



## **Palo Corona Regional Park - Rancho Cañada Unit Plan Your Park Survey Results**

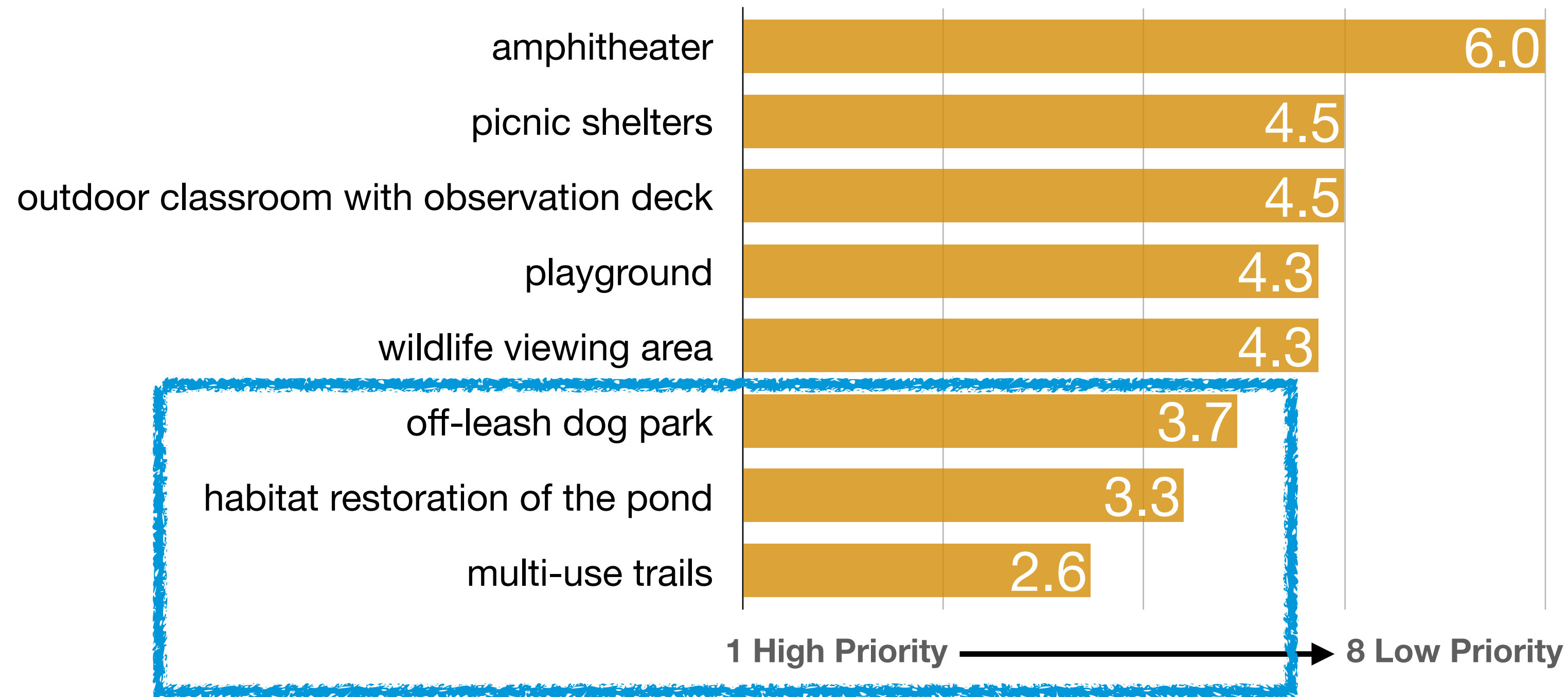
- Online Survey Conducted with SurveyMonkey
- From June 27, 2021 - August 31, 2021
- 24 Questions
- 270 Respondents

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Answered 270  
Skipped 0

Q1. Please rank these features in the order of priority where **1 is your highest priority** for MPRPD to consider developing and **8 is the lowest priority**. You may also indicate that a feature should not be a priority, in your opinion. *(Results based on weighted averages, between 1 and 8).*



**Highest Priority**

Not a Priority	
playground	27%
off-leash dog park	27%
amphitheater	25%
picnic shelters	16%
outdoor classroom with observation deck	11%
wildlife viewing area	6%
habitat restoration of the pond	4%
multi-use trails	3%

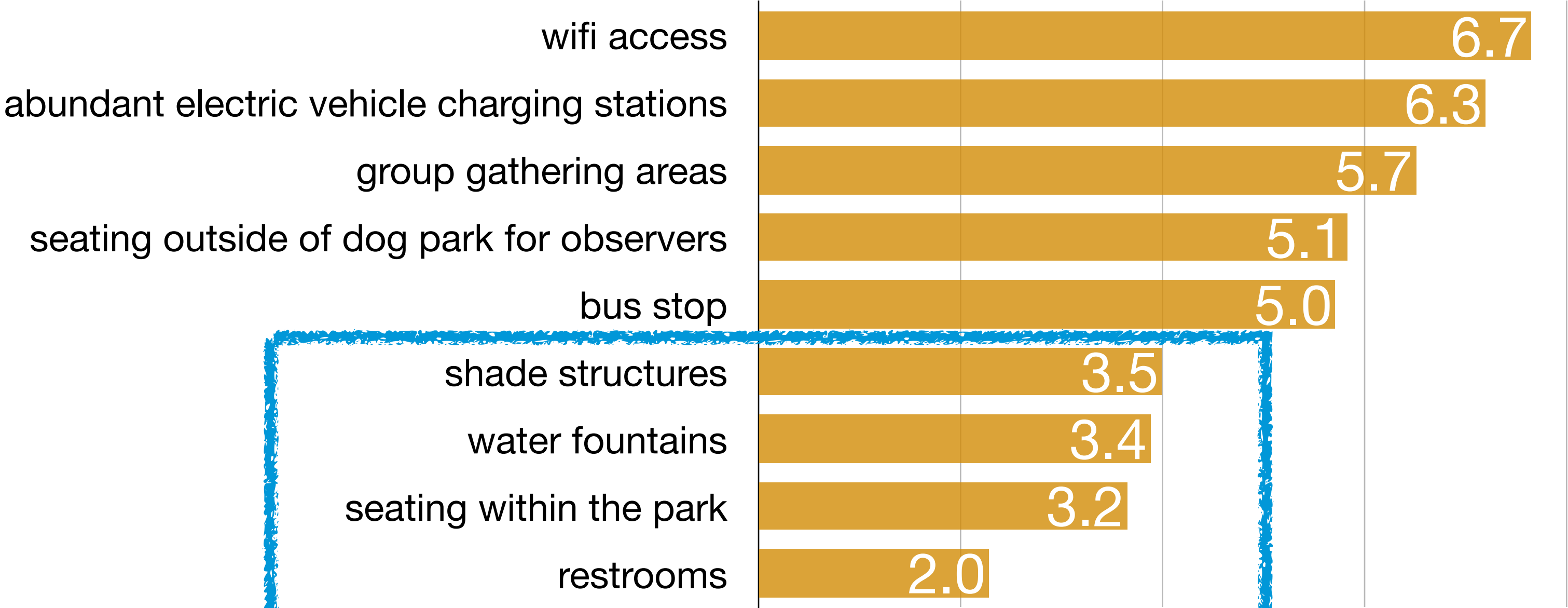


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Q2. A list of facilities are being proposed for your comfort, safety, and convenience. Please rank these facilities in the order of priority where **1 is your highest priority** for MPRPD to consider developing and **9 is the lowest priority**. You may also indicate that a feature should not be a priority, in your opinion.



Not a Priority	
wifi access	47%
abundant electric vehicle charging stations	39%
seating outside of dog park for observers	35%
bus stop	23%
group gathering areas	22%
water fountains	14%
shade structures	13%
seating within the park	5%
restrooms	1%

1 High Priority → 9 Low Priority

**Highest Priority**





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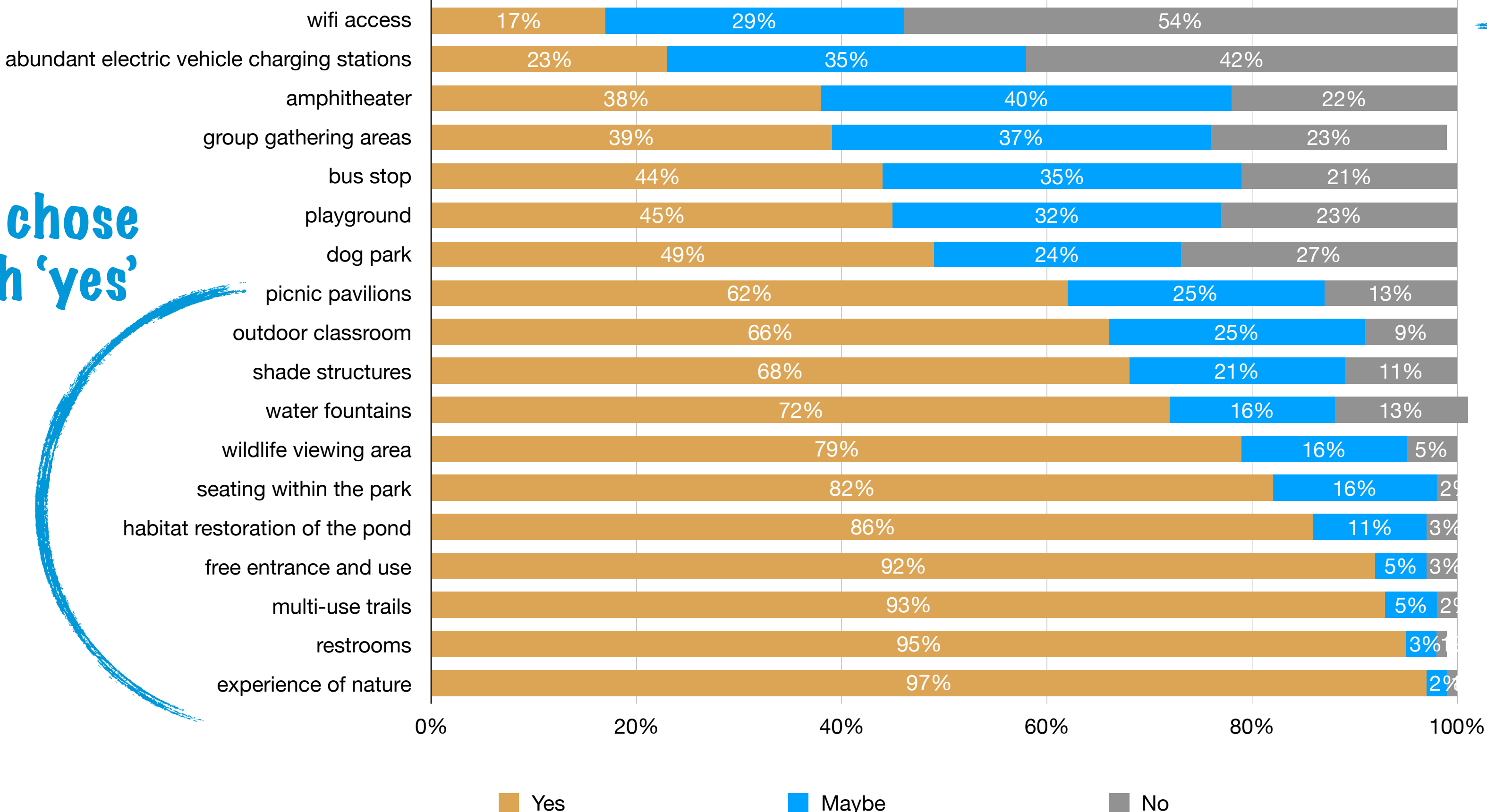
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Q3. Our goal is to develop this area of Palo Corona Regional Park into an exceptional open space for nature appreciation, environmental education, and all-inclusive recreation. Choose the features and amenities that you think would make it "an exceptional open space".

