
Walla Walla Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan



Pickleball Courts, Mill Creek Sportsplex.

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Basketball court, Vista Terrace Park



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Executive Summary

Parks and Recreation has a long history in Walla Walla. The park system is more than a century old, and Walla Walla residents overwhelmingly consider Parks and Recreation to be essential to their quality of life. The City of Walla Walla Parks and Recreation Department manages 19 facilities throughout the city for the benefit of the people of Walla Walla and provided recreation programming to more than 13,000 people during 2023.

Walla Walla's parks range from the downtown Walawàla Plaza, which is a newly created facility that is beloved by both locals and tourists, to bustling Washington Park, where families recreate year around, to the classically designed Pioneer Park and historic Fort Walla Walla Park, where Walla Walla's history as an indigenous gathering place and frontier boom town is on display. Throughout the city, recreation opportunities abound. Residents and visitors take part in programs all year round on the many ballfields, playgrounds, and courts.

Public input on this plan was garnered at events throughout 2023, at parks facilities throughout the city. An online survey was also used to gain insight into the public's desires and vision around parks and recreation in Walla Walla, which 338 residents responded to. City Parks and Recreation Department staff also provided valuable input about the current status of parks, facilities, and recreation programs.

By most metrics, including number of facilities, acreage of parks, and user satisfaction, parks and recreation in Walla Walla is achieving high levels of service. There is certainly room to improve scores, for specific kinds of facilities, at specific parks, and regarding the geographic distribution of parks, but overall, the current status is meeting the needs of the community.

The purpose of this plan is to provide a roadmap for the Department's and the public's vision of parks and recreation over the next six years. Broadly, the Goals and Policies contained in the plan aim to provide high levels of service, meet the needs of Walla Walla's diverse population, and continue to enhance the quality of life for residents.



Background

Planning Context

The City of Walla Walla encompasses approximately 12.5 square miles. The Washington State Office of Financial Management 2020 population estimate is 33,840 residents.

The population of Walla Walla is about 24% under age 20, approximately 22% of residents are 20-34 years old, 18% are 35 to 49 years old, 17% are 50 to 64 years old, and 19% of residents are 65 years and older. The population under 35 is slightly higher than the state average due to the student populations of Whitman College, Walla Walla Community College, and Walla Walla University. The public-school system and institutions of higher learning provide many opportunities for recreation through school facilities and programming. These existing opportunities are a great reason for the city to partner with these organizations in order to avoid duplication of efforts and ensure accessibility for participants.

Approximately 24.3 percent of the population identifies as Hispanic or Latino. This is a growing segment of Walla Walla's population. All parks and recreation print materials currently produced are bi-lingual in English and Spanish. Maintaining and improving access to programming for the Spanish-speaking population will continue to be an important facet of Walla Walla Parks and Recreation's mission.

Roughly one-third of Walla Walla households are categorized as Very Low or Low Income. This population may experience difficulty participating in programming or in reaching facilities. Continued efforts, such as providing scholarships, to ensure all segments of Walla Walla's population are able to engage in Parks and Recreation will be necessary.

Walla Walla has an enduring connection to its parks. Planning for city-owned parks began in 1901, when the land that was to become Pioneer Park was purchased by the city for park purposes. Walla Walla residents consistently rank Parks and Recreation highly on yearly citizen satisfaction scores, including year-over-year improvements. Citizen Satisfaction ratings for Parks and Recreation exceed rating of comparable size cities by over 10 percentage points. Walla Walla residents ranked parks as a priority to receive City funding behind only public safety and street improvements. This demonstrates that residents of Walla Walla highly value existing opportunities and desire further investment and expansion in the parks system.

While there was a Parks and Recreation Plan for the period from 1972-1992, that plan was not updated and re-adopted again until 2018. Parks and Recreation funding and prioritization in the past two decades has relied on year-to-year assessments of need and on user generated visions for individual parks and projects. The intent of this document is to anticipate the short and long-term needs of the entire Walla Walla Parks and Recreation system in order to plan for the future before it arrives.

Capital for the Parks and Recreation Department comes from the City's general fund, grants, and from private donations. These sources have been helpful, but there is certainly room for expansion of partnerships with outside funding organizations, for continued cooperation with facility providers, and for exploration of additional funding sources to implement system-wide improvements and specific facility upgrades and

additions. The Department has quite a long list of deferred maintenance projects due to lack of available funding.

This plan is adopted to be consistent with the guidelines established in the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Manual 2, so that future City of Walla Walla projects may qualify for RCO grant funding.

System Status – 2024

The City of Walla Walla Parks and Recreation Department manages 15 parks totaling approximately 395 acres; an 18-hole municipal golf course; an aviary; an aquatic facility including Olympic size lap pool, slides, and splash features; an 89-acre cemetery founded in the 1860s, and a trail system with over seven miles of trails.

In 2023, Recreation programs served over 13,000 Walla Wallans, almost a third of Walla Walla’s population, participating in over 20 types of diverse programs. The total number of contacts with visitors was over 200,000, about 12,000 more visits than in 2022.

Major recent improvements include the construction of the Walawàla Plaza, eight pickleball courts and additional parking at Mill Creek Sportsplex, a new parking lot at the Senior Center at Jefferson Park, the complete rebuild of Heritage Square, and new playgrounds at Vista Terrace Park and Eastgate Lions Park. Much of the funding for these projects came as part of the American Rescue Plan Act funding that the city was awarded in 2021 from the Federal Government.



Inventory

The inventory is intended to provide information about each park and recreation facility. A brief history is presented first, followed by a catalogue of the amenities in each location and their condition, rated by Parks and Recreation staff as either Good, Fair, or Poor. Americans with Disabilities Act compliance is also denoted. History information is sourced from City of Walla Walla document archives, including Ordinances and Resolutions passed by City Council, and from Walla Walla 2020.

Each park is also classified by park type. Park types are categories which provide broad information about the size of the park/facility, what type of recreation is available, and who the typical users are. Community parks provide a diverse range of recreational activities and typically include parking facilities and restrooms. They are generally 25 acres or larger and have a service radius of 2 miles. Neighborhood parks have a smaller range of activities available, are usually between 5 and 10 acres, and serve the area up to half a mile away. Mini-parks provide specialized recreation opportunities to a limited population and are generally smaller than 1 acre. Users of mini-parks are drawn from the surrounding one quarter mile area.

Eastgate Lions Park

2140 Tacoma Street

12 acres

Neighborhood Park

In 1963, the property that would become Eastgate Lions Park was formally designated for park purposes. The Eastgate Lions Club was an active participant in the process. Resolution Number 3062 formally named the park site in recognition of the contributions of the Club in 1963.

- Baseball backstop with no diamond - good
- Basketball court - good
- Mill Creek Trail from Park to Tausick Way – 1 mile, fair
- Picnic shelter - good
- Play structure - good
- Softball/baseball fields
 - 3 baseball diamonds, batting cage, bleachers, and scoreboards - good



Baseball/Softball Fields, Eastgate Lions Park

Parking for the fields is ADA compliant, and off-street parking available at Fire Station 2 provides access to the sidewalks and Eastgate Lions Park. There is no paved access through Eastgate Lions Park. Both sets of bathrooms meet ADA requirements. There are no water fountains available at this site.

Fort Walla Walla Park

1199 Myra Road

205 acres

Community Park

The site of the former Fort Walla Walla, this park offers many ways to interact with and interpret that history as well as traditional recreational opportunities. There is a museum on-site, operated by the non-profit Fort Walla Walla Museum organization, including a historic village of restored late 1800's era buildings. The amphitheater at the site is currently not safe for public use. A Master Plan for Fort Walla Walla Park was adopted in 2004.

- 2.5 miles of trails - fair
- Amphitheater - poor
- BMX course - good
- Disc golf course - fair
- Model airplane field - good
- Natural area - good
- Off-leash dog park - fair
- Picnic shelter - good
- Play Structure – good
- Remote control car area - good
- Ropes course - fair
- Skate park - fair



There are two restroom locations in the park, and all are ADA accessible. The two water fountains at the park are also ADA accessible. Many of the trails within the park are accessible as well.

Heritage Square

116 East Main Street

0.7 acres

Mini-Park

Heritage Square is located in the heart of Downtown Walla Walla. The \$3 million reconstruction of this park is nearly complete. This project is carrying out the conceptual design that was created in 2018 through an extensive public input process to re-envision this park. The remade park will serve as the primary event space for downtown events. This park is home to a downtown summer concert series that was started in 2022 and is very popular among the local residents.



- Mural “Windows of the Past”
- Statue
- Stage

Restrooms, water fountains and a stage are accessible.

Highway 12 Trail

North of Highway 12 from Myra Road to Wellington Avenue

2.5 miles

When Highway 12 through Walla Walla was completed in the mid-1960s, a pedestrian trail was included to provide safe pedestrian transport. Responsibility for the care and maintenance was transferred to the City in 1988. The trail traverses two and a half miles from Wellington Avenue in the Eastgate neighborhood to Bowman Road on Walla Walla’s western border. The trail is not continuous due to the railroad tracks between N 9th and N 13th. The trail is paved for its whole length. There are portions of the trail that are not ADA accessible due to changes in elevation.

Howard Tietan Park

616 E Tietan Street

19 acres

Neighborhood Park

The land that would become Howard Tietan Park was acquired by the City of Walla Walla from Marvin and Erva Tucker for \$11,760 in 1950. It is clear that the Tuckers intended for this property to be used for park purposes, as Resolution Number 2548 includes language that if “work toward establishing a park is not commenced within three years” the City would owe an additional \$1,960. The land was leased for wheat farming purposes in 1954. In January 1961, the City Manager requested a study of the importance of this land to the future park needs of the City and the financial ability of the City to develop the tract as a park. February 1961 saw a determination that the City should not part with the land for any reason, and that the City was financially unable to provide a definite program for the development of a park at this location. A proposal to name the park “Captain Albert Harold Rooks Park” failed in October 1963 and the park was officially named Howard-Tietan Park at that time. The City annexed the land encompassing the park in April 1967. In June 1968, the City formally accepted facilities which the Exchange Club of Walla Walla had provided labor, materials, and funds for. These facilities included a baseball diamond and backstop, bleachers, and drinking fountains.

- Baseball diamonds with backstops and bleachers, 2 - good
- Baseball backstop, no diamond - poor
- Basketball hoop, no formal court - good
- Electronic wall game - poor
- Mature shade trees
- Picnic shelter - good
- Play structure - good



Howard Tietan Park Sign

- Playfield used for various sports
- Soccer fields, 2 - good
- Swing set - good

There are 2 ADA accessible parking stalls on the north end of the parking lot, with a paved ramp that leads to the accessible bathrooms and water fountains.

Jefferson Park

750 Sprague Street

9 acres

Neighborhood Park

The land for Jefferson Park was initially purchased in 1911, with further land condemned in 1916. Jefferson Park was formally named in 1931. The Senior Center on site is leased by the city to an operator for programming focused on Walla Walla’s senior population, with the city providing grounds and building maintenance. The Wellness Center is leased to an operator for programming and maintenance, and the tenants and activities at this location vary. A fishing pond is stocked in the spring and provides the opportunity for anglers 14 years old and younger to hone their skills.

- Basketball half-court - good
- Juvenile fishing pond
- Mature shade trees
- Play structure - good
- Senior Center - good
- Swing set - good
- Wading pool – closed
- Wellness Center – good
- Train display - fair



Restrooms and water fountains are accessible. There is one designated ADA parking stall. A paved path leads from the parking lot to the restrooms and play structure.

Veterans Memorial Park/Pool/Borleske Stadium

505 East Rees Ave

12 acres

Community Park

The land that would eventually become Memorial Park was annexed for the purposes of a park, community hall, and meeting space in 1939. The Borleske Stadium Complex is owned jointly by the City of Walla Walla, Walla Walla Public Schools, and Whitman College and operated to benefit all three members as well as the community at large. Borleske Stadium is host to the Walla Walla Sweets baseball team as well as Whitman Baseball and Walla Walla High School Football. Borleske Field is a limited access facility. Also at this site is a standard-sized track and football field which are open to the public, in the area known as Martin Field.

- Borleske Stadium - good
- Mature shade trees
- Picnic tables
- Standard track – fair
- Football field - good
- Basketball hoop - good
- Veteran’s Memorial Pool
 - Olympic size pool - good
 - Toddler-pool - good
 - Slides and water toys - good
 - Locker rooms and event space - good



Veterans Memorial Pool

There are no restrooms available in the park, but the pool facility is fully ADA compliant.

Menlo Park

1242 Alvarado Terrace

3 acres

Neighborhood Park

The historic Alvarado Terrace neighborhood features Menlo Park. The land comprising Menlo Park was dedicated to the City of Walla Walla in 1939 and was originally named Green Park.

- Baseball backstop with no diamond - fair
- Basketball court - fair
- Mature shade trees
- Play structure - good
- Swing set – good
- Tennis/Pickleball court - fair



Playground, Menlo Park

Minimal off-street parking is available on Division and on-street parking is available on Alvarado Terrace. The restrooms here are ADA accessible with a ramp leading directly to the street, as is the water fountain. There are not accessible paths through the park, and the existing sidewalk on the east park boundary has only one ADA compliant ramp at the intersection with Walla Walla Ave.

Mill Creek Sportsplex

111 Tausick Way

50 acres

Community Park

This park was developed primarily for organized sporting events. The park opened in 2002 with three softball fields and one soccer field. A second soccer field was added in 2004 and a Master Plan was created at this time for future development of the southwest section of the park. The park's master plan was updated in 2023 to reflect the current usage and future needs of the park.



- Pickleball Courts, 8 - good
- Play structure - good
- Skate park - good
- Softball diamonds with bleachers and scoreboards, 3 - good
- Soccer fields, 2 – good
- Mister spray feature - good

Multiple ADA accessible parking spaces are available on-site. The restrooms are fully accessible, the water fountains associated with the restrooms are accessible while the water fountains near the play structure are not. There are paved paths to all of the playing fields, but not to the skate park or play structure.

Mountain View Cemetery

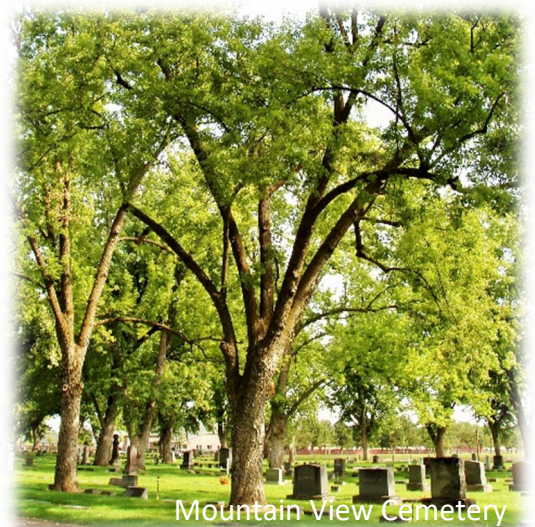
2120 South 2nd Avenue

65 acres

City Recreation Facility

Mountain View Cemetery is an active cemetery. It was founded in the 1860s and the City assumed responsibility for maintenance in the 1950s. Its main recreation feature is the numerous paved roads crisscrossing the grounds and many large shade trees, making it a desirable location for walkers and runners.

There is a fully ADA accessible restroom at this location and water fountains located near the Cemetery Clerk's office. There is ADA parking available at the cemetery office.



Pioneer Park

940 East Alder Street

Approximately 58 acres

Community Park

Pioneer Park is Walla Walla's original park. The City of Walla Walla acquired the land that would become Pioneer Park in 1897 for \$60,000. In 1900, the Parks and Civic Arts Board was formed, and 1901 saw the city formally approve the site for use as a park. The park was designed by a local resident named John Langdon, with input from the Olmsted Brothers landscape architecture firm, and opened to the public in 1908. A fish hatchery was maintained in conjunction with Washington State on site from 1915 to 1955. In 1931, the park's name was changed from City Park to Pioneer Park.

- 1.4 miles of trails
- Aviary - good
- Baseball backstop with no diamond - poor
- Basketball hoop with no formal court – fair
- Garden center/event space – fair
- Historic bandstand – good
- Pickleball courts, 6 - good
- Mature shade trees
- Play structure - fair
- Picnic shelter - fair
- Rose garden - good
- Soccer field - fair
- Softball fields with bleachers, 2 - 1 fair and 1 good
- Streams/ponds
- Swing set - good
- Wedding Fountain



Historic bandstand, Pioneer Park



Aviary, Pioneer Park

There are multiple available ADA parking stalls on site, and both restrooms are accessible. The only accessible water fountains are those that are co-located with the restrooms. An accessible path leads from the parking area to the aviary, garden center, and around park perimeter.

Veterans Memorial Golf Course

201 East Rees Avenue

135 acres

City Recreation Facility

The City Council first proposed a municipal golf course via ballot measure for bond funding in 1940. The acquisition of the land that would become Memorial Park and Veterans' Memorial Golf



Putting green and clubhouse, Veterans Memorial Golf Course

Course was submitted for a bond ballot measure in 1945. In 1946, the City Council authorized the hiring of a golf architect to design Veteran’s Memorial Golf Course. Starting in 2022 the driving range has functioned as a concert venue for music events.

- 18-hole golf course
- Driving range (functions as Wine Country Amphitheater for music events)
- Club house

Accessible parking is available at the club house, and a paved path with ramp leads from the stalls to the clubhouse. Restrooms on the course and at the club house are ADA accessible.

Vista Terrace Park

925 Mountain Park Drive

7 acres

Neighborhood Park

The residents of the Melody Park Terrace neighborhood petitioned the City Council in 1974 to create a park in their area. Council approved their petition. In 2020 the original 1976 play equipment was replaced by funds donated by Walla Walla Sunrise Rotary, Walla Walla Noon Rotary, The Hayden Home Foundation, Michael and Eva Murr, and the City of Walla Walla. There were enough funds to replace the basketball courts, add sidewalks, and benches.

- Baseball backstops with no diamonds, 2 - fair
- Basketball court - good
- Play Structure – good
- Swing set - good
- Shade trees



Only on-street parking is available at this park. There is a new restroom which was installed in the spring of 2020.

Volunteer Park

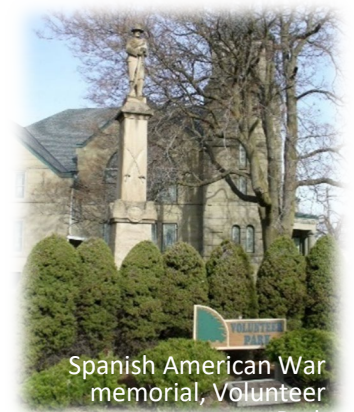
Northwest corner of intersection of Alder Street and Palouse Street

0.1 acre

Mini-Park

The land for Volunteer Park was donated to the City of Walla Walla in 1904 by the First Congregational Church, for use as a public park.

Volunteer Park is a small grassy space with 2 memorials, one each commemorating Walla Walla-area veterans of the Spanish American War and the Space Shuttle Challenger Crew.



Walawala Plaza

1st Ave

1 Block

Community Gathering Space

1st Avenue Plaza was created summer 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The city took the opportunity to close a street and convert the space to a temporary public plaza. Throughout the changing restrictions to combat the pandemic, 1st Avenue Plaza became a location where the community could gather safely outside. The overwhelming support of making the plaza permanent led the city to move forward with converting this space into a permanent space for the public. The Walawala Plaza officially opened in the spring of 2023.



Walawala Plaza, Downtown Walla Walla

- Water Feature, 2 – good
- Tables, Chairs - good

Washington Park

700 West Cherry Street

12 acres

Neighborhood Park

The land for Washington Park was purchased for \$2,500 in 1927. The land was adjacent to Washington School, which was built in 1901.

- Basketball courts, 2 - good
- Soccer fields, 2 – good
- Splash pad - good
- Play structure - good
- Stage with power - fair
- Mature shade trees

Accessibility at this park is good. There is a ramp from the available ADA parking space to the restrooms, splash pad, and one of the basketball courts. The restrooms and water fountains are accessible.



Splashpad, Washington Park

Wildwood Park

21 South Division Street

6 acres

Neighborhood Park

In 1922 one portion of what would become Wildwood Park was purchased by the City of Walla Walla for \$5,800 and in 1924, another portion was purchased for \$2,450. The City Council proposed a ballot measure in 1970 for the public to determine whether the city should sell Wildwood Park, but this ballot measure failed.

- baseball backstop, no diamond - fair
- full-court basketball - good
- play structure - good
- swing set - good
- picnic shelter - fair



Playground, Wildwood Park

There is 1 accessible parking space, with a ramp that leads to the picnic shelter, swing set, play structure, and restrooms. The restrooms are fully ADA accessible, as are the water fountains.

Xeriscape Park

706 Isaacs Avenue

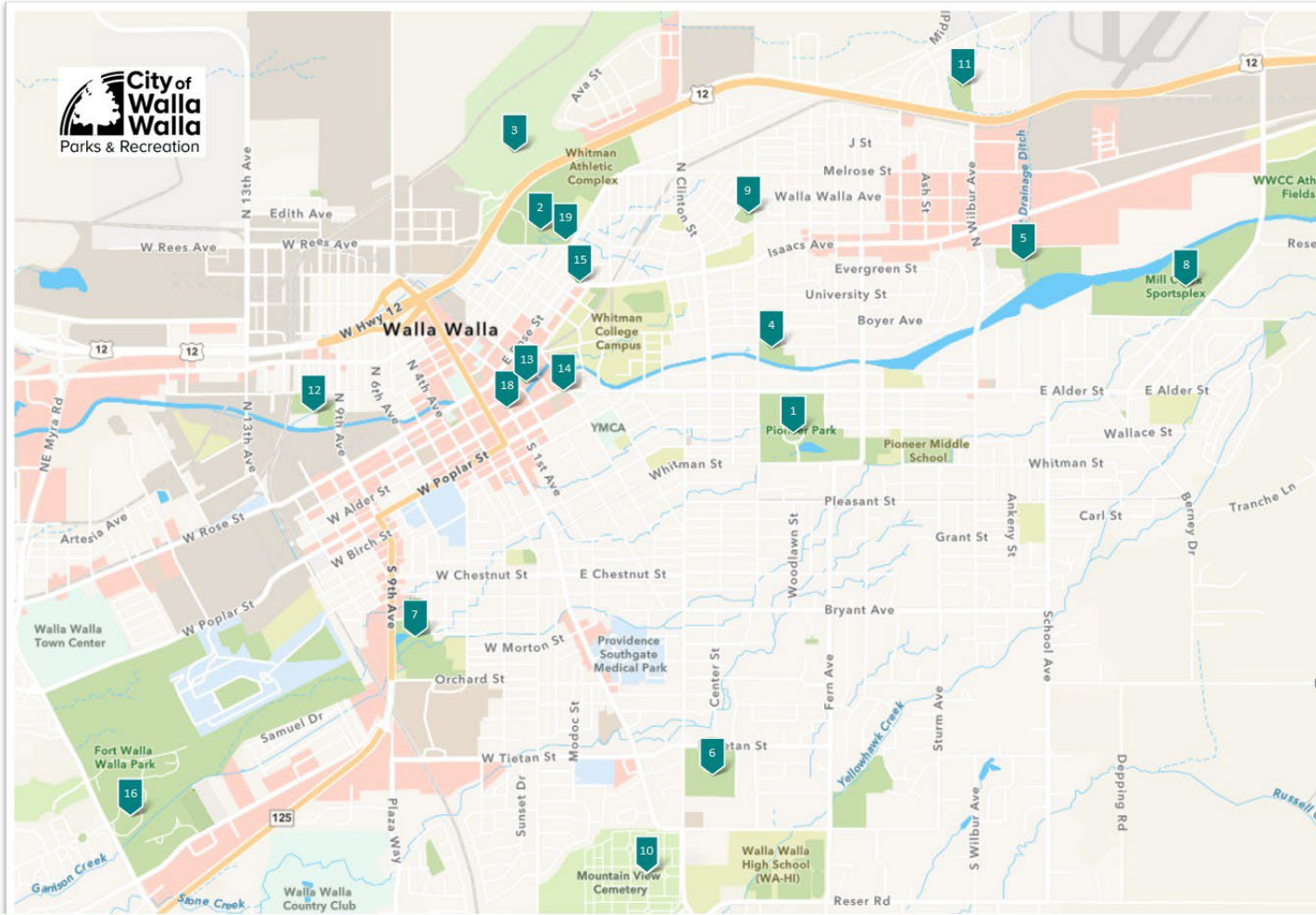
0.2 acre

Mini-Park

Xeriscape Park serves as a demonstration garden for low/no irrigation gardening techniques. It features paved paths, benches, and statuary. There are no bathrooms or water fountains at this site, and the brick paver path was replaced with stamped concrete during the Isaacs Infrastructure Repair and Replacement Plan project in 2017.



Xeriscape Park



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- [C] ADA Playground
- [D] Walking Path
- [E] Baseball Fields
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- [G] Soccer Fields
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- [J] Skate Park
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- [L] Tennis Court
- [M] Lacrosse Field
- [N] Golf
- [O] Football Field
- [P] Basketball Court
- [Q] Disk Golf Course
- [R] Fishing (youth Only)
- [S] Dog Park
- [T] Concessions
- [U] Water Feature/Slides
- [V] Swimming Pool
- [W] Horseshoes
- [X] Liquor Allowed
- [Y] Stage

Recreation

Recreation programming in the City of Walla Walla has grown in leaps and bounds from a decade ago. Programs are open to participants from areas outside of the city limits, including Milton-Freewater, Oregon, College Place, Washington, and unincorporated areas of Walla Walla County. Opening recreation program participation to those outside city limits assists with cost recovery and thus helps ensure programs can be offered to City residents at an affordable rate. Further expansion of some types of recreation programming is constrained by a lack of indoor recreation facilities.

Recreation Programs

A wide variety of programming is available to participants of all ages. Parks and Recreation Staff are highly responsive to community desires when designing programs, leading to a roster of programs that changes to fill gaps. Below are the programs which were offered throughout 2023, in addition to other programs.

UPlay – free summer day camp offered for ages 7-12 at Washington Parks

Free Meals – summer meal service program offering meals to children ages 1-18 through funding from the USDA

Fall Youth Soccer – largest league sport in the Walla Walla Valley

Youth Flag Football

Blue Mountain Girls Softball

All-Comers Track Meet – track meet for ages 1-12

Warrior Soccer Academy – clinic to teach the skills of soccer, offered in partnership with WWCC

Youth Softball Tournaments – girls' fastpitch teams from the Pacific Northwest region compete in Walla Walla

Sports and other camps – lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, frisbee, golf, hiking, biking, survival, art, music

Youth Special Events – Father-Daughter Ball, Mother-Son Superhero Bash, Pumpkin Carving, All-Comers Swim Meet, Fishing Derby

Pottery Painting Studio

Adult Art and Enrichment Classes – Watercolor painting, portrait sketching, picture matting, ukulele, guitar

Adult Softball

Adult Soccer

Swimming Lessons

Summer Swim Team

Overall, participants in Walla Walla recreation programming indicate a satisfaction level of more than 85%.

Program Participation

Since 2000, the number and variety of recreation programs as well as the number of participants have expanded rapidly. In 2000, the only recreation programs offered were UPlay, Free Meals, Open Gym, Sports/Other Camps, Youth Special Events, and Swimming Lessons for a total of approximately 1850 participants.

By 2012, the number of participants in recreation programs increased to over five times the 2000 numbers to about 9800 people, due in large part to a wider field of available programs as well as increased community knowledge and involvement.

In the past five years, the overall total of program participants has held steady, although the number of visits, or the amount of times an individual participant has been involved in an activity, has close to doubled. This growth can be attributed almost entirely to the reopening of Memorial Pool, which far exceeded attendance expectations in its first year.

Recreation Partnerships

The City of Walla Walla is able to offer a wide variety of recreation programs in areas of the city that are accessible to all families thanks in part to the partnerships that exist with many stakeholders. These affiliations can be generally classified as either facility partnerships or expertise partnerships.

Facility partnerships ensure that Recreation programming can be held throughout the community at sites that are not owned by the city. Important collaborations in this realm include Walla Walla Public Schools, College Place Public Schools, Walla Walla Community College, and Whitman College.

Expertise partnerships expand the possibilities for programming by providing sources of human capital. These outside entities contribute knowledge of sports and recreation new to the region as well as forge connections between users, providers, and outside agencies to increase reach and prevent duplication of efforts. Walla Walla Public Schools allows recreation program information to be distributed in classrooms. Whitman College, Walla Walla University, and Walla Walla Community College students, faculty, and staff bring new activity ideas and act as coaches.



A putting green and the driving range, Veteran's Memorial Golf Course



The picnic shelter at Wildwood Park is the site of Campfire Walla Walla's summer camp



The Senior Center at Jefferson Park is the site of the Parks and Recreation Pottery Painting Studio

Public Outreach

The public involvement process for this plan was intended to reach a wide geographic area as well as current users of parks and recreation facilities and programs. A multi-pronged approach was used in order to accomplish this goal and to hear from a variety of stakeholders.

Appendix I is a flyer highlighting the overall intent of the Parks and Recreation Plan process and outreach schedule that was distributed at Comprehensive Plan and Parks Plan outreach events, available at the City Service Center and Walla Walla Public Library, and available on the Parks and Recreation and Development Services web pages.

The feedback from these methods varies widely but can be categorized in three rough groups: those who support, appreciate, and enjoy the current parks and want to see them maintained for the future, those who had precise responses related to desired changes at a specific park or parks, and those who envisioned changes for the whole of the Parks and Recreation system.

Washington Park, Memorial Pool, and Pioneer Park were all rated very highly among participants' favorite places in Walla Walla, where everyone was given a dot sticker and instructed to place it on the location of their favorite place. This exercise was performed at open houses and visioning meeting specific to the Comprehensive Plan, as well as at events where the Comprehensive Plan was not the main focus – Children's Day and the Farmer's Market. All ages were encouraged to share their input.



Parks and Recreation Plan Survey

An online survey which was conducted during September and October of 2023 received 338 responses. The survey was available online via Survey Monkey, and the access link was posted on the city website (Parks and Recreation header, Walla Walla 2040 Comp Plan page) as well as posted and promoted on City social media accounts (main City Facebook page, City Parks and Recreation Facebook page). The survey link was also included in the flyer mentioned above and was available to be administered at individual park open houses.

This survey was designed with a mix of question types, including rating, multiple choice, and open ended, in order to gain a more complete understanding of participants' attitudes and use patterns. Questions were both broad and detailed regarding parks, the complete parks system, individual recreation programs and the full recreation system. Results of the survey are available in Appendix III.

Parks Open Houses

Open houses were held at individual parks in each of the City's four wards in order to reach users with a wide geographic base as well as to reach users who may not have accessed the survey through the web. Parks open

houses were advertised via Facebook events on the City’s main Facebook page as well as through the flyer. All of the open houses were held from 4-6 in the afternoon in order to capture a variety of users and were initially scheduled to take place from September 26, 2023, through October 5, 2023. Attendance at these events ranged from 2 to more than 20 contacts.

Public Engagement Summary

The residents who participated in the outreach process for the Parks and Recreation Plan expressed feeling a very strong connection to Parks and Recreation in the City. Participants indicate a high level of satisfaction with parks and recreation facilities, specifying that they enjoy the facilities, that the city is doing a good job and that facilities are in good shape, clean, and maintained. The most desired facility additions and updates include trails, picnic shelters, playgrounds, and community center/event space.

Satisfaction with recreation programs is also very high, about 87 percent, due to reasonable costs to participate, great variety of programs, and having good experiences. Program areas to add or expand include enrichment/educational programs, aquatic programs, camps, youth sports, and art programs. Programs with the widest involvement (and the least not applicable responses) among survey respondents were special events, youth soccer, and swim lessons.

Approximately 55 percent of respondents feel that there are about the right number of parks and recreation opportunities in Walla Walla, while about 35 percent believe that opportunities should be expanded.

Roughly 28 percent of survey participants expressed that the reason they do not use parks and recreation facilities and programs more often is because their preferred facility or program is not offered, while 25 percent responded that they are too busy to do so. Increased program variety was noted as a way to boost household use of recreational programs by about a quarter of survey respondents.



Demand and Need Analysis

The Demand and Need Analysis is an element of the Parks Plan that is required by the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). This section takes the public demand findings from the plan’s public engagement results and balances it with the city’s organizational capacity. Need is analyzed and determined by assessing multiple criteria, including current levels of participation, anticipated change based on trends, capacity of the current inventory, distance between residential areas and existing opportunities, public satisfaction, current maintenance levels, and access issues.

The National Parks and Recreation Association (NRPA) 2023 Agency Performance Review provides benchmarks to compare jurisdictions and their parks and recreation facilities against the national median. Among cities with populations of 20,000-49,999, Walla Walla falls close to the median in most categories. These measurements are for one facility of a given type per the average population to support the facility.

Population Snapshot

According to the 2020 Decennial Census, the City of Walla Walla’s population is 34,060. Regarding race and ethnicity, 24.3% of Walla Wallans identify as Hispanic or Latino, 70.6% as White, 2.3% as Black or African American, and 12.4% as two or more races. According to the 2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, \$55,648 is the median household income in Walla Walla and 26.5% of Walla Wallans hold a bachelor’s degree or higher. In 2023, Walla Walla County experienced 0.76% population growth, compared with 1.8% growth in Whatcom County, which was the fastest growing Washington state county in 2023.

In the City of Walla Walla, there are approximately 600 total acres of parklands for 34,060 people. Dividing 600 acres by 34,060, this equals about 17.6 acres per 1,000 residents, which is higher than the national average of 9.6 acres per 1,000 residents.

Levels of Service

A “level of service” refers to the amount and quality of recreation facilities that are necessary to meet current and future needs. The RCO provides metrics for measuring levels of service in Manual 2, Planning and Policy Guidelines. The following discusses the results of three level of service categories: quantity criteria, quality criteria, and distribution and access criteria.

Quantity Criteria: Number of Parks and Recreation Facilities

The quantity criteria measures the number of existing types of facilities in Walla Walla, such as playgrounds, dog parks, and soccer fields, to name a few. The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) score, shown in Figure 1 below, uses the percent difference between the existing quantity of facilities and the per capita average number of facilities. To obtain the RCO scores shown in the last column of the second table below, the population of Walla Walla (34,060) is divided by the population per facility based on the NRPA median metric. The resulting number is compared to the number of facilities that Walla Walla has, and the percentage difference between the median/ideal is used to determine the score.

