



Longshore Club Park Capital Improvement Plan
Stakeholder Engagement and Resident Survey
Summary

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Preface

The Town of Westport is preparing a Capital Improvement Plan for Longshore Club Park. To gain community input, a public engagement program is underway that included a resident survey. The survey closed to residents on June 14, 2022, and over 2,600 responses were received. The results are summarized here. The Town and its consultant also engaged with the stakeholder groups listed in this summary.

The survey results along with direct stakeholder engagement and community participation will inform the recommendations proposed in the Longshore Club Park Capital Improvement Plan. The Plan will be completed in the Fall of 2022.

The Plan will provide alternative spatial relationships and design concepts. A preferred concept plan will emerge that will serve to prioritize future capital improvements. The Plan will not provide detailed design plans for construction. Subsequent phases of design will document that level of detail accompanied by further stakeholder and community engagement.

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Stakeholders met with to date:

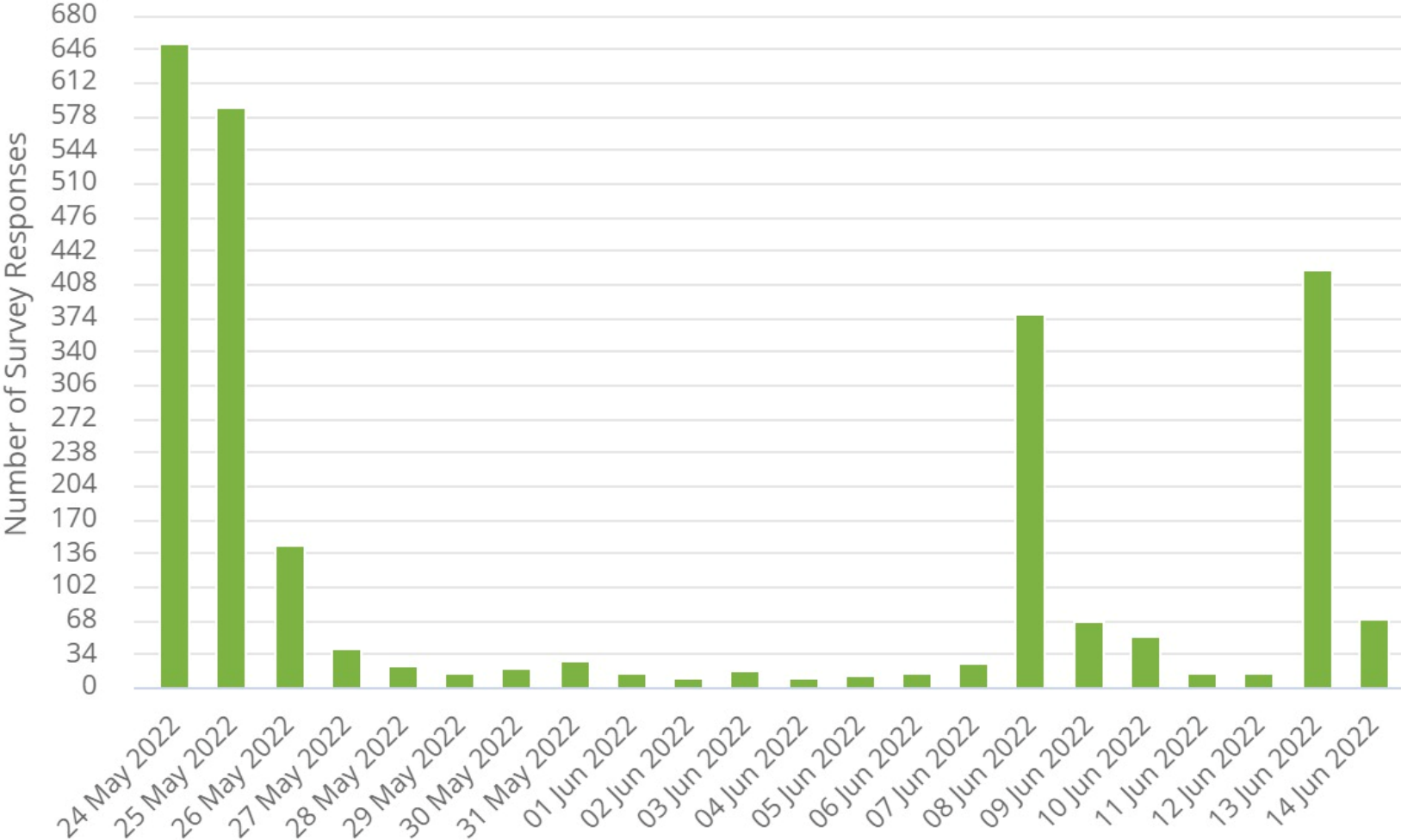
- Westport Parks and Recreation Administration
- Westport Parks and Recreation Facilities Staff
- Department of Public Works
- Planning and Zoning Department
- Conservation Department
- Racquets Advisory Committee
- Golf Advisory Committee
- Longshore Golf Organizations (Women's 9, Women's 18, and Men's)
- Police Athletic League (The Rink)
- E.R. Strait Marina Representatives
- Longshore Sailing School
- The Inn at Longshore
- Golf Professional
- Golf Maintenance



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Resident Survey

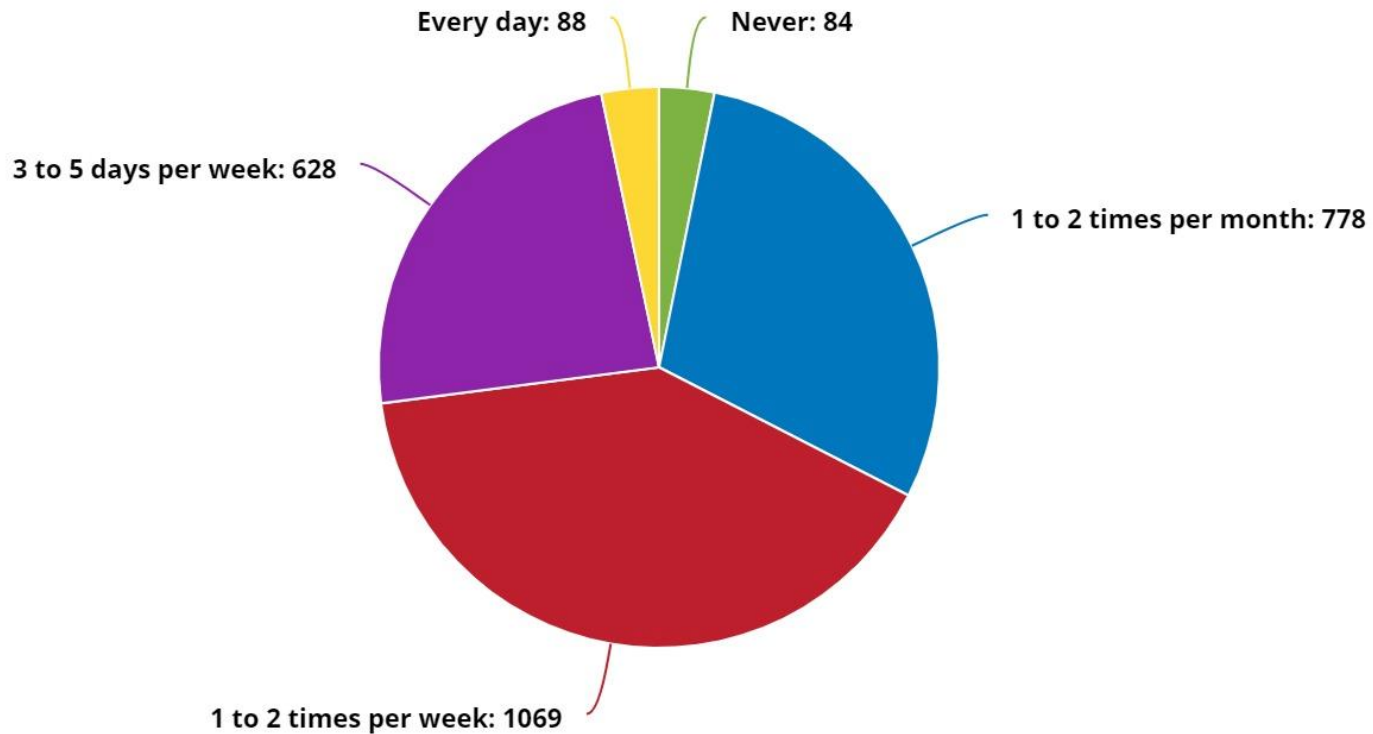
Number of Survey Responses by Day

2,658 survey responses



Q1. How often do you visit Longshore Club Park between May and October?

