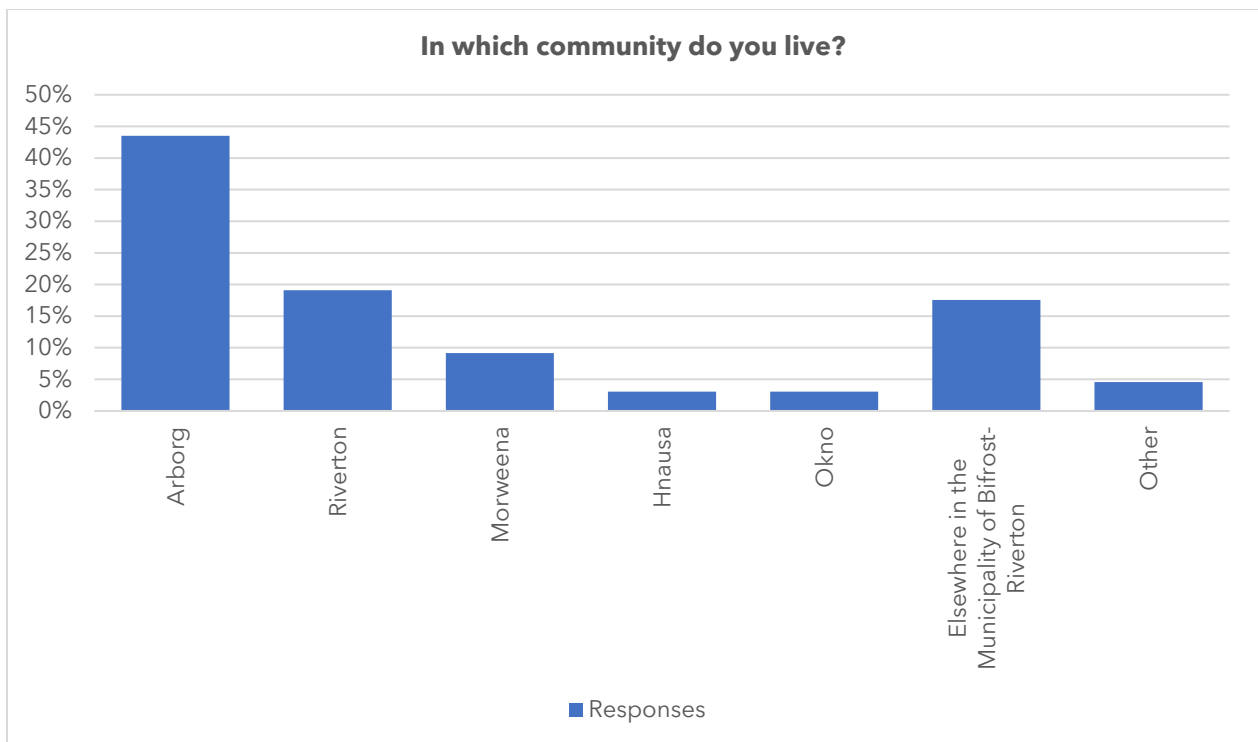


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A total of 131 respondents completed the Arborg-Bifrost Riverton Recreation Master Plan Survey. The survey was distributed in print format and via a community notice accompanied with a SurveyMonkey URL link for participants to access the online survey.

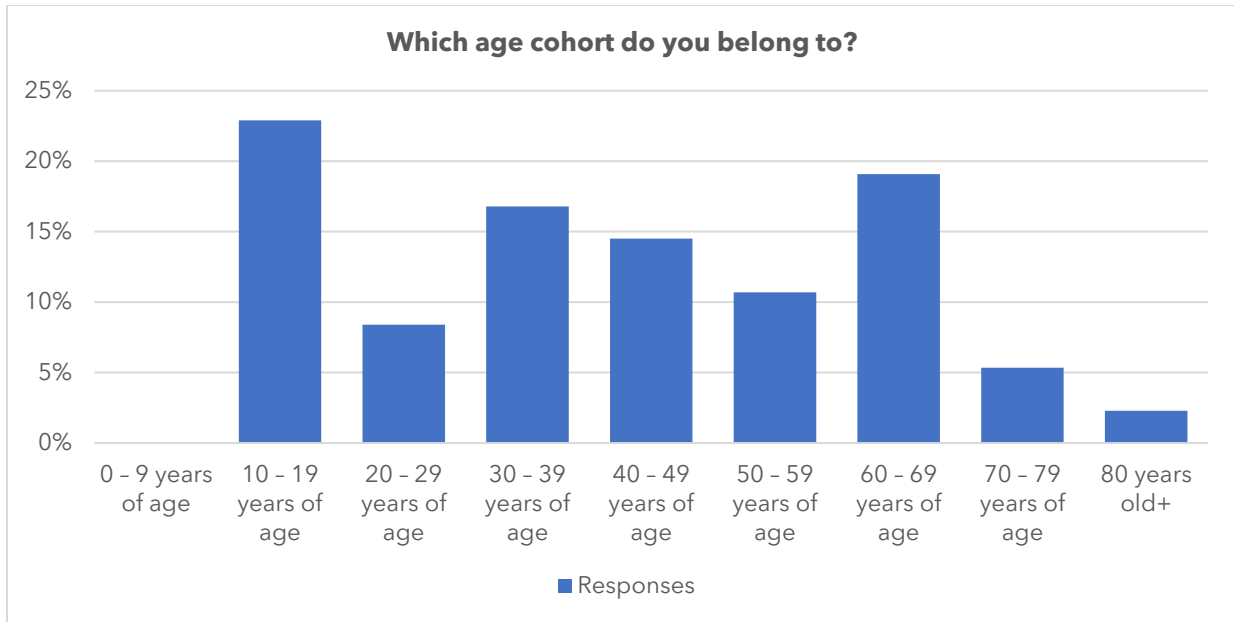
### DEMOGRAPHICS

Of the 131 total survey respondents, most of the participants were from Arborg (57 respondents), followed by Riverton (25 respondents), and those elsewhere in the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton (23 respondents). There were 12, 4 and 4 respondents, respectively, from the communities of Morweena, Hnausa, and Okno while 6 respondents stated they were from "Other" (most of these responses came from those residing in the adjacent Rural Municipality of Fisher).

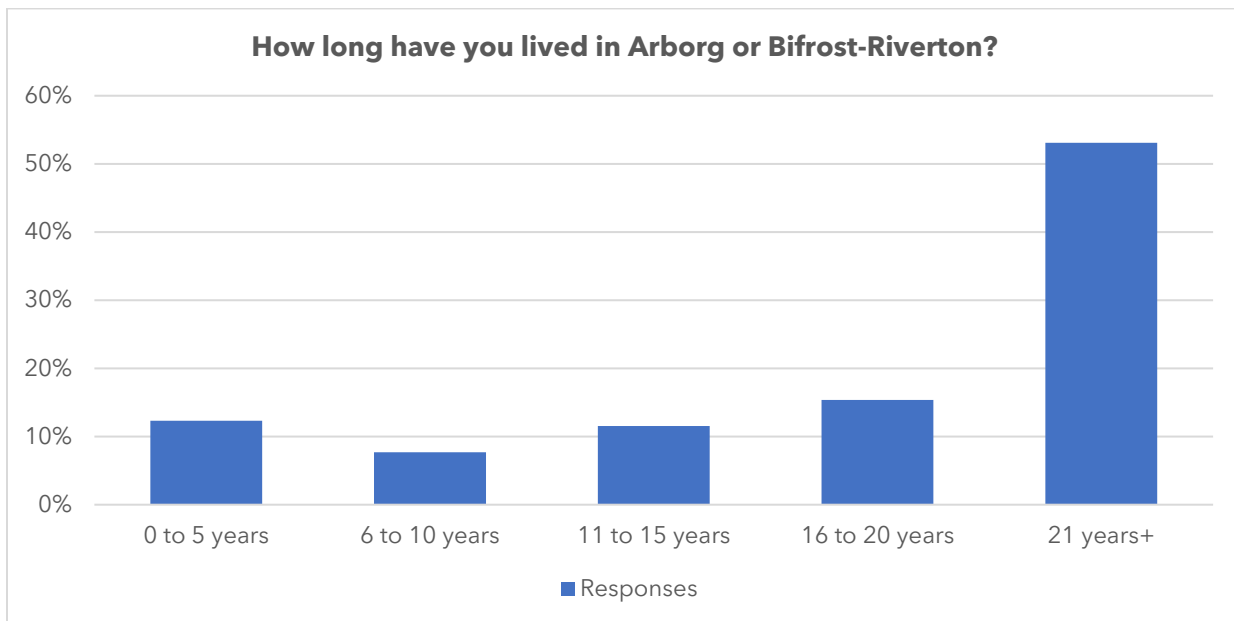


In terms of the age cohorts' respondents belong to, the majority include those 10-19 years of age (30 respondents) and those 60-69 years old (25 respondents). Overall, a diverse age range participated in the Arborg Bifrost-Riverton Recreation Master Plan Survey.

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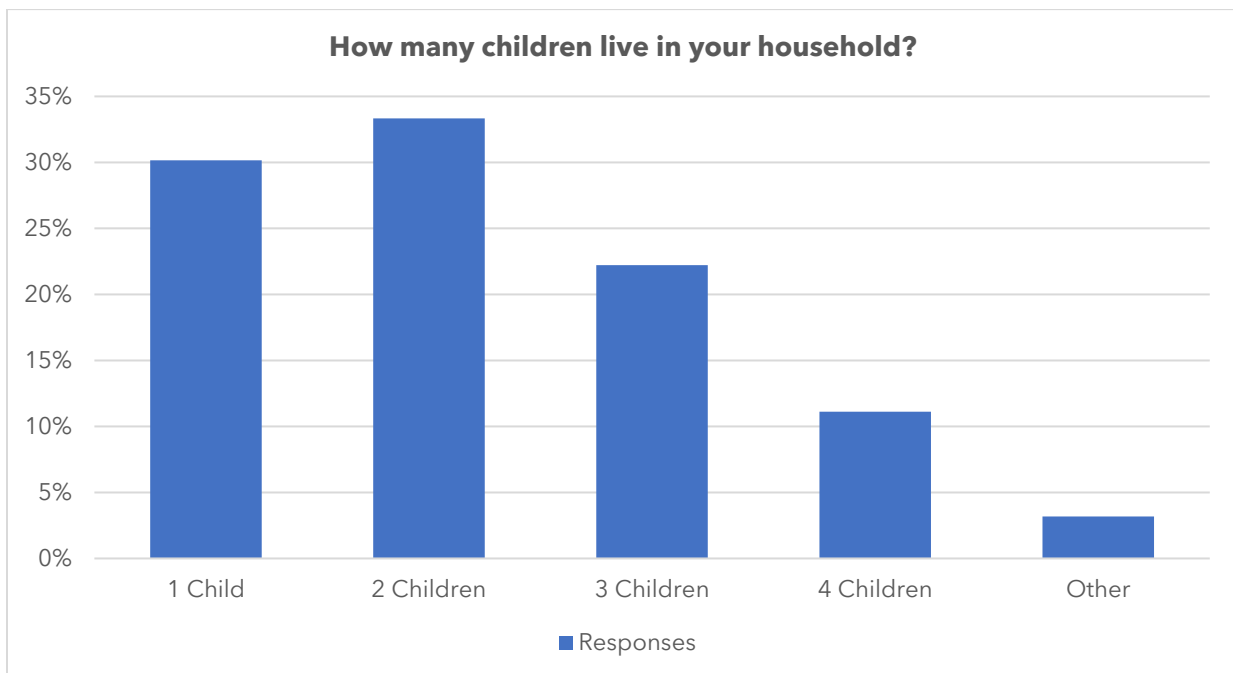
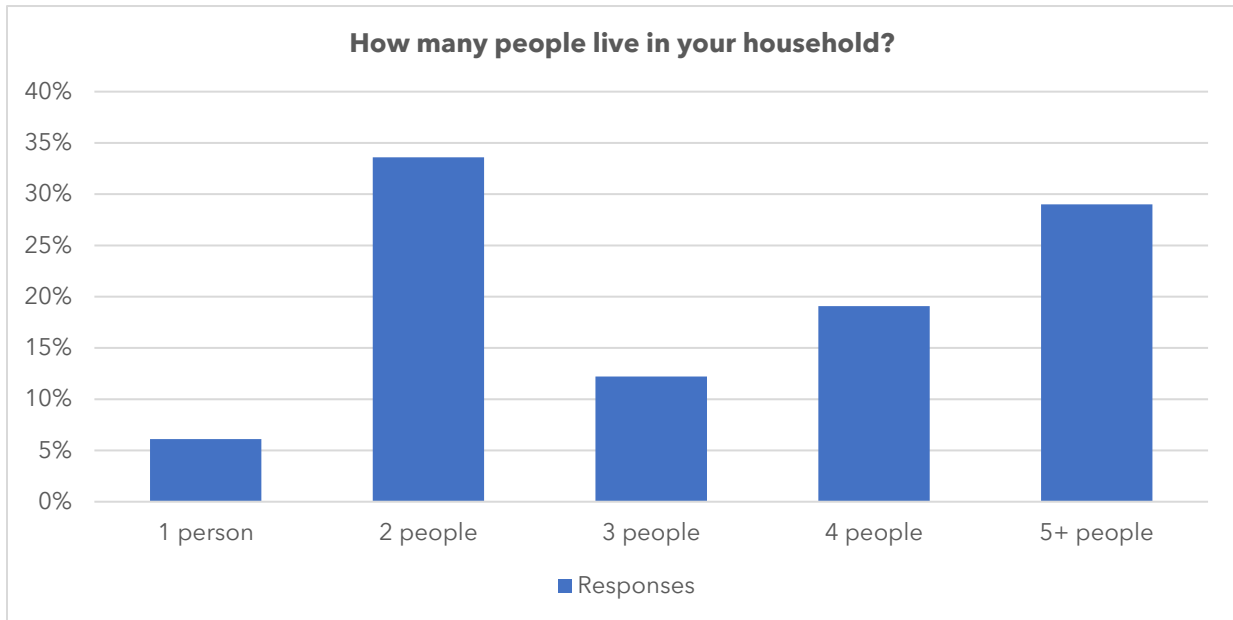
In terms of "how long have you lived in Arborg or Bifrost-Riverton?", 69 of 130 respondents indicated they have lived in the area for over 21 years, followed by those residing 16-20 years (20 respondents), 0-5 years (16 respondents), 11-15 years (15 respondents), and those 6-10 years (10 respondents).



