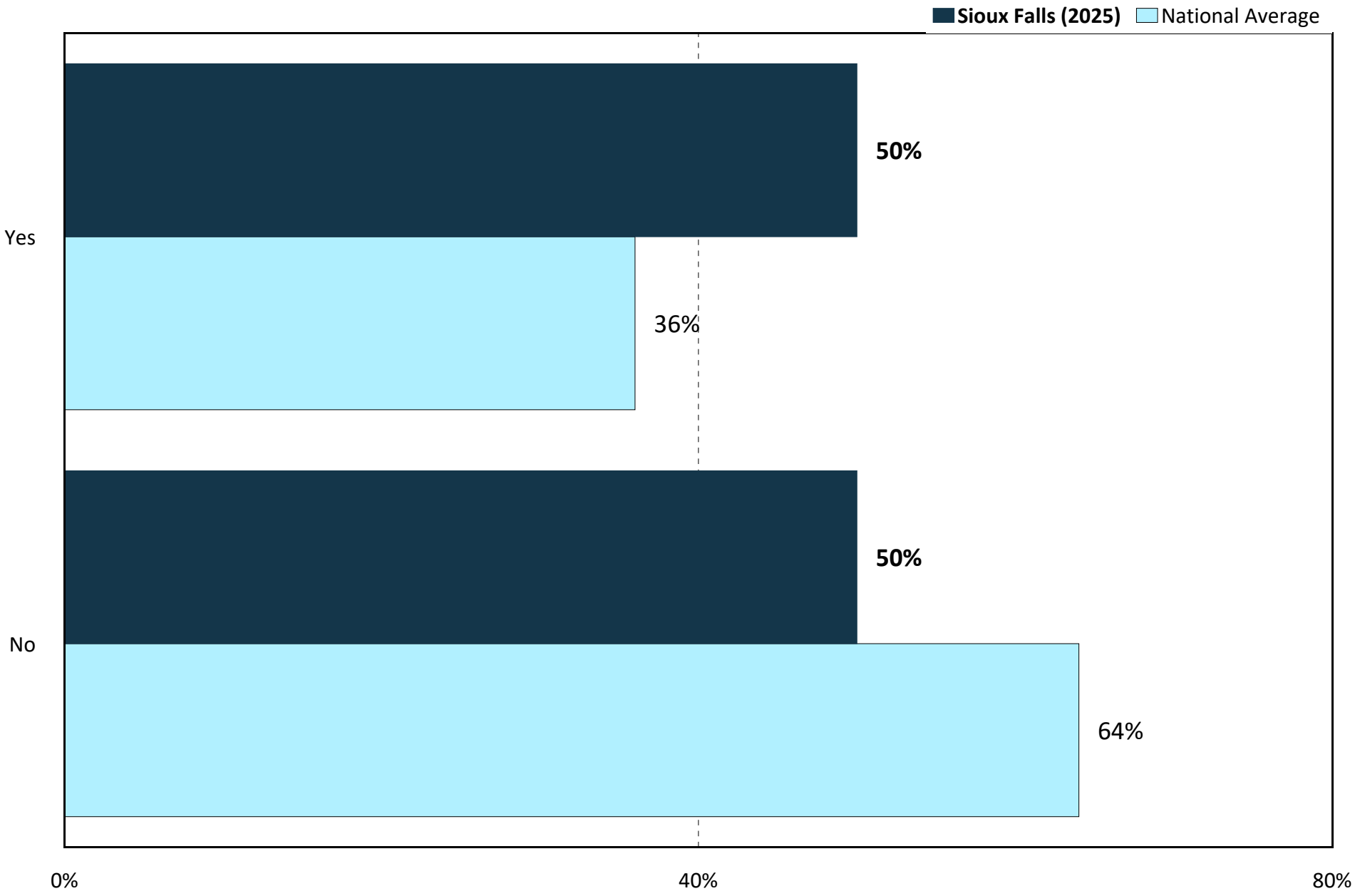
Please check all of the reasons that prevent you from visiting parks and recreation facilities/amenities or what prevents you from visiting them more often.

by % of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



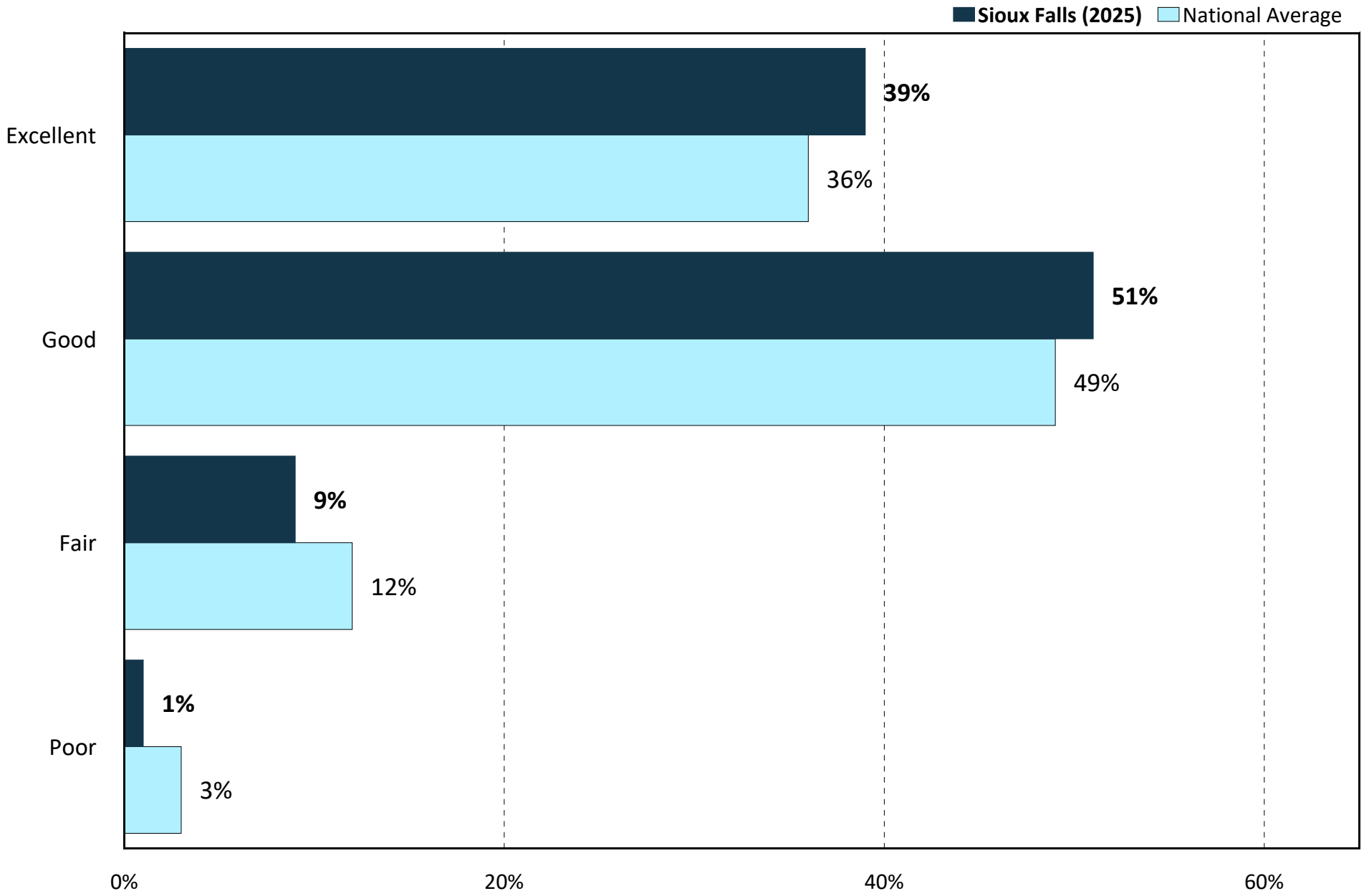
Have you/your household participated in any recreation programs offered in your community during the past year?

by % of respondents



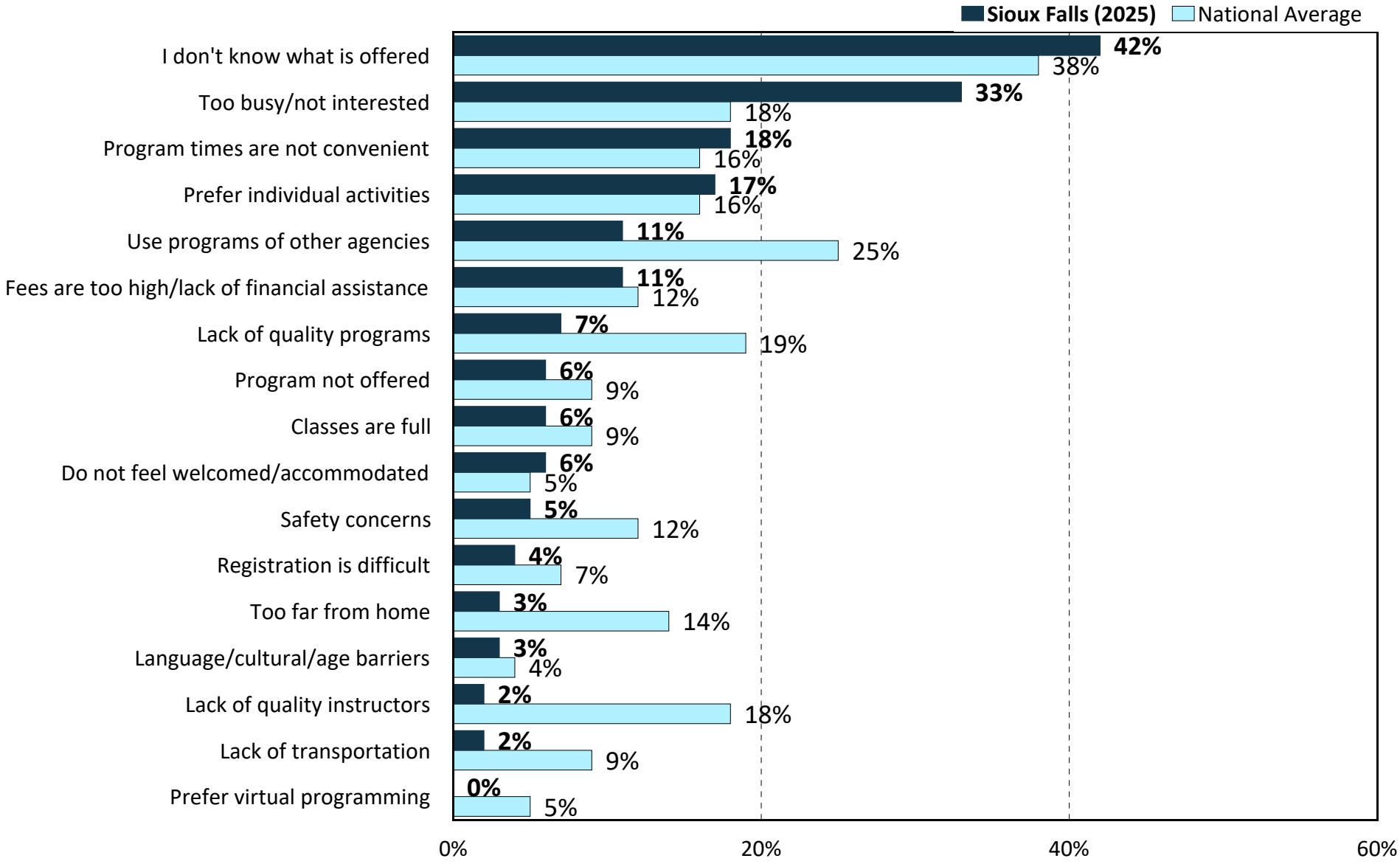
Please rate the overall condition of all the recreation programs and events you/your households have visited over the past year.

by % of respondents (excluding "not provided")



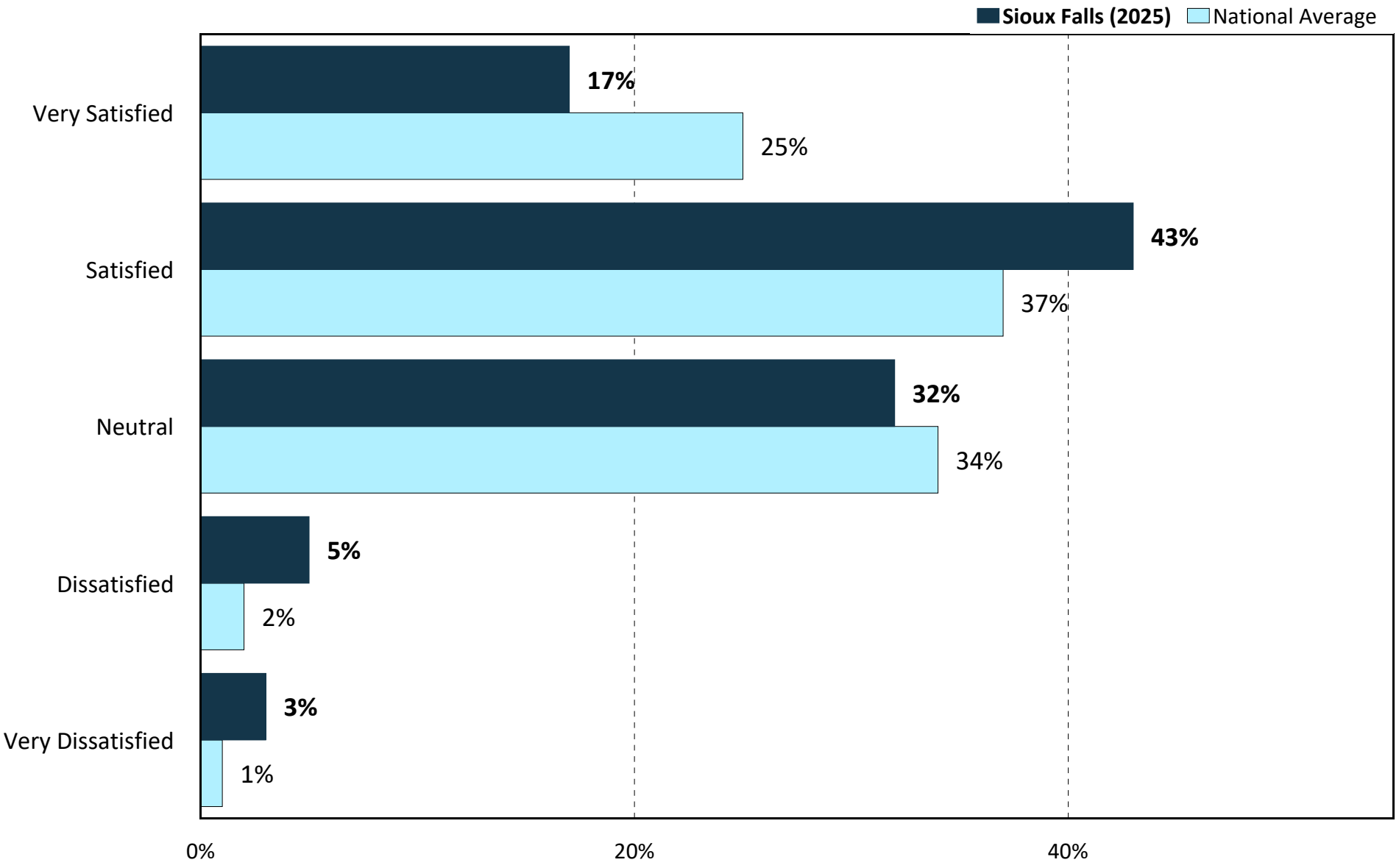
If your household has not participated in any recreation programs in your community during the past year, please check all of the reasons that prevent you from participating.

by % of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



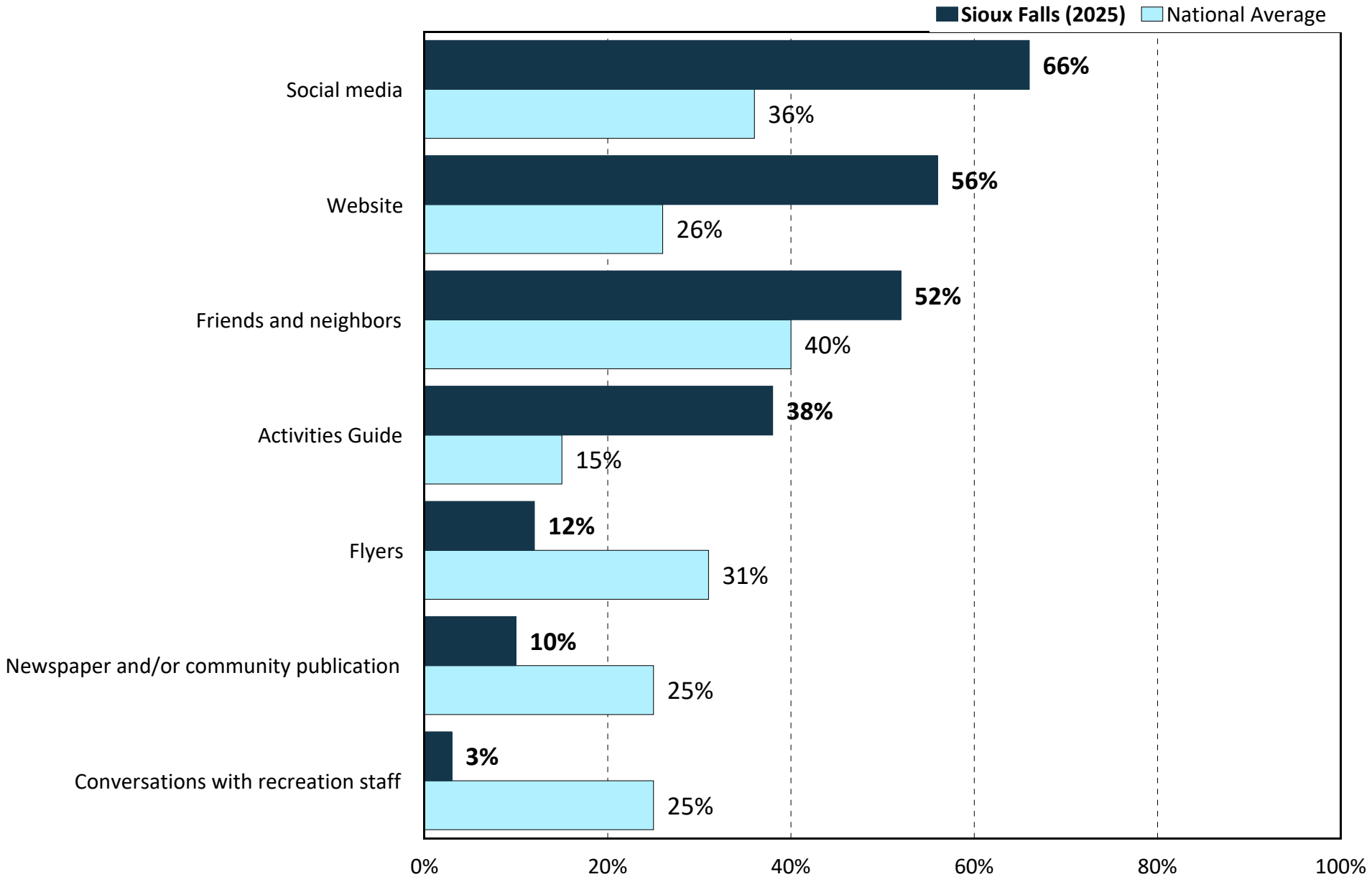
Please rate your overall level of satisfaction with the value your household receives from the parks and recreation programs, activities, and events offered in your community.