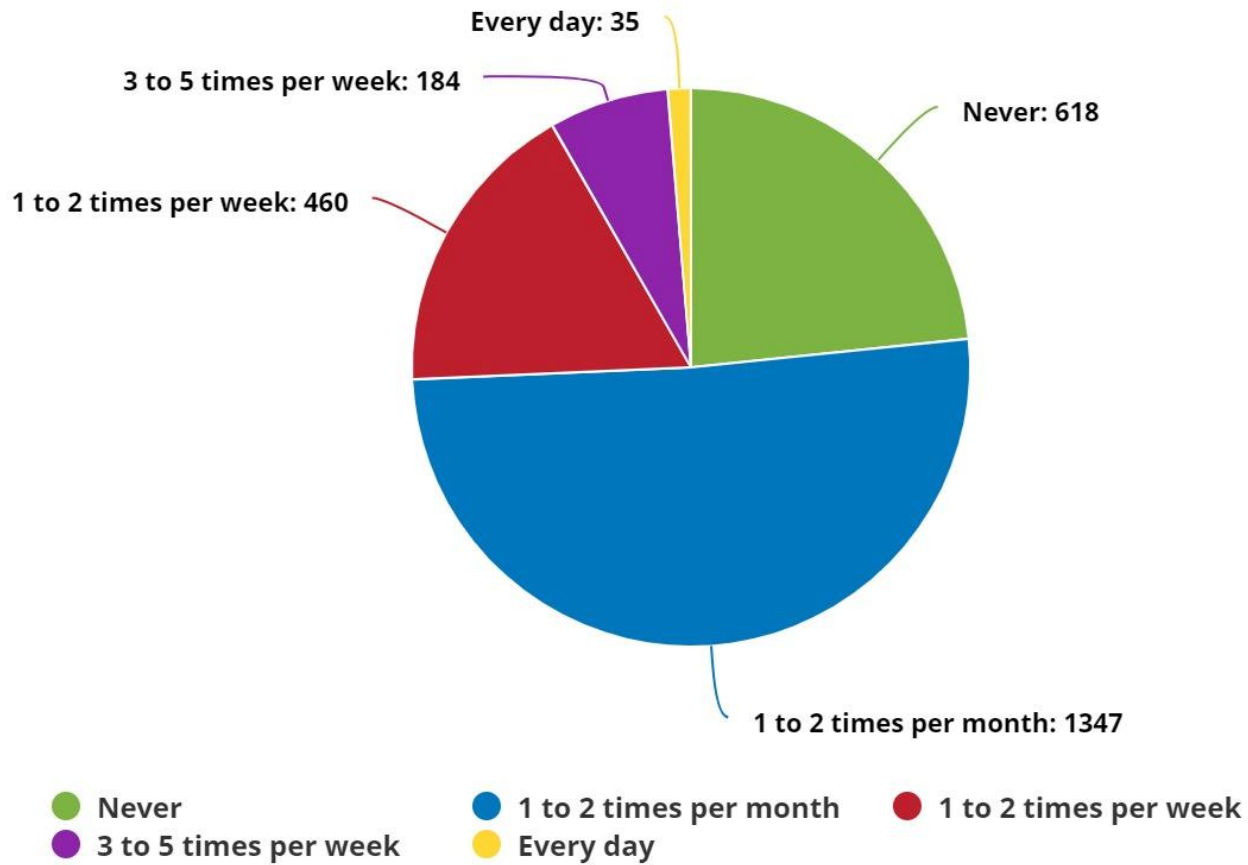
2647 answers



- Never
- 1 to 2 times per month
- 1 to 2 times per week
- 3 to 5 days per week
- Every day

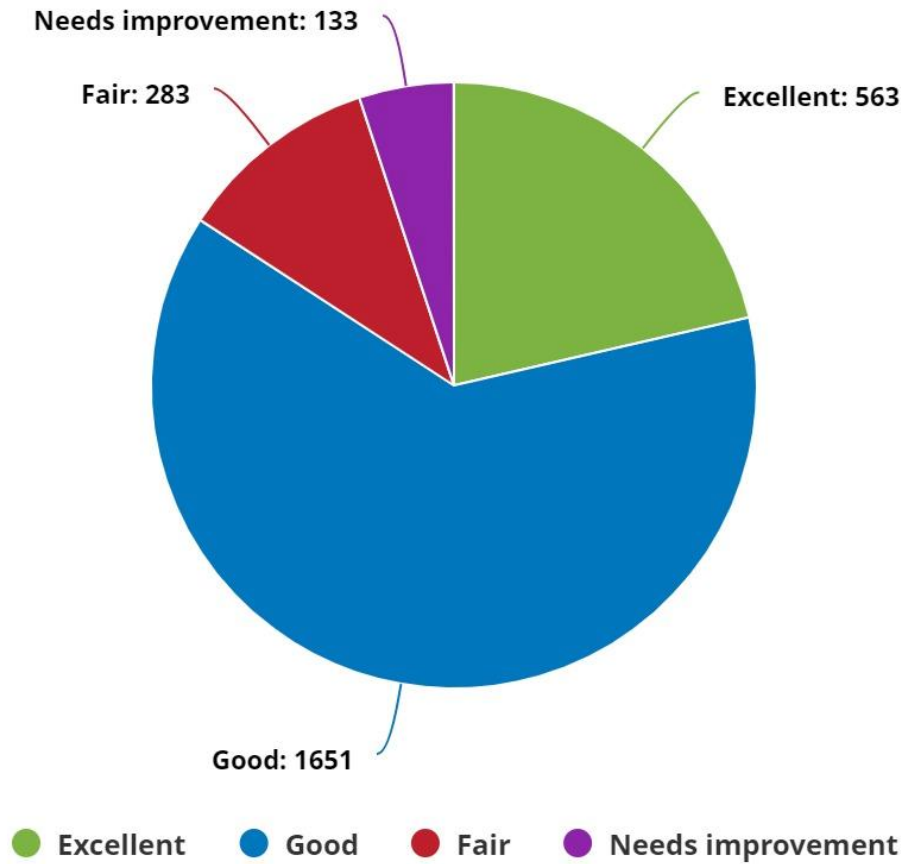
Q2. How often do you visit Longshore Club Park between November and April?

2644 answers



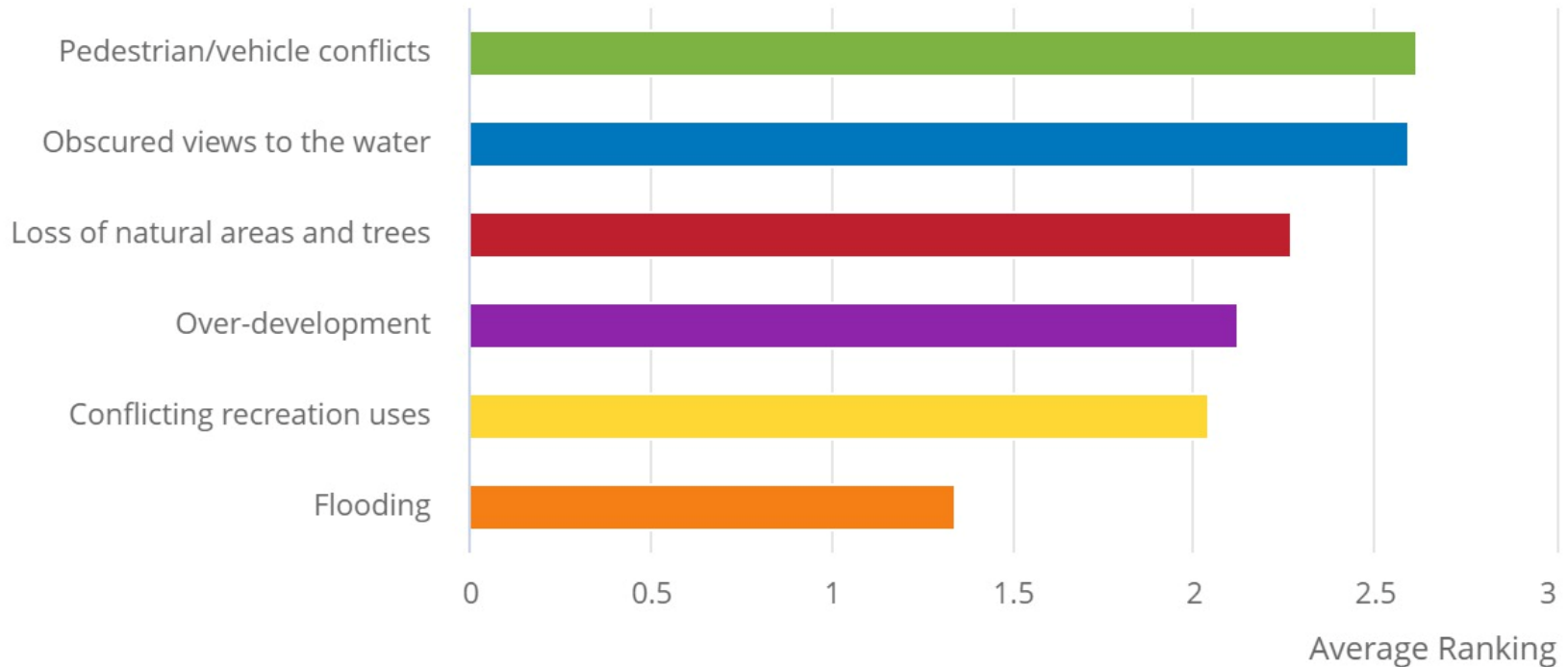
Q3. Maintenance of the park is...

2630 answers



Q4. What are your greatest concerns about the park?