When asked "how many people live in your household?", the top response was those in two people households (44 of 131 respondents) followed by those in households with five or more people (38 of 131 respondents). On a related note, when asked "how many children live in your household?", of the total 131 survey participants, 63 respondents indicated that they lived in a household with at least one

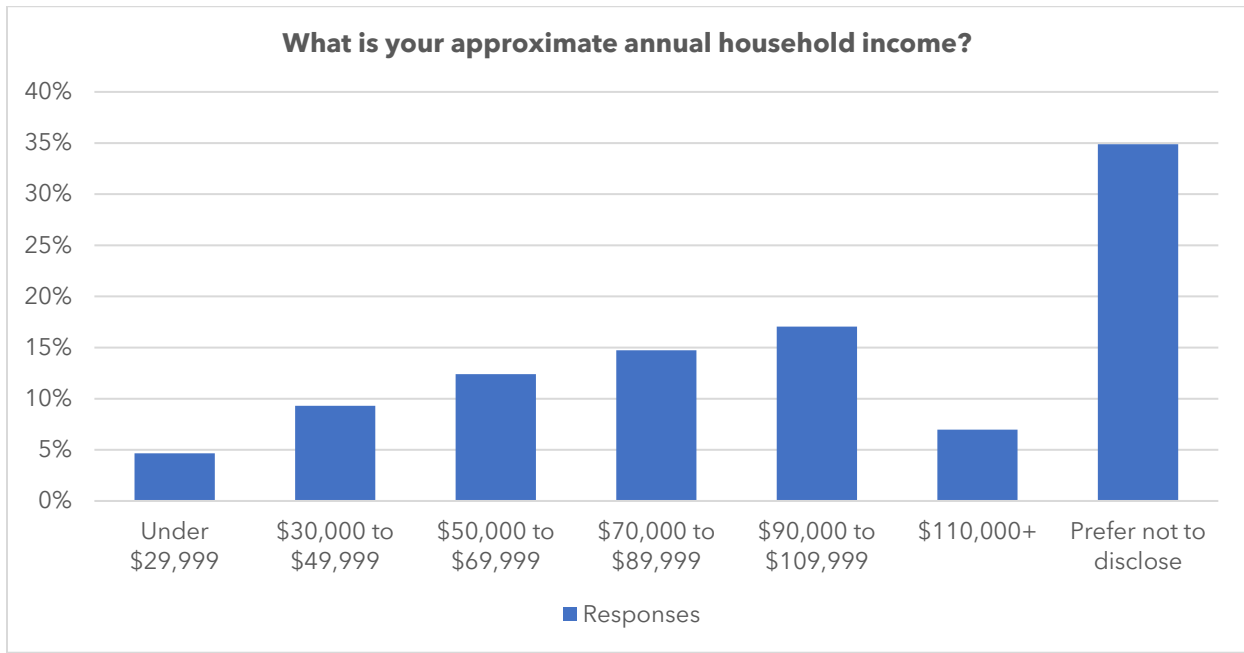
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child under the age of 18. Of these 63 responses, the majority were living in two children households (21 respondents) followed by one child households (19 respondents), three children households (14 respondents), four children households (7 respondents), and five or more children households (2 respondents).



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Finally, regarding approximate annual household income, the majority of respondents preferred not to disclose their household income (45 respondents), while 39% of responses stated that their household earned \$70,000 or more (50 respondents) with 26% of responses stating that they earned \$69,000 or less (34 respondents).



## ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMMING

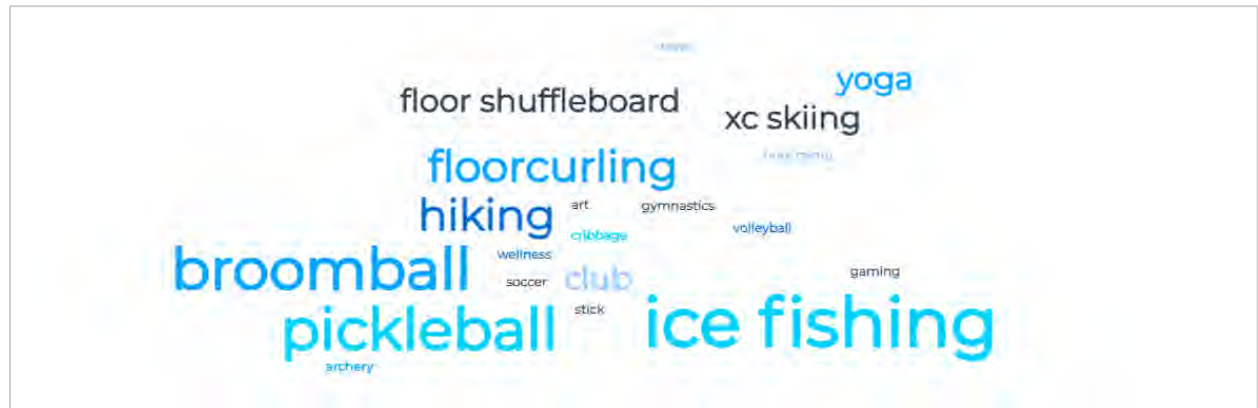
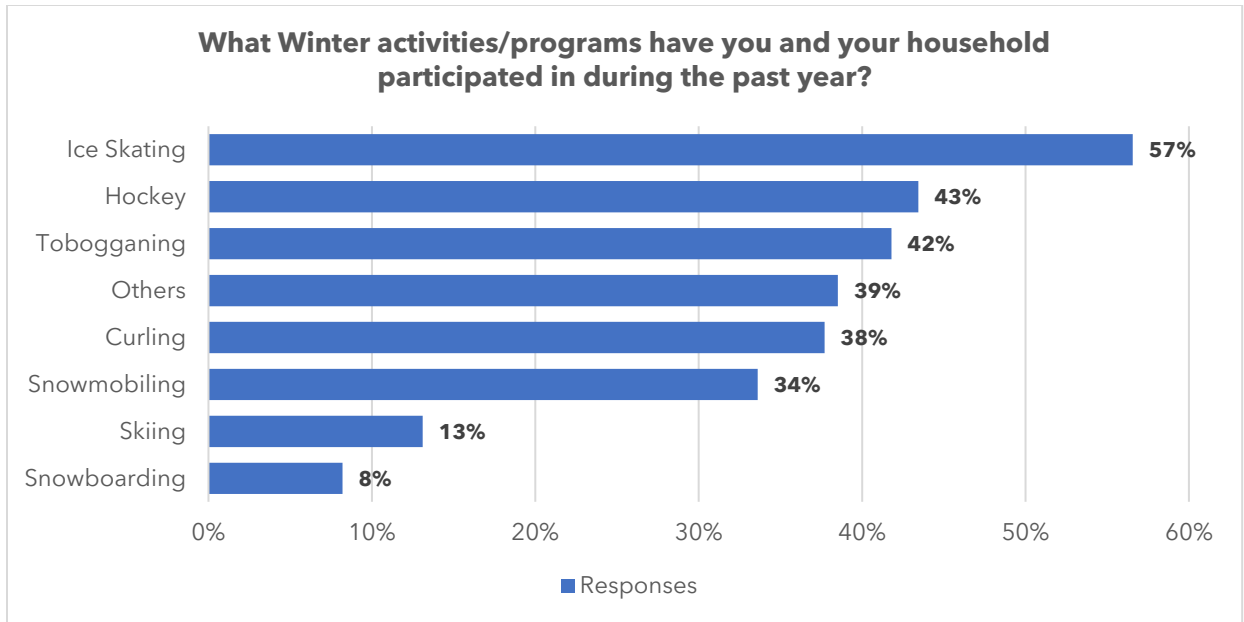
### Winter Activities/Programs

When survey participants were asked “what winter activities/programs have you or your household participated in during the past year (pre-COVID)?”, of the eight options listed, the top three options selected from 122 respondents were “Ice Skating” (69 respondents), “Hockey” (53 respondents), and “Tobogganing” (51 respondents).

The breakdown by community showed minor differences for the top three winter activities/programs. The top three options for Arborg residents were “Ice Skating” (31 respondents), “Hockey” (25 respondents) and “Tobogganing” (24 respondents); the top three options for Riverton residents were “Others” (13 respondents), “Snowmobiling” (11 respondents), and “Ice Skating” (9 respondents); the top three options for the residents of Morweena, Hnaua, and Okno were “Ice Skating” (15 respondents), “Hockey” (14 respondents), and “Tobogganing” (11 respondents).

There was also a significant number of participants who selected the “Others” option (47 of 122 respondents) and indicated activities/programs such as “Ice Fishing” (7 times), “Pickleball” (5 times), “Broomball” (5 times), “Hiking” (3 times), and “Floor Curling” (3 times).

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**Summer Activities/Programs**

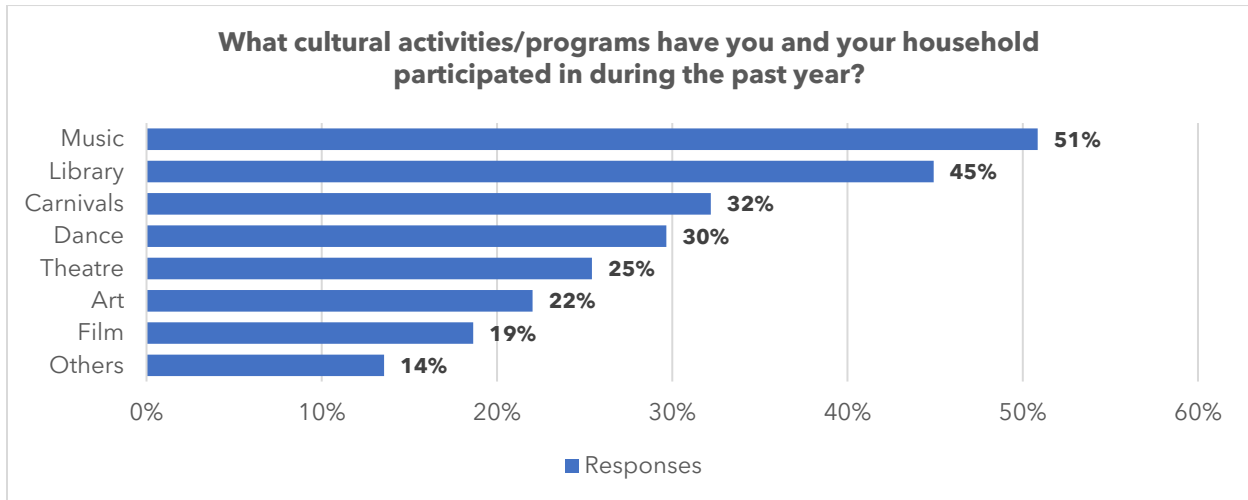
When survey participants were asked “what summer activities/programs have you or your household participated in during the past year (pre-COVID)?”, of the 14 options listed, the top five options selected from 127 respondents were “Swimming” (90 respondents), “Camping” (82 respondents), “Golf” (68 respondents), “Waterpark” (59 respondents), and “Soccer” (56 respondents).