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



Please check all the ways you currently use to learn about parks and recreation programs, activities, and events in your community.

by % of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



4 Priority Investment Ratings

Priority Investment Rating (PIR)

Overview

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/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 (doesn't meet my needs) 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/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:

$$PIR = UNR + IR$$

For example, suppose the Unmet Needs Rating for playgrounds is 26.5 (out of 100) and the Importance Rating for playgrounds is 52 (out of 100), the Priority Investment Rating for playgrounds would be 78.5 (out of 200).

How to Analyze the Charts:

- High Priority Areas are those with a PIR of at least 110. A rating of 110 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.

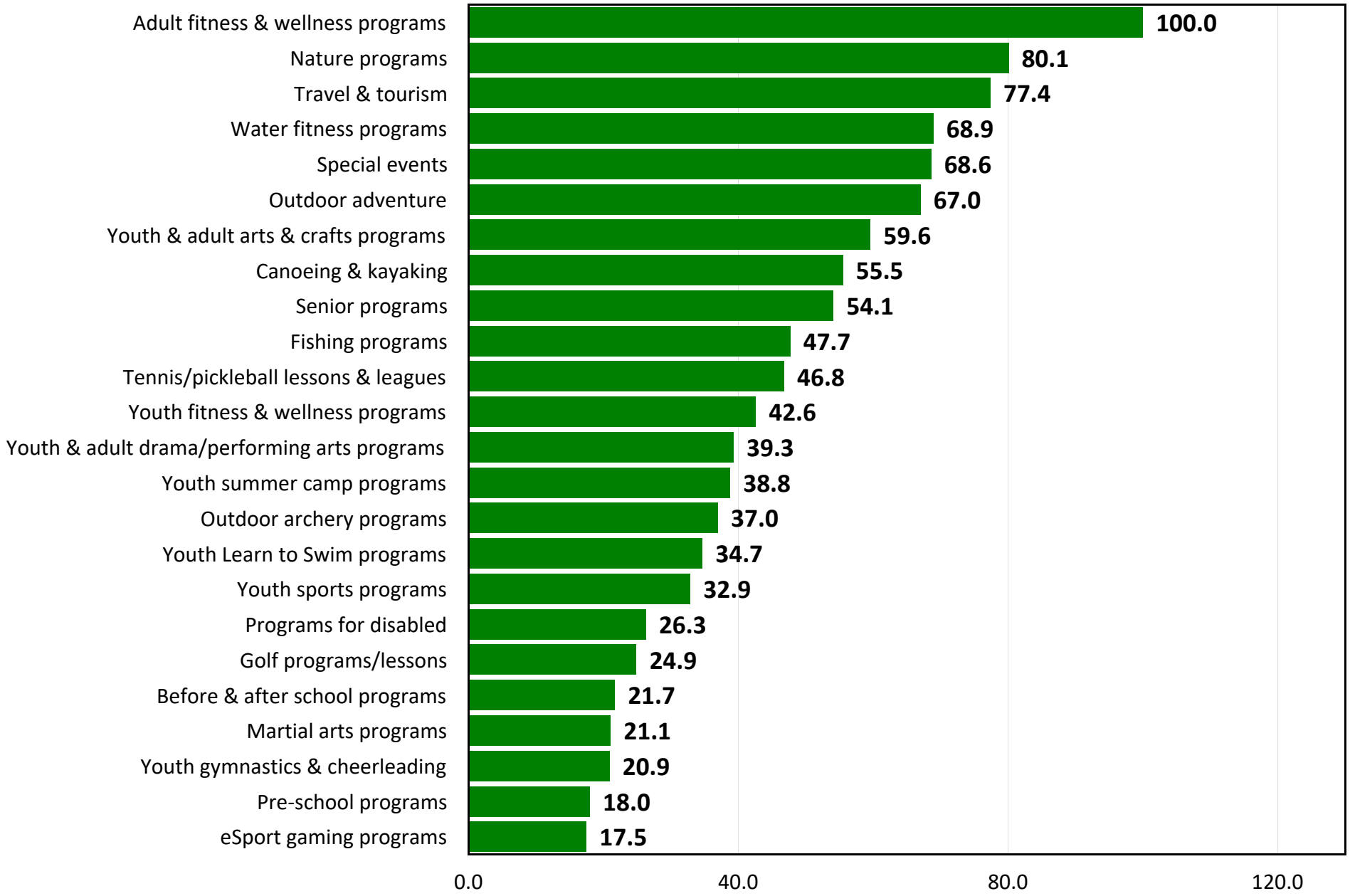
- Medium Priority Areas are those with a PIR of 70-109. A rating in this range generally indicates there is a medium to high level of unmet need or a significant percentage of residents generally think it is important to fund improvements in these areas.

- Low Priority Areas are those with a PIR below 49. 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.

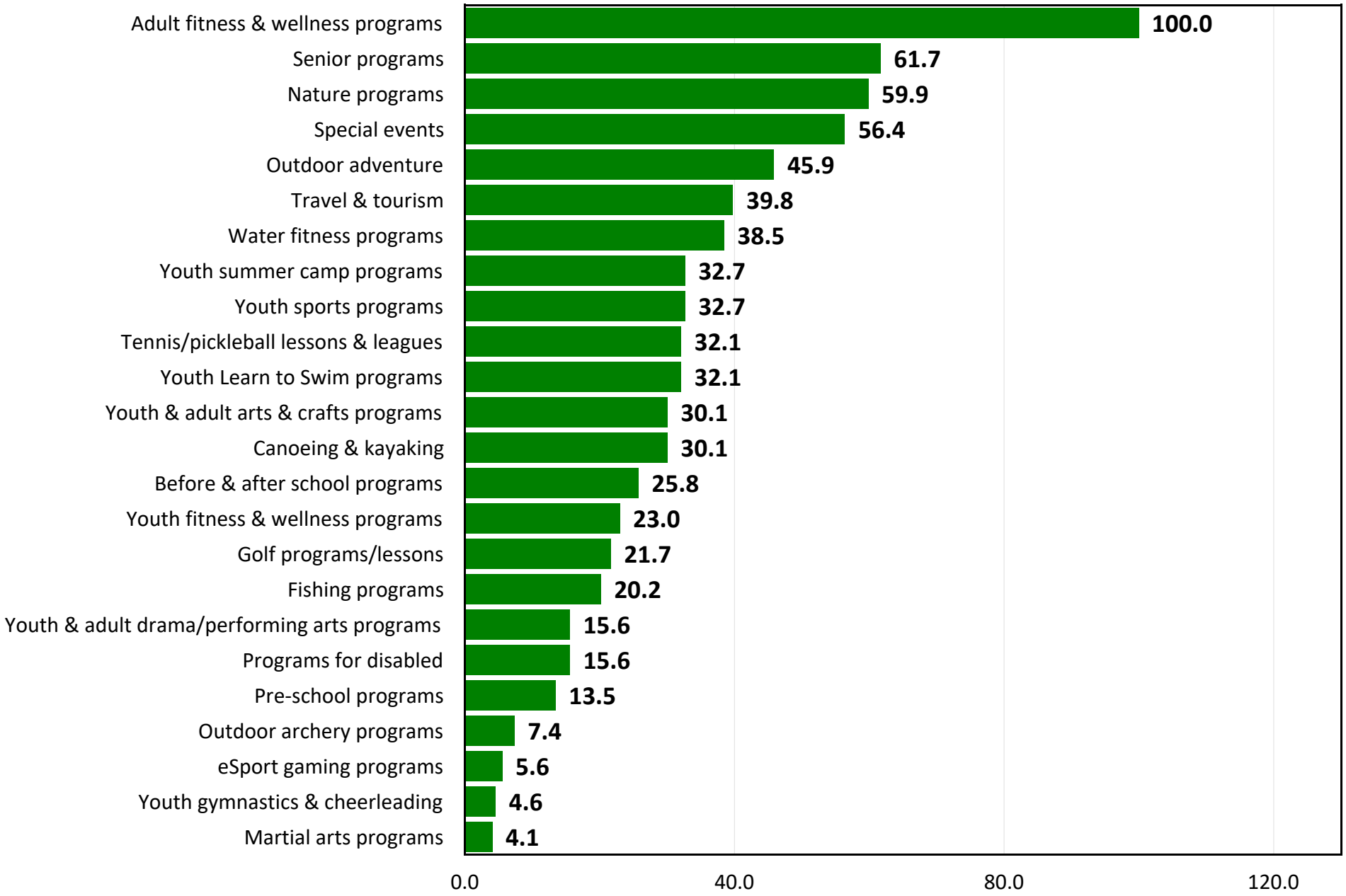
Unmet Needs Rating for Programs

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

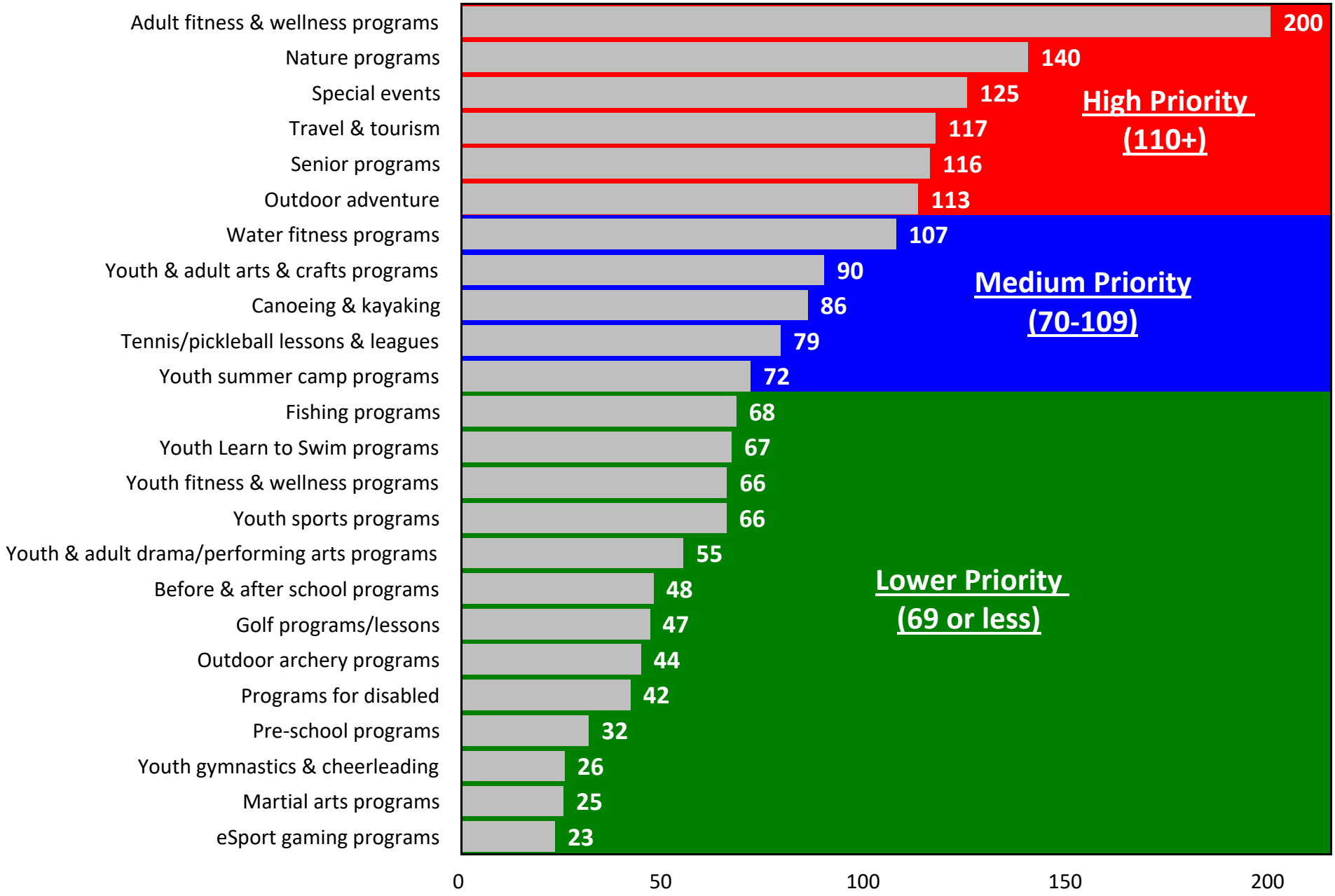


Importance Rating for Programs

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



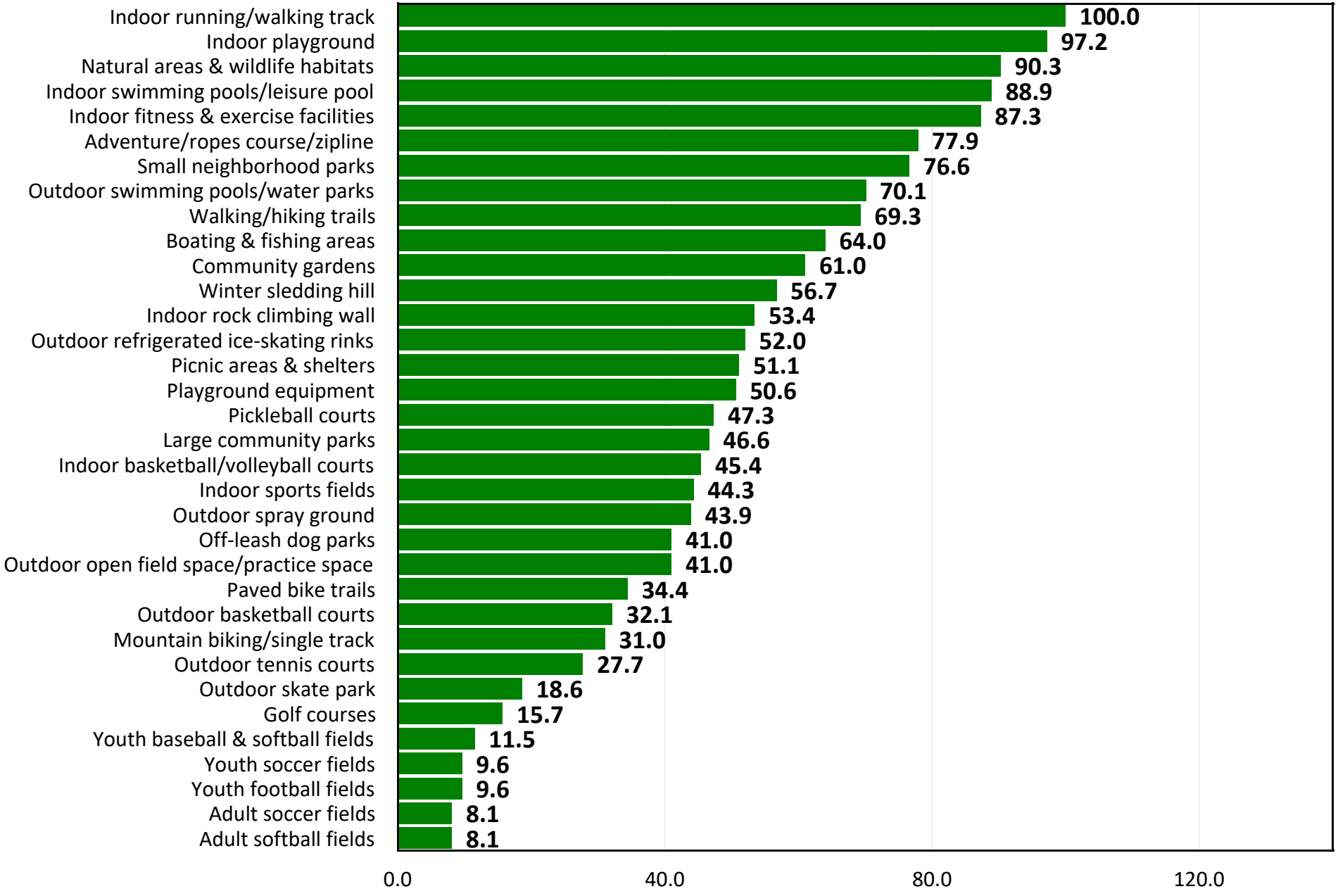
Top Priorities for Investment for Programs Based on Priority Investment Rating