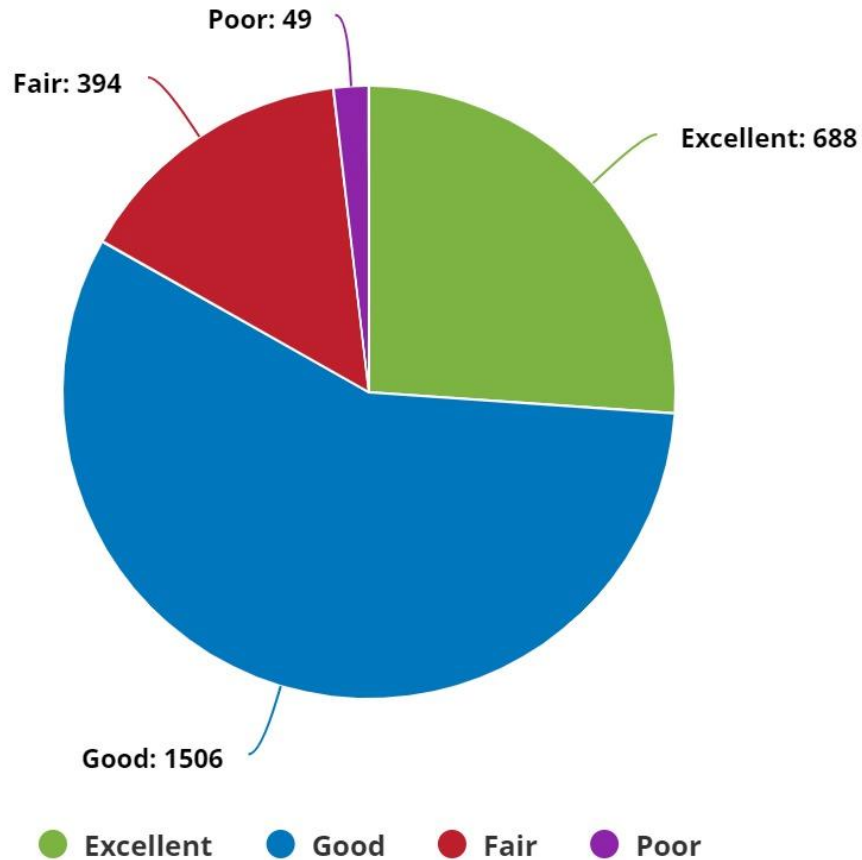
2001 answers



- Pedestrian/vehicle conflicts
- Loss of natural areas and trees
- Conflicting recreation uses
- Obscured views to the water
- Over-development
- Flooding

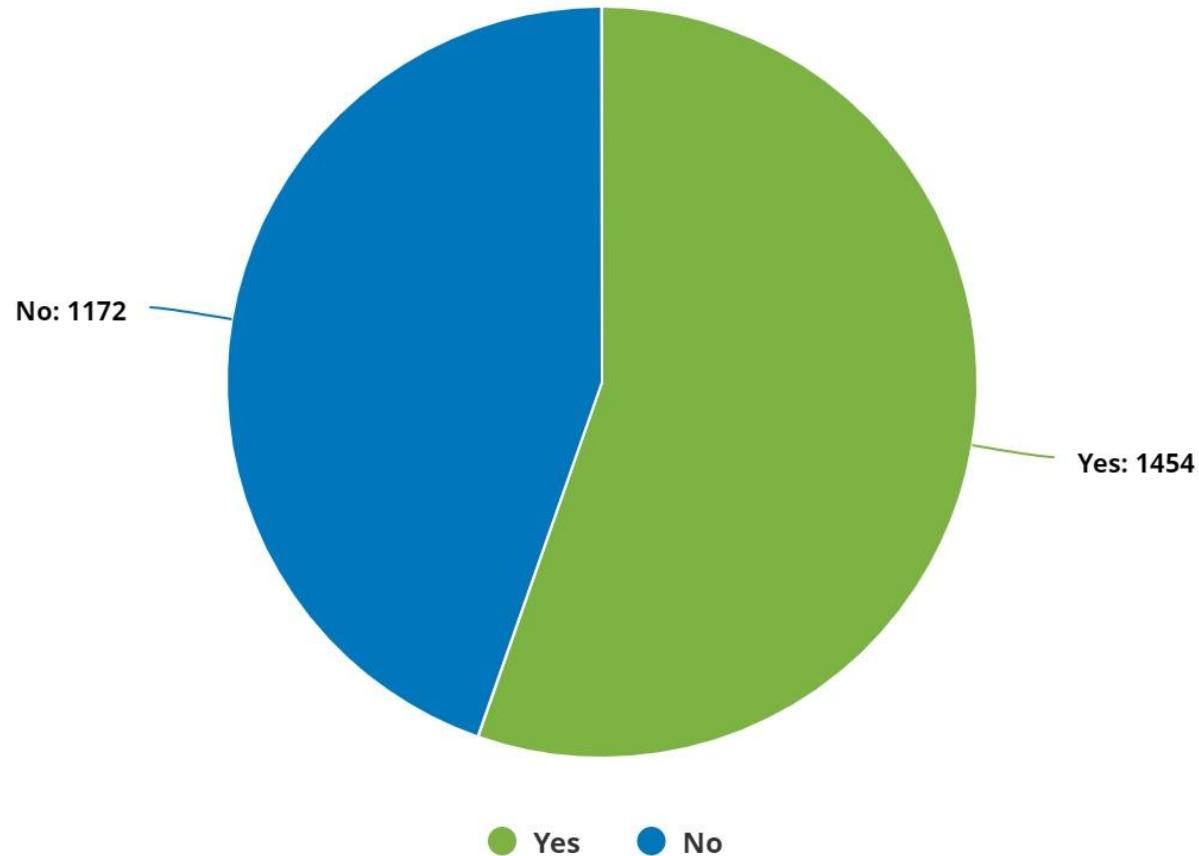
Q5. How would you categorize the park's overall visual appeal?

2637 answers



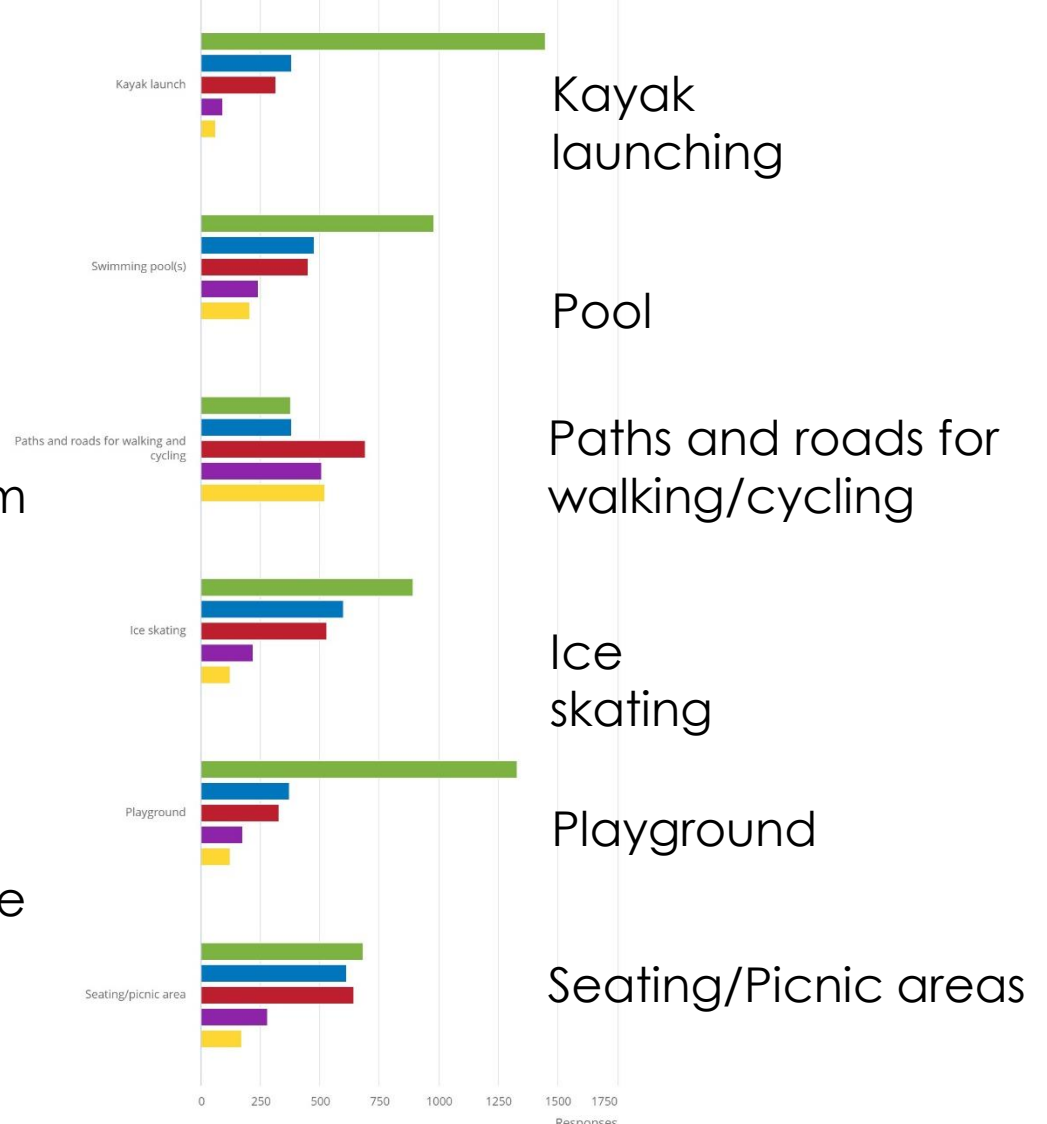
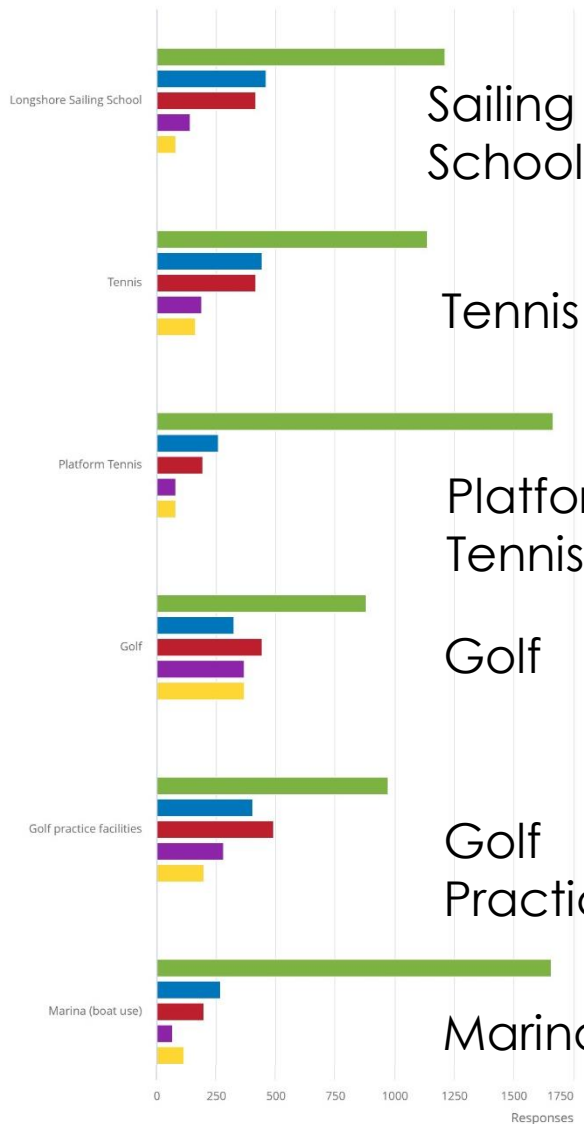
Q6. Do you participate in organized recreation programs at Longshore Club Park?