The breakdown by community showed minor differences for the top five summer activities/programs. The top five options for Arborg residents were “Swimming” (42 respondents), “Waterpark” (33 respondents), “Camping” (31 respondents), “Soccer” (28 respondents), and “Golf” (27 respondents); the top five options for Riverton residents were “Camping” (19 respondents), “Golf” (13 respondents), “Swimming” (13 respondents), “ATV” (10 respondents), and “Others” (9 respondents); the top five options for the residents of Morweena, Hnusa, and Okno were “Swimming” (16 respondents), “Soccer” (14 respondents), “Volleyball” (11 respondents), “Camping” (13 respondents), and “Golf” (11 respondents).



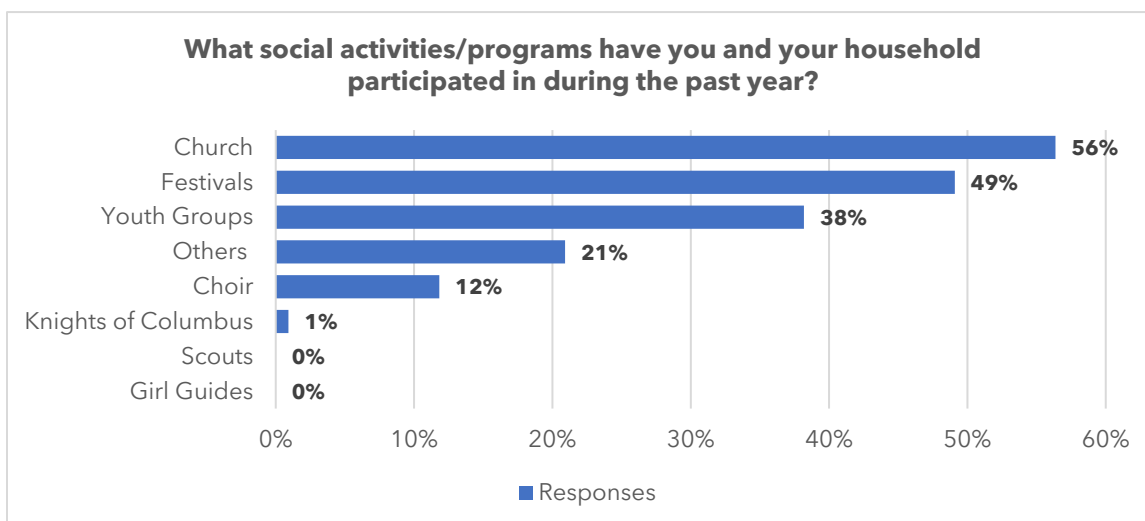
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The breakdown by community showed minor differences for the top three cultural activities/programs. The top three options for Arborg residents were "Library" (27 respondents), "Music" (25 respondents), and "Dance" (18 respondents); the top three options for Riverton residents were "Music" (10 respondents), "Dance" (9 respondents), and "Library" (9 respondents). The top three options for the residents of Morweena, Hnausa, and Okno were "Music" (13 respondents), "Theatre" (6 respondents), and "Library" (6 respondents).



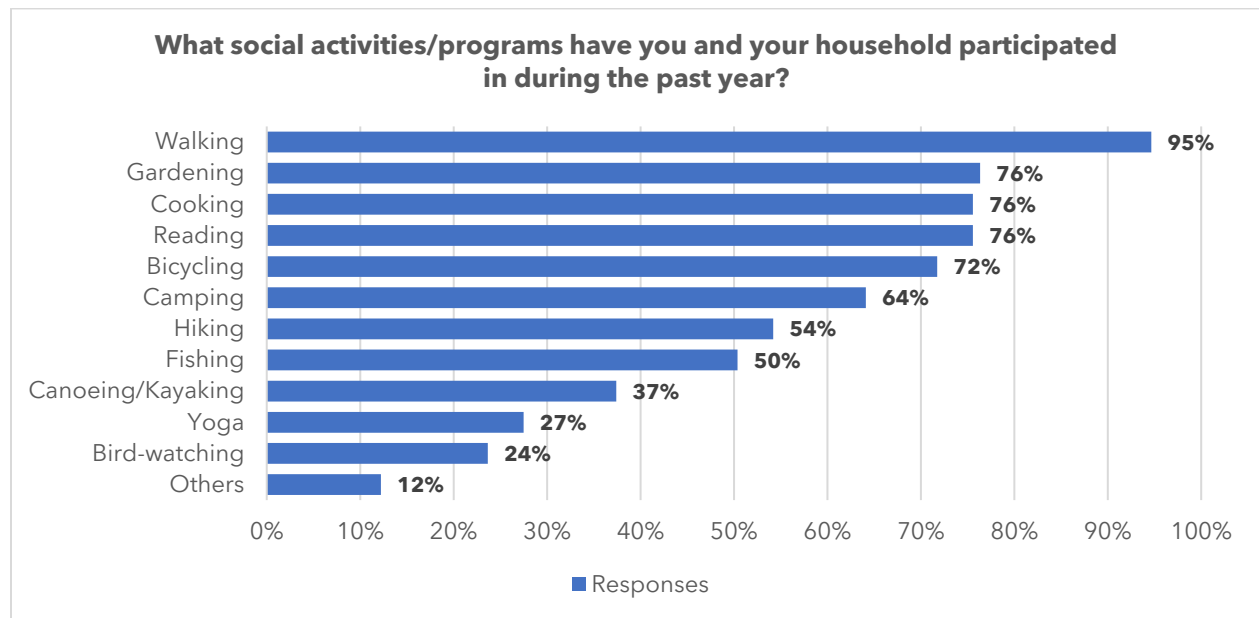
### Social Activities/Programs

When survey participants were asked "what social activities/programs have you or your household participated in during the past year (pre-COVID)?", of the eight options listed, the top three options selected from 110 respondents were "Church" (62 respondents), "Festivals" (54 respondents), and "Youth Groups" (42 respondents). There were no significant differences to the top three social activities/programs by community. The notable "Other" social activities/programs included "Fundraising Events" and various "Community", "Committee", "Elks of Canada (Riverton Elks)", and "Freemasonry" meetings and activities.



**Individual Leisure Activities/Programs**

When survey participants were asked “what individual leisure activities/programs have you or your household participated in during the past year (pre-COVID)?”, of the 12 options listed, the top five options selected from 131 respondents were “Walking” (124 respondents), “Gardening” (100 respondents), “Cooking” (99 respondents), “Reading” (99 respondents), and “Bicycling” (94 respondents). The breakdown by community showed little differences for the top five individual leisure activities/programs. In all communities, “Camping” or “Canoe/Kayaking” are a close top sixth or seventh option. In terms of “Other” individual leisure activities/programs, running was the only repeat response.



**Activities/Programs Outside Arborg Bifrost-Riverton**

For all the types of activities/programs, when asked “were any of these activities done outside of Arborg and Bifrost-Riverton?”, 93 of the 127 respondents (74%) stated “Yes”. Some of these specific locations within Manitoba include Hecla-Grindstone Provincial Park, Whiteshell Provincial Park, Bird’s Hill Provincial Park, Gimli, Winnipeg, Winnipeg Beach, and Steeprock.

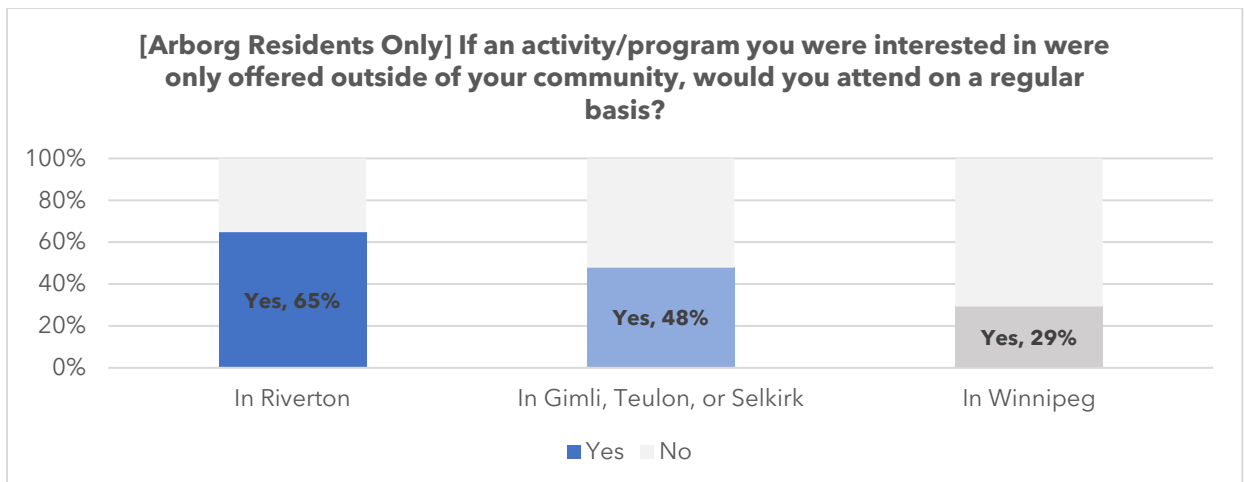


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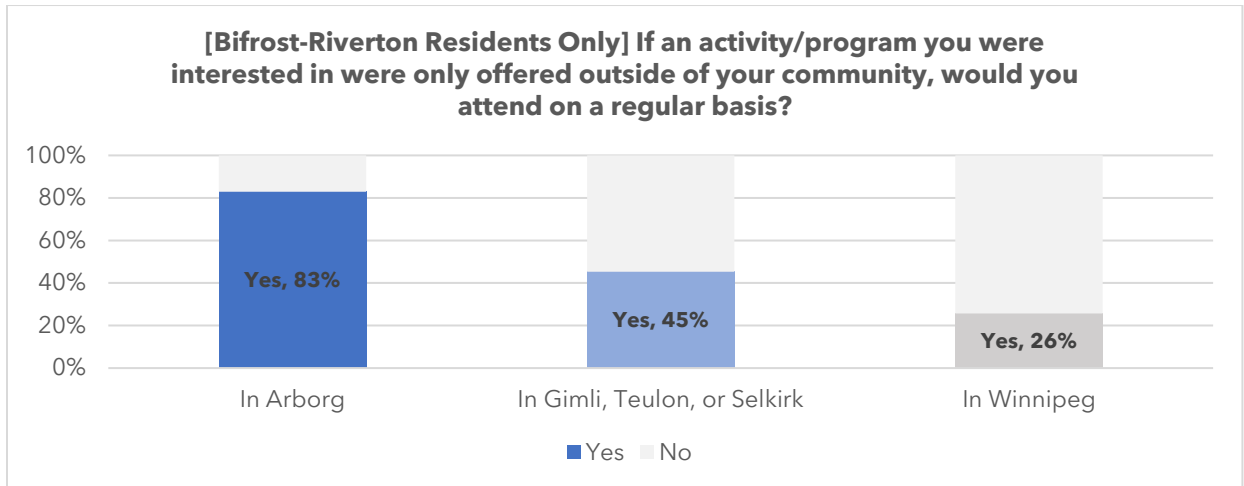
There was a significant number of responses that focussed on activities/programs in “Park” spaces (20 times) as well as a high desire from residents for “Gym/Fitness” related activities/programs (10 times). Other notable mentions were “Soccer” (9 times), “Arts” (8 times), and “Dance” (7 times) which tied with “Bowling” (7 times) to wrap up the top five activities/programs residents would you like to have in Arborg and Bifrost-Riverton that are not already available.

### Attending Activities/Programs Outside Arborg or Outside Bifrost-Riverton

Residents of the Town Arborg and those in the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton were asked, “if an activity you were interested in were only offered outside of your community, would you attend on a regular basis?”. For Arborg residents only (73 respondents), the percentage that stated “Yes” decreased with the distance of the location options: 65% of Arborg residents answered “Yes” to those activities/programs in Riverton, followed by 48% in Gimli, Teulon or Selkirk, and then 29% in Winnipeg. The same trend related to distance was present for Bifrost-Riverton residents (84 respondents), the percentage that stated “Yes” to attending on a regular basis if the program/activity were only offered in Arborg was 83%, then 45% in Gimli, Teulon or Selkirk, and only 26% said “Yes” if the program/activity were only offered in Winnipeg.