Unmet Needs Rating for Facilities/Amenities

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

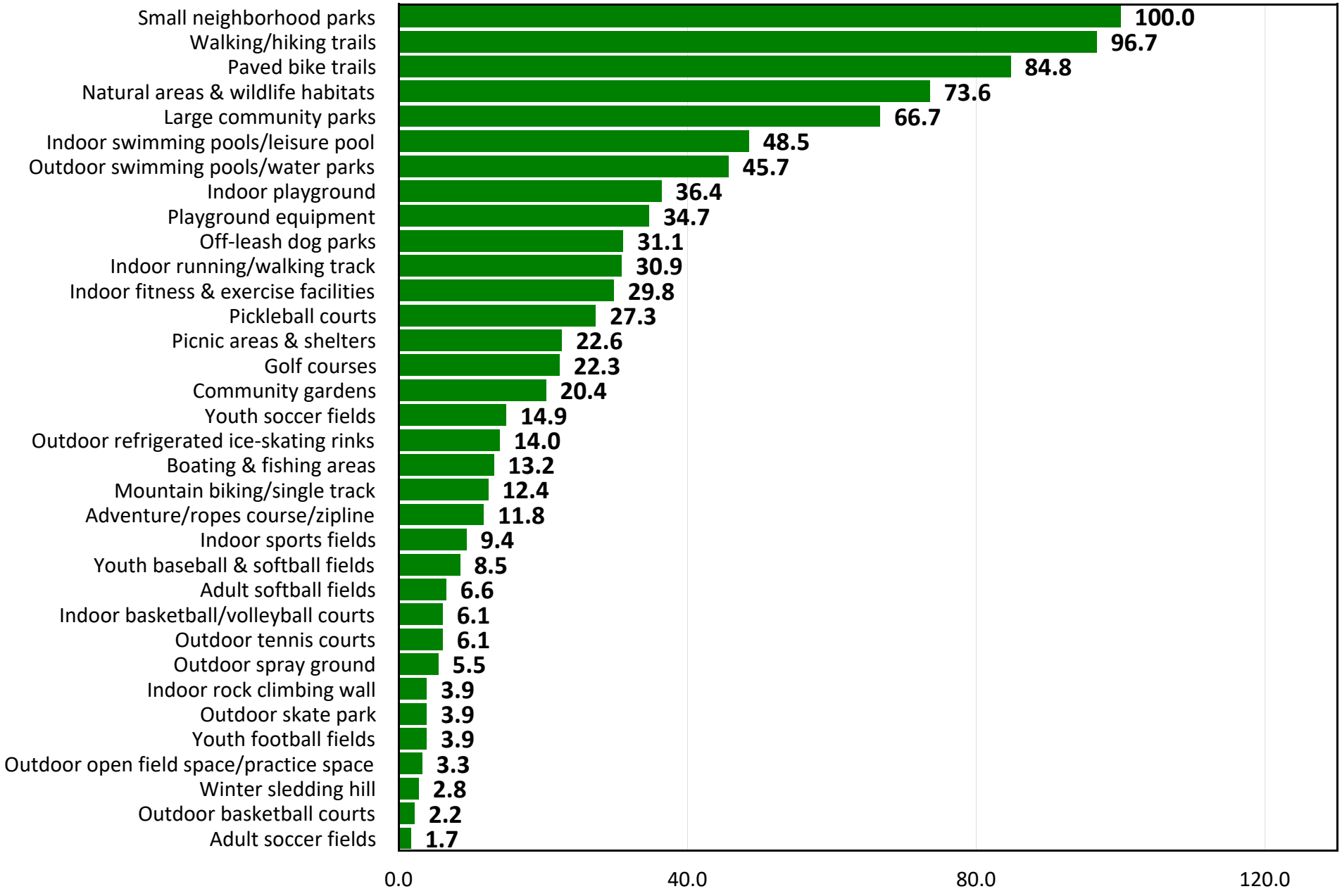
the rating of all other items reflects the relative amount of unmet need for each item compared to the item with the most unmet need



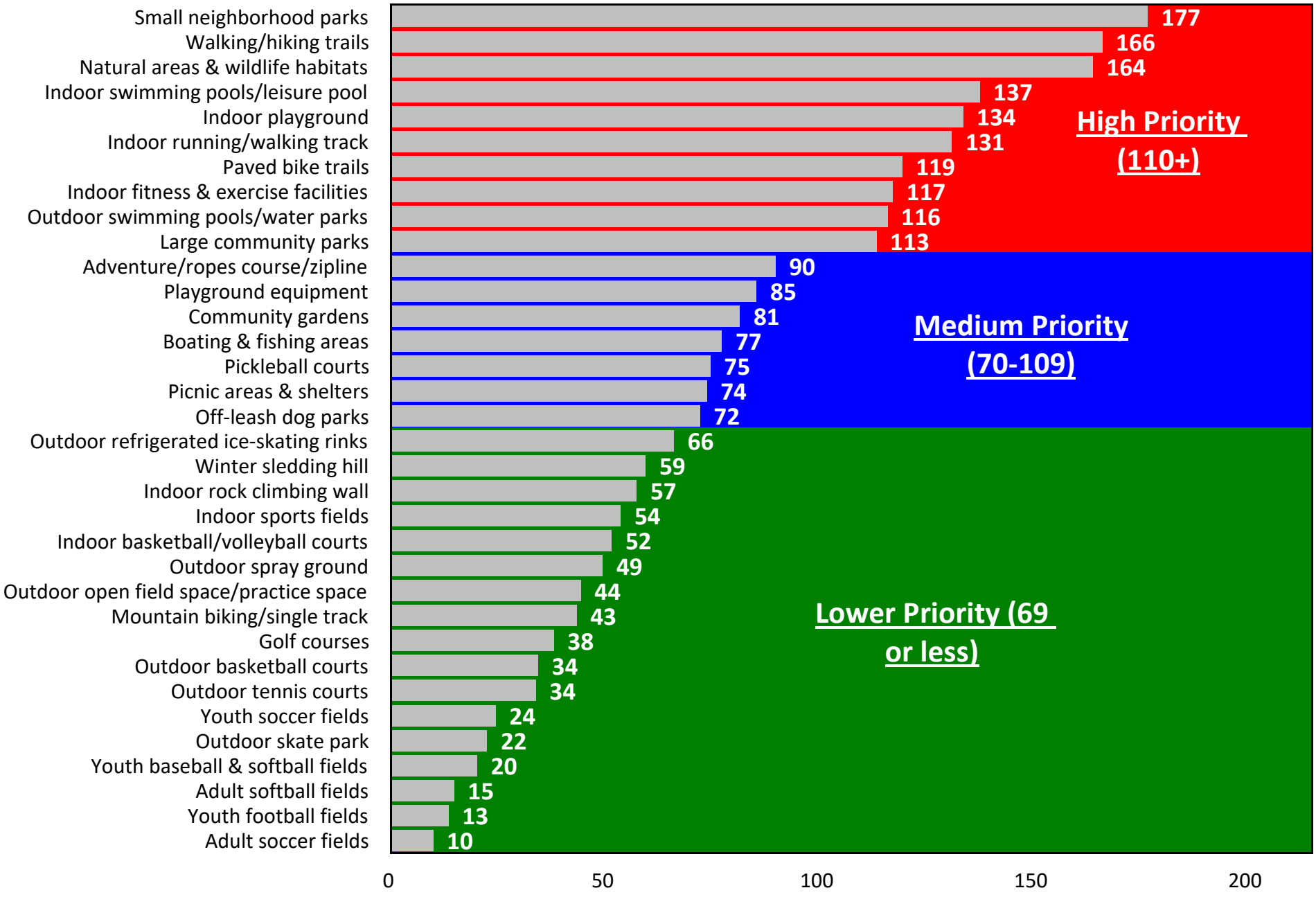
Importance Rating for Facilities/Amenitites

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 Facilities/Amenities Based on Priority Investment Rating



5 Tabular Data

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

	Mean	Sum
number	2.8	1330
Under age 5	0.2	105
Ages 5-9	0.3	142
Ages 10-14	0.2	110
Ages 15-19	0.2	75
Ages 20-24	0.1	51
Ages 25-34	0.3	160
Ages 35-44	0.4	193
Ages 45-54	0.3	158
Ages 55-59	0.2	74
Ages 60-64	0.2	93
Ages 65-74	0.2	107
Ages 75+	0.1	62

Q2. During a typical year, do you or any members of your household visit any parks and/or recreation facilities offered by the Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Department?

Q2. Do your household members visit any parks and/or recreation facilities offered by Sioux Falls Parks & Recreation Department	Number	Percent
Yes	460	95.2 %
No	23	4.8 %
Total	483	100.0 %

Q2a. How would you rate the overall quality of the parks and recreation facilities offered by the Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Department that you and the members of your household have visited?

Q2a. How would you rate overall quality of parks & recreation facilities your household members have visited	Number	Percent
Excellent	171	37.2 %
Good	241	52.4 %
Fair	41	8.9 %
Poor	3	0.7 %
Not provided	4	0.9 %
Total	460	100.0 %

WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED

Q2a. How would you rate the overall quality of the parks and recreation facilities offered by the Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Department that you and the members of your household have visited? (without "not provided")

Q2a. How would you rate overall quality of parks & recreation facilities your household members have visited	Number	Percent
Excellent	171	37.5 %
Good	241	52.9 %
Fair	41	9.0 %
Poor	3	0.7 %
Total	456	100.0 %

Q2b. If your household does NOT visit any Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Department parks and recreation facilities in a typical year, please CHECK ALL of the following reasons why you do NOT visit.

Q2b. Reasons why you do not visit any Sioux Falls Parks & Recreation Department parks & recreation facilities	Number	Percent
Use other city, state, private or HOA facilities	2	8.7 %
Too far from home	1	4.3 %
Not aware of park or facility locations	2	8.7 %
Parks/facilities are not well maintained	1	4.3 %
Old & outdated facilities	1	4.3 %
Lack of features we want to use	2	8.7 %
Lack of parking to access parks/facilities	2	8.7 %
Do not feel safe using parks/facilities	4	17.4 %
Facility equipment doesn't meet my needs	2	8.7 %
Lack of ADA accessibility	2	8.7 %
Do not feel welcomed/accommodated	2	8.7 %
Lack of transportation	1	4.3 %
Lack of restrooms	2	8.7 %
Language/cultural barriers/age barriers	1	4.3 %
Fees are too high/lack of financial assistance	3	13.0 %
Health-related concerns	2	8.7 %
Lack of recreation programs	1	4.3 %
Other	11	47.8 %
Total	42	

Q2b-18. Other:

Q2b-18. Other	Number	Percent
No reason	2	18.2 %
Not interested	1	9.1 %
Too hot or cold	1	9.1 %
Walking difficulty	1	9.1 %
Too busy to go	1	9.1 %
Taxes too high	1	9.1 %
Time	1	9.1 %
Have lake property	1	9.1 %
Too busy	1	9.1 %
Kids are content playing in back yard	1	9.1 %
Total	11	100.0 %

Q3. From the following list, please CHECK ALL of the non-City organizations that you or members of your household have used for recreation and/or sports activities during the last 12 months.

Q3. Non-City organizations your household members have used for recreation and/or sports activities	Number	Percent
Boys & Girls Club	18	3.7 %
School districts	178	36.9 %
Youth sports associations	109	22.6 %
YMCA	42	8.7 %
Places of worship	195	40.4 %
Neighboring communities	128	26.5 %
Private clubs (tennis, golf, fitness, dance)	169	35.0 %
South Dakota State Recreation Areas	255	52.8 %
Community colleges/universities	76	15.7 %
Homeowners association/apartment complex	48	9.9 %
Travel sports teams	63	13.0 %
None of these	79	16.4 %
Total	1360	

WITHOUT NONE OF THESE

Q3. From the following list, please CHECK ALL of the non-City organizations that you or members of your household have used for recreation and/or sports activities during the last 12 months. (without "none of these")

Q3. Non-City organizations your household members have used for recreation and/or sports activities	Number	Percent
South Dakota State Recreation Areas	255	63.1 %
Places of worship	195	48.3 %
School districts	178	44.1 %
Private clubs (tennis, golf, fitness, dance)	169	41.8 %
Neighboring communities	128	31.7 %
Youth sports associations	109	27.0 %
Community colleges/universities	76	18.8 %
Travel sports teams	63	15.6 %
Homeowners association/apartment complex	48	11.9 %
YMCA	42	10.4 %
Boys & Girls Club	18	4.5 %
Total	1281	

Q4. During a typical year, do you or any members of your household participate in any recreation programs or events offered and/or hosted by the Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Department?

Q4. Do your household members participate in any recreation programs or events offered and/or hosted by Sioux Falls Parks & Recreation Department	Number	Percent
Yes	243	50.3 %
No	240	49.7 %
Total	483	100.0 %

Q4a. How would you rate the overall quality of the recreation programs or events offered by the Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Department that you and the members of your household have participated in?

Q4a. How would you rate overall quality of recreation programs or events your household members have participated in	Number	Percent
Excellent	95	39.1 %
Good	122	50.2 %
Fair	21	8.6 %
Poor	3	1.2 %
Not provided	2	0.8 %
Total	243	100.0 %

WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED

Q4a. How would you rate the overall quality of the recreation programs or events offered by the Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Department that you and the members of your household have participated in? (without "not provided")

Q4a. How would you rate overall quality of recreation programs or events your household members have participated in	Number	Percent
Excellent	95	39.4 %
Good	122	50.6 %
Fair	21	8.7 %
Poor	3	1.2 %
Total	241	100.0 %

Q4b. If your household does NOT participate in any Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Department recreation programs or events during a typical year, please CHECK ALL of the following reasons why you have NOT participated.

Q4b. Reasons why your household members do not participate in any Sioux Falls Parks & Recreation Department recreation programs or events during a typical year	Number	Percent
I don't know what is offered	100	41.7 %
Use programs of other agencies	27	11.3 %
Lack of quality instructors	4	1.7 %
Lack of quality programs	17	7.1 %
Prefer individual activities	40	16.7 %
Too far from home	6	2.5 %
Program times are not convenient	42	17.5 %
Classes are full	14	5.8 %
Safety concerns	11	4.6 %
Fees are too high/lack of financial assistance	26	10.8 %
Prefer virtual programming	1	0.4 %
Do not feel welcomed/accommodated	14	5.8 %
Program not offered	14	5.8 %
Registration is difficult	9	3.8 %
Lack of transportation	4	1.7 %
Too busy/not interested	79	32.9 %
Language/cultural/age barriers	6	2.5 %
Lack of recreation facilities	8	3.3 %
Parking issues	10	4.2 %
Total	432	

Q5. Please indicate whether or not you or any members of your household have utilized any of the recreation facilities listed below in the past two years.

(N=483)

	Yes	No
Q5-1. Great Plains Zoo	66.7%	33.3%
Q5-2. Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum & East Sioux Falls Historic Site	43.5%	56.5%
Q5-3. City golf courses (Elmwood, Prairie Green, & Kuehn)	24.4%	75.6%
Q5-4. Great Bear Ski Valley	28.6%	71.4%
Q5-5. Levitt at the Falls	58.8%	41.2%

Q5. If "YES," please rate the overall quality of the recreation facility.