2626 answers



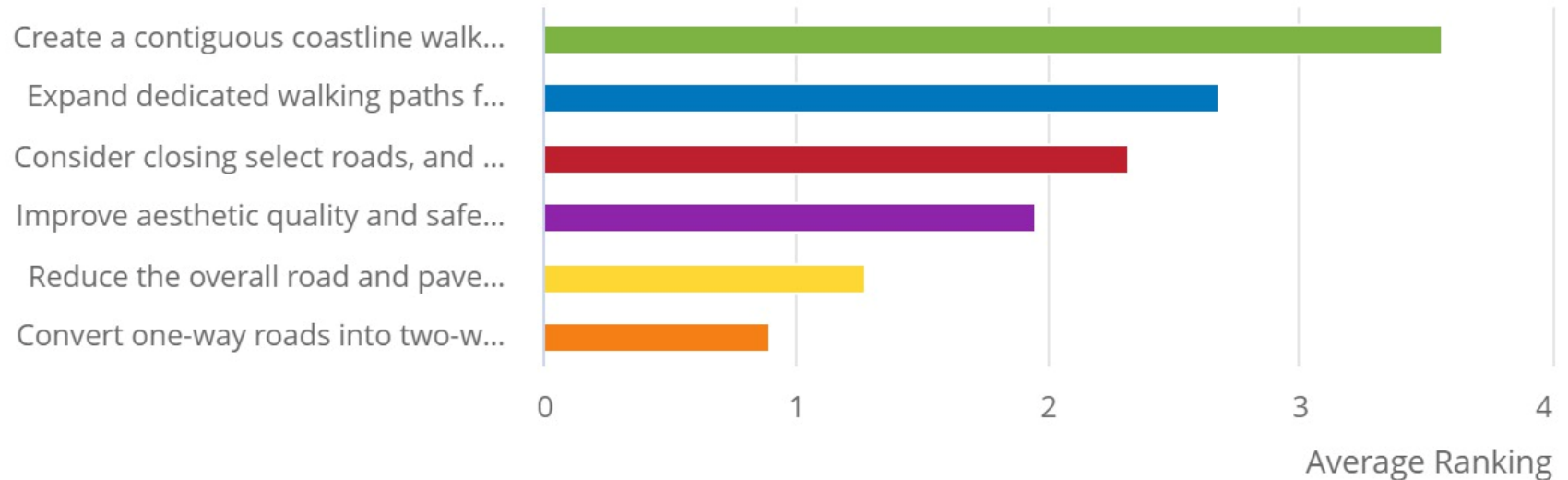
Q7. If you use recreation facilities and programs at Longshore, which do you use?

2573 answers



Q8. Would you like the Town to consider rearranging park roadways and pathways?

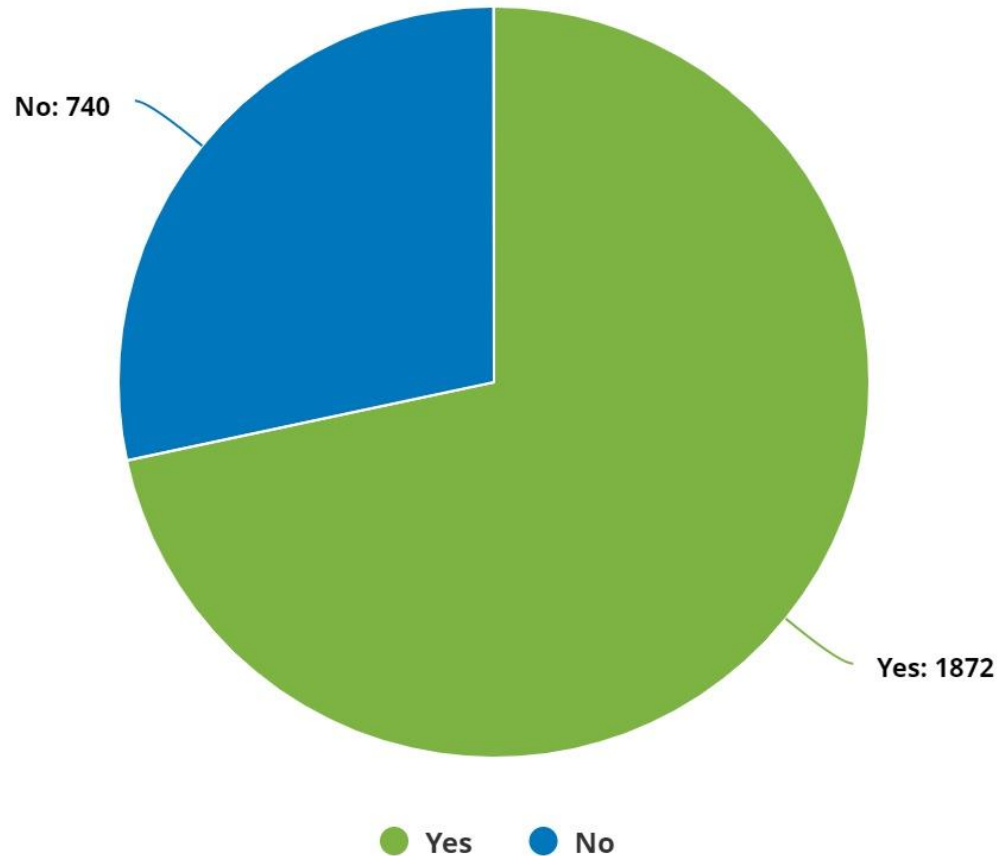
2020 answers



- Create a contiguous coastline walking path**
- Expand dedicated walking paths for pedestrians**
- Consider closing select roads, and converting them into bike and pedestrian use only**
- Improve aesthetic quality and safety at intersections between pathways and roads**
- Reduce the overall road and pavement area in the park**
- Convert one-way roads into two-way roads, where feasible**

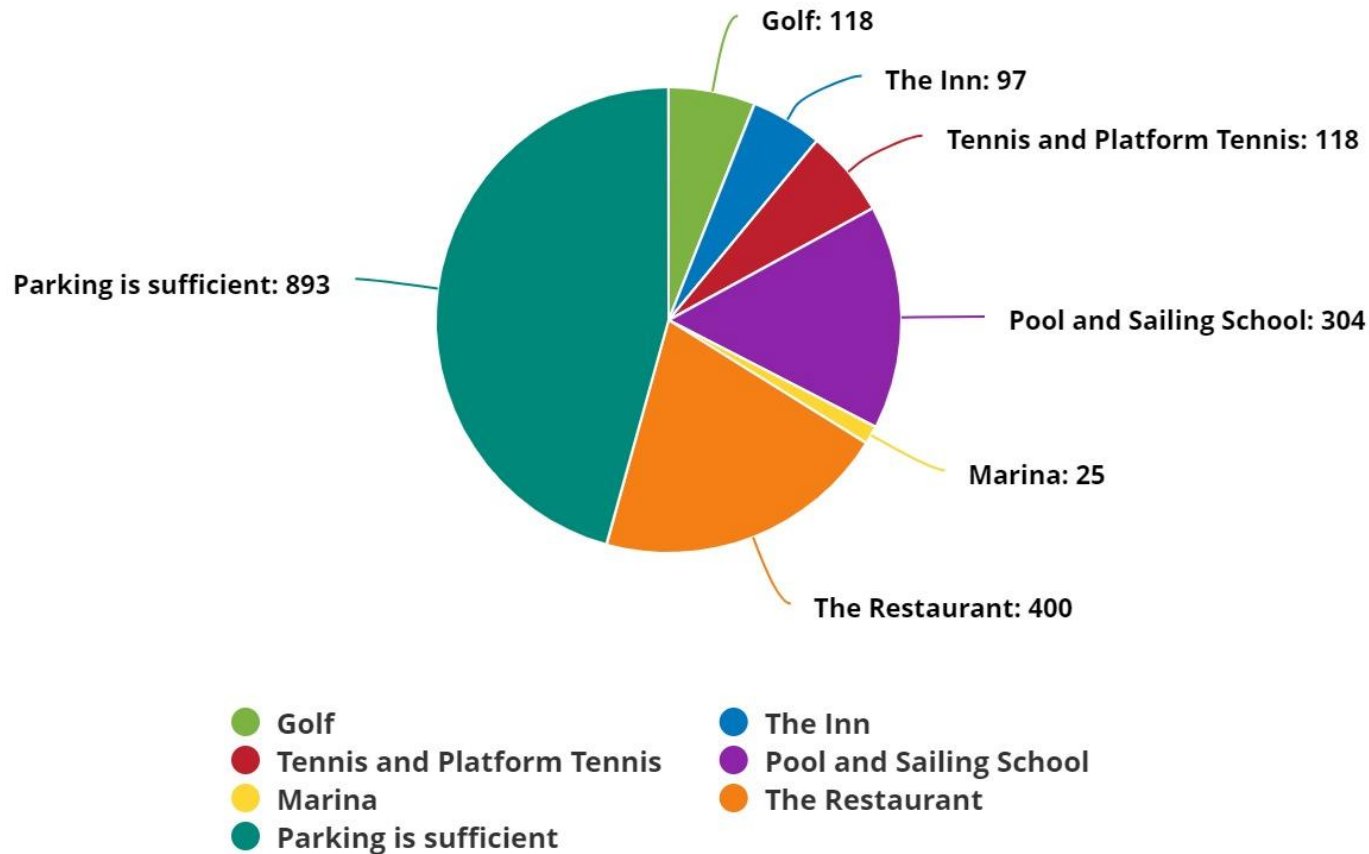
Q9. Based on your personal experience, do you consider the current parking to be sufficient for the entire park?