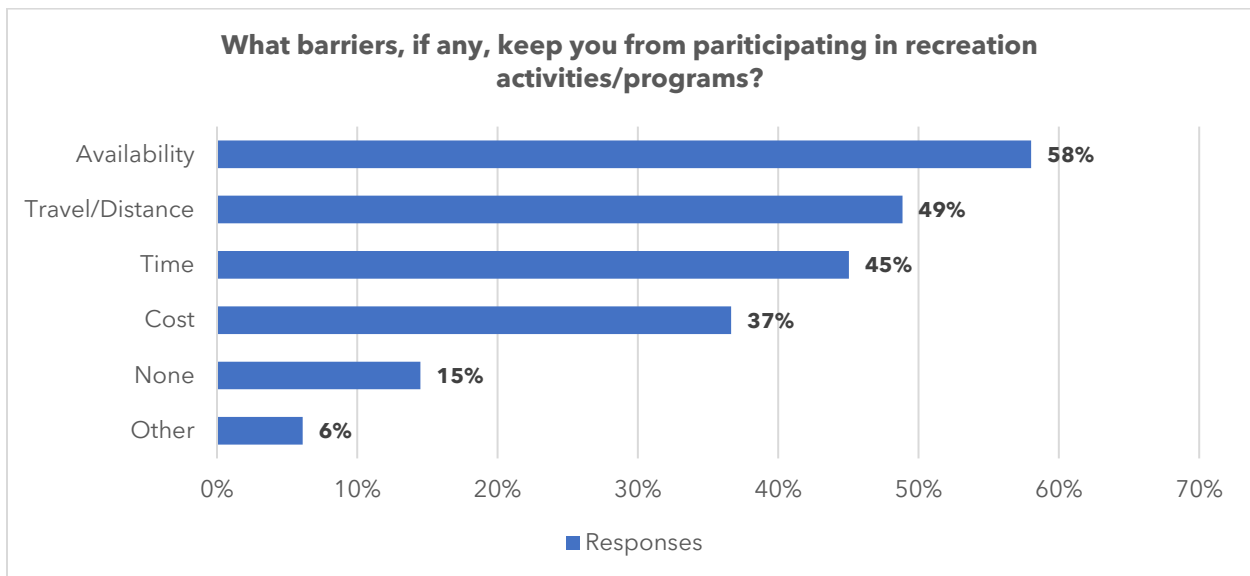


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**Barriers to Participating in Recreation Activities/Programs**

When participants were asked, “what barriers, if any, keep you from participating in recreation activities/programs?”, the majority of the 131 respondents stated, from six options, that “Availability” (76 respondents) was their greatest barrier, followed by “Travel/Distance” (64 respondents), and then “Time” (59 respondents).



The breakdown by community showed minor differences for the barriers that keep residents from participating in recreation activities/programs. While the top three barriers for residents in Arborg and residents in Bifrost-Riverton remained the same overall, in the communities of Morweena, Hnaua, and Okno, one of the top three barriers included “Cost” (11 responses) as stated by 55% of participants in these three communities.

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Looking at the barriers with respect to annual household income, residents in Arborg and Bifrost-Riverton who earn \$69,999 or less (34 respondents), selected as their top three barriers: "Availability" (19 responses), "Cost" (17 responses), and "Time" (16 responses). While those who have an annual household income of \$70,000 or more (62 respondents), selected as their top three barriers: "Availability" (37 respondents), "Time" (29 respondents), and "Travel/Distance" (26 respondents). Overall, respondents with a lower annual household income indicated "Cost" as a major barrier to participating in recreation activities/programs whereas the barrier of "Cost" was as great for respondents with a higher annual household income in Arborg and Bifrost-Riverton.

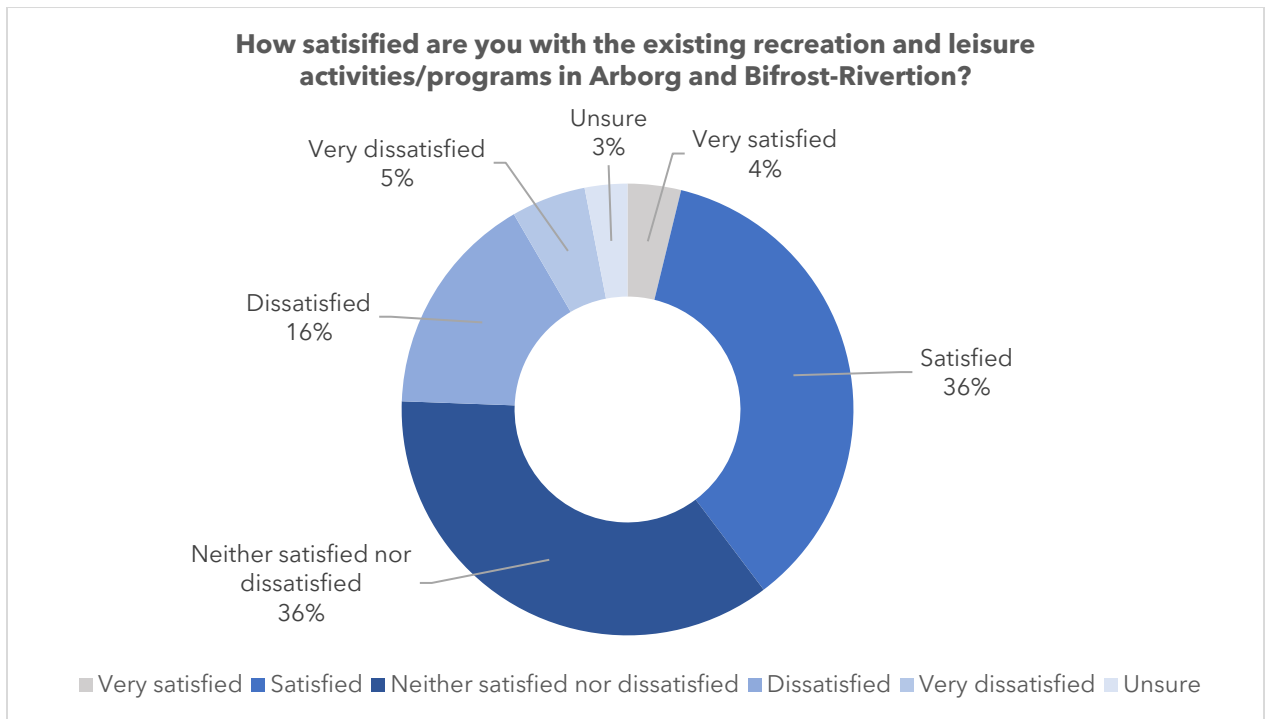
Comparing the barriers by age cohort, of the top two cohorts who participated in the survey, those 10 to 19 years of age (30 respondents) indicated their top three barriers as "Travel/Distance" (22 respondents), "Cost" (20 respondents), and "Time" (15 respondents). While those 60 to 69 years of age (25 respondents) stated their top three barriers as "Availability" (16 respondents) "Time" (11 respondents) and "Travel/Distance" (10 respondents). In the age cohorts in between, the top three barriers for those 20 to 49 years of age (52 respondents) were "Availability" (33 respondents), "Time" (25 respondents), and "Travel/Distance" (25 respondents).

These statistics illustrate that regardless of age, "Availability" of activities/programs is the greatest barrier for residents in Arborg and Bifrost-Riverton and "Cost" is an added barrier to participation in recreation activities/programs with those in smaller communities, with an annual household income \$70,000 or less, and with the youth age cohort.

### **Satisfaction with Activities/Programs for Arborg Bifrost-Riverton**

When asked, "how satisfied are you with the existing recreation and leisure activities/programs in Arborg and Bifrost-Riverton?", of 131 respondents, the majority of participants equally stated that they were "Satisfied" (47 respondents - 36%) and "Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied" (47 respondents - 36%). Overall, of the total responses, when the neutral and "Unsure" responses are taken out of the equation, 40% of respondents were "Satisfied" or "Very Satisfied" in contrast to 21% of respondents who were "Dissatisfied" or "Very Dissatisfied".

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The breakdown by community provided no differences to the top two answers, however, in Arborg, Riverton, and the combined communities of Morweena, Hnaua, and Okno, the percentage of those respondents who were "Satisfied" were 35%, 44%, and 55%, respectively. Overall, this statistic may indicate a correlation with population size and the satisfaction level for the existing recreation and leisure activities in Arborg and Bifrost-Riverton.

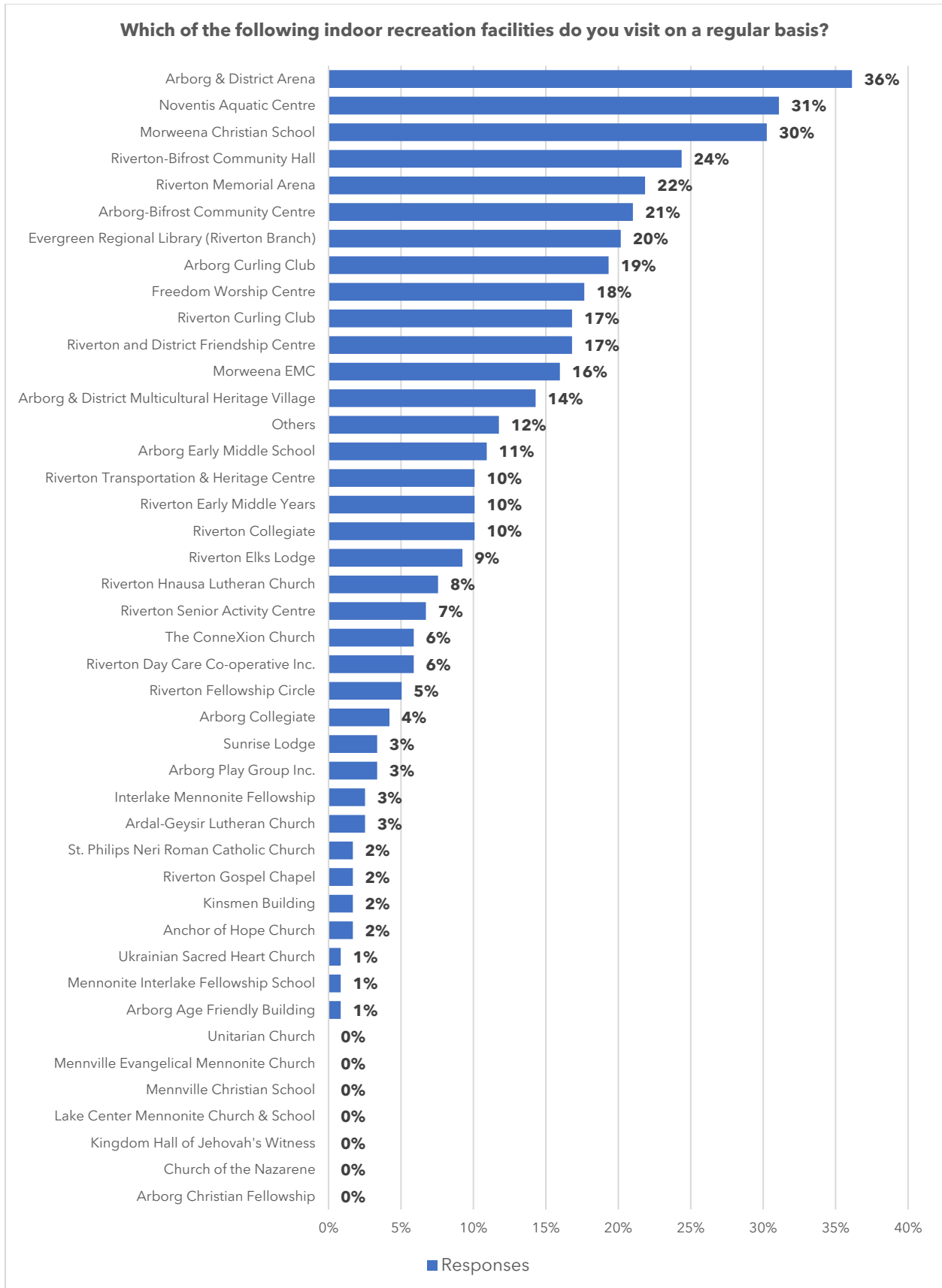
The breakdown by age cohort showed that the top response for those 10-19 years of age were "Satisfied" (47%), those 20-50 years of age were "Neither Satisfied not Dissatisfied" (35%), and those 60 years of age and older were "Satisfied" (49%).

## FACILITIES

### Indoor Recreation Facilities

When the 131 respondents were asked, "which of the following indoor recreation facilities do you visit on a regular basis?", of the 43 options listed, the ranking of facilities selected were as follows:

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Some other indoor facilities not listed on the survey indicated by respondents include a childcare centre, youth drop-in facility, seniors and assisted living facilities, the Creative Cocoon arts and wellness centre, and a faith-based institution.