(N=448)

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not provided
Q5-1. Great Plains Zoo	34.2%	53.7%	10.6%	0.6%	0.9%
Q5-2. Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum & East Sioux Falls Historic Site	55.7%	41.0%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Q5-3. City golf courses (Elmwood, Prairie Green, & Kuehn)	39.8%	55.1%	5.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Q5-4. Great Bear Ski Valley	30.4%	54.3%	13.0%	1.4%	0.7%
Q5-5. Levitt at the Falls	62.3%	33.1%	3.5%	0.0%	1.1%

WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED

Q5. If "YES," please rate the overall quality of the recreation facility. (without "not provided")

(N=448)

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Q5-1. Great Plains Zoo	34.5%	54.2%	10.7%	0.6%
Q5-2. Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum & East Sioux Falls Historic Site	55.7%	41.0%	3.3%	0.0%
Q5-3. City golf courses (Elmwood, Prairie Green, & Kuehn)	39.8%	55.1%	5.1%	0.0%
Q5-4. Great Bear Ski Valley	30.7%	54.7%	13.1%	1.5%
Q5-5. Levitt at the Falls	63.0%	33.5%	3.6%	0.0%

Q6. From the following list, please CHECK ALL the ways YOU CURRENTLY LEARN about the Sioux Falls Recreation Department.

Q6. Ways you currently learn about Sioux Falls Recreation Department	Number	Percent
Department Program Guide	183	37.9 %
Website	271	56.1 %
Newspaper	50	10.4 %
Radio	65	13.5 %
Cable access TV	64	13.3 %
At parks or facilities	149	30.8 %
From friends or neighbors	252	52.2 %
School flyers/newsletters	56	11.6 %
Monthly eNewsletters	25	5.2 %
Social media (Facebook, Instagram, X/Twitter	319	66.0 %
Department staff	14	2.9 %
Park Board or City Council meetings	12	2.5 %
Digital boards & signs at facilities	61	12.6 %
Other	12	2.5 %
Total	1533	

Q6-14. Other:

Q6-14. Other	Number	Percent
Keloland	2	18.2 %
Family	1	9.1 %
Kelo/KDLT/DakNewsNow	1	9.1 %
Community Ed flyer	1	9.1 %
Local TV	1	9.1 %
Sioux Falls Mom on Instagram	1	9.1 %
Levitt flyers	1	9.1 %
News	1	9.1 %
Bike trails & kayak launch docks	1	9.1 %
Posters at libraries	1	9.1 %
Total	11	100.0 %

Q7. Which THREE sources from the list in Question 6 are YOUR MOST PREFERRED SOURCES for learning about recreation programs and activities?

Q7. Top choice	Number	Percent
Department Program Guide	88	18.2 %
Website	85	17.6 %
Newspaper	13	2.7 %
Radio	8	1.7 %
Cable access TV	23	4.8 %
At parks or facilities	11	2.3 %
From friends or neighbors	19	3.9 %
School flyers/newsletters	4	0.8 %
Monthly eNewsletters	20	4.1 %
Social media (Facebook, Instagram, X/Twitter	171	35.4 %
Department staff	1	0.2 %
Park Board or City Council meetings	1	0.2 %
None chosen	39	8.1 %
Total	483	100.0 %

Q7. Which THREE sources from the list in Question 6 are YOUR MOST PREFERRED SOURCES for learning about recreation programs and activities?

Q7. 2nd choice	Number	Percent
Department Program Guide	47	9.7 %
Website	93	19.3 %
Newspaper	8	1.7 %
Radio	24	5.0 %
Cable access TV	18	3.7 %
At parks or facilities	17	3.5 %
From friends or neighbors	48	9.9 %
School flyers/newsletters	18	3.7 %
Monthly eNewsletters	27	5.6 %
Social media (Facebook, Instagram, X/Twitter	96	19.9 %
Department staff	3	0.6 %
Park Board or City Council meetings	4	0.8 %
Digital boards & signs at facilities	14	2.9 %
None chosen	66	13.7 %
Total	483	100.0 %

Q7. Which THREE sources from the list in Question 6 are YOUR MOST PREFERRED SOURCES for learning about recreation programs and activities?

Q7. 3rd choice	Number	Percent
Department Program Guide	35	7.2 %
Website	58	12.0 %
Newspaper	12	2.5 %
Radio	18	3.7 %
Cable access TV	14	2.9 %
At parks or facilities	55	11.4 %
From friends or neighbors	74	15.3 %
School flyers/newsletters	11	2.3 %
Monthly eNewsletters	20	4.1 %
Social media (Facebook, Instagram, X/Twitter	39	8.1 %
Department staff	4	0.8 %
Park Board or City Council meetings	2	0.4 %
Digital boards & signs at facilities	21	4.3 %
None chosen	120	24.8 %
Total	483	100.0 %

SUM OF TOP 3 CHOICES

Q7. Which THREE sources from the list in Question 6 are YOUR MOST PREFERRED SOURCES for learning about recreation programs and activities? (top 3)

Q7. Top choice	Number	Percent
Department Program Guide	170	35.2 %
Website	236	48.9 %
Newspaper	33	6.8 %
Radio	50	10.4 %
Cable access TV	55	11.4 %
At parks or facilities	83	17.2 %
From friends or neighbors	141	29.2 %
School flyers/newsletters	33	6.8 %
Monthly eNewsletters	67	13.9 %
Social media (Facebook, Instagram, X/Twitter	306	63.4 %
Department staff	8	1.7 %
Park Board or City Council meetings	7	1.4 %
Digital boards & signs at facilities	35	7.2 %
None chosen	39	8.1 %
Total	1263	

Q8. As the City of Sioux Falls explores additional special event offerings, please check ALL the special event concepts listed below you or the members of your household would like to attend or participate in.

Q8. Special event concepts your household members would like to attend or participate in	Number	Percent
Glow-in-the-Dark Night Hike	176	36.4 %
Pop-Up Art Gallery in the Park	194	40.2 %
Cultural Heritage Festival	176	36.4 %
Outdoor Yoga & Meditation Retreat	99	20.5 %
Nature Scavenger Hunt for Families	164	34.0 %
Community Garden Harvest Celebration	142	29.4 %
Kayak & Canoe Day on the Lake	166	34.4 %
Urban Adventure Race	76	15.7 %
Winter Festival/Holiday Shops	258	53.4 %
Summer Carnival	293	60.7 %
Total	1744	

Q9. Please indicate how well your needs are being met for each of the programs 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=483)

	Fully met	Mostly met	Partly met	Not met	No need
Q9-1. Youth Learn to Swim programs	4.6%	8.5%	7.0%	8.5%	71.4%
Q9-2. Pre-school programs	3.3%	2.3%	3.9%	4.1%	86.3%
Q9-3. Before & after school programs	3.7%	4.1%	5.0%	4.8%	82.4%
Q9-4. Youth summer camp programs	2.5%	6.4%	11.0%	6.4%	73.7%
Q9-5. Youth sports programs	6.0%	8.3%	9.3%	5.4%	71.0%
Q9-6. Youth fitness & wellness programs	2.5%	5.2%	9.5%	9.5%	73.3%
Q9-7. eSport gaming programs	1.0%	0.6%	1.9%	6.0%	90.5%
Q9-8. Martial arts programs	1.2%	0.6%	3.1%	6.4%	88.6%
Q9-9. Adult fitness & wellness programs	8.1%	14.1%	27.5%	17.2%	33.1%
Q9-10. Water fitness programs	5.0%	12.0%	18.2%	12.6%	52.2%
Q9-11. Tennis/pickleball lessons & leagues	2.9%	8.3%	11.8%	9.1%	67.9%
Q9-12. Youth gymnastics & cheerleading	1.9%	1.7%	4.1%	5.2%	87.2%
Q9-13. Senior programs	3.1%	8.1%	12.2%	12.0%	64.6%
Q9-14. Youth & adult arts & crafts programs	2.7%	9.1%	14.9%	11.8%	61.5%
Q9-15. Youth & adult drama/performing arts programs	3.5%	5.6%	11.4%	6.2%	73.3%
Q9-16. Programs for disabled	0.4%	1.0%	4.1%	7.7%	86.7%
Q9-17. Special events	5.6%	16.8%	22.2%	8.5%	47.0%
Q9-18. Fishing programs	4.3%	8.1%	13.5%	7.9%	66.3%
Q9-19. Nature programs	4.8%	13.0%	25.1%	10.8%	46.4%
Q9-20. Golf programs/lessons	4.3%	8.7%	7.0%	4.1%	75.8%
Q9-21. Outdoor adventure (camping, backpacking, climbing, etc.)	3.9%	11.2%	17.2%	12.8%	54.9%
Q9-22. Outdoor archery programs	2.7%	3.9%	7.9%	8.7%	76.8%
Q9-23. Canoeing & kayaking	2.9%	7.5%	11.8%	13.0%	64.8%

Q9. Please indicate how well your needs are being met for each of the programs 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
Q9-24. Travel & tourism (day trips)	2.9%	6.0%	15.1%	19.5%	56.5%
Q9-25. Other	0.4%	0.0%	1.7%	5.0%	93.0%

WITHOUT NO NEED

Q9. Please indicate how well your needs are being met for each of the programs 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=483)

	Fully met	Mostly met	Partly met	Not met
Q9-1. Youth Learn to Swim programs	15.9%	29.7%	24.6%	29.7%
Q9-2. Pre-school programs	24.2%	16.7%	28.8%	30.3%
Q9-3. Before & after school programs	21.2%	23.5%	28.2%	27.1%
Q9-4. Youth summer camp programs	9.4%	24.4%	41.7%	24.4%
Q9-5. Youth sports programs	20.7%	28.6%	32.1%	18.6%
Q9-6. Youth fitness & wellness programs	9.3%	19.4%	35.7%	35.7%
Q9-7. eSport gaming programs	10.9%	6.5%	19.6%	63.0%
Q9-8. Martial arts programs	10.9%	5.5%	27.3%	56.4%
Q9-9. Adult fitness & wellness programs	12.1%	21.1%	41.2%	25.7%
Q9-10. Water fitness programs	10.4%	25.1%	38.1%	26.4%
Q9-11. Tennis/pickleball lessons & leagues	9.0%	25.8%	36.8%	28.4%
Q9-12. Youth gymnastics & cheerleading	14.5%	12.9%	32.3%	40.3%
Q9-13. Senior programs	8.8%	22.8%	34.5%	33.9%
Q9-14. Youth & adult arts & crafts programs	7.0%	23.7%	38.7%	30.6%
Q9-15. Youth & adult drama/performing arts programs	13.2%	20.9%	42.6%	23.3%
Q9-16. Programs for disabled	3.1%	7.8%	31.3%	57.8%
Q9-17. Special events	10.5%	31.6%	41.8%	16.0%
Q9-18. Fishing programs	12.9%	23.9%	39.9%	23.3%
Q9-19. Nature programs	8.9%	24.3%	46.7%	20.1%
Q9-20. Golf programs/lessons	17.9%	35.9%	29.1%	17.1%
Q9-21. Outdoor adventure (camping, backpacking, climbing, etc.)	8.7%	24.8%	38.1%	28.4%
Q9-22. Outdoor archery programs	11.6%	17.0%	33.9%	37.5%
Q9-23. Canoeing & kayaking	8.2%	21.2%	33.5%	37.1%

WITHOUT NO NEED

Q9. Please indicate how well your needs are being met for each of the programs 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
Q9-24. Travel & tourism (day trips)	6.7%	13.8%	34.8%	44.8%
Q9-25. Other	5.9%	0.0%	23.5%	70.6%

Q9-25. Other

- Access to indoor soccer facilities.
  Activity times are difficult for working parents during the school year. More options on the weekend.
  Access to indoor basketball facilities? Unsure where we can go to just shoot hoops during the cold months other than the westside wellness center now. Would be nice to have more options for indoor sport activities.
- Access to the warm water pool at Midco is determined by class schedules. It should be available at all times.
- ADULTS ONLY ….ADULTS ONLY…ACULTS ONLY….SOME SOPHISTICATED OUTDOOR PROGRAMS FOR AFULTS….WHY DOES FSD CATER TO ALL THE CHILDREN ‘S ACTIVITIES.
- Advanced outdoor water parks.
- Better bike Street access
- Bike trails
- Bike trails
- Biking programs. I get that biking is an individual thing but we have this amazing bike trail and no programs I am aware of to get kids or adults out on it. Rentals? Mountain biking classes? Partner with FAST? Expand off pavement biking.
- Bring back open gyms at community centers! We need spaces for kids and adults to play. Our adult coed rec soccer team plays at the Sanford complex but has nowhere to practice during the winter.
- contra dancing
- dog meet up by breed
- Don't get information on anything
- Fenceless dog parks with hiking
- free park yoga
- Great Bear Ski Valley is a hidden gem in this community and needs to be fully supported by the city and it's Parks Department
- I would like extended bike trails to surrounding towns. I would like more kayaking docks around the big Sioux in Sioux Falls area.
- Ice skating ribbon. More yoga classes.
- Indoor recreation is non-existent unless your a child that wants to swim.
- It would be really helpful if the City offered opportunities for individuals looking to be involved (like on a sand volleyball team) an avenue to find other interested people. I would participate in more options, but I don’t have an entire team to register and I’d like the opportunity to find others with similar interests.
- Levitt
- Most of the not met have to do with awareness. I am not sure where to look to know what is going on. Also my age of 78 precludes many activities.
- Mountain biking
- Need more hockey rinks!!!!!!!! With the size of Sioux Falls, and the fact that we have. D1 program, we are lacking with rinks. Towns smaller than us have significantly more rinks and offer more tournaments, which bring in more cash flow for the community
- No homeless yoga classes

- Nordic ski trails are very poor. Trails cannot be on multi use trails. Walkers never respect the groomed surface. The best place for Nordic trails and most common around the country is on golf courses. I highly recommend using Elmwood golf course for this. Other sports don't use multi use facilities. It doesn't work.
- Outdoor rink
- Outdoor dog park - specifically off leash areas.
- Outdoor ice rink availability is very poor.
- Parks and Rec is highly focused on youth programs, athletics, and heavily modified and landscaped areas they refer to as "nature" areas. The only ACTUAL nature area they have is Family Park, but the plans they proposed would pave and landscape the majority of the park - despite basically every survey respondent and forum attendee saying they want the city to LEAVE IT NATURAL.
- Please look into the new Parks building that Fargo, ND just built. ND parks, the city and partnered with Sanford just opened a MASSIVE facility that will bring in millions of dollars in the years to come. Last weekend the facility hosted a hockey tournament, football tournament and competitive cheer competition all at the same time. Sioux Falls has nothing like this. We are very much lacking in the ICE department. We have 300,000 people if you combine Harrisburg and Tea with Sioux Falls and only 3 sheets of ice to use. NOT DOING ENOUGH!!!
- Programs specifically for seniors
- Self-help
- Snow sports including downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. Great Bear is awesome but the lodge gets congested at its current size.
  Off leash dog park - we love Family Park and hope it remains in tact. Would love to see an off-leash dog park option on the east side as well.
- The lack of ice hockey is unbelievably low compared to all our neighboring communities. Even if you just did an outdoor rink with a shelter over it and a chiller to keep it froze on 40 degree days. It would be busy every single day, unlike outdoor basket ball and tennis court and soccer and football fields.