Over half chose these with 'yes'

Over half said 'no' to wifi access



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Q3. [Open-End Responses] Our goal is to develop this area of Palo Corona Regional Park into an exceptional open space for nature appreciation, environmental education, and all-inclusive recreation. Choose the features and amenities that you think would make it "an exceptional open space".

Answered 45  
Skipped 0

Below are the topics mentioned by the 45 who offered responses to "Other-please specify":

**Trail use is a top desire, as is the preservation of nature and wildlife**

PRO	
<b>TRAILS:</b>	<b>17</b>
bike trails	9
walking trails	4
ADA trails	3
multi-use trails	1
<b>NATURE/WILDLIFE PRESERVATION:</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>OTHER FEATURES:</b>	<b>8</b>
archery range	1
birding	1
disc golf	1
circuit workout	1
horse boarding/trails	1
seating	1
shade/wind protection	1
restroom	1

PRO	
<b>DOG PARK:</b>	<b>4</b>
management/maintenance	1
separate entrance/exit	1
waste bag station	1
grass	1

CON	
<b>VARIOUS:</b>	<b>6</b>
development	3
dog park	2
wifi	1

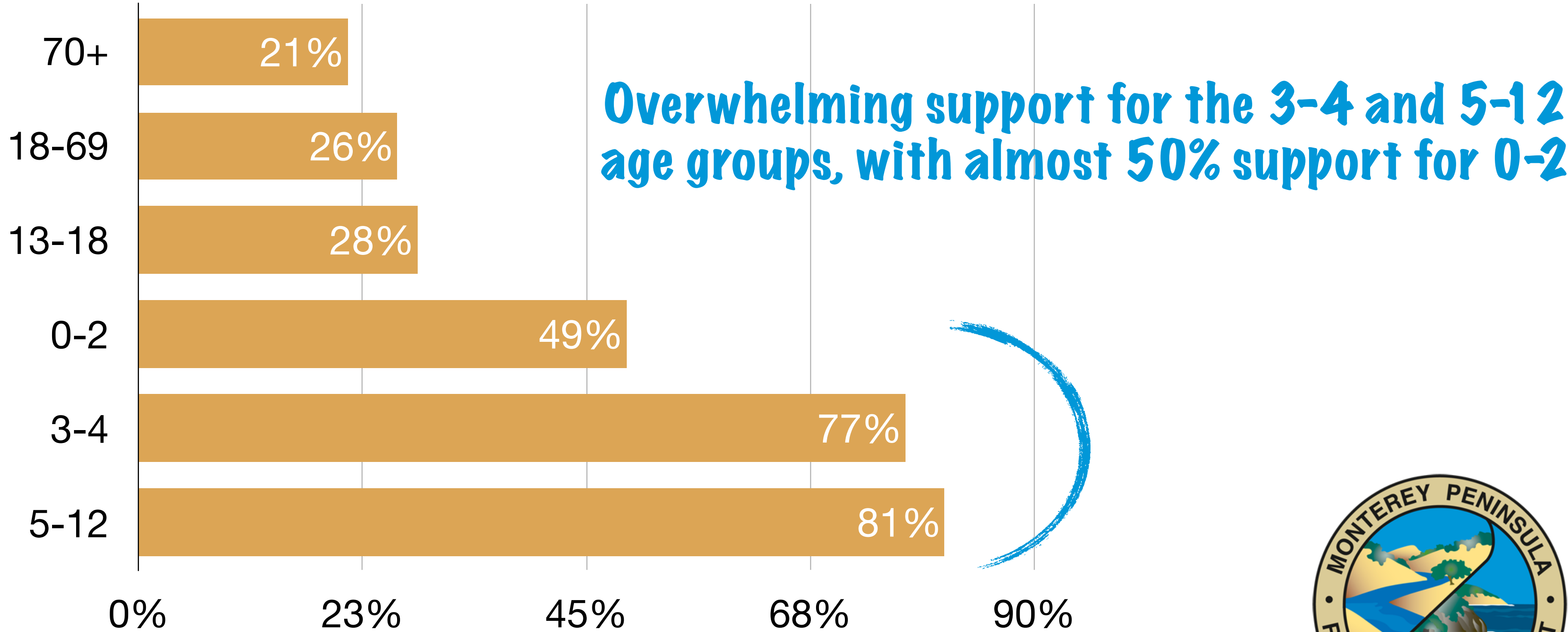


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Answered 235  
Skipped 35

Q4. Play structures can be designed for any age group. Which age groups should we consider when choosing play structures for the park? (Check all that apply.)



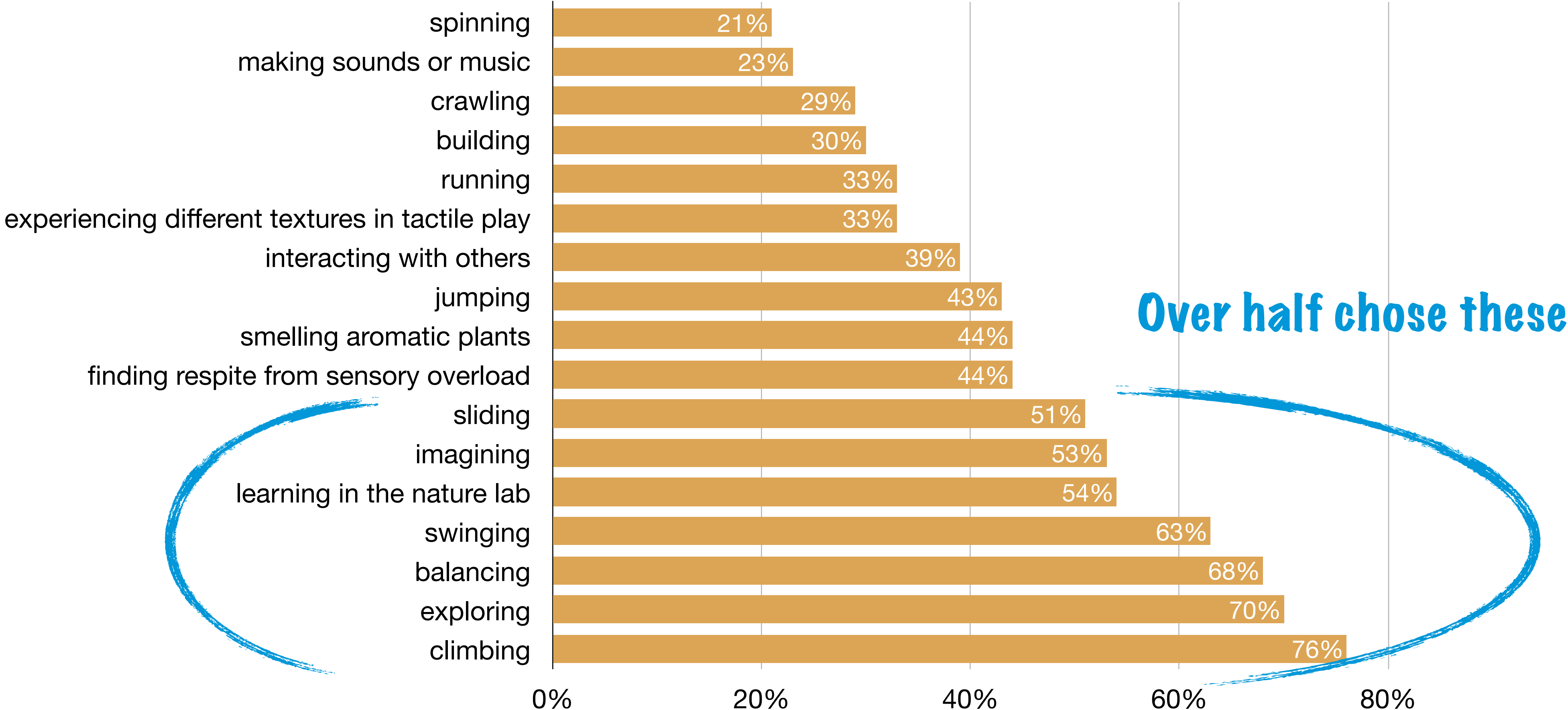


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Answered 255  
Skipped 15

Q5. Based on public feedback so far, we plan to develop a nature-inspired playground with materials that blend well with the park. What activities should be the focus of the playground design? (Check all that apply)



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Q5. [Open-End Responses] Based on public feedback so far, we plan to develop a nature-inspired playground with materials that blend well with the park. What activities should be the focus of the playground design? (Check all that apply)

Answered 39  
Skipped 0

Below are the topics mentioned by the 39 who offered responses to “Other-please specify”:

There was a split between support for a playground with “noisy” children and support for a nature-inspired playground.

PRO	
<b>FEATURES:</b>	<b>11</b>
toddler space	2
bird watching / identification	2
animals	1
bike pump track	1
butterfly pavilion	1
core strengthening	1
outdoor exercise equipment	1
rock wall climbing	1
sandbox	1
<b>CHARACTER:</b>	<b>7</b>
nature-inspired	3
inclusive	3
creative	1
<b>GENERAL CONCEPT:</b>	<b>3</b>
simplicity in design	1
make exceptional	1
“yes” to all listed features	1

CON	
<b>FEATURES:</b>	<b>1</b>
swings (requiring an adult to push)	1
<b>GENERAL CONCEPT:</b>	<b>15</b>
no playground	10
noisy children	4
“no opinion” to all listed features	1

\*Note: See the age split on Q22—47% 60+ vs 40% 18-49



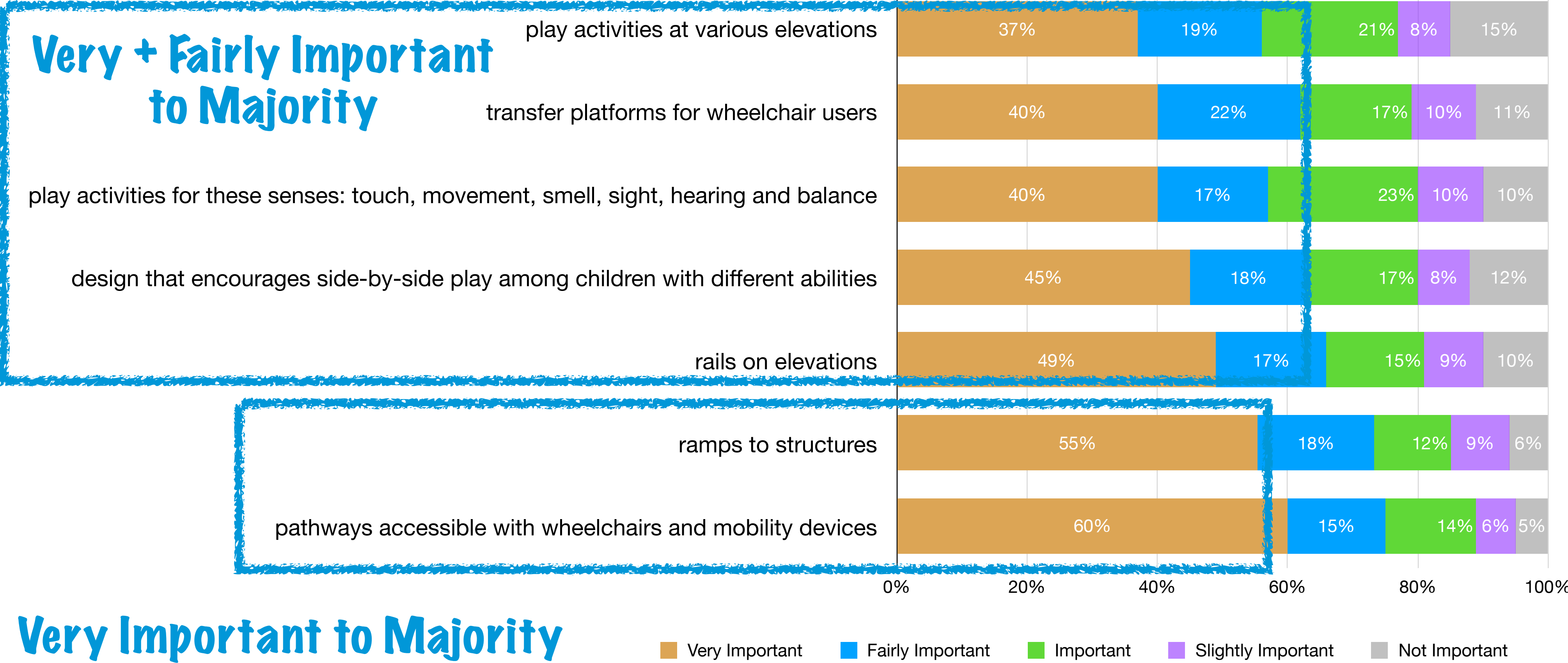


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Q6. Many new playgrounds are all-inclusive and accessible by visitors of all ages and abilities. Please rate the importance of including each of these features in the playground.