Figure 1: RCO Scoring for Quantity Criteria

Indicators and Criteria for Local Agencies	A	B	C	D	E
Quantity Criteria					
Number of Parks and Recreation Facilities Percent difference (the gap) between existing quantity of parks and recreation facilities and the desired quantity (e.g., eight out of ten would be a Level B: 20 percent gap) (may also use per capita average)	<10%	11-20%	21-30%	31-40%	>41%

Figure 2: Number of Parks and Recreation Facilities

# Facilities Walla Walla	Type of Facility	NRPA median metric for cities 20,000 to 49,999	RCO Score
16	Basketball hoops (any size court)	1/7,117	A
10	Playgrounds	1/3,028	B
17	Pickleball courts	1/9,257	A
8	Full youth-sized baseball fields	1/5,033	A
5	Picnic shelters	No data	-
3	Full adult-softball fields	1/11,802	A
5	Full youth-softball fields	1/9,060	-
5	Full size soccer fields	1/4,947	A
1	Tennis courts (overall median)	1/5,815	A
2	Skate parks	1/32,000	A
3	Small stages with power	No data	-
1	Pool (overall median)	1/25,191	A
1	Splashpad	No data	-
1	Dog park	1/29683	A
1	Disc golf course	No data	-
1	BMX park	No data	-
1	Golf course	1/32,990	A
1	Driving range	No data	-
1	Senior center	1/31,199	A
1	Amphitheater	1/30,283	A
1	Track	No data	-

This plan only accounts for City-owned recreation facilities. However, there are many playgrounds, baseball fields, and tennis courts owned by Walla Walla Public Schools which provide further access for these activities, with limitations based mostly on time of day.

Quality Criteria: Public Satisfaction

This level of service metric measures public satisfaction with parks and recreation facilities, both for each facility and for the parks and recreation system overall. Data for this criterion stemmed from the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan 2024 Survey, as well as the City of Walla Walla Engagement and Priority 2022 Survey. The RCO score is used for this quality criteria, and Figure 2 below shows how the scores are determined.

Figure 3: RCO Scoring for Quality Criteria

Indicators and Criteria for Local Agencies	A	B	C	D	E
Quality Criteria					
Public Satisfaction Percentage of population satisfied with the condition, quantity, or distribution of existing active park and recreation facilities (public feedback assessment)	>65%	51-65%	36-50%	25-35%	<25%

Public Satisfaction of Individual Parks

In the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan 2024 Survey, residents were asked, “for each park or recreation facility you have visited, what is your overall satisfaction with that facility?” If survey respondents had not visited a particular park, they were instructed to answer N/A or not applicable. For this criterion, the Very Satisfied, More Than Satisfied, and Satisfied responses were added together to get the “sum of percent satisfied” result. To calculate the “adjusted total responses” percentage, the percent of N/A responses were subtracted from 100. Finally, the “sum of percent satisfied” was divided by the “adjusted total responses percentage” and multiplied by 100 to arrive at a percentage.

Figure 4: Survey Results for Public Satisfaction of Individual Parks

Park	Sum of Percent Satisfied	Adjusted Total Responses Percentage	Adjusted Percent Satisfied	Score
Eastgate Lions Park	44.5	63.6	69.9	A
Fort Walla Walla Park	76.7	88.6	86.5	A
Heritage Square	30	60	50	E
Highway 12 Trail	17.3	27.9	61.8	B
Howard-Tietan Park	67.3	87.5	76.9	A
Jefferson Park	36.8	62.2	59.2	B
Menlo Park	37.1	51.8	71.6	A
Mill Creek Sportsplex	64.7	78.3	82.6	A
Mill Creek Trail	75.2	83.8	89.8	A
Mountain View Cemetery	49.2	51.8	95.1	A
Pioneer Park	88.7	99.1	89.5	A
Veteran’s Memorial Golf Course	26.7	32.8	81.3	A
Veteran’s Memorial Park	20.4	25	81.6	A
Veteran’s Memorial Pool	72.1	79.3	90.9	A
Vista Terrace Park	32.5	35.1	92.5	A
Volunteer Park	7.9	9.5	83.4	A
Washington Park	35.8	56.7	63.2	B
Wildwood Park	61.7	67.7	91.2	A
Xeriscape Park	17.6	21.8	80.9	A

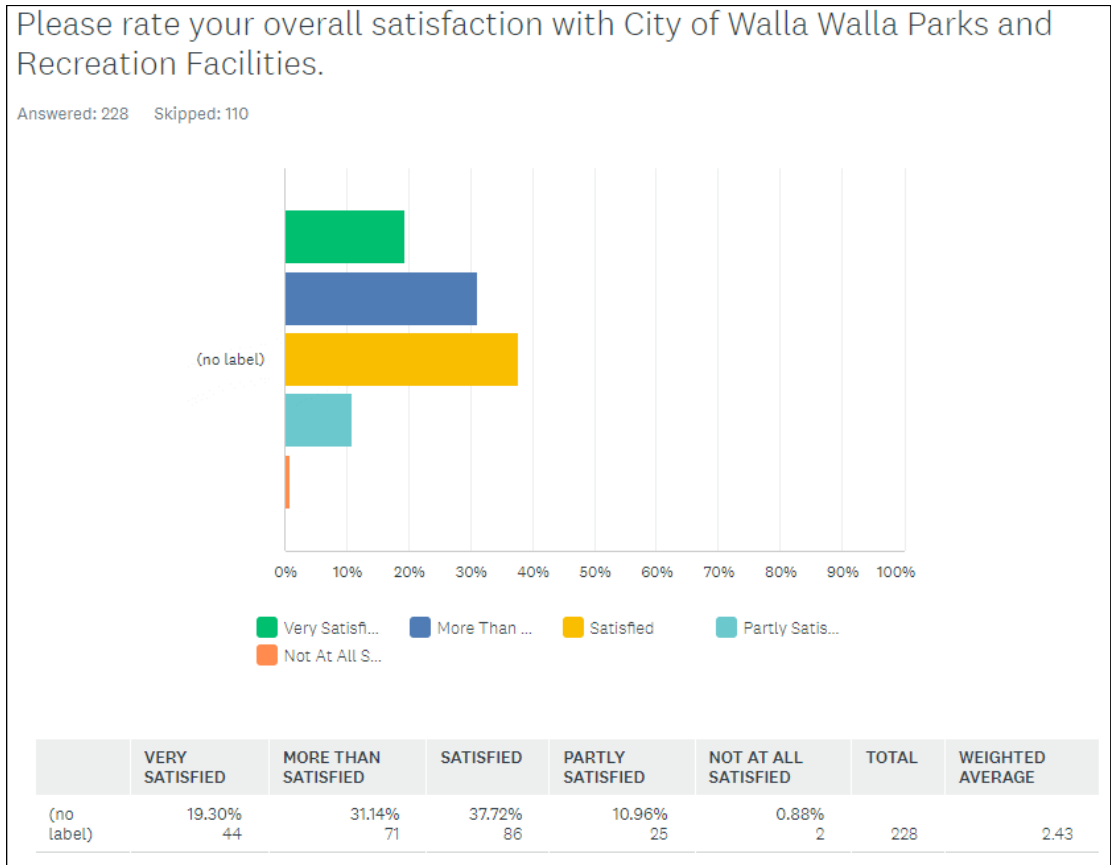
Of the 19 facilities in the table above, 15 received an “A” score, indicating 65 percent or more of survey respondents were satisfied with the facility. Heritage Square is the only facility that received lower than a “B” score. This park is currently under construction and is undergoing significant improvements designed to address past comments and concerns from residents, including the safety and security of the park. The project is estimated to be completed in summer of 2024. Once complete, Heritage Square will be the home of the summer concert series and other downtown events, with the goal of being a welcoming centerpiece of downtown. The new park is designed for a variety of activities to increase utilization both during the day and at night. The new Heritage Square will also be a space for passive use, such as dining, picnicking, meetings, studying and other similar activities.

The N/A responses, which indicate lack of visitation to a facility, ranged significantly, from 0.9 percent for Pioneer Park to 90.5 percent for Volunteer Park. This suggests that Pioneer Park is a highly visited park, while Volunteer Park is notably underutilized and/ or not well known by survey respondents. Pioneer Park and Volunteer Park are very different facilities; with Pioneer Park consisting of about 58 acres with 1.4 miles of trails, an aviary, and other amenities, while Volunteer Park is a mini park consisting of 0.1 acre with a small grassy space and two memorials. Additionally, over 65 percent of survey takers had not visited the Highway 12 trail, Veteran’s Memorial Golf Course, and Veteran’s Memorial Park.

Public Satisfaction of Overall System

In the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan 2024 Survey, residents were also asked what their overall satisfaction was with city parks and recreation facilities. Survey response choices included very satisfied, more than satisfied, partly satisfied, not at all satisfied, and not applicable. To arrive at the RCO score, the Very Satisfied, More than Satisfied, and Satisfied results were added together. Figure 5 below shows the results of this question, and the gold, dark blue, and green bars represent the “satisfied” responses. The result was 88.2 percent satisfaction with the Parks and Recreation facilities, which is an “A” score for this level of service.

Figure 5: Survey Results of Public Satisfaction of Overall System



City of Walla Walla Engagement and Priority 2023 Survey

Since 2013, the City of Walla Walla has conducted a statistically valid citizen satisfaction survey in collaboration with Cobalt Community Research. Beginning with the 2015 survey, the survey has been conducted annually. The city utilizes the resident satisfaction survey as a report card for city operations, evaluating strengths and opportunities for improvement, what priorities should be considered in the City's Strategic Plan, and budget decisions.

In the survey, there are a number of questions relating to parks and recreation. They include rating parks and recreation overall, whether the park facilities meet the survey takers' needs, rating the maintenance and

cleanliness of the facilities, the quality of recreational programs, and the variety of recreational programs. Survey respondents were also asked how frequently they use the parks and recreation facilities and programs.

Figure 6 below shows the results of the first set of questions, with the dark blue bar on the far right displaying the results of the 2023 Walla Walla survey. The light blue bar shows the results from the 2022 Walla Walla survey. The other bars provide comparison, with results for the US overall and for US cities with 25,000 to 100,000 populations, for Washington State overall and for Washington State cities with 25,000 to 100,000 populations, and for the West overall and for Western US cities with 25,000 to 100,000 populations. Walla Walla rated higher than all of the comparison jurisdictions on all five questions.

Figure 7 below shows how frequently survey respondents use the parks and recreation facilities and programs. The most selected response was “fewer than 6 times a year”, with about 36 percent of respondents choosing this response, and a close second being the “more than 12 times a year” response, with about 31 percent of survey takers selecting it. Interestingly, the percentage of both of these responses decreased from 2022, while the number of residents who answered “6-12 times a year” increased.

Figure 6: Parks and Recreation Results of the City of Walla Walla Engagement and Priority 2023 Survey

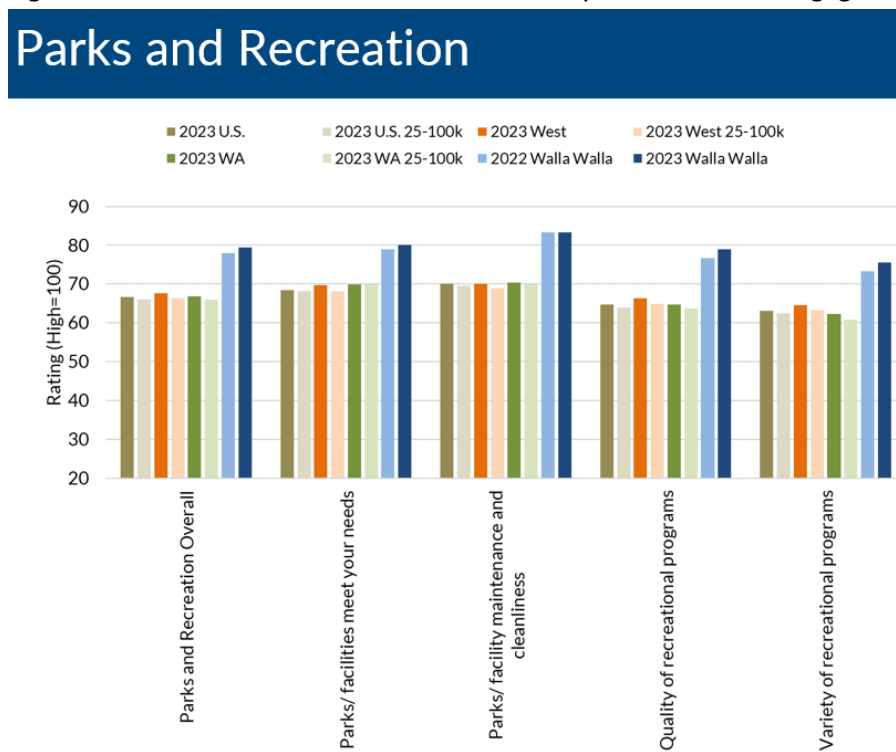
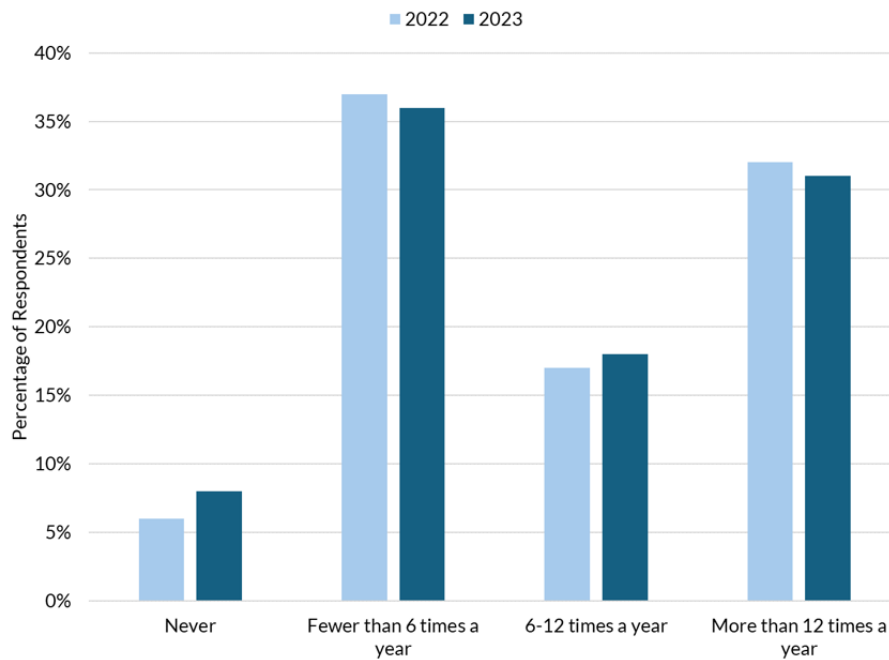


Figure 7: “How Frequently” Results of the City of Walla Walla Engagement and Priority 2023 Survey

How frequently do you use the parks and recreation facilities and programs?



Agency-Based Assessment

This criterion measures the number of facilities and amenities within the system that are fully functional for their specific design and safety guidelines. Over 95% of the City of Walla Walla facilities and amenities are currently fully functional as designed. Jefferson Park pool, the Amphitheatre at Fort Walla Walla Park, and Heritage Square are closed and not accessible to the public at this time. There are plans to bring new life to the Jefferson Park pool by converting the space to a picnic shelter. In January 2024, the city entered into a 20-year lease with the Walla Walla Summer Theatre Group, who plans to renovate, reactivate, and operate the Fort Walla Walla Amphitheater. As noted in their request for proposal response, the Summer Theatre Group aims to expand the arts and entertainment landscape in the Walla Walla Valley by transforming the amphitheater into a world class venue sustained by locally made professional musical theatre productions. Lastly, as mentioned in the “Public Satisfaction of Individual Parks” section above, Heritage Square is currently under construction and undergoing a substantial redesign, which will accommodate programming and create a place for civic celebrations, provide a strong connection to Mill Creek, and preserve and better highlight the “Windows on the Past” display.

Distribution and Access Criteria: Population within Service Areas

This distribution and access criterion measures the percentage of the population within a half mile of a neighborhood park and within five miles of a community park. Figure 8 below shows how the RCO scores for this criterion are determined.

Figure 8: RCO Scoring for Distribution and Access Criteria: Population within Service Areas

Indicators and Criteria for Local Agencies	A	B	C	D	E
Distribution and Access Criteria					
Population within Service Areas Percentage of population within the following services areas (considering barriers to access): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half-mile of a neighborhood park/trail • Five miles of a community park/trail • Twenty-five miles of a regional park/trail 	>75%	61-75%	46-60%	30-45%	<30%

A community park has a service area that includes the city limits, while a neighborhood park has a service area of a reasonable walking distance of up to half a mile. The percentage of the population within the service areas determines the RCO score. Most people can walk half a mile in 10 minutes.

Using City GIS maps, half mile and mile buffers were drawn around each parks and recreation facility. Figure 9 below shows these buffers. Based on the map, much of the city is within the half mile buffers, with the exception of the west, south, and east edges of town, as well as a portion of the central city that is further than half a mile from a park but is within a mile of a park facility. The score overall for population in service areas is “A”.

In the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan 2024 survey, residents were asked “how far do you currently live from your closest City of Walla Walla park?” The chart below, Figure 10, displays the results of this question. The green bar indicates a less than 5-minute walk from a city park, and 33.5 percent of respondents chose this response. Of the 334 residents who took the survey, 71.8 percent are within a 15-minute walk from a city park.

Figure 9: Half Mile and One Mile Buffer from City Parks and Open Spaces

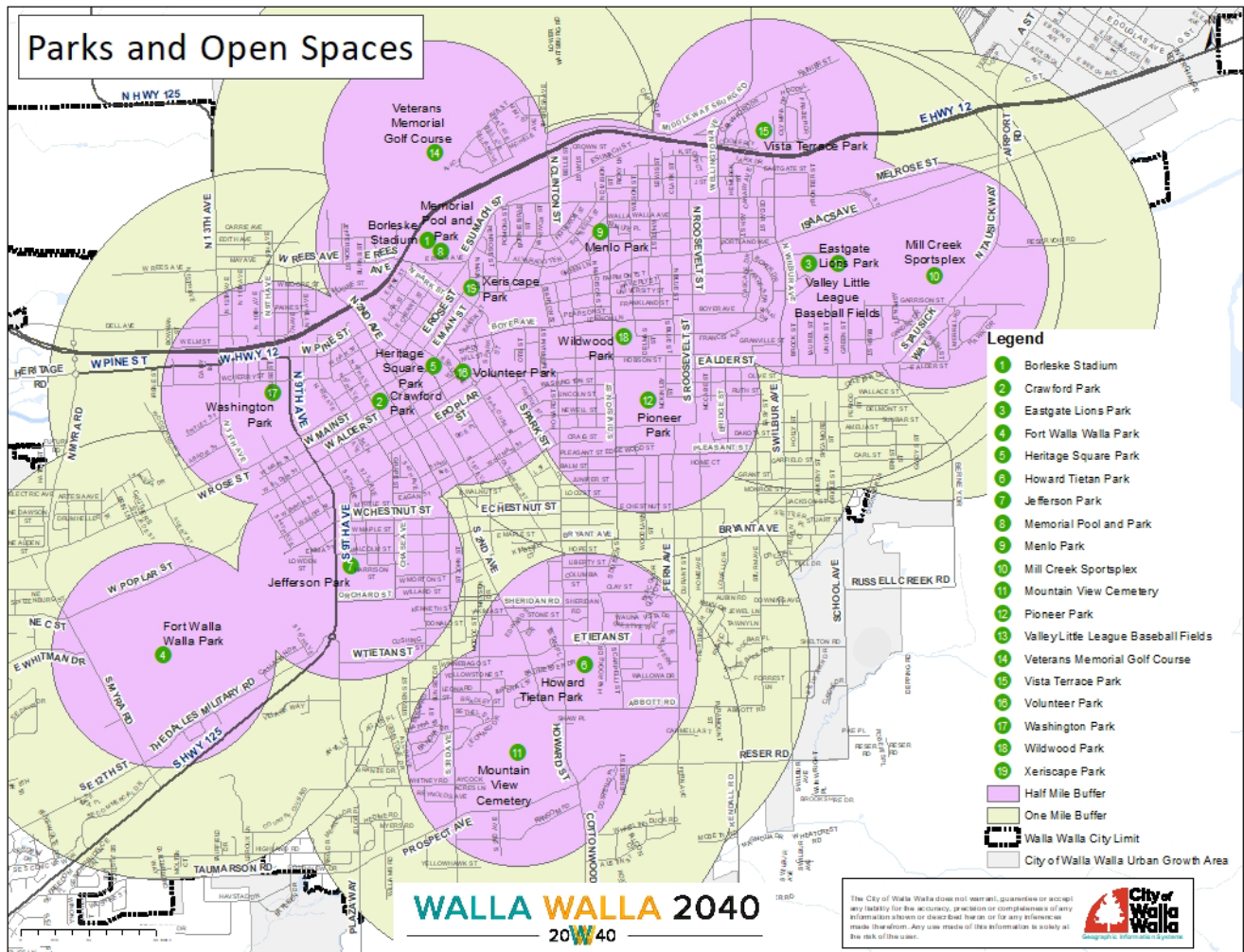
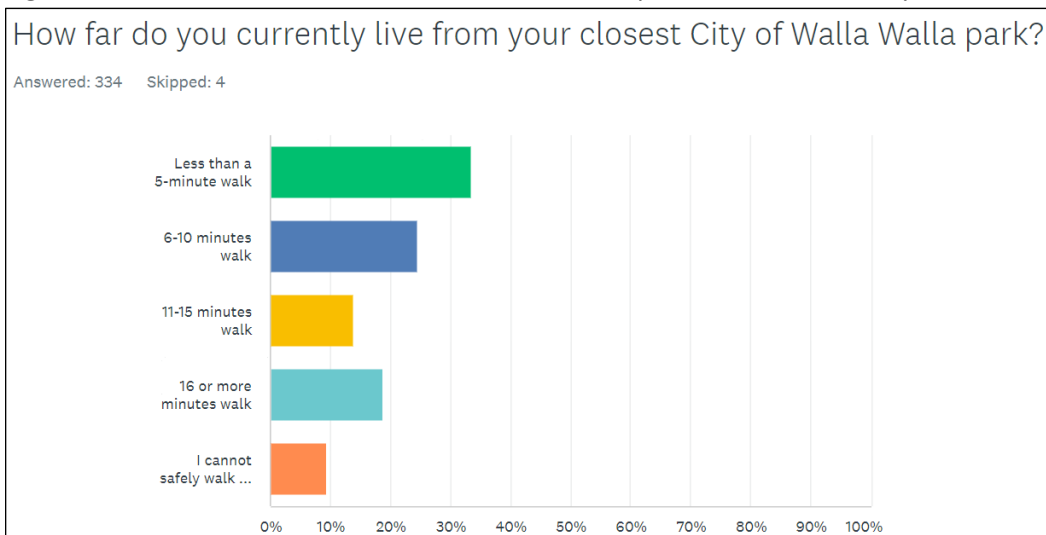


Figure 10: Result from the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan Survey



Distribution and Access Criteria: Access

This criterion measures the percentage of facilities that may be accessed safely via foot, bicycle, or public transit. Safe access was analyzed by the presence or lack of sidewalks, bike lanes, and public transportation routes. This was evaluated using the City of Walla Walla GIS maps and Valley Transit route maps, where applicable. Specifically, the following City GIS map layers were used: bike routes and lanes, which show the presence of bike lanes on city streets; sidewalk status, which displays the presence of sidewalks or lack of sidewalks on city streets; and parks and open space, which shows the parks and recreation facilities. Figure 11 below indicates the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) scoring for this access criteria.

Figure 11: RCO Scoring for Distribution and Access Criteria: Access

Indicators and Criteria for Local Agencies	A	B	C	D	E
Access Percentage of parks and recreation facilities that may be accessed safely via foot, bicycle, or public transportation	>80%	61-80%	41-60%	20-40%	<20%

Vista Terrace Park, Menlo Park, and Veteran’s Memorial Golf Course are the hardest to reach via alternate transportation methods. With 16 out of 19 facilities having some form of alternate access available, or 84%, this level of service receives an “A” score.

Figures 12 through 25 below show the sidewalk status and presence of bike lanes or bike routes surrounding each park and recreation facility.

Pedestrian Access

Safe access via foot was assessed by the presence of sidewalks or lack of sidewalks leading to each park or facility. Of the 19 facilities, five scored poorly. Vista Terrace, Menlo, and Jefferson Parks meet this criterion partially, with sidewalks or paths leading to part but not all portions of the parks. Memorial Pool lacks good pedestrian connectivity between the street, where there is no sidewalk, and through the parking lot to the pool entrance. There is no sidewalk leading to Veteran’s Memorial Golf Course.

Bicycle Access

Dedicated bike lanes provide access to Mill Creek Sportsplex, Eastgate Lions Park, Pioneer Park, Howard Tietan Park, and Mountain View Cemetery. According to the 2023 Walla Walla Valley Bicycle map, Fort Walla Walla Park is surrounded by either bike lanes or bike routes on Myra Road to the west, Dalles Military Road to the south, and Chestnut Street to the east. Jefferson Park has partial bike lane access on Orchard Street. While there are no dedicated bike lanes surrounding Wildwood Park, both Boyer Avenue to the north and Division Street to the west are considered bike routes. Menlo Park is along a “bike route” on Alvarado Terrace. Vista Terrace Park is not adjacent to bike lanes or a bike route.

Transit Access

Parks and recreation facilities that can be reached directly via Valley Transit include the Mill Creek Sportsplex, Eastgate Lions Park, Pioneer Park, Howard Tietan, Mountain View Cemetery, Jefferson Park, Fort Walla Walla Park, and Crawford Park – the location of the transit center. Washington, Menlo, and Memorial Parks are not directly served, but stops for these locations are located within a few blocks.

Figure 12: Borleske Stadium, Veteran’s Memorial Park, Pool, and Veteran’s Memorial Golf Course