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

Q10. Top choice	Number	Percent
Youth Learn to Swim programs	33	6.8 %
Pre-school programs	7	1.4 %
Before & after school programs	21	4.3 %
Youth summer camp programs	17	3.5 %
Youth sports programs	26	5.4 %
Youth fitness & wellness programs	8	1.7 %
eSport gaming programs	1	0.2 %
Martial arts programs	2	0.4 %
Adult fitness & wellness programs	67	13.9 %
Water fitness programs	20	4.1 %
Tennis/pickleball lessons & leagues	16	3.3 %
Youth gymnastics & cheerleading	2	0.4 %
Senior programs	37	7.7 %
Youth & adult arts & crafts programs	12	2.5 %
Youth & adult drama/performing arts programs	6	1.2 %
Programs for disabled	11	2.3 %
Special events	21	4.3 %
Fishing programs	8	1.7 %
Nature programs	26	5.4 %
Golf programs/lessons	12	2.5 %
Outdoor adventure (camping, backpacking, climbing, etc.)	26	5.4 %
Outdoor archery programs	1	0.2 %
Canoeing & kayaking	5	1.0 %
Travel & tourism (day trips)	13	2.7 %
None chosen	85	17.6 %
Total	483	100.0 %

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

Q10. 2nd choice	Number	Percent
Youth Learn to Swim programs	14	2.9 %
Pre-school programs	13	2.7 %
Before & after school programs	11	2.3 %
Youth summer camp programs	18	3.7 %
Youth sports programs	17	3.5 %
Youth fitness & wellness programs	13	2.7 %
eSport gaming programs	1	0.2 %
Adult fitness & wellness programs	51	10.6 %
Water fitness programs	26	5.4 %
Tennis/pickleball lessons & leagues	16	3.3 %
Senior programs	32	6.6 %
Youth & adult arts & crafts programs	15	3.1 %
Youth & adult drama/performing arts programs	6	1.2 %
Programs for disabled	6	1.2 %
Special events	27	5.6 %
Fishing programs	4	0.8 %
Nature programs	39	8.1 %
Golf programs/lessons	13	2.7 %
Outdoor adventure (camping, backpacking, climbing, etc.)	15	3.1 %
Outdoor archery programs	1	0.2 %
Canoeing & kayaking	23	4.8 %
Travel & tourism (day trips)	16	3.3 %
None chosen	106	21.9 %
Total	483	100.0 %

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

Q10. 3rd choice	Number	Percent
Youth Learn to Swim programs	10	2.1 %
Pre-school programs	2	0.4 %
Before & after school programs	10	2.1 %
Youth summer camp programs	15	3.1 %
Youth sports programs	12	2.5 %
Youth fitness & wellness programs	10	2.1 %
eSport gaming programs	6	1.2 %
Martial arts programs	4	0.8 %
Adult fitness & wellness programs	44	9.1 %
Water fitness programs	18	3.7 %
Tennis/pickleball lessons & leagues	16	3.3 %
Youth gymnastics & cheerleading	4	0.8 %
Senior programs	31	6.4 %
Youth & adult arts & crafts programs	13	2.7 %
Youth & adult drama/performing arts programs	7	1.4 %
Programs for disabled	7	1.4 %
Special events	26	5.4 %
Fishing programs	17	3.5 %
Nature programs	26	5.4 %
Golf programs/lessons	7	1.4 %
Outdoor adventure (camping, backpacking, climbing, etc.)	25	5.2 %
Outdoor archery programs	4	0.8 %
Canoeing & kayaking	17	3.5 %
Travel & tourism (day trips)	22	4.6 %
None chosen	130	26.9 %
Total	483	100.0 %

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

Q10. 4th choice	Number	Percent
Youth Learn to Swim programs	4	0.8 %
Pre-school programs	4	0.8 %
Before & after school programs	7	1.4 %
Youth summer camp programs	12	2.5 %
Youth sports programs	7	1.4 %
Youth fitness & wellness programs	12	2.5 %
eSport gaming programs	3	0.6 %
Martial arts programs	2	0.4 %
Adult fitness & wellness programs	27	5.6 %
Water fitness programs	9	1.9 %
Tennis/pickleball lessons & leagues	13	2.7 %
Youth gymnastics & cheerleading	3	0.6 %
Senior programs	17	3.5 %
Youth & adult arts & crafts programs	17	3.5 %
Youth & adult drama/performing arts programs	11	2.3 %
Programs for disabled	6	1.2 %
Special events	33	6.8 %
Fishing programs	9	1.9 %
Nature programs	22	4.6 %
Golf programs/lessons	9	1.9 %
Outdoor adventure (camping, backpacking, climbing, etc.)	21	4.3 %
Outdoor archery programs	8	1.7 %
Canoeing & kayaking	12	2.5 %
Travel & tourism (day trips)	24	5.0 %
None chosen	191	39.5 %
Total	483	100.0 %

SUM OF TOP 4 CHOICES

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

Q10. Top choice	Number	Percent
Youth Learn to Swim programs	61	12.6 %
Pre-school programs	26	5.4 %
Before & after school programs	49	10.1 %
Youth summer camp programs	62	12.8 %
Youth sports programs	62	12.8 %
Youth fitness & wellness programs	43	8.9 %
eSport gaming programs	11	2.3 %
Martial arts programs	8	1.7 %
Adult fitness & wellness programs	189	39.1 %
Water fitness programs	73	15.1 %
Tennis/pickleball lessons & leagues	61	12.6 %
Youth gymnastics & cheerleading	9	1.9 %
Senior programs	117	24.2 %
Youth & adult arts & crafts programs	57	11.8 %
Youth & adult drama/performing arts programs	30	6.2 %
Programs for disabled	30	6.2 %
Special events	107	22.2 %
Fishing programs	38	7.9 %
Nature programs	113	23.4 %
Golf programs/lessons	41	8.5 %
Outdoor adventure (camping, backpacking, climbing, etc.)	87	18.0 %
Outdoor archery programs	14	2.9 %
Canoeing & kayaking	57	11.8 %
Travel & tourism (day trips)	75	15.5 %
None chosen	85	17.6 %
Total	1505	

Q11. The cost to provide recreation programs are funded through a combination of participant fees and general tax revenues. The following are categories of programs offered by Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation. For each program category, please indicate what percent of the program cost should be paid by taxes and what percent by user fees.

(N=483)

	100% taxes, 0% fees	75% taxes, 25% fees	50% taxes, 50% fees	25% taxes, 75% fees	0% taxes, 100% fees	Don't know
Q11-1. Youth sports programs & leagues	8.7%	20.3%	25.5%	13.7%	13.7%	18.2%
Q11-2. Adult sports leagues	3.1%	5.2%	19.5%	21.7%	33.5%	17.0%
Q11-3. Youth camps	7.0%	19.0%	28.8%	14.3%	13.5%	17.4%
Q11-4. Adult classes (exercise, arts, dance, etc.)	3.7%	6.2%	23.6%	20.1%	31.3%	15.1%
Q11-5. Youth classes (arts, dance, etc.)	8.5%	18.6%	26.3%	13.5%	13.7%	19.5%
Q11-6. Learn to swim programs	19.5%	21.7%	22.2%	9.9%	11.8%	14.9%
Q11-7. Senior adults classes	11.4%	13.9%	25.5%	13.5%	17.8%	18.0%
Q11-8. Special events & festivals	14.7%	11.0%	24.8%	12.6%	20.1%	16.8%
Q11-9. Programs for low income residents	29.8%	24.4%	18.0%	4.8%	7.0%	15.9%
Q11-10. Programs for special populations/disabled	37.3%	19.5%	14.5%	6.0%	6.8%	15.9%
Q11-11. Field rentals for youth sports tournaments	7.5%	12.6%	23.0%	14.5%	23.8%	18.6%
Q11-12. Field rentals for adult sports tournaments	2.9%	6.6%	20.9%	17.0%	35.0%	17.6%
Q11-13. Pool passes	7.5%	13.7%	35.6%	13.0%	14.3%	15.9%
Q11-14. Recreation center passes	7.5%	13.5%	31.3%	14.3%	17.4%	16.1%

WITHOUT DON'T KNOW

Q11. The cost to provide recreation programs are funded through a combination of participant fees and general tax revenues. The following are categories of programs offered by Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation. For each program category, please indicate what percent of the program cost should be paid by taxes and what percent by user fees. (without "don't know")

(N=483)

	100% taxes, 0% fees	75% taxes, 25% fees	50% taxes, 50% fees	25% taxes, 75% fees	0% taxes, 100% fees
Q11-1. Youth sports programs & leagues	10.6%	24.8%	31.1%	16.7%	16.7%
Q11-2. Adult sports leagues	3.7%	6.2%	23.4%	26.2%	40.4%
Q11-3. Youth camps	8.5%	23.1%	34.8%	17.3%	16.3%
Q11-4. Adult classes (exercise, arts, dance, etc.)	4.4%	7.3%	27.8%	23.7%	36.8%
Q11-5. Youth classes (arts, dance, etc.)	10.5%	23.1%	32.6%	16.7%	17.0%
Q11-6. Learn to swim programs	22.9%	25.5%	26.0%	11.7%	13.9%
Q11-7. Senior adults classes	13.9%	16.9%	31.1%	16.4%	21.7%
Q11-8. Special events & festivals	17.7%	13.2%	29.9%	15.2%	24.1%
Q11-9. Programs for low income residents	35.5%	29.1%	21.4%	5.7%	8.4%
Q11-10. Programs for special populations/ disabled	44.3%	23.2%	17.2%	7.1%	8.1%
Q11-11. Field rentals for youth sports tournaments	9.2%	15.5%	28.2%	17.8%	29.3%
Q11-12. Field rentals for adult sports tournaments	3.5%	8.0%	25.4%	20.6%	42.5%
Q11-13. Pool passes	8.9%	16.3%	42.4%	15.5%	17.0%
Q11-14. Recreation center passes	8.9%	16.0%	37.3%	17.0%	20.7%

Q12. From the following list, please check ALL the times on WEEKDAYS that you and members of your household would be interested in Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation offering programs, services and facilities.

Q12. Times on WEEKDAYS your household members would be interested in Sioux Falls Parks & Recreation offering programs, services & facilities	Number	Percent
Mornings (before 8am)	70	14.5 %
Mornings (8am-noon)	164	34.0 %
Afternoons (noon-3pm)	159	32.9 %
Afternoons (3pm-5pm)	175	36.2 %
Evenings (5pm-6pm)	230	47.6 %
Evenings (6pm-8pm)	294	60.9 %
Evenings (after 8pm)	112	23.2 %
Total	1204	

Q12. From the following list, please check ALL the times on SATURDAYS that you and members of your household would be interested in Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation offering programs, services and facilities.

Q12. Times on SATURAYS your household members would be interested in Sioux Falls Parks & Recreation offering programs, services & facilities	Number	Percent
Mornings (before 8am)	89	18.4 %
Mornings (8am-noon)	318	65.8 %
Afternoons (noon-3pm)	323	66.9 %
Afternoons (3pm-5pm)	290	60.0 %
Evenings (5pm-8pm)	241	49.9 %
Evenings (after 8pm)	99	20.5 %
Total	1360	

Q12. From the following list, please check ALL the times on SUNDAYS that you and members of your household would be interested in Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation offering programs, services and facilities.

Q12. Times on SUNDAYS your household members would be interested in Sioux Falls Parks & Recreation offering programs, services & facilities	Number	Percent
Mornings (before 8am)	52	10.8 %
Mornings (8am-noon)	165	34.2 %
Afternoons (noon-3pm)	309	64.0 %
Afternoons (3pm-5pm)	302	62.5 %
Evenings (5pm-8pm)	200	41.4 %
Evenings (after 8pm)	55	11.4 %
Total	1083	

Q13. Please indicate how well your needs are being met for each of the facilities/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=483)

	Fully met	Mostly met	Partly met	Not met	No need
Q13-1. Youth soccer fields	13.9%	8.1%	2.7%	1.4%	73.9%
Q13-2. Youth baseball & softball fields	11.2%	7.5%	3.1%	1.9%	76.4%
Q13-3. Youth football fields	8.3%	6.8%	2.9%	1.2%	80.7%
Q13-4. Adult softball fields	8.3%	6.4%	2.7%	0.8%	81.8%
Q13-5. Adult soccer fields	7.5%	3.5%	2.7%	0.8%	85.5%
Q13-6. Small neighborhood parks	16.1%	33.7%	21.7%	11.6%	16.8%
Q13-7. Large community parks	23.2%	38.7%	15.7%	4.6%	17.8%
Q13-8. Off-leash dog parks	9.7%	11.4%	13.0%	4.8%	61.1%
Q13-9. Outdoor swimming pools/water parks	11.0%	28.2%	23.4%	7.0%	30.4%
Q13-10. Playground equipment	11.2%	27.5%	17.6%	4.3%	39.3%
Q13-11. Outdoor basketball courts	8.7%	10.8%	10.4%	3.5%	66.7%
Q13-12. Outdoor tennis courts	9.9%	11.2%	9.9%	2.1%	66.9%
Q13-13. Outdoor refrigerated ice-skating rinks	5.8%	7.0%	10.4%	12.2%	64.6%
Q13-14. Outdoor spray ground	7.7%	12.4%	15.1%	3.9%	60.9%
Q13-15. Pickleball courts	6.2%	9.7%	13.0%	7.5%	63.6%
Q13-16. Paved bike trails	30.4%	31.3%	11.2%	3.7%	23.4%
Q13-17. Mountain biking/single track	6.6%	11.0%	9.1%	4.3%	68.9%
Q13-18. Walking/hiking trails	21.1%	32.1%	23.6%	6.4%	16.8%
Q13-19. Natural areas & wildlife habitats	13.7%	26.3%	30.0%	9.1%	20.9%
Q13-20. Boating & fishing areas	5.2%	8.9%	18.4%	9.3%	58.2%
Q13-21. Picnic areas & shelters	19.0%	35.0%	19.0%	3.1%	23.8%
Q13-22. Outdoor skate park	12.4%	8.5%	6.2%	1.9%	71.0%
Q13-23. Golf courses	15.7%	12.8%	5.4%	1.4%	64.6%

Q13. Please indicate how well your needs are being met for each of the facilities/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.

	Fully met	Mostly met	Partly met	Not met	No need
Q13-24. Community gardens	5.8%	12.8%	18.2%	8.3%	54.9%
Q13-25. Indoor sports fields (football, soccer, etc.)	6.4%	6.6%	9.5%	9.7%	67.7%
Q13-26. Indoor playground	2.1%	2.1%	7.9%	34.2%	53.8%
Q13-27. Indoor basketball/volleyball courts	5.0%	5.6%	10.4%	9.3%	69.8%
Q13-28. Indoor fitness & exercise facilities	8.5%	14.5%	20.7%	17.2%	39.1%
Q13-29. Indoor running/walking track	6.2%	10.4%	17.4%	25.9%	40.2%
Q13-30. Indoor swimming pools/leisure pool	8.7%	18.6%	25.1%	13.5%	34.2%
Q13-31. Indoor rock climbing wall	3.7%	3.5%	7.7%	15.5%	69.6%
Q13-32. Winter sledding hill	9.5%	12.2%	17.4%	7.2%	53.6%
Q13-33. Adventure/ropes course/zipline	1.4%	2.7%	4.8%	29.0%	62.1%
Q13-34. Outdoor open field space/practice space	6.4%	12.6%	11.4%	6.4%	63.1%
Q13-35. Other	0.4%	0.2%	0.8%	3.9%	94.6%

WITHOUT NO NEED

Q13. Please indicate how well your needs are being met for each of the facilities/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")

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	Fully met	Mostly met	Partly met	Not met
Q13-1. Youth soccer fields	53.2%	31.0%	10.3%	5.6%
Q13-2. Youth baseball & softball fields	47.4%	31.6%	13.2%	7.9%
Q13-3. Youth football fields	43.0%	35.5%	15.1%	6.5%
Q13-4. Adult softball fields	45.5%	35.2%	14.8%	4.5%
Q13-5. Adult soccer fields	51.4%	24.3%	18.6%	5.7%
Q13-6. Small neighborhood parks	19.4%	40.5%	26.1%	13.9%
Q13-7. Large community parks	28.2%	47.1%	19.1%	5.5%
Q13-8. Off-leash dog parks	25.0%	29.3%	33.5%	12.2%
Q13-9. Outdoor swimming pools/water parks	15.8%	40.5%	33.6%	10.1%
Q13-10. Playground equipment	18.4%	45.4%	29.0%	7.2%
Q13-11. Outdoor basketball courts	26.1%	32.3%	31.1%	10.6%
Q13-12. Outdoor tennis courts	30.0%	33.8%	30.0%	6.3%
Q13-13. Outdoor refrigerated ice-skating rinks	16.4%	19.9%	29.2%	34.5%
Q13-14. Outdoor spray ground	19.6%	31.7%	38.6%	10.1%
Q13-15. Pickleball courts	17.0%	26.7%	35.8%	20.5%
Q13-16. Paved bike trails	39.7%	40.8%	14.6%	4.9%
Q13-17. Mountain biking/single track	21.3%	35.3%	29.3%	14.0%
Q13-18. Walking/hiking trails	25.4%	38.6%	28.4%	7.7%
Q13-19. Natural areas & wildlife habitats	17.3%	33.2%	38.0%	11.5%
Q13-20. Boating & fishing areas	12.4%	21.3%	44.1%	22.3%
Q13-21. Picnic areas & shelters	25.0%	45.9%	25.0%	4.1%
Q13-22. Outdoor skate park	42.9%	29.3%	21.4%	6.4%
Q13-23. Golf courses	44.4%	36.3%	15.2%	4.1%
Q13-24. Community gardens	12.8%	28.4%	40.4%	18.3%

WITHOUT NO NEED

Q13. Please indicate how well your needs are being met for each of the facilities/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")

	Fully met	Mostly met	Partly met	Not met
Q13-25. Indoor sports fields (football, soccer, etc.)	19.9%	20.5%	29.5%	30.1%
Q13-26. Indoor playground	4.5%	4.5%	17.0%	74.0%
Q13-27. Indoor basketball/volleyball courts	16.4%	18.5%	34.2%	30.8%
Q13-28. Indoor fitness & exercise facilities	13.9%	23.8%	34.0%	28.2%
Q13-29. Indoor running/walking track	10.4%	17.3%	29.1%	43.3%
Q13-30. Indoor swimming pools/leisure pool	13.2%	28.3%	38.1%	20.4%
Q13-31. Indoor rock climbing wall	12.2%	11.6%	25.2%	51.0%
Q13-32. Winter sledding hill	20.5%	26.3%	37.5%	15.6%
Q13-33. Adventure/ropes course/zipline	3.8%	7.1%	12.6%	76.5%
Q13-34. Outdoor open field space/practice space	17.4%	34.3%	30.9%	17.4%
Q13-35. Other	7.7%	3.8%	15.4%	73.1%

Q13-35. Other

- Accessible playground equipment, especially playground ramps, wheelchair swings, wheelchair merry-go-rounds
- ADULT ONLY QUIET OPEN SPACES……. SMALLER ADULT ONLY MUSIC VENUES, INDOOR OR OUT….
- archery facilities
- Better Street bike route
- Cross country ski trails.
- dancing venue
- Disc golf course
- Disc golf course
- I'm still disappointed that the toddler open gym time ended 2 years ago and hasn't been replaced with anything during the school year.
- indoor dog parks
- Indoor ice rink
- indoor kids fitness, climbing, jumping etc.
- Lived here for 2 years and not sure where a lot of these things are.
- More gardens, fountains and relaxing environments.
- More hockey rinks!!!!! Only 3 sheets of indoor ice available for a community of 200000+. Too cold most days to skate outdoors, or too warm and the ice melts. Need more indoor availability
- More ice rinks
- Natural Playground with fresh water for kids to play in
- Need better Nordic skiing trails