2612 answers



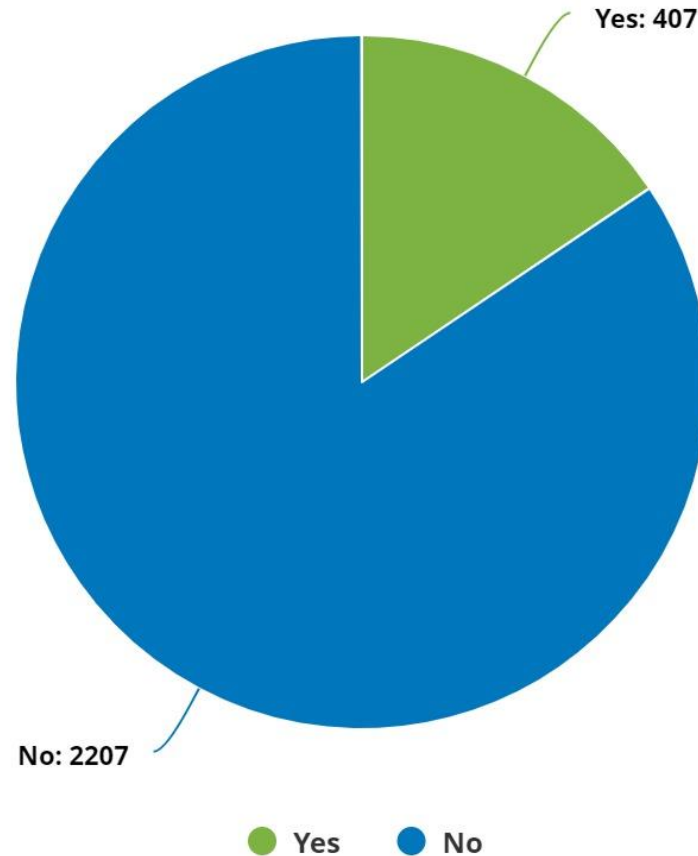
Q10. If you believe that parking is deficient, for which use within the park is this so?

1955 answers



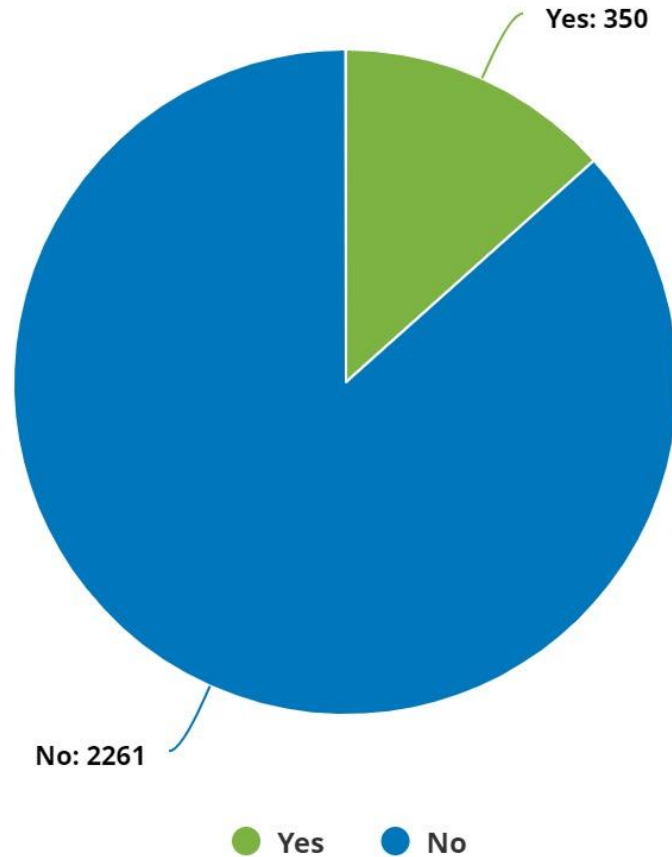
Q11. Have you ever arrived at the park for an activity, and decided to leave due to lack of parking?

2614 answers



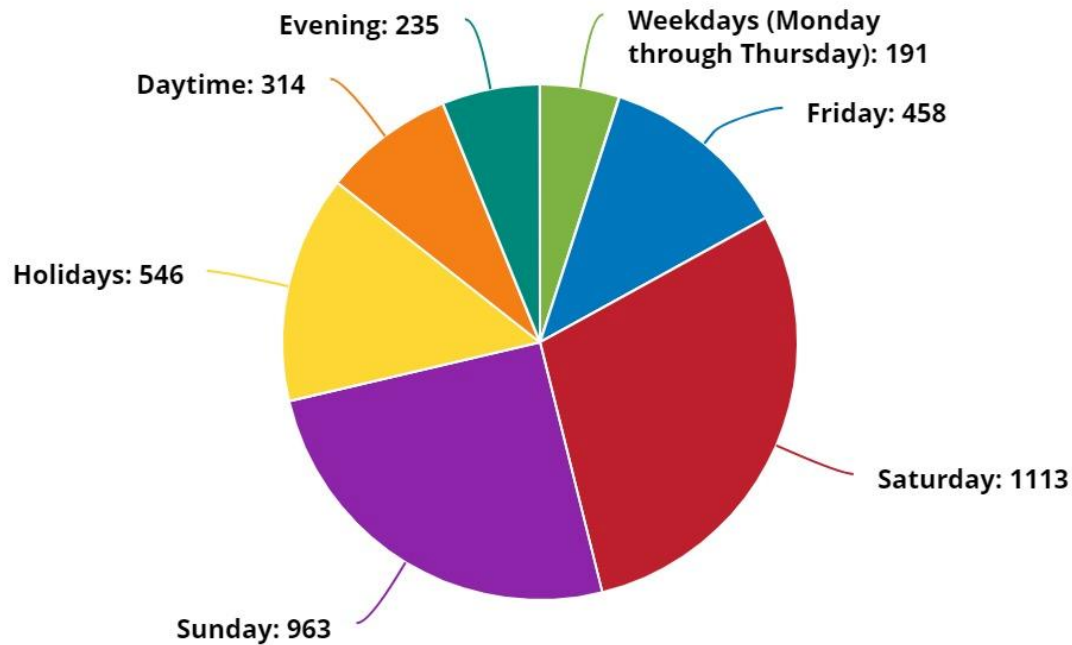
Q12. Have you ever avoided visiting the park due to parking concerns?

2611 answers



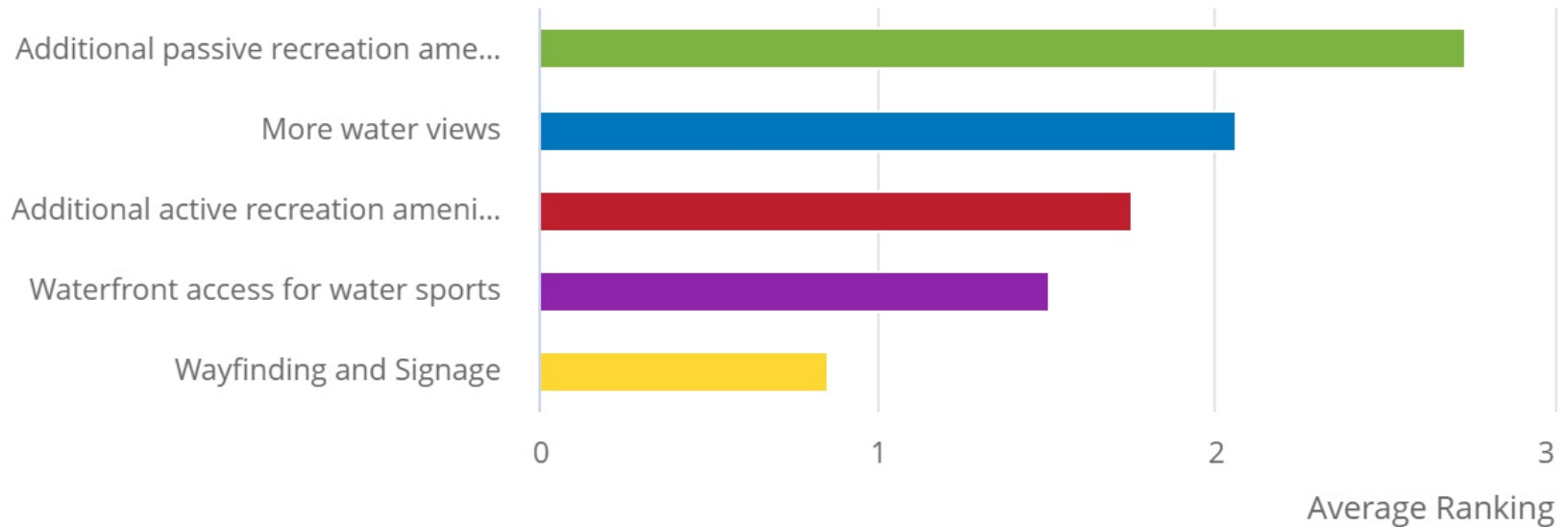
Q13. If parking needs to be expanded, when is it needed?