Figure 13: Pioneer Park



Figure 14: Howard Tietan Park

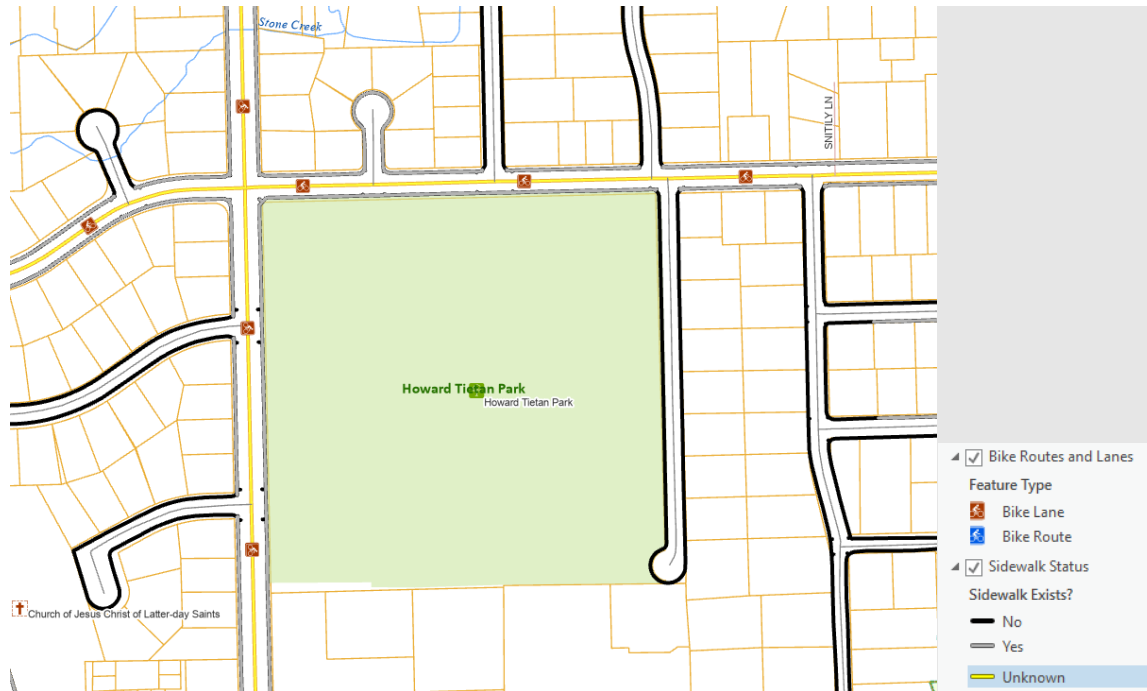


Figure 15: Jefferson Park

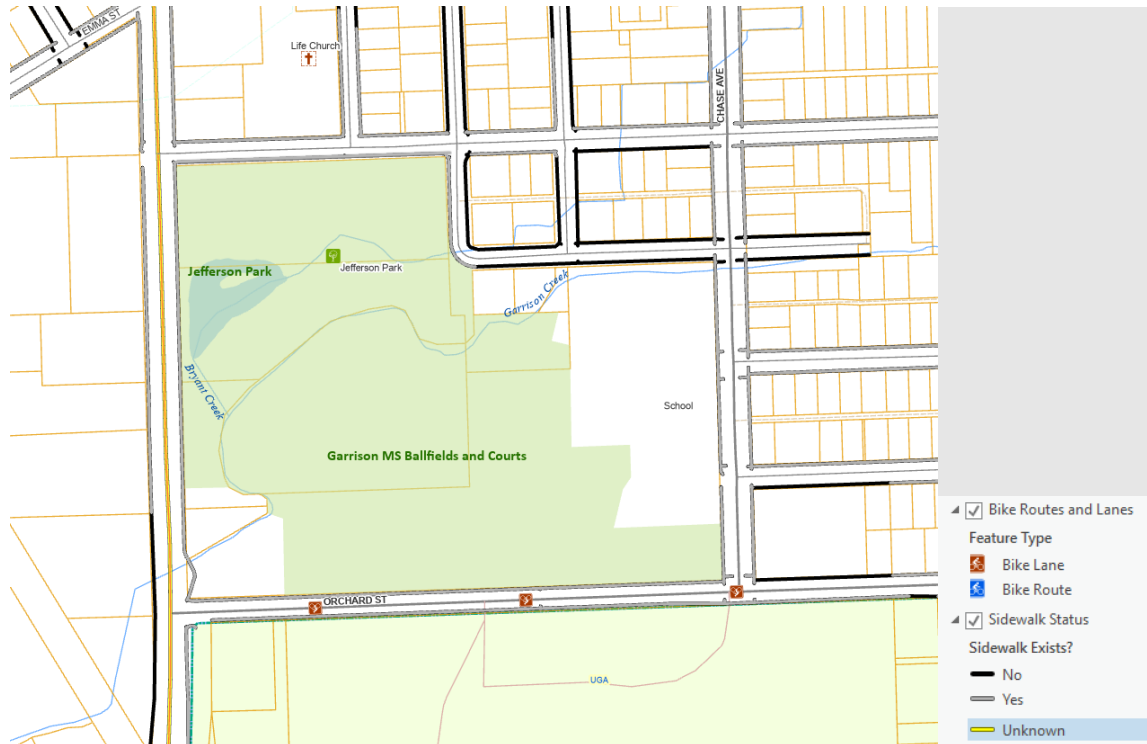


Figure 16: Wildwood Park

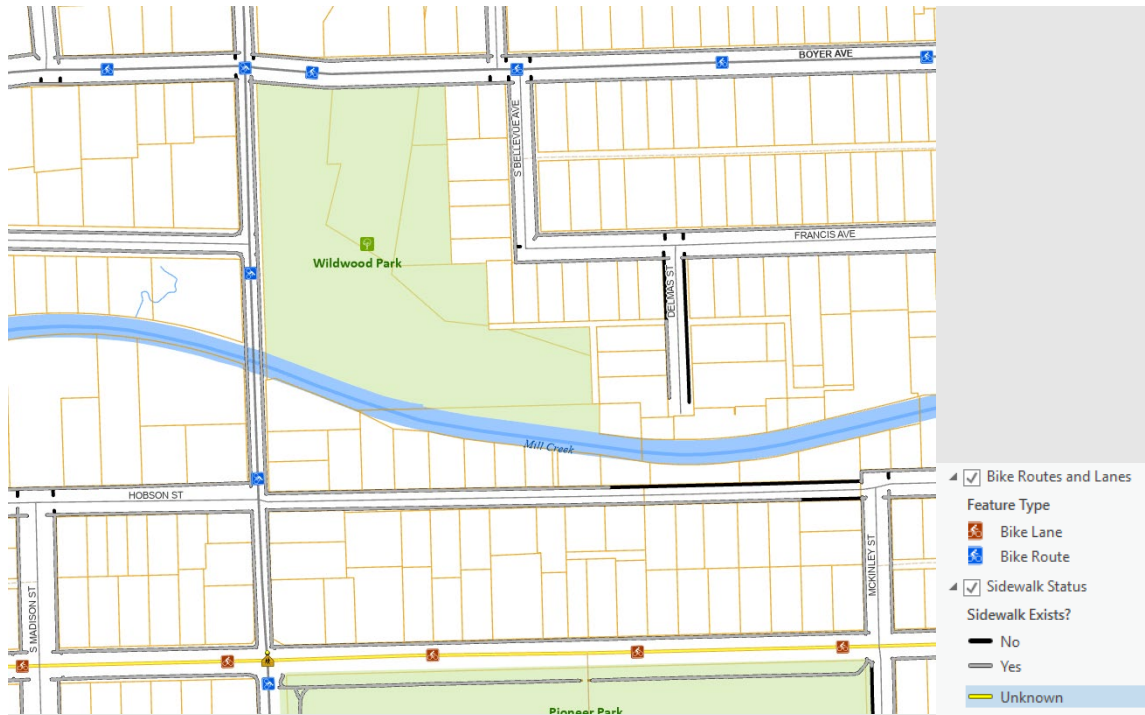


Figure 17: Menlo Park

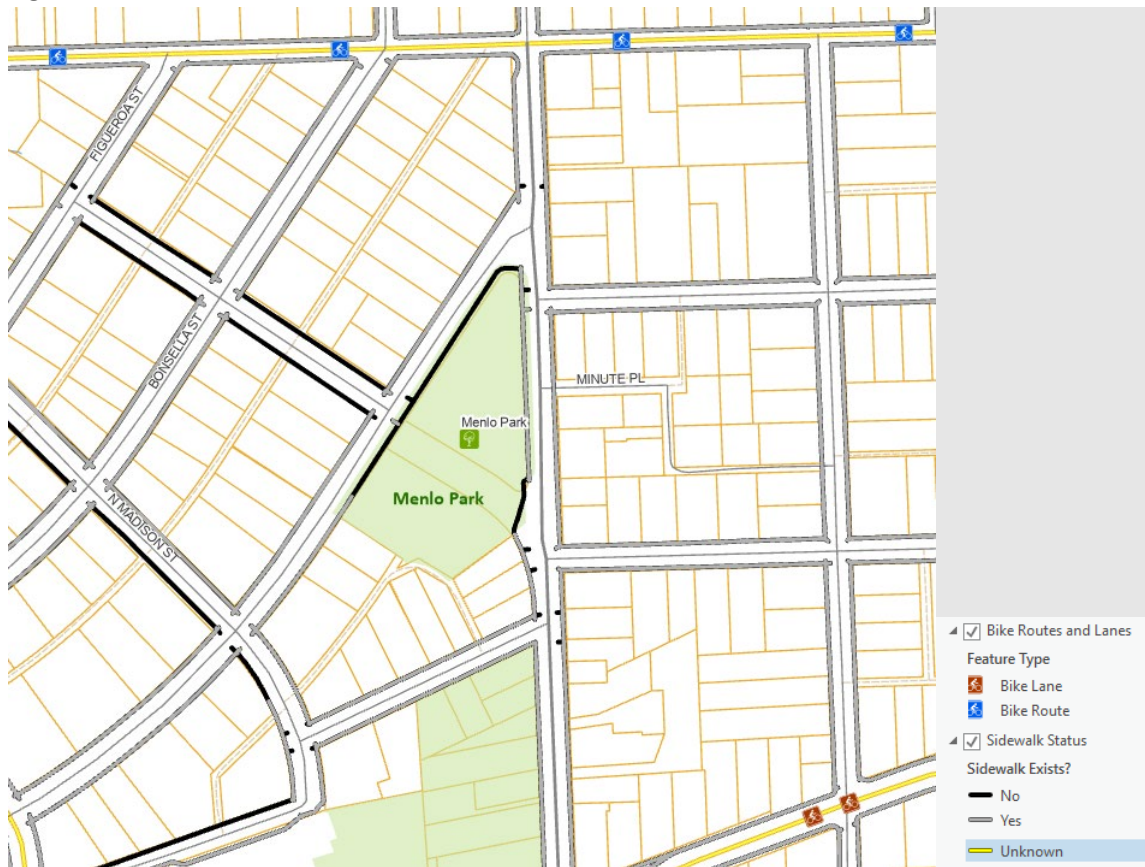


Figure 20: Mountain View Cemetery

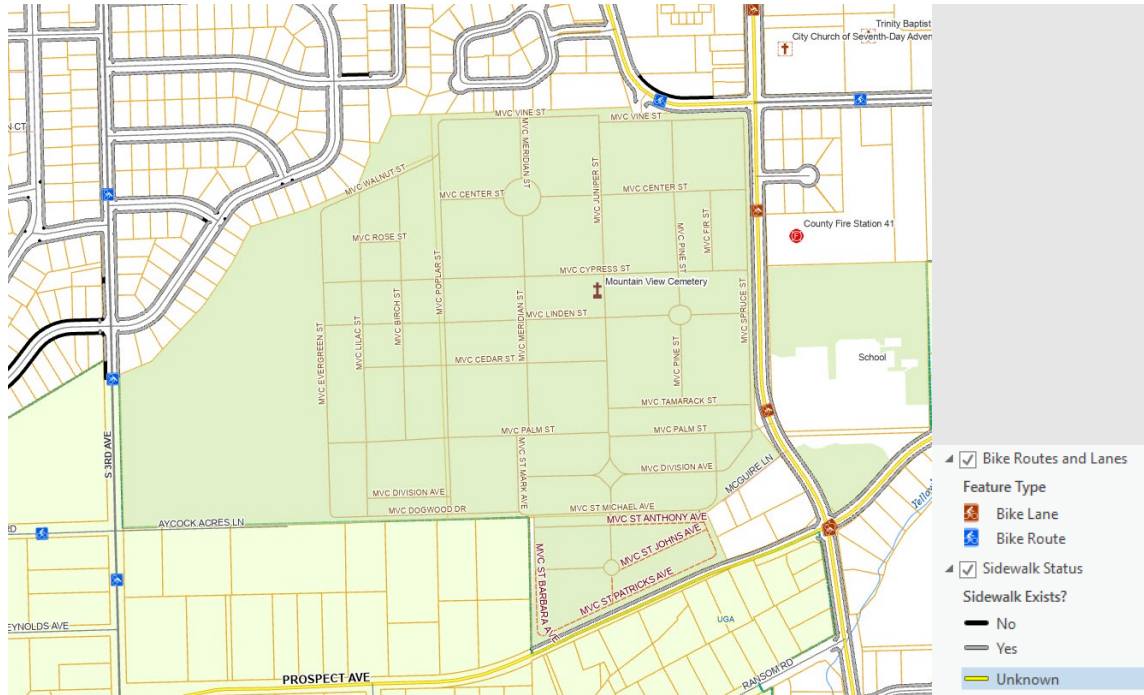


Figure 21: Eastgate Lions Park

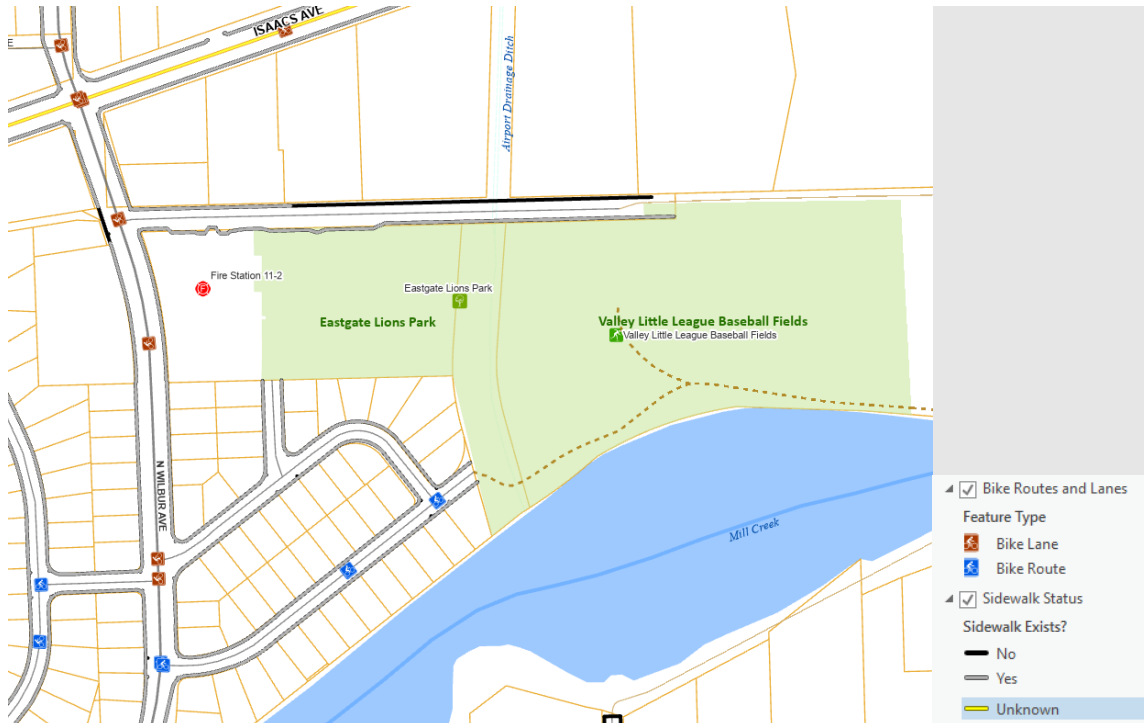


Figure 22: Mill Creek Sportsplex

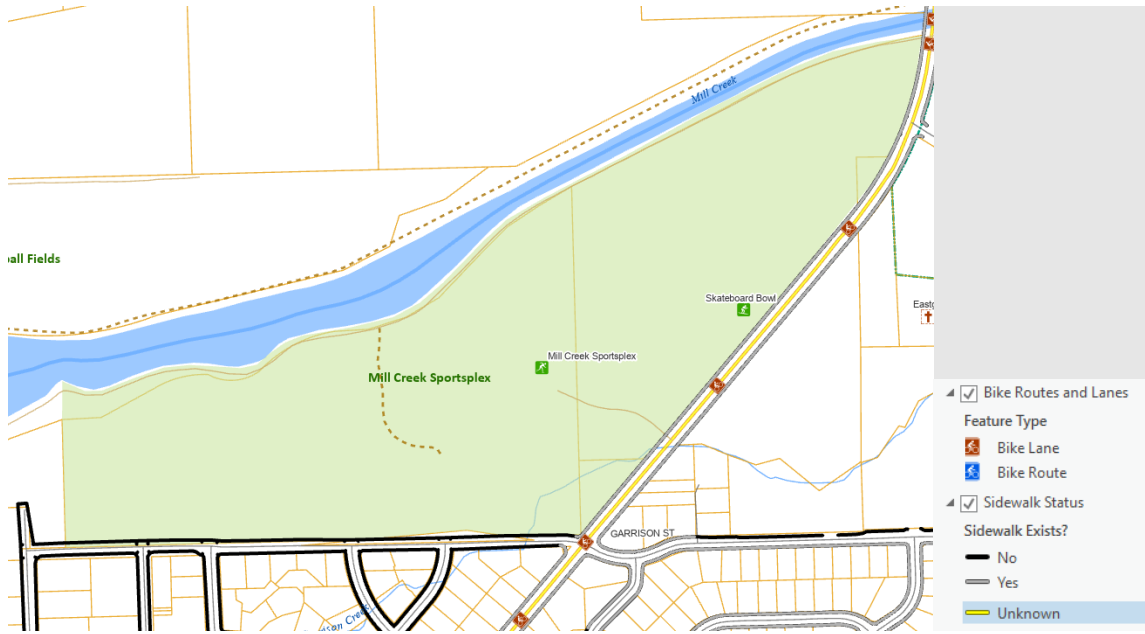


Figure 23: Fort Walla Walla Park



Figure 23: Fort Walla Walla Park Continued



Figure 24: Crawford Park, Walawala Plaza, Heritage Square, and Volunteer Park

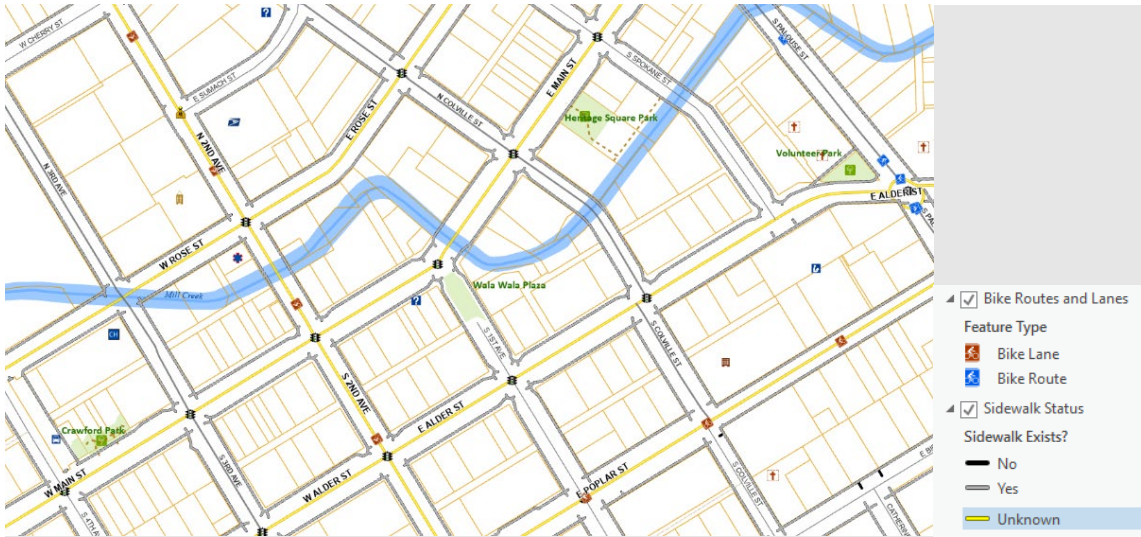


Figure 25: Xeriscape Park



Capital Improvement Program

Planned Improvements

Projects that the Parks and Recreation Director and staff have identified as important, based on public feedback, existing Park Master Plans, and age of infrastructure.

Items with * have been identified as potentially eligible for grants, donations, and partnerships.

Facility/Project	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029 +	Description
Eastgate Lions							
• splash pad						\$300,000*	new splash pad
• parking lot						\$30,000	Crack seal, slurry seal, and restriping
Fort Walla Walla							
• Road maintenance				\$500,000			Overlay roads, parking lot and multi-use paths. Address drainage.
Jefferson							
• splash pad					\$300,000*		new splash pad
Howard-Tietan							
• parking lot						\$45,000	slurry seal and restriping
Memorial Pool							
• Shade Structure(s)		\$100,000					Add 1 or more shade structures
Mill Creek Sports Complex							
• maintenance building				\$400,000			new maintenance and equipment storage building
• new fields/expansion						\$5,000,000*	2 new soccer fields, 3 new softball fields, additional parking
• Shade structures, LED lighting conversion, & backstop rebuild	\$700,000						Install shade structures, LED lighting retrofit, & rebuilding backstops
• parking lot access			\$250,000				Additional access to parking lot
Mountain View Cemetery							

	• roads		\$260,000				overlay, repair
Pioneer							
	• aviary			\$75,000			replace aviary net
	• parking lots					\$70,000	crack seal, fog seal, slurry seal, restriping
	• playground			\$3,000,000*			Construct inclusive playground
	• pond walls		TBD				Replace existing pond walls
	• pedestrian improvements				\$750,000		Sidewalk and multi-use path improvements (ADA)
	• Garden Center rebuild					\$1,500,000	Rebuild facility
Memorial							
	• parking lot					\$60,000	chip seal, restriping
Veteran's Memorial Golf Course							
	• cart path improvements	\$100,000					Overlay cart paths that were not improved in 2022.
	• parking lot					\$25,000	crack seal, fog seal, restriping
Vista Terrace							
	• shade structure				\$50,000*		Construct picnic shelter
Washington							
	• parking lot			\$20,000			crack seal, slurry seal, restriping
Wildwood							
	• parking lot		\$20,000				crack seal, slurry seal, restriping
Future New Park							
						\$2,000,000*	acquisition and development of a new park in South area of City
Community Center Feasibility Study							
				\$150,000			Hire a consultant to evaluate the feasibility of a building a multi-generational community center
Trails Master Plan							
		\$200,000					Hire a consultant to develop a trails master plan for the City.

Past Partnerships

The value that residents and organizations in Walla Walla place in the Parks and Recreation system is obvious from their support. Many groups and individuals contribute generously of time, labor, and materials in order to provide new equipment or improve parks. Indeed, there is a long history of community philanthropy to support Parks and Recreation in Walla Walla, as the inventory suggests. Some of the most recent financial partnerships are listed here as a record of what is possible when the community works together, and as a springboard for future community investment. Many of these partnerships also offer grant matching capacity to leverage.

- Sherwood Trust
- Winans Community Grant
- Lodging Tax Funds
- Stubblefield Trust
- Clara & Art Bald Trust
- Mary Garner Esary trust
- Community Bank
- Utility Bill Round-up Program
- Walla Walla Noon Rotary
- Blue Mountain Community Foundation
- Blue Mountain Audubon Society
- Walla Walla 2020
- Eastgate Lion Club
- Walla Walla Pickleball Association



Playground, Mill Creek Sportsplex

Goals and Objectives

The overarching goals for the City of Walla Walla Parks and Recreation Department are to provide high levels of service, meet the needs of a diverse population, and enhance the quality of life for Walla Walla residents.

Goal 1 – Provide High Levels of Service

Objective 1.1: All parks and facilities shall achieve a Level of Service score of B or higher in resident satisfaction surveys.

Objective 1.2: All parks and facilities shall be maintained at a high level, with an emphasis on safety and security.

Objective 1.3: Continue to regularly survey residents at the conclusion of recreation programs to ensure programs are meeting the needs of the community.

Objective 1.4: Acquire land sufficient for a neighborhood park in the south portion of the city or Urban Growth Area in order to develop a park to meet the needs of residents in this developing area of the city.

Objective 1.5: Maintain and expand funding in order to maintain parks at high levels of service.

Objective 1.6: Explore options to provide parks and recreation facilities within a ½ mile walk of 80 percent of Walla Walla’s population.



Wedding Fountain, Pioneer Park

Objective 1.7: Explore the feasibility of the city using a dedicated grant researcher and writer across multiple departments to raise funds and coordinate matching opportunities.

Objective 1.8: Explore the feasibility of establishing a Metropolitan Parks District for the purpose of creating dedicated funding for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Objective 1.9: Research and initiate the conversion of select natural grass fields to artificial turf.

Goal 2 – Meet the Needs of a Diverse Population

Objective 2.1: Maintain and expand partnerships with local organizations to assist with facility and program development.

Objective 2.2: Programs should have participation that mirrors the diversity of the community as a whole.

Objective 2.3: Maintain and expand scholarships for program registration to assist low-income families and participants.

Objective 2.4: Ensure that the advisory committee, Parks Recreation and Urban Forestry Advisory Board, is representative of the diversity of the community to guide the development of facilities and programs.

Objective 2.5: Survey and involve residents and stakeholders in outreach regarding their parks and recreation preferences, needs, and visions at least every six years.

Objective 2.6: Evaluate existing facilities for ADA compliance and schedule upgrades to increase accessibility as necessary.

Objective 2.7: Ensure that all future facilities are ADA compliant.

Objective 2.8 Provide all interpretive and regulatory signage in both English and Spanish.

Objective 2.9: To create and maintain a welcoming and inclusive environment for all members of our community, regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, socioeconomic status, age, language, or religion, to access and enjoy the benefits of parks and recreation activities.

Goal 3 – Enhance the Quality of Life for Walla Walla Residents

Objective 3.1: Identify opportunities to attract visitors to Walla Walla for parks and recreation activities.

Objective 3.2: Ensure facility capacity is available to meet the needs of both residents and visitors.

Objective 3.3: Conduct a feasibility study for the development of a community center.

Objective 3.4: Continue to provide and expand recreation programs that improve health and wellness.

Objective 3.5: Conduct a feasibility study about future park acquisition, including development impact fees and other possible funding methods.

Objective 3.6: Create a trails master plan for the city that is developed in coordination with the City's Transportation Plan and the Blue Mountain Regional Trails Plan.

Objective 3.7: Protect wildlife and natural habitat and minimize user conflicts.

Objective 3.8: Maintain and expand partnerships throughout the community.

Objective 3.9: Link parks via a coordinated wayfinding system using existing sidewalk and trail corridors.

Objective 3.10 Native plants should be used where appropriate in parks and recreation facilities.

Objective 3.11 Pest management strategies should be targeted and scaled appropriately.

Objective 3.12: Explore the feasibility of a seasonal ice rink facility.

Implementation Strategies

Implementation Strategies identify how the city will achieve the Goals and Objectives identified in the previous section.

Implementation Strategy	Objectives Completed	Timeline
Maintain parks with sufficient funding to address all deficiencies and to meet and exceed users' expectations	Objective 1.1, Objective 1.2, Objective 1.5, Objective 3.2	Ongoing
Complete user engagement to ensure that residents' vision for parks and recreation is met	Objective 1.1, Objective 1.3, Objective 2.5, Objective 3.4	Ongoing and every 6 years
Pursue grant funding at all applicable levels	Objective 1.6, Objective 2.3	Ongoing
Create partnership recognition program to enhance visibility and reach	Objective 2.1, Objective 3.8	2028
Explore a feasibility study for the establishment of a Metropolitan Parks District	Objective 1.4, Objective 1.7, Objective 1.8, Objective 1.9, Objective 3.2, Objective 3.5	2024
Increase outreach to demographic groups with low participation rates	Objective 2.2, Objective 2.4, Objective 2.8	Ongoing
Evaluate existing facilities for ADA compliance	Objective 2.6	2026
Ensure all replacement and new future facilities are ADA compliant	Objective 2.6, Objective 2.7	Ongoing
Coordinate with local organized athletic groups to attract tournament sporting events to Walla Walla	Objective 3.1	2025
Conduct feasibility study for community and/or event center	Objective 3.3	2026
Coordinate with stakeholders to create a trails master plan	Objective 3.6	2026
Coordinate design process to link park system using wayfinding	Objective 3.9	2027
Manage parks and recreation facilities with the triple bottom line in mind – balancing social, environmental, and economic needs	Objective 3.7, Objective 3.10, Objective 3.11	Ongoing
Acquire new parkland to meet the needs of Walla Walla residents in all areas of the city	Objective 1.4, Objective 1.7, Objective 3.2	2030
Conduct feasibility study for community center	Objective 3.3	2026

Plan Adoption

Adoption of this plan occurred via recommendation from the Parks, Recreation, and Urban Forestry Advisory Board and the Planning Commission to City Council. Minutes from the meetings where the recommendations were made are attached. The ordinance adopting the plan by the City Council is also attached.

The Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan is adopted by reference to the City of Walla Walla Comprehensive Plan. The Blue Mountain Regional Trails Plan is adopted by reference to this Parks and Recreation Plan, as well as to the Comprehensive Plan.

Appendices

- I. Outreach Flyer
- II. Survey
- III. Survey Results
- IV. Public Comments: Comp Plan and Parks Plan Outreach
- V. Inventory of Non-City-Owned Parks Resources

Appendix I

Outreach Flyer

Join us from **4pm-6pm** at one of the locations

You do not have to be a resident of the neighborhood to attend at the specific location.



City of
Walla
Walla
Parks & Recreation



Open House
2024
Park and Recreation
Comprehensive Plan
Update

Tuesday,
September
26th

Pioneer Park Garden Center

Thursday,
September
28th

Washington Park

Tuesday,
October
3rd

Howard Tietan Park

Thursday,
October
5th

Eastgate Lions Park

A Comprehensive Plan is a reflection of the community's long-term goals and priorities for their city park system and recreation programs.

Appendix II Survey



Welcome, and Thank You!

The Parks and Recreation Plan for the City of Walla Walla is intended to function as a vision of what the community would like to see the Parks and Recreation Department focus on over the next six years while also providing a roadmap to achieve that vision through an inventory, assessment of needs/demand, and capital facilities plan. We want YOUR input on the current state of the City's Parks and Recreation facilities and programs as well as your vision for the future. (Please note that this does NOT include facilities owned and operated by other organizations throughout Walla Walla.)

The survey should take about 10 minutes. None of the questions are required, but we do ask that you think about each question before deciding to skip it. Thank you very much for your input!

1. In which ward do you live? (If unsure, please see the map at www.wallawallawa.gov)

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Central | <input type="radio"/> College Place |
| <input type="radio"/> East | <input type="radio"/> Unincorporated Communities in Walla Walla County |
| <input type="radio"/> South | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |
| <input type="radio"/> West | |

2. How far do you currently live from your closest City of Walla Walla park?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Less than a 5-minute walk | <input type="radio"/> 16 or more minutes walk |
| <input type="radio"/> 6-10 minutes walk | <input type="radio"/> I cannot safely walk to my closest park |
| <input type="radio"/> 11-15 minutes walk | |

3. How often do you visit a City of Walla Walla park?

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> 2+ days/week | <input type="radio"/> 2 days/year |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 day/week | <input type="radio"/> 1 day/year |
| <input type="radio"/> 2 days/month | <input type="radio"/> Never |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 day/month | |

6. For each park or recreation facility you have visited, please indicate how you would rate the condition of that facility.

	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	N/A
Eastgate Lions Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fort Walla Walla Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Heritage Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Highway 12 Trail	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Howard Tietan Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Jefferson Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Menlo Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mill Creek Sportsplex	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mill Creek Trail	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mountain View Cemetery	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pioneer Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Veteran's Memorial Golf Course	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Veteran's Memorial Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Veterans Memorial Pool	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Vista Terrace Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Volunteer Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Washington Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wildwood Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Xeriscape Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. Please rate your overall satisfaction with City of Walla Walla Parks and Recreation Facilities.

Very Satisfied	More Than Satisfied	Satisfied	Partly Satisfied	Not At All Satisfied
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8. Please explain why you selected that rating.

9. Please select the types of parks and recreation facilities you would like the City to concentrate its resources constructing, updating, or adding more of.

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer fields | <input type="checkbox"/> Disc golf |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball/Softball fields | <input type="checkbox"/> Gymnasiums |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Community center/event space |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic shelters | <input type="checkbox"/> Skate parks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Pump Track |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Rink |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other - please tell us exactly what you want to see | |

10. Please select all the funding methods that you would support to offer new/improved parks and recreation facilities.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Impact fees (paid by developers, potentially passed on to homebuyer) | <input type="checkbox"/> Metropolitan Park District (voter approved tax increase where tax funds can only be used for Parks & Recreation purposes) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property tax levy | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know/No opinion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase use/rental fees | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other - please share your funding idea | |

11. How many recreation programs/events offered by the City of Walla Walla Parks and Recreation have you or other member of your household participated in during the past 12 months?

- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> None | <input type="radio"/> 4-6 |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 7-10 |
| <input type="radio"/> 2-3 | <input type="radio"/> 11+ |

12. Which of the following would increase your household's use of recreational programs the most (select up to 4)

- Parking closer to venue
- More parking in general
- Public transportation
- Safe walk/bike routes to venues
- Scholarships or free programs
- Change the timing of programs
- Physical accessibility for disabilities
- Feeling more welcome
- Lower cost
- Higher quality programs
- More program variety
- Programs more inclusive of diverse resident demographics
- Child care availability
- None of the above



Recreation Programs

13. Please select all of the following recreation programs which you or a member of your household have participated in.

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth art classes | <input type="checkbox"/> UPlay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth fencing classes | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult art classes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth flag football | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult aquatic fitness classes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Golf Lessons | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult fencing classes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth lacrosse | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult golf lessons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth pickleball | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult pickleball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth soccer | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult softball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth softball | <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Tours |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth sports camps/clinics | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events (Movies in the Park, Father & Daughter Ball, Mother & Son Superhero Bash, Pumpkin Carving, Fishing Derby) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth swim team - Sea Monkeys | <input type="checkbox"/> Pottery Painting Studio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Volleyball | <input type="checkbox"/> Swim lessons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All-comers track meet | <input type="checkbox"/> Yoga |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All-comers swim meet | |

15. Please rate your overall satisfaction with City of Walla Walla recreation programs.

Very Satisfied

More Than Satisfied

Satisfied

Partly Satisfied

Not At All Satisfied



16. Please explain why you selected that rating.

17. Please select all of the types of recreation programs you would like the City to expand or add.

Youth sports

Activity trips

Adult sports

Camps

Art programs

Aquatic programs

Enrichment/educational programs

Other - Please share specific sports or activities you would like added.



General Questions

18. When you think about the things that contribute to the quality of life in Walla Walla, would you say that public parks and recreation opportunities are:

- Essential to the quality of life
- Important, but not essential
- An unnecessary luxury
- Don't know/No opinion

19. Which of the following statements is the closest to how you feel about parks and recreation in Walla Walla?

- Members of my household use parks and/or recreation facilities and programs on a regular basis and I believe these facilities are important to quality of life
- Although members of my household do not use parks or recreation facilities and programs frequently, I believe they are important to the quality of life
- Parks and recreation programs do not currently play an important role in my life or the lives of my household members

20. When it comes to meeting the needs of the community, would you say there are:

- Not enough parks and recreation opportunities
- About the right number of parks and recreation opportunities
- More than enough parks and recreation opportunities in Walla Walla
- Don't know/No opinion

21. Please select the reasons you or members of your household do not use City of Walla Walla Parks and Recreation facilities and programs more often.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facility or program you prefer is not offered | <input type="checkbox"/> Too busy to use facilities/programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities do not have the right equipment for the activity you want to do | <input type="checkbox"/> Only use facilities and programs provided by other organizations (YMCA, Country Club, school district, etc) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> You do not feel safe at the park or facility you would prefer to use | <input type="checkbox"/> You do not know what is available |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities and programs are too far from your home | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reservations/Spaces not available | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

22. Do you have any further comments about Parks and Recreation Facilities and Programs that you would like to add?



Categorization Questions

These demographic questions will help us evaluate everyone's input.

23. What is your age?

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-40
- 41-65
- Over 65

24. How many children under age 18 live in your household?

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3 or more

25. Which ward do you live in?

- Central Ward
- East Ward
- South Ward
- West Ward

26. What is your annual household income?

- \$25,000 or less
- \$25,001 - \$50,000
- \$50,001 - \$100,000
- Over \$100,000

27. What ethnicity do you identify as? Choose all that apply

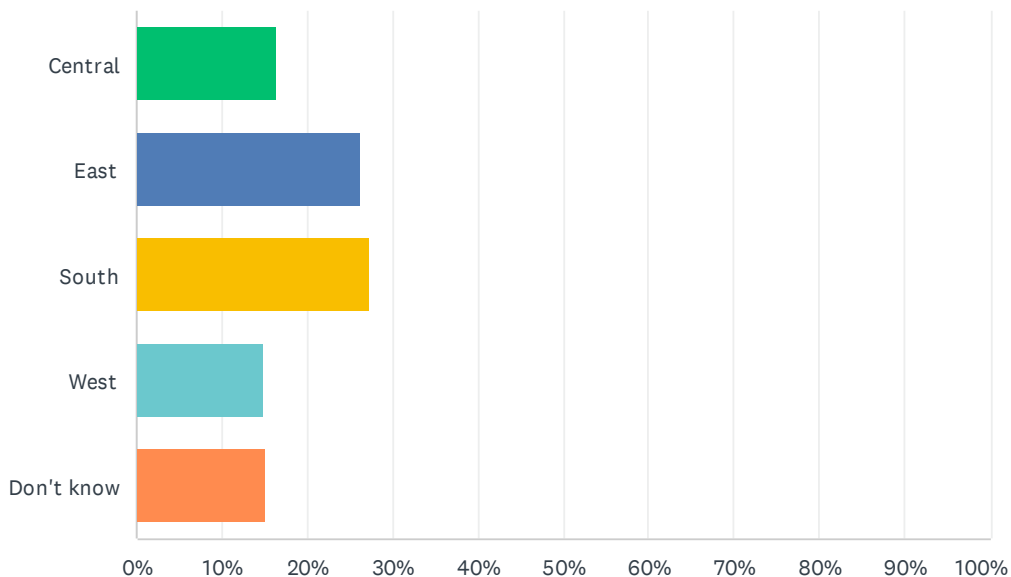
- Caucasian/White
- Hispanic
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Other (please specify)
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- African-American/Black

Appendix III

Survey Results

Q1 In which ward do you live? (If unsure, please see the map at www.wallawalla.gov)

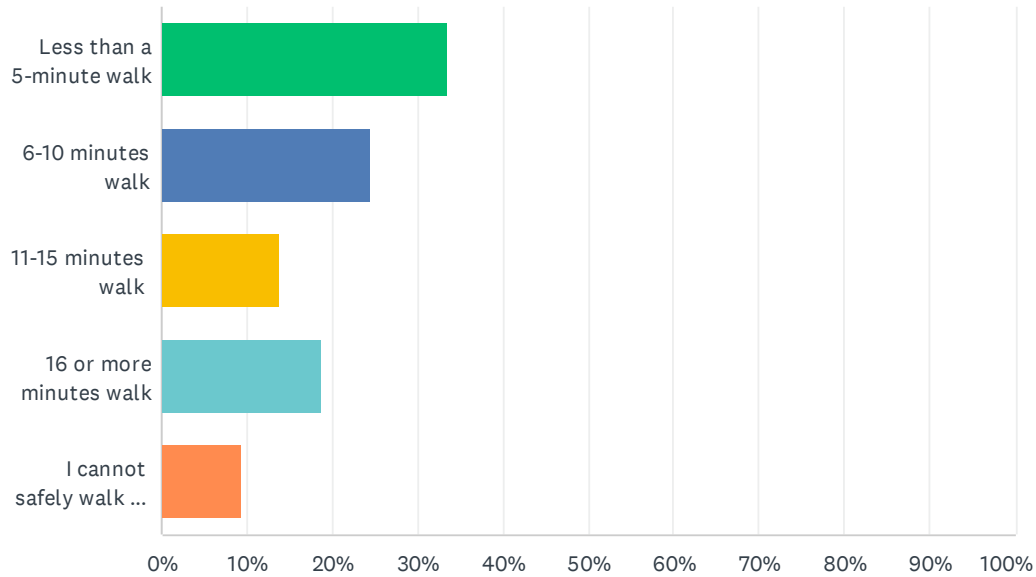
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Central	16.41%	54
East	26.14%	86
South	27.36%	90
West	14.89%	49
Don't know	15.20%	50
TOTAL		329

Q2 How far do you currently live from your closest City of Walla Walla park?

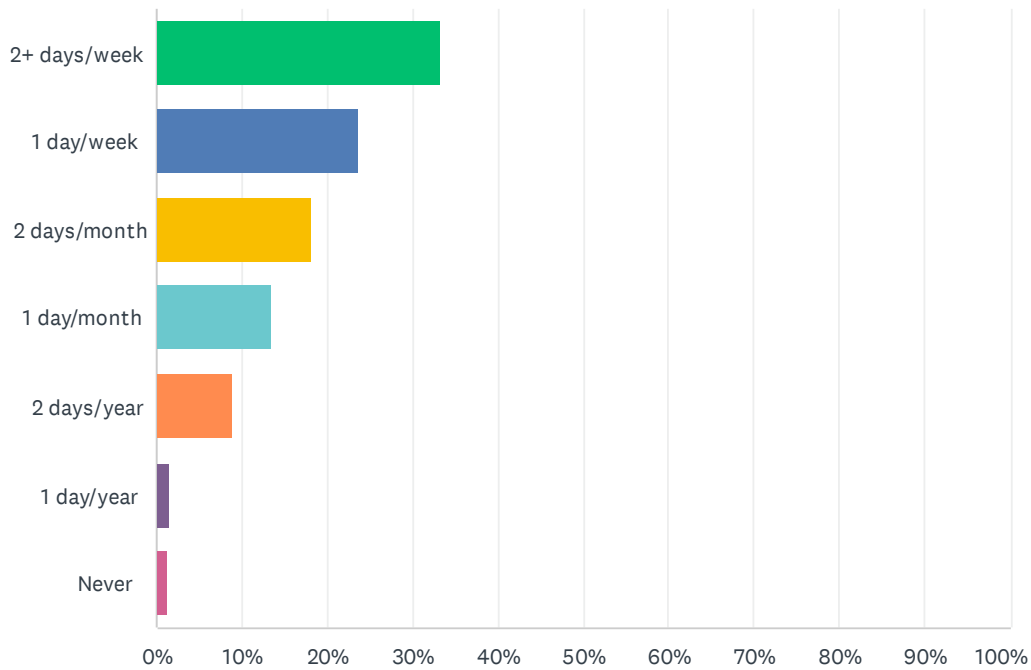
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than a 5-minute walk	33.53%	112
6-10 minutes walk	24.55%	82
11-15 minutes walk	13.77%	46
16 or more minutes walk	18.86%	63
I cannot safely walk to my closest park	9.28%	31
TOTAL		334

Q3 How often do you visit a City of Walla Walla park?