- NOT MUCH AVAILABLE CLOSE TO HOME
- outdoor rinks, for roller hockey or roller derby
- Removing auto parking in Falls park, just to have more open space.
- space for swimming lessons
- The city currently has an area designated as an off-leash dog park that fully meets our needs AS IS. It is perfect for us the way it is, and it gets a LOT of use. Please DO NOT CHANGE THIS PARK.
- We need a refrigerated ice rink - covered so it would be much easier to maintain the ice. The sheets of ice in Sioux Falls are not enough- young kids have to practice at 6am and Sioux falls kids are losing to other, much smaller towns and a big problem is believed to be availability of ice. We have lots of summer stuff- need more winter recreation.
- We need more space designated and set aside for parks in the developing residential areas! It seems like the planning for parks is completely an afterthought compared to how they were planned for when our city's core neighborhoods were developed. It's heartbreaking to see all the wetlands being plowed under for development - surely some of the resulting open drainage field space could be used for nature/park areas? Like what is the plan for E. 57th and Veterans Parkway south of the ballfields? That would be a lovely natural interpretive area.
- We would love to see a pump track for all ages to ride and learn on. The city of Sturgis has a phenomenal one my family loves to use when we're in the hills area

Q14. Which FOUR facilities/amenities from the list in Question 13 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

Q14. Top choice	Number	Percent
Youth soccer fields	9	1.9 %
Youth baseball & softball fields	10	2.1 %
Youth football fields	3	0.6 %
Adult softball fields	4	0.8 %
Small neighborhood parks	82	17.0 %
Large community parks	32	6.6 %
Off-leash dog parks	16	3.3 %
Outdoor swimming pools/water parks	18	3.7 %
Playground equipment	11	2.3 %
Outdoor basketball courts	1	0.2 %
Outdoor tennis courts	4	0.8 %
Outdoor refrigerated ice-skating rinks	17	3.5 %
Outdoor spray ground	2	0.4 %
Pickleball courts	17	3.5 %
Paved bike trails	52	10.8 %
Mountain biking/single track	3	0.6 %
Walking/hiking trails	33	6.8 %
Natural areas & wildlife habitats	16	3.3 %
Boating & fishing areas	2	0.4 %
Picnic areas & shelters	1	0.2 %
Outdoor skate park	2	0.4 %
Golf courses	13	2.7 %
Community gardens	1	0.2 %
Indoor sports fields (football, soccer, etc.)	5	1.0 %
Indoor playground	17	3.5 %
Indoor basketball/volleyball courts	4	0.8 %
Indoor fitness & exercise facilities	12	2.5 %
Indoor running/walking track	8	1.7 %
Indoor swimming pools/leisure pool	26	5.4 %
Indoor rock climbing wall	1	0.2 %
Winter sledding hill	1	0.2 %
Outdoor open field space/practice space	2	0.4 %
None chosen	58	12.0 %
Total	483	100.0 %

Q14. Which FOUR facilities/amenities from the list in Question 13 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

Q14. 2nd choice	Number	Percent
Youth soccer fields	8	1.7 %
Youth baseball & softball fields	1	0.2 %
Youth football fields	2	0.4 %
Adult softball fields	3	0.6 %
Adult soccer fields	3	0.6 %
Small neighborhood parks	48	9.9 %
Large community parks	37	7.7 %
Off-leash dog parks	17	3.5 %
Outdoor swimming pools/water parks	24	5.0 %
Playground equipment	14	2.9 %
Outdoor basketball courts	1	0.2 %
Outdoor tennis courts	3	0.6 %
Outdoor refrigerated ice-skating rinks	2	0.4 %
Outdoor spray ground	2	0.4 %
Pickleball courts	12	2.5 %
Paved bike trails	44	9.1 %
Mountain biking/single track	9	1.9 %
Walking/hiking trails	55	11.4 %
Natural areas & wildlife habitats	28	5.8 %
Boating & fishing areas	2	0.4 %
Picnic areas & shelters	6	1.2 %
Outdoor skate park	1	0.2 %
Golf courses	10	2.1 %
Community gardens	6	1.2 %
Indoor sports fields (football, soccer, etc.)	5	1.0 %
Indoor playground	18	3.7 %
Indoor basketball/volleyball courts	2	0.4 %
Indoor fitness & exercise facilities	13	2.7 %
Indoor running/walking track	16	3.3 %
Indoor swimming pools/leisure pool	16	3.3 %
Indoor rock climbing wall	2	0.4 %
Adventure/ropes course/zipline	2	0.4 %
None chosen	71	14.7 %
Total	483	100.0 %

Q14. Which FOUR facilities/amenities from the list in Question 13 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

Q14. 3rd choice	Number	Percent
Youth soccer fields	7	1.4 %
Youth baseball & softball fields	1	0.2 %
Youth football fields	2	0.4 %
Adult softball fields	1	0.2 %
Small neighborhood parks	23	4.8 %
Large community parks	32	6.6 %
Off-leash dog parks	7	1.4 %
Outdoor swimming pools/water parks	25	5.2 %
Playground equipment	17	3.5 %
Outdoor basketball courts	2	0.4 %
Outdoor tennis courts	3	0.6 %
Outdoor refrigerated ice-skating rinks	3	0.6 %
Outdoor spray ground	3	0.6 %
Pickleball courts	12	2.5 %
Paved bike trails	32	6.6 %
Mountain biking/single track	6	1.2 %
Walking/hiking trails	48	9.9 %
Natural areas & wildlife habitats	44	9.1 %
Boating & fishing areas	11	2.3 %
Picnic areas & shelters	12	2.5 %
Outdoor skate park	1	0.2 %
Golf courses	7	1.4 %
Community gardens	13	2.7 %
Indoor sports fields (football, soccer, etc.)	4	0.8 %
Indoor playground	14	2.9 %
Indoor basketball/volleyball courts	3	0.6 %
Indoor fitness & exercise facilities	13	2.7 %
Indoor running/walking track	17	3.5 %
Indoor swimming pools/leisure pool	20	4.1 %
Indoor rock climbing wall	2	0.4 %
Winter sledding hill	2	0.4 %
Adventure/ropes course/zipline	5	1.0 %
Outdoor open field space/practice space	2	0.4 %
None chosen	89	18.4 %
Total	483	100.0 %

Q14. Which FOUR facilities/amenities from the list in Question 13 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

Q14. 4th choice	Number	Percent
Youth soccer fields	2	0.4 %
Youth baseball & softball fields	3	0.6 %
Adult softball fields	4	0.8 %
Small neighborhood parks	22	4.6 %
Large community parks	16	3.3 %
Off-leash dog parks	15	3.1 %
Outdoor swimming pools/water parks	13	2.7 %
Playground equipment	19	3.9 %
Outdoor tennis courts	1	0.2 %
Outdoor refrigerated ice-skating rinks	3	0.6 %
Outdoor spray ground	3	0.6 %
Pickleball courts	7	1.4 %
Paved bike trails	21	4.3 %
Mountain biking/single track	4	0.8 %
Walking/hiking trails	34	7.0 %
Natural areas & wildlife habitats	41	8.5 %
Boating & fishing areas	8	1.7 %
Picnic areas & shelters	21	4.3 %
Outdoor skate park	3	0.6 %
Golf courses	9	1.9 %
Community gardens	16	3.3 %
Indoor sports fields (football, soccer, etc.)	3	0.6 %
Indoor playground	15	3.1 %
Indoor basketball/volleyball courts	2	0.4 %
Indoor fitness & exercise facilities	14	2.9 %
Indoor running/walking track	13	2.7 %
Indoor swimming pools/leisure pool	23	4.8 %
Indoor rock climbing wall	2	0.4 %
Winter sledding hill	2	0.4 %
Adventure/ropes course/zipline	14	2.9 %
Outdoor open field space/practice space	2	0.4 %
None chosen	128	26.5 %
Total	483	100.0 %

SUM OF TOP 4 CHOICES

Q14. Which FOUR facilities/amenities from the list in Question 13 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household? (top 4)

Q14. Top choice	Number	Percent
Youth soccer fields	26	5.4 %
Youth baseball & softball fields	15	3.1 %
Youth football fields	7	1.4 %
Adult softball fields	12	2.5 %
Adult soccer fields	3	0.6 %
Small neighborhood parks	175	36.2 %
Large community parks	117	24.2 %
Off-leash dog parks	55	11.4 %
Outdoor swimming pools/water parks	80	16.6 %
Playground equipment	61	12.6 %
Outdoor basketball courts	4	0.8 %
Outdoor tennis courts	11	2.3 %
Outdoor refrigerated ice-skating rinks	25	5.2 %
Outdoor spray ground	10	2.1 %
Pickleball courts	48	9.9 %
Paved bike trails	149	30.8 %
Mountain biking/single track	22	4.6 %
Walking/hiking trails	170	35.2 %
Natural areas & wildlife habitats	129	26.7 %
Boating & fishing areas	23	4.8 %
Picnic areas & shelters	40	8.3 %
Outdoor skate park	7	1.4 %
Golf courses	39	8.1 %
Community gardens	36	7.5 %
Indoor sports fields (football, soccer, etc.)	17	3.5 %
Indoor playground	64	13.3 %
Indoor basketball/volleyball courts	11	2.3 %
Indoor fitness & exercise facilities	52	10.8 %
Indoor running/walking track	54	11.2 %
Indoor swimming pools/leisure pool	85	17.6 %
Indoor rock climbing wall	7	1.4 %
Winter sledding hill	5	1.0 %
Adventure/ropes course/zipline	21	4.3 %
Outdoor open field space/practice space	6	1.2 %
None chosen	58	12.0 %
Total	1644	

Q15. As the City of Sioux Falls explores their current and potentially some new indoor recreation amenities, please select up to FOUR activities listed below that you or the members of your household would like to utilize.

Q15. Top choice	Number	Percent
After school programs	29	6.0 %
Summer camps	29	6.0 %
Sports leagues for youth & adults	34	7.0 %
Mind & body fitness classes	34	7.0 %
Senior programs	84	17.4 %
Gymnastics	6	1.2 %
Preschool programs	12	2.5 %
Teen programs	10	2.1 %
Swimming classes/open swim	39	8.1 %
Walking/running for exercise	51	10.6 %
Learn to programs for all ages	16	3.3 %
Cooking programs	15	3.1 %
Arts & crafts	18	3.7 %
Life skill programs	7	1.4 %
Open gym	17	3.5 %
Social events	12	2.5 %
Facility rentals	9	1.9 %
None chosen	61	12.6 %
Total	483	100.0 %

Q15. As the City of Sioux Falls explores their current and potentially some new indoor recreation amenities, please select up to FOUR activities listed below that you or the members of your household would like to utilize.

Q15. 2nd choice	Number	Percent
After school programs	11	2.3 %
Summer camps	28	5.8 %
Sports leagues for youth & adults	18	3.7 %
Mind & body fitness classes	47	9.7 %
Senior programs	36	7.5 %
Gymnastics	2	0.4 %
Preschool programs	9	1.9 %
Teen programs	10	2.1 %
Swimming classes/open swim	48	9.9 %
Walking/running for exercise	57	11.8 %
Learn to programs for all ages	31	6.4 %
Cooking programs	22	4.6 %
Arts & crafts	13	2.7 %
Life skill programs	11	2.3 %
Open gym	32	6.6 %
Social events	20	4.1 %
Facility rentals	10	2.1 %
None chosen	78	16.1 %
Total	483	100.0 %

Q15. As the City of Sioux Falls explores their current and potentially some new indoor recreation amenities, please select up to FOUR activities listed below that you or the members of your household would like to utilize.

Q15. 3rd choice	Number	Percent
After school programs	8	1.7 %
Summer camps	16	3.3 %
Sports leagues for youth & adults	18	3.7 %
Mind & body fitness classes	22	4.6 %
Senior programs	20	4.1 %
Gymnastics	6	1.2 %
Preschool programs	14	2.9 %
Teen programs	15	3.1 %
Swimming classes/open swim	34	7.0 %
Walking/running for exercise	35	7.2 %
Learn to programs for all ages	42	8.7 %
Cooking programs	29	6.0 %
Arts & crafts	39	8.1 %
Life skill programs	19	3.9 %
Open gym	14	2.9 %
Social events	23	4.8 %
Facility rentals	16	3.3 %
None chosen	113	23.4 %
Total	483	100.0 %

Q15. As the City of Sioux Falls explores their current and potentially some new indoor recreation amenities, please select up to FOUR activities listed below that you or the members of your household would like to utilize.

Q15. 4th choice	Number	Percent
After school programs	5	1.0 %
Summer camps	9	1.9 %
Sports leagues for youth & adults	17	3.5 %
Mind & body fitness classes	20	4.1 %
Senior programs	6	1.2 %
Gymnastics	3	0.6 %
Preschool programs	10	2.1 %
Teen programs	10	2.1 %
Swimming classes/open swim	21	4.3 %
Walking/running for exercise	30	6.2 %
Learn to programs for all ages	30	6.2 %
Cooking programs	29	6.0 %
Arts & crafts	30	6.2 %
Life skill programs	26	5.4 %
Open gym	20	4.1 %
Social events	48	9.9 %
Facility rentals	14	2.9 %
None chosen	155	32.1 %
Total	483	100.0 %

SUM OF TOP 4 CHOICES

Q15. As the City of Sioux Falls explores their current and potentially some new indoor recreation amenities, please select up to FOUR activities listed below that you or the members of your household would like to utilize. (top 4)

Q15. Top choice	Number	Percent
After school programs	53	11.0 %
Summer camps	82	17.0 %
Sports leagues for youth & adults	87	18.0 %
Mind & body fitness classes	123	25.5 %
Senior programs	146	30.2 %
Gymnastics	17	3.5 %
Preschool programs	45	9.3 %
Teen programs	45	9.3 %
Swimming classes/open swim	142	29.4 %
Walking/running for exercise	173	35.8 %
Learn to programs for all ages	119	24.6 %
Cooking programs	95	19.7 %
Arts & crafts	100	20.7 %
Life skill programs	63	13.0 %
Open gym	83	17.2 %
Social events	103	21.3 %
Facility rentals	49	10.1 %
None chosen	61	12.6 %
Total	1586	

Q16. Please rate your level of satisfaction with the overall value that your household receives from facilities, programs, or services at Sioux Falls Recreation.

Q16. Your level of satisfaction with overall value that your household receives from facilities, programs, or services at Sioux Falls Recreation	Number	Percent
Very satisfied	77	15.9 %
Satisfied	194	40.2 %
Neutral	142	29.4 %
Dissatisfied	21	4.3 %
Very dissatisfied	14	2.9 %
Don't know	35	7.2 %
Total	483	100.0 %

WITHOUT DON'T KNOW

Q16. Please rate your level of satisfaction with the overall value that your household receives from facilities, programs, or services at Sioux Falls Recreation. (without "don't know")

Q16. Your level of satisfaction with overall value that your household receives from facilities, programs, or services at Sioux Falls Recreation	Number	Percent
Very satisfied	77	17.2 %
Satisfied	194	43.3 %
Neutral	142	31.7 %
Dissatisfied	21	4.7 %
Very dissatisfied	14	3.1 %
Total	448	100.0 %

Q17. The following is a list of actions the City of Sioux Falls could take to improve its parks and recreation system. Please indicate your support for each potential action.

(N=483)

	Very supportive	Somewhat supportive	Not sure	Not supportive
Q17-1. Improve existing small neighborhood parks	58.8%	23.2%	14.3%	3.7%
Q17-2. Improve existing large community parks	48.4%	28.0%	17.6%	6.0%
Q17-3. Improve existing nature preserves	54.2%	23.6%	17.6%	4.6%
Q17-4. Improve existing youth sports fields	23.8%	33.5%	31.5%	11.2%
Q17-5. Improve existing paved walking & biking trails	51.3%	27.5%	15.7%	5.4%
Q17-6. Improve existing golf courses	11.2%	17.0%	35.6%	36.2%
Q17-7. Improve existing tennis court facilities	10.6%	21.9%	46.4%	21.1%
Q17-8. Improve existing adult sports fields	9.3%	26.3%	45.8%	18.6%
Q17-9. Improve existing nature centers	42.4%	27.3%	23.6%	6.6%
Q17-10. Improve existing swimming pools	46.6%	23.4%	23.0%	7.0%
Q17-11. Acquire new park land	45.8%	21.3%	25.3%	7.7%
Q17-12. Replace aging outdoor swimming pools	47.8%	24.4%	18.8%	8.9%
Q17-13. Develop new indoor recreation centers	46.2%	23.0%	19.0%	11.8%
Q17-14. Develop new splash parks	25.3%	30.6%	26.5%	17.6%
Q17-15. Develop new outdoor swimming pools	34.8%	26.3%	27.5%	11.4%
Q17-16. Develop new youth sports fields	17.4%	26.1%	40.4%	16.1%
Q17-17. Develop new trails that connect to existing trails	53.8%	24.8%	15.7%	5.6%
Q17-18. Develop new dog parks	19.9%	23.2%	33.1%	23.8%
Q17-19. Develop outdoor refrigerated ice rinks	15.7%	20.1%	38.3%	25.9%
Q17-20. Develop new golf courses	9.7%	10.1%	31.3%	48.9%

Q17. The following is a list of actions the City of Sioux Falls could take to improve its parks and recreation system. Please indicate your support for each potential action.