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Q6. [Open-End Responses] Many new playgrounds are all-inclusive and accessible by visitors of all ages and abilities. Please rate the importance of including each of these features in the playground.

Answered 24  
Skipped 0

Below are the topics mentioned by the 24 who offered responses to “Other-please specify”:

There was a split between support for a playground and support for an all-inclusive nature-inspired playground.

PRO	
<b>FEATURES:</b>	<b>5</b>
archery	1
bike pump track	1
bike trails	1
horses	1
shade	1
<b>CHARACTER:</b>	<b>5</b>
accessibility	2
age-specific integration	1
exercise/nature immersion	1
sensory stimulation / over-stimulation	1
<b>GENERAL CONCEPT:</b>	<b>3</b>
simple design	1
expert-recommended	1
“yes” to all listed features	1

CON	
<b>FEATURES:</b>	<b>1</b>
swings (requiring an adult to push)	1
<b>GENERAL CONCEPT:</b>	<b>11</b>
no playground	10
“no opinion” to all listed features	1

\*Note: See the respondent age split on Q22—47% 60+ vs 40% 18-49

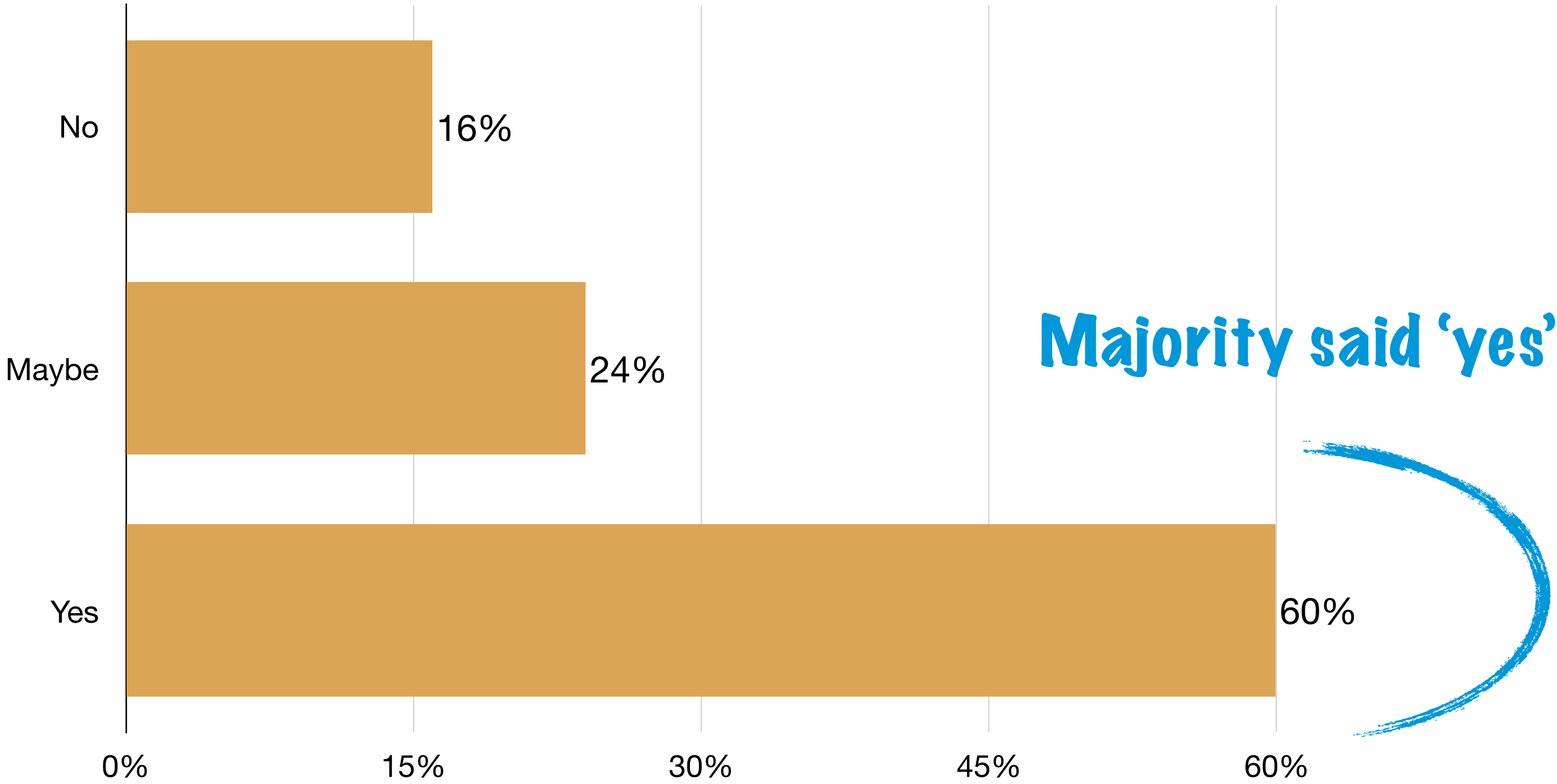


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Q7. Do you think the community would benefit from the development of a fenced off-leash dog park at Palo Corona Regional Park's Rancho Cañada Unit?



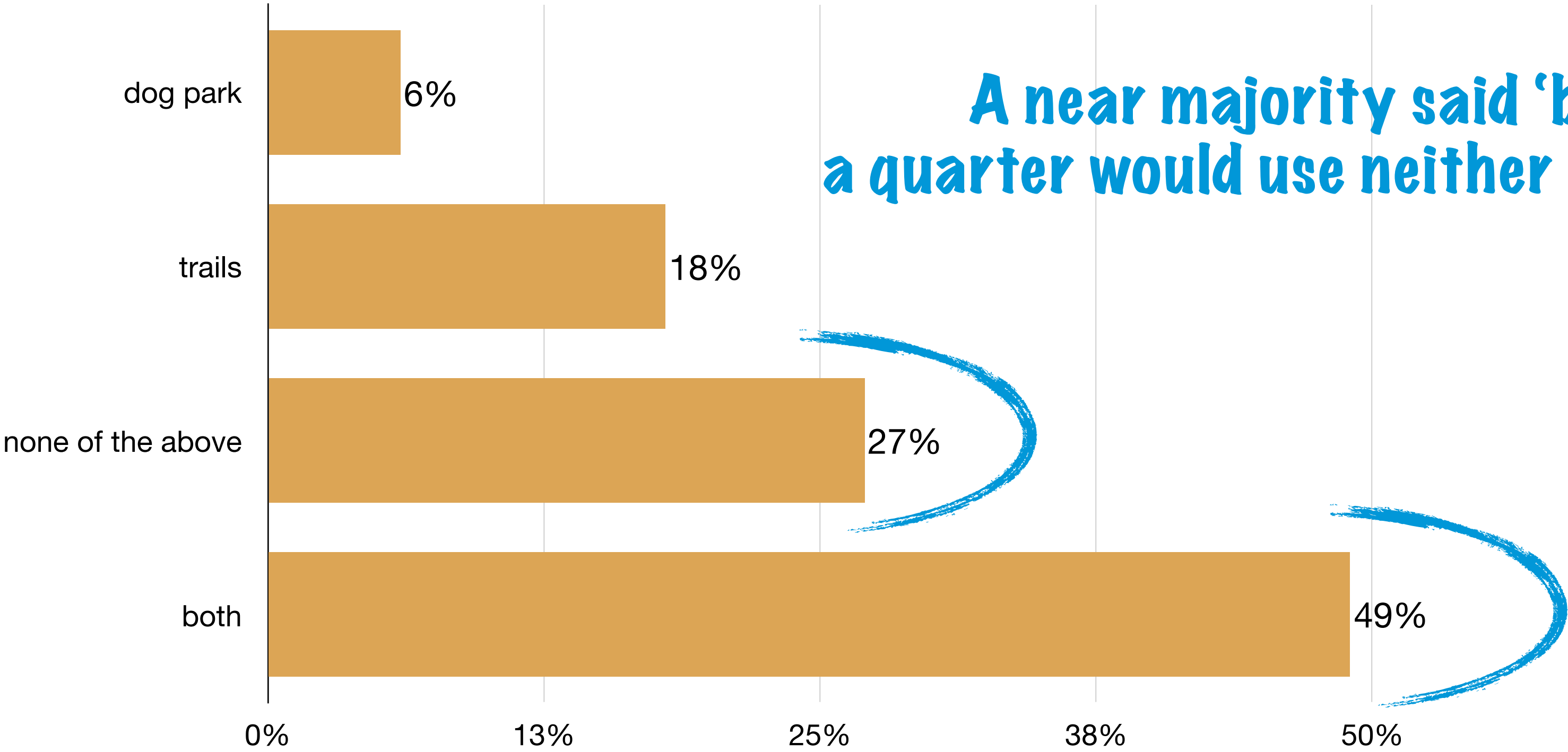


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Skipped 0

Q8. If you visit the Palo Corona Regional Park Rancho Canada Unit with your dog(s), would you use the dog park, the trails, or both?