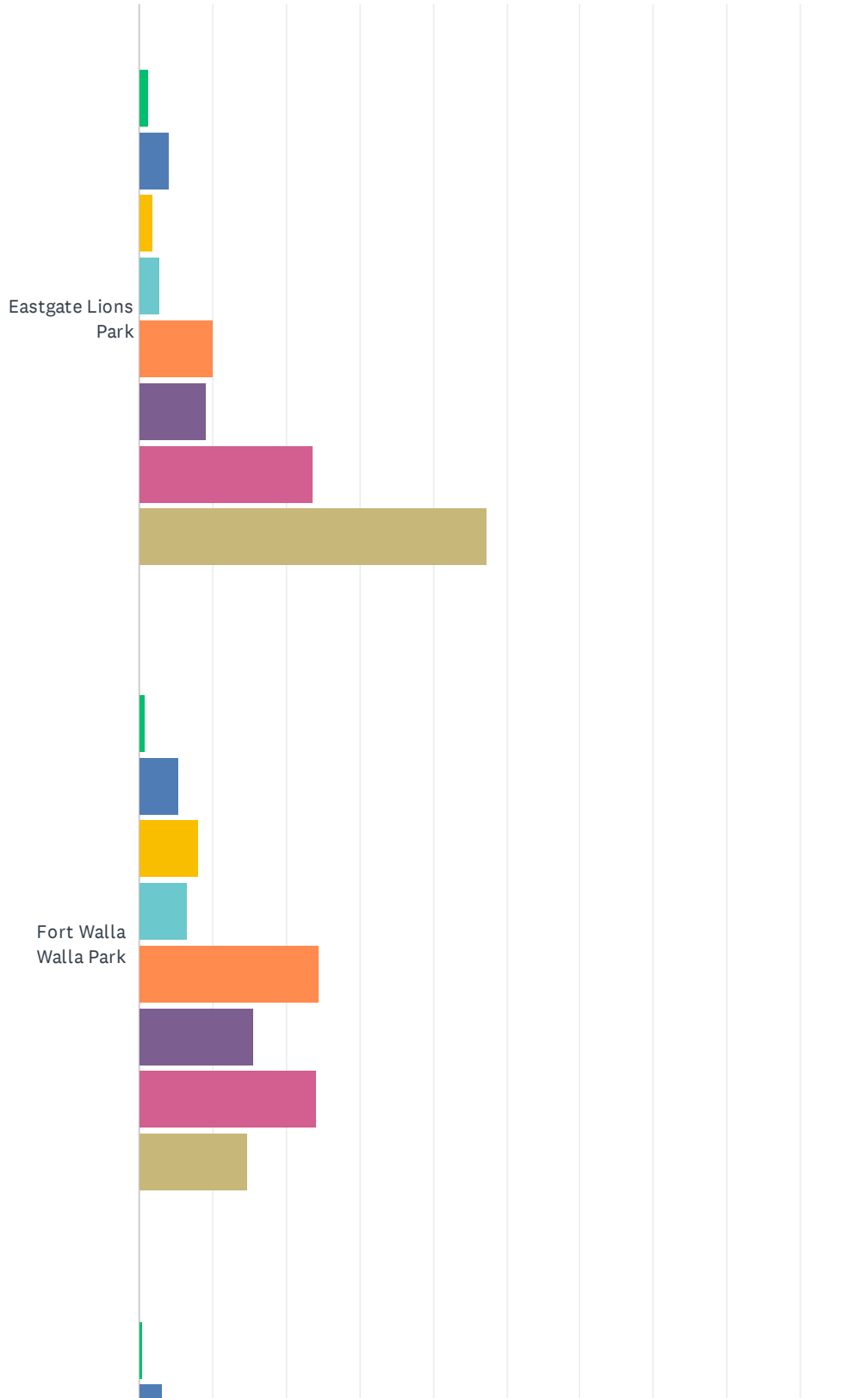
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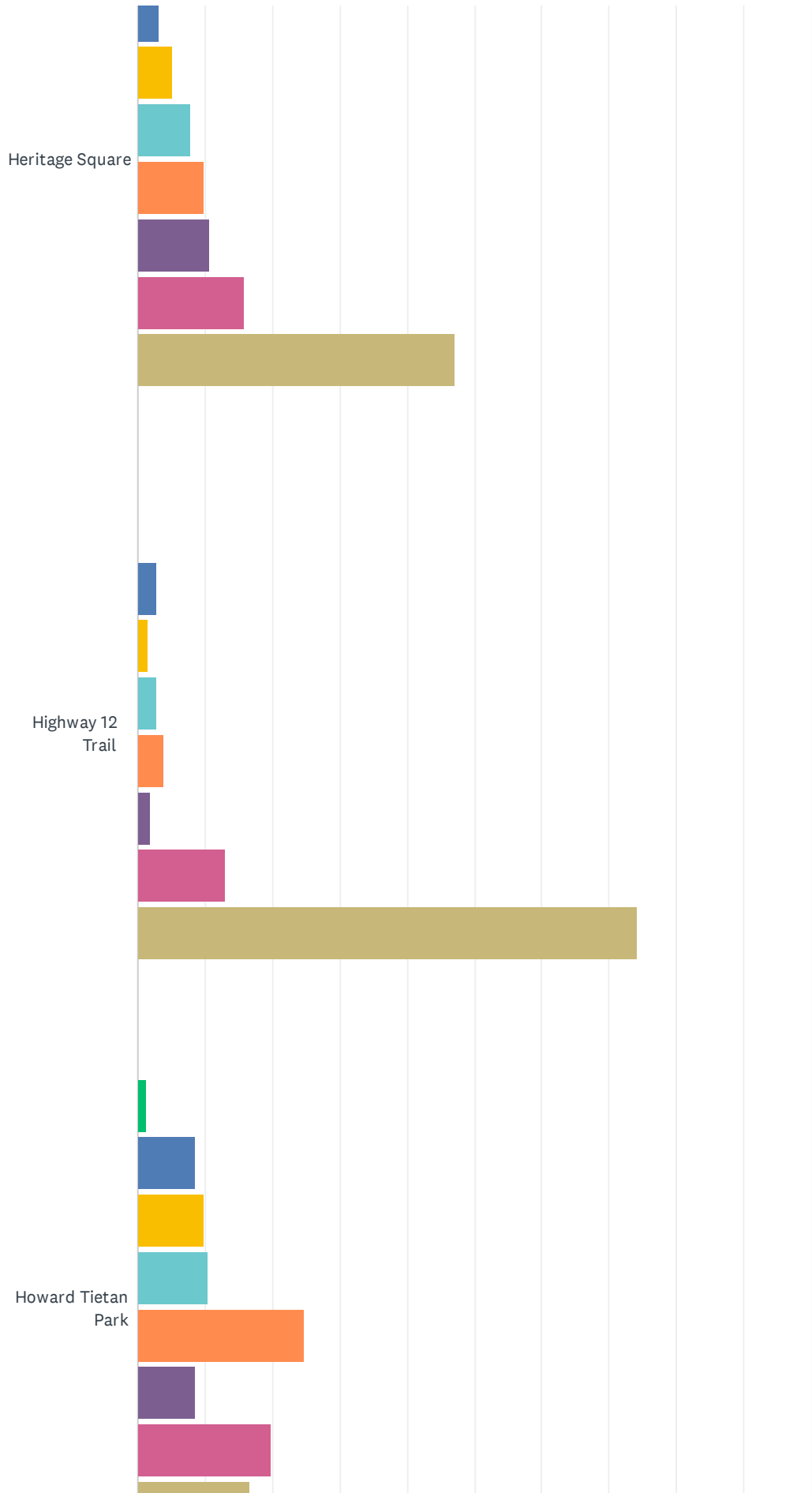
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
2+ days/week	33.23%	112
1 day/week	23.74%	80
2 days/month	18.10%	61
1 day/month	13.35%	45
2 days/year	8.90%	30
1 day/year	1.48%	5
Never	1.19%	4
TOTAL		337

Q4 Please indicate how often you or a member of your household visits any of the following parks and recreation facilities listed below.

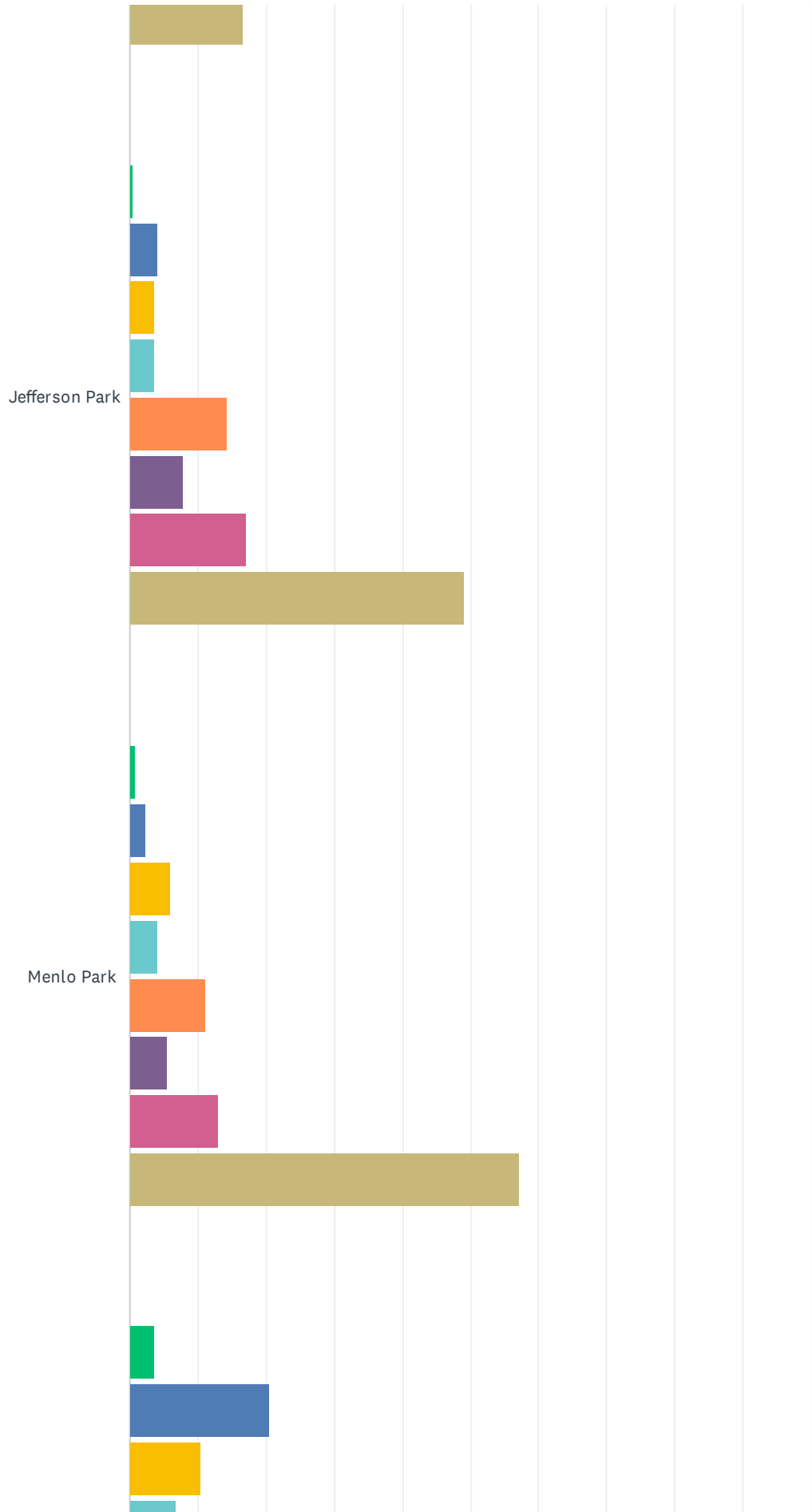
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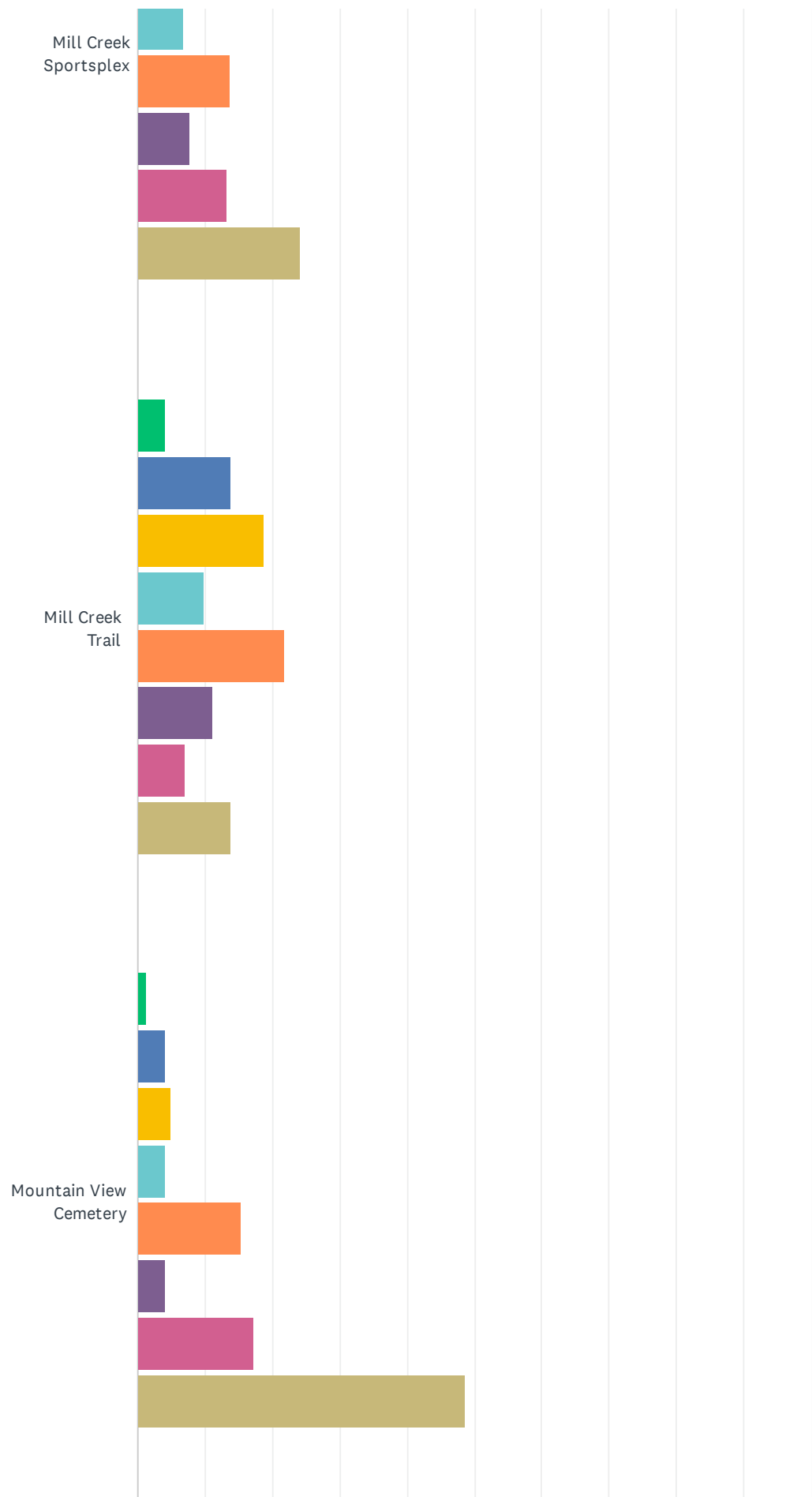
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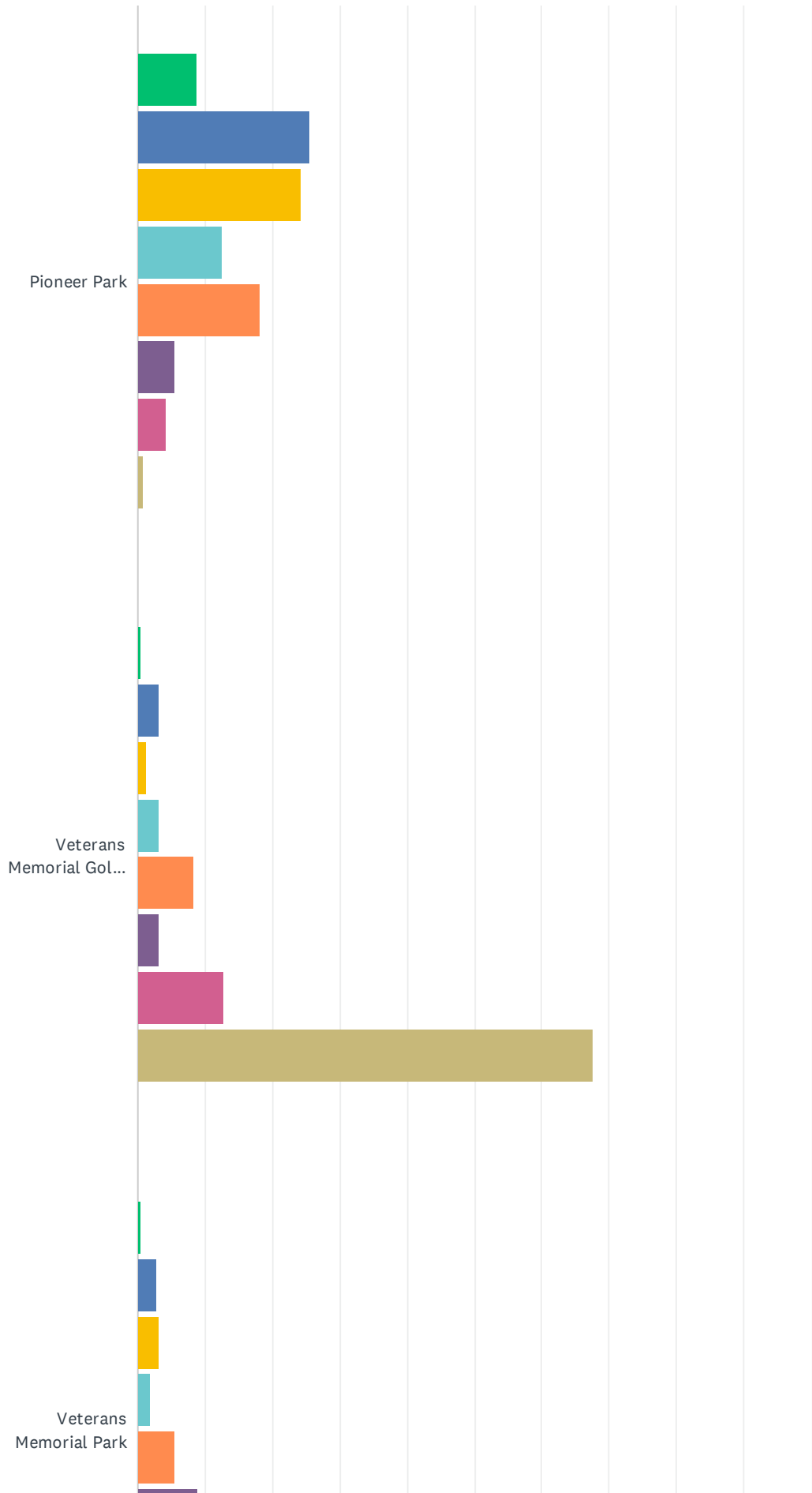


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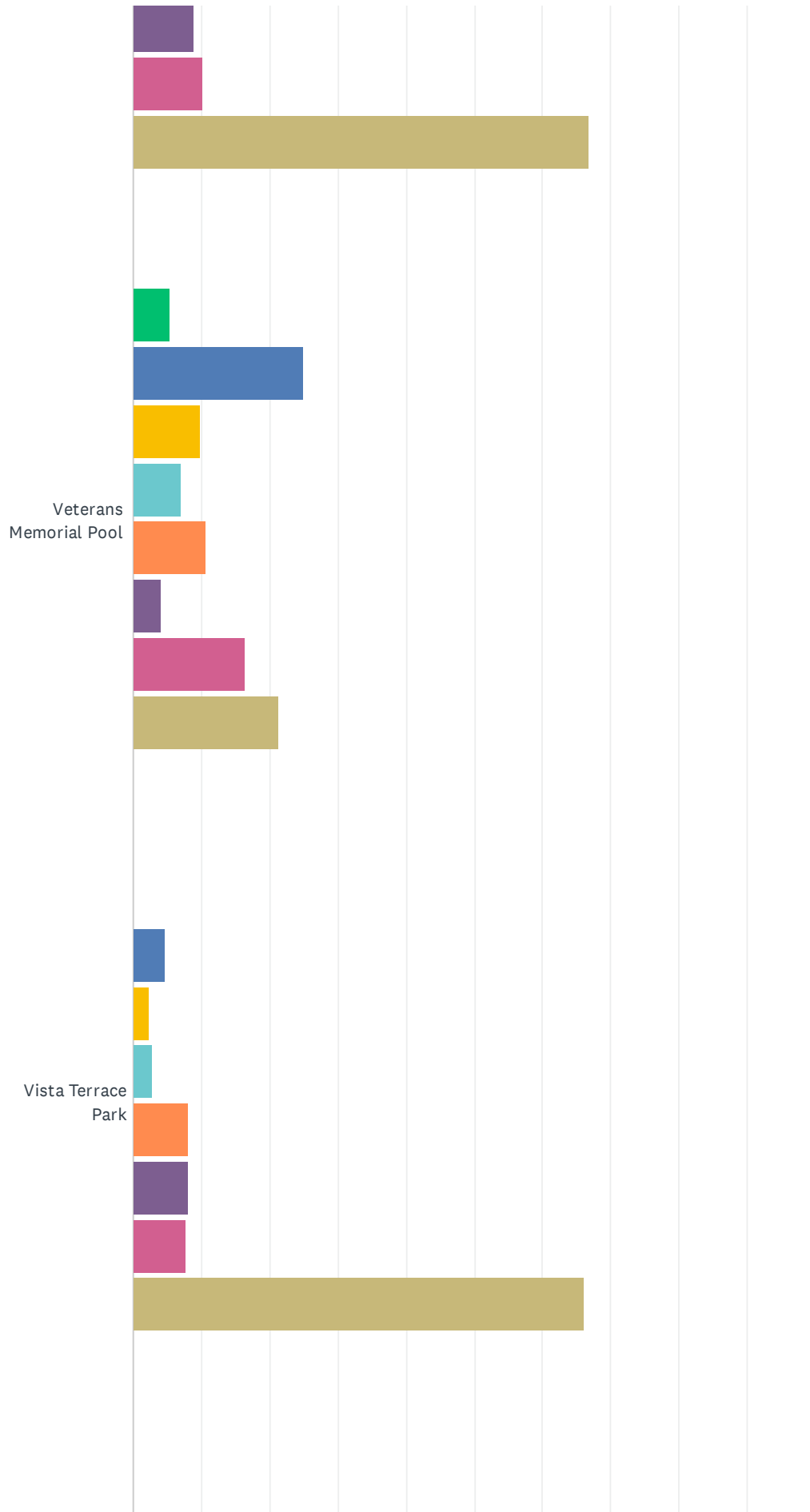


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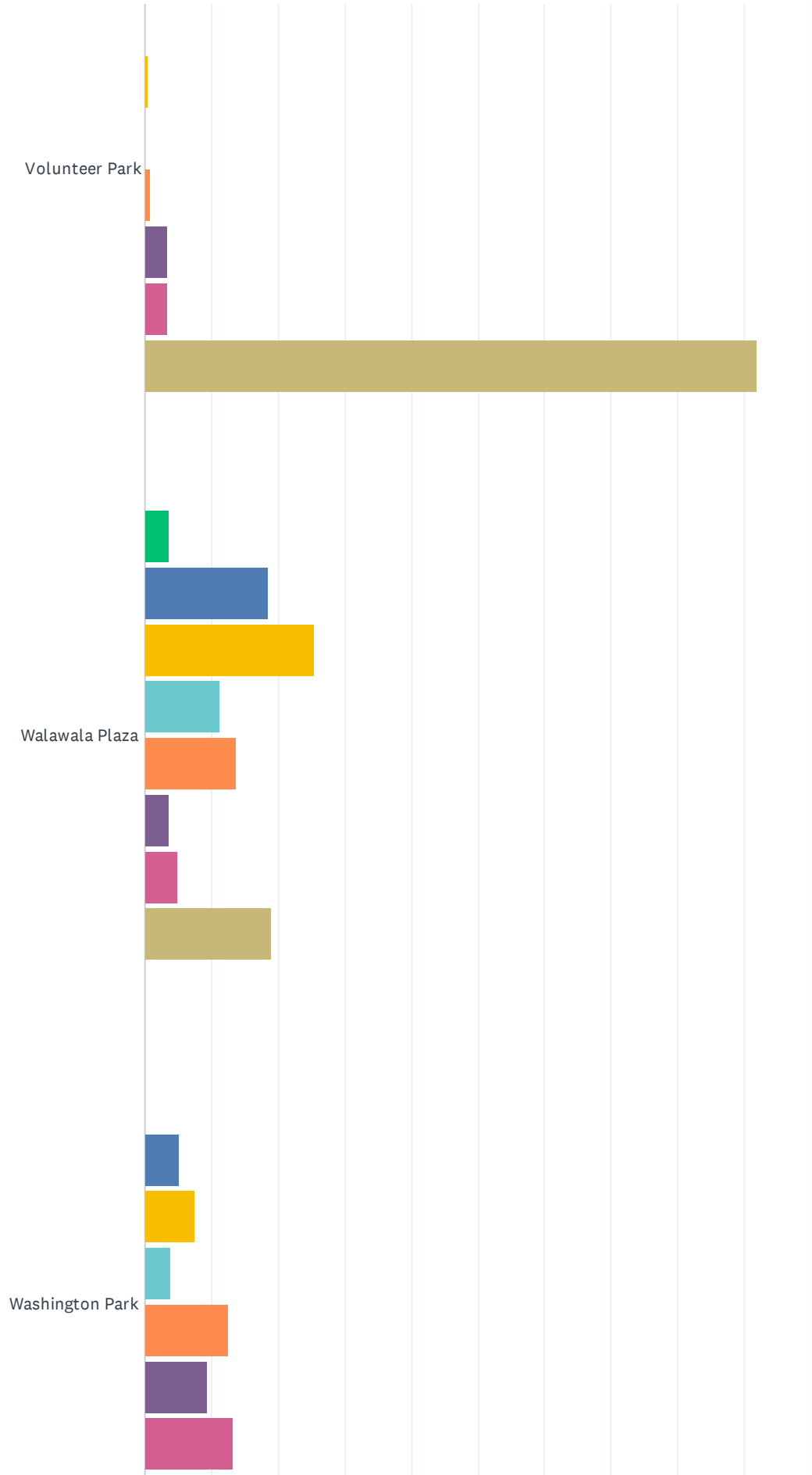




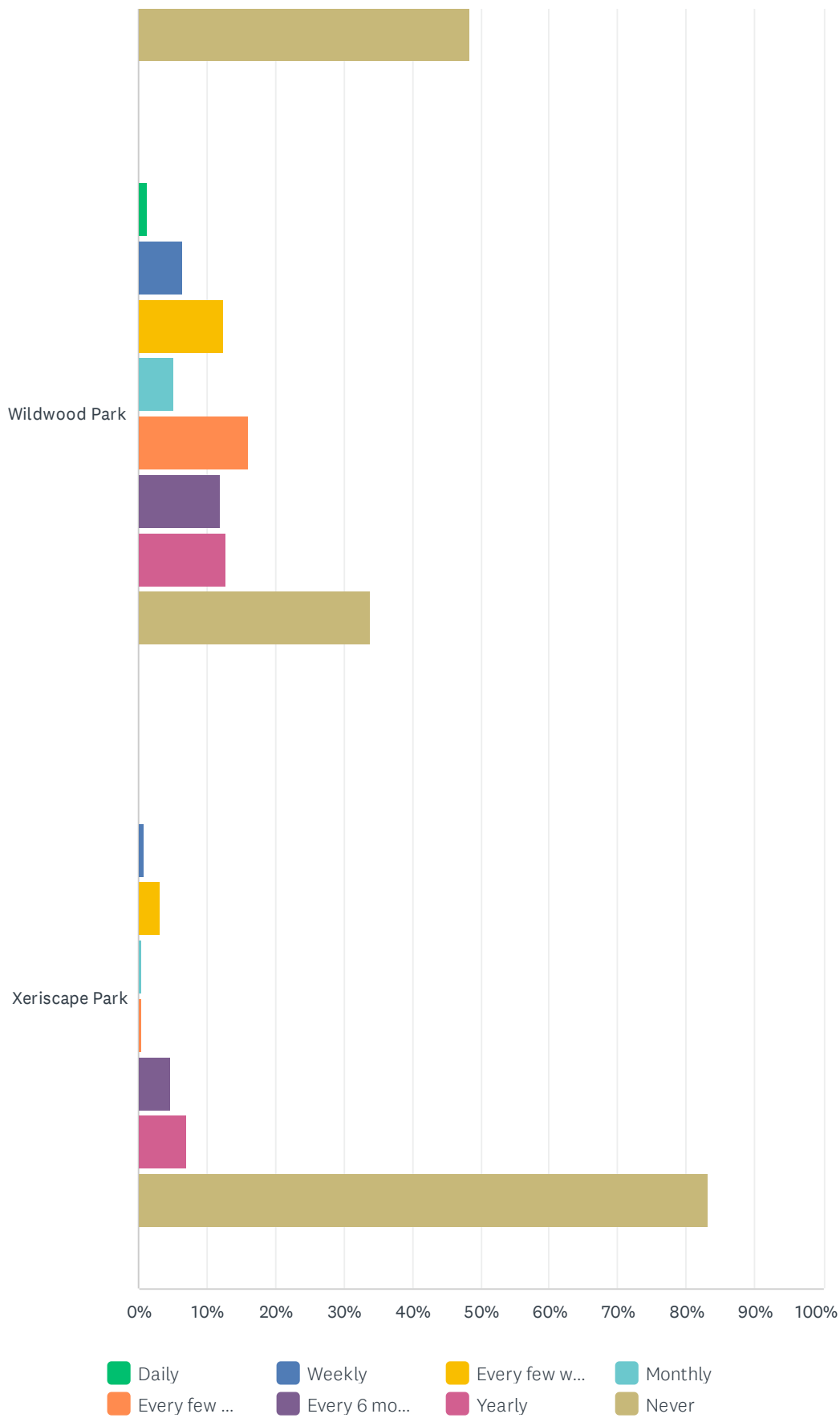
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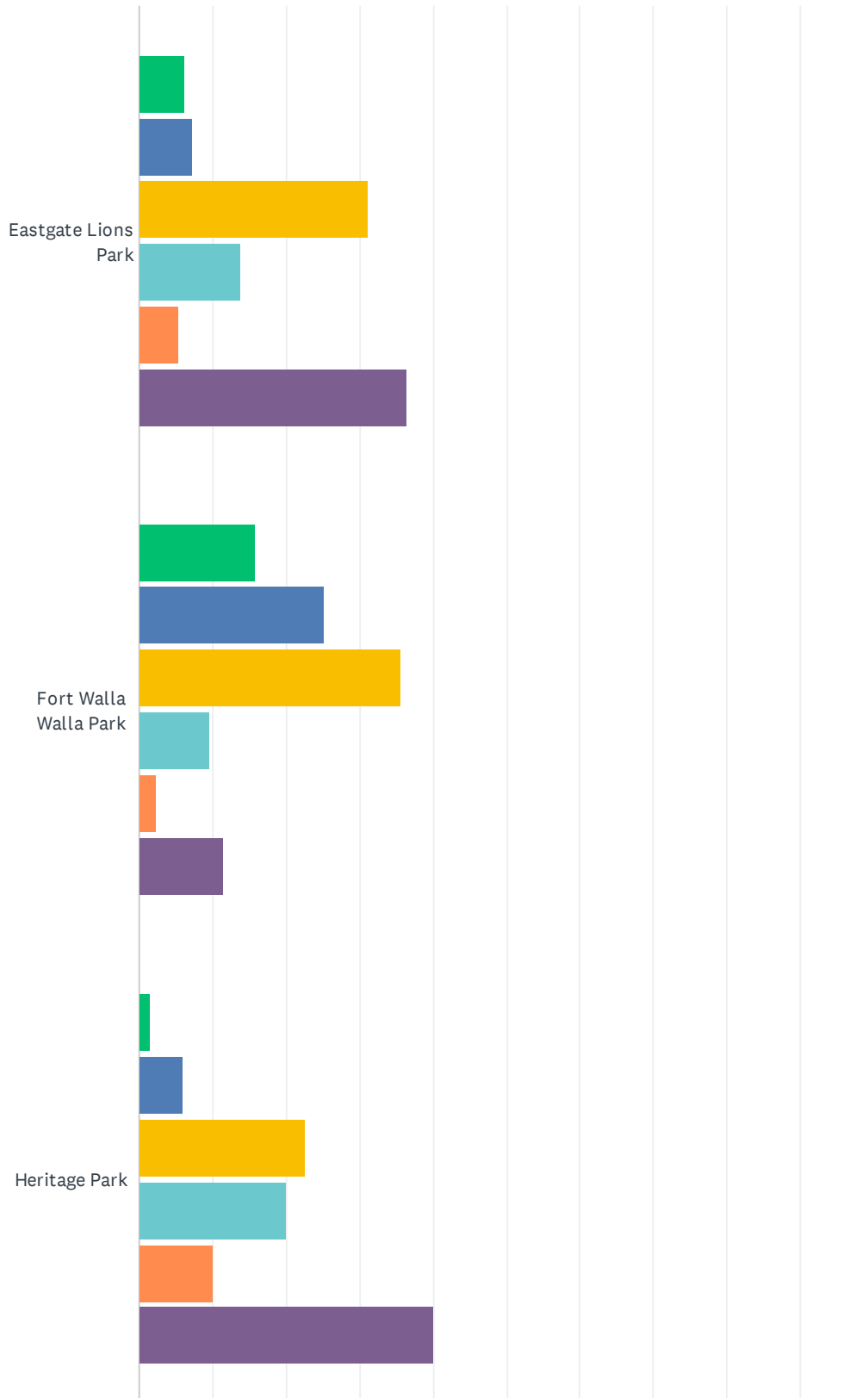


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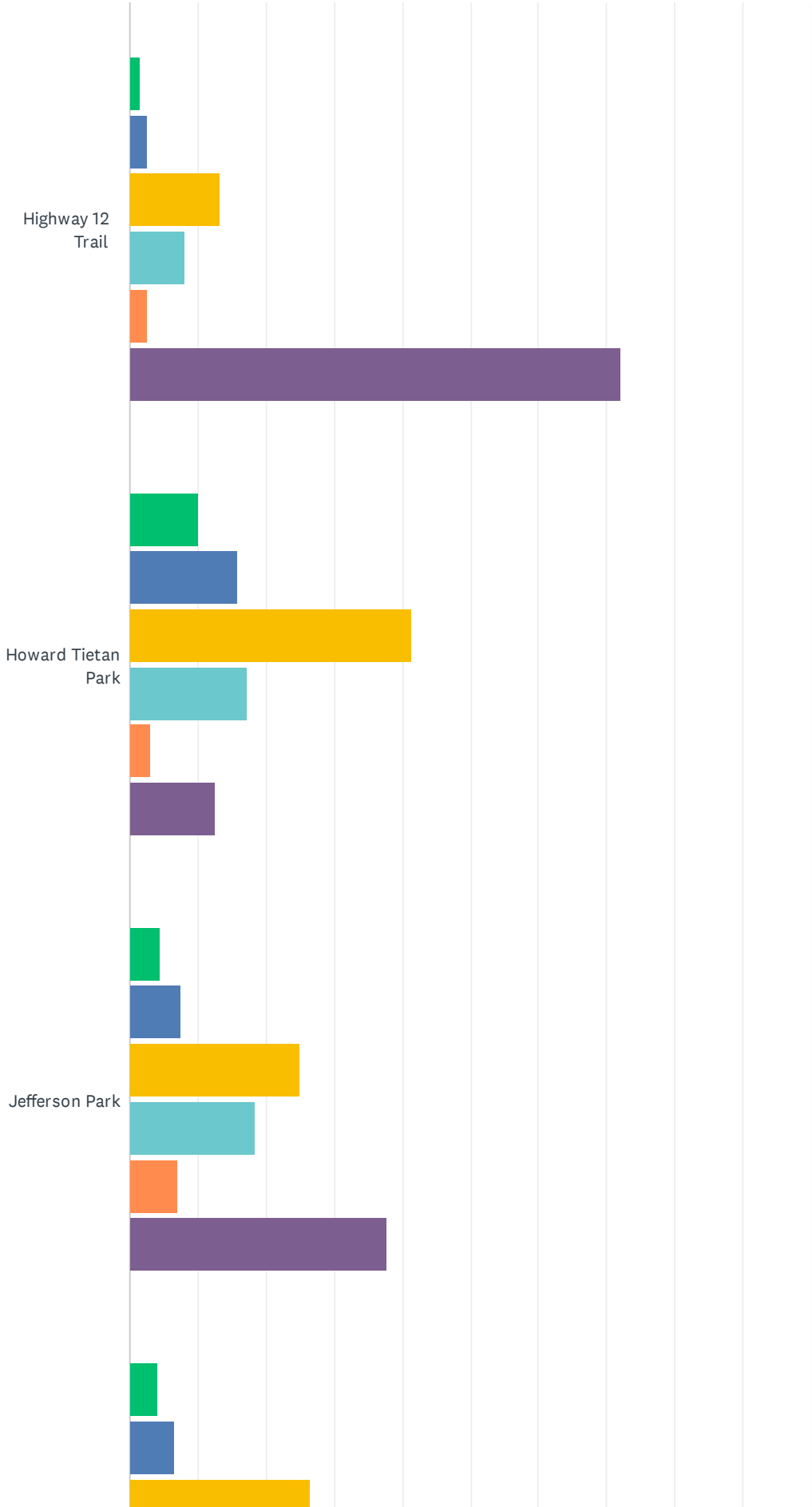
	DAILY	WEEKLY	EVERY FEW WEEKS	MONTHLY	EVERY FEW MONTHS	EVERY 6 MONTHS	YEARLY	NEVER	TOTAL
Eastgate Lions Park	1.36% 3	4.09% 9	1.82% 4	2.73% 6	10.00% 22	9.09% 20	23.64% 52	47.27% 104	220
Fort Walla Walla Park	0.89% 2	5.36% 12	8.04% 18	6.70% 15	24.55% 55	15.63% 35	24.11% 54	14.73% 33	224
Heritage Square	0.46% 1	3.24% 7	5.09% 11	7.87% 17	9.72% 21	10.65% 23	15.74% 34	47.22% 102	216
Highway 12 Trail	0.00% 0	2.80% 6	1.40% 3	2.80% 6	3.74% 8	1.87% 4	13.08% 28	74.30% 159	214
Howard Tietan Park	1.35% 3	8.56% 19	9.91% 22	10.36% 23	24.77% 55	8.56% 19	19.82% 44	16.67% 37	222
Jefferson Park	0.46% 1	4.13% 9	3.67% 8	3.67% 8	14.22% 31	7.80% 17	16.97% 37	49.08% 107	218
Menlo Park	0.92% 2	2.30% 5	5.99% 13	4.15% 9	11.06% 24	5.53% 12	12.90% 28	57.14% 124	217
Mill Creek Sportsplex	3.64% 8	20.45% 45	10.45% 23	6.82% 15	13.64% 30	7.73% 17	13.18% 29	24.09% 53	220
Mill Creek Trail	4.00% 9	13.78% 31	18.67% 42	9.78% 22	21.78% 49	11.11% 25	7.11% 16	13.78% 31	225
Mountain View Cemetery	1.36% 3	4.09% 9	5.00% 11	4.09% 9	15.45% 34	4.09% 9	17.27% 38	48.64% 107	220
Pioneer Park	8.66% 20	25.54% 59	24.24% 56	12.55% 29	18.18% 42	5.63% 13	4.33% 10	0.87% 2	231
Veterans Memorial Golf Course	0.46% 1	3.20% 7	1.37% 3	3.20% 7	8.22% 18	3.20% 7	12.79% 28	67.58% 148	219
Veterans Memorial Park	0.47% 1	2.82% 6	3.29% 7	1.88% 4	5.63% 12	8.92% 19	10.33% 22	66.67% 142	213
Veterans Memorial Pool	5.36% 12	25.00% 56	9.82% 22	7.14% 16	10.71% 24	4.02% 9	16.52% 37	21.43% 48	224
Vista Terrace Park	0.00% 0	4.76% 10	2.38% 5	2.86% 6	8.10% 17	8.10% 17	7.62% 16	66.19% 139	210
Volunteer Park	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.48% 1	0.00% 0	0.96% 2	3.35% 7	3.35% 7	91.87% 192	209
Walawala Plaza	3.62% 8	18.55% 41	25.34% 56	11.31% 25	13.57% 30	3.62% 8	4.98% 11	19.00% 42	221
Washington Park	0.00% 0	5.16% 11	7.51% 16	3.76% 8	12.68% 27	9.39% 20	13.15% 28	48.36% 103	213
Wildwood Park	1.38% 3	6.42% 14	12.39% 27	5.05% 11	16.06% 35	11.93% 26	12.84% 28	33.94% 74	218
Xeriscape Park	0.00% 0	0.94% 2	3.29% 7	0.47% 1	0.47% 1	4.69% 10	7.04% 15	83.10% 177	213

Q5 For each park or recreation facility you have visited, please indicate your overall satisfaction with that facility.