	Very supportive	Somewhat supportive	Not sure	Not supportive
Q17-21. Other	6.6%	0.4%	92.1%	0.8%

Q17-21. Other

- Add additional pickleball courts, indoor and outdoor
- Additional accessible playground equipment
- Additional pickleball courts.
- ADULT ONLY OUTDOOR SPACES, NO KIDS, NO TOYS, NO BIKES, NO SKATEBOARDS, NO MUSIC
- Area without light pollution for night sky programs.
- baseball stadium
- better roads
- Build more pickleball courts, indoor and outdoor
- Desperately need new restroom facilities at Spencer, Tomar, Yankton Trail parks.
  Indoor facilities for organized youth sports are badly needed. Access for team practice or individual growth is an absolute struggle to nonexistent. This leads to the private sector being the option creating a larger disparity between those who can afford youth sports. Childhood obesity rates are alarming. Being a cold climate, focusing on developing more indoor options is important for the communities health and future.
  Connecting the outskirts of town to the bike trail system would be amazing. It is a great way to get around town but from southwest 57th street, I do not have a safe way to ride my bike with small children to connect to the main trail. Distracted driving unfortunately has taken over our culture.
- Develop more indoor and outdoor pickleball courts for the public.
- Develop/implement more disability friendly access and playground equipment
- Developing outdoor homeless yoga facilities
- Don’t mess with Family Park…it is fantastic space as is. Don’t put a road through the middle.
- Facility rentals are definitely needed! We lost event space from the community centers 2 years ago and there is no comparable option available
- Frankly, I'm tired of subsidizing the hobby of a bunch of bicycle bros who already have 36+ MILES of paved bike trails in this city. You can claim these are "multi-use" or "for kids" but you know very well that if you take a demographic of the people actually using them it's mostly middle-aged men in spandex riding bikes worth thousands of dollars. What makes these people so special that I have to pay for their hobby, AND also risk losing the ONLY CITY PARK I USE to them? Especially since they'll just zoom in and out of the park in a matter of minutes a mere FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS out of the year.
  There are about 5k total people in all of the bicycle groups combined. Meanwhile, about a third of the people in this city have a dog and most refuse to use the muddy cages the city considers "dog parks". Why do you keep catering to an obvious minority, especially in this case where the city would lose it's ONLY real dog park?
- Great Bear Recreation Park, why is it not mentioned here?
- I am very supportive of improving existing amenities assuming the improvements are the more cost effective option (I.e., the cost of improving is less than the cost it would take to start/build new)
- Ice skating ribbon and public house
- Improve park safety.
- indoor dog parks for winter
- Indoor playground areas.
- make big activities. Make aquarium and butterfly house bigger
- More outdoor parks in the newer parts of Sioux Falls and more indoor parks.
- more small parks, connective to walking trails
- Natural Playground with clean water

- Needed fenceless off leash nature areas for hiking with dogs one park is not enough
- new indoor playground, kids fitness
- Nordic ski trails at Elmwood golf course
- Our real estate taxes are too high. We cannot afford to create all of these recreational options.
- outdoor race tracks
- Park Bathrooms and Warming Houses.
- Pickleball court
- PLEASE ADD BIKE LANES. AND MAKE THE BIKE TRAIL RUN THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF TOWN, ITS THE ONLY DENSELY POPULATED AREA IN TOWN AND BIKING INFRASTRUCTURE IS INCREDIBLY LACKING COMPARED TO ALMOST ANY OTHER CITY THIS SIZE, FEEL LIKES WE LIVE IN A VERY POOR CITY DUE TO LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE, OUR INNER CITY IS A HOLLOW SHELL WITH LIPSTICK, THERE IS NO MORE COMMUNITY IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS
- Please make a gym with concourse for walk/run. A lot of people enjoy going to the parks for walk/run. It's hard to do in winter. I see old people walking outside when I go run outside in winter and I'm worried if they fall :(
- Preserve existing open spaces.
- Public indoor fitness and walking tracks
- Re-institute indoor pickleball opportunities such as at Teri Radlin.
- Stop spending so much money when tax payers are not seeing a return.
- Support Levitt at the Falls
- Support mountain bike and single track paths
- Upgrading Great Bear as a whole. Seems to be a hidden gem the city kind of forgets about.
- You need better play ground equipment when a 5 year looks at a new park play ground set you just put in n goes what are you to do with this why did they remove the fun one here n put this in. We have left play grounds n not played cause you put in questionable stuff n smaller than what was there
  Sometimes got the fell you think put something small n unusable then a couple years we can take it out n not have a play ground here that we need to take care of

Q18. Which THREE improvements from the list in Question 17 would you be MOST WILLING to support with your tax dollars?

Q18. Top choice	Number	Percent
Improve existing small neighborhood parks	93	19.3 %
Improve existing large community parks	15	3.1 %
Improve existing nature preserves	27	5.6 %
Improve existing youth sports fields	14	2.9 %
Improve existing paved walking & biking trails	59	12.2 %
Improve existing golf courses	6	1.2 %
Improve existing tennis court facilities	2	0.4 %
Improve existing nature centers	15	3.1 %
Improve existing swimming pools	29	6.0 %
Acquire new park land	23	4.8 %
Replace aging outdoor swimming pools	18	3.7 %
Develop new indoor recreation centers	38	7.9 %
Develop new splash parks	4	0.8 %
Develop new outdoor swimming pools	9	1.9 %
Develop new youth sports fields	3	0.6 %
Develop new trails that connect to existing trails	39	8.1 %
Develop new dog parks	14	2.9 %
Develop outdoor refrigerated ice rinks	18	3.7 %
Develop new golf courses	7	1.4 %
None chosen	50	10.4 %
Total	483	100.0 %

Q18. Which THREE improvements from the list in Question 17 would you be MOST WILLING to support with your tax dollars?

Q18. 2nd choice	Number	Percent
Improve existing small neighborhood parks	38	7.9 %
Improve existing large community parks	39	8.1 %
Improve existing nature preserves	39	8.1 %
Improve existing youth sports fields	8	1.7 %
Improve existing paved walking & biking trails	38	7.9 %
Improve existing golf courses	9	1.9 %
Improve existing tennis court facilities	4	0.8 %
Improve existing adult sports fields	5	1.0 %
Improve existing nature centers	31	6.4 %
Improve existing swimming pools	27	5.6 %
Acquire new park land	15	3.1 %
Replace aging outdoor swimming pools	24	5.0 %
Develop new indoor recreation centers	42	8.7 %
Develop new splash parks	10	2.1 %
Develop new outdoor swimming pools	14	2.9 %
Develop new youth sports fields	6	1.2 %
Develop new trails that connect to existing trails	45	9.3 %
Develop new dog parks	4	0.8 %
Develop outdoor refrigerated ice rinks	10	2.1 %
Develop new golf courses	6	1.2 %
None chosen	69	14.3 %
Total	483	100.0 %

Q18. Which THREE improvements from the list in Question 17 would you be MOST WILLING to support with your tax dollars?

Q18. 3rd choice	Number	Percent
Improve existing small neighborhood parks	37	7.7 %
Improve existing large community parks	19	3.9 %
Improve existing nature preserves	38	7.9 %
Improve existing youth sports fields	10	2.1 %
Improve existing paved walking & biking trails	37	7.7 %
Improve existing golf courses	8	1.7 %
Improve existing tennis court facilities	2	0.4 %
Improve existing adult sports fields	4	0.8 %
Improve existing nature centers	30	6.2 %
Improve existing swimming pools	20	4.1 %
Acquire new park land	20	4.1 %
Replace aging outdoor swimming pools	23	4.8 %
Develop new indoor recreation centers	26	5.4 %
Develop new splash parks	10	2.1 %
Develop new outdoor swimming pools	23	4.8 %
Develop new youth sports fields	1	0.2 %
Develop new trails that connect to existing trails	37	7.7 %
Develop new dog parks	21	4.3 %
Develop outdoor refrigerated ice rinks	6	1.2 %
Develop new golf courses	3	0.6 %
None chosen	108	22.4 %
Total	483	100.0 %

SUM OF TOP 3 CHOICES

Q18. Which THREE improvements from the list in Question 17 would you be MOST WILLING to support with your tax dollars? (top 3)

Q18. Top choice	Number	Percent
Improve existing small neighborhood parks	168	34.8 %
Improve existing large community parks	73	15.1 %
Improve existing nature preserves	104	21.5 %
Improve existing youth sports fields	32	6.6 %
Improve existing paved walking & biking trails	134	27.7 %
Improve existing golf courses	23	4.8 %
Improve existing tennis court facilities	8	1.7 %
Improve existing adult sports fields	9	1.9 %
Improve existing nature centers	76	15.7 %
Improve existing swimming pools	76	15.7 %
Acquire new park land	58	12.0 %
Replace aging outdoor swimming pools	65	13.5 %
Develop new indoor recreation centers	106	21.9 %
Develop new splash parks	24	5.0 %
Develop new outdoor swimming pools	46	9.5 %
Develop new youth sports fields	10	2.1 %
Develop new trails that connect to existing trails	121	25.1 %
Develop new dog parks	39	8.1 %
Develop outdoor refrigerated ice rinks	34	7.0 %
Develop new golf courses	16	3.3 %
None chosen	50	10.4 %
Total	1272	

Q19. Listed below are the potential funding mechanisms that could be used to pay for the actions you indicated you most support in Question 18. Please rate your level of support for each of the following funding mechanisms.

(N=483)

	Very supportive	Somewhat supportive	Not sure	Not supportive
Q19-1. Bonds using existing sales tax revenues	31.3%	30.8%	30.4%	7.5%
Q19-2. Existing sales tax revenue	39.5%	30.4%	24.0%	6.0%
Q19-3. Corporate sponsorship & donations	67.1%	14.9%	16.4%	1.7%
Q19-4. Grants from state, federal, & private sources	68.7%	12.8%	15.7%	2.7%
Q19-5. Enterprise operations (concession stands, gift shops, etc.)	43.7%	29.2%	23.8%	3.3%
Q19-6. Program user fees for recreational programs	22.6%	42.2%	26.9%	8.3%
Q19-7. Existing property tax revenues	26.5%	27.1%	31.1%	15.3%
Q19-8. Impact/development fees	16.8%	23.0%	47.0%	13.3%
Q19-9. Dedicated tax for park improvements	19.9%	23.2%	35.4%	21.5%
Q19-10. Other	1.7%	0.0%	97.5%	0.8%

Q19-10. Other

- Community impact
- Cut taxes before spending money we do not have and can’t afford.
- Ending many redundant positions/programs/facilities and reinvesting the savings
- Establish trust fund or endowment
- Funding seems to be over balanced in direction of children’s activities…… my taxes are high, seems my share of park activities are low
- I am in support of prompt improvement in facilities so my family can utilize them. Happy to support all ways to support as many projects as possible as fast as possible.
- I don't know what "Other" would be, so answered "unsure".
- It would depend on the amount of the dedicated tax for me to support it (it would have to be very low for me to support a new tax)
- Maybe instead of increasing funding they should consider reducing spending. The parks department blows through money like they just won the lottery, and it's almost ALL on the same demographics of people. If you don't have kids and you aren't an athlete, they're happy to take your money and provide you with nothing while they build more infrastructure for children and more bike trails for their bros.
- No legal jargon hidden taxes to charge us, no more. We're done. Time to DOGE local government & pay for it out of the top heavy system here.
- Public/private co-share.
- Slow down on the development of everything. How much more do you think we can pay in taxes? Not much.

- The Parks Department needs to be reined in from all their excessive buying, spending and hiring. It is out of control. Hold the existing employees accountable by requiring 8 hours pay.
- use taxes for roads
- user fees for commercial events.
- Youth Sports should be the highest priority for Sioux Falls, Harrisburg and Tea. We need an identical facility to the one that Fargo just built. It would be a massive money generator for the city of Sioux Falls. The Sanford Sports Complex and Scheels ice plex are already too occupied to find/rent fields and ice.

Q20. Which THREE funding mechanisms from the list in Question 19 would you be MOST WILLING to support?

Q20. Top choice	Number	Percent
Bonds using existing sales tax revenues	56	11.6 %
Existing sales tax revenue	74	15.3 %
Corporate sponsorship & donations	128	26.5 %
Grants from state, federal, & private sources	82	17.0 %
Enterprise operations (concession stands, gift shops, etc.)	6	1.2 %
Program user fees for recreational programs	11	2.3 %
Existing property tax revenues	11	2.3 %
Impact/development fees	7	1.4 %
Dedicated tax for park improvements	19	3.9 %
None chosen	89	18.4 %
Total	483	100.0 %

Q20. Which THREE funding mechanisms from the list in Question 19 would you be MOST WILLING to support?

Q20. 2nd choice	Number	Percent
Bonds using existing sales tax revenues	21	4.3 %
Existing sales tax revenue	45	9.3 %
Corporate sponsorship & donations	94	19.5 %
Grants from state, federal, & private sources	127	26.3 %
Enterprise operations (concession stands, gift shops, etc.)	38	7.9 %
Program user fees for recreational programs	13	2.7 %
Existing property tax revenues	17	3.5 %
Impact/development fees	8	1.7 %
Dedicated tax for park improvements	15	3.1 %
None chosen	105	21.7 %
Total	483	100.0 %

Q20. Which THREE funding mechanisms from the list in Question 19 would you be MOST WILLING to support?

Q20. 3rd choice	Number	Percent
Bonds using existing sales tax revenues	30	6.2 %
Existing sales tax revenue	46	9.5 %
Corporate sponsorship & donations	46	9.5 %
Grants from state, federal, & private sources	64	13.3 %
Enterprise operations (concession stands, gift shops, etc.)	69	14.3 %
Program user fees for recreational programs	53	11.0 %
Existing property tax revenues	22	4.6 %
Impact/development fees	10	2.1 %
Dedicated tax for park improvements	20	4.1 %
None chosen	123	25.5 %
Total	483	100.0 %

SUM OF TOP 3 CHOICES

Q20. Which THREE funding mechanisms from the list in Question 19 would you be MOST WILLING to support? (top 3)

Q20. Top choice	Number	Percent
Bonds using existing sales tax revenues	107	22.2 %
Existing sales tax revenue	165	34.2 %
Corporate sponsorship & donations	268	55.5 %
Grants from state, federal, & private sources	273	56.5 %
Enterprise operations (concession stands, gift shops, etc.)	113	23.4 %
Program user fees for recreational programs	77	15.9 %
Existing property tax revenues	50	10.4 %
Impact/development fees	25	5.2 %
Dedicated tax for park improvements	54	11.2 %
None chosen	89	18.4 %
Total	1221	

Q21. Your gender:

Q21. Your gender	Number	Percent
Male	235	48.7 %
Female	239	49.5 %
Non-binary	3	0.6 %
Not provided	6	1.2 %
Total	483	100.0 %

WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED

Q21. Your gender: (without "not provided")

Q21. Your gender	Number	Percent
Male	235	49.3 %
Female	239	50.1 %
Non-binary	3	0.6 %
Total	477	100.0 %

Q22. Your age:

Q22. Your age	Number	Percent
18-34	92	19.0 %
35-44	96	19.9 %
45-54	92	19.0 %
55-64	94	19.5 %
65+	99	20.5 %
Not provided	10	2.1 %
Total	483	100.0 %

WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED

Q22. Your age: (without "not provided")

Q22. Your age	Number	Percent
18-34	92	19.5 %
35-44	96	20.3 %
45-54	92	19.5 %
55-64	94	19.9 %
65+	99	20.9 %
Total	473	100.0 %

Q23. Are you or other members of your household of Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino/a/x ancestry?

Q23. Are you or other members of your household of Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino/a/x ancestry	Number	Percent
Yes	30	6.2 %
No	450	93.2 %
Not provided	3	0.6 %
Total	483	100.0 %

WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED

Q23. Are you or other members of your household of Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino/a/x ancestry? (without "not provided")

Q23. Are you or other members of your household of Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino/a/x ancestry	Number	Percent
Yes	30	6.3 %
No	450	93.8 %
Total	480	100.0 %

Q24. Which of the following best describes your race/ethnicity?

Q24. Your race/ethnicity	Number	Percent
Asian or Asian Indian	11	2.3 %
Black or African American	31	6.4 %
American Indian or Alaska Native	9	1.9 %
White or Caucasian	383	79.3 %
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	1	0.2 %
Other	7	1.4 %
Total	442	

Q24-6. Self-describe your race/ethnicity:

Q24-6. Self-describe your race/ethnicity	Number	Percent
Ethiopian	1	14.3 %
Sweedish	1	14.3 %
German	1	14.3 %
Scandinavian	1	14.3 %
Caucasian Hispanic	1	14.3 %
Mixed	1	14.3 %
Multiple races	1	14.3 %
Total	7	100.0 %

6 Survey Instrument

CITY OF
SIOUX FALLS
PARKS & RECREATION

Few Minutes of Your Time Will Shape the Future of Sioux Falls' Parks and Recreation!