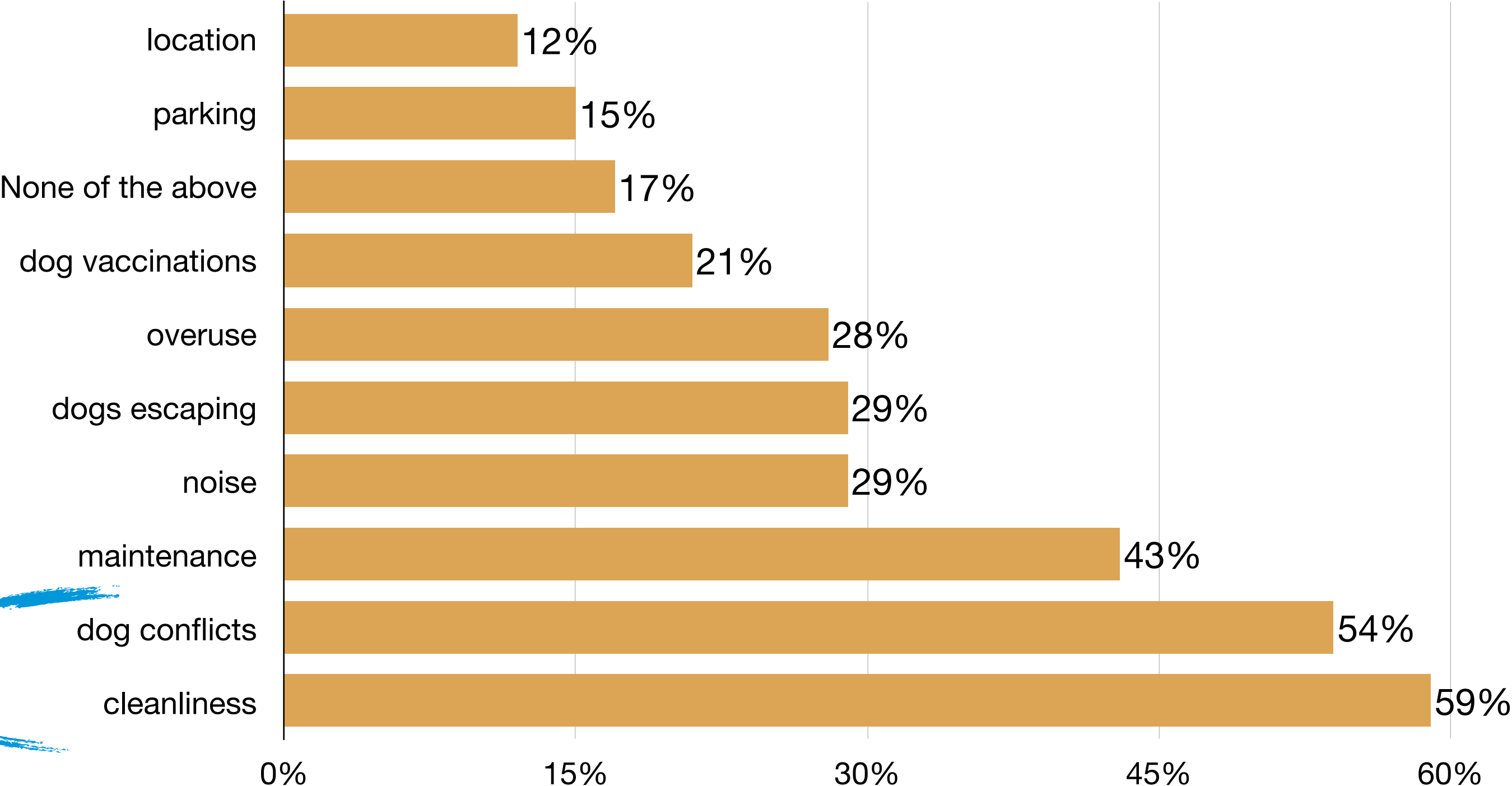


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Answered 265  
Skipped 5

Q9. What are your concerns about having a dog park at Palo Corona Regional Park's Rancho Cañada Unit?



Concerns of majority



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Q9. [Open-End Responses] What are your concerns about having a dog park at Palo Corona Regional Park’s Rancho Cañada Unit?

Answered 42  
Skipped 0

Below are the topics mentioned by the 42 who offered responses to “Other-please specify”:

**Frequently mentioned concerns related to the management of the dog park and the potential harm to nature/wildlife.**

OTHER CONCERNS	
<b>DESIRED FEATURES:</b>	<b>7</b>
shade or benches	2
water	2
loop for walking	1
grass	1
separate entrance/exit	1
<b>MANAGEMENT:</b>	<b>16</b>
dog misbehavior	2
dog owner conflicts	2
irresponsible dog owners	5
unleashed dogs in park	7

OTHER CONCERNS	
<b>GENERAL CONCEPT:</b>	<b>23</b>
harm to nature/wildlife	12
“no” to dog park	7
“yes” to dog park	2
health safety for dogs	1
oversized large dog park	1



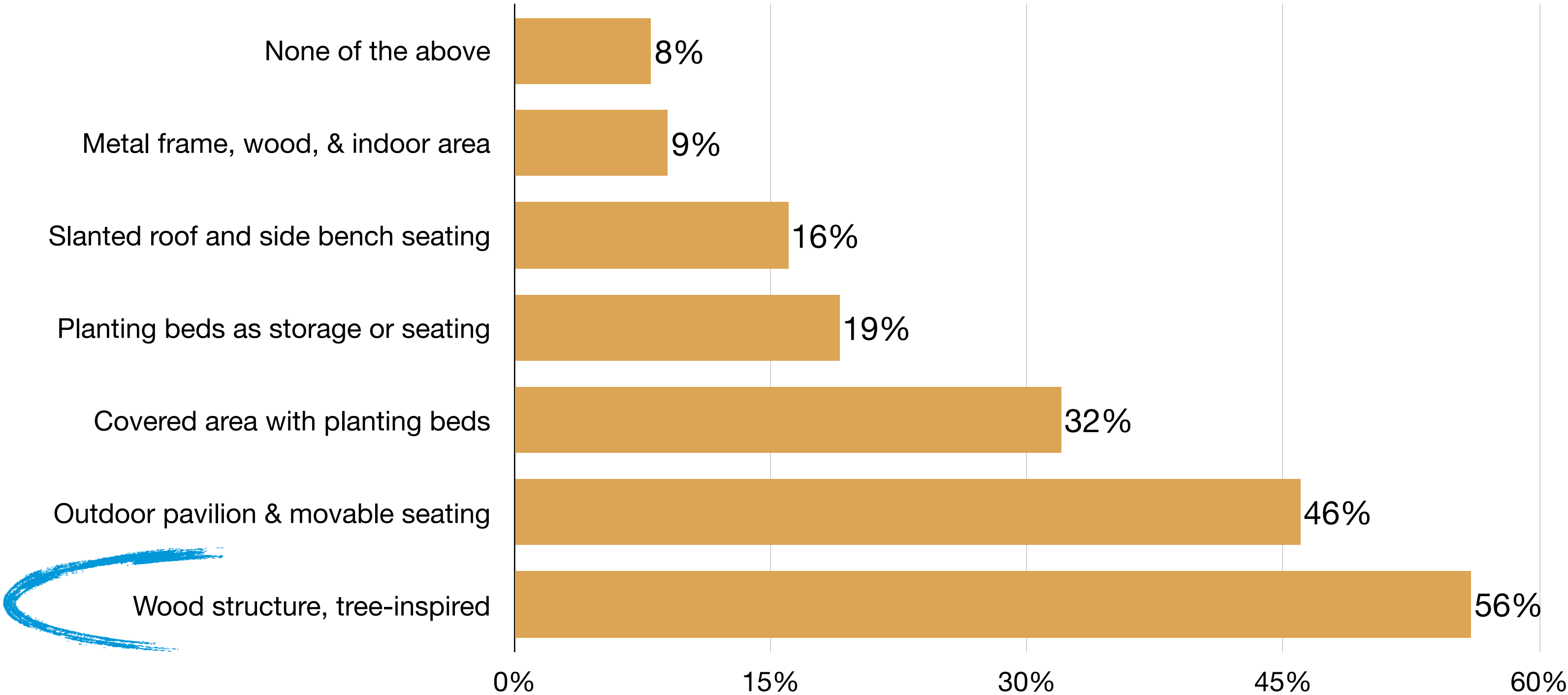


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Answered 270  
Skipped 0

Q10. Below are six example images of outdoor classrooms. Considering how steel, wood, concrete, and various types of shade materials are depicted in the images, which do you prefer as a design inspiration for the outdoor classroom? (check all that apply)



**Majority Preference**

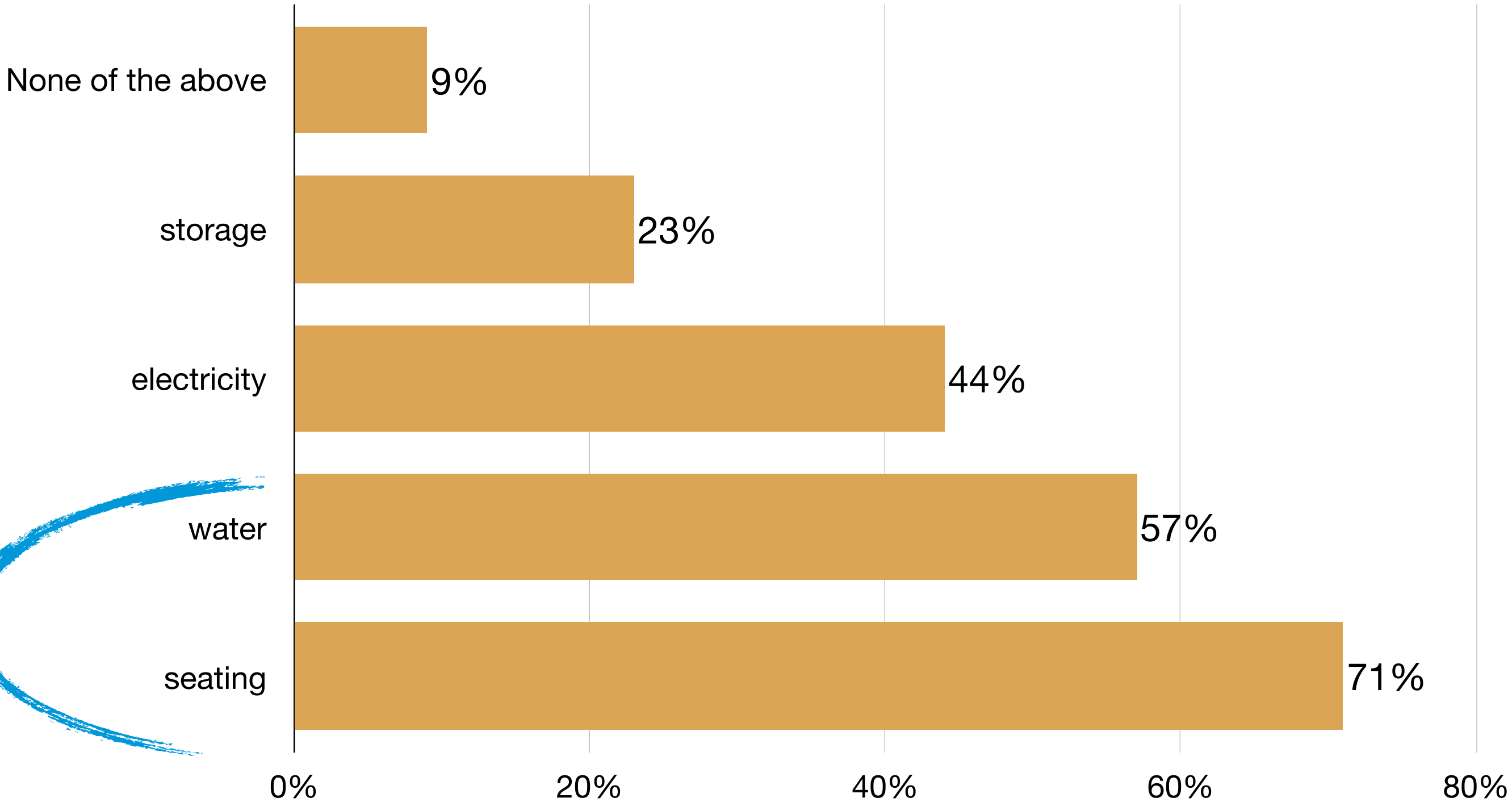


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Answered 261  
Skipped 9

Q11. What else should be considered for design of the outdoor classroom?



**Majority chose these design considerations**



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Q11. [Open-End Responses] What else should be considered for design of the outdoor classroom?