1403 answers



Q14. Based on your experience and use of the park, Longshore Club Park would benefit from the following:

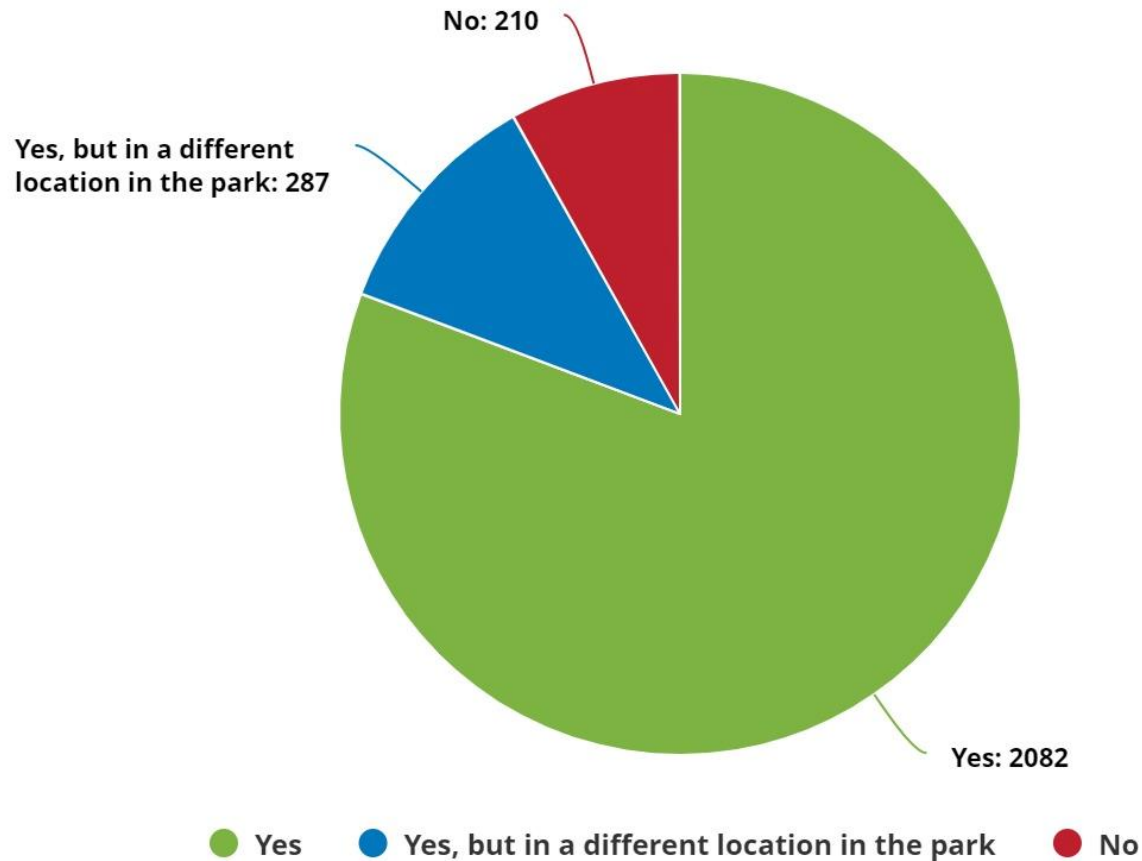
1938 answers



- Additional passive recreation amenities (such as trails and pathways, picnic areas, seating)
- More water views
- Additional active recreation amenities (such as courts, playgrounds)
- Waterfront access for water sports
- Wayfinding and Signage

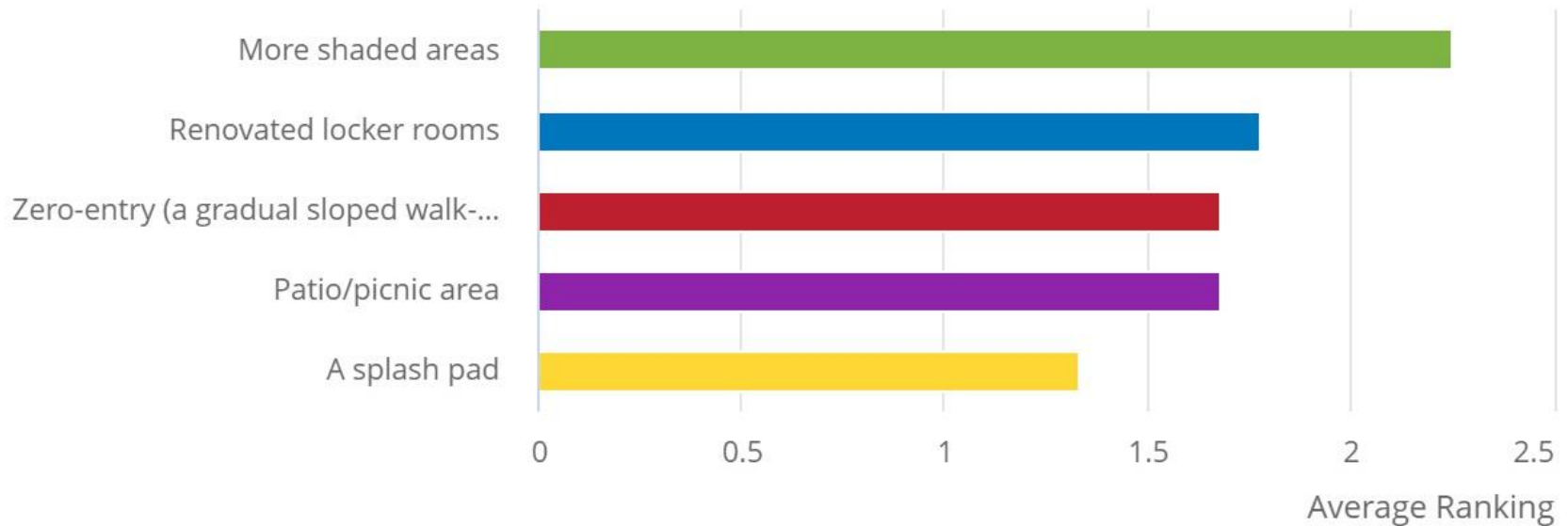
Q15. The Longshore Club Park Pool is over 50 years-old and improvements will be needed. In the future, should the park have a pool?

2579 answers



Q16. If a new pool is considered or the existing pool is renovated, the pool should have the following:

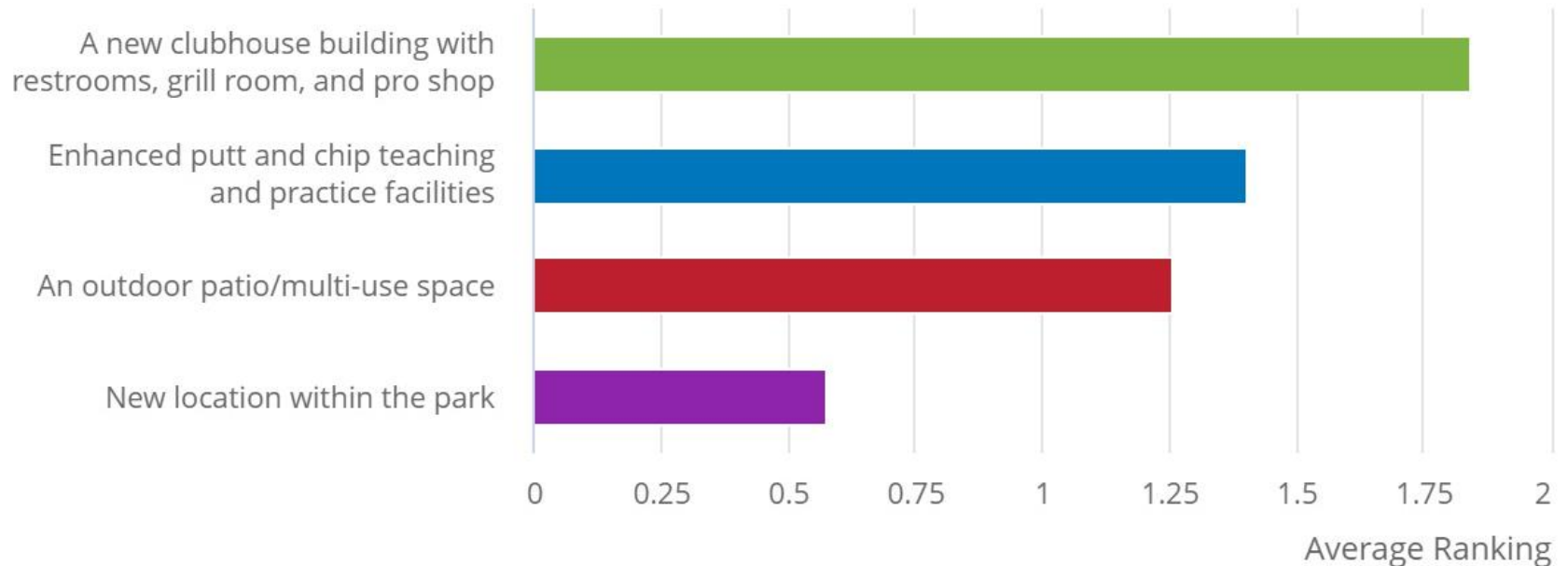
1792 answers



- More shaded areas
- Renovated locker rooms
- Zero-entry (a gradual sloped walk-in entrance) design
- Patio/picnic area
- A splash pad

Q17. What improvements would you like to see at the Longshore Club Park Golf Pro Shop and its surroundings?