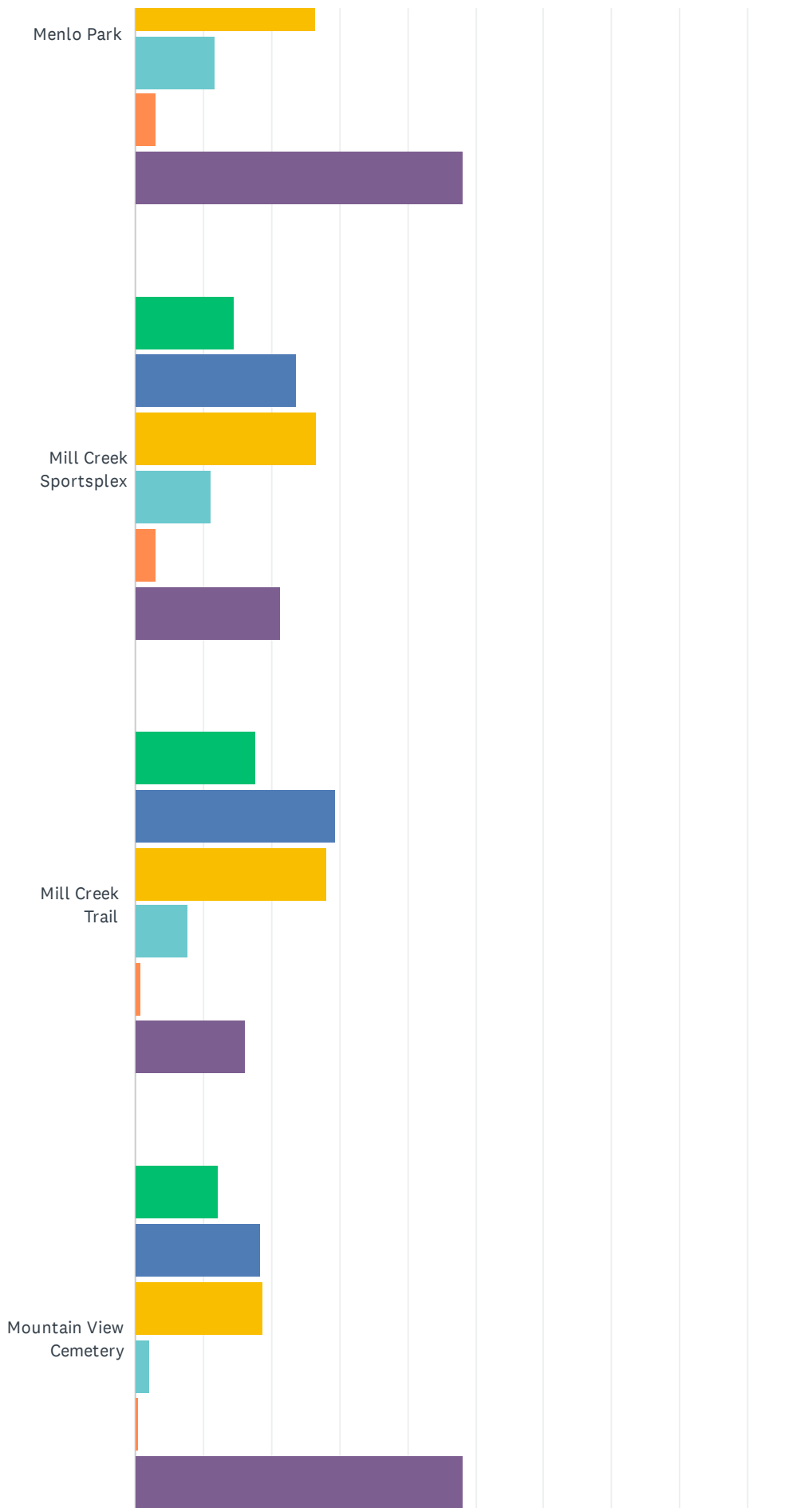
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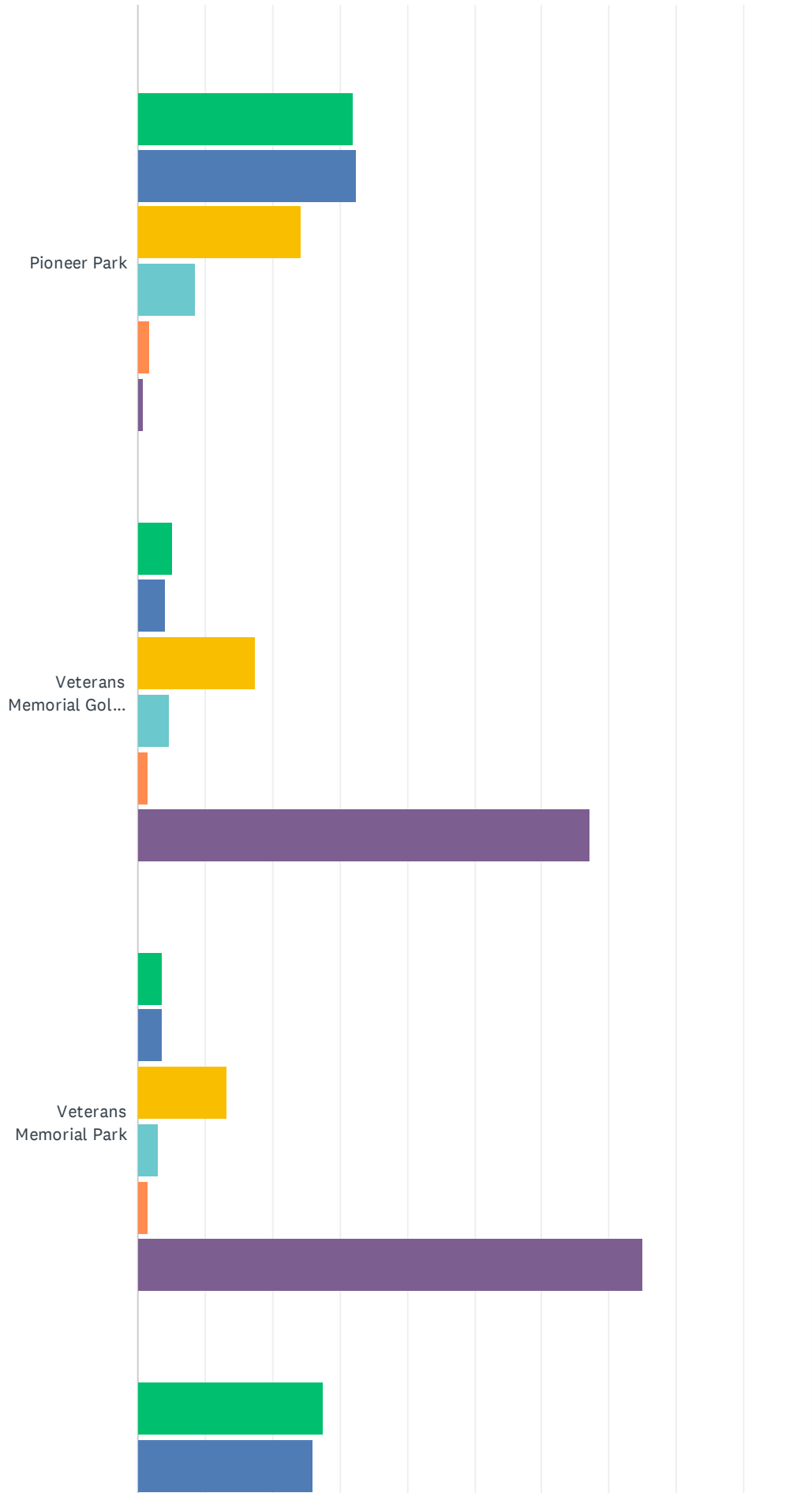


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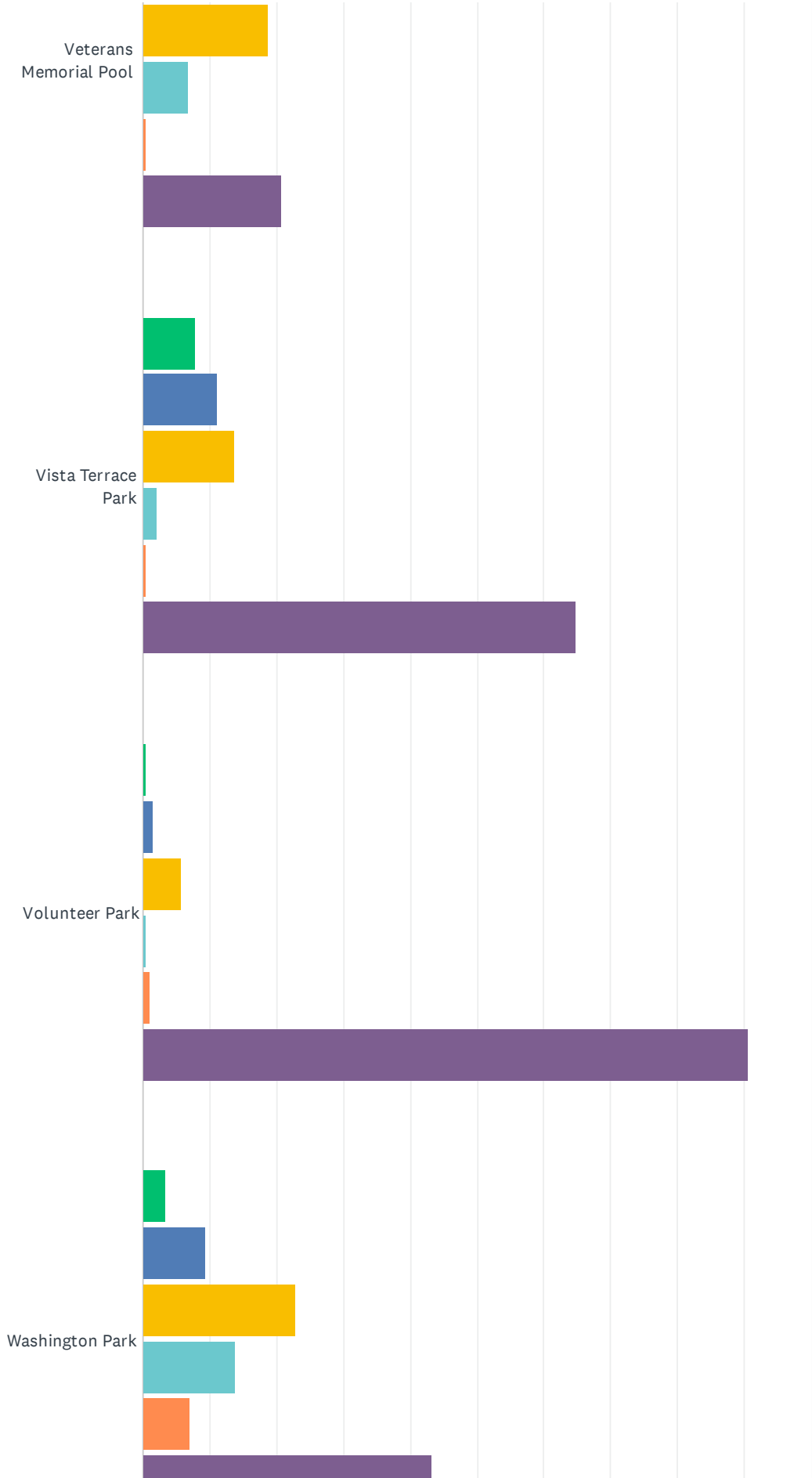


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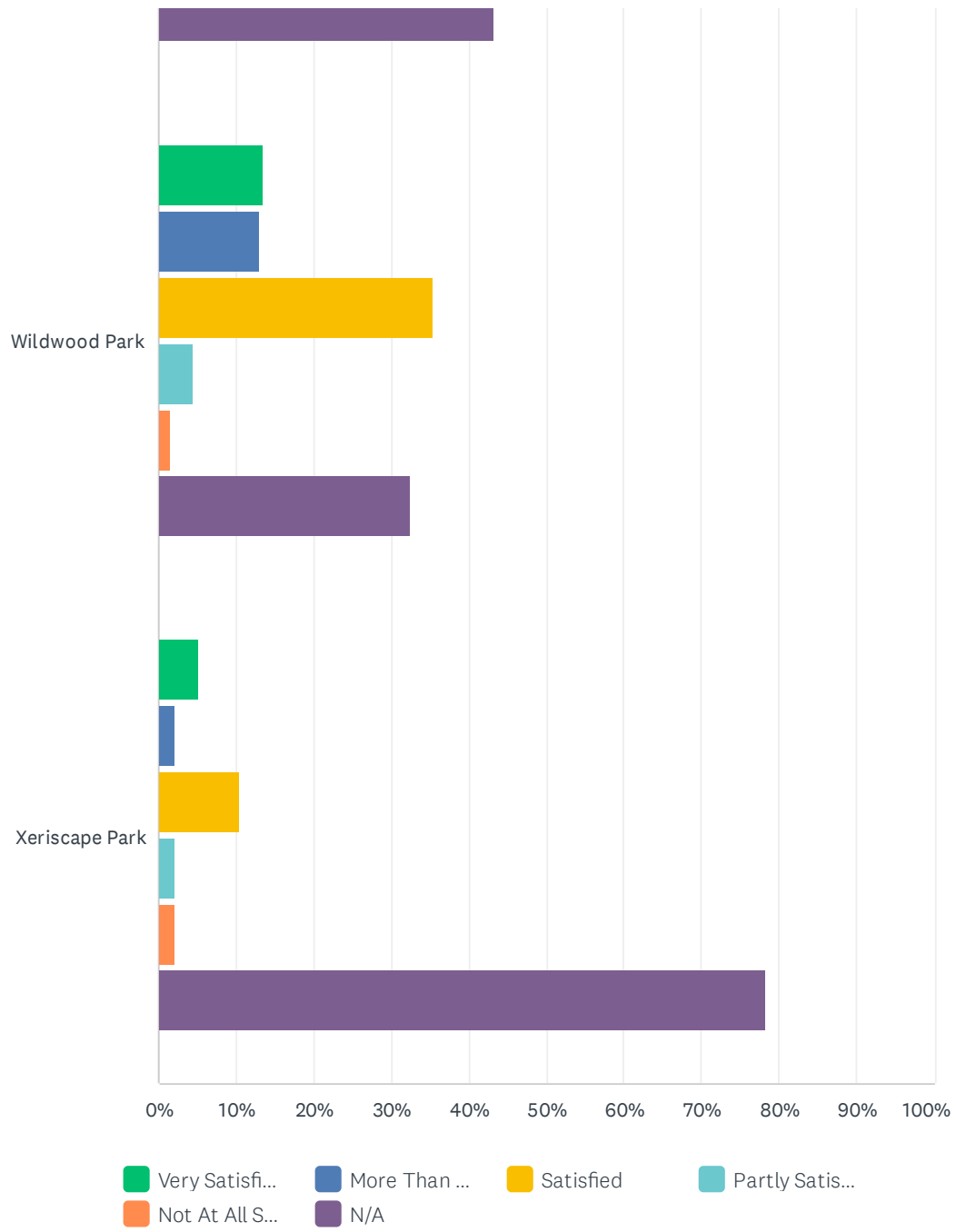




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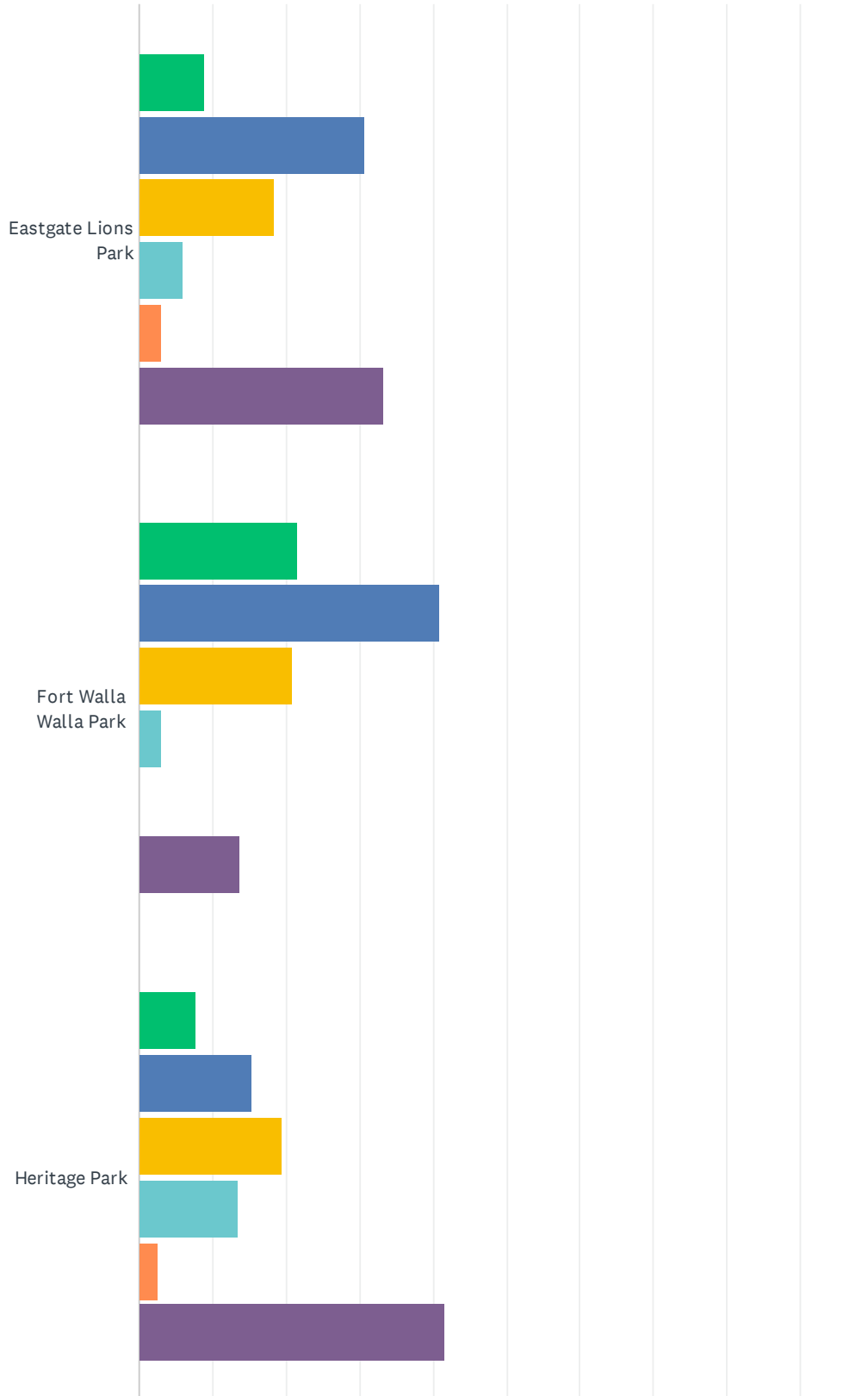


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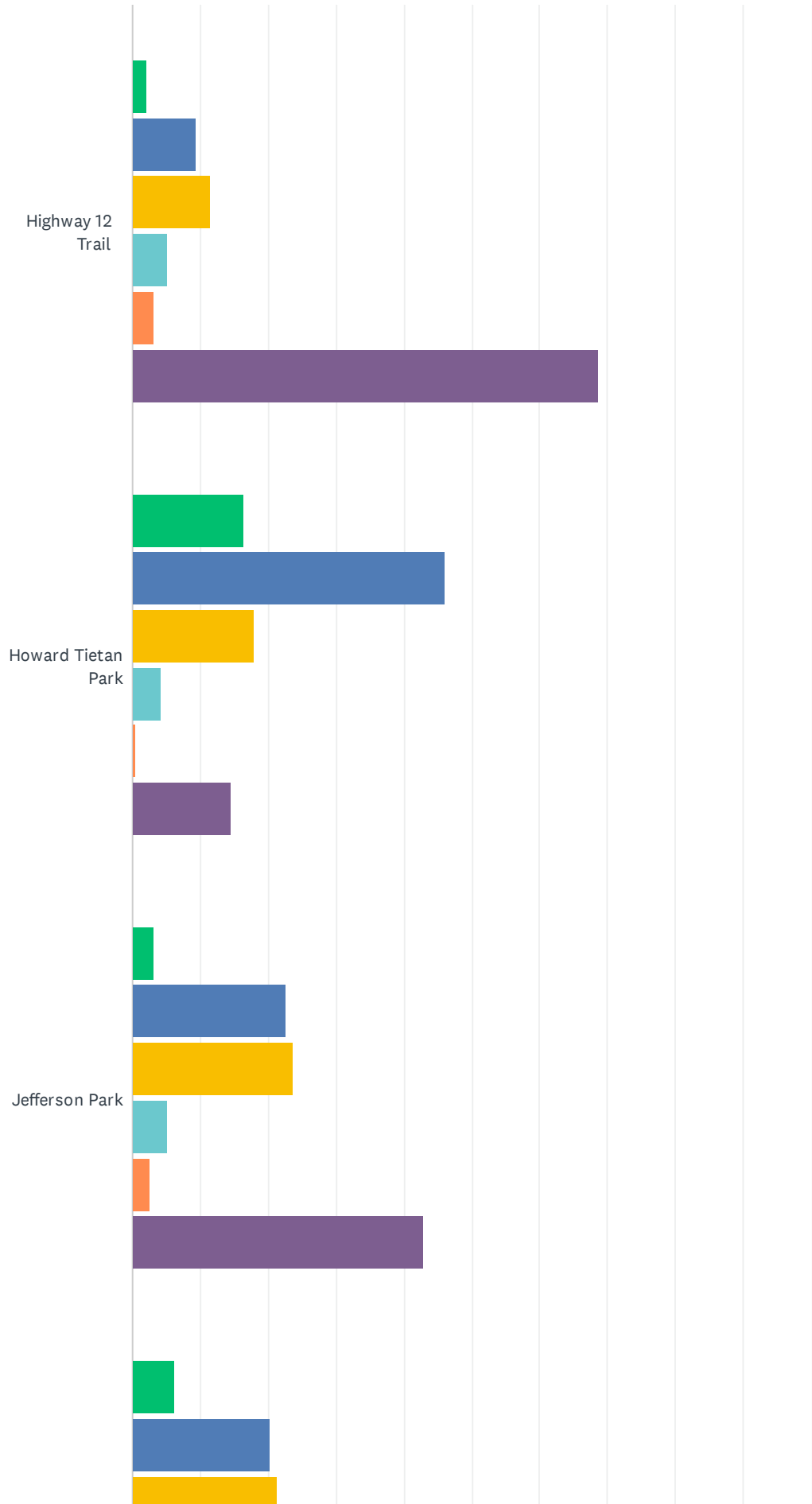
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Eastgate Lions Park	6.22% 13	7.18% 15	31.10% 65	13.88% 29	5.26% 11	36.36% 76	209
Fort Walla Walla Park	15.71% 33	25.24% 53	35.71% 75	9.52% 20	2.38% 5	11.43% 24	210
Heritage Park	1.50% 3	6.00% 12	22.50% 45	20.00% 40	10.00% 20	40.00% 80	200
Highway 12 Trail	1.52% 3	2.54% 5	13.20% 26	8.12% 16	2.54% 5	72.08% 142	197
Howard Tietan Park	10.10% 21	15.87% 33	41.35% 86	17.31% 36	2.88% 6	12.50% 26	208
Jefferson Park	4.48% 9	7.46% 15	24.88% 50	18.41% 37	6.97% 14	37.81% 76	201
Menlo Park	4.06% 8	6.60% 13	26.40% 52	11.68% 23	3.05% 6	48.22% 95	197
Mill Creek Sportsplex	14.49% 30	23.67% 49	26.57% 55	11.11% 23	2.90% 6	21.26% 44	207
Mill Creek Trail	17.62% 37	29.52% 62	28.10% 59	7.62% 16	0.95% 2	16.19% 34	210
Mountain View Cemetery	12.18% 24	18.27% 36	18.78% 37	2.03% 4	0.51% 1	48.22% 95	197
Pioneer Park	31.98% 71	32.43% 72	24.32% 54	8.56% 19	1.80% 4	0.90% 2	222
Veterans Memorial Golf Course	5.13% 10	4.10% 8	17.44% 34	4.62% 9	1.54% 3	67.18% 131	195
Veterans Memorial Park	3.57% 7	3.57% 7	13.27% 26	3.06% 6	1.53% 3	75.00% 147	196
Veterans Memorial Pool	27.40% 57	25.96% 54	18.75% 39	6.73% 14	0.48% 1	20.67% 43	208
Vista Terrace Park	7.85% 15	10.99% 21	13.61% 26	2.09% 4	0.52% 1	64.92% 124	191
Volunteer Park	0.53% 1	1.58% 3	5.79% 11	0.53% 1	1.05% 2	90.53% 172	190
Washington Park	3.48% 7	9.45% 19	22.89% 46	13.93% 28	6.97% 14	43.28% 87	201
Wildwood Park	13.43% 27	12.94% 26	35.32% 71	4.48% 9	1.49% 3	32.34% 65	201
Xeriscape Park	5.18% 10	2.07% 4	10.36% 20	2.07% 4	2.07% 4	78.24% 151	193

Q6 For each park or recreation facility you have visited, please indicate how you would rate the condition of that facility.