The top 10 responses selected by survey participants for indoor recreation facilities visited on a regular basis by those in Arborg (48 respondents) included:

Rank	Indoor Facilities Options Visited by Arborg Residents	Responses (% and # of Respondents)	
		%	#
1	Arborg & District Arena	52%	27
2	Noventis Aquatic Centre	38%	20
3	Arborg-Bifrost Community Centre	33%	17
4	Morweena Christian School	31%	16
5	Arborg Curling Club	27%	14
6	Arborg Early Middle School	21%	11
6	Freedom Worship Centre	21%	11
8	Morweena EMC	19%	10
9	Arborg & District Multicultural Heritage Village	17%	9
10	Evergreen Regional Library (Riverton Branch)	13%	7
10	Others	13%	7

The top 10 responses selected by survey participants for indoor recreation facilities visited on a regular basis by those in Riverton (23 respondents) included:

Rank	Indoor Facilities Options Visited by Riverton Residents	Responses (% and # of Respondents)	
		%	#
1	Riverton-Bifrost Community Hall	74%	17
2	Riverton and District Friendship Centre	61%	14
2	Riverton Memorial Arena	61%	14
4	Riverton Curling Club	48%	11
5	Evergreen Regional Library (Riverton Branch)	43%	10
6	Riverton Collegiate	35%	8
6	Riverton Elks Lodge	35%	8
6	Riverton Transportation & Heritage Centre	35%	8
9	Riverton Early Middle Years	30%	7
10	Riverton Hnaua Lutheran Church	26%	6
10	Riverton Senior Activity Centre	26%	6

The top 10 responses selected by survey participants for indoor recreation facilities visited on a regular basis by those in Morweena, Hnaua, and Okno (20 respondents) included:

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Rank	Indoor Facilities Options Visited by Morweena, Hnaua, and Okno Residents	Responses (% and # of Respondents)	
1	Morweena Christian School	65%	13
2	Arborg & District Arena	35%	7
2	Freedom Worship Centre	35%	7
2	Morweena EMC	35%	7
2	Noventis Aquatic Centre	35%	7
6	Riverton Curling Club	15%	3
7	Arborg Curling Club	10%	2
7	Evergreen Regional Library (Riverton Branch)	10%	2
7	Interlake Mennonite Fellowship	10%	2
7	Riverton Collegiate	10%	2
7	Riverton Early Middle Years	10%	2
7	Riverton Hnaua Lutheran Church	10%	2
7	Riverton Memorial Arena	10%	2
7	Riverton-Bifrost Community Hall	10%	2
7	Others (please specify):	10%	2

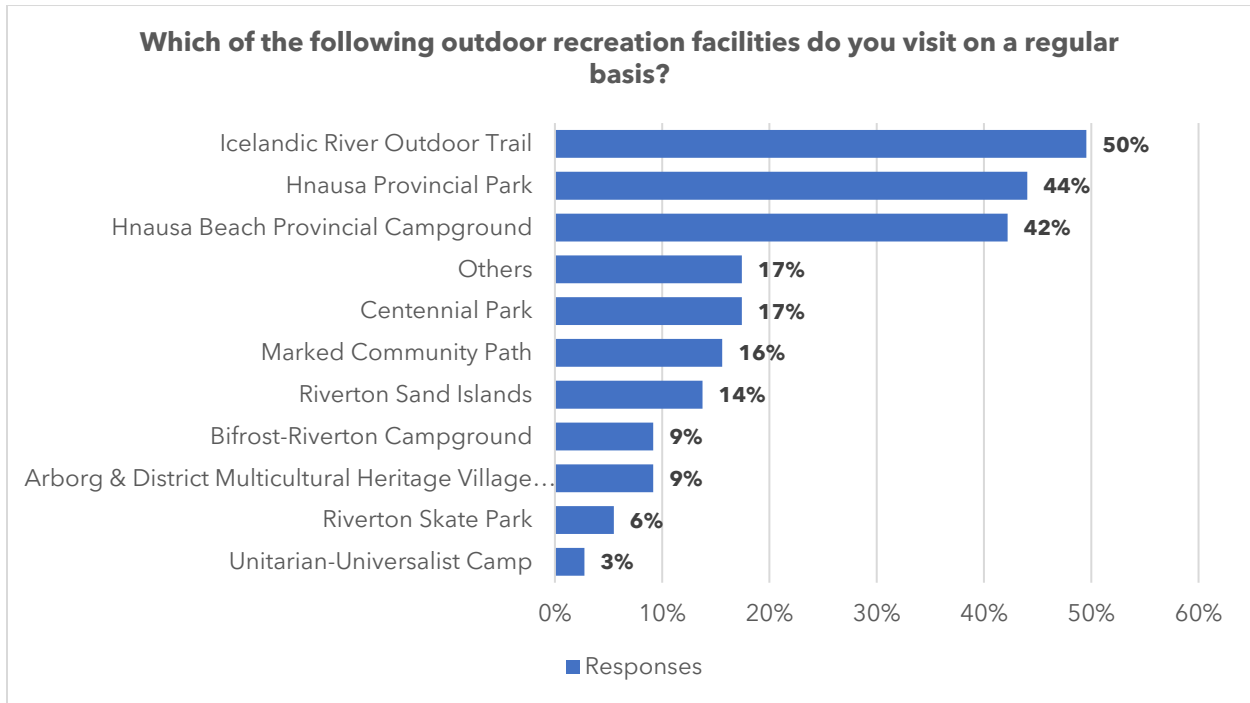
From the top ten indoor facilities visited by respondents for each of Arborg, Riverton, and the communities of Morweena, Hnaua, and Okno, there was one constant for each major area, that is, the Evergreen Regional Library in Riverton. Meanwhile, those respondents who are residents of Arborg primarily visited indoor facilities within Arborg and with a few indoor facilities located in nearby Morweena. Those respondents who are residents of Riverton exclusively visited indoor facilities within Riverton, and those respondents who are residents of Morweena, Hnaua, and Okno visited indoor facilities across locations both within the community and those in Arborg and Riverton.

Overall, there is a diverse use of facilities by residents in Arborg and Bifrost-Riverton, these range from large recreation facilities such as arenas, halls, and clubs to small sites such as schools, churches, and community spaces that include formal and informal multi-purpose spaces for various activities/programs.

### Outdoor Recreation Facilities

When the 131 respondents were asked, "which of the following outdoor recreation facilities do you visit on a regular basis?", of the 11 options listed, the ranking of facilities selected were as follows:

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Some other outdoor facilities not listed on the survey indicated by respondents include Sandy Bar Beach, the Noventis Aquatic Centre, and various walking trails in Arborg and Bifrost-Riverton.

The top 3 responses selected by survey participants for outdoor recreation facilities visited on a regular basis by those in Arborg (48 respondents) included:

Rank	Outdoor Facilities Options Visited by Arborg Residents	Responses (% and # of Respondents)	
1	Icelandic River Outdoor Trail	54%	26
2	Hnaua Provincial Park	48%	23
3	Hnaua Beach Provincial Campground	31%	15

The top 3 responses selected by survey participants for outdoor recreation facilities visited on a regular basis by those in Riverton (23 respondents) included:

Rank	Outdoor Facilities Options Visited by Riverton Residents	Responses (% and # of Respondents)	
1	Icelandic River Outdoor Trail	65%	15
2	Hnaua Beach Provincial Campground	57%	13
3	Centennial Park	52%	12

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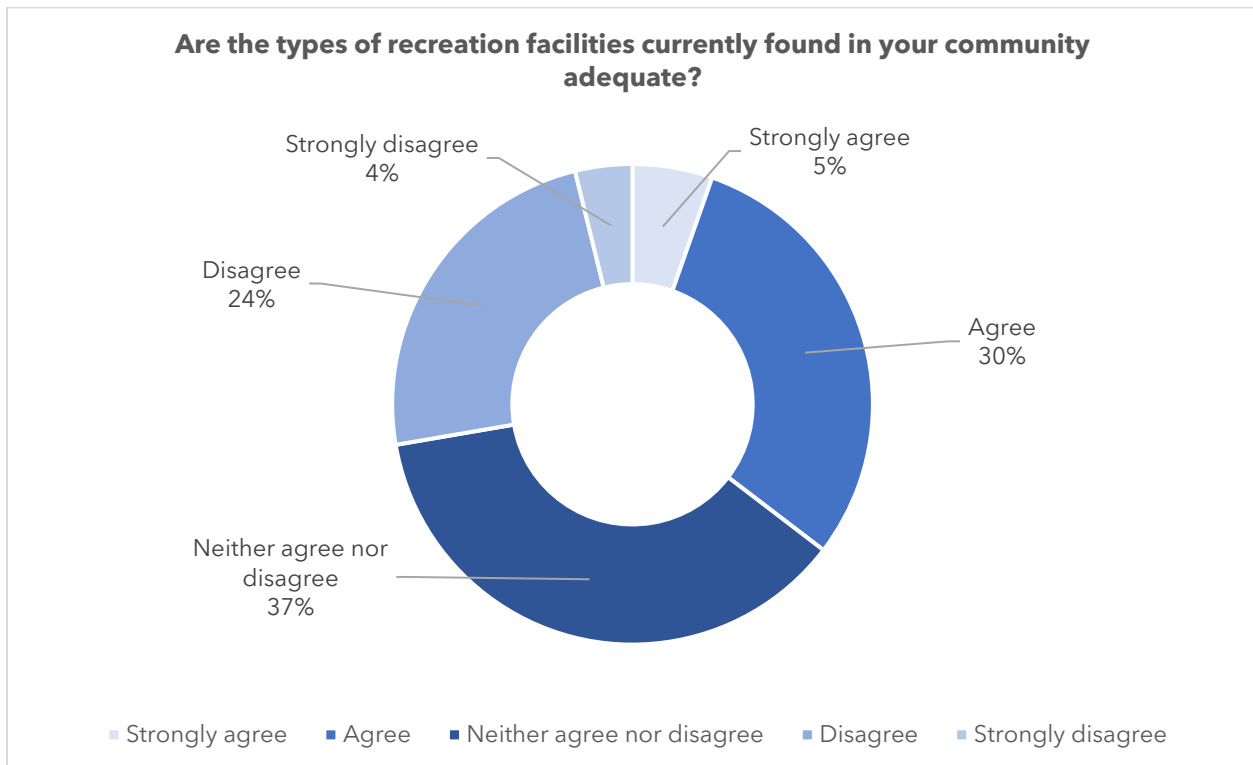
The top 3 responses selected by survey participants for outdoor recreation facilities visited on a regular basis by those in Morweena, Hnaua, and Okno (17 respondents) included:

Rank	Outdoor Facilities Options Visited by Morweena, Hnaua, and Okno Residents	Responses (% and # of Respondents)	
		%	#
1	Hnaua Provincial Park	53%	9
2	Hnaua Beach Provincial Campground	47%	8
3	Icelandic River Outdoor Trail	29%	5

Overall, of the short list of options for outdoor facilities visited on a regular basis by residents in Arborg and Bifrost-Riverton, the Icelandic River Outdoor Trail as well as facilities at Hnaua Provincial Park and Hnaua Beach Provincial Campground are the most popular with respondents. Including the "Other" outdoor facilities mentioned by respondents, there is a strong sense that visiting places with a connection to the land and water, in other words, the natural environment is important to the 131 survey respondents.

### Adequacy of Indoor and Outdoor Recreation Facilities in Arborg Bifrost-Riverton

When asked, "are the types of recreation facilities currently found in your community adequate?", of the 130 respondents, the majority remained neutral and stated that they "Neither agree nor disagree" (48 respondents). There was a split for those who "Agree" (39 respondents) and those who "Disagree" (31 respondents) to the adequacy of the indoor and outdoor recreation facilities in Arborg Bifrost-Riverton.



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When respondents were asked if they would like to explain their responses regarding the adequacy of the indoor and outdoor recreation facilities in Arborg Bifrost-Riverton, the responses provided valuable insight and ideas on how the community's recreational needs could be met, plus mentions of indoor and outdoor facilities that may need upgrades or improvements, as well as local perspectives from residents in Arborg Bifrost-Riverton.