Answered 30

Skipped 0

Below are the topics mentioned by the 30 who offered responses to “Other-please specify”:

**\* Restrooms, drinking fountains, seating, and comfort from the elements were most often mentioned design considerations.**

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS	
<b>DESIRED FEATURES:</b>	<b>24</b>
* shade	4
* restrooms	3
* heat	2
* movable seating	2
archery	1
BBQ pit	1
* drinking fountain	1
garden beds	1
removable roof	1
sinks/storage	1
snack shack	1
solar power	1
tables for laptops	1
tai chi classes	1
trash / recycling	1
trees and plants	1
* wind protection	1
<b>UNDESIRED FEATURES:</b>	<b>1</b>
no bench planters	1

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS:	
<b>DESIGN ELEMENTS:</b>	<b>7</b>
accessibility	1
amphitheater design	1
bike path accessibility	1
class interruption by others	1
safety	1
sound traveling to other areas	1
temporary structure	1

GENERAL CONCEPT:	
<b>NO SUPPORT:</b>	<b>4</b>
no outdoor classroom	3
questionable need	1



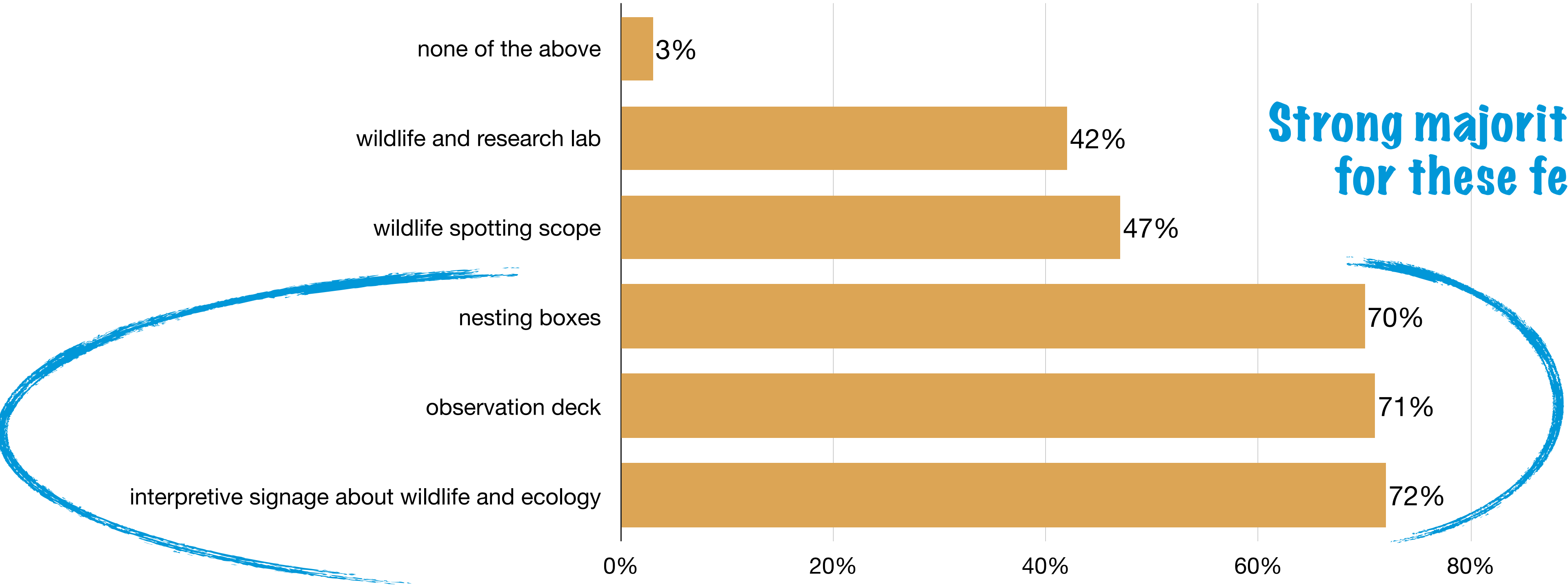


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Answered 195  
Skipped 3

Q12. MPRPD seeks to re-purpose the existing irrigation pond for wildlife viewing, habitat restoration, and ecology education. Which of the following pond features would appeal to you? (Check all that apply)



**Strong majority support for these features**



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Q12. [Open-End Responses] MPRPD seeks to re-purpose the existing irrigation pond for wildlife viewing, habitat restoration, and ecology education. Which of the following pond features would appeal to you? (Check all that apply)

Answered 17  
Skipped 0

Below are the topics mentioned by the 17 who offered responses to “Other-please specify”:

DESIGN FEATURES	
<b>DESIRED FEATURES:</b>	<b>11</b>
bird blinds	4
educational programming	3
Native American signage/demonstrations	2
signage in different languages	2

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS:	
<b>DESIGN ELEMENTS:</b>	<b>14</b>
protect habitats	8
construct boardwalk into pond	1
construct elevated deck away from pond	1
construct aware from birding area	1
gray water design and information	1
inclusive	1
remove most reeds	1

Support for the protection of habitats was most often mentioned. Signage and education are desired features.

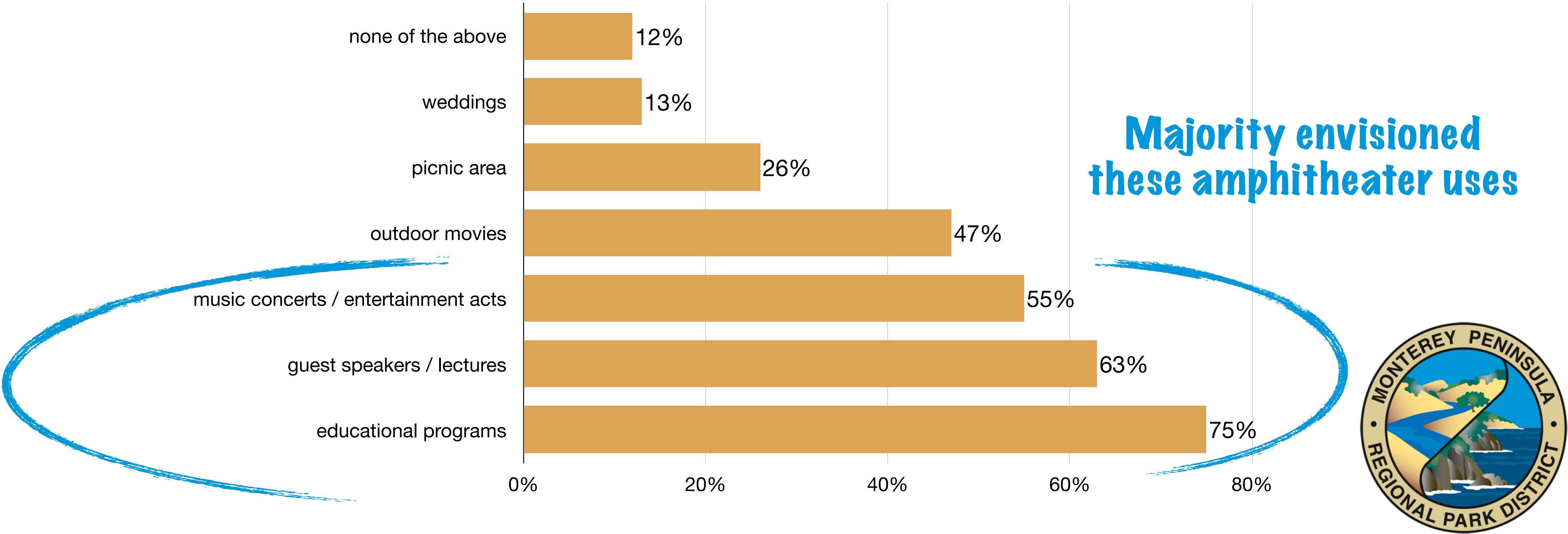


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Answered 268  
Skipped 2

Q13. A naturally sloping area of the park is a logical place for an amphitheater. How do you envision an amphitheater being used?





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Q13. [Open-End Responses] A naturally sloping area of the park is a logical place for an amphitheater. How do you envision an amphitheater being used?

Answered 28

Skipped 0

Below are the topics mentioned by the 28 who offered responses to “Other-please specify”:

**Minimal support for an amphitheater. Envisioned use is more for (quiet) theatrical and educational productions.**

ENVISIONED USE	
<b>FEATURES:</b>	<b>8</b>
fundraiser venue	2
theater productions	2
archery area	1
comedies & plays	1
only nature programming	1
only quiet events	1

GENERAL COMMENTS:	
<b>DISSENTING:</b>	<b>19</b>
no amphitheater	10
no weddings	3
use funds elsewhere	2
no programs at night	1
no amplified music	1
noise concern	1
disrespect of park by event participants	1

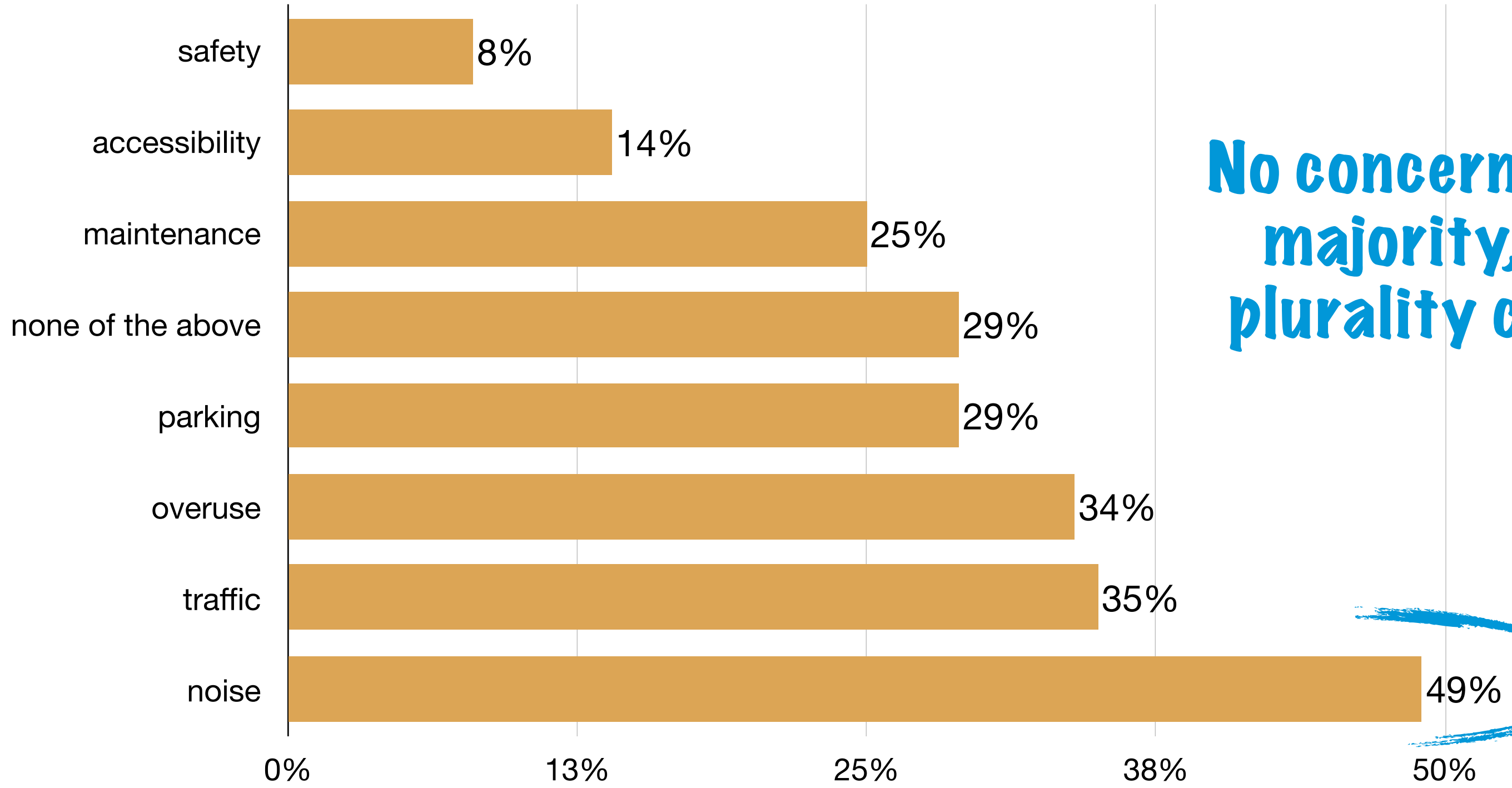


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Answered 262  
Skipped 8

Q14. What are your concerns about having an amphitheater at the park?  
(check all that apply)



**No concerns cited by a majority, though a plurality cited 'noise'**



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Q14. [Open-End Responses] What are your concerns about having an amphitheater at the park? (check all that apply)