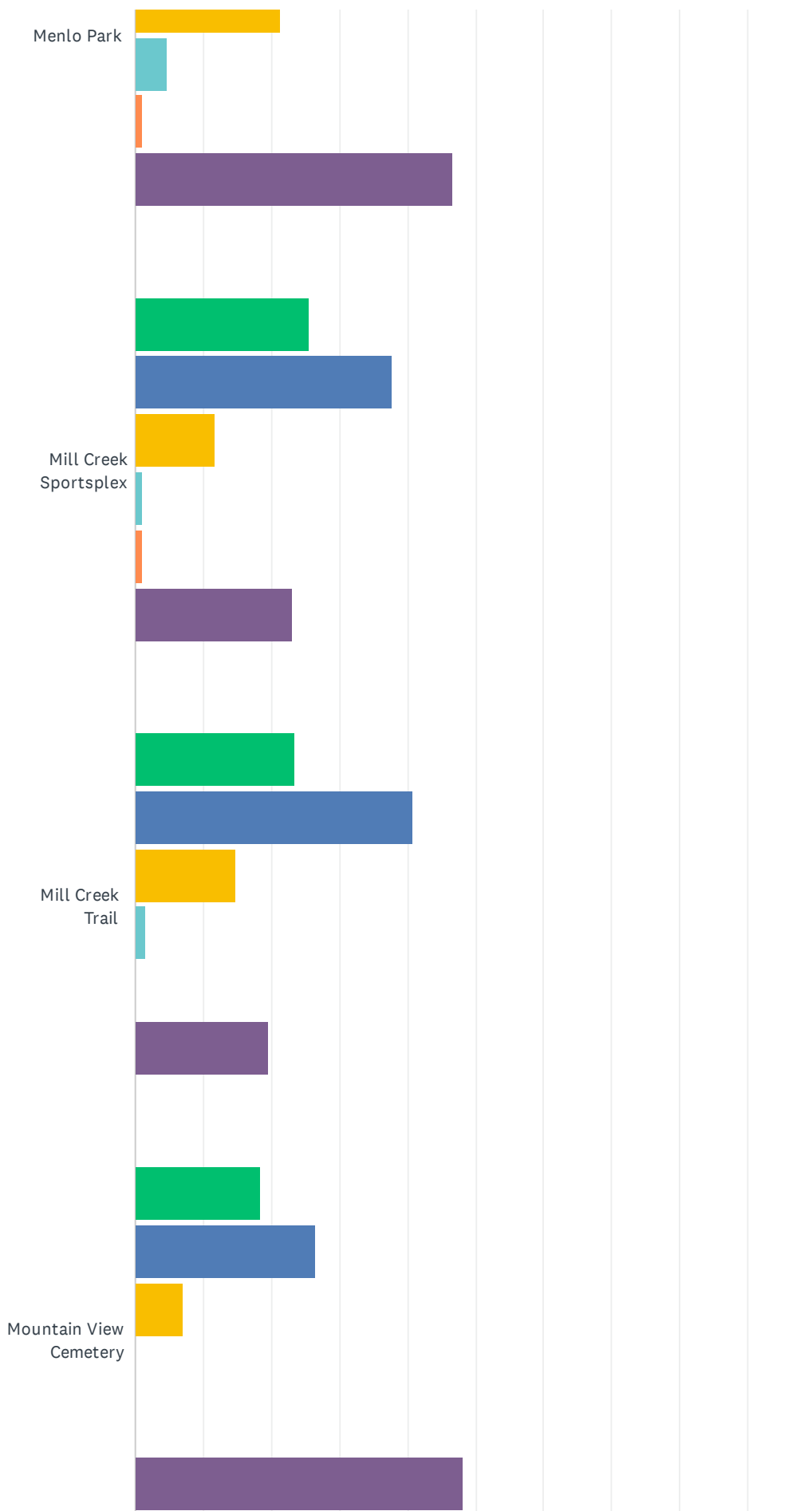
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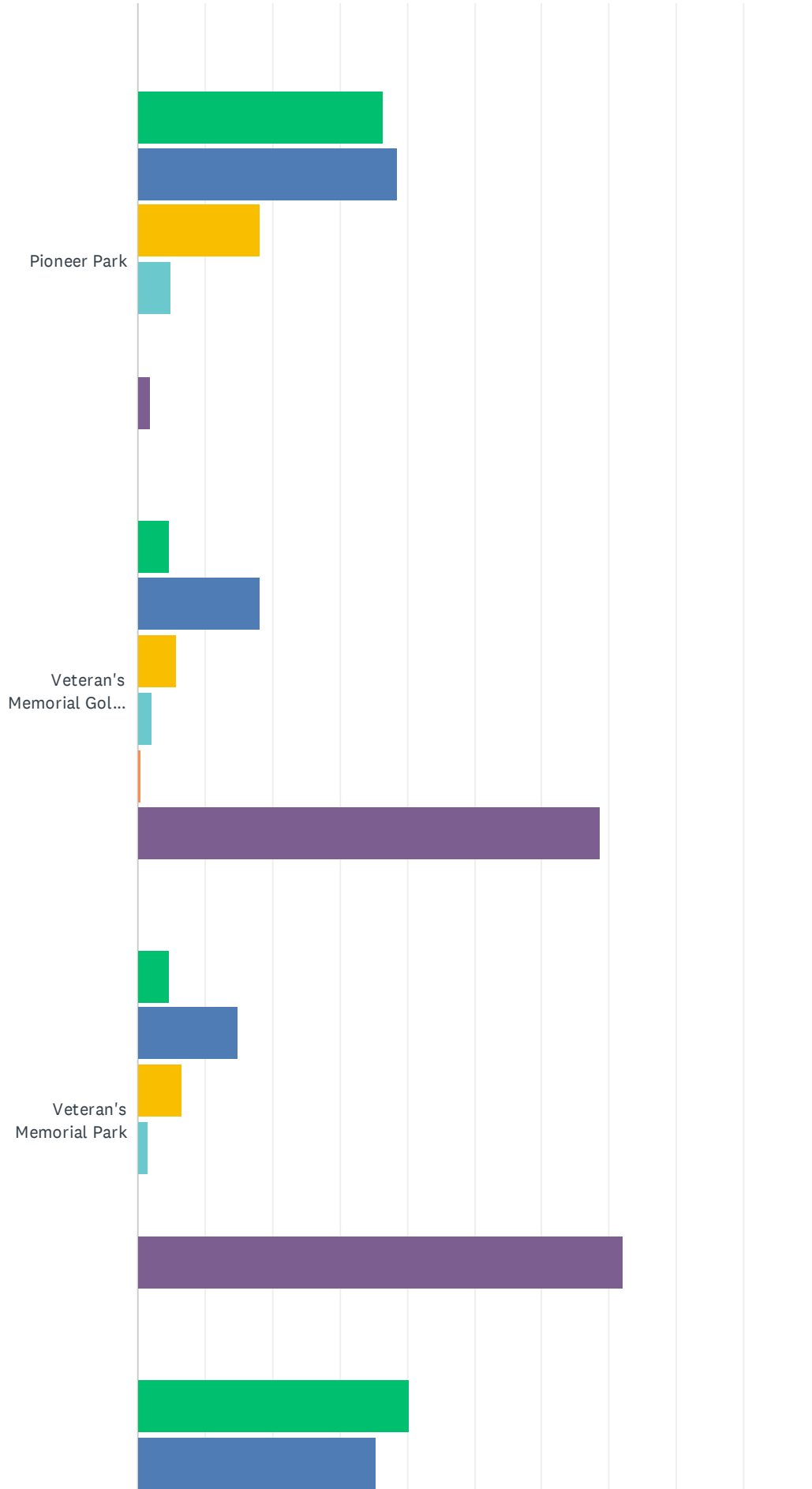


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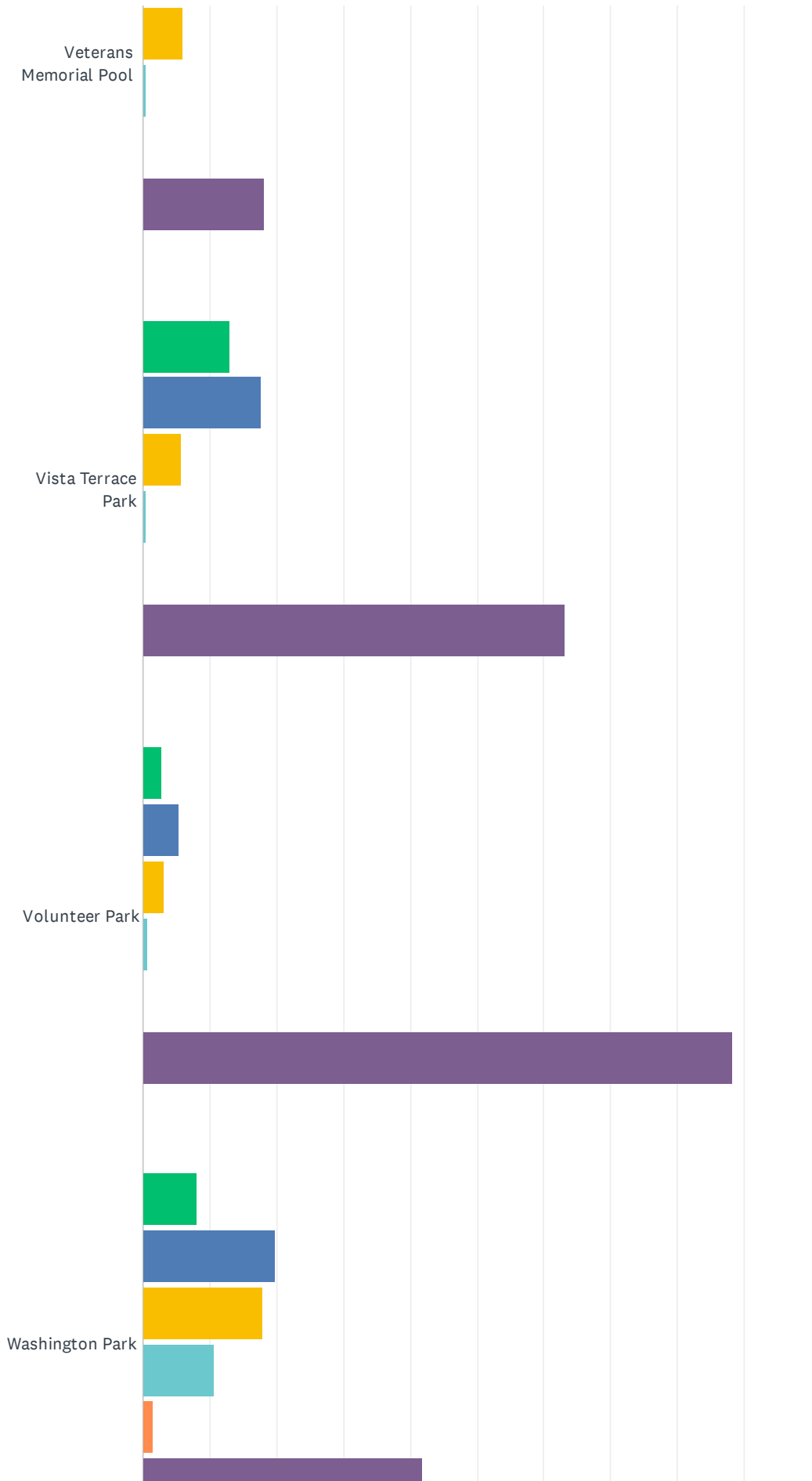


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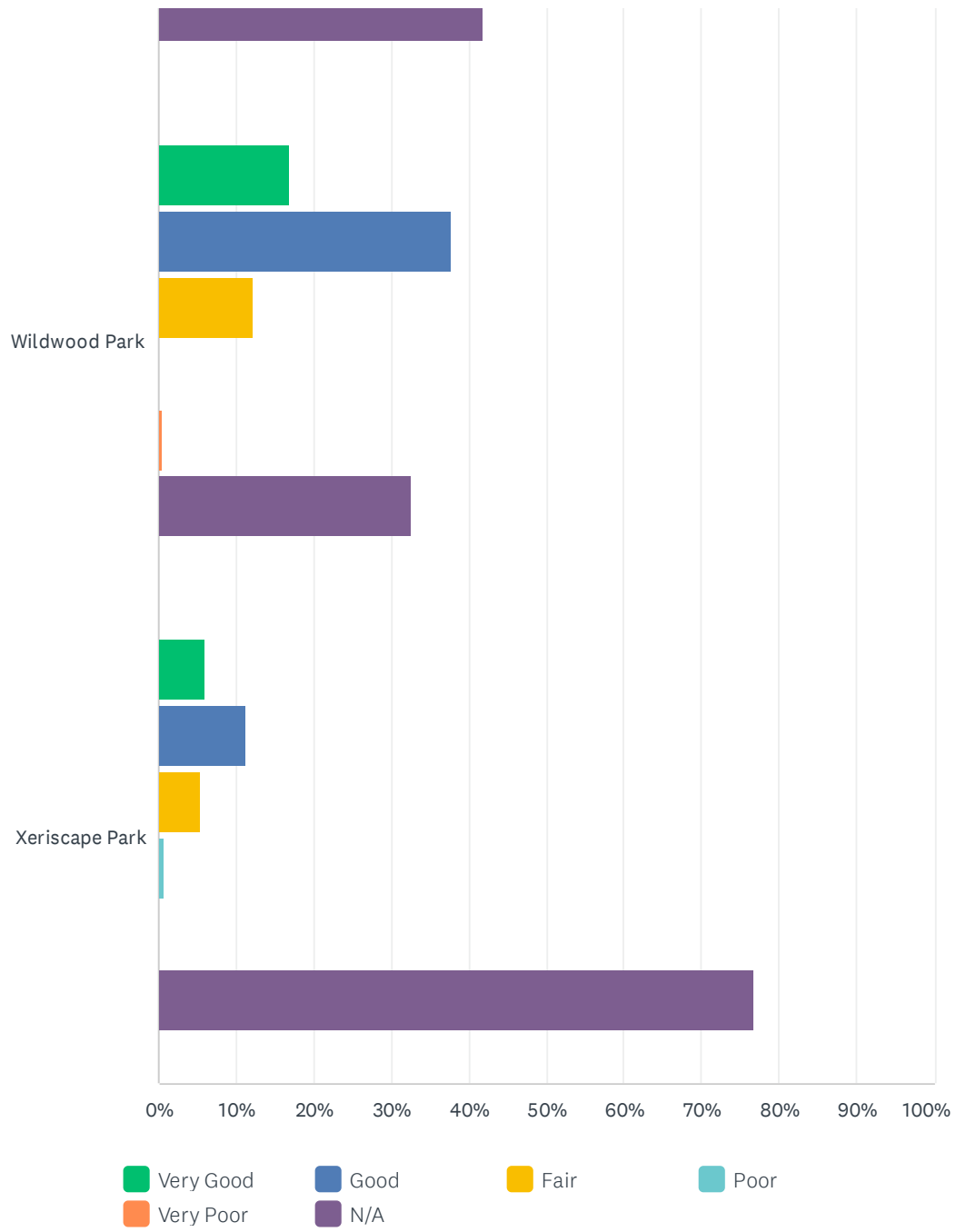




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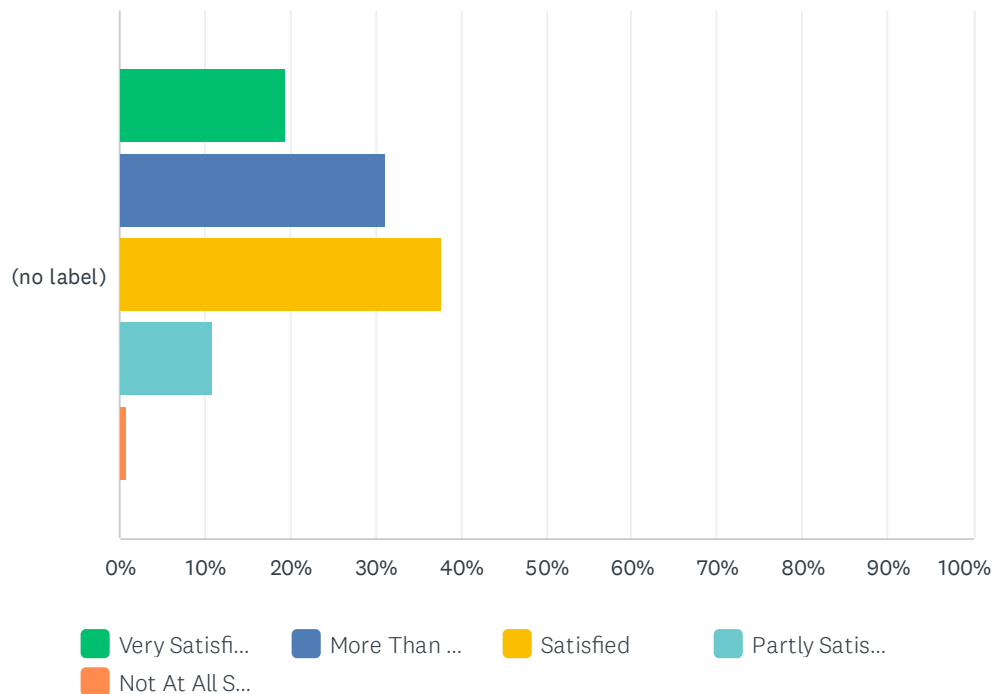


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	VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	VERY POOR	N/A	TOTAL
Eastgate Lions Park	8.91% 18	30.69% 62	18.32% 37	5.94% 12	2.97% 6	33.17% 67	202
Fort Walla Walla Park	21.46% 44	40.98% 84	20.98% 43	2.93% 6	0.00% 0	13.66% 28	205
Heritage Park	7.69% 15	15.38% 30	19.49% 38	13.33% 26	2.56% 5	41.54% 81	195
Highway 12 Trail	2.08% 4	9.38% 18	11.46% 22	5.21% 10	3.13% 6	68.75% 132	192
Howard Tietan Park	16.50% 34	46.12% 95	17.96% 37	4.37% 9	0.49% 1	14.56% 30	206
Jefferson Park	3.09% 6	22.68% 44	23.71% 46	5.15% 10	2.58% 5	42.78% 83	194
Menlo Park	6.22% 12	20.21% 39	21.24% 41	4.66% 9	1.04% 2	46.63% 90	193
Mill Creek Sportsplex	25.49% 52	37.75% 77	11.76% 24	0.98% 2	0.98% 2	23.04% 47	204
Mill Creek Trail	23.53% 48	40.69% 83	14.71% 30	1.47% 3	0.00% 0	19.61% 40	204
Mountain View Cemetery	18.27% 36	26.40% 52	7.11% 14	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	48.22% 95	197
Pioneer Park	36.36% 80	38.64% 85	18.18% 40	5.00% 11	0.00% 0	1.82% 4	220
Veteran's Memorial Golf Course	4.69% 9	18.23% 35	5.73% 11	2.08% 4	0.52% 1	68.75% 132	192
Veteran's Memorial Park	4.64% 9	14.95% 29	6.70% 13	1.55% 3	0.00% 0	72.16% 140	194
Veterans Memorial Pool	40.20% 82	35.29% 72	5.88% 12	0.49% 1	0.00% 0	18.14% 37	204
Vista Terrace Park	13.02% 25	17.71% 34	5.73% 11	0.52% 1	0.00% 0	63.02% 121	192
Volunteer Park	2.67% 5	5.35% 10	3.21% 6	0.53% 1	0.00% 0	88.24% 165	187
Washington Park	8.16% 16	19.90% 39	17.86% 35	10.71% 21	1.53% 3	41.84% 82	196
Wildwood Park	16.84% 33	37.76% 74	12.24% 24	0.00% 0	0.51% 1	32.65% 64	196
Xeriscape Park	5.95% 11	11.35% 21	5.41% 10	0.54% 1	0.00% 0	76.76% 142	185

Q7 Please rate your overall satisfaction with City of Walla Walla Parks and Recreation Facilities.

Answered: 228 Skipped: 110



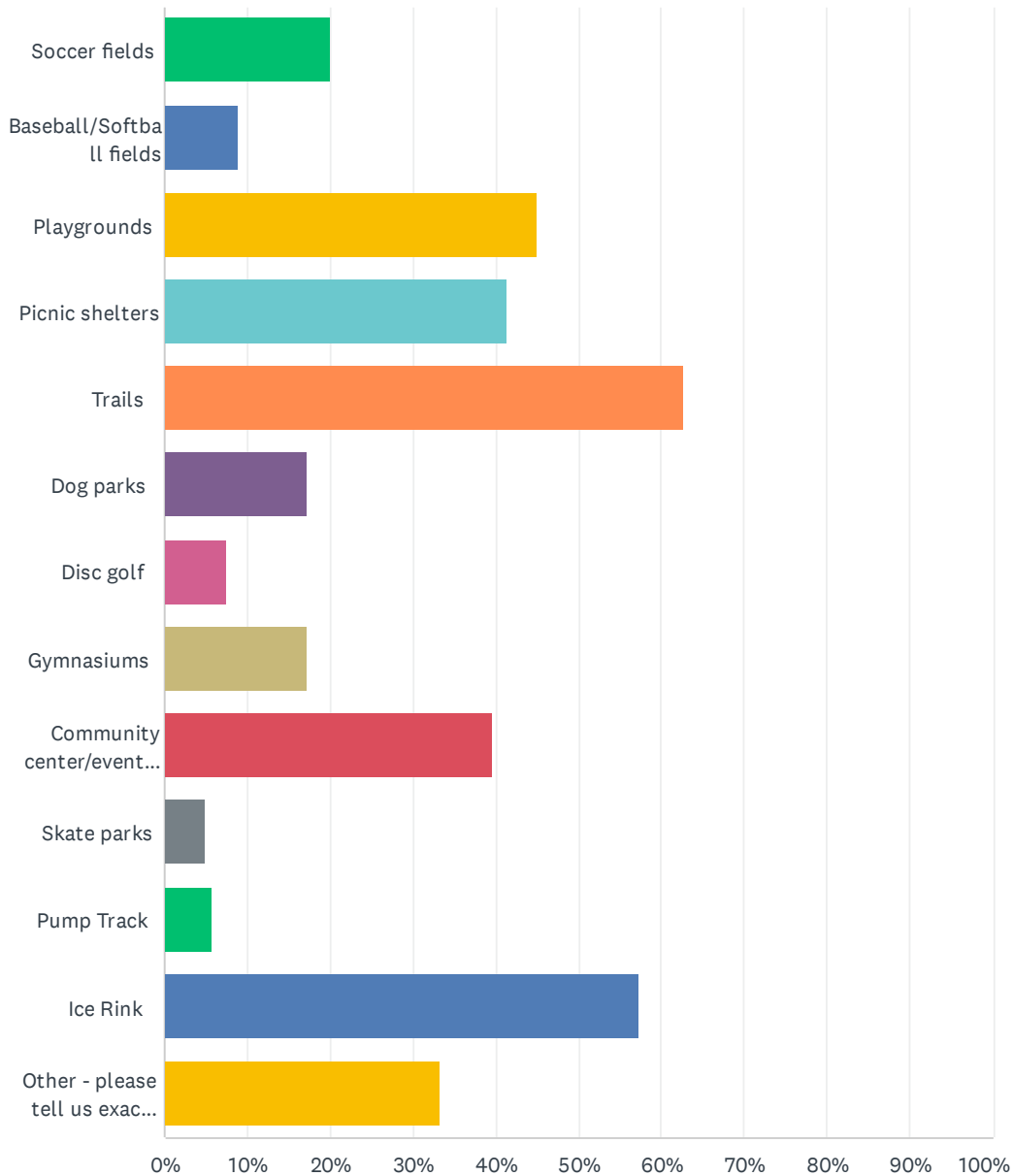
	VERY SATISFIED	MORE THAN SATISFIED	SATISFIED	PARTLY SATISFIED	NOT AT ALL SATISFIED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	19.30% 44	31.14% 71	37.72% 86	10.96% 25	0.88% 2	228	2.43

Q8 Please explain why you selected that rating.

Answered: 185 Skipped: 153

Q9 Please select the types of parks and recreation facilities you would like the City to concentrate its resources constructing, updating, or adding more of.

Answered: 225 Skipped: 113

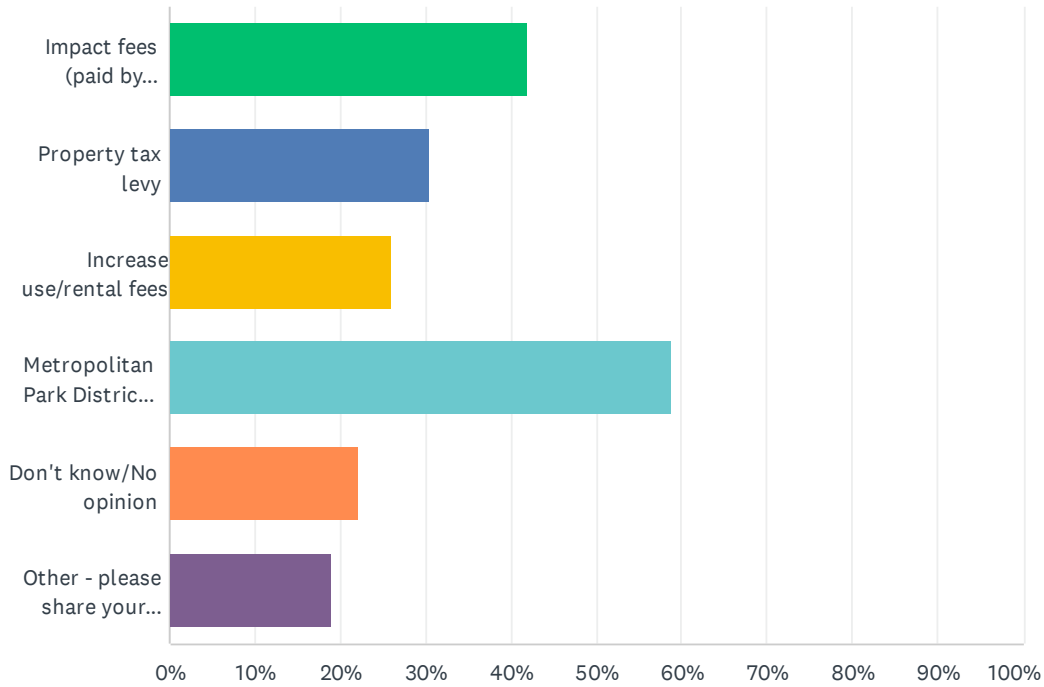


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Soccer fields	20.00%	45
Baseball/Softball fields	8.89%	20
Playgrounds	44.89%	101
Picnic shelters	41.33%	93
Trails	62.67%	141
Dog parks	17.33%	39
Disc golf	7.56%	17
Gymnasiums	17.33%	39
Community center/event space	39.56%	89
Skate parks	4.89%	11
Pump Track	5.78%	13
Ice Rink	57.33%	129
Other - please tell us exactly what you want to see	33.33%	75
Total Respondents: 225		

Q10 Please select all the funding methods that you would support to offer new/improved parks and recreation facilities.

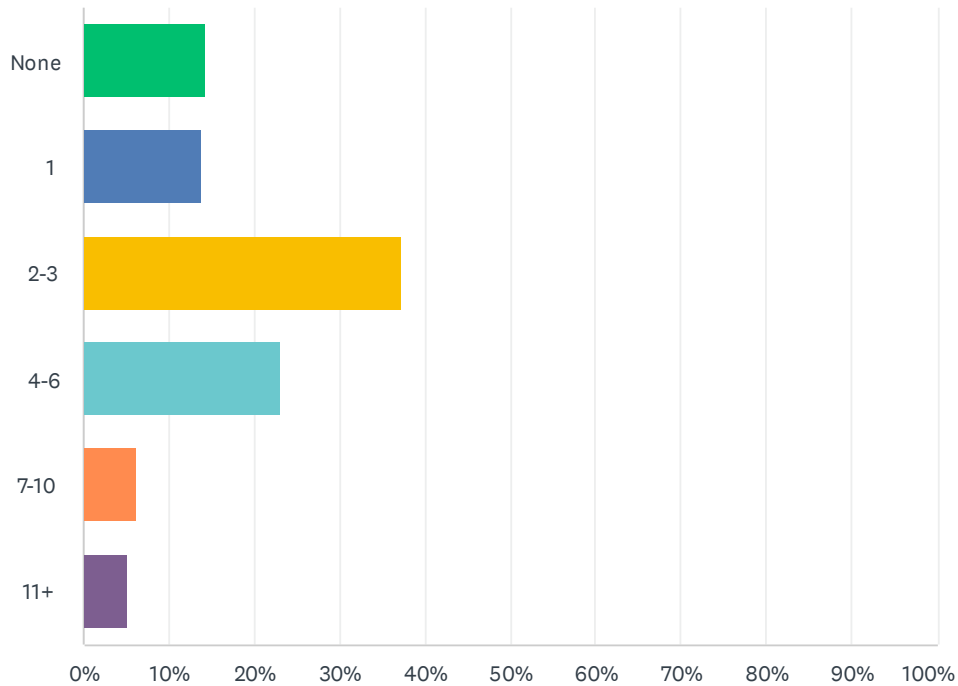
Answered: 226 Skipped: 112



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Impact fees (paid by developers, potentially passed on to homebuyer)	42.04%	95
Property tax levy	30.53%	69
Increase use/rental fees	26.11%	59
Metropolitan Park District (voter approved tax increase where tax funds can only be used for Parks & Recreation purposes)	58.85%	133
Don't know/No opinion	22.12%	50
Other - please share your funding idea	19.03%	43
Total Respondents: 226		

Q11 How many recreation programs/events offered by the City of Walla Walla Parks and Recreation have you or other member of your household participated in during the past 12 months?

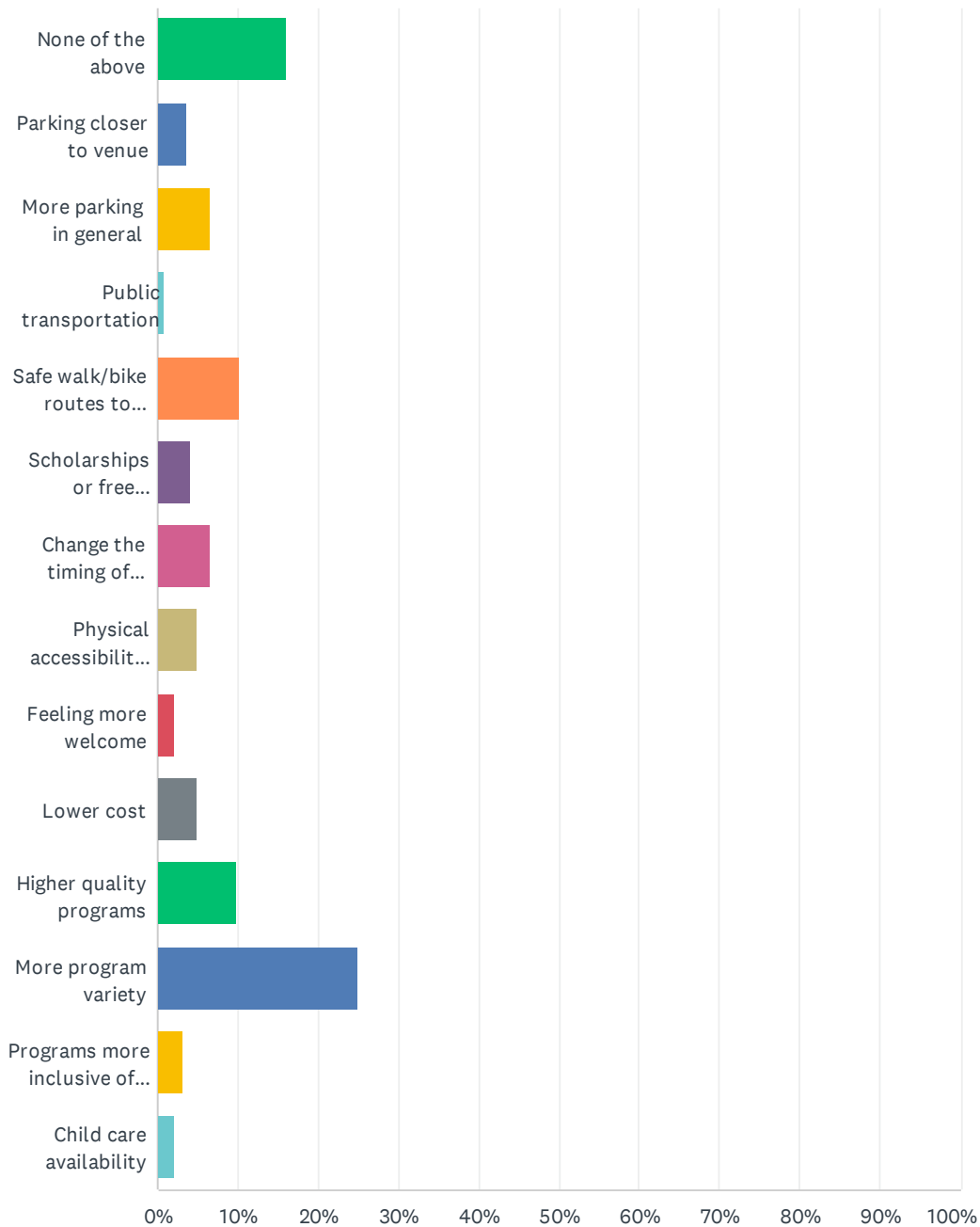
Answered: 230 Skipped: 108



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None	14.35%	33
1	13.91%	32
2-3	37.39%	86
4-6	23.04%	53
7-10	6.09%	14
11+	5.22%	12
TOTAL		230

Q12 Which of the following would increase your household's use of recreational programs the most (select up to 4)

Answered: 225 Skipped: 113

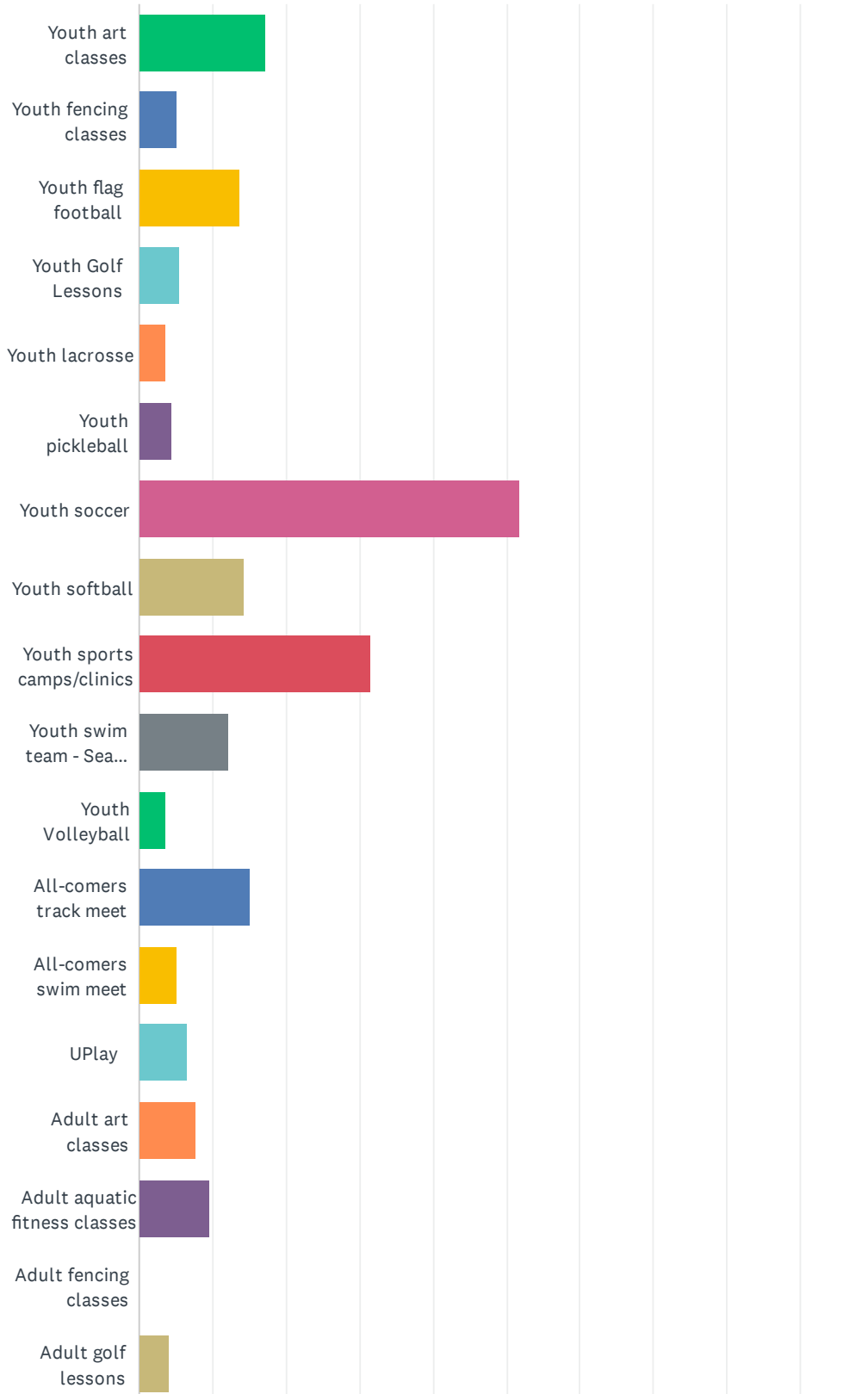


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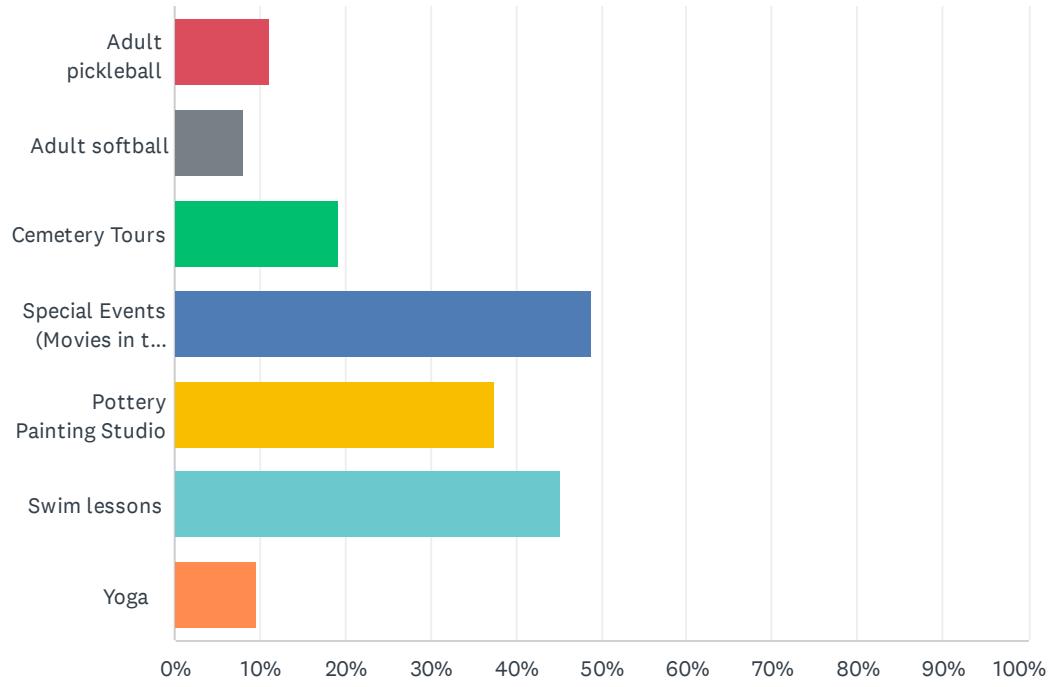
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	16.00%	36
Parking closer to venue	3.56%	8
More parking in general	6.67%	15
Public transportation	0.89%	2
Safe walk/bike routes to venues	10.22%	23
Scholarships or free programs	4.00%	9
Change the timing of programs	6.67%	15
Physical accessibility for disabilities	4.89%	11
Feeling more welcome	2.22%	5
Lower cost	4.89%	11
Higher quality programs	9.78%	22
More program variety	24.89%	56
Programs more inclusive of diverse resident demographics	3.11%	7
Child care availability	2.22%	5
TOTAL		225

Q13 Please select all of the following recreation programs which you or a member of your household have participated in.