For those respondents who answered neutral "Neither agree nor disagree", the explanations included:

- *I believe we make more use of existing facilities.*
- *Arborg needs to have a gym.*
- *The Bridge (youth drop-in) is great but only certain ages are allowed.*
- *Some (facilities) could be used more.*
- *Because we live in the country.*
- *There is not a very functional soccer field, so my soccer team has to play out of Winnipeg.*
- *Pretty much adequate for the size of our community.*

For those respondents who answered "Agree" or "Strongly Agree", the explanations included:

- *For a relatively small community we have a full compliment of facilities.*
- *For my age demographic yes suitable.*
- *Opportunities to add or improve facilities and activities should be explored.*
- *Facilities in Arborg are always clean and organized.*
- *They need updating, but the number of them are sufficient.*

For those respondents who answered "Disagree" or "Strongly Disagree", the explanations included:

- *We need a good, equipped gym.*
- *Nothing to speak of for seniors.*
- *Arborg needs a proper park!*
- *More usage of current facilities/ re-purposing facilities for other uses.*
- *More thinking a bit outside of the box.*
- *Need a park in town with playground etc., need a skateboard park and need to upgrade our soccer field so we can have league soccer.*
- *There are no fitness facilities that cater to adults in Arborg.*
- *The community has a long way to go.*
- *The majority of things we do we have to leave town.*
- *I would like to see more options in the winter.*

### **Desired Facilities or Infrastructure for Arborg Bifrost-Riverton**

When respondents were asked, "what facilities or infrastructure would you like to have in Arborg Bifrost-Riverton that are not currently available?", a balanced list of indoor and outdoor facilities were mentioned:

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Desired Type of Facility or Infrastructure	Mentions
Gym/Fitness Centre	23
Park	20
Trail (Walking/Running/Skating/Cycling)	8
Skate Park	7
Soccer Field	7
Play Structure	6
Pickleball Court	5
Tennis Court	5
Arts Centre	5
Movies Theatre	4
Indoor Pool	4
Rink (Outdoor/Indoor)	4
Bowling	4
Splash Park	3
Picnic Space	3
Volleyball Court	3
Public Washrooms	2
Canoe/Kayak Launch	2
Water Park	2
Golf	2

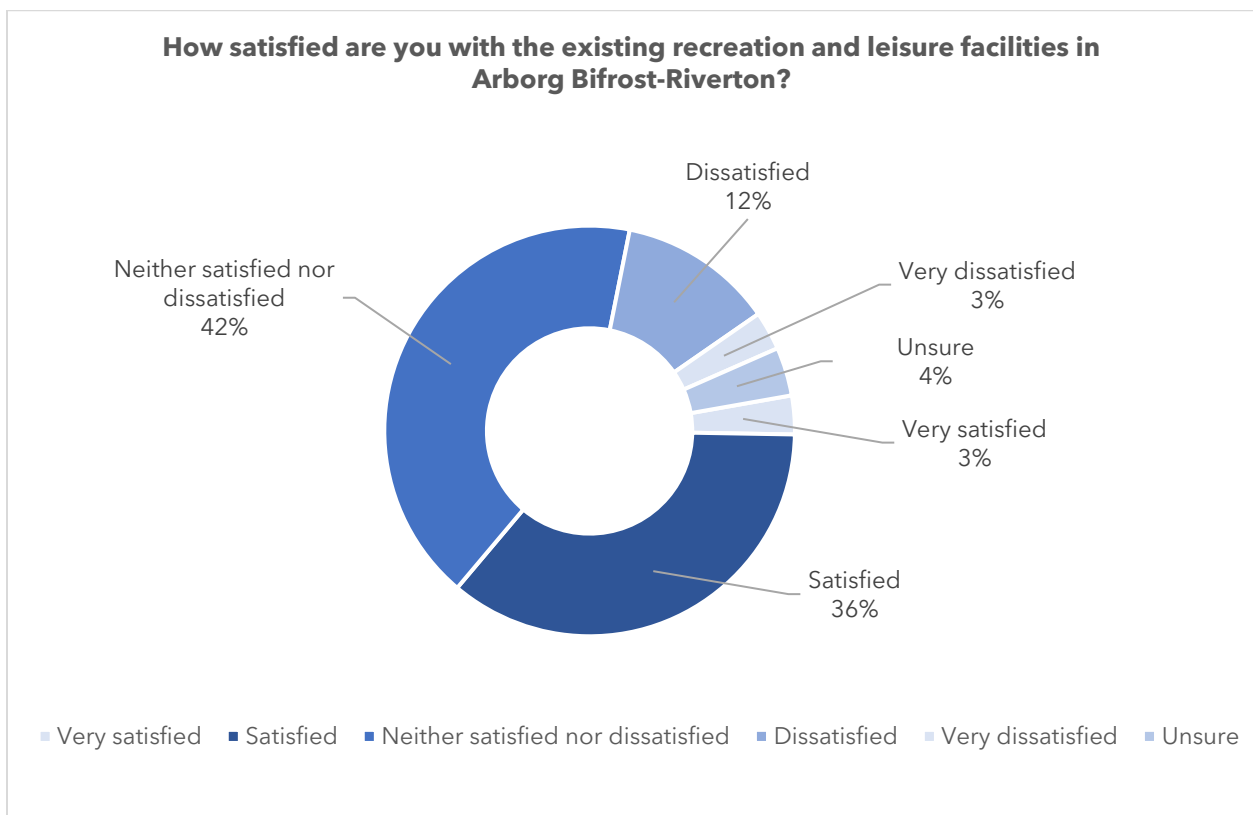
Of the 80 respondents, the top 20 desired types of facilities or infrastructure mentioned are listed above and summarized below:

- There was an overwhelming response from residents in Arborg Bifrost-Riverton with a desire for an indoor gym/fitness centre in the area (23 respondents).
- A significant portion of respondents (25%) also stated they would like a community park (20 respondents), which could include amenities such as a play structure, splash area, picnic area, and public washrooms and targeted at both the child-friendly and age-friendly population.
- A high number of responses (10%) also focussed on providing more walking, running, cycling, or skating trails in the Arborg Bifrost-Riverton area (8 respondents).
- Of the popular field sports, there was a desire from 7 respondents (9%) for a new or upgraded soccer field.

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- Of the floor sports, there was a desire for pickleball, tennis, and volleyball courts in Arborg Bifrost-Riverton.
- In terms of cultural and social facilities, the top mentions were for providing a formal arts centre (5 respondents or 6%) or movie theatre (5 respondents or 6%).
- Lastly, other facilities or infrastructure that made it into the top 20 desired types of facilities respondents would like but are not available in Arborg Bifrost-Riverton include an indoor pool, and indoor or outdoor rink, a bowling alley, a canoe/kayak launch, a water park, and a golf course.

Finally, when asked, “how satisfied are you with the existing recreation and leisure facilities in Arborg Bifrost-Riverton?”, 42% or 55 of 131 respondents stated they were “Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied” and 36% or 47 of 131 respondents stated there were “Satisfied” with the existing facilities in the area.

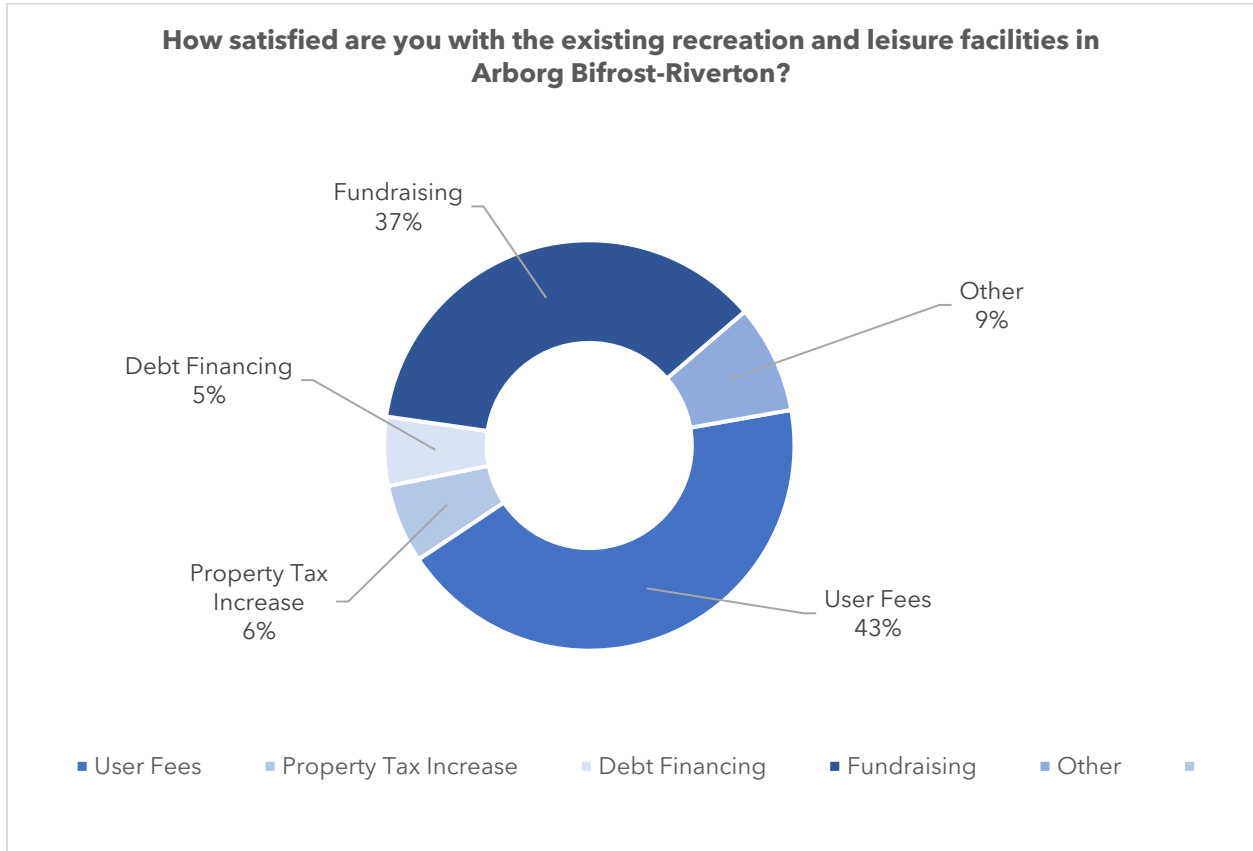


A summary of the explanations from respondents who were “Dissatisfied” or “Very Dissatisfied” with the facilities in Arborg Bifrost-Riverton stated there was a lack of facilities dedicated for seniors or youths, lack of a park, lack of a gym/fitness facility, lack of year-round facilities, lack of cultural facilities, lack of funding to upkeep facilities, and poor pedestrian infrastructure. Even respondents who were “Satisfied” or “Very Satisfied” with the facilities in Arborg Bifrost-Riverton stated there was lack of capacity at facilities, lack of maintenance at facilities, as well as lack of quality kitchen amenities within facilities.

**WILLINGNESS TO PAY**

**Preferred Method to Finance Recreation Programs and Facilities**

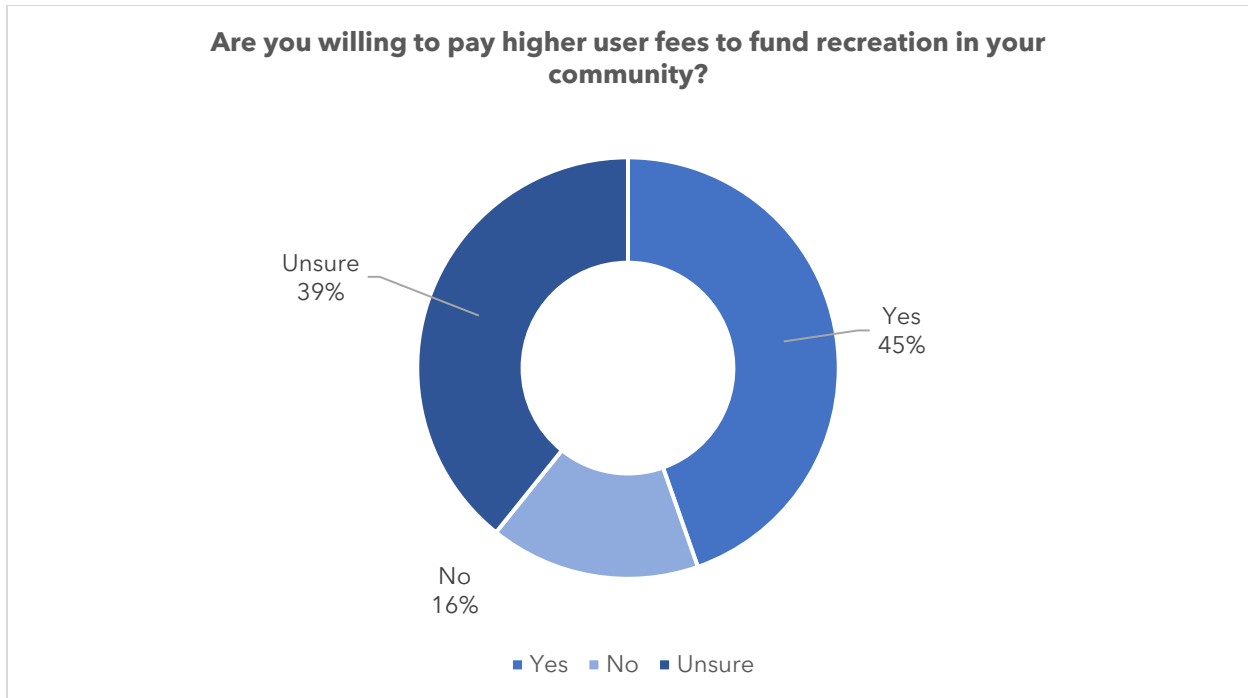
When asked, if additional funds were needed to develop recreation programs and facilities, what is your preferred method of financing?, the 43% or 56 of 129 respondents said that "User Fees" is their preferred method, followed by "Fundraising" by 36% or 47 of 129 respondents. Those who answered "Other" (9% or 11 of 129 respondents) mentioned the possibility for a combination of methods to finance recreation and programming in Arborg Bifrost-Riverton.



**User Fees**

When asked, "are you willing to pay higher user fees to fund recreation in your community?", 45% or 58 of 130 respondents answered "Yes", followed by 39% or 51 of 130 respondents who said they are "Unsure" and only 16% or 21 of 130 respondents answered "No".