Answered 26

Skipped 0

Below are the topics mentioned by the 26 who offered responses to “Other-please specify”:

**Biggest concern was harm to wildlife/nature. Other concerns were related to how it would be used and related issues.**

CONCERNS	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>19</b>
harm to wildlife / nature	8
lack of use	6
too many people	2
safety related to Carmel Valley Road	1
uses other than nature appreciation/education	1
viewshed disruption	1

GENERAL COMMENTS:	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>8</b>
no amphitheater	2
use funds elsewhere	2
no private events	1
only quiet events	1
no weddings	1
prefer natural design elements	1



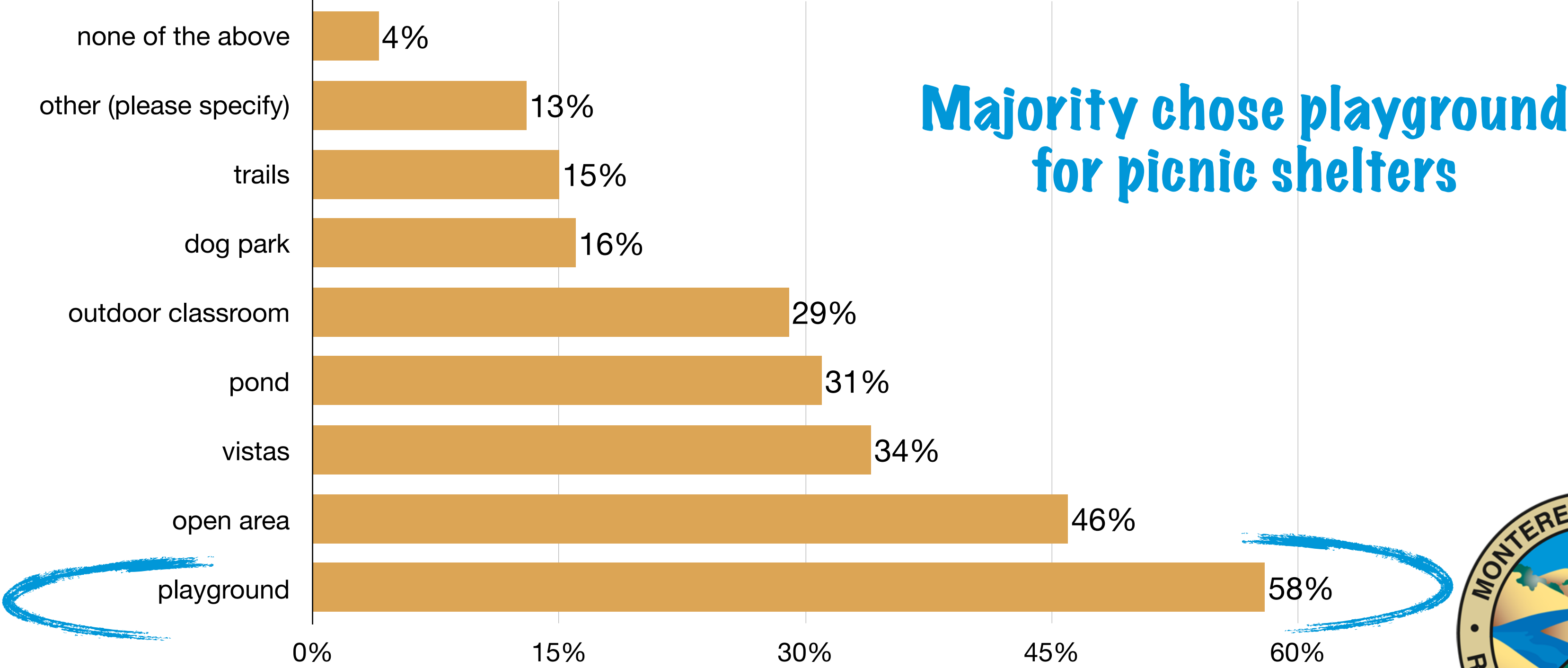


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Answered 270  
Skipped 0

Q15. Where do you think picnic shelters should be located? (Check all that apply)



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Q15. [Open-End Responses] Where do you think picnic shelters should be located? (Check all that apply)

Answered 38  
Skipped 0

Below are the topics mentioned by the 38 who offered responses to “Other-please specify”:

**Commenters tended to prefer picnic tables to a shelter, located near parking lot and scattered throughout park.**

LOCATIONS	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>30</b>
near parking lot	6
tables throughout park	5
near Discovery Center	3
away from pond	2
near trails	2
among tree groves / under shade	2
In small areas	2
away from trails	1
clear of vistas	1
near creek	1
near dog park	1
near outdoor classroom	1
near restrooms	1
near trash bins	1
tables without shelter near entrance	1

GENERAL COMMENTS:	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>8</b>
no picnic shelter	5
accessible / ADA-compliant	2
requires more trash bins / employees	1

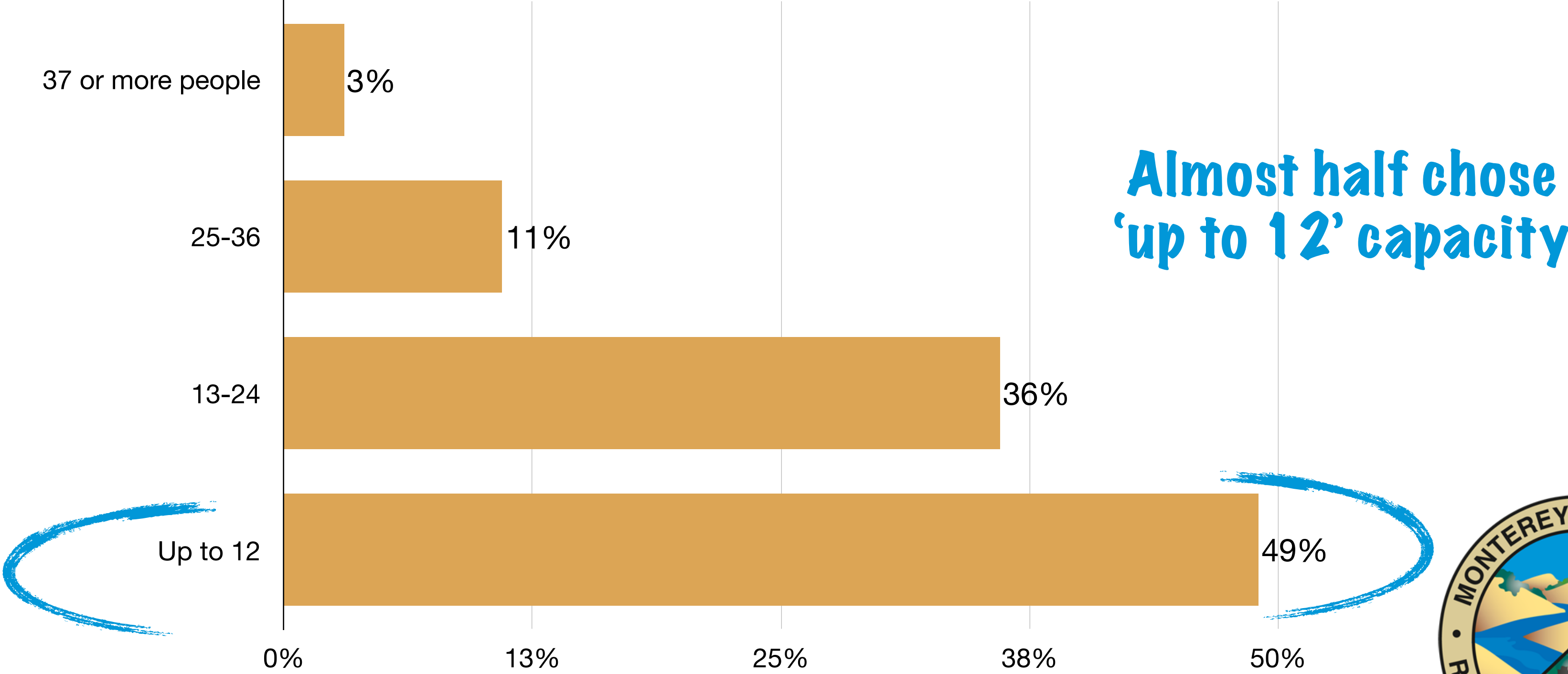


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Q16. When you think about the desire of people to socialize versus the desire of the community to maintain the serenity of the park, what do you think is the maximum number of people that the largest picnic shelter should accommodate?





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Skipped 0

Q17. The concept drawing below shows the dog park on the right side of the main parking lot (P1) where there will be added parking (P2), and the other features of the park on the left side of the main parking lot (P1). Which of these statements is true for you?

I am likely to use the dog park on the right and park my vehicle near it during a single visit.

11%

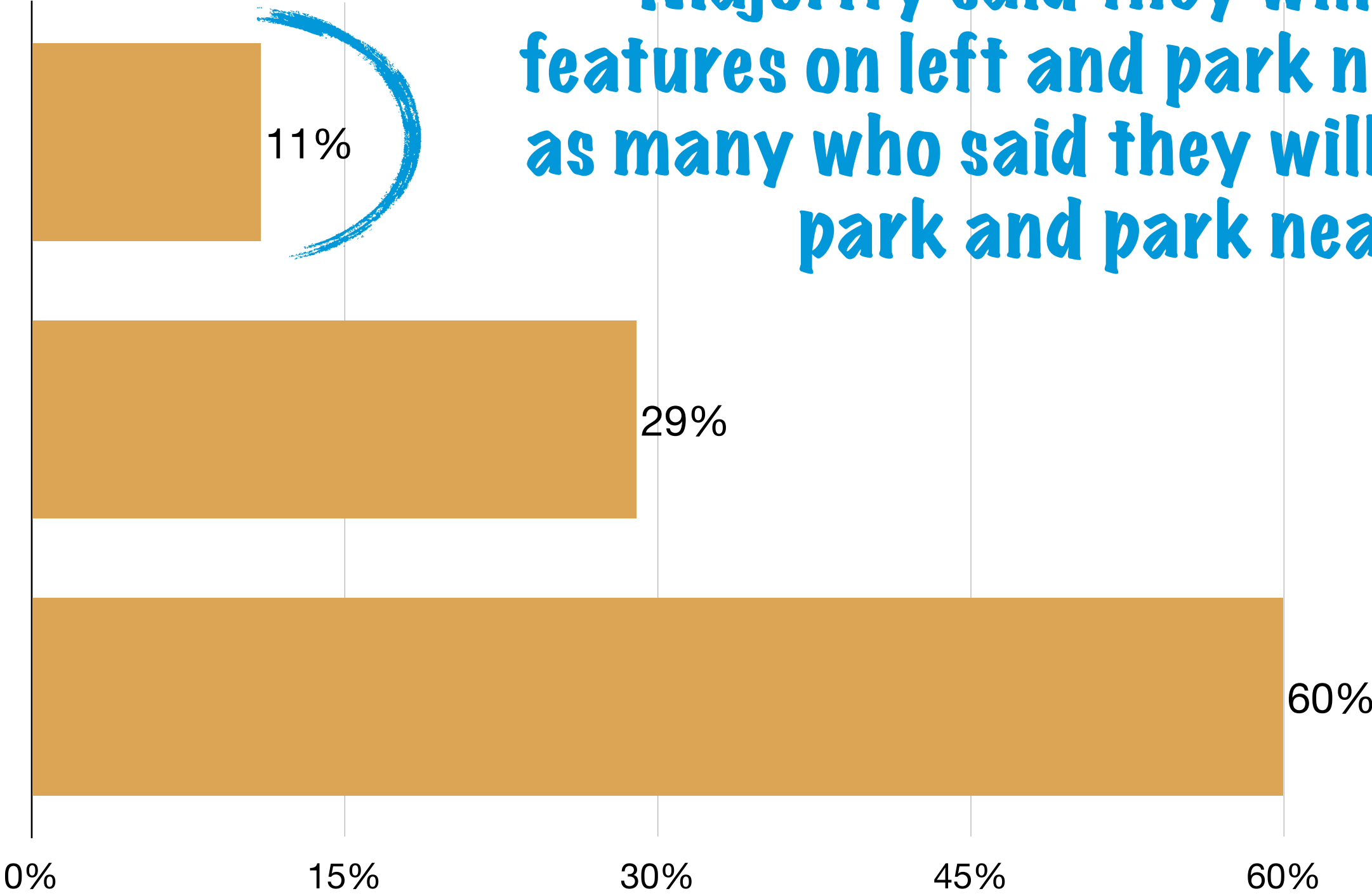
I am likely to use both the dog park and the park features on the left during a single visit, so I am unsure of where I will park my vehicle.