Answered: 197 Skipped: 141



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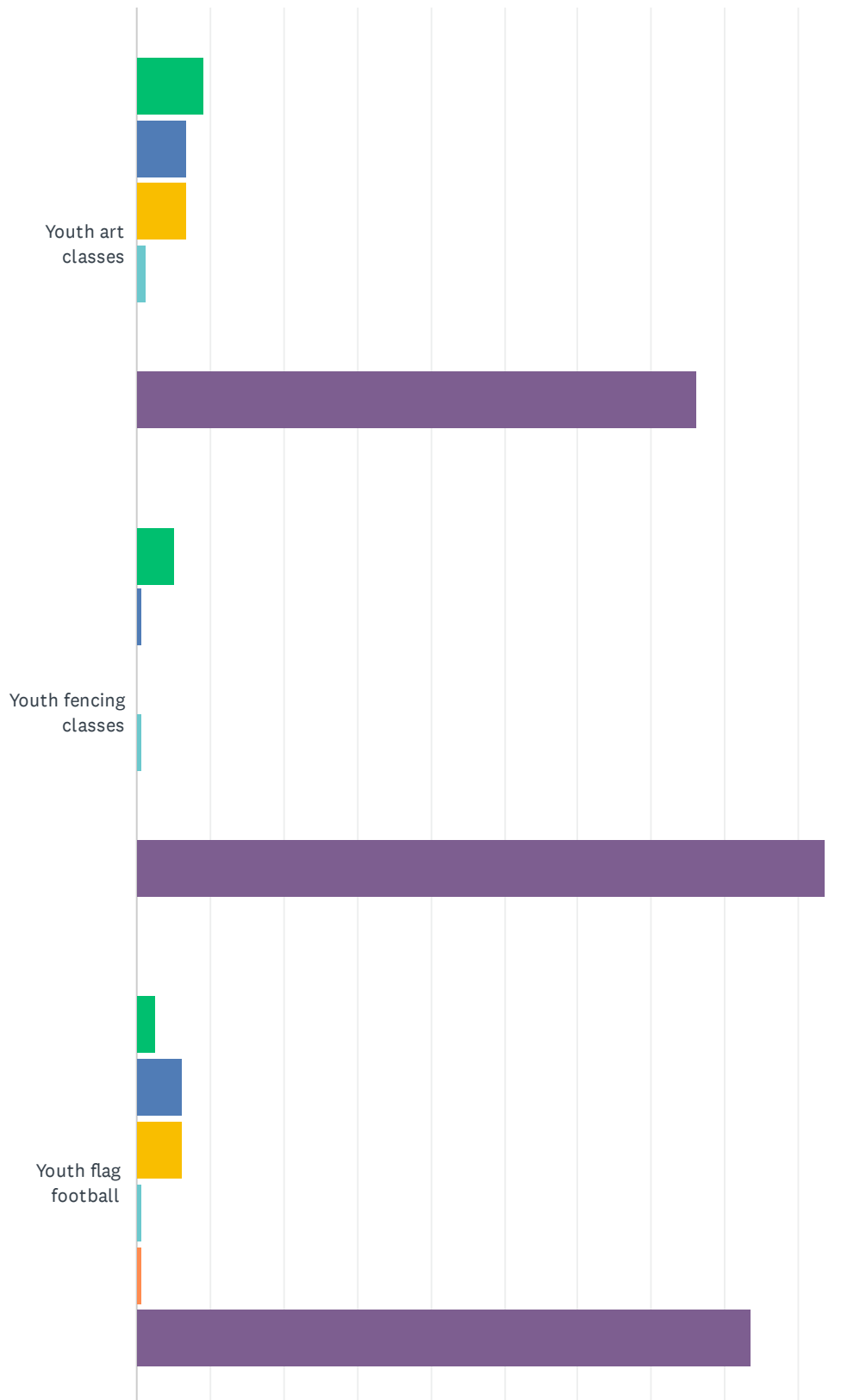


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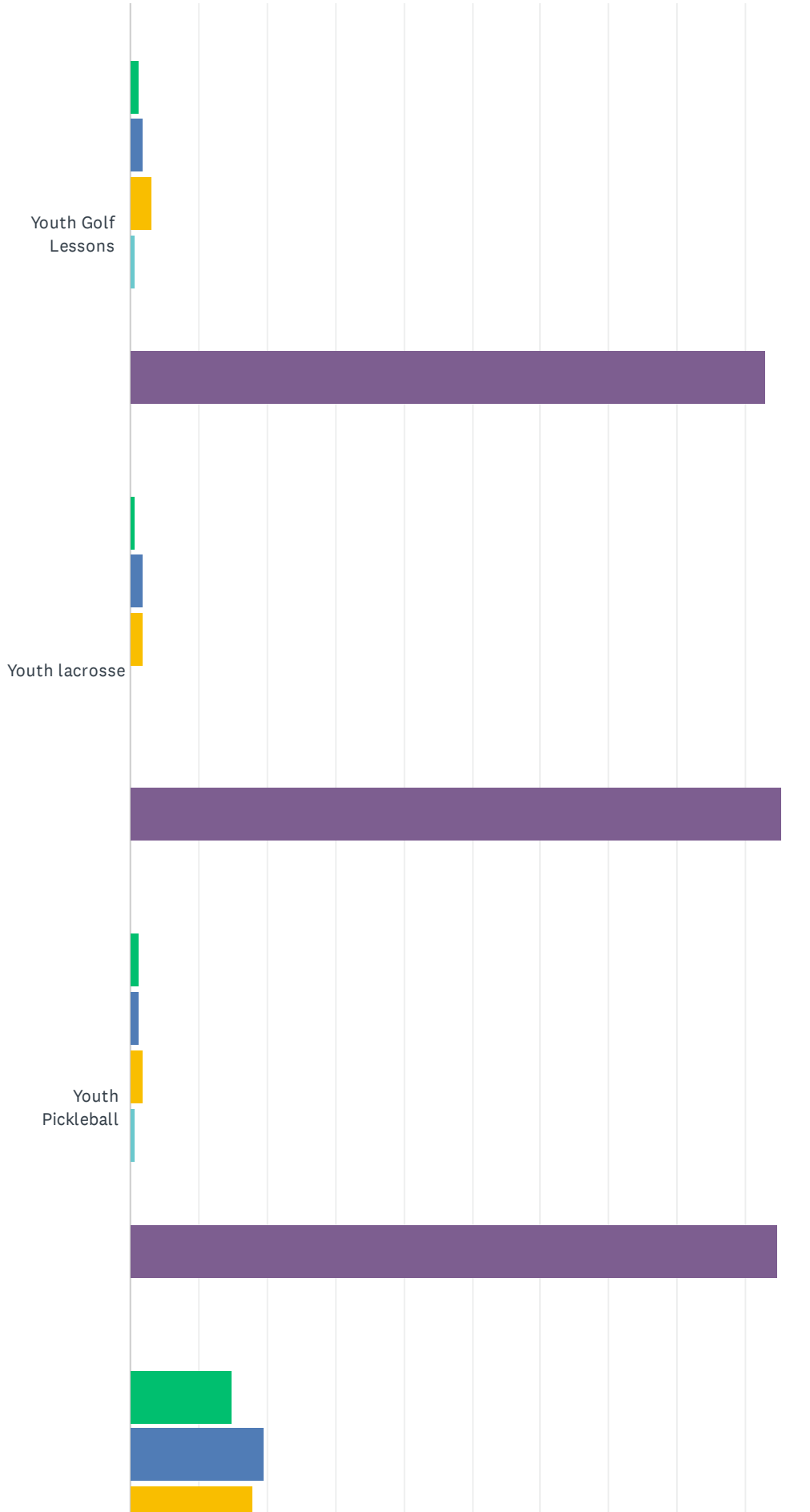
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Youth art classes	17.26%	34
Youth fencing classes	5.08%	10
Youth flag football	13.71%	27
Youth Golf Lessons	5.58%	11
Youth lacrosse	3.55%	7
Youth pickleball	4.57%	9
Youth soccer	51.78%	102
Youth softball	14.21%	28
Youth sports camps/clinics	31.47%	62
Youth swim team - Sea Monkeys	12.18%	24
Youth Volleyball	3.55%	7
All-comers track meet	15.23%	30
All-comers swim meet	5.08%	10
UPlay	6.60%	13
Adult art classes	7.61%	15
Adult aquatic fitness classes	9.64%	19
Adult fencing classes	0.00%	0
Adult golf lessons	4.06%	8
Adult pickleball	11.17%	22
Adult softball	8.12%	16
Cemetery Tours	19.29%	38
Special Events (Movies in the Park, Father & Daughter Ball, Mother & Son Superhero Bash, Pumpkin Carving, Fishing Derby)	48.73%	96
Pottery Painting Studio	37.56%	74
Swim lessons	45.18%	89
Yoga	9.64%	19
Total Respondents: 197		

Q14 Please rate your satisfaction with the recreation programs you have participated in.

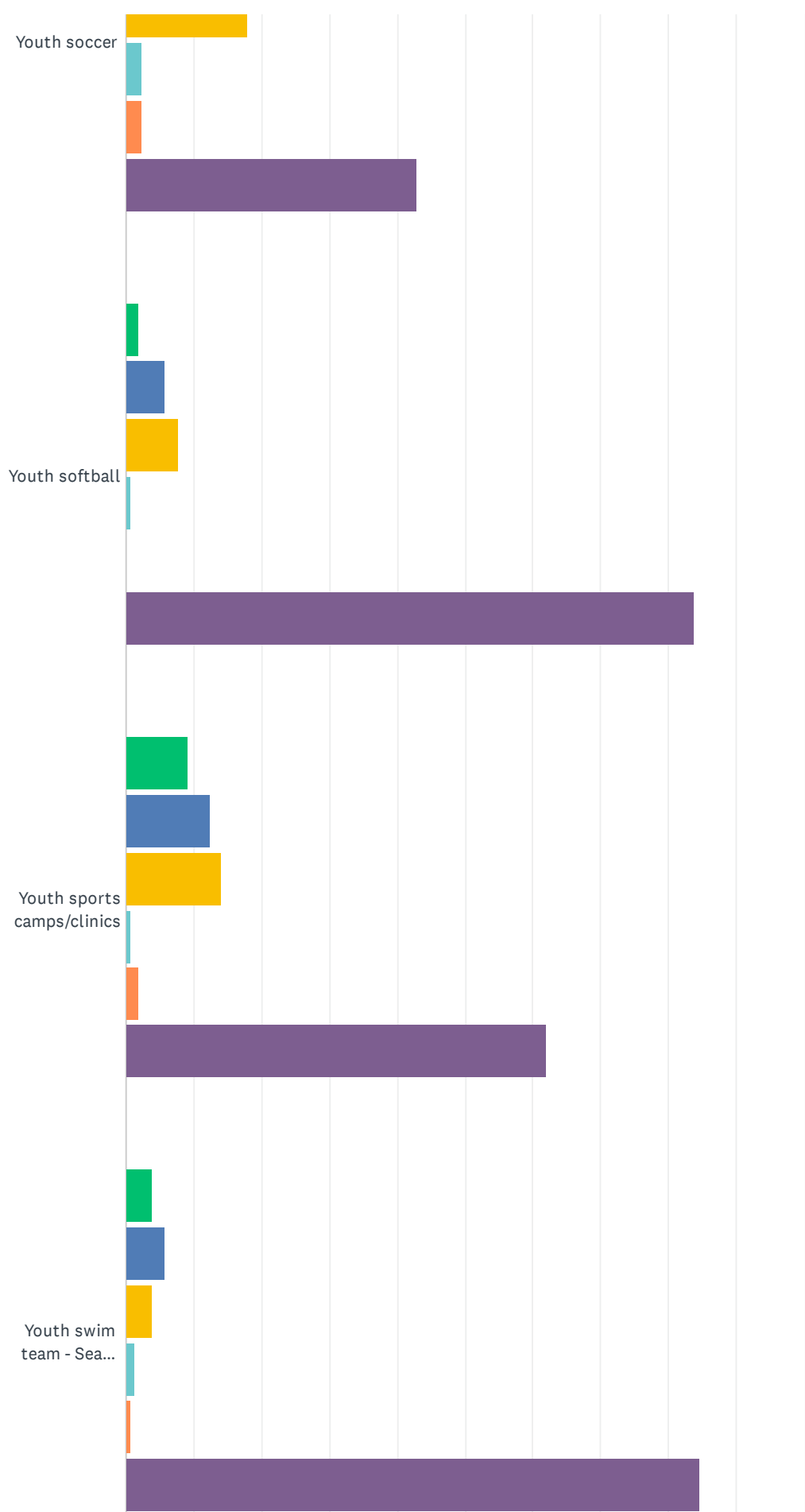
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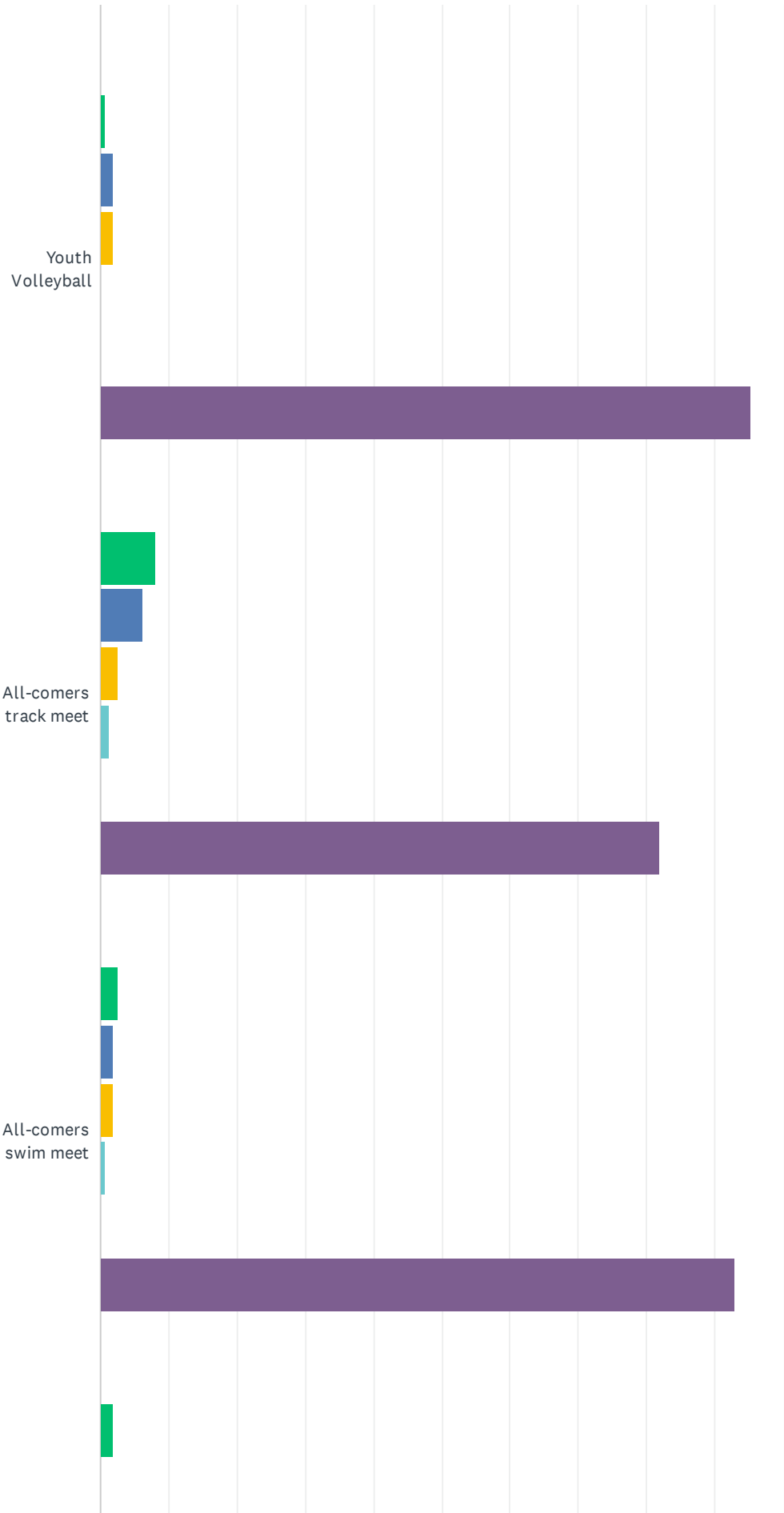


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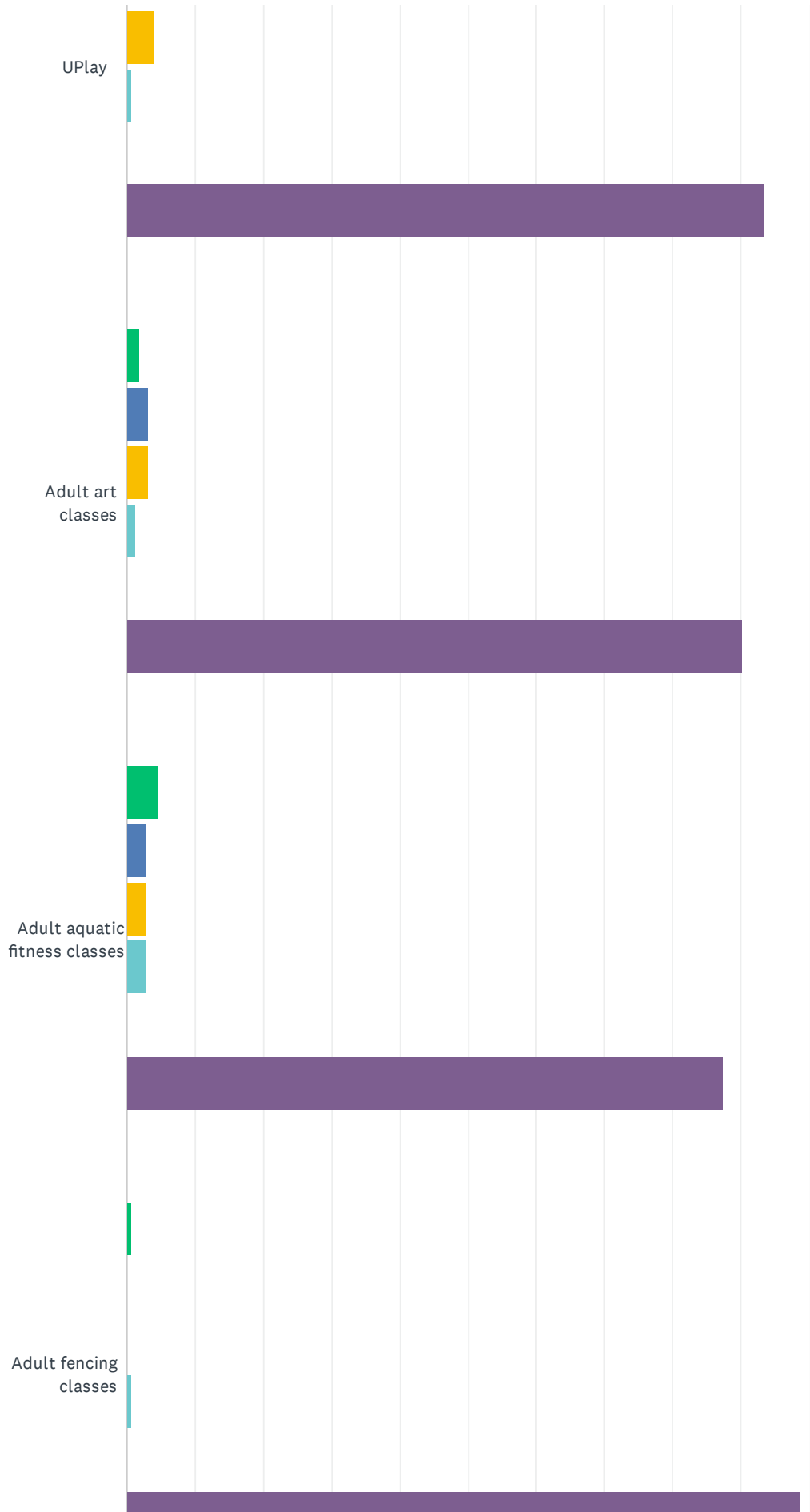


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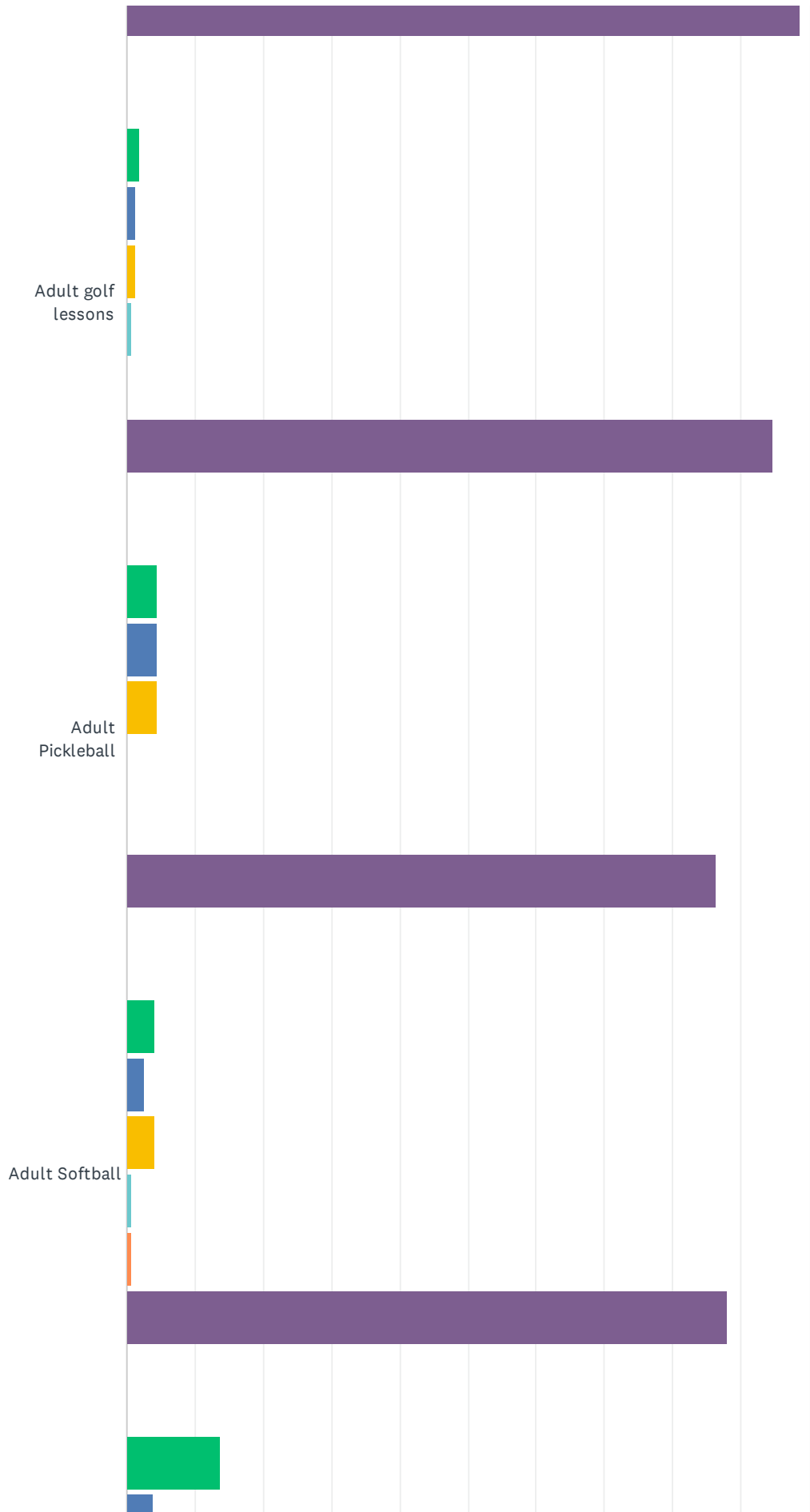


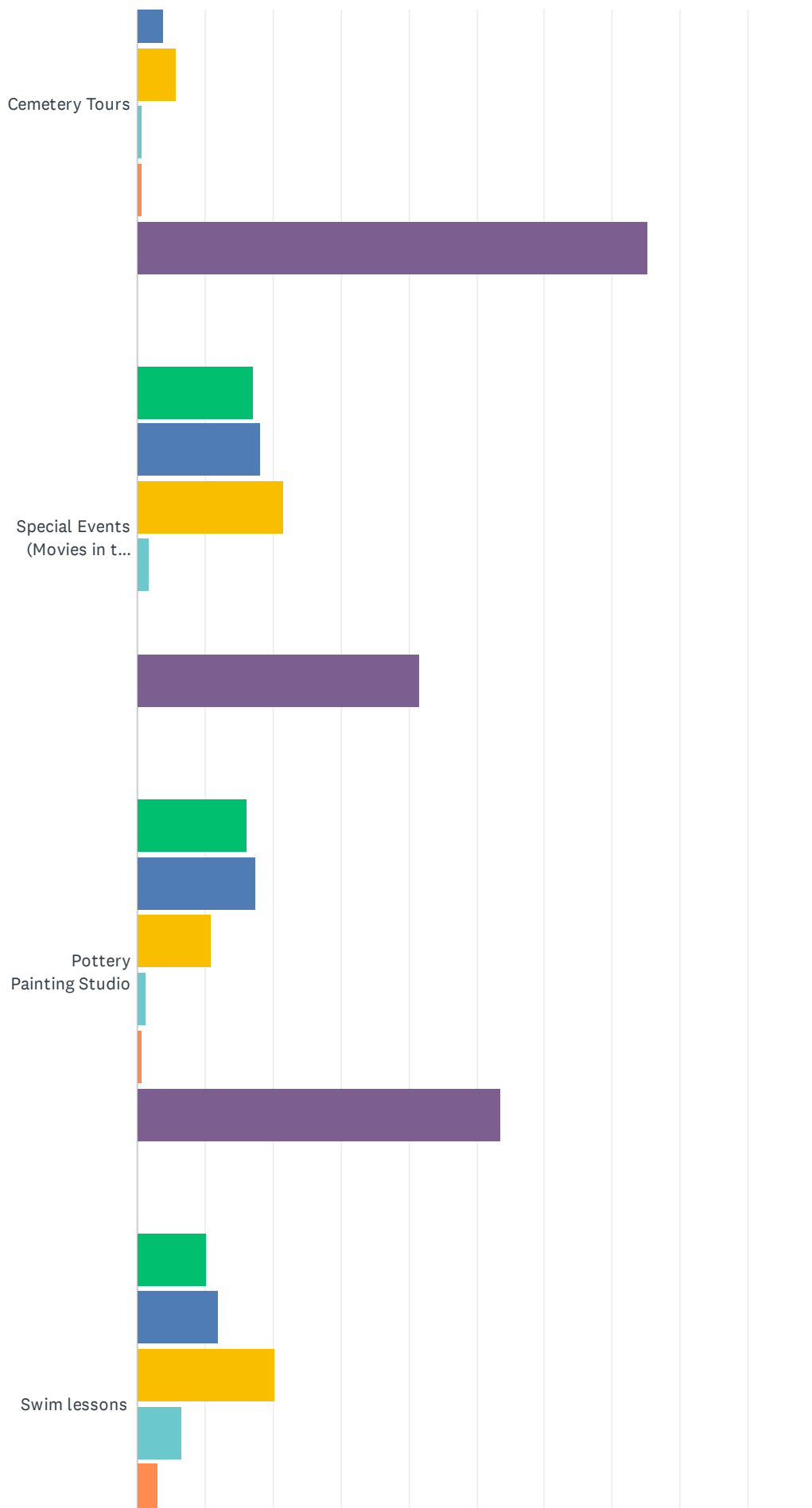


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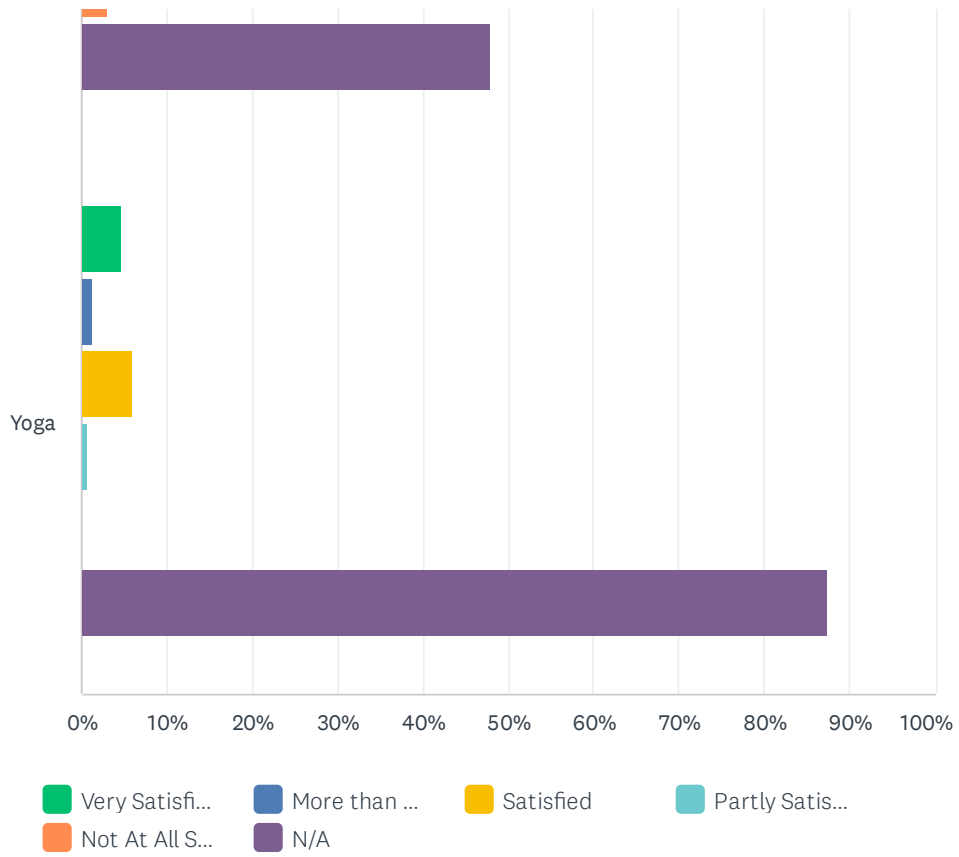


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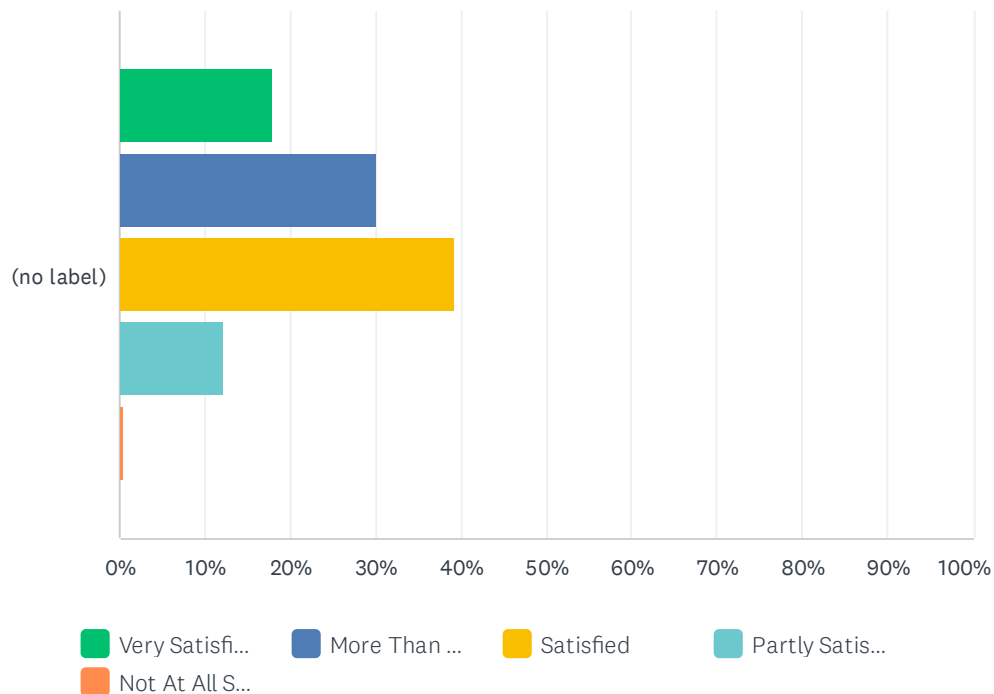
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Youth art classes	9.20% 15	6.75% 11	6.75% 11	1.23% 2	0.00% 0	76.07% 124	163
Youth fencing classes	5.16% 8	0.65% 1	0.00% 0	0.65% 1	0.00% 0	93.55% 145	155
Youth flag football	2.52% 4	6.29% 10	6.29% 10	0.63% 1	0.63% 1	83.65% 133	159
Youth Golf Lessons	1.29% 2	1.94% 3	3.23% 5	0.65% 1	0.00% 0	92.90% 144	155
Youth lacrosse	0.66% 1	1.97% 3	1.97% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	95.39% 145	152
Youth Pickleball	1.32% 2	1.32% 2	1.97% 3	0.66% 1	0.00% 0	94.74% 144	152
Youth soccer	15.03% 26	19.65% 34	17.92% 31	2.31% 4	2.31% 4	42.77% 74	173
Youth softball	1.94% 3	5.81% 9	7.74% 12	0.65% 1	0.00% 0	83.87% 130	155
Youth sports camps/clinics	9.20% 15	12.27% 20	14.11% 23	0.61% 1	1.84% 3	61.96% 101	163
Youth swim team - Sea Monkeys	3.85% 6	5.77% 9	3.85% 6	1.28% 2	0.64% 1	84.62% 132	156
Youth Volleyball	0.66% 1	1.97% 3	1.97% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	95.39% 145	152
All-comers track meet	8.13% 13	6.25% 10	2.50% 4	1.25% 2	0.00% 0	81.88% 131	160
All-comers swim meet	2.58% 4	1.94% 3	1.94% 3	0.65% 1	0.00% 0	92.90% 144	155
UPlay	1.99% 3	0.00% 0	3.97% 6	0.66% 1	0.00% 0	93.38% 141	151
Adult art classes	1.95% 3	3.25% 5	3.25% 5	1.30% 2	0.00% 0	90.26% 139	154
Adult aquatic fitness classes	4.67% 7	2.67% 4	2.67% 4	2.67% 4	0.00% 0	87.33% 131	150
Adult fencing classes	0.67% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.67% 1	0.00% 0	98.67% 148	150
Adult golf lessons	1.97% 3	1.32% 2	1.32% 2	0.66% 1	0.00% 0	94.74% 144	152
Adult Pickleball	4.55% 7	4.55% 7	4.55% 7	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	86.36% 133	154
Adult Softball	3.95% 6	2.63% 4	3.95% 6	0.66% 1	0.66% 1	88.16% 134	152
Cemetery Tours	13.64% 21	3.90% 6	5.84% 9	0.65% 1	0.65% 1	75.32% 116	154
Special Events (Movies in the Park, Father & Daughter Ball, Mother & Son Superhero Bash, Pumpkin Carving, Fishing Derby)	16.96% 29	18.13% 31	21.64% 37	1.75% 3	0.00% 0	41.52% 71	171

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Pottery Painting Studio	16.27% 27	17.47% 29	10.84% 18	1.20% 2	0.60% 1	53.61% 89	166
Swim lessons	10.18% 17	11.98% 20	20.36% 34	6.59% 11	2.99% 5	47.90% 80	167
Yoga	4.64% 7	1.32% 2	5.96% 9	0.66% 1	0.00% 0	87.42% 132	151

Q15 Please rate your overall satisfaction with City of Walla Walla recreation programs.