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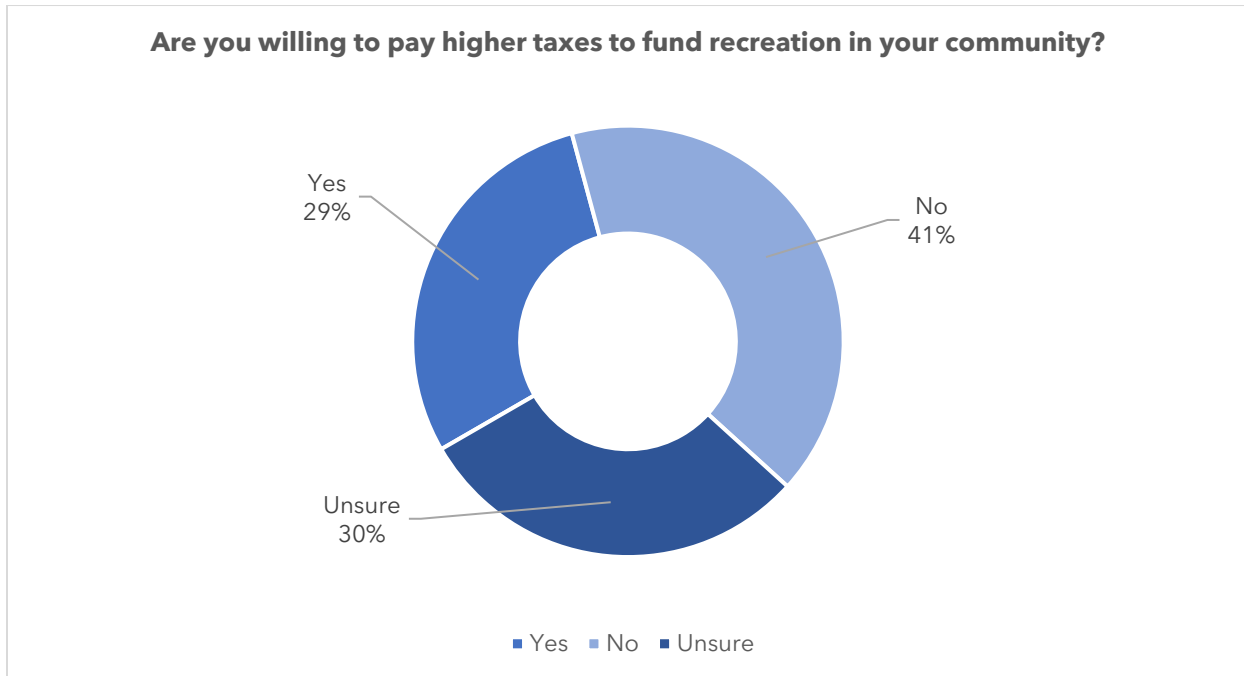
The breakdown by community for residents willing to pay higher user fees to fund recreation:

- In Arborg: 40% said "Yes", while 44% said "Unsure" and 16% said "No"
- In Riverton: 48% said "Yes", 28% said "Unsure", and 24% said "No".
- In Morweena, Hnusa, and Okno: 42% said "Yes", 53% said "Unsure", and 5% said "No".

### Taxes

When asked, "are you willing to pay higher taxes to fund recreation in your community?", 41% or 52 of 127 respondents answered "No", followed by 30% or 38 of 127 respondents who said they are "Unsure" and 29% or 37 of 127 respondents answered "Yes".

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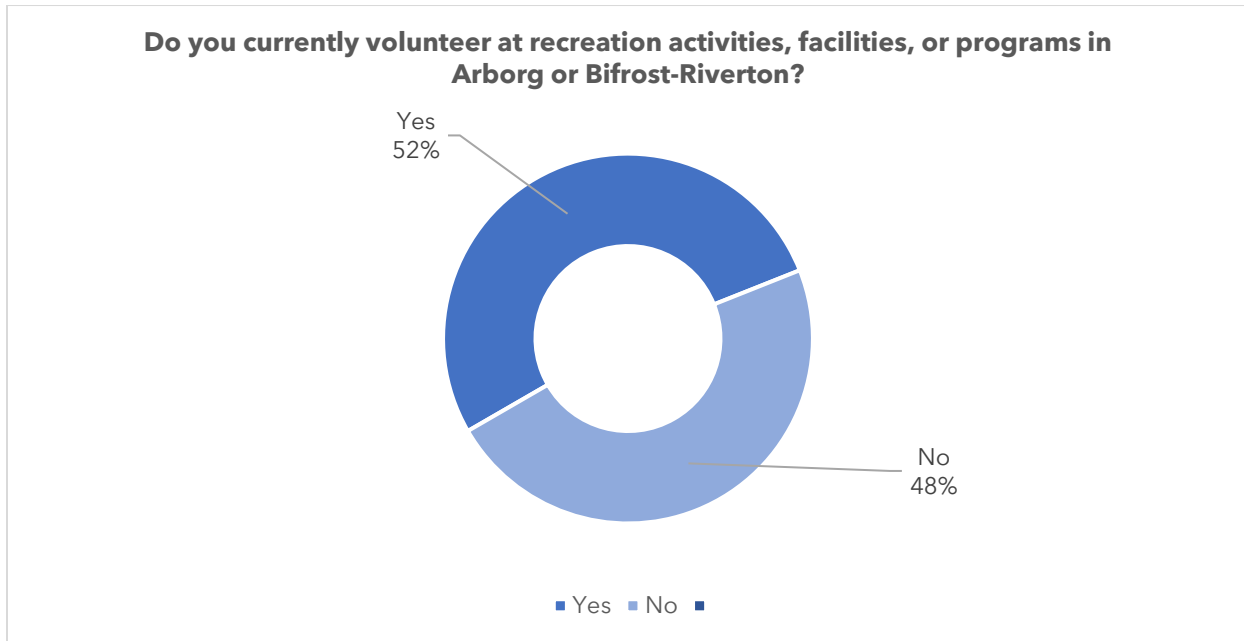
The breakdown by community for residents willing to pay higher taxes to fund recreation:

- In Arborg: 40% said "Yes", while 44% said "Unsure" and 16% said "No"
- In Riverton: 20% said "Yes", 16% said "Unsure", and 64% said "No".
- In Morweena, Hnausa, and Okno: 28% said "Yes", 61% said "Unsure", and 11% said "No".

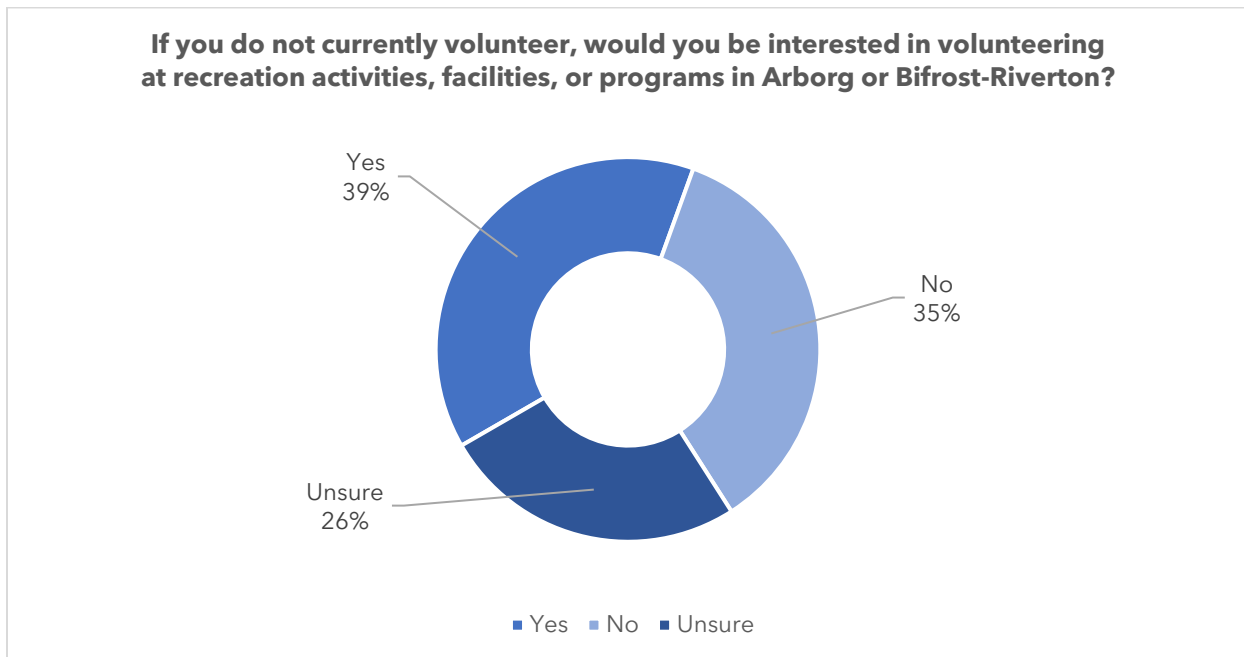
### **VOLUNTEERISM**

When asked, "do you currently volunteer at recreation activities, facilities, or programs in Arborg Bifrost-Riverton?", 52% of respondents said "Yes" (68 of 130 respondents).

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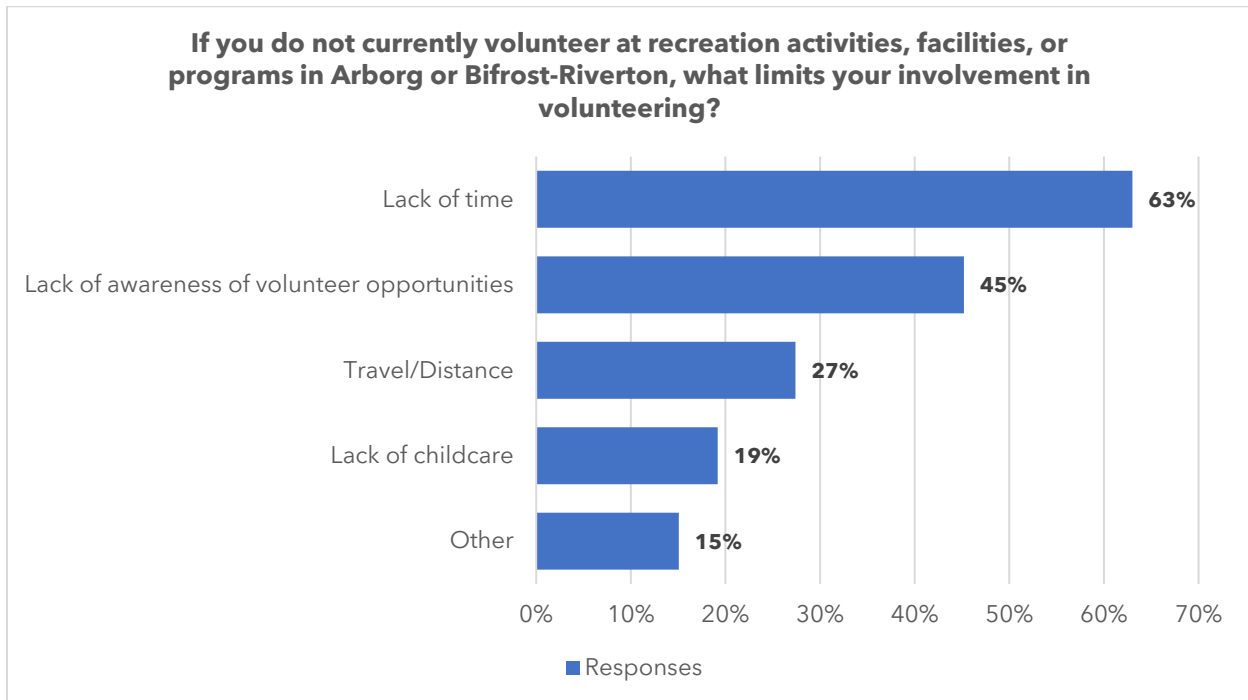
When asked, "if you do not currently volunteer, would you be interested in volunteering?", 52% of respondents said "Yes" (40 of 78 respondents), 35% said "Unsure" (27 of 78 respondents), and 14% said "No" (11 of 78 respondents).



When asked, "If you do not currently volunteer at recreation activities, facilities, or programs in Arborg or Bifrost-Riverton, what limits your involvement in volunteering?", of the five options listed, the majority

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of the 73 respondents stated that "Lack of time" was what limits their involvement in volunteering (63% or 46 respondents), followed by 45% of respondents stating "Lack of awareness of volunteer opportunities", then 27% of respondents stating the "Travel/Distance" hinders their involvement, with 19% stating "Lack of childcare" as an issue, and finally "Other" with 15% of the responses.