29%

I am likely to use the park features on the left and park my vehicle near those during a single visit.

60%

**Majority said they will use park features on left and park nearby—5.5X as many who said they will use the dog park and park nearby.**

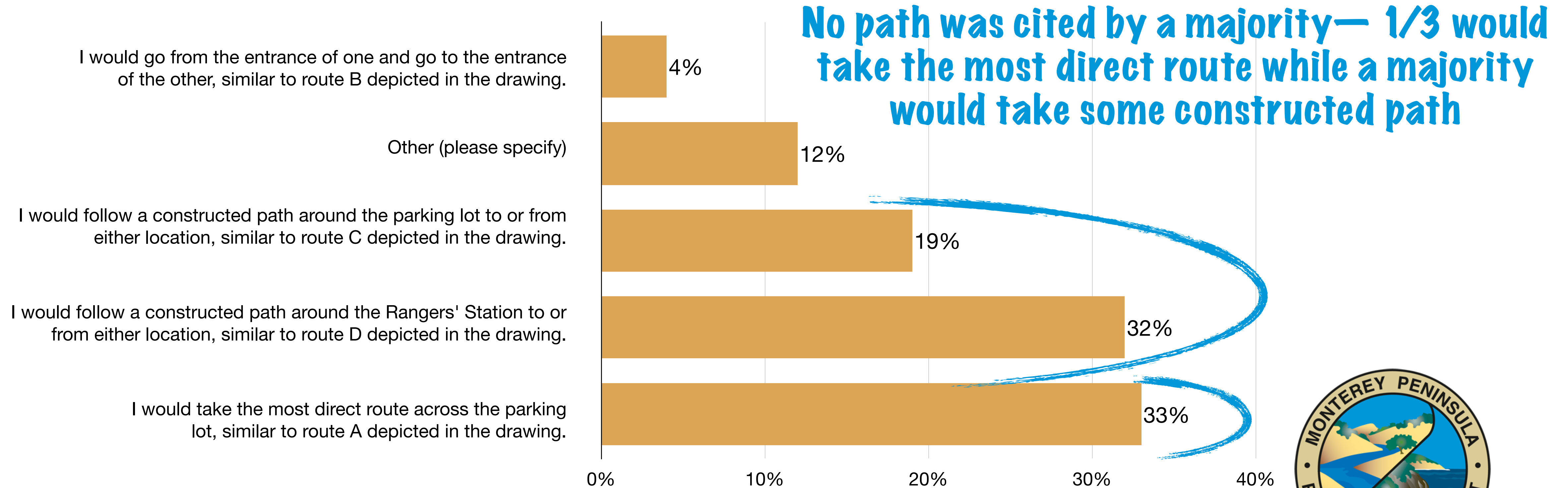


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Q18. How would you get from one side of the park to the other? For example, if you were at the playground and wanted to watch the dogs play in the dog park, how would you get there?



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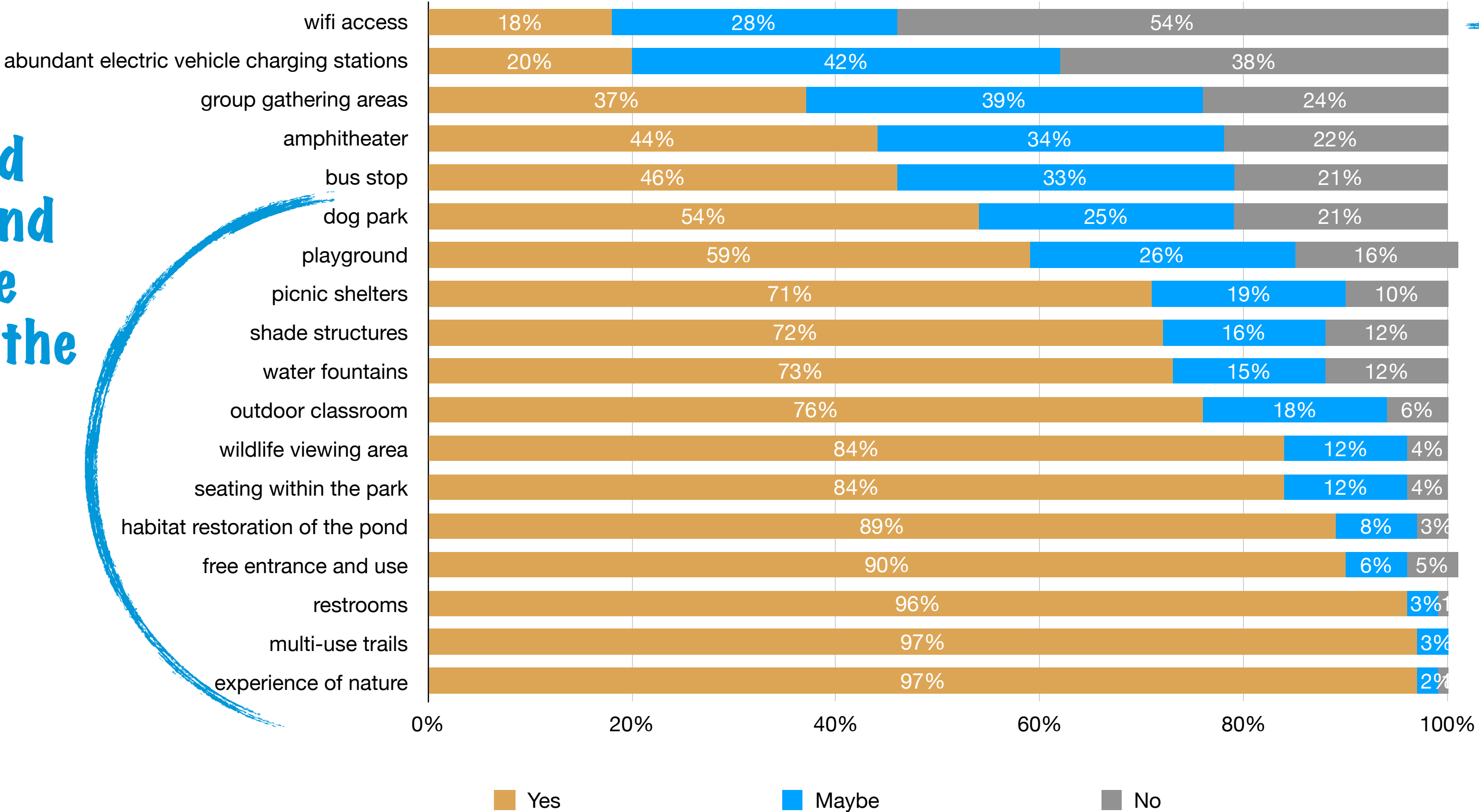
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Q19. Now that you know more, please answer this question again. Choose the features and amenities that you think would make it "an exceptional open space".

Over half previously said 'yes' to these, and now added the playground and the dog park

Over half still said 'no' to wifi access





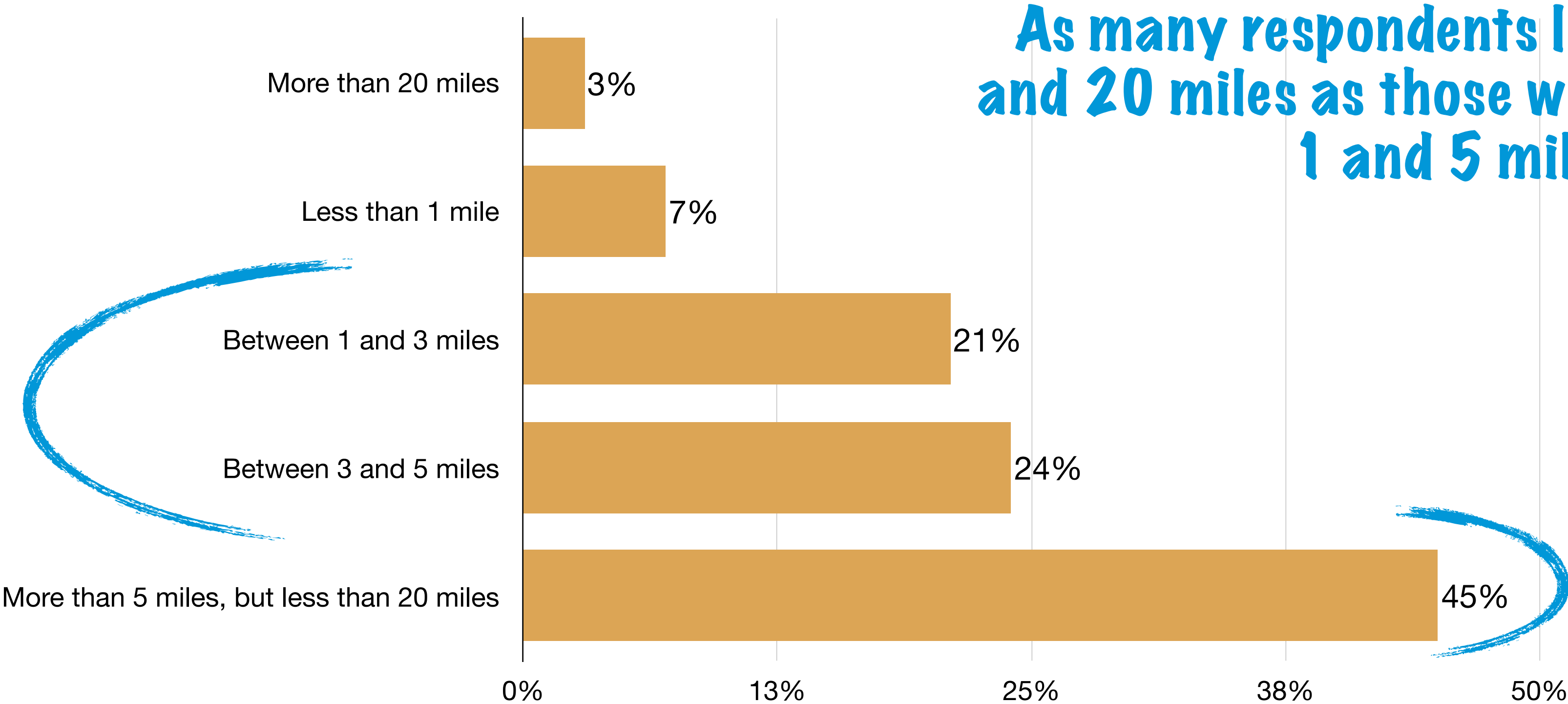
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Q21. How far do you live from the Palo Corona Regional Park Rancho Cañada Unit?