Answered: 206 Skipped: 132



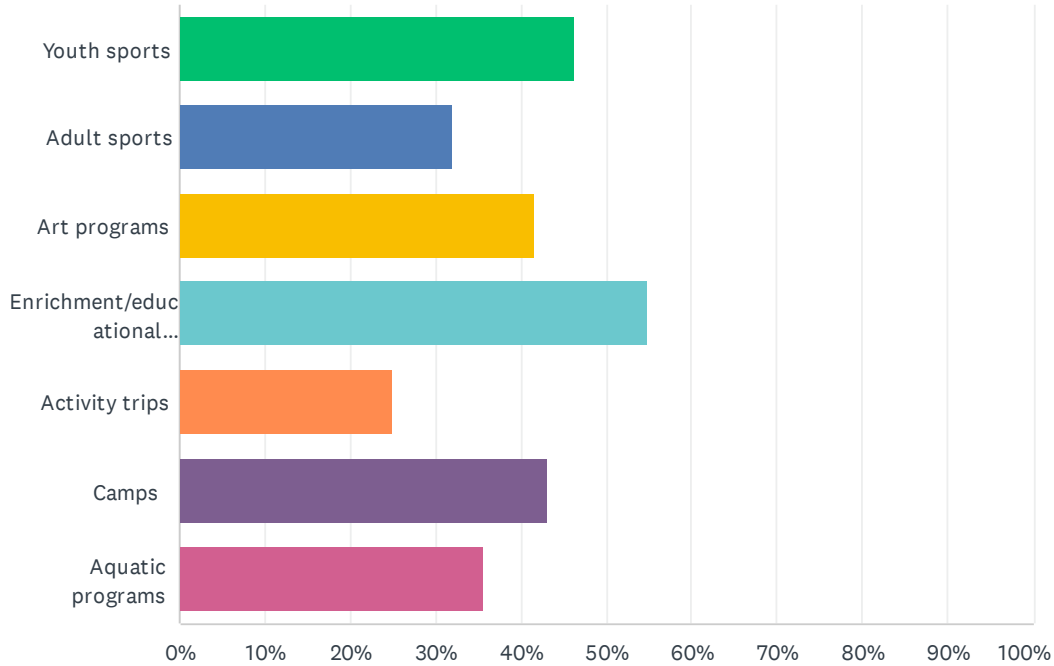
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(no label)	17.96% 37	30.10% 62	39.32% 81	12.14% 25	0.49% 1	206	2.47

Q16 Please explain why you selected that rating.

Answered: 139 Skipped: 199

Q17 Please select all of the types of recreation programs you would like the City to expand or add.

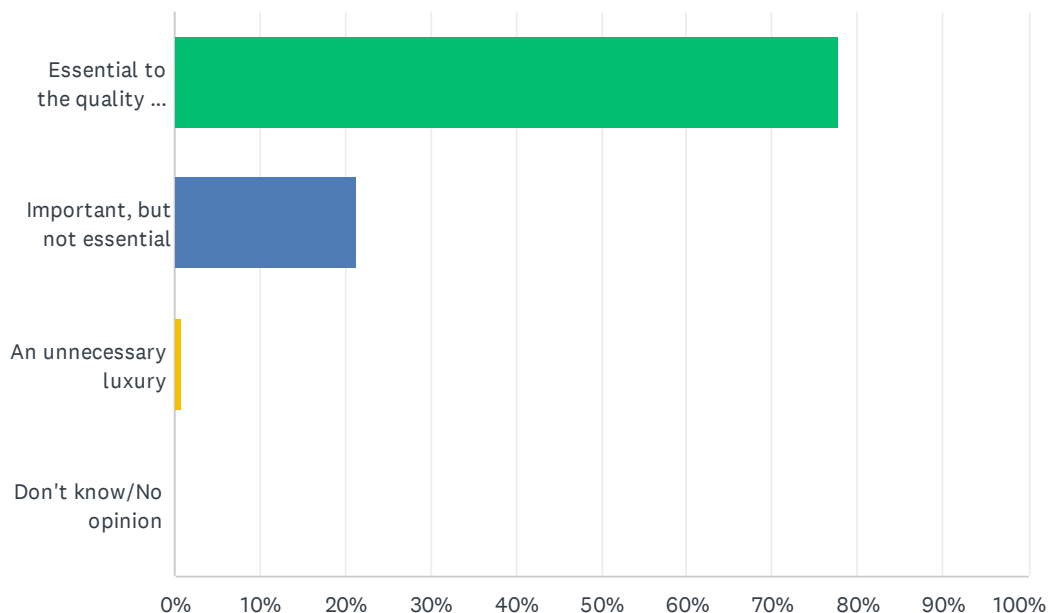
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Youth sports	46.28%	87
Adult sports	31.91%	60
Art programs	41.49%	78
Enrichment/educational programs	54.79%	103
Activity trips	25.00%	47
Camps	43.09%	81
Aquatic programs	35.64%	67
Total Respondents: 188		

Q18 When you think about the things that contribute to the quality of life in Walla Walla, would you say that public parks and recreation opportunities are:

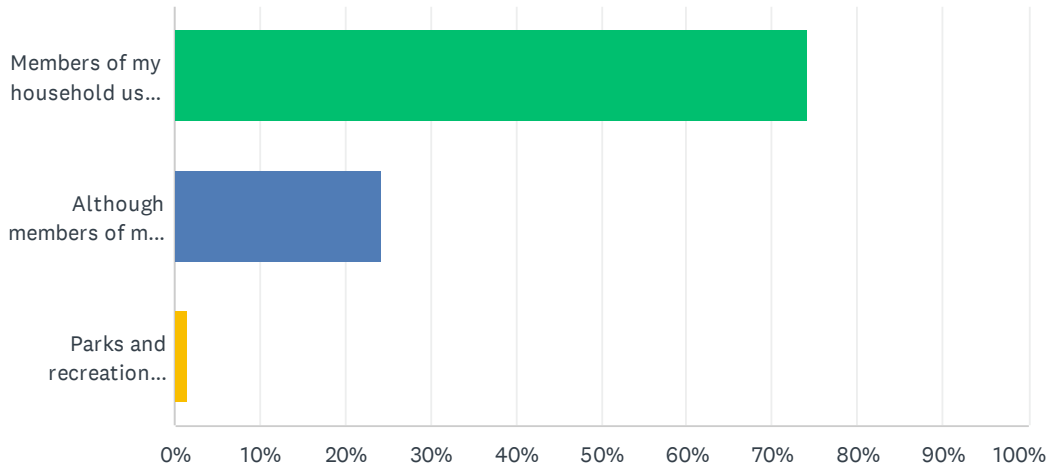
Answered: 216 Skipped: 122



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Essential to the quality of life	77.78%	168
Important, but not essential	21.30%	46
An unnecessary luxury	0.93%	2
Don't know/No opinion	0.00%	0
TOTAL		216

Q19 Which of the following statements is the closest to how you feel about parks and recreation in Walla Walla?

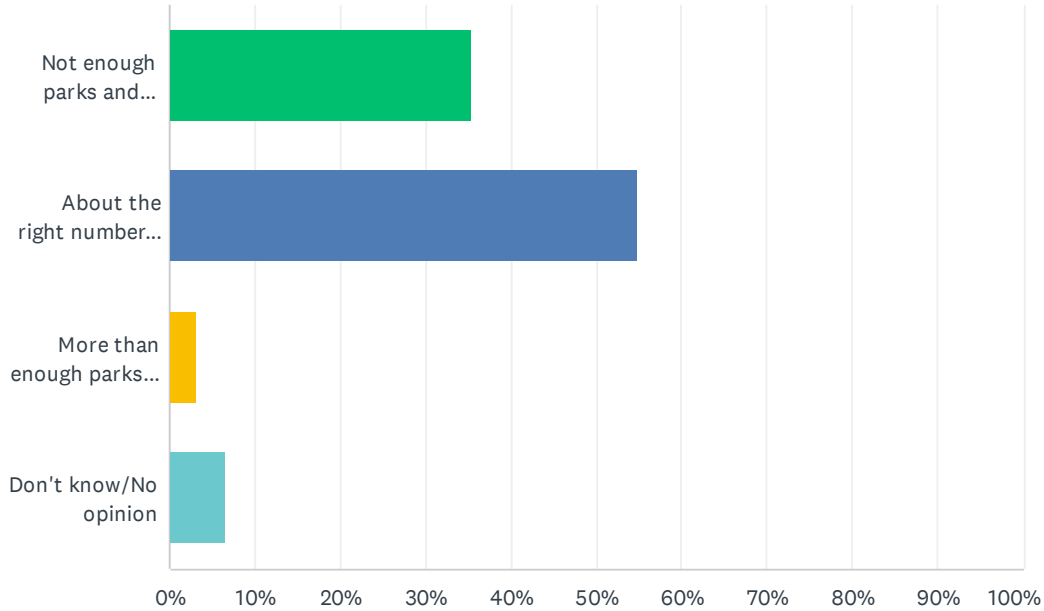
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Members of my household use parks and/or recreation facilities and programs on a regular basis and I believe these facilities are important to quality of life	74.30% 159
Although members of my household do not use parks or recreation facilities and programs frequently, I believe they are important to the quality of life	24.30% 52
Parks and recreation programs do not currently play an important role in my life or the lives of my household members	1.40% 3
TOTAL	214

Q20 When it comes to meeting the needs of the community, would you say there are:

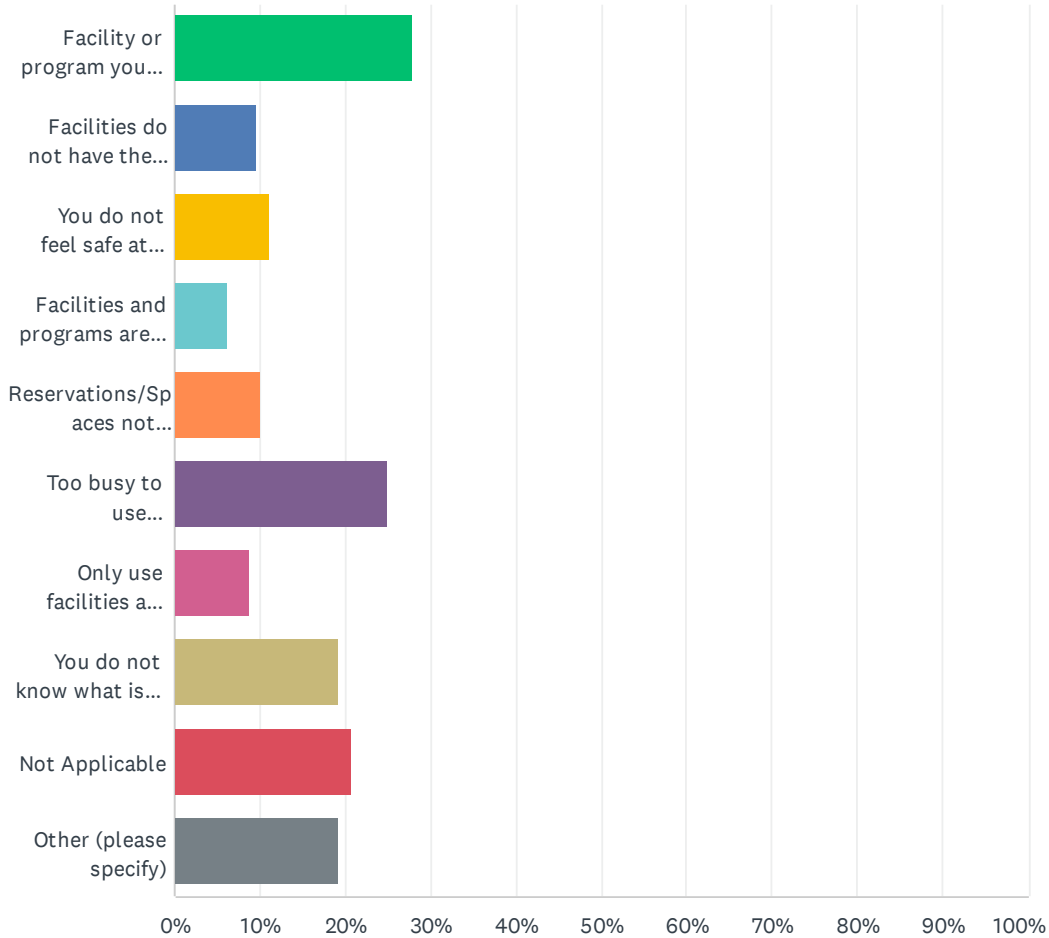
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not enough parks and recreation opportunities	35.38%	75
About the right number of parks and recreation opportunities	54.72%	116
More than enough parks and recreation opportunities in Walla Walla	3.30%	7
Don't know/No opinion	6.60%	14
TOTAL		212

Q21 Please select the reasons you or members of your household do not use City of Walla Walla Parks and Recreation facilities and programs more often.

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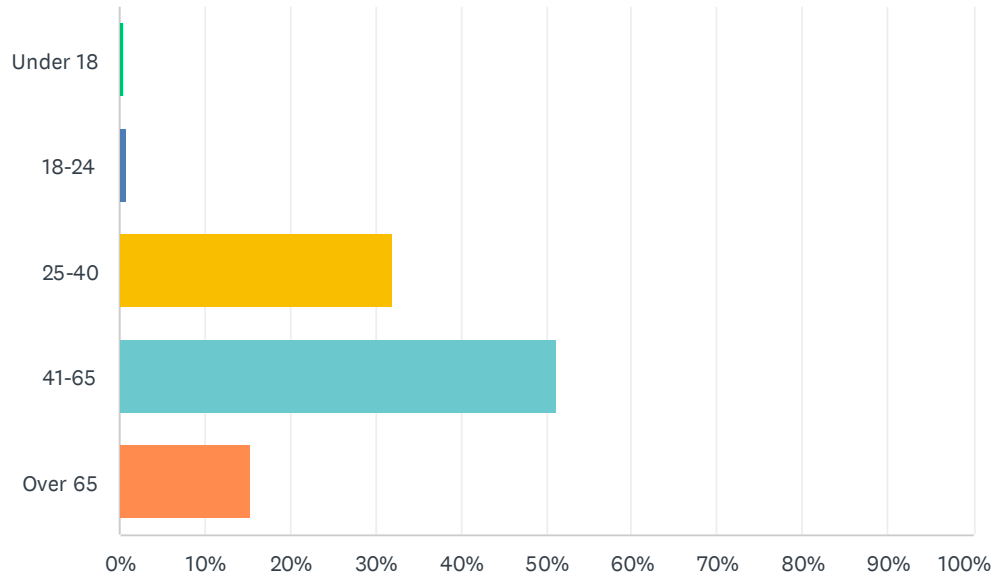
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Facility or program you prefer is not offered	27.88%	58
Facilities do not have the right equipment for the activity you want to do	9.62%	20
You do not feel safe at the park or facility you would prefer to use	11.06%	23
Facilities and programs are too far from your home	6.25%	13
Reservations/Spaces not available	10.10%	21
Too busy to use facilities/programs	25.00%	52
Only use facilities and programs provided by other organizations (YMCA, Country Club, school district, etc)	8.65%	18
You do not know what is available	19.23%	40
Not Applicable	20.67%	43
Other (please specify)	19.23%	40
Total Respondents: 208		

Q22 Do you have any further comments about Parks and Recreation Facilities and Programs that you would like to add?

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Q23 What is your age?

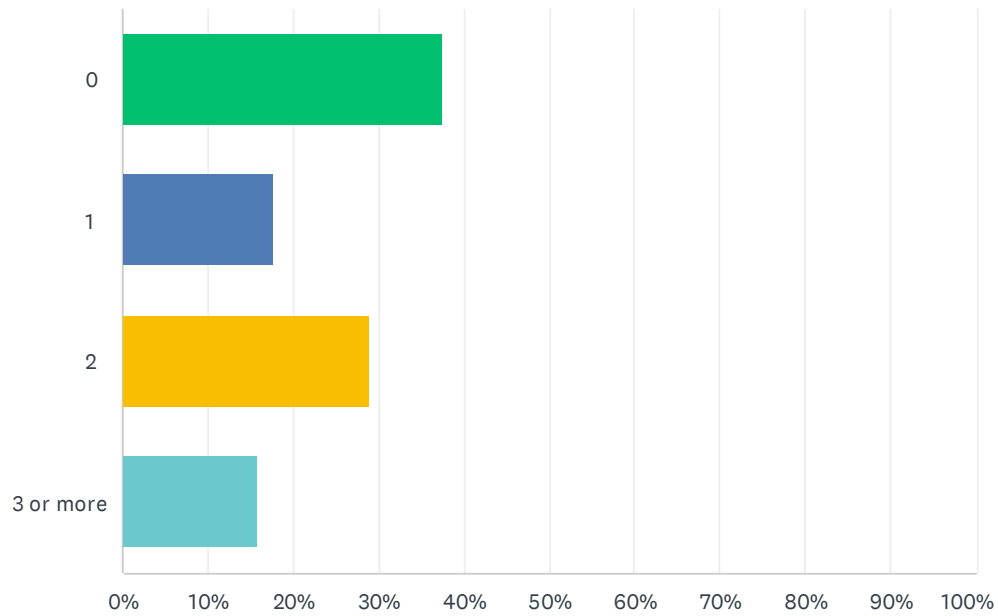
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Under 18	0.48% 1
18-24	0.96% 2
25-40	32.06% 67
41-65	51.20% 107
Over 65	15.31% 32
TOTAL	209

Q24 How many children under age 18 live in your household?

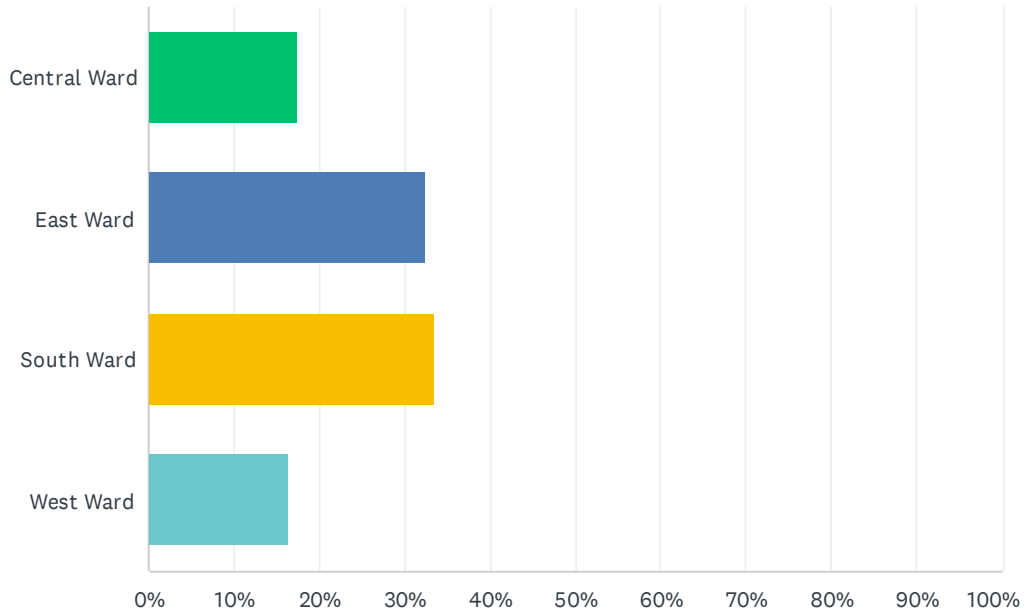
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0	37.62%	79
1	17.62%	37
2	29.05%	61
3 or more	15.71%	33
TOTAL		210

Q25 Which ward do you live in?

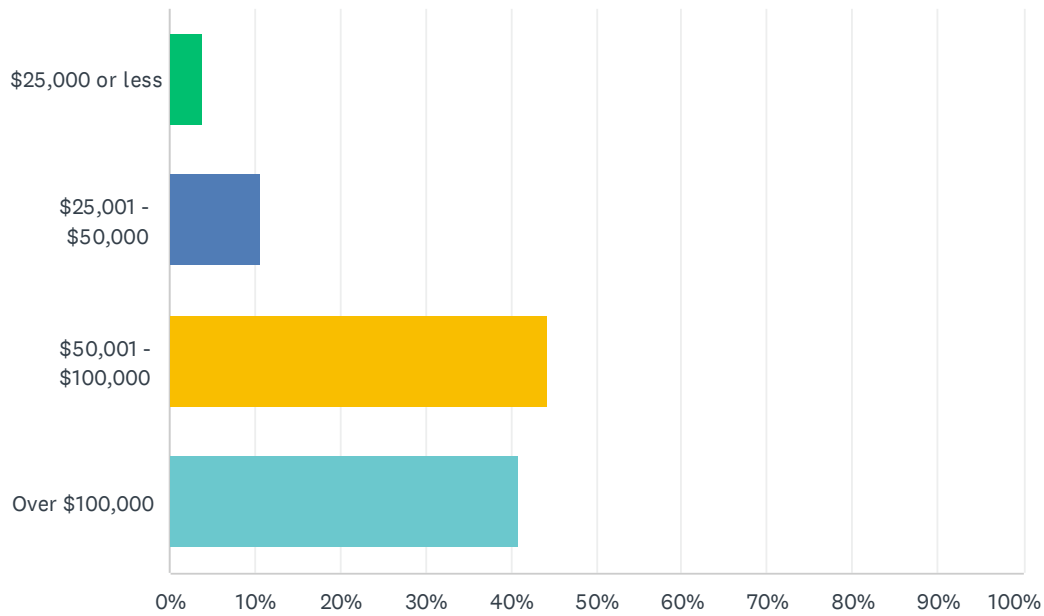
Answered: 194 Skipped: 144



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Central Ward	17.53% 34
East Ward	32.47% 63
South Ward	33.51% 65
West Ward	16.49% 32
TOTAL	194

Q26 What is your annual household income?

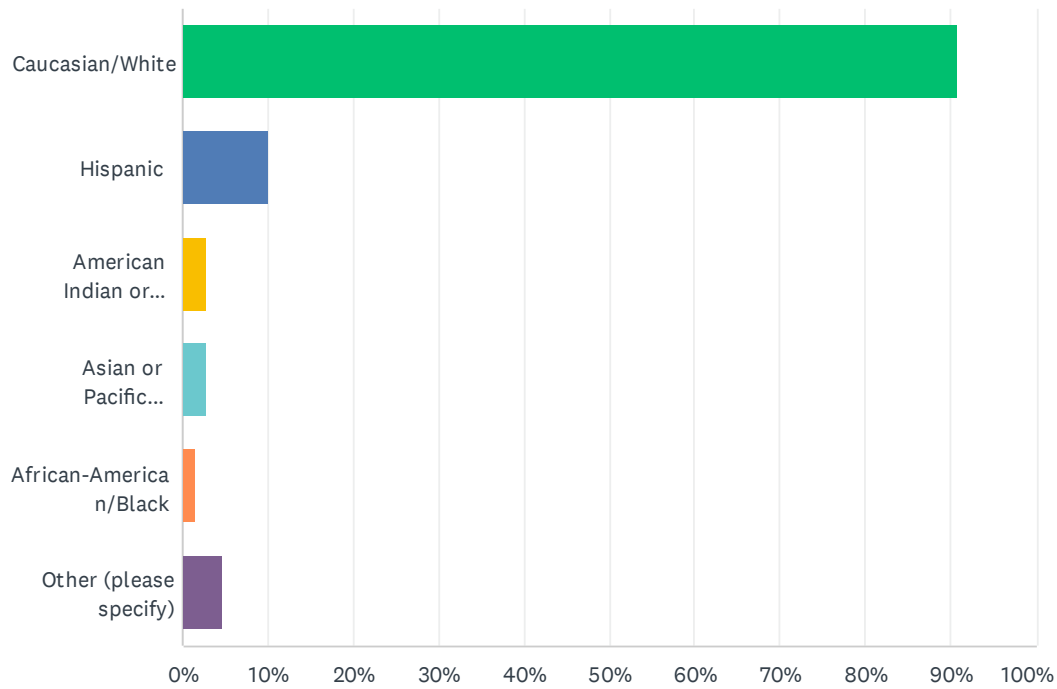
Answered: 205 Skipped: 133



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
\$25,000 or less	3.90% 8
\$25,001 - \$50,000	10.73% 22
\$50,001 - \$100,000	44.39% 91
Over \$100,000	40.98% 84
TOTAL	205

Q27 What ethnicity do you identify as? Choose all that apply

Answered: 209 Skipped: 129



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Caucasian/White	90.91%	190
Hispanic	10.05%	21
American Indian or Alaska Native	2.87%	6
Asian or Pacific Islander	2.87%	6
African-American/Black	1.44%	3
Other (please specify)	4.78%	10
Total Respondents: 209		

Appendix IV

Public Comments

Public Comments: Comp Plan and Parks Plan Outreach

The following list contains public responses to open ended questions during the Comprehensive Plan and Parks and Recreation Plan outreach processes. The responses were generated during Comprehensive Plan outreach events including Open Houses, neighborhood visits, and community events such as Children’s Day and the Downtown Walla Walla Farmer’s Market. Parks and Recreation Plan responses were generated at parks open houses.

Comprehensive Plan participants were asked to provide feedback related broadly to four subject areas: parks; housing; economy; and infrastructure; and to place a mark on the map for their favorite place in Walla Walla. Of particular note regarding the “favorite places” responses, Children’s Day was held at Washington Park and many responses were gathered on that day.

Responses

- Menlo Park- t-ball field, more play equipment
- Preserve existing parks
- Require developers to set aside parks
- Trail Along Mill Creek Levee
- Acquire abandoned Railroad right-of-way
- Universal Access at existing parks
- Replace fallen trees
- Solar powered lighting
- Waterfront parks *if* Mill Creek is daylighted
- Fix pool at Jefferson Park. Update infrastructure/ safe equipment. Open up Mill Creek downtown. Biking lanes, contiguous between municipalities
- Love the dog park
- More activities in existing parks
- Develop the remainder of Mill Creek Sportsplex
- Look for opportunities for parks in areas that don't have them
- Howard Tietan needs a gazebo and looped walking trail
- Wildwood needs more play equipment
- Small Pools centralized in neighborhoods or walking distance
- Community Center/ space for rental
- Climbing equipment/ trees/ treehouses
- Maintain existing parks, all parks get equal funding/equipment
- More activities and non-team sports
- Block party/ close roads to vehicles for non-motorized activities in the streets
- Pop-up park in streets/ neighborhoods
- All parks have looped trails- connect
- More trees at Howard Tietan
- New developments required to have green space/ parks
- Convert empty lot on North side of Rose (next to the gas station) to a park
- Free recreation center for youth

- Fence in splash pad (at Washington Park)- one entrance +exit
- Horseshoe Pit for Washington Park
- Free activities for children and to include children younger than 5 or 6 years old
- Small skate park at Washington Park
- More splash pads in different parks
- Link access to parks
- Fruit trees/ community gardens in parks
- Active things in parks like chess board or checkers
- More trees in our parks
- Local outdoor water activities
- Planting trees because our old trees may die soon
- Maintain quality, improve Jefferson Park by reopening pool
- Jefferson Park pool should be upgraded and made usable
- A neighborhood park for every X number of acres developed as residential
- Enhance Crawford and Pioneer parks. Put playground equipment in Pioneer Park and Heritage Square
- Plan for park property as we grow, annex, expand, and develop in those areas. Also, schools
- Splash pads- 2 to 3 more: state park area, WWCC, Pioneer Park, Jefferson Park. Howard Tietan Park- Dog park in Eastgate
- They are in good shape, and the least of issues
- Preserve + maintained. Keep them safe
- Rails to trails, or removal of the rails from railyard North of town out to Eastgate
- More playground equipment. Budget maintenance for parks
- Maintain
- Memorial Pool Guest!
- Pioneer Park water feature to cool off instead of fountain
- Please have H2O for play in Jefferson Park
- Natural playscapes
- Sell Wildwood Park & use money for park system
- A splash pad at Tietan Park
- Pool hours: 1-2 days a week open in morning for small kids who afternoon nap
- Trees & parks
- The Layout of Pioneer Park and the bird aviary also the layout of the town also.
- More organized activities for young people
- Convert old train tracks to bike trails

Favorite Places (Parks and Recreation Facilities Only)

Washington Park	14	Veteran's Memorial Golf Course	1
Memorial Pool	13	Mill Creek Sportsplex Skate Park	1
Pioneer Park	12	Fort Walla Walla Skate Park	1
Mill Creek Sportsplex	1		

Appendix V

Inventory of Non-City-Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities

Non-City-Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities

This appendix serves as an informational document regarding facilities which the City is aware of but has no control or jurisdiction over. The purpose of including this appendix is to indicate the presence of additional resources throughout the community which are available to residents. This appendix is broken into two sub-categories, based on the ownership of the parks/facilities.

School Facilities

Assumption Catholic School

2066 East Alder Street

No use restrictions observed during inventory.

- 3 Play structures
- 5 basketball hoops

Berney Elementary School

1718 Pleasant Street

No use allowed after dark.

- Swing set
- 2 Play structures
- Mini climbing wall
- 5 basketball hoops
- 4 baseball backstops

DeSales Catholic School

919 East Sumach Street

No use restrictions observed during inventory.

- Football field with bleachers
- Baseball diamond with bleachers
- Softball diamond with bleachers

Edison Elementary School

1315 East Alder Street

No use restrictions observed during inventory.

- 2 play structures
- 1 swing set
- 7 basketball hoops
- 2 baseball backstops
- Gymnasium

Garrison Middle School

906 Chase Avenue

Authorized use only.

- Standard track
- 6 tennis courts

- Football field
- 2 baseball fields
- 5 basketball hoops

Green Park Elementary

1105 Isaacs Avenue

No use restrictions observed during inventory.

- Ship play structure
- 3 standard play structures
- 4 basketball hoops
- 2 baseball backstops

Lincoln High School

421 South 4th Avenue

No use restrictions observed during inventory.

- 2 basketball hoops
- Bodyweight fitness structure
- Baseball backstop

Murr Sports Park

2043 Fern Avenue

Authorized use only.

- 2 baseball fields with seating
- 2 soccer fields

Pioneer Middle School

450 Bridge Street

No use after dark.

- 6 basketball hoops
- Standard track
- Football field with bleachers
- 3 baseball fields
- 1 softball field
- Gymnasium

Prospect Point Elementary School

55 Reser Road

No use restrictions observed during inventory.

- Swing set
- 4 Play structures
- Jungle gym
- 7 basketball hoops
- 3 baseball backstops

Sharpstein Elementary School

410 South Howard Street

No use restrictions observed during inventory.

- 2 play structures
- 4 baseball backstops
- 5 basketball hops

Walla Walla Center for Children & Families

1150 West Chestnut Street

No use restrictions observed during inventory.

- 2 play structures
- 2 swing sets
- Picnic shelter
- 1 basketball courts
- 2 baseball backstops

Walla Walla Community College

500 Tausick Way

No use restrictions observed during inventory.

- 6 tennis courts
- 1 beach volleyball court
- 2 soccer fields
- Baseball field with bleachers
- Softball field with bleachers
- Trails
- Dietrich Activity Center
 - Basketball/volleyball court
 - 2 racquetball courts
 - Weight room/fitness center
 - Dance studio

Walla Walla High School

800 Abbott Road

No unauthorized use.

- 5 tennis courts
- Standard track
- Football field
- Softball field
- 2 Baseball fields

- 2 soccer fields
- Gymnasium
- 2 basketball hoops

Whitman College

345 Boyer Avenue

Whitman ID required except where noted.

- 6 outdoor tennis courts (no ID required)
- Bratton Tennis Center – 4 courts
- Harvey Pool
- Sherwood Gym (can be reserved by outside groups)
 - Basketball courts
 - Volleyball courts
 - 3 dance studio/exercise rooms
 - 4 racquetball courts
 - 2 squash courts
- Climbing Center (entrance fee for public use)
- Athletic Fields Complex
 - Soccer fields
 - Softball fields
- Baker Ferguson Fitness Center
- 2 outdoor basketball courts (no use restrictions observed)
- Rugby field

Private Facilities

Baker Boyer Park

Southeast corner of 3rd Avenue and Main Street

No use restrictions observed during inventory.

- Benches
- Fountain
- Shade trees

Abbott’s Meadow HOA Park

West ends of Yellowhawk Way and Studebaker Drive

Abbots Meadow Homeowners only.

- Basketball court
- Play structure
- Swing set
- Benches

Edith & Carrie Park

716 Carrie Street

No use restrictions observed during inventory.

- Swing set
- Slide
- Jungle gym

Gateway Court

320 North 7th Avenue

Gateway Court residents only.

- Basketball hoop
- Play structure
- Mini climbing wall

Golden West Estates

1425 Jasper Street

Golden West Estates residents only.

- 9-hole mini golf
- Field

Maple Lane

450 West Maple Street

Maple Lane residents only.

- Play structure

Provenance PUD Trails

Provenance Loop

Provenance homeowners only.

- 0.9 miles of trails

Rustic Place PUD

1858 Rustic Place

Rustic Place homeowners and guests only.

- Small pool

Shade Tree PUD

End of Shade Tree Lane

Shade Tree homeowners only.

- Basketball hoop
- Play structure

Stone Creek Park

End of Stone Creek Place

Stone Creek homeowners only.

- Basketball court
- Swing set
- Slide

- Play structure

Tausick Way Apartments

260 South Tausick Way

Tausick Way Housing Authority residents only.

- 2 basketball hoops
- Play structure

Trimble Road/Berney Drive Apartments

342 Trimble Road

Trimble Road and Berney Drive Housing Authority residents only.

- 2 basketball hoops
- Play structure
- Swing set

Walla Walla Country Club

1390 Country Club Road

Country Club members only.

- 18-hole golf course
- Driving range
- Putting green
- 4 tennis courts
- Pool

Wheatland Village

1500 Catherine Street

Wheatland Village members, family of members, and staff only.

- Small pool
- 18-hole mini golf course
- Fitness center

YMCA

340 South Park Street

YMCA members only.

- Weight room
- Pool
- 3 basketball courts
- 4 racquetball courts
- Non-standard track
- Climbing wall