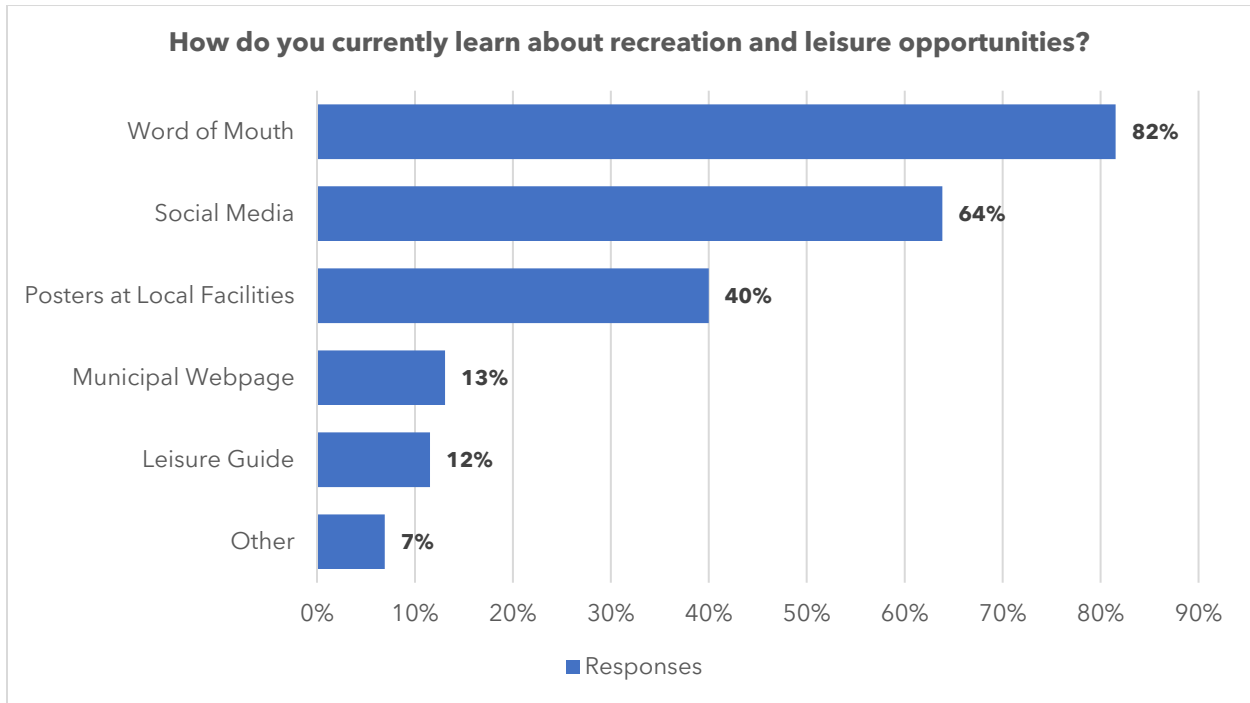
When respondents were asked, "If you do not currently volunteer at recreation activities, facilities, or programs in Arborg or Bifrost-Riverton, what would make it easier for you to volunteer?", the open-ended answers focussed on the following:

- More awareness or outreach (e.g., via advertising/announcements/flyers/posters/online)
- Flexible scheduling as well as set scheduling
- Smaller blocks of time for volunteering
- To understand what the expectations/duties are of a volunteer.
- To understand how much commitment is involved.
- Engaging and/or unique volunteer opportunities

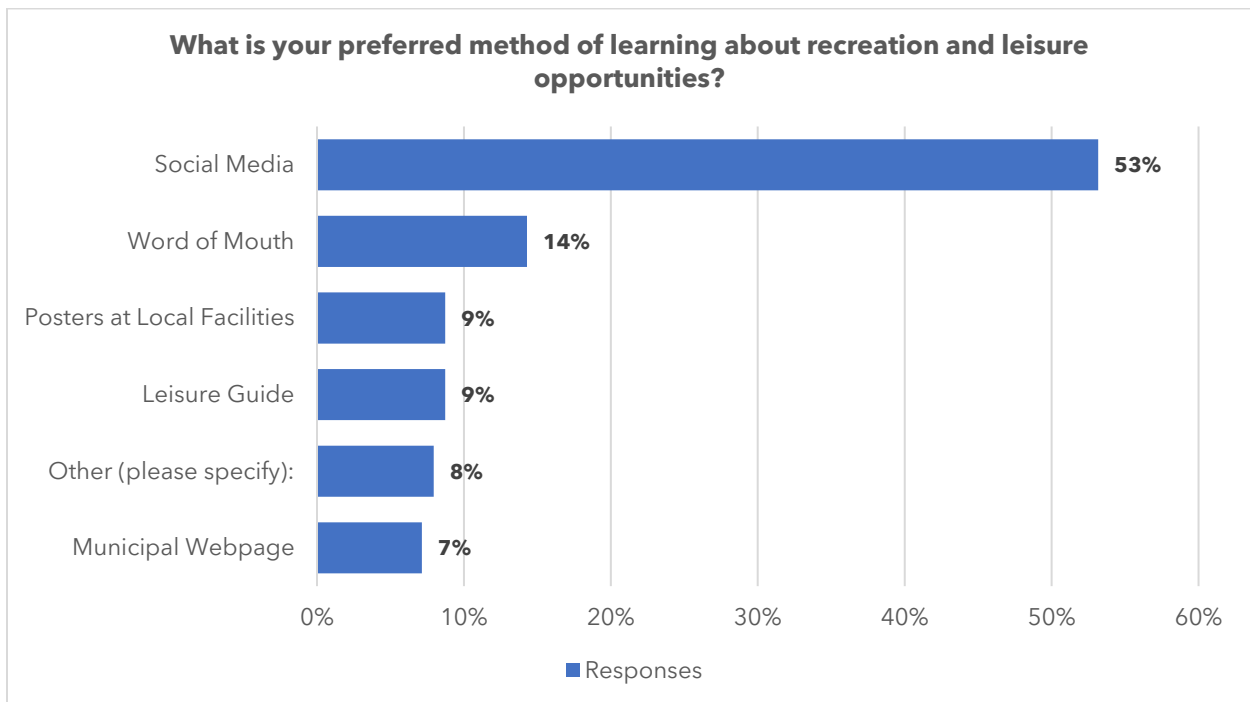
### COMMUNICATION

When asked, "How do you currently learn about recreation and leisure opportunities?", 82% of respondents said that "Word of mouth" is their primary method to learn about recreation in Arborg Bifrost-Riverton (106 of 130 respondents), followed by "Social Media" (64% or 83 of 130 respondents), then "Posters at Local Facilities" (52 of 130 respondents). The "Municipal Webpage" was stated by 13% of respondents, while the "Leisure Guide" was stated by 12% of respondents. Of note, in the "Other" response category, respondents learned about recreation and leisure opportunities via the Express Newspaper.

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When asked, "What is your preferred method of learning about recreation and leisure opportunities", 53% of respondents said, "Social Media", followed by "Word of mouth" (14%), and "Posters" (9%) as well as "Leisure Guide" (9%) wrapped up the top three preferred methods.



### VISION FOR RECREATION

Survey participants were asked, "What is your vision for recreation in Arborg Bifrost-Riverton?", 86 of 131 respondents provided their feedback, comments, and ideas. The vision from the collective of participants revealed the following:

- Inclusion
  - A significant portion of respondents used the word "all", "everyone", "accessible" or "inclusive" to describe their vision for recreation in Arborg Bifrost-Riverton. Respondents emphasized community building, increasing the availability of and access to recreation opportunities, bettering facilities and activities/programs, as well as, looking to existing local resources as a way to elevate recreation in Arborg Bifrost-Riverton; all these areas of visioning stressed inclusion.
- Community Building
  - Promote collaboration between community members, recreation commissions, local groups/organizations, partners, etc.
  - Strengthen relationships to bring community together and to celebrate communities
  - Foster healthy and active communities and initiatives
  - Keep recreation in Arborg Bifrost-Riverton
- Availability of and Access to Recreation Opportunities
  - Provide additional facilities and activities/programs. The word "more" was used 33 times by respondents to indicate a desire for increasing the availability of and access to facilities and recreation activities/programs.
- Facilities
  - Operate well-managed and well-maintained facilities
  - Provide a welcoming and safe environment
  - Build or develop Multi-purpose facilities
  - Adapt existing facilities for efficient and multi-functional uses
  - Provide a Gym/Fitness facility
- Activities/Programs
  - All ages, abilities, race, ethnicity, class, gender, or sex
  - All recreation skill levels
  - Year-Round
  - Flexible scheduling
  - Fun
  - Affordable/Low cost
- Ideas
  - Economic Development or Tourism-focussed recreation facility or activities/programs and events
  - Enhance the potential of Local Resources (e.g., The Icelandic River)

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### Top Three Priorities

When participants were asked, "What are your top three priorities in terms of potential improvements for recreation in Arborg Bifrost-Riverton (e.g., programs, facilities, activities, others), 95 of 131 respondents stated the following:



Top Priorities	Mentions
Gym/Fitness Centre	17
Variety of Activities/Programs	14
Communication of Recreation Opportunities	13
Maintenance/Upgrades to Facilities	11
Park	11
Soccer	10
Trail Development (e.g. walking, running, skating, skiing, etc.)	10
Children-family Facilities and Activities/Programs	7
Affordable Recreation Facilities Costs and Activities/Programs	6
Curling Rink	6
Arena Facility and Improvements	6
Efficient Use of Existing Facilities	5
Sports Activities/Programs	5
Senior-friendly Facilities and Activities/Programs	5
Family-friendly Facilities and Activities/Programs	5
Skatepark	4
Rink (indoor/outdoor)	4
Year-round Activities/Programs	4
Play Structure	3
Kitchen Facilities and/or Upgrades	3
Collaboration and Cooperation	3
Hockey Rink Facility and/or Upgrades	3
Safety	3
Youth-friendly Facilities and Activities/Programs	3

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Splash Park	2
Indoor Pool	2
Arts Centre	2
Washroom Facilities and/or Upgrades	2
Coordination	2
Leisure Activities/Programs	2
Bowling Alley	2
Indoor Water Park	1
Cross-Country Ski Trail	1
Evening Classes	1
Community Engagement	1
Snowshoe Trail	1
Ice Plant	1
Community Suppers	1
Music Theatre	1
Fire Pit	1
Picnic Area	1
Floor Curling/Shuffleboard	1
Certified Instructors	1

The top three priorities for respondents were to provide Arborg Bifrost-Riverton residents a gym/fitness centre facility, a variety of activities/programs to choose from, and improved communications of recreation opportunities in the area.

In terms of facilities, other than a gym/fitness centre, respondents prioritized the need for a park, soccer fields, outdoor trails, and a curling rink to round off their top five.

At the same time, respondents wished that existing facilities were well-maintained, clean, safe, inviting or upgraded. Several mentions were also made to make efficient use of existing facilities either by repurposing or adapting the space for multi-uses.

In terms of priorities for the types of activities/programs, other than variety and diversity of options, respondents stated that they wished for child-friendly, affordable/low-cost, sports, as well as family-friendly and senior-friendly activities/programs.

Lastly, with regards to the delivery of recreation activities/programs and managing or operating recreation facilities in Arborg Bifrost-Riverton, as mentioned already, communication is key. Respondents wished to prioritize improved awareness of recreation opportunities, as well as, better promotion, advertising, and outreach to local residents. Comments about more collaboration and cooperation plus effective coordination were also stated by survey participants as to how to improve recreation in Arborg Bifrost-Riverton.

### ROLE OF RECREATION COMMISSIONS

When respondents were asked, "Do you understand the role of the local Recreation Commission as it relates to providing recreation in your community?", 51% or 66 of 130 survey participants said "Yes", followed by 30% who said "Unsure", and 19% who said "No". Respondents who decided to provide an explanation leaned more on those who answered "Unsure" or "No"; the explanations highlighted both an uncertainty and little understanding by residents regarding the role of the local Recreation

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Commission. Overall, there is an opportunity to better communicate and be transparent about the actions and activities of the local Recreation Commissions.

### **PARTICIPANT RECOMMENDATIONS, COMMENTS OR CRITIQUE**

When asked, "Is there a specific recommendation, comment, or constructive critique you would like to make to Arborg Bifrost-Riverton about recreation and leisure activities/programs and facilities?", 61 of 131 respondents shared their feedback. Participants were also asked to share any other considerations, 30 of 131 respondents answered. Here is a summary of the comments and critique:

The major topics that emerged from participants centred on the following:

- The local Recreation Commissions
- Strong Leadership
- Staff and Human Resources
- Volunteerism
- Collaboration and Cooperation
- Communication of Recreation Opportunities
- The availability of Recreation Opportunities
- The variety of activities/programs
- Funding and Financing recreation in Arborg Bifrost-Riverton

Overall, respondents provided both positive and negative comments regarding recreation in Arborg Bifrost-Riverton; a fair number of respondents also provided sound recommendations and suggestions on how to improve recreation in the area or how to alleviate concerns related to most of the topics that emerged listed above.