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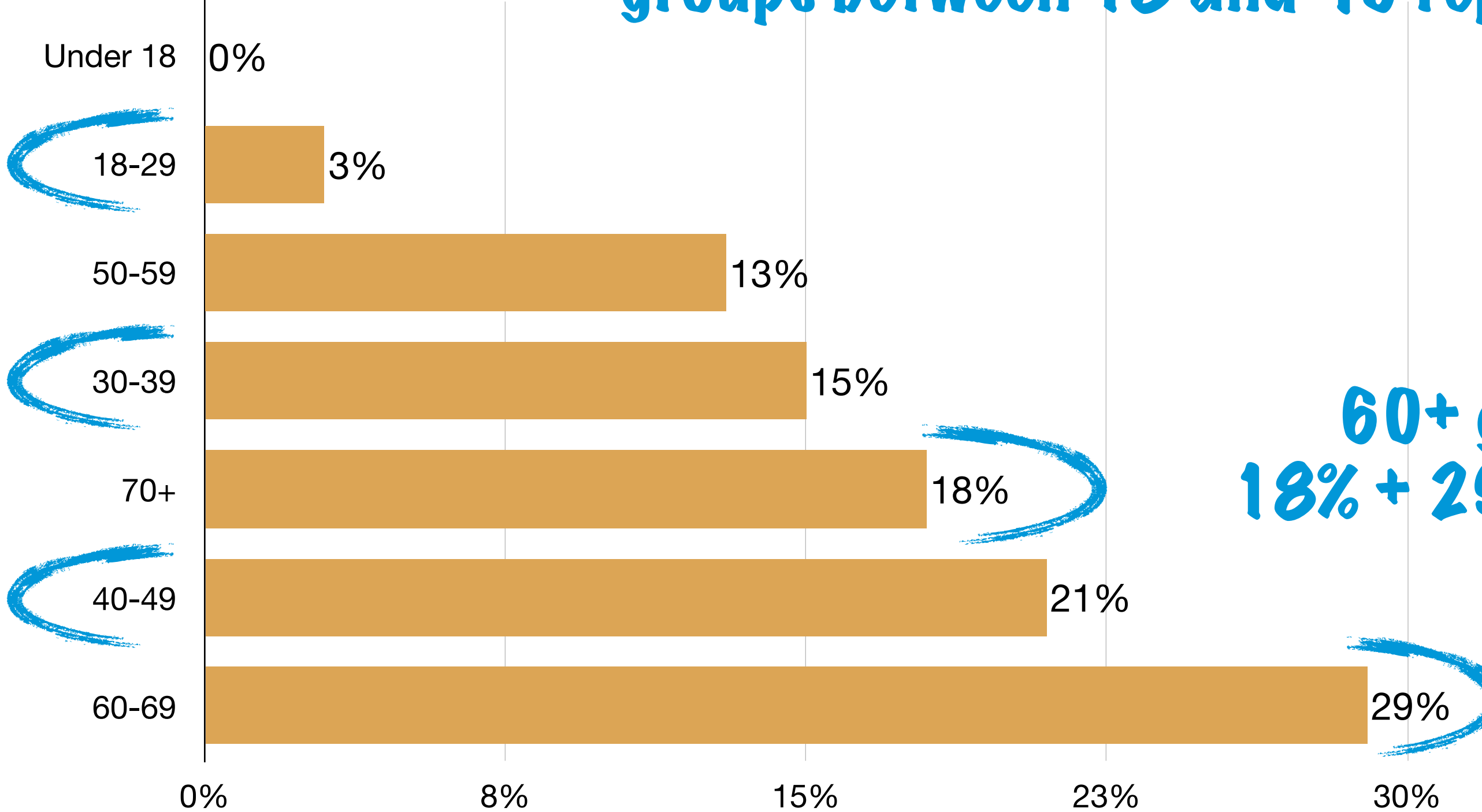
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Q22. What is your age?

**Almost half (47%) of the respondents were 60 or older. Traditional family-forming age groups between 18 and 49 represented 40%.**

**Family-forming  
18-49 group  
3% + 15% + 21% = 40%**

**60+ group  
18% + 29% = 47%**

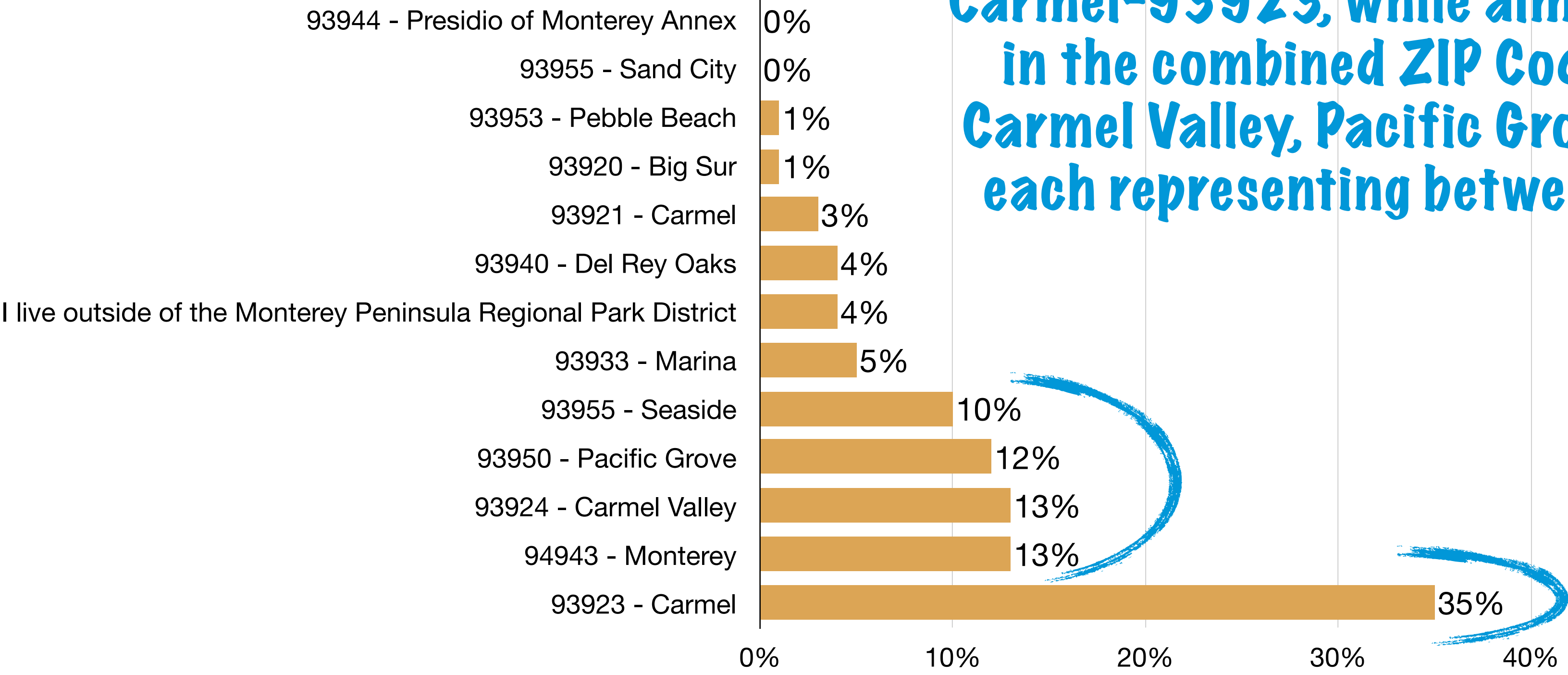


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Q23. Where do you live?



**Just over a third (35%) live in Carmel-93923, while almost half (48%) live in the combined ZIP Codes of Monterey, Carmel Valley, Pacific Grove, and Seaside—each representing between 10% and 13%.**





Answered 270  
 Skipped 0

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Q20. [Open-End Responses] Please share any ideas or comments you have to transform Palo Corona Regional Park Rancho Cañada Unit into a beautiful nature space for all to enjoy.

ABOUT RE-WILDING: Habitat Restoration / Wildlife Protection / Native Plantings			
PRO		CON	
<b>Overall Concepts:</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>Overall Concepts:</b>	<b>17</b>
keep it wild - develop responsibly	18	keep it wild - no development	16
keep it wild and quiet	15	concern about harm to wildlife	1
habitat restoration and native plantings	5		
encourage conservation and stewardship	2		
build structures away from pond	1		
<b>Desired Features:</b>	<b>17</b>		
interpretation of wildlife habitats / native plantings	11		
community vegetable garden	3		
pond restoration (specifically)	2		
nature walks/activities for all	1		

Develop with  
 sensitivity to  
 nature and  
 environmental  
 education

ABOUT THE DOG PARK			
PRO		CON	
<b>Overall Concepts:</b>		<b>Overall Concepts:</b>	
Yes - dog park	9	No - dog park	12
dog park "green" management	1	keep dogs in dog park	4
eradicate foxtails for dogs	1	no dogs throughout park	3
		no dogs by playground	2
<b>Desired Features:</b>	<b>4</b>	no dogs on some trails	1
grass in dog park	2	no unleashed dogs on trails	1
walking loop in dog park	1	large dog park - too big	1
dog waste bags / station	1		

Use best practices within dog park;  
 require on leash outside dog parks

Note: A response was required to this question. Some respondents repeated answers from prior questions. Some shared their ideas about other features and park development. These are subjectively categorized into themes.



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 Skipped 0

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Q20. [Open-End Responses] Continued . . .

ABOUT THE PLAYGROUND			
PRO		CON	
<b>Overall Concepts</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Overall Concepts:</b>	<b>5</b>
yes - playground	9	no - playground	5
inclusive playground	1		
<b>Desired Features:</b>	<b>1</b>		
shade at playground	1		

ABOUT THE BUS SHELTER / RESTROOMS			
PRO		CON	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1</b>
bus stop	5	no - bus stop	1
restrooms	3		
restrooms - flush toilets	1		
trash / recycling bins	2		
free bus to park	1		
free access	1		
water fountains	1		

ABOUT THE TRAILS			
PRO		CON	
<b>Overall Concepts</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Overall Concepts:</b>	<b>1</b>
trail connections / extensions	4	no bikes on trails	1
open back country	3		
allow small kids on bikes	1		
fix steep trails	1		
<b>Desired Features:</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>Undesired Features:</b>	<b>1</b>
multi-use trails	8	trails without activity restrictions	1
bike trails	8		
ADA trails	6		
bike racks	2		
bike pump track	2		
foot bridges	1		
motocross for fee/noise restrict	1		
trail for fitness with workout	1		
trail for horses with horse board	1		
trail for walking by river	1		
trail signage for interpretation a	1		
trails for all ages	1		
trails for guided running	1		
trails for mountain bikes	1		
walking trails	1		

- Yes to playground

- ADA, multi-use, bike trails

- Access to more trails

- Bus stop and Restrooms



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Support inclusive design incorporating ecosystem and features enhancing educational programming

ABOUT PARK DEVELOPMENT			
PRO		CON	
<b>Overall Concepts</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>Overall Concepts:</b>	<b>14</b>
let's do it!	34	no large, loud groups	3
accessible for all / inclusive	5	keep it quiet	2
low or no fee	3	keep it simple	2
safety for families / lone hikers	2	keep it simple and affordable	2
wind protection	2	no large groups	2
Native American center / signage	2	desire a meeting	1
friendly for kids and families	1	develop slowly	1
low maintenance	1	explore economic impact	1
monitor misuse	1		
protect sacred spaces	1		
resist "don't" signs	1		
willingness to pay fee	1		

ABOUT PARK DEVELOPMENT			
PRO		CON	
<b>Desired Features:</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Undesired Features:</b>	<b>6</b>
more educational programs	5	no wifi	2
shade / shade trees	4	no amphitheater	2
amphitheater	1	no wifi after park closure	1
archery range	1	no large structures on trails	1
disc golf	1		
electric vehicles charging stations	1		
electric vehicles for rangers	1		
picnic tables	1		
recreation for children / teens	1		
seating	1		
seating - bench embedded in mound	1		
skate park	1		
solar car park	1		





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MESSAGES TO MPRPD					
Thank you!	54	I LOVE Palo Corona Regional Park!	14	I want to volunteer!	14

**Congratulations to MPRPD, the engaged community, and the design teams!**

**Thank you all for Planning Your Park!**