Dear Resident:

Your response to the enclosed survey is extremely important…
Sioux Falls Parks & Recreation is conducting a Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Survey as part of a Parks and Recreation Master Plan to help determine priorities for our community. Your household is one of a limited number selected at random to receive this survey, so your participation is very important.

We appreciate your time…
We realize that this survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete, but each question is important. The time you invest in completing this survey will aid Sioux Falls Parks & Recreation in taking a resident-driven approach to making decisions that will enrich the future of our City and positively affect the lives of our residents.

Please complete and return your survey within the next two weeks.
ETC Institute, an independent consulting company, will administer the survey and compile the results.

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 to take the survey by web, the address is **SiouxFallsParkSurvey.org**.

If you have any questions, please contact ETC Institute's Project Manager, Ryan Murray at (913) 254-4598 or *ryan.murray@etcinstitute.com* or you can contact Mike Patten, Park Development Manager at (605) 367-8222 or *mike.patten@siouxfalls.gov*. The Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Survey is a tool that will benefit all residents. Don't miss this opportunity to make your voice heard!

Sincerely,

Don Kearney
Director of Sioux Falls Parks & Recreation

2025 Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Survey

The City of Sioux Falls would like your input to help determine parks and recreation priorities for the community. This survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. When you are finished, please return your survey in the enclosed postage-paid, return-reply envelope. If you prefer, you can complete the survey online at ***SiouxFallsParkSurvey.org***. ***As a way to say thank you, at the end of the survey, you will have the opportunity to opt-in to a drawing for a chance to win one (1) $500 prepaid Visa gift card for fully completing your survey.*** We greatly appreciate and value your time!

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1. Please complete this survey with ALL household members in mind. Including yourself, how many people in your household are...

Under age 5: ____	Ages 15-19: ____	Ages 35-44: ____	Ages 60-64: ____
Ages 5-9: ____	Ages 20-24: ____	Ages 45-54: ____	Ages 65-74: ____
Ages 10-14: ____	Ages 25-34: ____	Ages 55-59: ____	Ages 75+: ____

2. During a typical year, do you or any member of your household visit any parks and/or recreation facilities offered by the Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Department?

____(1) Yes *[Answer Q2a.]* ____(2) No *[Answer Q2b.]*

2a. How would you rate the overall quality of the parks and recreation facilities offered by the Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Department that you and the members of your household have visited?

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

2b. If your household does NOT visit any Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Department parks and recreation facilities in a typical year, please CHECK ALL of the following reasons why you do NOT visit. *[Check ALL that apply.]*

____(01) Use other city, state, private or HOA facilities	____(10) Lack of ADA accessibility
____(02) Too far from home	____(11) Do not feel welcomed/accommodated
____(03) Not aware of park or facility locations	____(12) Lack of transportation
____(04) Parks/Facilities are not well maintained	____(13) Lack of restrooms
____(05) Old and outdated facilities	____(14) Language/Cultural barriers/age barriers
____(06) Lack of features we want to use	____(15) Fees are too high/lack of financial assistance
____(07) Lack of parking to access parks/facilities	____(16) Health-related concerns
____(08) Do not feel safe using parks/facilities	____(17) Lack of recreation programs
____(09) Facility equipment doesn't meet my needs	____(18) Other: _____

3. From the following list, please CHECK ALL of the non-City organizations that you or members of your household have used for recreation and/or sports activities during the last 12 months. *[Check ALL that apply.]*

____(01) Boys and Girls Club	____(07) Private clubs (tennis, golf, fitness, dance)
____(02) School districts	____(08) South Dakota State Recreation Areas
____(03) Youth sports associations	____(09) Community colleges/universities
____(04) YMCA	____(10) Homeowners association/apartment complex
____(05) Places of worship	____(11) Travel sports teams
____(06) Neighboring communities	____(12) None of these

4. During a typical year, do you or any member of your household participate in any recreation programs or events offered and/or hosted by the Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Department?

____(1) Yes *[Answer Q4a.]* ____(2) No *[Answer Q4b.]*

4a. How would you rate the overall quality of the recreation programs or events offered by the Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Department that you and the members of your household have participated in?

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

4b. If your household does NOT participate in any Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Department recreation programs or events during a typical year, please CHECK ALL of the following reasons why you have NOT participated. *[Check ALL that apply.]*

____(01) I don't know what is offered
____(02) Use programs of other agencies
____(03) Lack of quality instructors
____(04) Lack of quality programs
____(05) Prefer individual activities
____(06) Too far from home
____(07) Program times are not convenient
____(08) Classes are full
____(09) Safety concerns
____(10) Fees are too high/lack of financial assistance
____(11) Prefer virtual programming
____(12) Do not feel welcomed/accommodated
____(13) Program not offered
____(14) Registration is difficult
____(15) Lack of transportation
____(16) Too busy/not interested
____(17) Language/Cultural/Age barriers
____(18) Lack of recreation facilities
____(19) Parking issues

5. Please indicate whether or not you or any of the members of your household have utilized any of the recreation facilities listed below in the past two years. If "Yes," please rate the overall quality of the recreation facility.

Facility		Have you used or visited in the past two years?		Rate the overall quality of the facility.			
				Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
1.	Great Plains Zoo	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
2.	Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum and East Sioux Falls Historic Site	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
3.	City golf courses (Elmwood, Prairie Green, and Kuehn)	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
4.	Great Bear Ski Valley	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
5.	Levitt at the Falls	Yes	No	4	3	2	1

6. From the following list, please CHECK ALL the ways YOU CURRENTLY LEARN about the Sioux Falls Recreation Department. *[Check ALL that apply.]*

____(01) Department Program Guide
____(02) Website
____(03) Newspaper
____(04) Radio
____(05) Cable access TV
____(06) At parks or facilities
____(07) From friends or neighbors
____(08) School flyers/newsletters
____(09) Monthly e-newsletters
____(10) Social media (Facebook, Instagram, X (Twitter))
____(11) Department staff
____(12) Park Board or City Council Meetings
____(13) Digital boards and signs at facilities
____(14) Other: _____

7. Which THREE sources from the list in Question 6 are YOUR MOST PREFERRED SOURCES for learning about recreation programs and activities? *[Write in your answers below using the numbers from the list in Question 6, or circle "NONE."]*

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

8. As the City of Sioux Falls explores additional special event offerings, please check ALL the special event concepts listed below you or the members of your household would like to attend or participate in. *[Check ALL that apply.]*

____(01) Glow-in-the-Dark Night Hike
____(02) Pop-Up Art Gallery in the Park
____(03) Cultural Heritage Festival
____(04) Outdoor Yoga and Meditation Retreat
____(05) Nature Scavenger Hunt for Families
____(06) Community Garden Harvest Celebration
____(07) Kayak and Canoe Day on the Lake
____(08) Urban Adventure Race
____(09) Winter Festival/Holiday Shops
____(10) Summer Carnival

9. Please indicate how well your needs are being met for each of the programs 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."

	Programs	Fully Met	Mostly Met	Partly Met	Not Met	No Need
01.	Youth Learn to Swim programs	4	3	2	1	9
02.	Pre-school programs	4	3	2	1	9
03.	Before and after school programs	4	3	2	1	9
04.	Youth summer camp programs	4	3	2	1	9
05.	Youth sports programs	4	3	2	1	9
06.	Youth fitness and wellness programs	4	3	2	1	9
07.	E-sport gaming programs	4	3	2	1	9
08.	Martial arts programs	4	3	2	1	9
09.	Adult fitness and wellness programs	4	3	2	1	9
10.	Water fitness programs	4	3	2	1	9
11.	Tennis/pickleball lessons and leagues	4	3	2	1	9
12.	Youth gymnastics and cheerleading	4	3	2	1	9
13.	Senior programs	4	3	2	1	9
14.	Youth and adult arts and crafts programs	4	3	2	1	9
15.	Youth and adult drama/performing arts programs	4	3	2	1	9
16.	Programs for disabled	4	3	2	1	9
17.	Special events	4	3	2	1	9
18.	Fishing programs	4	3	2	1	9
19.	Nature programs	4	3	2	1	9
20.	Golf programs/lessons	4	3	2	1	9
21.	Outdoor adventure (camping, backpacking, climbing, etc.)	4	3	2	1	9
22.	Outdoor archery programs	4	3	2	1	9
23.	Canoeing and kayaking	4	3	2	1	9
24.	Travel and tourism (day trips)	4	3	2	1	9
25.	Other:	4	3	2	1	9

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

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

11. The costs to provide recreation programs are funded through a combination of participant fees and general tax revenues. The following are categories of programs offered by Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation. For each program category, please indicate what percent of the program costs should be paid by taxes and what percent by user fees.

	Programs	100% Taxes ● 0% Fees	75% Taxes ● 25% Fees	50% Taxes ● 50% Fees	25% Taxes ● 75% Fees	0% Taxes ● 100% Fees	Don't Know
01.	Youth sports programs and leagues	5	4	3	2	1	9
02.	Adult sports leagues	5	4	3	2	1	9
03.	Youth camps	5	4	3	2	1	9
04.	Adult classes (exercise, arts, dance, etc.)	5	4	3	2	1	9
05.	Youth classes (arts, dance, etc.)	5	4	3	2	1	9
06.	Learn to swim programs	5	4	3	2	1	9
07.	Senior adults classes	5	4	3	2	1	9
08.	Special events and festivals	5	4	3	2	1	9
09.	Programs for low income residents	5	4	3	2	1	9
10.	Programs for special populations/disabled	5	4	3	2	1	9
11.	Field rentals for youth sports tournaments	5	4	3	2	1	9
12.	Field rentals for adult sports tournaments	5	4	3	2	1	9
13.	Pool passes	5	4	3	2	1	9
14.	Recreation center passes	5	4	3	2	1	9

12. From the following list, please check ALL the times that you and members of your household would be interested in Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation offering programs, services and facilities.

Weekday (Mon-Fri):
____(01) Mornings (before 8am)
____(02) Mornings (8am-noon)
____(03) Afternoons (noon-3pm)
____(04) Afternoons (3pm-5pm)
____(05) Evenings (5pm-6pm)
____(06) Evenings (6pm-8pm)
____(07) Evenings (after 8pm)

Saturday:
____(08) Mornings (before 8am)
____(09) Mornings (8am-noon)
____(10) Afternoons (noon-3pm)
____(11) Afternoons (3pm-5pm)
____(12) Evenings (5pm-8pm)
____(13) Evenings (after 8pm)

Sunday:
____(14) Mornings (before 8am)
____(15) Mornings (8am-noon)
____(16) Afternoons (noon-3pm)
____(17) Afternoons (3pm-5pm)
____(18) Evenings (5pm-8pm)
____(19) Evenings (after 8pm)

13. Please indicate how well your needs are being met for each of the facilities/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."

	Facilities and Amenities	Fully Met	Mostly Met	Partly Met	Not Met	No Need
01.	Youth soccer fields	4	3	2	1	9
02.	Youth baseball and softball fields	4	3	2	1	9
03.	Youth football fields	4	3	2	1	9
04.	Adult softball fields	4	3	2	1	9
05.	Adult soccer fields	4	3	2	1	9
06.	Small neighborhood parks	4	3	2	1	9
07.	Large community parks	4	3	2	1	9
08.	Off-leash dog parks	4	3	2	1	9
09.	Outdoor swimming pools/water parks	4	3	2	1	9
10.	Playground equipment	4	3	2	1	9
11.	Outdoor basketball courts	4	3	2	1	9
12.	Outdoor tennis courts	4	3	2	1	9
13.	Outdoor refrigerated ice-skating rinks	4	3	2	1	9
14.	Outdoor spray ground	4	3	2	1	9
15.	Pickleball courts	4	3	2	1	9
16.	Paved bike trails	4	3	2	1	9
17.	Mountain biking/single track	4	3	2	1	9
18.	Walking/hiking trails	4	3	2	1	9
19.	Natural areas and wildlife habitats	4	3	2	1	9
20.	Boating and fishing areas	4	3	2	1	9
21.	Picnic areas and shelters	4	3	2	1	9
22.	Outdoor skate park	4	3	2	1	9
23.	Golf courses	4	3	2	1	9
24.	Community gardens	4	3	2	1	9
25.	Indoor sports fields (football, soccer, etc.)	4	3	2	1	9
26.	Indoor playground	4	3	2	1	9
27.	Indoor basketball/volleyball courts	4	3	2	1	9
28.	Indoor fitness and exercise facilities	4	3	2	1	9
29.	Indoor running/walking track	4	3	2	1	9
30.	Indoor swimming pools/leisure pool	4	3	2	1	9
31.	Indoor rock climbing wall	4	3	2	1	9
32.	Winter sledding hill	4	3	2	1	9
33.	Adventure/ropes course/zipline	4	3	2	1	9
34.	Outdoor open field space/practice space	4	3	2	1	9
35.	Other:	4	3	2	1	9

14. Which FOUR facilities/amenities from the list in Question 13 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household? *[Write in your answers below using the numbers from the first column in Question 13, or circle "NONE."]*

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

15. As the City of Sioux Falls explores their current and potentially some new indoor recreation amenities, please select up to FOUR activities listed below that you or the members of your household would like to utilize. *[Write in your answers below using the numbers from the list below, or circle "NONE."]*

01. After school programs
02. Summer camps
03. Sports leagues for youth and adults
04. Mind and body fitness classes
05. Senior programs
06. Gymnastics
07. Preschool programs
08. Teen programs
09. Swimming classes/open swim
10. Walking/running for exercise
11. Learn to programs for all ages
12. Cooking programs
13. Arts and crafts
14. Life skill programs
15. Open gym
16. Social events
17. Facility rentals

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

16. Please rate your level of satisfaction with the overall value that your household receives from facilities, programs, or services at Sioux Falls Recreation.

____(5) Very satisfied ____(3) Neutral ____(1) Very dissatisfied
____(4) Satisfied ____(2) Dissatisfied ____(9) Don't know

17. The following is a list of actions the City of Sioux Falls could take to improve its parks and recreation system. Please indicate your support for each potential action by circling the corresponding number to the right.

	Types of Improvements	Very Supportive	Somewhat Supportive	Not Sure	Not Supportive
01.	Improve existing small neighborhood parks	4	3	2	1
02.	Improve existing large community parks	4	3	2	1
03.	Improve existing nature preserves	4	3	2	1
04.	Improve existing youth sports fields	4	3	2	1
05.	Improve existing paved walking and biking trails	4	3	2	1
06.	Improve existing golf courses	4	3	2	1
07.	Improve existing tennis court facilities	4	3	2	1
08.	Improve existing adult sports fields	4	3	2	1
09.	Improve existing nature centers	4	3	2	1
10.	Improve existing swimming pools	4	3	2	1
11.	Acquire new park land	4	3	2	1
12.	Replace aging outdoor swimming pools	4	3	2	1
13.	Develop new indoor recreation centers	4	3	2	1
14.	Develop new splash parks	4	3	2	1
15.	Develop new outdoor swimming pools	4	3	2	1
16.	Develop new youth sports fields	4	3	2	1
17.	Develop new trails that connect to existing trails	4	3	2	1
18.	Develop new dog parks	4	3	2	1
19.	Develop outdoor refrigerated ice rinks	4	3	2	1
20.	Develop new golf courses	4	3	2	1
21.	Other:	4	3	2	1

18. Which THREE improvements from the list in Question 17 would you be MOST WILLING to support with your tax dollars? *[Write in your answers below using the numbers from the list in Question 17, or circle "NONE."]*

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

19. Listed below are the potential funding mechanisms that could be used to pay for the actions you indicated you most support in Question 18. Please rate your level of support for each of the following funding mechanisms.

	Types of Funding Mechanisms	Very Supportive	Somewhat Supportive	Not Sure	Not Supportive
01.	Bonds using existing sales tax revenues	4	3	2	1
02.	Existing sales tax revenue	4	3	2	1
03.	Corporate sponsorship and donations	4	3	2	1
04.	Grants from state, federal, and private sources	4	3	2	1
05.	Enterprise operations (concession stands, gift shops, etc.)	4	3	2	1
06.	Program user fees for recreational programs	4	3	2	1
07.	Existing property tax revenues	4	3	2	1
08.	Impact/development fees	4	3	2	1
09.	Dedicated tax for park improvements	4	3	2	1
10.	Other:	4	3	2	1

20. Which THREE funding mechanisms from the list in Question 19 would you be MOST WILLING to support? *[Write in your answers below using the numbers from the list in Question 19, or circle "NONE."]*

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

Demographics

21. Your gender: ____(1) Male ____(2) Female ____(3) Non-binary

22. Your age: _____ years

23. Are you or other members of your household of Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino/a/x ancestry?

____(1) Yes ____(2) No

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

____(01) Asian or Asian Indian
____(02) Black or African American
____(03) American Indian or Alaska Native
____(04) White or Caucasian
____(05) Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
____(99) Other: _____

25. DRAWING (OPTIONAL): Would you like to opt-in to a drawing for a chance to win ONE (1) $500 prepaid Visa gift card for FULLY completing your survey? The gift card will be sent via email only and is limited to one entry per household.

____(1) Yes *[Please answer Question25a.]* ____(2) No *[END SURVEY.]*

25a. Please provide your contact information.

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

This concludes the survey. Thank you for your time!

Please return your completed survey in the enclosed return-reply envelope address 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!