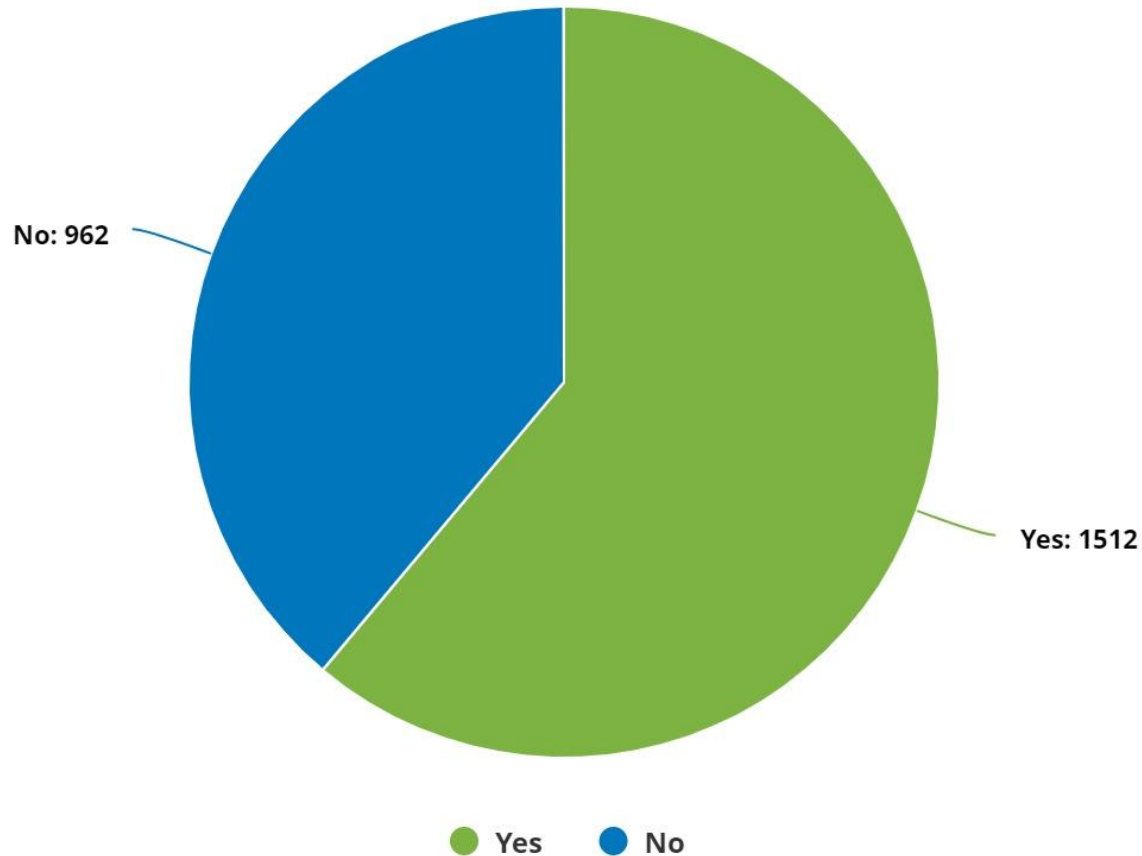
1551 answers



- A new clubhouse building with restrooms, grill room, and pro shop
- Enhanced putt and chip teaching and practice facilities
- An outdoor patio/multi-use space
- New location within the park

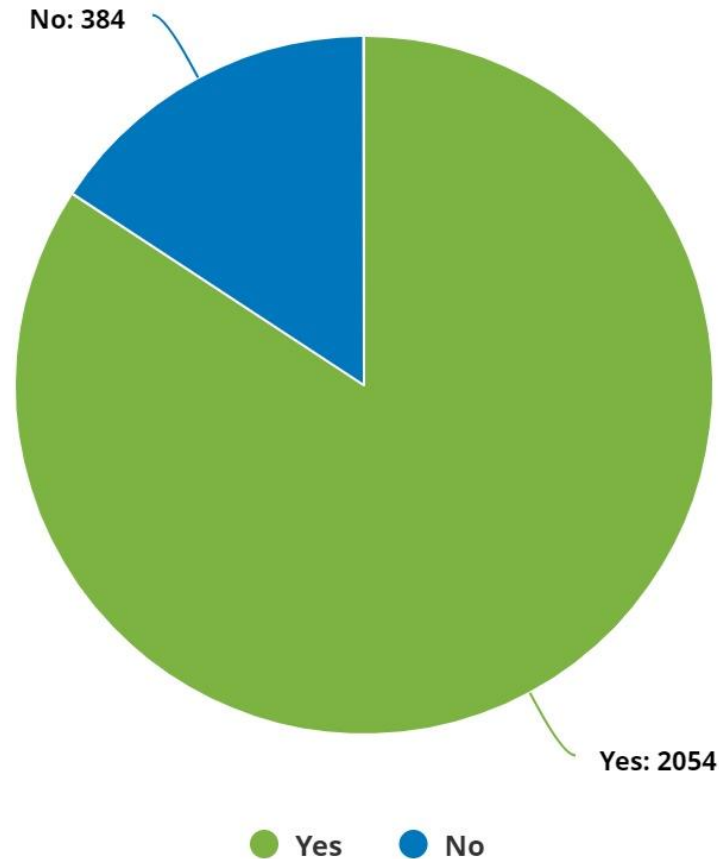
Q18. Should the Town consider new pickleball courts in Longshore Club Park?

2474 answers



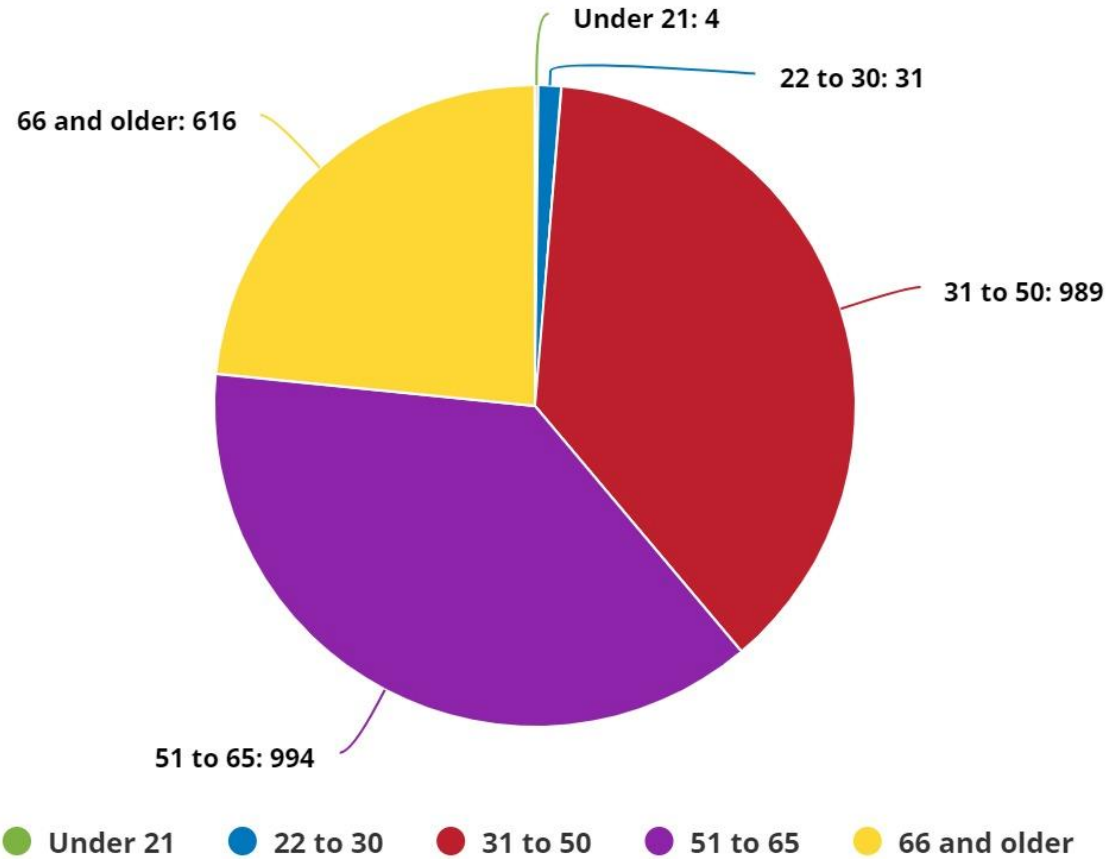
Q19. Do you think there should continue to be a driving range at Longshore Club Park?

2438 answers



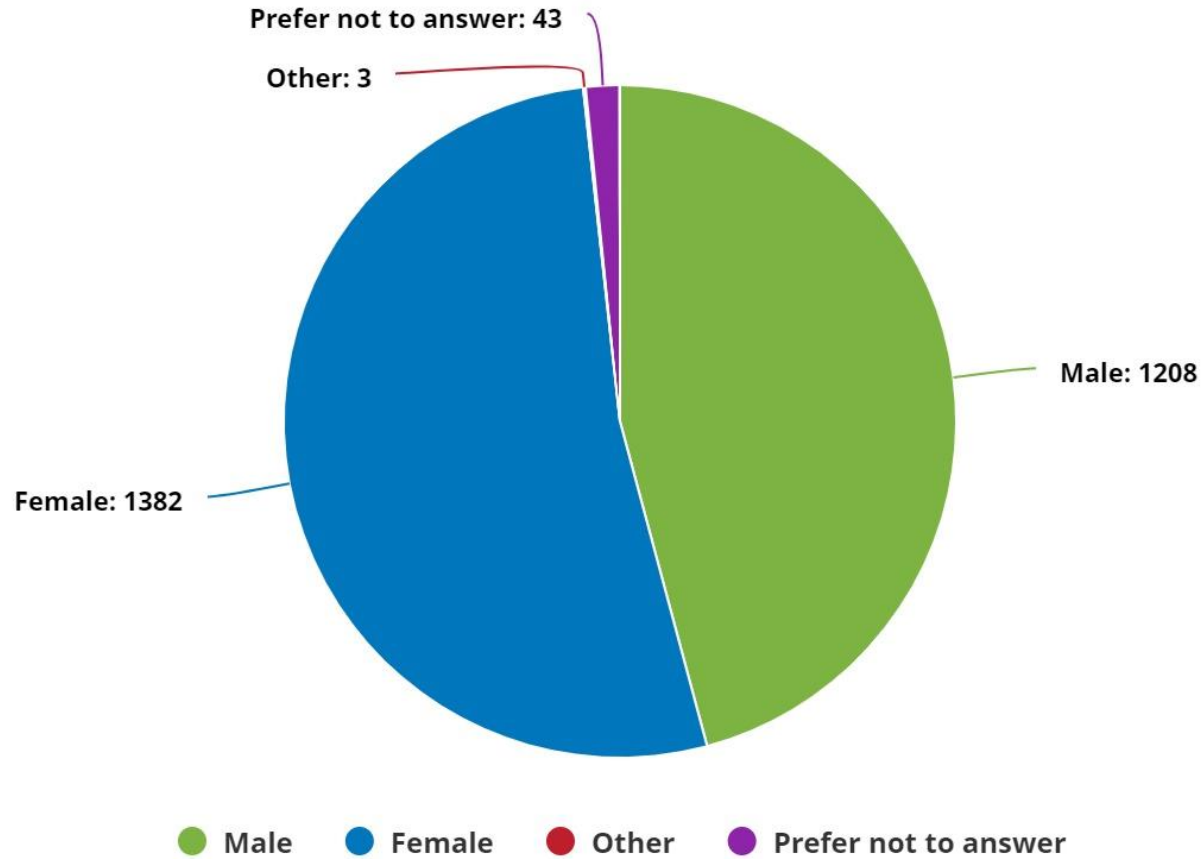
Q21. What is your age?

2634 answers



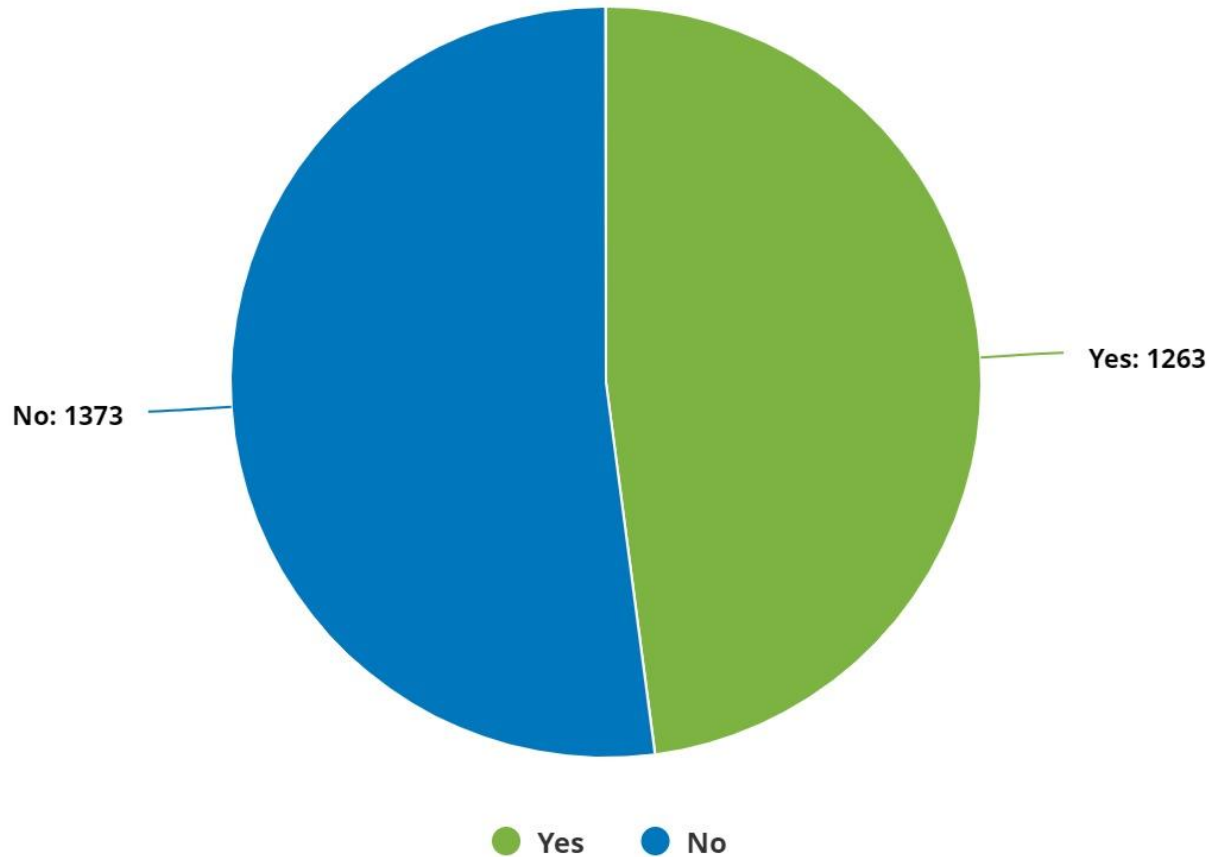
Q22. What is your gender?

2636 answers



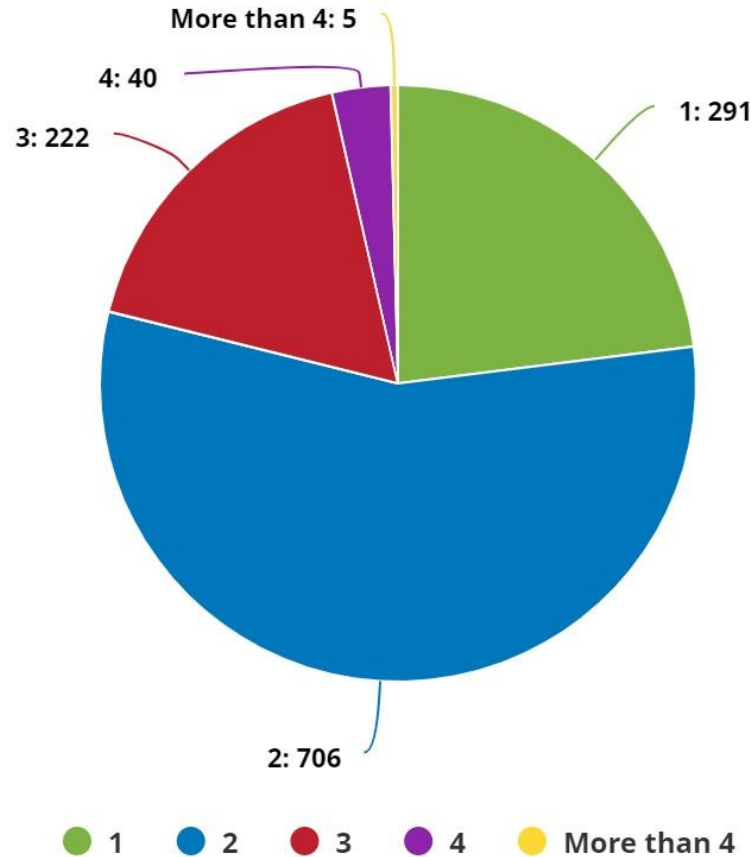
Q23. Do you have children under 18 living in your household?

2636 answers



Q24. If yes, how many children under 18 live in your household?

1264 answers



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Preliminary Summary

- Open views to water.
- Consolidate and/or cluster active recreation amenities.
- Provide a cohesive and more extensive pedestrian/bike path network with a shoreline walkway.
- Improve park road intersections.
- Provide more passive recreation opportunities for all age groups.
- Enhance and/or relocate the playground.
- Improve pedestrian access to and through parking areas in the park core.
- Provide shade and picnic amenities at and/or near the pool.
- Provide a new golf clubhouse.
- Redesign and renovate the golf practice facility.
- Provide pickleball courts.
- Provide additional platform tennis courts and a warming hut.
- Enhance restroom access for Sailing School patrons.
- Relocate the park maintenance building and grounds.
- Remove the brush pile and optimize use of the space.
- Upgrade water service from the golf course to the park core.
- Upgrade fuel facilities at golf barn and marina.
- Improve parking area Lot F.
- Convert cabin(s) and Knoll House locations to accessible park space.



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